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## Veterans board considers making millage request

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

The Alcona County Veterans board may be seeking a millage to keep current services flourishing and possibly add new services for area veterans.

The volunteer board made up of chairman Patrick Smylie, secretary Al McGowan, and trustees, Ken Hubbard, James Pangonis and James "Mac" McCormick, all Vietnam Veterans, are pleased with how the past 11 months have gone and want to keep Tony Atkinson, county service counselor, active full-time.

Atkinson became a full-time service counselor last February after the county veteran's office received a state grant in the amount of \$50,000. Prior to that, the office was only open one day a week working on a \$27,000 a year budget in which the county provided.

"Having over 1,500 veterans in Alcona County, working one day a week wasn't nearly enough time to get the job done," Smylie said. He explained that prior to this past year, Alcona County has never had a full-time counselor and as a result, he felt the veterans in the county have been shortchanged for years.

The additional funding not only covered keeping Atkinson full-time but also provided many necessary items veterans needed including wheelchairs, power chairs, home access ramps, grab bars and many other items.

Unfortunately, the board is leery about getting another \$50,000 grant through the state, as it and many other areas such as road improvements, schools, health care, etc. appeared to be on the restrictive funds chopping block through Governor Gretchen Whitmer's 147 line-item veto totaling nearly one billion dollars in cuts which she signed in October.

Smylie said the budget standoff and Whitmer's veto were the results of a political game of chess between Republicans and Democrats. "They aren't getting along, so they cut back the grants or put them on hold. We see these people running for office and the first thing they promise (if they are elected) is

to support veterans, but when the going gets tough, we veterans are the first to get cut," Smylie said.

Despite some signs in the last week that the budget standoff might be near an end, the board is not optimistic about getting the amount necessary to maintain a full-time counselor. "Even if funds are released it's not likely we will see the total amount. We will be lucky to get half that. It's like the rug has been pulled out from under us," Hubbard said.

The board has been impressed with how much Atkinson has been able to do since going to full-time hours. In 2018, working one day a week, he saw 146 vets. Since last February he has seen 560, "and the year isn't over yet," Smylie said.

Atkinson explained there are additional considerations should he have to go back to part-time such as having an accredited veteran's office in the county. "According to veteran regulations the service officer (counselor) must maintain a thousand hours a year to stay accredited in the county they are serving. That's 20 hours a week. Without being accredited I cannot legally help veterans," Atkinson said.

A considerable amount of time and funds went into getting Atkinson accredited including education and a four-

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## Local veterans praise Alcona County service

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Although they endured great sacrifice for their country, many veterans, especially those who served in Vietnam and the Persian Gulf, are still making daily sacrifices due to health effects from their time in service.

These soldiers linger in chronic pain waiting for the next ailment to take its toll. The toll is not just felt by them, but by their worried families who suffer along with them, mentally, physically and financially through every doctor and hospital visit. Each new diagnosis or debilitation brings with it a multitude of Veteran Affairs (VA) paperwork and processing



Gracie Travis, 8, of Lincoln tells Mrs. Claus and Santa what she wants for Christmas during the Mikado Goodfellows' annual children's Christmas party. Photo by Mary Weber.

## Giving Tuesday brings over \$217,000 for nonprofits

In its fifth year of sharing its platform for local nonprofits to participate in the ever-growing Giving Tuesday movement, the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) surpassed last year's event by far, helping to raise \$217,251 for organizations throughout the region on December 3.

"When the 2019 giving totals were announced today at our office, the room radiated positive energy and excitement," said Patrick Heraghty, CFNEM Executive Director. "It is incredible to see the

generosity of our communities in this way, and it is so impactful for the organizations receiving donations."

Giving Tuesday follows the widely recognized shopping events, Black Friday and Cyber Monday, offering a dedicated day for charitable giving as the holiday season kicks off. The hope for this global movement is that people will set aside a few minutes, and perhaps some shopping money, to give back to their community through the charities and causes they support.

Sixty nonprofits from Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties participated in the event through the Community Foundation and its three affiliate foundations, which provided the online platform, marketing tools and all recording efforts, free of charge to the participating organizations. Of the 60 organizations participating in CFNEM's 2019 campaign, 19 organiza-

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# Obituaries

## Rita A. Crampton

Rita A. Crampton, 81 of Harrisville, died on Tuesday, December 3, 2019 at Mid Michigan Medical Center in Alpena.

She was born October 12, 1938 to Nicholas and Margaret Colangelo in Flint, Mich.

She attended comptometer school in Flint, Mich. before working in defense accounting at AC Spark Plug. She also worked as a payroll clerk for Anchor Motor Freight.

She married Lonnie Crampton on August 18, 1961 in Clio, Mich.

The couple enjoyed participating in their sons' school and sports activities while living in Flint, Mich. until 1974 and Flushing, Mich.

In 1996 the Cramptons moved to Harrisville for their retirement years, the highlight of which was a trip to Alaska to celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary.

Mrs. Crampton was a fastidious homemaker and was especially adept at preparing robust meals for holiday family gatherings

Mrs. Crampton is survived by her husband, Lonnie; two sons Jeff (Brenda) Crampton of Linden, Mich. and Chuck (Theresa) Crampton of Petos-



key, Mich.; five grandchildren; two sisters-in-law, Patricia Colangelo of Fenton, Mich. and Janet (Richard) Swift of Davison, Mich.; one cousin, Diane Muir of Santa Monica, Calif.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother, Joseph Colangelo.

There will be a celebration of life event in summer for immediate family.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Humane Society, P.O. Box 310, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

Cremation arrangements were made by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

## Harry L. Stevens Sr.

Harry L. Stevens Sr., 83, of Greenbush, died on December 1, 2019 at Lakeview Manor in Tawas City.

He was born September 2, 1936 to Charles F. and Pearl (McCool) Stevens Sr. in Flint, Mich.

He worked for many years and retired from AC Delco. He was an avid hunter, who was passionate about being in the woods. He enjoyed hunting deer and bear.

Mr. Stevens is survived by two grandchildren, Kyle (Labrea) Stevens of Germany, and Rhiann Stevens of Virginia; one daughter-in-law, Dana Stevens of Virginia; one stepson, Dave Burton of Davison, Mich.; one sister, Beverly (Richard) Morse; one brother, James Beyer of Florida; and his dear niece and caregiver Shelley (Ron) Larson of Burton.

He was preceded in death



by one son, Harry L. Stevens Jr.; his parents; his stepmother, Dorothy (Beyer) Stevens; and two brothers, Charles Stevens Jr., and Jack Beyer.

The funeral Harry was held Saturday, Dec. 7. The Rev. Jason R. McGhee officiated. Burial will be in Meadowview Memorial Gardens in Davison, Mich.

## John M. Welty

John M. Welty, 93, of Hubbard Lake, died on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2019 at his home.

He was born September 15, 1926 to David R. and Margaret T. (Fisher) Welty in St. Louis, Mo. He was raised in Lucas, Ohio.

Mr. Welty served in the U.S. Army during World War II where he served as military police in Japan and The Philippines.

He retired from Centerline Public Schools in 1986.

On August 19, 1986, he married Myrna Bone in Hazel Park and they were residents of Warren, Mich. They moved to Hubbard Lake in 1992.

He enjoyed fishing and boating. He was a member of the Hubbard Lake Citizens Watch, and the Hubbard Lake Sportsman Association. He was a member of the VFW Alpena Post No. 2496 and the Mikado American Legion No. 254.

Mr. Welty is survived by his wife, Myrna; one daughter,



Karen Welty; two sons, Randy (Anita) Welty and Keith (Vicki) Welty; two grandsons, Aaron Welty and Seth Welty; and one stepson, Tom Rossman.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Helen (Lane); one stepdaughter-in-law, Karen Rossman; two sisters; and one brother.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

## Eleanor M. Silverthorn

Eleanor M. Silverthorn, 95, of Lincoln, died on Saturday Dec. 7, 2019 at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

She was born November 12, 1924 to Mark and Charlotte (Emerick) Fulsher in Harrisville. She was a life long resident of the area.

On June 21, 1947, she married Arthur Silverthorn in Lincoln.

Mrs. Silverthorn worked for the Alcona County Register of Deeds for many years. She was a member of the Harrisville VFW Auxiliary and Red Hat Society.

She enjoyed her garden, and spending holidays with her family members. She enjoyed traveling and attending Alcona High School basketball games. She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lincoln.

Mrs. Silverthorn is survived by three sisters, Evelyn Maslauskas of West Virginia, Anna Gail Burgess of Whittemore, Mich. and Mona Fae (Rick) Rozanek of Lincoln, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Art, on December 23, 1997; one sister, Edna Carpenter; and three brothers, Howard Fulsher, Robert Fulsher and George (Ed) Fulsher.

Visitation is at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln on Wednesday, Dec. 11 from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at 1 p.m. The Rev. Arie Van Brenk will officiate. Burial will be in Mt. Joy Cemetery, Haynes Township. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Humane Society or to the Mikado Goodfellows.

# Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,  
Thank you so very much to the neighbors and folks on south Poor Farm and Everett roads who watched for and found my lost dogs, Sadie and Nekah, between December 1 to the December 6. A huge thanks to everyone who helped.

Louella Byelich  
Harrisville

To the Editor,  
Am I blind or is my Alcona math really bad? Did I read correctly in the Alpena News on December 5? I am referring to the business news of the board of commissioners meeting in Alcona County. That article stated that the board voted down a motion to buy a new color printer for \$7,000 but then voted to lease the same printer for \$150 per month for a period of 60 months.

My now antiquated Alcona High School math told me that 60 times \$150 equals \$9,000 and then after five years we give the printer back to its owner.

What am I missing? Or better yet, what am I seeing that is not really there?

Now, let us assume that under the lease agreement there would be free or reduced cost repairs during that five year period. So let us further assume that we could save \$200 per year in repairs. If leased that would reduce the cost to \$8,000 which is still a loss of \$1,000. Now here is the real kicker. A used printer at the end of five years has a value of maybe \$1,500 to \$2,000.

At the end of five years, under the lease program, we have no printer and now we have to buy or lease another one and we don't have the used printer to use as a trade-in.

Is it any wonder that this kind of thinking has put us in such a financial bind? Didn't we see bad judgment and poor oversight lead us to huge financial issues just a few years ago?

Why don't we knock off the paid health insurance for those that attend a few meetings a month? That would be fiscally responsible. Then we could discuss needed taxes.

Don Franklin  
Harrisville

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# Calendar of Events



## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

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. Bring a box or bag. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet for lunch at the Alcona Brew Haus in Harrisville at noon.

The Barton City Improvement Association will be judging Christmas decorations in Barton City at 6 p.m. Anyone who would like to help judge the decorations, meet at the fire hall at 6 p.m. For more information, call Arlene Cirillo at (989) 736-3294.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-32. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free. Handicap accessible. Call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-8600 for details.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church will host a potluck and prayer at 5 p.m. There will be a meal and a short advent service. The church is located at 745 North US-23, Harrisville. For more information, call Jeanne at (989) 724-5090.

A program "Celebrating 150 years of Great Lakes' Iconic Bulk Freighters" will be presented at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street in Alpena at 7 p.m. Free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call Stephanie Gandulla at (989) 884-6200.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

A holiday concert featuring the Alcona bands and choir will be held at 6 p.m. in the Alcona High School auditorium. The concert will feature holiday selections performed by the sixth-grade band, seventh-grade band, and the high school band and choir. There will also be a few small ensembles featured at the performance that performed at the District Solo and Ensemble Festival in Beaverton. Admission is free and open to the public.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Storytime and craft for children at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Community Christmas Celebration at Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23), at 7 p.m. Musical performances by Kim Casey, Laura Frawley, Lisa Keyser, the children's choir and the church choir. Bring the kids to hear the Christmas story. Light refreshments will be served.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

The Alcona Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23).

There will be a Christmas cookie sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Glennie United Methodist Church on M-65 next to the post office in Glennie. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women.

Annual Christmas Live Nativity at Family Heritage Baptist Church, 4260 M-72, Harrisville, performing one night only from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Twenty-minute tours on the half hour. For more information, call (989) 335-8282.

Alcona County Commission On Aging (ACCOA) Christmas Craft Show and Bake Sale at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Dean Arbour Ford of Tawas and the Iosco Animal Shelter are hosting the 10<sup>th</sup> annual Santa Pics with Pets from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be a \$5 charge per picture. Pet buffet table and adoptable pets. All proceeds go to the Iosco County Animal Shelter.

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

A Christmas concert featuring the Alcona Community Choir, the Sunrise Ringers, the Alcona High School Choir and others, will be held at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23) at 7 p.m.

A Kids Christmas Party will be held at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be gifts, food, and a visit from Santa. Call (989) 736-3050 for details.

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 16

All ladies are invited to play bunco at 2:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. Beginners are encouraged to participate.

White Pine Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. Join them for fellowship, inspiration and quilting ideas. Call Joanne at (989) 255-7880 for details.

Ukulele jam sessions for all ages and levels at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 2 to 4 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Individuals whose lives are affected by depression or another mental health condition are welcome to attend Fresh Hope, a Christian-based support group for those with mental health challenges. Loved ones are also welcome. Meetings are from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Old Stone Church on the corner of Shaw and Poor Farm roads, Harrisville. For more information, contact Claire at (989) 724-6665.

Knitting Klub and 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. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for December is "The Story of Arthur Tulu" by Elizabeth Berg. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 18

Homeschoolers at the library - children of all ages are invited for a fun and educational activity at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 1 p.m. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

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## CryptoQuip answer

In famously playing a cross-dressing soap opera actor, Dustin Hoffman had a Tootsie role.

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 during the interruption of  
 my hunting season.**  
**Al Scully**



## Local Notes



### Christmas Celebration

On Friday, Dec. 13 at 7 p.m., the Harrisville United Methodist Church will present the 6th Annual Community Christmas Celebration. Everyone is welcome to listen to music of the season, performed by Lisa Keyser, Laura Frawley, and Kim Casey, George Redlawsk on trumpet and Susan Armstrong will accompany the children's choir. Some well-loved songs will be performed. Under the direction of Susan Armstrong, the Harrisville United Methodist Church Chancel Choir will be singing "Glory to the New-born King" Cantata. And there will be a reading of the Christmas Story. Light refreshments will follow the concert.

### Senior Menu

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at the United Methodist Church and at 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. No reservations are required at the Lincoln Senior Center, however call (989) 736-8879 by 7 a.m. for meals served in Glennie. No membership is required. Suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, Dec. 14—Hamburger Stroganoff, California blend vegetables, orange fluff salad, and milk.
- Tuesday, Dec. 15—Baked

ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, dinner rolls, cheesecake with cherries, and milk.

- Wednesday, Dec. 16—Fish almandine, baked potato, carrots, berry blend, wheat bread, and milk.

- Thursday, Dec. 17—Pot roast, mashed potatoes, brown gravy, California blend vegetables, flavored applesauce, and milk.

- Friday, Dec. 18—Chicken and noodles, peas and carrots, tossed salad, diced pears, wheat bread, and milk.

*(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

### Optometry Award

Kristina Gibson of Harrisville Eye Care was presented with the Gold Standard Award in patient service at the State Wide Optometry meeting in Lansing, Mich. on December 4. The award was presented to Gibson for being the top performer in patient service among all 44 attending offices. The award was based on the conference coordinators making secret shopper calls to all 44 offices. The coordinators tested each office by scheduling an appointment and rating each on a strict set of criteria for excellence.



Kristina Gibson

### Opportunities for Grants

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for the winter 2020 grant cycles of its Community Impact and Youth Advisory Council (YAC) grants. The deadline for both grant opportunities is January 15, 2020. All nonprofit agencies with a 501(c)(3) IRS designation, schools, churches (for nonreligious purposes) and government agencies in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties are invited to apply.

Community Impact Grants are for a broad range of projects and programs. The maximum grant request amount is \$5,000.

Youth Advisory Council Grants are for projects benefiting youth under the age of 18. The maximum request amount for YAC Grants is \$2,500. Any applicant requesting more than \$500 will be required to give a presentation on their project to the Northeast Michigan YAC.

Applications are available at cfnem.org where they may be completed online and submitted via email or printed for

completion. If applications are mailed, they must be post-marked by the January 15 grant deadline date and sent to the CFNEM office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena, MI 49707. Applicants may also call the Community Foundation office for more information at (877) 354-6881.

### Christmas Tree Ship

Hear about the tragic voyage of a schooner bound for Chicago, Ill. with Christmas trees on board for the Sanctuary Cinema Series "Chicago's Christmas Tree Ship" on December 20 at 7 p.m. (doors open at 6:30 p.m.) at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street, Alpena.

Tens of thousands of sailing and steam vessels have plied the Great Lakes, driving



Rouse Simmons

America's economy forward. Yet every ship is a world unto itself, with a history—and sometimes a legacy—all its own. In late November 1912, the schooner Rouse Simmons departed Michigan's Upper Peninsula, bound for Chicago, Ill., with a load of 5,000 Christmas trees. It was the final trip of the season and the ship's cargo and well-known captain were much anticipated on the Chicago waterfront. For decades the 44-year old workhorse schooner had made that same 300-mile voyage. Captain Herman Schuenemann sold his trees directly to the public, cutting out the middleman, and endearing both his schooner and himself to the working class residents who bought his trees dockside.

But this voyage would be its last, as the ship succumbed to a Lake Michigan snow storm and sank with all hands off Two Rivers, Wisc. Today, the wooden schooner lies upright and intact in 165 feet of water. Many Christmas trees are still piled in its hold. This is a free event and open to everyone.

### Annual Community Show

This year the Shoreline Players Youth Drama Association (SPYDA) will present an original play, "The Greatest Christmas Show Ever," written by Alyssa Ratajczak, a member of SPYDA and the student director of the production. The master of ceremony will be J.D. Hock and the show will also include the vocal stylings of Matt Cleary, Parker Cleary, Tim Curtis, Marta Hill, Nicole Markey, Jillian McCoy, Victoria Neiser, Cher Nentwig, and Ratajczak. A choral group, including several of the performers from the Players recent production of "Hats Off to Broadway

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# Lady Tigers face Alpena in season opener

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity girls basketball team had a tough task in its season opener last Thursday, playing at Alpena, a class 'A' school. The Lady Tigers certainly gave the Lady Wildcats a run for their money but ended up falling 58-42.

"It is a tough task to play at Alpena for our first game, but our kids didn't back down and hung with them for quite awhile," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "Their press bothered us a little more than it should have and there were a few times we didn't get back on defense the way we are supposed to, but for the first game we will take it and move

on to North Star League play."

The game was knotted up at 11-apiece after the first quarter, though the Lady Tigers were able to take a 24-19 lead in the second quarter on a three-pointer by Megan Grove.

The Lady Wildcats ended the half on a 10-2 run and pulled ahead 29-26 at the break. Alpena pushed its lead to 10 points in the third quarter, though Alcona was able to pull within 44-40 early in the fourth. The Lady Tigers only netted two more points the rest of the way however, as Alpena finished the game on a 14-2 run.

"There was a stretch at the end of the first half and the

beginning of the third quarter where we let them get on a run, and that cost us," Feldhiser said. "Overall, I was pleased with our effort. We had good balance, with some nice contributions from girls coming off the bench."

The Lady Tigers were led by Megan Grove with 11 points. Kelsey Hansen, Karen Sharboneau and Caroline Forsythe had six points apiece.

Alcona (0-1 overall) was at Posen on Tuesday; hosts Tawas on Friday, Dec. 13; heads to Whittemore-Prescott on Tuesday, Dec. 17; and travels to Grayling on Thursday, Dec. 19.

## Free fishing weekend in February

The 2020 Winter Free Fishing Weekend – February 15 and February 16 – provides a time to get more individuals and families out to try the sport of ice fishing.

As part of this weekend, all fishing license fees are waived for the two days with residents and out-of-state visitors allowed to enjoy fishing on all waters for all species during their respective open seasons. *(All regulations still apply during that time.)*

To encourage involvement in the 2020 Winter Free Fishing Weekend, organized activities are often offered in communities across the state. These activities are coordinated by constituent groups, schools, parks (local/state), businesses and others.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has compiled numerous resources to help plan and ex-

### Northeast Michigan

# Fishing Report



ecute an event. Visit Michigan.gov/FreeFishing and look through the Free Fishing Weekend Event Planning e-Toolkit.

#### Northeast Lower Peninsula December 4

• Thunder Bay River: Fishing has been slow. Anglers this time of year target Atlantic salmon or steelhead. The whitefish are normally targeted off the bridge. Most were fishing below the 9th Street Dam, however shore anglers

trying for Atlantic salmon could be found at LaMarre Park which is downstream of the 9th Street Bridge. Wall-eye anglers may find a few fish as well.

• Oscoda: Pier anglers looking for walleye were casting body baits early or late. For whitefish, try casting small spoons or jigging.

• AuSable River: Those casting spoons and spinners or drifting spawn caught the occasional Atlantic salmon or steelhead.

• Houghton Lake: Any ice on the lake is not safe. Ice anglers will have to wait a little longer. Those fishing open water at the Reedsburg Dam were still getting a few crappie.



Lillian Bigham, 75, of Lincoln, harvested this eight-point buck on November 16 at the family hunting camp outside Harrisville. She has been hunting for four years and this is her first buck. *Courtesy photo.*

### Advertise in Senior Lifestyles

Any business which provides services and goods to enhance, promote and support Senior Lifestyles is encouraged to contact the Alcona County Review for the most affordable print advertising in three counties

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### PUBLIC HEARING

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the FY 2020 Non-General Fund Budget on December 18, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners meeting room on the lower level of the Alcona County Building in Harrisville. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Alcona County Clerk's Office.

### BIDS WANTED

Harrisville City & Township Fire Department is requesting bids for fifteen (15) new, fitted sets of NFPA, OSHA Compliant Fire Bunker Gear. This to include, but not limited to, Head Protection (Helmet), Coat, Trousers (Pants), Boots, Nomex Hood and Gloves. Harrisville City Township Fire Department reserves the right to refuse any or all bids. All Bids are to be in no later than 12:00 PM (noon) December 20<sup>th</sup> 2019.

Return bids to harrisville1905@hotmail.com, or City of Harrisville 200 N. Fifth St., P.O. Box 278, Harrisville, MI 48740. Contact city office at 989-724-6666 Monday-Friday, 9:00 AM-12:00 noon for further questions. Thank You!

12/11 & 12/18

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The **Harrisville Branch** (312 W Main St, Harrisville) of the Alcona County Library will be closed Monday December 9, 2019 to Friday December 20, 2019 for repairs. *During this time the **Lincoln Branch** (330 Traverse Bay Rd, Lincoln) will have extended hours Monday-Friday 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.* The Alcona County Library and its staff regret any inconvenience this may cause to our patrons. If you have questions or concerns, please call us at 989-724-6796.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

## IOSCO COUNTY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS SECOND SEMESTER 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR SCHOOLS OF CHOICE OPENINGS

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8	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
9	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
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12	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

The above-identified Iosco County Public Schools will now accept applications for enrollment from nonresident pupils for the second semester of the 2019-20 school year. Applications are now available.

Completed applications for unlimited or limited student enrollment in Tawas Area Schools or unlimited enrollment in Oscoda Area Schools and Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools will be accepted, December 30, 2019 through January 17, 2020.

To obtain an application, contact the superintendent's office in the Schools of Choice district.

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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## How to manage a loved one's social media afterlife

Dear Savvy Senior,  
How do I go about changing or canceling a person's social media accounts when they die? My sister passed away several months ago and her social media accounts are still active.

Inquiring Sister

Dear Inquiring,  
I'm sorry for your loss. This a question that's become more frequent in recent years as most Americans have participated on some type of social media platform. Here's a run-down of how you can change or cancel some different social media accounts after a loved one dies.

### Facebook

Let's start with the biggest and most frequently used social media platform on the Web today. When someone with a Facebook profile dies, there are two different things someone with authority over their account can do. You can either "memorialize" it or "delete" it.

A memorialized account serves as a place where friends

and family can share stories, photos or memories to celebrate the deceased person's life, with the word "Remembering" shown next to the deceased person's name. Once an account is memorialized, content the person shared is still visible on Facebook to the audience it was originally shared with, however, the user's profile will not show up in public spaces such as people you may know, ads or birthday reminders.

If you don't wish to memorialize your sister's profile, you can also have her account permanently deleted from Facebook.

Facebook allows users (when they're alive) to choose a "legacy contact," which is a person chosen to look after their account once they've passed away, or users can request to have their account permanently deleted after they die. (To do either of these tasks, click on "Settings" on the top right of Facebook, then click on "General" on the left-side menu and then on "Manage Account.")

If your sister didn't set up a legacy contact before she passed, you can submit a memorialization request at Facebook.com/help - type in "How do I report a deceased person on Facebook that needs to be memorialized?" in the search bar. You'll be asked to provide proof of death by providing a copy of either an obituary, death certificate or memorial card.

Or, if you would rather have her account deleted go to Facebook.com/help, and type in "How do I request the removal of a deceased family member's Facebook account?" This also requires proof of death plus verification that you're an immediate family member or executor of the account holder.

### Instagram

Instagram's policy on a deceased users' account is similar to its parent company, Facebook. A deceased users' account can either be memorialized or removed, which you can request at Help.Instagram.com/2641-54560391256.



Savvy Senior

Like Facebook, to memorialize an Instagram account requires proof of death, but to remove an account you'll also need to provide verification that you're an immediate family member.

### Twitter

If your sister was a Twitter user, Twitter will work with anyone who is authorized to act on behalf of her estate, or with a verified immediate family member to have an account deactivated. To request the removal of your sister's account, go to Help.Twitter.com/forms/privacy.

After you submit your request, Twitter will email you with instructions for providing more details, including

information about the deceased, a copy of your ID, and a copy of the deceased's death certificate.

### LinkedIn

If your sister also had a LinkedIn profile, the only option is to delete her account. To request this, see LinkedIn.com/help/linkedin/ask/ts-rdmlp. You'll need to provide her name and URL to her LinkedIn profile; the relationship you have to her; her email address; date she passed away; link to an obituary; and company she most recently worked for.

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it could help build a ramp to make John's life easier.

"The Lions were afraid it would take them too long to build a ramp and asked John to check and see what the VA could do for him, hearing that route would take much less time.

"They were right. The day after meeting Tony, John had an evaluation appointment with a physical therapist and within two weeks of that they came and put in a new metal ramp and grab bars for him in the bath area. I've been worried about John falling. Tony helped to lift a huge burden off our shoulders," Bonnie said.

She explained Atkinson thought of things they never would have thought about such as the grab bars and a wheelchair for when he is feeling too weak to walk.

"We were surprised everything was expedited so fast. We talked to Tony for an hour. I learned more at that appointment than I have in all the years I've been up here. Tony was great, very personable and easy to talk to," John said.

John was very happy with the way the ramp was brought in and installed and that it has a guarantee against damage, and if it is, it will be replaced. He also took comfort by the fact that if anything happened to him, and Bonnie found the ramp useful, it would stay in place for her for as long as she needed it.

Ruth Goldman said Atkinson's knowledge and expertise were exactly what she needed after the passing of her husband, Roger, last February. Roger was also exposed to Agent Orange. His death left Goldman with a mountain of paperwork to turn in to VA to receive widow's benefits.

"I was at my wit's end. I was still grieving and in shock and I had to get this paperwork done. Tony would tell me it was all going to be okay and worked with me. He calmed me down. He'd have me fill out the forms and then go over them with me before they were sent in, just to make sure everything was done right. I give him so much credit. It still took two months to process, but we got it done," Goldman said.

Another service Atkinson is proud to explain is the new CaptionCall phone systems they are placing in homes of hearing-impaired veterans. "Many of these vets worked around loud noises like plane engines or artillery fire and are suffering significant hearing loss. This phone will enhance their lives by digitally printing everything people calling them are saying," Atkinson said. He demonstrated how the type is written out on a fairly good-sized screen about the size of a tablet on the phone base.

Greg Anderson, a veteran who served in the Air Force performing transportation of equipment on planes, has lost almost all hearing in his right ear and has diminished hearing in his left ear. He recently



(From left) Bonnie Baker (with her dog Sparky) and John Baker, a Vietnam Veteran, stand with James Pangonis, Alcona County Veteran Board trustee; Tony Atkinson, Alcona County Veteran Service Counselor; and James "Mac" McCormick, Alcona County Veteran Board trustee, on the new metal handicap ramp that Veterans Affairs recently had installed at the Baker's home. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

received a CaptionCall phone after Atkinson told him about it. Anderson said the new phone has improved his life immensely.

"It shows what the caller is saying on a screen almost instantly after it is said, it saves the calls for me if I want to keep the (callers) conversation. It also tells me who the caller is and keeps a phone book of numbers for me I can access by touch. Because of my hearing loss, I would not have been able to carry on a phone conversation, but this phone makes it very easy to do that. I wouldn't have known about this had it not been for Tony," Anderson said.

He also stated that Atkinson goes above and beyond for the people in Alcona County. For too long veterans have not been treated the way they should. "Tony is great, he's still helping me to get as many benefits as I can due to my hearing loss. He's very helpful, he will stay in his office as late as 8 or 9 p.m. to see people. He travels around all over the county, out to Glennie, Curran, and Black River to see veterans. He's a good guy," Anderson said.

To inquire about many other veteran services available, contact Atkinson by phone (989) 724-3242 for an appointment. The Alcona County Veterans Service Office can be found on the up-

per floor, north end of the Alcona County Court House, 106 5th Street in Harrisville, west of US-23, north off M-72.

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Our traditional nativity scene went on display Sunday, November 24, along with the lighting of the giant Christmas tree on the opposite corner.

**1.** No child without a Christmas. This event covers children from ages one to 10, who will be visited by Santa Claus on Christmas Eve. We need the help of parents and grandparents to make sure these children get on Santa's list.

**2.** We also distribute a basket of fruit to senior citizens on the Sunday before Christmas.

**3.** Although the other activities are not just related to the holiday season. We keep our ears open for those in the community that are in need.

Our geographical area for the Harrisville Goodfellows covers the City of Harrisville, Harrisville Township and the southern half of Haynes Township.

To accomplish these events, we need the assistance of our residents and local businesses to financially assist us. This can be done by filling out a "Buck Card" with a donation to the Harrisville Goodfellows. "Buck Cards" are found at local businesses, or you can send in a donation using the form at the bottom of this notice.

Residents in our area can contact us if they know of any elderly folks in our community we can wish a Merry Christmas with a fruit basket or have children that need to be visited by Santa Claus. This can be accomplished by calling one of these numbers to update our needed lists, 724-5077, 724-5420 or 724-9910.

Our Santa Claus will begin arriving at the residents beginning at 6 p.m., so we ask folks to have a porch light on and family dogs secured. If you are not going to be in the area on Christmas Eve please call and let us know.

The seniors will start receiving their fruit baskets and some meals to those who get them beginning around noon on the Sunday before Christmas. If the residents are not going to be home please notify us so other arrangements can be made.

Thank you for your help and support and enjoy a very Merry Christmas from the Harrisville Goodfellows.



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The Village of Lincoln Planning Commission will hold 2 public hearings on Monday, January 13, 2020. Beginning at 5:30 PM, the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the Grease Trap Ordinance in Restaurants, which will amend the Village Zoning Ordinance. The second public hearing will be held at 5:45 PM regarding the 2020 Village of Lincoln Parks and Recreation Plan. The hearings will be held at the Village Hall located at: 114 W. Fiske Street, Lincoln, MI. Copies are available for Public Review at the following locations:

1. Village Web Site [www.lincolnmichigan.com](http://www.lincolnmichigan.com)
2. The Lincoln Branch of the Alcona County Public Library
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# Santa Comes to Lincoln



The Lincoln Train Depot is lit up for Santa and his visitors. *Photos by Cheryl Peterson.*



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Members of Alcona High School's choir sing several Christmas songs at the beginning of the evening. The choir is under the direction of Emma Pendergrass (seated at keyboard). A holiday concert featuring the Alcona bands and choir will be held on Thursday, Dec. 12 at 6 p.m. in the Alcona High School auditorium. The concert will feature holiday selections performed by the sixth-grade band, seventh-grade band, and the high school band and choir. There will also be a few small ensembles featured at the performance that performed at the District Solo and Ensemble Festival. Admission is free and open to the public.





A bevy of crafts, mostly by local artisans, are being sold at Maria Hall during Christmas in the Village.



Britt Pierce (left) of Harrisville took time at Christmas in the Village in Harrisville to give McKenzie Nolan, 4, of Greenbush an up-close meet and greet with Doc and George the two Percherons owned and driven by Dan Kirschner. The horse-drawn carriage rides have become a staple for all children attending the annual event.



Geni Kirk, 7, of Greenbush gets a little help on her craft by Shalonda Gray, Alcona County Library Children's Clerk, during Christmas in the Village last Saturday. Photos by Mary Weber.



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hour exam he had to take in Nevada, which the county paid for. "I had to take that test in order to get my government identification. It was stressful and goes over the veteran's rules and laws. The county has invested a lot of money in me and then to not be able to continue what we are doing is a waste of time and money," Atkinson said.

In addition to obtaining his government identification accreditation, Atkinson must spend a minimum of 16 continuing education hours per year. He said because of all the forms and changes in procedure and regulation rules, continuing education always exceeds the minimum hours.

Atkinson and the board go to extreme measures to make sure veterans of Alcona County are getting the services they need. Some examples of what Atkinson has done to help local veterans -- extending office hours to meet with a veteran, going into the woods to talk to homeless veterans, purchasing clothing, food and gas cards for veterans, providing transportation funds or driving the veteran in a borrowed van.

Helping veterans doesn't stop with Atkinson, board members give of their time and sometimes services are paid out off board members' pockets. For the first time this year, because of the generosity of the community and the veteran's board, they have been able to offer holiday food baskets to needy veterans.

"Whatever is needed we try and help out the best we can. A veteran might need a hot water heater, a roof repaired, help with heating or electric bills, we do whatever we can

to help them," Smylie said.

Atkinson explained there were many services the Veteran Affairs (VA) will pay for, but it depends on the veteran on whether they qualify for service. To qualify, veterans must have with either a service-connected illness and services are income-based.

For those who don't qualify, Atkinson does what he can to be a "one-stop-shop" for them and reaches out to other organizations such as the Department of Health and Human Services and St. Vincent de Paul.

"There is a lot we can do for veterans if we had more funding. Oscoda County has 980 veterans and an operating millage of \$134,000 per year. They provide transportation services for their veterans because they can set \$25,000 aside to reimburse volunteer drivers at 58 cents per mile. That's a program I would love to see here in Alcona County. It's really needed here. If we could get a millage, we could do this," Atkinson said.

Smylie explained since this is one of the poorest counties in the state it also means there are a lot of poor veterans living here. "The VA recognizes 1,500 veterans to be

living in the county, that's 12 percent of our population, then add in their spouses and children, that's a lot of people and that's just the ones we know about," Smylie said.

According to Smylie, many veterans have become so agitated by trying to filter through the red tape and mountains of paperwork, they want nothing more to do with VA. "Fortunately, that's what Tony is trained to do. He can help them get through the paperwork," Smylie said.

Atkinson agreed and wants all veterans to come in and register because grants are based on how many veterans are in the county and qualifications and services change and there may be things they qualify for and don't know it, "The VA won't just give services, the veteran needs to ask for it. Every year our county is getting more veterans seeking homes in Alcona County. They are moving here to work at the base in Oscoda.

"They like the area; they can fish and hunt here. It is a great place to live. We want them to have the quality of life they deserve, but if they can't get the benefits, they will go somewhere else to live," Atkinson said.

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tions joined in for the first time this year.

Heraghty said revealing the total in person on December 6 with the nonprofits is exciting for everyone because the numbers shown on the website doesn't capture the entire story.

The Alpena County Animal Facility for raised the most funds (\$18,328) during the 24-hour giving event. Funds raised on Giving Tuesday will help the organization renovate a recently secured building, helping the shelter to be able to open sooner.

"Every donation received on behalf of these great organizations this week is a success story; of generosity and caring in northeast Michi-

gan," said Heraghty. "Seeing people show up in such a huge way to support the nonprofits doing incredible work in northeast Michigan is something each person who gave should take pride in, knowing they've made a difference in their community."

Heraghty also noted that the Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan movement has a ripple effect, with many organizations reporting donations given prior to and after the event, all in the spirit of Giving Tuesday. Those totals are not included in CFNEM's overall count, but Heraghty said the number easily eclipses an additional \$30,000.

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# Calendar of Events



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 rrisville. All veterans are welcome.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-32. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free. Handicap accessible. Call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-8600 for details.

St. Andrews Episcopal Church will host a potluck and prayer at 5 p.m. There will be a meal and a short Advent service. The church is located at 745 North US-23, Harrisville. For more information, call Jeanne at (989) 724-5090.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20**  
 Storytime and craft for children at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22**  
 Sunrise Side Strummers ukulele jam session from 2 to 4 p.m. at Wiltse's Brew Pub,

5606 North F-41 in Oscoda. All levels of ukulele players are welcome. Family and friends are encouraged to come and sing along. There is a \$1 donation to defray costs. For more information, call Paula at (989) 724-5080.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23**  
 Children and teens ages eight to 18 are invited to create a spectacular gingerbread house at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 12:30 to 2 p.m. All materials provided free. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26**  
 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. Bring a box or bag. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27**  
 Storytime and craft for children at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 30**  
 Ukulele jam sessions for all ages and levels at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 2 to 4 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

*(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The Deadline is Friday at noon. 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.)*

## Local Notes

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II" along with some new friends, will sing a few numbers. There will be magic performed by Mike Maturen, a Christmas reading by Robert Diener and, of course, the amazing holiday light show. The show is produced by Sue Miller.

The Shoreline Players 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Community Christmas Show will be Friday, Dec. 13 and Saturday, Dec. 14 at 7p.m. at the Shoreline Players Theater. Doors will open at 6:40 p.m. and, as in the past, there will be general seating with no admission cost but a free will offering will be collected to support SPYDA program. Concessions will be available. The theater is located next to the Robert Parks Library on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base in Oscoda. For more information about this show or any upcoming Shoreline events go to [www.shorelineplayers.org](http://www.shorelineplayers.org) or call (989) 739-3586.

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4. Cattle
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 Hubbard Lake Rd.,  
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# Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



## Wounded in action

**December 14, 1944** ~ The family of Hubert Ferguson of Harrisville, received word Saturday evening that he had been seriously wounded in action on November 26th. Hubert, according to the word, was in a hospital somewhere in France.

• Hector LaLonde, son of Mr. and Mrs. John LaLonde of Black River arrived home Saturday for a few days furlough. Hector was wounded in battle in Normandy in August. He received a gun shot in his right arm. The arm is still in a cast. He has to report back to the hospital at Denver, Colorado.

• Mr. and Mrs. Milton Warren received word Tuesday that their son, Milton, Jr., had been slightly wounded. The last letter his parents had received was written November 11, stating that he was in Belgium enroute to the front. He was wounded November 20th.

## Fox hunter blows hole through arm

While Hunting.  
Harry Dildine Victim of Own Carelessness

**December 11, 1919** ~ Harry Dildine shot himself through the right forearm Tuesday while hunting foxes with a companion on the plains west of Mikado. The charge of No. 6 shot cut a hole two inches wide through the arm about four inches above the wrist and shattered the small bone.

Dildine says the accident was due to his own carelessness. He stood with his foot raised and resting on a log. In this position he rested the butt of his double-barrelled gun on the log, the barrel held loosely in his hand. The gun slipped and Dildine grabbed for it but missed. The hammers struck the log as the gun fell, and one barrel was discharged with the above result.

Dildine was four miles west of Harry Wisser's farm when he was shot and walked there with his companion. All the horses were away when he reached Wisser's and it was seven o'clock that night before he finally got to the hospital here, where Dr. Filler dressed the wound.

Super Crossword

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## Harbor project completed; city awaits funds from state

**December 14, 1994** ~ The City of Harrisville is waiting for its ship to come in.

Specifically, a Michigan ship with a cargo of greenbacks to finance the state's 50% share of the harbor breakwall extension project. The project has been completed and while the city is holding the \$148,444.19 bill - a portion of which it has already paid - it's still awaiting the state's funds.

The final payment of \$101,637 to Glawe, the Rogers City firm which did the breakwall construction, was approved by the Harrisville City Council on Monday night, but the action was contingent upon receiving payment from the state. "The city actually doesn't have the money to pay this," City Clerk Mary Lou Webb told the council.

A first payment of about \$46,000 was made to the firm in November, with the harbor commission funding \$40,000 and the city contributing the rest. The harbor commission is funding the entire city share of the project through a \$40,000 contribution from its revenues from operation of the harbor, and the rest from a 5-year loan from the city, to be repaid from operating revenues. The cost of the project

came in at about \$30,000 less than anticipated.

In related business, the city acknowledged a donation of \$1,500 from city resident Joe Miller, who contributed the money to be used for a beautification project at the foot of Main Street. The project includes extension of the culvert pipe into the lake, roped pilings, benches, a grassy area, and a sloping rock shoreline.

Also, on the recommend action of Mayor Ed Gall, the council decided to procure and install signs warning people to stay off on the new breakwall extension. Earlier this year, the city passed an ordinance forbidding access to the breakwall.

In other business, the council approved 4-1, with Crick opposed and Hampton absent, an amendment to the city zoning ordinance which increases the number of recreational vehicles residents can store in their yard, and specifies that they must be in their back yards. "The planning commission felt that we were going to have some real enforcement problems," said Mayor Gall. "We'd be forcing people to store vehicles somewhere else, and actually there is no storage place in the city of Harrisville."

As our attorney told us, if we eliminate something, we have to provide an alternative," he added.

## Personal mention

**December 13, 1894** ~ A wild eyed, despairing, very boozy man came in on the stage Monday noon direct from Alpena. "What in— did I strike this town for?" He was heard to say sotto voice. The gentleman acted much like a lamb led to the slaughter; he seemed to be carrying a mental load that would drive any sane man straight to Kalamazac or the delirious tremendous.

He had been collecting for the recently published illustrated history of the Huron Shore, price \$21, and it's little wonder he took to boozing to drown his sorrow. He bought a ticket at Alpena for Chicago, but when he reached West Harrisville the craving for drink drove him out and he came to Harrisville as the next best place to Chicago and struck an acquaintance for the loan of a quarter. He is a bright, agreeable man in his sober moments and it was really pitiable to see him so intoxicated.

## Alcona Tigerettes lose opening game

**December 11, 1969** ~ On December 3rd, the Alcona High School Tigerettes opened their 1969-1970 basketball season by suffering defeat at the hands of a strong well-balanced Whittemore-Prescott team.

The visiting Cardinals jumped into a 12 - 6 quarter lead and never were headed. The Cards paced by Cindy Erickson and Barb Britt, took a 21 - 11 halftime lead and added to their margin in the second half, to win 41 - 24.

The Alcona girls had six players in the scoring column. KiAnn Kruttlin led the attack with eight, Mary Somers and Mary Sysak added five apiece. Kris Frederick with three. Sandy Goddard with two, and Sherry Kleve with one from the charity stripe, rounded out the scoring.

Defensively, Sue Frederick and Lynn Schroeder led the team, with Sue pulling down nine rebounds.

In the preliminary game, the junior varsity team playing its first game for Alcona, dropped an 18 - 8 decision. Kris Benghauser scored seven and Barb Conklin chipped in one for the local girls.

Last night the Tigerettes hosted AuGres. The Tigerettes travel to Roscommon on December 17.

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## Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2019

### Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
December 1	33	30	0.39	19.6	35	E
December 2	32	24	0.03	9.7	34	NNE
December 3	31	20	0.00	3.1	13	SSW
December 4	34	27	0.00	1.4	16	WSW
December 5	32	27	0.01	1.8	15	N
December 6	32	16	0.19	3.9	25	N
December 7	30	13	0.00	4.5	22	SSW

**Precipitation Summary (Inches)**

2019-2020 Season

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.62	6.3	0.42
December to Date	0.62	6.3	0.42
Year/Season to Date	22.22	20.7	26.99

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.)



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## VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included president Phillips, treasurer Hussain, clerk Somers and council members Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers, and Zielinski. Wambold was absent. The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Mahalak with support from Somers. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Healy with support from Somers. Treasurer Hussain suggested budget amendments to village raised, equipment rental, general, major and local street funds. A motion was made by Mahalak, with support from Healy, to amend the budget per Holly's suggestions. Carried. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Healy with support from Mahalak. Carried. Committee reports were given. Mahalak gave a brief rundown of recent activities for the Friends of the Playground. Bake sale and Rada sales profited \$759.20 towards the well project. In order to review and pass the Recreation Plan we are moving the next regular monthly meeting to Tuesday, Jan. 14. The sched-

uled meeting for the planning committee will not be held in December as originally planned. Instead it will meet on Monday, Jan. 13, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the village hall. The RRC committee report was given by Healy. A motion was made by councilwoman Marsha Mahalak with support from councilwoman Amanda Zielinski to adopt the resolution to proceed with the Redevelopment Ready Communities program. A roll call vote was taken. Ayes: Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers and Zielinski. Nays: none. Absent: Wambold. The resolution follows: Resolution 19-7 Resolution to proceed with the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program of the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) Whereas, the Michigan Economic Development Corporation (MEDC) selected the Village of Lincoln as a community to participate in the Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) program; and, Whereas, the MDEC has developed a program for certifying Redevelopment Ready Communities and the Village of Lincoln desires to achieve certification by implementing best practices and recommended strategies for redevelopment; and,

Whereas, the Village of Lincoln includes within its boundaries properties that present opportunities for redevelopment; and, Whereas, the RRC program includes evaluating strong partnerships with village boards and commissions related to development including the Village Council, Planning Commission, and Downtown Development Authority; and, Whereas, after review of the RRC Report of Findings, the Village of Lincoln is willing to complete the tasks as outlined, which will involve interaction with the aforementioned village boards and commissions; Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the Village of Lincoln will proceed under the RRC program and will obtain certification as a Redevelopment Ready Community and receive assistance from the RRC program in promoting sites within the Community. Certification I, Linda K. Somers, Clerk of the Village of Lincoln, Mich., do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted on the 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December 2019. The meetings for the 2020 year were approved on a motion from Mahalak with support from Zielinski. Carried. Tuesday, Janu-

ary 14, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, Wednesday, Sept. 9, October 5, November 2 and December 7. A budget workshop will be held at 6 p.m. on February 10 at 6 p.m. All regular monthly meetings are held at the village hall at 7 p.m. The fire department report was given by president Phillips as Mike Serafin was absent. There have been 13 medical first responder runs and five fire runs within the past month. The department will be participating in the Santa is Coming to Town celebration on Friday, Dec. 6. The zoning report was also given by president Phillips as Zoning Administrator Troy Somers was also absent. Putsky gave the sewer report. Maintenance man Warren MacNeill gave his report of work being done in the village. Village Resident Jason Durham has been working with Warren doing sidewalk cleaning. The HR committee will meet on Monday, Dec. 9 to discuss issues of employment. President Phillips gave everyone a copy of her report for the month. Healy made a motion to adjourn with support from Zielinski. Carried. Linda K. Somers Village Clerk

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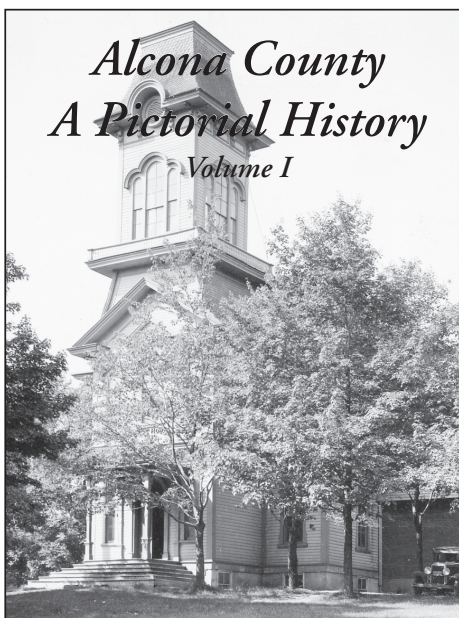
## LEGAL NOTICE

### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

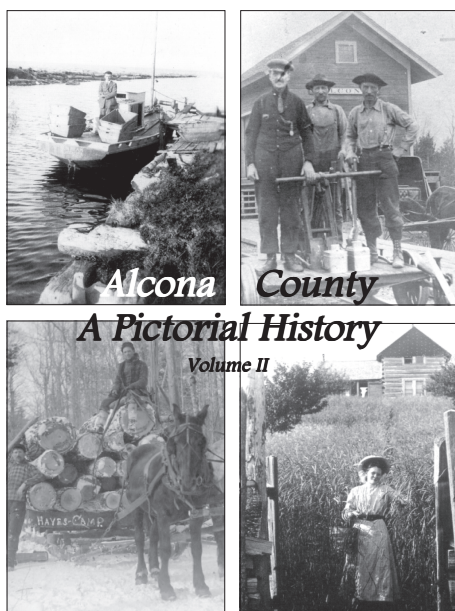
Notice is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on December 18, 2019. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Erik S. Johnson, a married man. Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns. Foreclosing assignee (if any): Midfirst Bank. Date of mortgage: December 22, 2015 Date of mortgage recording: December 29, 2015. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$118,618.50. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in township of Haynes, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: The west 1/2 of the west 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 34, Town 27 North, Range 9 East. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 20, 2019 Trott Law, P.C. 1401513

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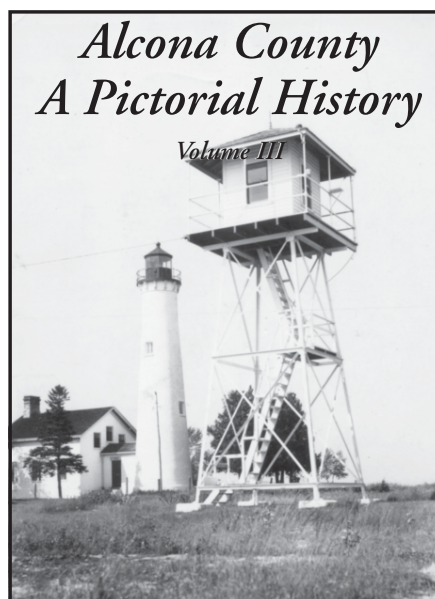
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The Hupcik brothers, Jase, 6 (left) and Grayson, 5, take a little time during the Mikado Goodfellows annual children's Christmas party to have some snowman fun. They are from Oscoda. Photo by Mary Weber.

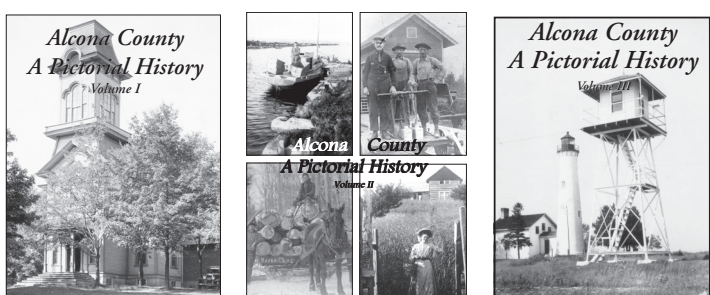
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