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County millage request to be decided November 6

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona County residents will be voting in the November 6 general election whether to pass a county millage request for the purpose of maintaining, operating, rehabilitating and equipping public safety and other properties belonging to the county of Alcona.

The county millage request is to levy the rate of one mill (\$1.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four years on all property within the county. If approved it will raise an estimated \$755,000 in the first year.

Craig Johnston, chairman of Alcona County Board of Commissioners, said the consensus of the board, after talking to people in their districts, felt the millage re-

quested last August during the primary election was confusing voters because it referenced the Headlee Amendment.

"Given that, we thought it was only right folks had the chance (to vote) on a much

the millage passes the county would be able to fully staff the Alcona County Sheriff's Department again, which is currently down by three employees and would allow a full-time resource officer to be in the school district.

"If you support law enforcement, you need to vote 'yes' on this millage. This millage pays the bills for law enforcement in Alcona County."

~ Douglas Atchison
Alcona County Sheriff

(more) clearly worded millage proposal. The underlying issues haven't changed. There is still a revenue shortage. We have begun the process of reducing staff and putting cost cutting efforts in motion," Johnston said.

According to Johnston, if

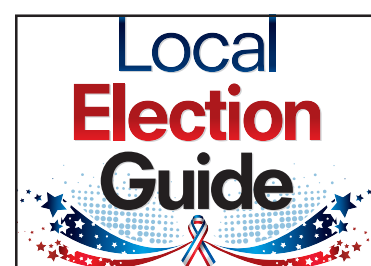
"If you support law enforcement, you need to vote 'yes' on this millage," said Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison. "This millage pays the bills for law enforcement in Alcona County."

"Without the passage of this millage what is perceived

by some as 'scare tactics' will be a reality for the entire county. There is a reduction in staff overall in the sheriff's department because positions can't be filled. If the millage isn't passed we could be in a position of no law enforcement coverage during certain times of the day and/or week," Atchison said.

Passage of the millage would also address building and mechanical issues of the aging county building such as the boiler, which Johnston said is on its last legs, a roof which is out of warranty and needs replacing, and fixing parking lots which need repair.

"Wait times have increased in the building due to the lack of staffing in the treasurer's and clerk's offices. We would like to correct that



by putting full-time people back in those offices.

"There are other things we could do, but until we get our basic operations taken care of, we can't move on to those needs such as a deputy on the west side of the county or a fully funded EDC (economic development corporation) board, which may not be a necessity, but it would be nice to have. If the millage doesn't pass, further cuts will have to be made," Johnston said.

Two candidates vie for road commission seat

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona County residents will have the option of two candidates for one seat on the Alcona County Road Commission in the November 6 general election.

While incumbent, Al Scully, is the only name on the ballot, another county resident, Jason (Jake) Petty

has registered to be a write-in candidate.

The road commissioner seat carries a term of six years.

Al Scully has been an Alcona County road commissioner for almost 15 years, first by being appointed to the seat and then winning two subsequent elections. He has been the road commission chairman for several

years and is the area representative for the council of road commissioners for a 12-county district.

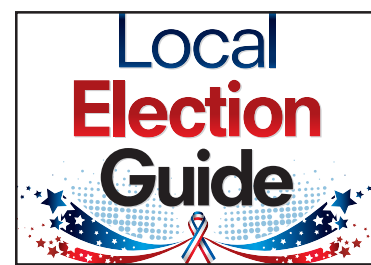
For the last eight years he has represented the road commission/drain commission with a voting seat on the Cedar Lake Improvement Board. Scully explained due to the size of the population in Alcona County the road com-

mission also acts as the county drain commissioner.

Scully worked for the Michigan Department of Transportation for 14 years. He moved to Alcona County in 1971 and owned three businesses in Lincoln before selling them in 2000. He has been a member of the Lincoln Lions club for 48 years, is a past president for the group and sits on the organization's board. He is a local Masonic Lodge member, has sat on the Alcona County Housing Committee board, the Alcona County Central Dispatch board and was a past supervisor of Millen Township. He holds a license to sell real estate.

Scully feels his experience brings a wealth of knowledge to his position. "I've been involved in local community ever since I came here. I have a deep concern for the quality of roads in our county. Our job as road commissioners is to know how to make procedure, we do not manage, we have a manager. We set policy. I have been on the negotiating team and have successfully negotiated three union contracts since being on the road commission. Negotiating is not easy, you've got to give a little and take a little."

"We went through a terrible fire issue a few years ago and have come out of the ashes a whole lot better as a governmental unit as well as economically. We are financially responsible and have done several upgrades including our computer systems, safety systems, equipment and are on a good 10-year



rotation with our trucks.

"I'm looking forward to November 6. I don't know how this will play out. This is the first year I've had any competition (in the election). We have a good crew at the road commission. I look forward to serving another term," Scully said.

If reelected, Scully wants to make sure the road commission gets a truck wash facility as soon as possible. "It won't happen this winter, but we've been working on it and are in the process of having a design built."

Scully was born in Flint, Mich. and moved to Oscoda when he was 12 years old. He is a graduate of Oscoda High School and attended Oakland University. He is married to Donna (Dellar) who grew up in Alcona County. They have three children and 10 grandchildren. In his spare time, Scully enjoys woodworking and outdoor sports such as hunting and fishing.

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Fall road project sees culvert replacement

Travel will be diverted for a few weeks in Curtis Township while a cross culvert replacement project is underway.

The Alcona County Road Commission and Huron Pines is partnering to complete the cross culvert replacement on Brodie Road, between Bamfield Road and Wissmiller Road.

According to Jesse Campbell, Alcona County Road Commission managing director, the anticipated start date is mid-October with an estimated completion for the second week of November.

Throughout the construction period traffic will be rerouted via a signed detour route, including Wissmiller Road, Curtisville Road, and Bamfield Road; with an alternative route for oversized vehicles. The construction area is expected to be completely closed to through traffic for one week. Motorists are advised to expect delays and take an alternate route.

The existing cross culvert over Curtis Creek (Wilbur Creek), located approximately



The culvert for Curtis Creek (Wilbur Creek) on Brodie Road is being replaced this fall. *Courtesy photo.*

100 feet north of Bamfield Road, has a width of 60 inches by 60 feet long. The new structure to be installed has a width of 142 inches by 92 feet long. The estimated cost for the project is \$55,000 and funding will be shared between Huron Pines and the Alcona County Road Commission.

Campbell explained the ex-

isting cross culvert over Curtis Creek is undersized and in poor condition. Safety is one of the primary concerns with the existing cross culvert over Curtis Creek. "Due to erosion and steep shoulders the current structure poses a significant safety issue for motorists and road maintenance," he said.

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Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,
I'm compelled to respectfully rebut the letter citing vague, unspecified special interests, in opposition to adopting Proposal 2 on November 6.

Under current procedure, primary special interests are the majority political party and their financial donors. Adopting this proposed State Constitution amendment accomplishes the exact opposite from the writer's views. Subsequent to 10-year census figures, existing law fa-

vors the political party in power to redraw U.S. House and State Legislature districts ostensibly based on population.

In truth, redistricting a.k.a. gerrymandering, has descended into the majority party slicing and dicing districts to their political advantage, not on population as intended. Both political parties do it.

Proposal 2 is designed to remove political maneuvering, truly putting the process back into the hands of "We

the people" regardless of political stripe, by randomly selecting a 13-member independent citizens redistricting committee from a pool of 10,000 plus citizens. Adoption of Proposal 2 requires elected legislator's accountability to all electors in a district, not a stacked political base to assure re-election.

Yes for Proposal 2 is a vote toward leveling the playing field, making Michigan pure again.

Al LaBrecque
Spruce

To the Editor,
If you are a state rep from northern Michigan and you have been in office for two years, it seems that protecting our environment would be your top priority. So what do you do when your chance for re-election is approaching and your constituents accuse you of talking the talk but not walking the walk concerning our environment?

They know you have sponsored bills allowing ocean going vessels to come to Michigan and dump their untreated ballast waters into our Great Lakes. They know

you will not support Representative Brinks in her attempt to get a hearing on her bill to set high standards for our state's drinking water. They know you have flip flopped on the Enbridge pipeline 5 in the Straits, first you objected to it, then for over a year you supported it and now you object to it.

Yes you guessed it, I am talking about representative Sue Allor who is now touting her support of the so-called Straits of Mackinac anchor bills as evidence that she has finally done something to protect us from the dangerous

Enbridge pipeline 5 running through 650 miles of Michigan. These bills are purely cosmetic, designed for this election season. They do nothing to solve the problem of a pipeline built to last 50 years which is now 65-years-old and should be shut down immediately. So for the 106th State Representative seat, I am voting for Lora Greene, who will walk the walk on protecting our precious natural resources.

Robert Kennedy
Harrisville

To the Editor,
Proposal 2 will put an end to Gerrymandering our state's district lines that are now drawn by politicians and lobbyists.

Recently, I heard Senator Stamas say that the voters, not politicians, had "paid circulators" and not grassroots volunteers and that is why he would not vote for Proposal 2.

The fact is; VNP had no paid circulators. Merely speaking an untruth won't sway citizens from voting for a way to make their senator or representative more accountable. When an untruth is found out; the voters become more skeptical.

Voters, not politicians is simply that: Voters, not poli-

icians having a decision in drawing a fair and equal geographical and populous area to be represented when state government decides on fixing roads, protecting water, passing bills that affect Medicaid, education opportunities, and wages for our citizens.

Was Stamas saying we are all too ignorant to know what is good for us, the people, and the citizens of northeastern Michigan? After all; more than 415,000 voters signed the petition to get Proposal 2 on the ballot. Maybe he has gotten distracted by the big money donors from Midland whispering in his ear, who are in our senate district right now, and he cannot hear our northeast Michigan voices?

Mr. Stamas seems like a very nice person; as does our other legislator, Ms. Allor. They stop in at coffee shops and townships and let us vent, but go back to Lansing, vote their party lines and pay homage to the big money donors. Check out Sue Allor's campaign finance page on Michigan SOS; over 90 percent of her supporters are PACs and corporations...not the voters of northeastern Michigan.

Michigan voters support fair, impartial, and transparent redistricting. Stand up for your best interests in legislation; don't count on politicians' talk - count on the truth.

Margaret Kutzera
Harrisville

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2018

| Date | Temperature (F°) | | Water Content | Miles Per Hour | | |
|-----------|------------------|-----|---------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|
| | High | Low | | Av. Wind Speed | High Speed | Dominant Direction |
| | September 30 | 49 | | 41 | 0.00 | 0.4 |
| October 1 | 54 | 43 | 0.35 | 10.2 | 22 | ESE |
| October 2 | 53 | 46 | 0.28 | 8.5 | 25 | NE |
| October 3 | 68 | 42 | 0.18 | 6.8 | 28 | NE |
| October 4 | 71 | 38 | 0.08 | 4.7 | 26 | NNE |
| October 5 | 53 | 37 | 0.00 | 8.8 | 21 | NNE |
| October 6 | 62 | 47 | 0.07 | 4.3 | 17 | NNE |

| Precipitation Summary (Inches) | | | |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|--------|
| | 2018 | 2017 | Normal |
| Weekly Total | 0.96 | 0.13 | 0.56 |
| Month of September | 1.70 | 2.25 | 2.80 |
| October to Date | 0.96 | 0.13 | 0.48 |
| Year/Season to Date | 20.49 | 28.10 | 22.64 |

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** 

To the Editor,
 If you are a politician and believe in your votes, why not tell the truth about them? On a shiny postcard sent by our current State Rep. Sue Allor, she claims to be fighting for teachers and children, and investing in our schools. In reality, Allor has attacked our public schools, teachers and students at every turn.
 In 2017, Gov. Snyder's 21st Century Education Commission stated: "The urgency could not be greater. While it is difficult to face, the data are clear: Michigan children are falling behind." This decline in our K-12 achievement runs across all economic and racial groups.
 Knowing this, Allor and the

Michigan legislature gutted the education budget and our teachers' pensions, lowered teacher qualifications and left experienced special education teachers out in the cold.
 Allor voted to move \$700 million per year out of the education budget into the general fund to cover the loss of funds from the big tax break for the rich. (HB 4314/4323)
 She also voted to force school districts to share their local funding with for-profit, unregulated charter schools - even as 70 percent of Michigan Charter Schools rank in the bottom half of Michigan schools.
 According to the Michigan School Finance Research Collaboration, "Michigan is

underfunding education by as much as \$2,000 per student." Our per student spending decreased by seven percent - which leaves Michigan 49th in the country.
 Allor voted to leave the current teacher's pensions unfunded - that is \$29 billion owed to our teachers for their retirement. She also voted to establish a new pension fund that requires teachers to pay a larger share from their fixed salary. (HB 4647)
 Allor may talk a good story, but follow her votes. Our children, our families and our state are suffering from her decisions. It's time for a change.
 Jane Speer
 Alpena

 **Calendar of Events** 

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 10
 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.

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

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

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

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

Play euchre at 5 p.m. at the Curtis Township Hall, 5023 F-30 in Glennie. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11
 TOPS MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30 in Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Frist meeting is free. Handicap accessible. Call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-8600 for details.

Children and adults are invited to attend free beginning ukulele lessons at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library, 330 Traverse Bay Road from 2 to 3 p.m. To register, call (989) 736-3388.

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

The Pine River Van Etten Lake Watershed group will meet at 10 a.m. at the Harrisville library, 312 West Main street. The meeting is open to the public.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12
 Storytime and craft for children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 10:15 to 11 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

A short documentary film that highlights the journey of a young, contemporary Anishinaabe man in a birch bark canoe will be presented at the Great Lake Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street in Alpena at 7 p.m. Door open at 7:30 p.m. For more information, call (989) 884-6200.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 13
 Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. Call (989) 724-5077 or (989) 724-6546 for details.

Harrisville Fall Festival will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Richard's Pharmacy on Main Street. There will be music and entertainment, pumpkin and face painting, horse drawn carriage rides, cider and doughnuts and much more. This event is free and open to the public.

Tour the Cedarbrook Trout Farm as a Water/Ways pre-event. Tours at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. Meet at the Cedarbrook Trout Farm on Lakeshore Drive, one-quarter mile north of US-23. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

A walk for breast cancer sponsored by the Ossineke Aerie at 6448 US-23 North, approximately one mile north of Chippewa Point. Sign in at 1 p.m. with a \$10 donation (walking not required). Food, fun and games provided. All

proceeds to Alpena Cancer Center. For more information, call Amy at (989) 727-2442.

The Huron Shores Genealogical Society Fall Program: French Canadians of Northeast Michigan with Gerald Wykes will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Robert Parks Library, 6010 North Skeel Avenue in Oscoda. Morning snacks, coffee, water, a brown bag lunch and dessert will be provided. Registration required. Call (989) 739-9581 for details.

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

Harvest dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church located three miles west of F-41. Cost is \$10 per person, \$5 for children ages five through 12, and children under five are free.

My Brother's Hope Free Store will be open from 9 a.m.

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NOTICE

The Lincoln Village Council cordially invites you to join us on Thursday October 11th at 5 p.m. as we host a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the completion of our new boat launch. We want to thank Viking Energy, Joe James, Kevin and Carol Rupp, Margaret (Peg) Somers, the Brownlee Lake Association, Village of Lincoln and M Bank of Alpena who gave donations to get this project completed along with grant funds from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The support of our community has been wonderful and we want to share this venture with everyone. Hope to see you there.

VOTE

Jason “Jake” Petty

Write-In Candidate on November 6th
Alcona County Road Commissioner

Why vote for Jason “Jake” Petty



- Over 20 years of experience building & maintaining roads in Alcona & Iosco counties
- Owner of Jake’s Landscaping & Excavating in Glennie for over 20 years
- 4 years of experience working for the Alcona County Road Commission
- Lifelong resident of Glennie, Michigan

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10/10 thru 10/24

ATTENTION VOTERS

A message from the Alcona County Commissioners

We understand the frustrations of some voters. We had a situation back in 2006 where taxpayers monies were lost via a scam.

Numerous policies have been put in place to minimize it from happening again.

Most of us have only had a couple of years in the commissioner’s seat; this did not happen during our time in office.

We recognize budget belt tightening should have been started earlier, but we are doing our best to rectify the situation.

We are 100% committed to the financial stability of the county. We would like to assure the voters that we’ve learned from those mistakes.

We need your support on November 6th, and we are asking the voters of Alcona County to vote yes on the millage to maintain Alcona County’s financial stability.

Thank you,
Alcona County Board of Commissioners

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Local Notes



New Arrival

Kayden Dale is the new son of Rebecca Byers and Joshua Kalbfleisch of Curran. He was born on Monday, Oct. 1, 2018 at Munson Healthcare Grayling Hospital. He weighed five pounds, 14 ounces and was 17.75 inches long. He is the grandson of Michelle Kalbfleisch of Glennie, Kenton and Violet Kalbfleisch of Fairview, Mich., Julia Daugherty of Long Lake, Mich. and Jamie Byers of Lake, Mich.

Harrisville’s Fall Festival

Enjoy an autumn day in Harrisville on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Harrisville with music and entertainment, horse drawn carriage rides free cider and donuts, pumpkin painting, face painting and other children-oriented activities and various demonstrations -- all held on the west side of the Richard’s Pharmacy building. A magician will perform at noon.

Horse drawn carriage rides are through downtown Harrisville and to the Harrisville State Park. Pick up and drop off on 3rd Street at 11:30 a.m., 12:30 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. This event is organized and sponsored, in part, by the Harrisville Business Association. Anyone planning on enjoying music and entertainment should bring their own chairs.

For more information, see the Harrisville Business Association Facebook page or call Harrisville Eye Care at (989) 724-7440.

Trout Farm Tours

The Alcona County Library and Cedarbrook Trout Farm are joining together to host two tours of the trout farm as part of the Water|Ways events on Saturday, Oct. 13. The first tour is at 10 a.m., and the second tour at 2 p.m. The tour will include all stages of rearing trout, including visits to the rearing ponds, barn and gardens.

Participants will meet 10 minutes before each tour at the Cedarbrook Trout Farm, two miles north of Harrisville on 1543 North Lake Shore Drive (turn east off US-23).

Water|Ways is a Smithsonian “Museum on Main

Street” exhibit coming to the Alcona County Library from November 16 through December 28. The Alcona County Library has programs throughout the rest of the year exploring the essential role that water plays in the environment and society. Visit the web at www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us or call (989) 724-6796 to learn more about Water|Ways and the many programs offered through the library.

Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be open Saturday, Oct. 13 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Alcona County Fairgrounds in Lincoln. Available this week: Apples; carrots; cabbage; gourds; leeks; hot peppers; potatoes; pumpkins; spaghetti squash; acorn squash; butternut squash; cookies; jams; jellies; honey; maple syrup; all cuts of hormone and antibiotic-free beef; snack sticks; brats; custom signs; wooden items; homemade laundry detergent; dryer balls; 3-D paper crafts; and Alcona T-shirts.

Snowmobile Safety Course

A free Snowmobile safety class is scheduled for Sunday, Oct. 14 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Footsite Groomer Barn. The building is located at 1870 River Road, Oscoda.

Michigan law requires all youth under 16 to take a snowmobile safety class before operating anywhere other than private property. Class is open all, but any youth under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. It is designed to teach trail etiquette, proper riding gear, basic first aid and the rules and regulations of proper snowmobile operation.

The class is sponsored by the AuSable Valley Trail-Riders who will provide a morning snack, lunch, and bottled water. Parents or guardians may attend the class, but space and class materials are limited, so preregister by calling: David Hanson at (989)-739-4711.

Coffee and Conversation

Coffee and Conversation is an opportunity to gather with neighbors, reflect inwardly and share in a conversation on how water adds meaning to life in Alcona County. This will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 10 a.m. Coffee, tea and refreshments will be provided by the Friends of the Library. This is part of the statewide Third Coast Conversations grant project, made possible in part by a grant from the Michigan Humanities Council, an affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Visit the web at www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us or call (989) 724-6796 to learn more about Water|Ways and the many programs offered through the library.

Talking Food and Farming

Anyone who would like to give feedback on a proposed Outdoor Food and Education Center at Alcona High School may join fellow food and farming advocates in two locations next week.

• Wednesday, Oct. 17 from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. at Austin Brothers Beer Company, 821 W. Miller St., Alpena.

• Thursday, Oct. 18 from 2-3:30 p.m. at Alcona Coffee, Main Street, Harrisville.

Refreshments and food will be provided in anticipation of a lively discussion about the regional food system, local food access and agri-preneurs. Participant insight and opinions will impact this project and formation of a Local Food Policy Council for Huron Shores.

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Mats for the Homeless

The Alcona County Library invites community members to help cut plastic grocery bags into strips to make “plarn” (plastic yarn), which then will be crocheted into waterproof mats for the homeless. Meeting days are Mondays (October 15, November 19 and December 17) from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the library. Participants must bring scissors. No registration or experience required; for more information, call (989) 724-6796. Everyone is welcome.

Elks Scholarships

The Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525 has applications available for the 2019 Most Valuable Student and Gold Key scholarships. Contact Brad Saegesser, scholarship chairperson, at (989) 820-7171 for any questions.

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Cody Leeseberg (left) and Fallon Hux vye for position in the Fairview jamboree meet last week. The girls team placed second overall. The Lady Tigers were led by Sara Decker with a time of 24:45, third place, followed by Courtney Winter in fifth place, and Janae Kierzek in 10th place. The boys team placed sixth overall led by Pierce Bilbey with a time of 21:10, 11th place; followed by Fallon Hux in 18th place; Cody Leeseberg in 19th place; Malcom Dix in 23rd place, Levohn Palmer in 25th place; and Jaycee Grulke in 28th place. Carter Upper competed in the middle school meet (two miles) and placed fourth overall with a time of 14:38. They attended the North Star League Finals on Tuesday, Oct. 9 in Hale. *Courtesy photo.*

Alcona tops Posen in Volley for Cure contest

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

It was a good win, but the cause was even better.

The Alcona varsity volleyball team hosted Posen on Thursday night for its Volley For a Cure event. The Lady Tigers picked up a three set win 25-23, 25-18 and 25-16 and raised funds for Friends Together of Alpena in the process.

Brooke Pagels led the team with 14 kills and Hailee Gordy had 17 digs.

"We would like to thank everyone who participated in our 2018 Volley for a Cure," said head coach Kristi Miller. "Our students showed great support and our community is always so generous. The girls played very well defensively and executed offensively to come up with a win. It was a solid team effort."

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trade, or vocational school. Gold Key scholarships are renewable for up to four years. Gold Key Scholarship applications must be completed and submitted online at www.mielsgoldkey.org by December 1, 2018.

Alpena Book Festival

The Alpena Book Festival will be held in downtown Alpena on Saturday, Oct. 13 with sessions occurring at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library, Blue Phoenix Books, and Olivet Book and Gift. This year's festival will be formatted a little differently, with sessions beginning at the library and moving throughout the day to the bookstores.

"We have about six authors participating this year, which is less than we have had in the past, but we think this will make for a more intimate event," said planning committee member Jessica Luther. As in years past, tote bags filled with advanced readers copy books will be available for sale. Proceeds from the sale of the tote bags benefit the READ adult literacy program at the library.

The day will start with a session on National Novel

Writing Month led by local NaNoWriMo coordinator, author and teacher Chanda Stafford. Traverse City writer Mardi Jo Link, author of "When Evil Came to Good Hart," "Isadore's Secret," and "Wicked Takes the Witness Stand," will talk about her true crime books and share how she found herself writing in this immensely popular genre. The remainder of the day will include panel discussions and author readings at Blue Phoenix and Olivet. Other writers scheduled to appear include Diane Burton, Christopher Chagnon, Robin Devereaux-Nelson and Elizabeth Kane Buzzelli. For more information, visit the festival's website at <http://alpenabookfestival.wixsite.com/bookfest>.

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Alcona football earns first win at Mio

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity football team finally had reason to celebrate Friday night.

The Tigers, playing a North Star League game in Mio, pulled away from the Thunderbolts as the night went on to pick up a 28-0 victory, for their first win of the season.

"This win was well deserved, these guys have practiced and played well and were able to be rewarded with the win," said head coach Jason Somers. "This win was much needed and will go a long way in motivating the players for the remainder of the season."

The Tigers got a first half touchdown run by Mason Clark, as they led just 6-0 at the half. The second half saw the team tack on three scores to secure their win.

"The offense played well at times, however, there are a few little things that are needing to be cleaned up that will make it more efficient," Somers said. "Those will be the things that will be the focus of practice this week."

The defense was strong enough to get its first shutout since a week three win over

Rogers City last year.

"The defense was able to recognize formations and tendencies, therefore we were able to react better and play with more confidence," Somers said. "It was also very critical that they were able to create three turnovers."

The offense was led by Clark who ran 19 times for 192 yards and three touchdowns. Dominic Howe ran 13 times for 125 yards. The defense was sparked by Logan Witham with 17 tackles and Clark took down 15. Howe also hauled in an interception on defense and Bill Jones recovered a fumble.

"I think the fact that we were able to overcome a couple of setbacks and that our players were able to adapt and play new and different positions without practice, in particular Hunter White was able to step into a position that he has never played and was able to play very effectively stood out," Somers said. "This sort of thing is what makes small team football so unique and to see our players step up and play well, makes the entire coaching staff proud."

Alcona (1-6 overall, 1-3

NSL) plays at Vermontville Maple Valley (3-4) on Saturday, Oct. 13 for a non league game. The Lions, out of the Great Lansing Conference, are coming off a 44-26 win over Leslie last week.

"In looking at film, they run an offense much like ours and defensively are pretty solid, we will need to play with speed and confidence," Somers said. "I think traveling well will be key as this is a game that is quite a ride for us so our guys will need to stay focused and be ready to compete right from the get go."

Alcona soccer has scoreless tie with Harbor Beach

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Alcona and Harbor Beach played to a scoreless non-league soccer draw on Saturday. The host Tigers weren't able to find the back of the net, despite a solid defensive effort by the team.

On Wednesday, Oct. 3 the Tigers dropped a non-league game at Roscommon, 3-1. Elliot Dubuque had the team's lone goal against the team that ended Alcona's season in district play last year.

On Monday, Oct. 1 the Tigers picked up a home North Star League win over Whittemore-Prescott, 8-0. Alcona led 7-0 at the half and netted the mercy-clinching goal shortly into the second half.

"It was a good group effort with a lot of the kids scoring," head coach Tim Munro said.

Alcona (10-7-1 overall, 4-1 NSL) hosted Fairview on Monday in its chance to secure a share of the conference title. The Tigers also hosted Alpena on Wednesday and head to Pinconning on Friday, Oct. 12. They host the division four district tournament next week.

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According to Campbell, an undersized road/stream crossing structure not only poses a road safety and maintenance hazard, but also concern about stream health. When water backs up behind an undersized culvert it is exposed to warming and often erodes road embankments. Additionally, the cross culvert over Curtis Creek is perched above the downstream water; which poses a

barrier for fish and other wildlife.

Through this joint venture with Huron Pines it will allow the Alcona County Road Commission to address multiple safety hazards and ensure the new structure is up-to-date and meets DEQ standards. Questions or concerns regarding this project should be directed to the Alcona County Road Commission at (989) 736-8168.

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Dear Jumpy,

If an irresistible urge to move your legs has you kicking in your sleep, then chances are pretty good you have restless leg syndrome (RLS), a condition that affects seven to 10 percent of Americans.

RLS, also known as Willis-Ekbom Disease, is a nervous system problem that causes uncomfortable sensations (often described as a creepy-crawly feeling, tingling, itching, throbbing, pulling or aching) and an irresistible urge to move one or both legs while you're sitting or lying down, and the symptoms usually get worse with age. It typically happens in the evenings

or nights while resting. Moving eases the unpleasant feeling temporarily.

While RLS is not a life-threatening condition, the main problem, other than it being uncomfortable and annoying, is that it disrupts sleep, leading to daytime drowsiness, difficulty concentrating and even depression.

What exactly causes RLS is not known, but researchers suspect it could be linked to several things including iron deficiency, an imbalance of the brain chemical dopamine, and genetics – about 60 percent of people with RLS have a family member with the condition.

While there's no cure for RLS, there are things you can do to alleviate the symptoms. Depending on the severity of your case, some people turn to RLS medications like gabapentin enacarbil (Hori-zant), an anticonvulsant, and dopamine agonists ropinirole (Requip), rotigotine (Neupro) and pramipexole (Mirapex). But

be aware that these drugs have side effects including nausea, light-headedness, fatigue and insomnia. And, while these medications can provide short-term relief, they can also make symptoms worse in many people who use them long term.

So before turning to medication, you should consider some of the following natural RLS treatments first, which are very effective for most people.

- Check your iron levels. Iron deficiency is believed to be one of the major contributors to RLS, so make an appointment with your doctor and get a blood test to check for this. If you test positive for iron deficiency, your doctor may recommend iron supplements.

- Exercise: Getting moderate, regular exercise like walking, cycling, water aerobics and yoga can relieve symptoms, but overdoing it or exercising late in the day may intensify them. Daily leg stretches – include calf, ham-



Savvy Senior

string, quadriceps and hip flexor stretches – are also helpful.

- Check your medications: Certain drugs including anti-nausea drugs, antipsychotic drugs, some antidepressants, and cold and allergy medications containing sedating antihistamines can make RLS worse.

If you take any of these, ask your doctor if something else can be prescribed.

- Avoid triggers: Alcohol, caffeine, nicotine and refined sugar can all make RLS symptoms worse.

- Try these remedies: Soaking in a hot bathtub and

massaging your legs can relieve symptoms, as can applying a hot pad and/or ice pack to your legs. Pressure can also help, so consider wearing compression socks or stockings.

There's also a new non-drug FDA approved vibrating pad on the market called Relaxis that interrupts RLS episodes and can provide relief to those who use it.

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Killmaster: The search for gold

By Keith W. Myers
History Writer

Sometimes the wealth a person seeks is all around them and may even be beneath their feet.

From the California gold rush to the trek north into the cold and frozen ground along the Yukon River, there are tales of men, young and old, seeking their fortune. The California gold rush of 1848, the Black Hills gold rush in 1874, and the rush to the Yukon in 1896 produced wealth but, it was often the merchant who prospered the most.

Individuals who provided supplies or services to the prospectors were the true beneficiaries of these explorations. The gold rush along the Pine River in Alcona County, while not in the history books, could possibly have produced the same results. The mercantile entrepreneur who potentially had the most to gain was John H. Killmaster.

The logging industry that swept across Michigan, from roughly 1860-1910, produced some men of great wealth. These men were often residents of other states, as was the case of John H. Killmaster's father, Henry J. Killmaster. Henry founded his timber and banking business in about 1850 and had offices in New York state and Ontario, Canada.

In 1860 Henry bought large

tracts of land with towering white pines along the Au-Sable and Pine rivers in Oscoda and Alcona counties.

Henry Killmaster's company had a large fleet of boats that floated the newly cut timber from Lake Huron through the Erie Canal to his operations in New York. In 1876 when Henry Killmaster died his timber holdings along the Au Sable and Pine rivers were sold off to other companies.

The land that he had in Alcona County was split among his heirs. One of these was John Henry Killmaster, who took up along the shores of the Pine River in the town that now bears his name.

John Henry Killmaster moved to Alcona County around 1884 where he was involved in the lumber, land, and mercantile business with his partner, R.P. Gustin. John Henry and his sister, Rachel, had inherited approximately 30,000 acres from their father and Rachel was married to John Henry's partner, R.P. Gustin.

By 1887, with their lumbering, milling, and mercantile business seemingly booming, a discovery was made that could dwarf anything John Henry's father could have ever imagined. They had discovered the methane gold that lies beneath their feet -- natural gas and oil.

The pioneers seeking gold

in California or the Yukon had a lot of preparatory work that needed to be completed before the gold could be extracted from its hiding place. The removal of gas and oil wasn't proving to be any different. But by the summer of 1887 the search was becoming very promising. The Killmaster & Tawas Mining Company had been formed with six major stockholders -- three men from Tawas and John H. Killmaster, C.H. Killmaster, and D. Darling, all three citizens of Killmaster.

The geologist had determined that the four necessary conditions for gas and oil were present in the little hamlet along the winding river. The existence of 1.) oil producing rock, 2.) great subterranean basin that keeps the oil from bubbling to the ground, 3.) storage rock consisting of porous rock that allows gas to release, and 4.) cover consisting of sand, gravel and other earthly substances were all in place.

However, unlike the gold found in the frozen rivers of Alaska, gas and oil needed to be sold to a customer to obtain its value. The Killmaster & Tawas Mining Company had already considered this challenge. It had petitioned the towns of Tawas, East Tawas, Au Sable, Oscoda, and Bay City, Mich. for the exclusive contract rights to provide gas to light the streets and heat the homes in the



Reviewing
History
By Keith W. Myers

frigid northeast Michigan winter.

The first gas spring had been tapped and the company had contracted with a driller, Zack T. Mason of Bay City, Mich., to reach further into the earth's surface and extract the methane gold. With the franchise rights of Tawas City and Au Sable signed and delivered, John

H. Killmaster saw the sleepy little lumbering and farming town, that bears his name, poised on the cusp of becoming a boom town.

Spring in northern Michigan brings a rebirth to its inhabitants. With the brutal frozen winds, and snow receding, the freshness of a

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"How we do things at Killmaster, Mich." This novelty postcard brags about the huge tomatoes grown in the Killmaster hot house circa 1900. Photo courtesy of Alcona Historical Society.



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Killmaster gold

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spring breeze and flowers fill the air. Every spring brings a new beginning and new spirit of hope for a glorious future. That feeling was abundant in the residents of Killmaster. The tapping of the initial gas springs had allowed the residents to construct a hot house, and in April they were far outpacing their neighbors in the growing of all types of vegetables.

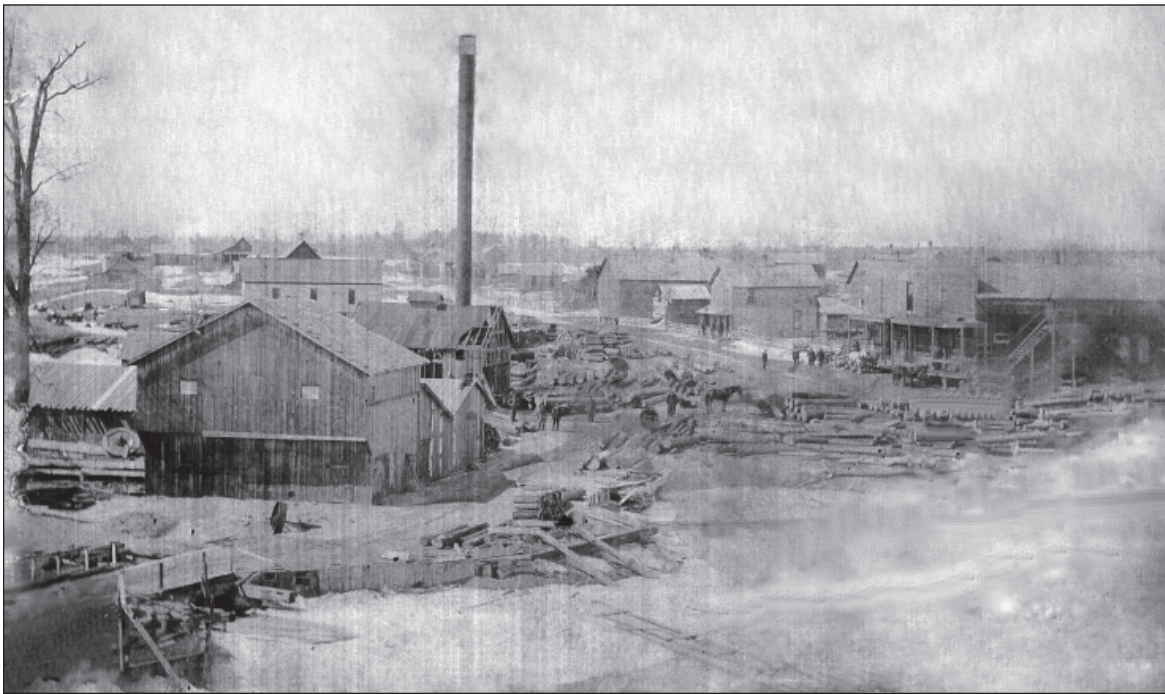
The work of the contractor would bring the exposure of the gas vein that was believed to be, at best estimates, about 250 feet below the town's surface. John H. Kill-

als and tribulations that accompanied those prospecting pioneers of the Yukon. However, as with any new venture there is always the unknown and the complications it can bring.

For all accounts it would appear that the new company had faith in its selection of Zack Mason as the man to get the job done for drilling the well and striking the main vein of gas. Their disappointment must have been quickly realized when the necessary equipment wasn't in place as the fresh spring breezes were replaced

placed by the cool temperatures of autumn, no decisions on how to proceed were advanced.

As autumn turned to winter, the Killmaster well sat reminiscent of the gold slues from the bygone days of the California gold rush. Zack Mason had packed up and returned to Bay City unpaid for the progress he had made. According to R.P. Gustin, Mason was not paid because he failed to live up to his contract to drill to the required 250 feet. His mismanagement and abandonment of the well caused the Alcona



The Village of Killmaster circa 1900 as viewed from the east at the Pine River with the saw mill in the foreground and the town beyond to the west. Photo courtesy of Alcona County Library.

master was feeling so confident that he proclaimed "everything is oil right in my town."

The quiet little hamlet was being compared to Maumee, Ohio. The presence of natural gas in Maumee had lit the town with not only gas lights on every street and in every home, but a renaissance of growth, prosperity, and business. Maumee, with its gas discovery close to town, had allowed the citizens to tap their spoils with very little effort.

The plans of the Killmaster & Tawas Mining Company, known as Alcona Gas & Oil Company, were much more ambitious. John Henry and his fellow businessmen believed they were on the threshold of bringing prosperity to northeastern Michigan beyond what had already been established. Alcona County was being touted as "farm rich" with extensive farm houses being built and the rich soil being tilled that once was covered by the "dastardly pine tree."

Farmers across the region had done very well and their crops had been recognized as some of the best in Michigan. Their vision of what the future held for Alcona County may have been slightly different than John Killmaster's, but they agreed that progress is beneficial to all of her residents.

The drilling of the well to strike the main vein was contracted to begin in June of 1888 and the Alcona Gas & Oil Co. had been able to make all their financial obligations. While John Henry's other industries were still prosperous, he hadn't faced the tri-

by warm summer temperatures.

This feeling subsided as drilling began in mid-August. Progress on the drilling was met with much enthusiasm as Mason quickly reached 160 feet below the earth's surface. With the swiftness of an unexpected punch to the mid-section, the drilling came to an immediate halt just 85 feet short of the expected payday. The sinker bar and attachment, weighing about 2,000 pounds, was lost in the well. The options for removing the 2,000 pound apparatus were limited. An idea of using dynamite to push the sinker to the side of the well was quickly dispelled foreseeably to the benefit of the town's inhabitants.

The Alcona Gas & Oil Co. met to explore its options but as summer winded down, re-

Gas & Oil Co. to refuse to "grant his demands for funds."

As the end of 1888 approached, Mason's creditors, along with Alcona Gas & Oil Co., attached liens to the drilling outfit. What had started out so promising was replaced with the cold darkness of winter and unfulfilled dreams.

The lack of progress and the failures of Zach Mason had not dampened the spirits of John H. Killmaster. While the gas and oil that lay beneath his feet had so far eluded him the town wasn't without progress. Similar to the pharaohs of ancient Egypt, the Killmasters observed the town that had sprouted up around them, and by Alcona County measures, the town was boom-

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This is **Jason (Jake) Petty's** first time running for an elected seat.

Petty is a life-long resident of Alcona County and has lived in Glennie for 42 years. Since 1997 he has been the owner-operator of his own landscape and excavating business and has held contracts with the U.S. Forest Service performing road maintenance work across the state of Michigan for the last 18 years.

He worked for the Iosco County Road Commission as a temporary winter maintenance and snow plow driver for two years before being hired by the Alcona County Road Commission over four years ago and is a heavy equipment operator.

Petty said his experience would benefit the road commission. "I feel I would be a good fit for the seat. I've got a lot of background knowledge in this type of trade and dealing with people. I have 20 years of experience in road building and maintaining roads across the state. I take pride in my work, whether it



Al Scully

be with my own business or at the road commission, I work in an honest and efficient manner.

"I have the desire to do the best I can to upgrade our county roads. I've dealt with customers most of my life on a one-on-one basis. As road commissioner, I would continue to work with the public and the road commission to provide the best service possible. I'm ambitious, energetic and good at problem solving situations. I'm ready for the challenge being a road commissioner brings," Petty said.

If elected, Petty would like to see the farthest parts of Alcona County roads receive equal maintenance. "I'd like to see those areas snow



Jason (Jake) Petty

plowed faster and improve efficiency in the summer," Petty said.

Petty attended Oscoda High School and received a high school diploma online. He is married to Jennifer (Tyson) who also grew up in Alcona County. The couple has three daughters, one in college and two attending Alcona Community Schools.

His community contributions include helping with 4-H programs which, his wife and daughters are heavily involved in, and donating time and work for the Alcona County Fair. In his spare time, he likes spending time with his family camping. He also enjoys farming and riding motorcycles.

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ing. The community had a hotel, general store, drug store, a sawmill, school house, barber shop, summer public drinking fountains, the beginning of a Catholic church, and the only grist mill on the Huron shore.

It also had a natural gas well that had been spouting for over a year heating and lighting the home of C.H. Killmaster and a hot house that could produce tomatoes the size of a lumberman's fist. However, the oil well with its busted casing and high derrick lay dormant, casting a shadow upon the town and John Killmaster's dreams.

The Alcona Gas & Oil Co. spent the winter planning for another attempt at tapping the wells and producing the results they desired. They hired a driller by the name of C. Hughes who came by way of Kane, Pa. and had a long history of drilling. The Killmasters saw the equipment that Hughes planned on bringing with him and they were more than confident his progress would dwarf any work that Mason had done the prior year.

With the equipment Kane was bringing, John Henry boasted they would be able to bore clear through to China if the need arose.

However, John H. Killmaster's ambitions and that of his town didn't revolve just around oil and gas exploration. John H. Killmaster and his cousin C.H. Killmaster were both involved in local politics. At that time, John H. Killmaster was the Gustin Township supervisor and C.H. Killmaster was the township clerk/treasurer. Positions that they traded back and forth over the years to come.

John Henry's position as township supervisor allowed him to sit on the Board of Supervisors for the county. The Alcona County seat was located in Harrisville almost 10 miles to the east. John H. Killmaster, and a good portion of the residents of Killmaster, saw their town as the much more obvious choice for that honor. They had been busy making the argument that the town of Killmaster with its railroad, grist mill, booming industry

and its more central location within the county, made it much more desirable.

Once the gas and oil started flowing from the wells the choice will be made even clearer.

The lands of Gustin Township once shadowed by the mighty white pine mostly sat empty. The Killmasters had a plan for this as well. Owning large tracts of land themselves they knew it was ripe for the plow and ready to be planted. They worked on a plan to bring 50 German immigrant families to homestead the land which would be given to them on "easy terms." With the influx of more farmers to the area the Killmasters had already begun the work to bring a full process roller mill to Alcona County. With the presence of a railroad, abundant farm land with more to be developed, the presence of fine hardwood and a sawmill and shingle mill the Village of Killmaster far eclipsed the Village of Harrisville in John H. Killmaster's eyes.

The residents and businessmen of Harrisville may have disagreed with John H. Killmaster's gloomy perception of their village. The Village of Harrisville had its own industrious entrepreneurs and the views from the courthouse hill overlooking the glistening blue waters of Lake Huron were said to be some of the finest in the state if not the country. While it was true that Harrisville lacked a railroad that tied it to its wealthier neighbors to the south, the rumors of future road possibilities were abundant.

The Killmasters may have had their sights on a new roller mill but so did the moneymen of Harrisville. The summer of 1889 quickly heated up into a battle for dominance and a holding of the county seat. It doesn't




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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14
Join the Harrisville Ukulele Meetup at Ki Cuyler's Bar & Grill, 262 South US-23, Harrisville 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 Irv at (989) 724-7410 for details.

A free snowmobile safety class will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Footsite Groomer Barn located at 1870 River Road in Oscoda. Class is open to all, but any youth under the age of 12 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The class is designed to teach trail etiquette, proper riding gear, basic first aid and the rules and regulations of proper snowmobile operation. The AuSable Valley Trailriders will provide a morning snack, lunch and bottled water. To register, call David Hanson at (989) 739-4711.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 15
White Pine Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. Join them for quilting ideas, fellowship and inspiration. Quilters both new and experienced are invited to join or visit. For more information, call Joanne at (989) 255-7880.

Ukulele jam sessions for all ages and levels from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Three ballot issues in the November 6 election will be the topic for a forum presented by the League Of Women Voter of Alpena County at the Granum Theatre of Alpena Community College. The forum will be from 6 to 8:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend. For more information, call (989) 356-0353.

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

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16
Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. All levels welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The selection for October is "Call of the Wild" by Jack London. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Play euchre at 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 17

Coffee and conversation about water and its effect on our lives at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street

from 10 a.m. to noon. Part of the Water/Ways and Third Coast discussion forum, sponsored by the Michigan Humanities Council. Free coffee, tea and an assortment of breakfast goodies.

A blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card

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

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

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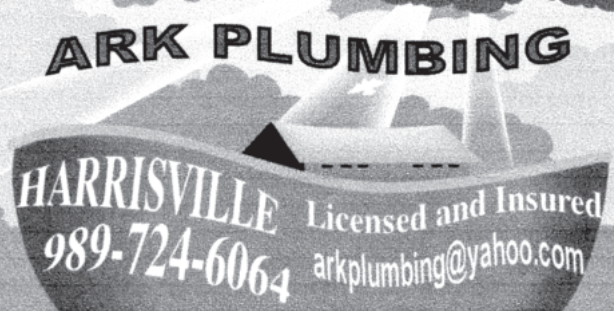
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Killmaster gold

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appear that Harrisville, in the famous words of the poet Dylan Thomas, were willing to "...go gentle into that good night."

It wasn't just Harrisville and Killmaster that were touting their great qualities. In the spring of 1889 all of Alcona County was abuzz. The small towns of West Harrisville (Lincoln) and Mud Lake (Barton City) with their railroad connectors and vast tracts of timber are bountiful in their own right.

Alcona County as a whole was being promoted for its rich soil and wonderful farms. The land could be purchased for \$4 to \$10 an acre and plums and fine fruits were sure crops every year. The Alcona County Review professed that Alcona County had good schools and a lot of them along with a thrifty and intelligent population. There was enough room for thousands and the cry was "to come and grow the country with us."

The summer of 1889 hadn't turned out quite as productive as John H. Killmaster would have desired. There were more wells being drilled by the hired expert from Pennsylvania, C. Hughes. However, the wells, much like the initial one used to heat the hot-house and C.H. Killmaster's home, had the unfortunate habit of filling with water and disrupting the flow of gas. The wells were flowing and the natural gas was definitely there but not in the quantities to make the exploration profitable.

By June the Alcona Gas & Oil Co. was defunct. The indifferent level of success of the past two years had tapped the resources of the stockholders. With all of the stockholders being men of little means, except two, the company could not withstand its losses.

This was minor setback as

far as the Killmasters were concerned. George Killmaster (cousin of J.H. and brother of C.H.) was already in Port Huron, Mich. forming a new stock company. It was comprised of Detroit and Pittsburgh capitalist who were prepared to provide substantial amounts of money to the Killmaster endeavor. Through this new stock company, the plan was to pipeline the natural gas 90 miles to Bay City with an estimated construction cost of \$1 million. With two gas wells flowing, the work that had already been done, and the scientific research of Professor

Winchell that immense deposits of oil lay beneath the rich soil, George Killmaster had little trouble convincing the businessmen to take the gamble on the small hamlet.

The Detroit and Pittsburgh capitalists were encouraged to invest in the energetic plan the Killmasters had for supplying gas to their populated neighbors to the south. By all accounts John H. Killmaster's predictions about natural gas had come true. The large deposits of oil were much deeper however, and a much larger endeavor. In order to reach the oil deposits, it was determined that a well

no less than 1,500 feet would need to be drilled. At that time, the deepest well drilled had been to 600 feet. The Killmasters decided to approach the county to bond the capital needed to meet the drilling cost associated with tapping into the vast oil vaults. John H. Killmaster made the argument that the bonding by the county was a good investment. When oil was discovered it will open up industry and "a field of wealth that surpasses all the value of the pine that has been cut or ever will be cut," he said.

Due to the difficulties of the past two years, and possi-

bly Killmaster's hunger for the county seat, the plan was met with "favorable criticism" and didn't come to fruition.

See Part II in next week's edition for more about John H. Killmaster's plan for the Village of Killmaster.

(Keith W. Myers is a long-time resident of Alcona County and resides in Barton City. He holds a masters degree from the University of Cincinnati. Keith's background has been in criminal justice for the past 28 years but has always held a deep interest in history.)

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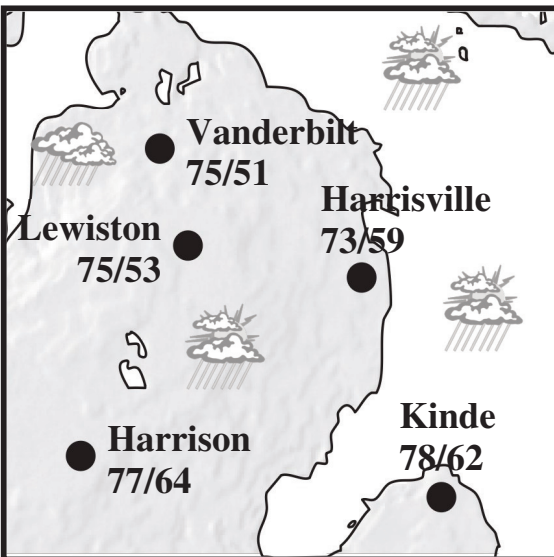
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Alcona Review Weather Report Oct. 10, 2018

Seven Day Forecast

-  **WEDNESDAY**
Few Showers
High: 73 Low: 59
-  **THURSDAY**
Showers Likely
High: 67 Low: 41
-  **FRIDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 49 Low: 35
-  **SATURDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 50 Low: 40
-  **SUNDAY**
Few Showers
High: 51 Low: 42
-  **MONDAY**
Few Showers
High: 53 Low: 44
-  **TUESDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 49 Low: 40

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast



Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 70% chance of showers, high of 73°, humidity of 73%. South southeast wind 7 to 11 mph. The record high for today is 86° set in 1938. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 90% chance of showers, overnight low of 59°. South wind 10 to 13 mph.

*Last Week's Almanac

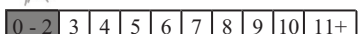
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| Wednesday | 74 | 36 | 62/40 | 0.94" |
| Thursday | 73 | 34 | 61/40 | 0.48" |
| Friday | 52 | 34 | 61/40 | 0.02" |
| Saturday | 61 | 47 | 60/39 | 0.05" |
| Sunday | 50 | 47 | 60/39 | Trace |
| Monday | 70 | 48 | 59/39 | 0.64" |

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week


| | Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset | |
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| First 10/16 | Wednesday | 7:43 a.m. | 6:58 p.m. | 9:11 a.m. | 8:14 p.m. |  |
| | Thursday | 7:44 a.m. | 6:56 p.m. | 10:20 a.m. | 8:46 p.m. | |
| | Friday | 7:46 a.m. | 6:54 p.m. | 11:26 a.m. | 9:21 p.m. | |
| | Saturday | 7:47 a.m. | 6:52 p.m. | 12:29 p.m. | 10:01 p.m. | |
| | Sunday | 7:48 a.m. | 6:50 p.m. | 1:26 p.m. | 10:45 p.m. | |
| Full 10/24 | Monday | 7:50 a.m. | 6:49 p.m. | 2:18 p.m. | 11:33 p.m. |  |
| | Tuesday | 7:51 a.m. | 6:47 p.m. | 3:04 p.m. | Next Day | |
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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



Hurricane Michael moves north towards the Florida panhandle. The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies through Friday with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 83 in Rochester, N.Y. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies through Friday with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 90 in The Villages, Fla. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with isolated rain and snow, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday with isolated rain, highest temperature of 67 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Friday with isolated rain, highest temperature of 88 in Indio, Calif.

Weather Trivia

What is the rule of thumb for determining wind chill?

Answer: Subtract 1 degree of temperature for every 1 mph of wind speed.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - How about a Telescope this Christmas?

We are 11 weeks away from Christmas, and if you are considering buying a telescope for under the tree, now is the time to start thinking about that purchase. If you are unable to commit a minimum of about \$500 to purchase a scope with a steady mounting (support) system, good optics, and at least two quality eyepieces, buy a decent pair of binoculars instead. My suggestion would be to purchase binoculars that produce a magnification of eight power with a 42mm light gathering objective, or an 8x42 pair. Seven by 50s (7x50) are generally considered best for viewing the night sky, but they are bigger, heavier to hold, and only achieve their full potential in dark, rural locales. You'll probably spend about \$150 for a nice pair, and if you don't drop them or allow them to fall into the swimming pool, you'll use them for the rest of your life. All telescopes are a compromise in one way or another, but all experts agree that telescopes are not built strictly for magnification. The most important aspect of a telescope is its ability to gather light and to bring that light to a comfortable, sharp focus. Telescopes also need to produce crisp, vivid (high contrast) images of what the observer is trying to view as well as producing acceptable fields of view, so that the object under scrutiny can be seen in its entirety. Here is where a quality, wide-angle eyepiece can add your enjoyment. A telescope must also be attached to a sturdy mounting system to dampen unwanted vibrations when it is repositioned to find a new sky object or to hold it steady if the wind kicks up a little. Where can you find a quality telescope at a fair price? I would first suggest contacting Skies Unlimited (www.skiesunlimited.com) serving the Greater Philadelphia, south Jersey, and Lehigh Valley areas. Another option is Orion Telescopes (www.telescopes.com) in California which produces economical instruments that meet astronomical criteria. www.astronomy.org

CryptoQuip answer

Number one Elvis Presley song about a very repulsive person: "Are You Loathsome Tonight?"

top ten

Most Satisfying Animals*

1. Cats *woman owners
2. Dogs
3. Goats
4. Rats
5. Horses
6. Fish (saltwater)
7. Rabbits
8. Cattle
- (tie) Sheep
10. Guinea pigs

Source: RightPet

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** Who directed the movie "La Dolce Vita"?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the famous Olduvai Gorge located?
3. **MYTHOLOGY:** Tyr was a Norse god of what?
4. **MUSIC:** What pop group sang "Love Shack"?
5. **PRESIDENTS:** How old was Theodore Roosevelt when he was inaugurated?
6. **SCIENCE:** In what century was Isaac Newton born?
7. **HISTORY:** When was the last year the Dodgers played in Brooklyn?
8. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the symbol of the zodiac sign Scorpio?
9. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Greek prefix "speleo" mean?
10. **MEASUREMENTS:** How many bottles of champagne are in a jeroboam?

Answers 1. Federico Fellini; 2. Tanzania; 3. War; 4. The B-52s; 5. 42; 6. 17th century; 7. 1957; 8. Scorpion; 9. Cave; 10. Four
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Super Crossword

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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Oct. 20, 1803, the U.S. Senate approves a treaty with France providing for the purchase of the territory of Louisiana, which would double the size of the United States. President Thomas Jefferson believed it was essential for the U.S. to maintain control of the mouth of the Mississippi River.
- On Oct. 15, 1863, the C.S.S. Hunley, the world's first successful combat submarine, sinks during a test run, killing its inventor and seven crewmembers. The Hunley was operated by a crew of eight -- one person steered while the other seven turned a crank that drove the ship's propeller.
- On Oct. 21, 1918, a German U-boat submarine fires the last torpedo of World War I, as Germany ceases unrestricted submarine warfare. The torpedo sank a small British merchant ship in the Irish Sea.
- On Oct. 18, 1931, Thomas Alva Edison, one of the most prolific inventors in history, dies at the age of 84. Edison received little formal schooling, but he employed assistants who provided the mathematical and technical expertise he lacked.
- On Oct. 19, 1957, Maurice "Rocket" Richard of the Montreal Canadiens becomes the first NHL hockey player to score 500 goals in his career when he slaps a 20-foot shot past Chicago Blackhawks goalie Glenn Hall.
- On Oct. 17, 1968, Olympic gold medalist Tommie Smith and bronze medalist John Carlos are forced to return their awards because they raised their fists in a black-power salute during the medal ceremony, which repudiated "the basic principles of the Olympic games."
- On Oct. 16, 1987, 18-month-old Jessica McClure is rescued after being trapped for 58 hours in an abandoned well in Texas. Rescue workers labored for two days to drill a parallel shaft, then tunneled horizontally to connect the two shafts.

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was noted American science fiction author Philip K. Dick who made the following sage observation: "Reality is that which, when you stop believing in it, doesn't go away."
- You might be surprised to learn that when Hernan Cortes reached the New World in the 1600s, he found the Aztecs drinking hot chocolate at their banquets.
- The World Health Organization does not include cockroaches on its list of insects hazardous to human health.
- Are you afraid of rattlesnakes? Those are certainly dangerous creatures, but keep in mind that the venom of a black widow spider is 15 times deadlier than that of the rattler -- and the spider doesn't provide an early-warning alarm like the rattler does.
- The name for that lovely lavender stone, amethyst, is derived from the Greek term for "not drunk."
- You probably knew that cats were revered in ancient Egypt, but did you know that when a domestic cat died, the family went into mourning? Yep. People would shave their eyebrows to demonstrate their grief over the passing of their beloved pet.
- If you're like the average American, you eat roughly 17 pounds of potato chips every year.
- Way back in 1879, the Cincinnati Gazette predicted that the game of baseball had "run its course."
- Singer and songwriter Roger Miller, best known for his hit song "King of the Road," had a passion for music early, even though his family was poor. When he was in grade school, he spent his weekends picking cotton so he could save up enough money to buy a guitar. After eighth grade he quit school and went to work herding cattle and riding in rodeos.

Thought for the Day: "It is better to sleep on things beforehand than lie awake about them afterwards." -- Baltasar Gracian

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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: **Q** equals **N**

QZJPDN LQD DVMOR GNDRVDT

RLQA CPLZS C MDNT NDGZVROMD

GDNRLQ: "CND TLZ VLCSYRLJD

SLQOAYS?"

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Default has been made in the conditions of a Mortgage made by Gerald Orban, a single man, mortgagor, to First National Bank of America, mortgagee, dated February 7, 2007, and recorded February 14, 2007, in Liber 439, page 315, of Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$40,359.72, including interest at 10.95 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at

public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, Oct. 24, 2018, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan.

Said premises are situated in Alcona Township, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The north 1/2 of the north 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the north 1/2 of Section 19, T28N, R9E, except a parcel of land located on the SW corner of this legally described property being 200 feet on Barlow Road and being 250 feet in depth; and the south 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, T28N, R9E. Commonly known as: 5150 F-41 North, Black River, Mich. 48721. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be abandoned pursu-

ant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be one month, or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

Please be advised that if the mortgaged property is sold at a foreclosure sale by advertisement, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: September 26, 2018
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SUPPER FUNDRAISER

Harvest Dinner at Spruce Lutheran Church, Saturday, October 13 from 4 to 7 p.m. Baked or fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, homemade dressing, corn, coleslaw, squash, cranberries, rolls, homemade pies and drink. Cost is \$10 per person, \$5 for children ages five through 12, and children under five are free. The church is located in Spruce, three miles west of F-41.

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Part time interim superintendent. The Board of Education of Hale Area Schools is conducting a search for a part time interim superintendent (2-3 days per week). Salary will be negotiable. Interested candidates should complete and submit their resume and letter of interest to Hale Area Schools Board of Education: Hale Area Schools, 311 North Washington Street, Hale, Mich. 48739. Complete applications must be submitted no later than 4 p.m. on October 26, 2018. Please visit www.haleschools.net for complete posting details and selection criteria. Hale Area Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

Need extra Christmas cash? Help wanted making wreaths, grave blankets and more. Experience preferred but will train. Huron View Tree Farm (989) 724-5510.

SALES

Garage sale, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, October 11-13; 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 4510 Cedar Lake Road, Greenbush. Lots of miscellaneous.

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Legal Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Directors

Alcona Conservation District
 To all residents of the Alcona Conservation District, notice is hereby given that on the 5th day of December 2018, between the hours of 7 p.m. and 8 p.m., at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 S. Poor Farm Road, Harrisville, Mich. an annual meeting and director's election will be held. There is one position for a three-year term of office and one position for a four-year term of office. There are two candidates running for these positions of Conservation District Director: Tony

Atkinson of Harrisville, Mich. and Trina Borenstein of Greenbush, Mich.

At the annual meeting, district residents of legal age may vote as long as they show proof of residency in the county by one piece of identification. Voters must fill out a Voters Registration Card, which will be exchanged for a ballot. *Due to the absentee ballot provisions, nominations from the floor will not be allowed. Write-in voting is not allowed.* On October 18, 2018, being at least 45 days prior to the date of the annual meeting, absentee ballots are available for voting in

this election by writing to the Alcona Conservation District Office located at 320 S. State Street, P.O. Box 291, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 or calling (989) 724-5272. Regular business hours are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Agenda items for the annual meeting will include: approval of minutes, financial report, and payment of bills, election of directors, correspondence, public acts, and other business that may require prompt attention.

Randy Thompson, Chairman
 Alcona Conservation District

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 18-5886 DE

Estate of Louis Joseph Duperon Jr.
 Date of birth: March 21, 1948
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Louis Joseph Duperon Jr., died August 17, 2018. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Heidi Helen Trout, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
 Date: October 2, 2018
 Warner Norcross & Judd LLP
 Catherine H. Jacobs P48808
 111 Lyon Street NW, Suite 900
 Grand Rapids, Mich. 49503
 (616) 751-2391
 Heidi Helen Trout
 2060 Richmond Avenue
 Lincoln Park, Mich. 48146
 (313) 629-0672

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 15-5880 DE

Estate of Carl W. Wolfe Jr. (aka Carl W. Wolfe), decedent
 Date of birth: November 15, 1957
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: the decedent, Carl W. Wolfe Jr. (aka Carl W. Wolfe), died August 14, 2018. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Cathleen A. Stearns, personal representative, or to both the probate court at Attn: Probate Division, Alcona County Trial Court, County Building, 106 Fifth Street, P.O. Box 385, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
 Date: October 8, 2018
 Robert K. Myles, P.C.
 Robert K. Myles P36055
 109 South State Street
 Oscoda, Mich. 48750
 (989) 739-2871
 Cathleen A. Stearns
 1215 North Ridgefield Circle
 College Station, Texas 77840
 (979) 220-9873

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 18-5887 DE

Estate of Randy A. Mongeau
 Date of birth: April 22, 1958
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Randy Mongeau, died June 17, 2017. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Denise Mongeau, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 385, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
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 Denise Mongeau
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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Oct. 1 at 7 p.m. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included: President Jordan, treasurer Hussain, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers and Zielinski. The minutes of the September meeting were approved on a motion from Mahalak with support from Gauthier.

The treasurer's report was approved on a motion from Zielinski with support from Gauthier. Holly and Linda gave an update on the recent audit for the village. We have made wonderful progress over the past few years and everything is looking very good.

Tom Lappan of Lappan Agency gave a presentation on the village's insurance. Packets were given to each council member to go over and address any questions they may have.

Mike Serafin gave his report. There have been 12 medical runs and two fire runs within the past month. He introduced Lindsey Kennedy to council members. She is the newest recruit for Medical First Responder. Lindsey is currently attending classes to get her certification.

In public comment time, Phil Phillips addressed the board concerning getting something together to honor former village council member and maintenance man, Richard Somers. Council members will look into this matter.

Sheila Phillips addressed the board regarding the updated Master Plan. She is seeking approval to distribute the draft plan. Zielinski made the following motion: The Lincoln Village Council, in accor-

dance with the Michigan Planning Enabling Act, P.A. 33 of 2008, as amended, approves the draft Village of Lincoln Master Plan for distribution to communities and agencies for review and comment. Mahalak offered support. Motion Carried.

President Jordan gave the street report. Equipment is being repaired to prepare for the upcoming winter months. The sewer report was given. There has been an issue regarding alarms going off during rainy weather. The engineering firm will be here to address the problem within the next week.

In old business, Mahalak asked about what the next step is in the process for looking at our insurance policies. A committee will be meeting once we get all our information together. Healy stated that there will be an RRC meeting this month. The latest planning meeting was discussed. Putsky stated that we have received partial payment from the DNR for the boat launch grant. Zielinski gave an update on the website.

In new business, Putsky stated the Beautification Committee will be decorating for Halloween this week. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for the boat launch on Thursday, Oct. 11 at 5 p.m. Healy stated that the Trick or Trunk celebration will be held on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additionally, the Chili Cook-off will be held at the same time. Halloween trick or treat hours are for 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 31.

President Jordan gave his report. Nine years ago Council Member Ron Kennard had put in a request for a static display and we were just

notified that we are in line for a Sheridan tank. We would be responsible to get the tank from New Lothrop, Mich. to the village. A motion was made by Mahalak, with support from Zielinski, to amend the budget to include a line item for up to \$6,000 to include transportation of and placement on the cement pad of the Sheridan tank. Carried.

Sidewalks on Main Street are finished. Lift station area is finished. SAW grant will be closed out soon. The well at the hall has been fixed properly. Beach equipment has been pulled out.

President Jordan stated that we have been storing our road salt at the Alcona County Road Commission. We need to consider building our own storage facility. We have talked to the auditor and he stated that we can use funds from our village raised street funds and major and local street funds to erect a building for that purpose. President Jordan will report back to the council after getting input from other communities. Thanks to Sheila Phillips and Carolyn Brummund for their donation of oversized Christmas decorations for use by the village. He thanked council members for their time and help over the past several years while he served as village president.

A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Zielinski with support from Gauthier. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Zielinski with support from Healy. Carried.

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

Kovels: Antiques & Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

Sample plates

Ever wonder how the rich American families in the 18th century bought their dishes, glassware and other necessities from foreign countries? Many of the best sets of dishes came by ship from China. If you lived in a major city like Boston, a shopkeeper would show you samples. The shopkeeper also might draw a picture of your family crest or initials, or designs of flowers, leaves and geometric border patterns. Some shops had actual sample plates made with multiple borders. The sample plates were sent from the Chinese factory to be used for special-order dishes. It could take up to two years to send the order, have the dishes made and ship them to the customer in Boston.



Sample design plates are very rare. They were made for store displays. A c. 1795 Chinese export plate showing four sample borders, one with a monogram, sold for \$8,125 last year at a Christie's auction in New York.

A: In 1963, Hasbro marketed a new doll for boys. They realized a boy wouldn't ask for a doll, so they sold the G.I. Joe doll as an "action figure." The toy was a huge success, and it was followed by comic books, video games and more. G.I. Joe was discontinued in 1978, but it was soon put back into production. Today the high-priced G.I. Joes are early or rare. A figure with painted hair or Vietnam camouflage clothing is best. Also collected are 1960s and 1970s figures in very good condition or, better yet, in the package. The G.I. Jane Nurse in her box, made only in 1967, sells for \$3,000 to \$5,000. Some talking action figures sell for more than \$1,000. There are others that are special enough to sell over \$1,000, but most figures that have been played with are in poor condition and have very low, if any, value.

Ajoke among antiques collectors is the story about one set of special-order dishes. A black-and-white design drawing and color directions for a set of dishes were sent on a ship to China. The set came back and it was an exact copy of the directions. The blue-and-white design showed the borders and initials, and each had the blue words added that read "paint this red," "paint this green," etc. Of course, the Chinese workman couldn't read English, and he thought the letters were part of the design. We are told a plate from this set does exist in a museum.

Q: Is my G.I. Joe doll worth anything?

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