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Local Lions clubs give back to their communities

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Over a century ago, Lion's organizations began with an idea to create and foster a spirit of understanding among people of the world.

They work in many ways to help those in need. With over 1.4 million members, it is the largest service organization in the world. Members dedicate themselves to helping individuals to realize their full potential by overcoming handicaps such as blindness, hearing loss and more. They do this within their own communities, nationally and internationally.

Locally, three groups of sanctioned Lion's organizations exist within Alcona County, all with the same commitment to create uncommon kindness; the Harrisville Lions, the Lincoln Lions and the Glennie Lions.

The Harrisville Lions will be celebrating its 80th anniversary this June.

This all men's group, typically meets at the Red Rooster Restaurant in Greenbush twice a month through most of the year, scaling back its meetings to once a month during winter. There is also an unsanctioned Harrisville Lady Lions group, initially made up of many of the wives of the men's group.

Currently, the men's group has about 24 active members. They work together with the Lady Lions to put on one fund-raising event a year, the duck race at Mill Pond in Harrisville. This activity started nearly 30 years ago and runs the same day as the Fourth of July fireworks.

During the race, 3,000 to 4,000 plastic ducks are released into the water, each containing a number that corresponds with a ticket purchased. The ducks flow down the river to the mouth of Lake Huron where they are collected. The first 30 or so collected win prizes. Last year \$2,500 in prizes were given.

Since the men's group and the lady's group both do their share of selling tickets and the countless other duties involved, they split the proceeds from the race.

The men use the funds earned for many different causes including two \$1,000 scholarships to graduating seniors from Alcona High

School, glasses and eye care exams for people in need, Coats for Kids of Alcona Community Schools, and other local causes such as the annual Harrisville Fourth of July fireworks, and the Brock Dock at Harrisville State Park.

In addition to local causes, the group supports Lions International, Leader Dogs for the Blind and Eversight, an organization headquartered in Ann Arbor, Mich., which restores sight and prevents blindness through donation, transplantation and research.

John Rizzardi, Harrisville Lions president, said they meet mostly to get together and just socialize. "We do our meeting stuff and then we spend a little time just with the guys. In the past we've had golf outings. Now we just have a nice Christmas dinner party we put on each year and invite the Lady Lions to join us," Rizzardi said.

He explained that for many

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Alcona's Liz Henderson soars above the Tawas defense during Friday's home win. See page 7 for the story. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Robotics team attends state competition

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Combining science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) skills along with a lot of team cooperation and competitive fun allowed five students of Alcona Middle

School to attend a robotics state competition.

The Gotta Go Fast 13818 team which included five students of Rachel Somers STEM class -- Baylee Goddard, Jacob Renchenski, Jacob June, Garrett Somers and

Ricky Scott, were invited to attend the state competition at the Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Mich., after qualifying in a regional competition in Pellston, Mich., last month.

Out of the 72 teams competing at the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology (FIRST) state competition, the team Gotta Go Fast 13818 came in 25th. A solid finish for a team that had never been to such a big competition before.

"Gotta Go Fast 13818 represented our school and community with pride and learned with strong strategy and lots of practice, any team can compete," Somers said.

She explained she took 10 robots and 27 of the 62 students she taught in her STEM class since September, to the Pellston competition where 30 teams competed regionally.

Each year FIRST, an internationally recognized program which inspires students age six to 18, releases a new game in September with new challenges for the robots.

Somers and her students explained to the Alcona Community Schools Board of Education last week that this

year's game was called SkyStone. The objective of each team is to work with an alliance team during a timed competition in which two robots move plastic blocks, called "stones," quickly past a bridge and then stack them to earn points.

"Teams must scope out other teams at the competition to find an alliance team to work with. They look for other teams in which (to) help them achieve their goals. Gotta Go Fast is quick at grabbing the blocks and moving them from one point to the next, so they needed a team that is good at stacking the blocks and found the right team which helped them qualify for states," Somers said.

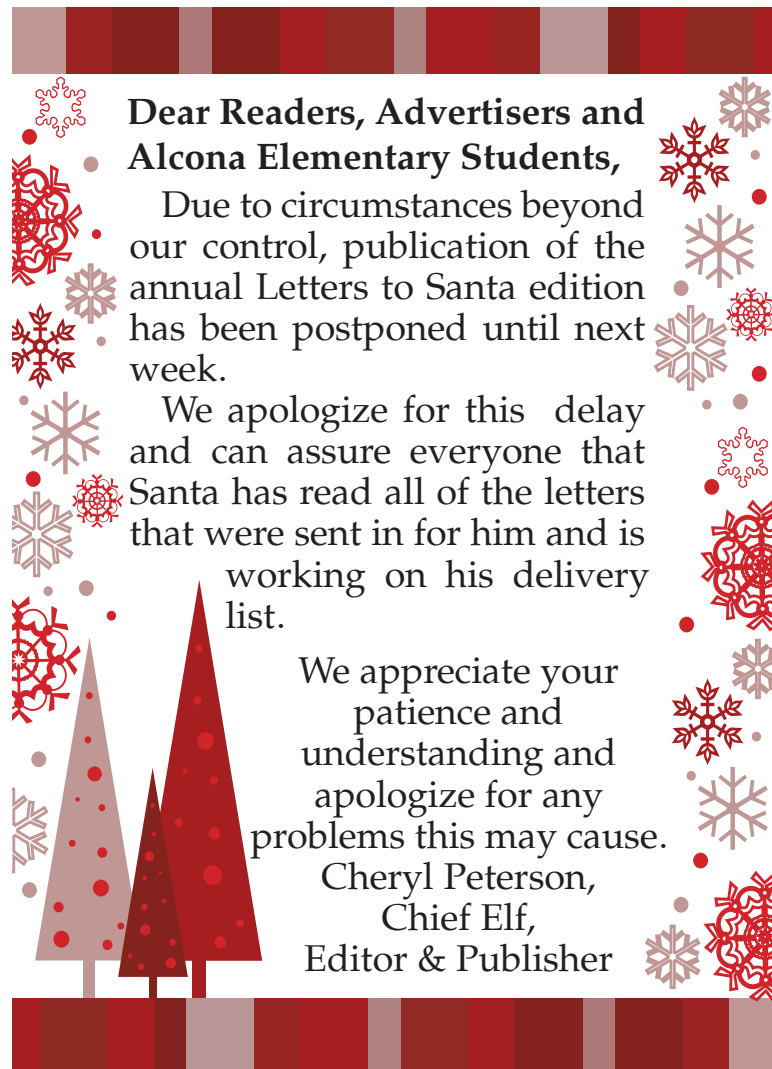
The team put on a short demonstration for the school board in which their robot ran the mandatory 30-second

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The Gotta Go Fast 13818 from Alcona Middle School is excited to attend the first state competition at Kellogg Arena in Battle Creek, Mich. The team placed 25th of the 72 teams competing statewide last weekend. (From left) Baylee Goddard, Jacob Renchenski, Jacob June, Garrett Somers and Ricky Scott. Courtesy photo.





Dear Readers, Advertisers and Alcona Elementary Students,

Due to circumstances beyond our control, publication of the annual Letters to Santa edition has been postponed until next week.

We apologize for this delay and can assure everyone that Santa has read all of the letters that were sent in for him and is working on his delivery list.

We appreciate your patience and understanding and apologize for any problems this may cause.

**Cheryl Peterson,
Chief Elf,
Editor & Publisher**

Asian carp eat almost anything

By Ray Garcia

Capital News Service

Plankton are the preferred food of silver and bighead Asian carp, two of the four main Asian carp species threatening to invade the Great Lakes.

It's a food source in decline in the carps' current breeding areas. But the fish are still finding lots to eat, making them a greater threat to extend their range, according to a recent study.

These carp eat algae, mussel excrement and many other non-living organic materials, according to a study by scientists at the University of Michigan and National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration. It appeared in the journal "Freshwater Biology."

The carp are also capable of fasting for long periods and traveling long distances, said Peter Alsip, a data analyst at the Cooperative Institute for Great Lakes Research in Ann Arbor, Mich. who led the study. The fish don't appear overly dependent on plankton and likely wouldn't suffer if it isn't around.

The carp prefer shallow water but can journey through deep water to find better areas for food and breeding. They are in the Illinois River, which leads to Lake Michigan through the Chicago area.

"These off-shore areas might just serve as migration corridors for the fish as they seek out these more food-rich waters," Alsip said.

Preventing the movement of the carp is crucial to keeping them from getting into the Great Lakes, where fishing is a \$7 billion-a-year industry. They could wreak havoc to the ecosystem, as the carp take food from native fish and other aquatic life, he said.

"When you consider the possibility that these fish can feed on different prey types and feed at different depth, that really re-enforces the importance of investing in prevention," Alsip said.

Obituary

Jodie L. Waibel

Jodie L. Waibel, 48, of Hubbard Lake, died on Monday, Dec. 2, 2019 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Mich.

She was born May 12, 1971 to George and Linda (Barton) Schroeder in Newberry, Mich.

Mrs. Waibel was a resident of Alcona County most of her life.

She was an excellent cook and was loved by anyone who met her. She had an affinity for animals and loved caring for them.

Mrs. Waibel is survived by two sons, Melvin Vliet of Tawas City and John Rickert of Monroe, Mich.; two grandchildren, Matthew Vliet and Annabelle Nolan; her mother, Linda Schroeder; three brothers, Joe Schroeder, Eric Schroeder and Billy Schroeder; and father figure, Donald Bartz.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John Waibel, and her father.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I'm writing this letter in response to the article in the Alpena News. It said as the funding had run out for the veterans counselor in Alcona County. The commissioners would have to cut the hours to one day per week. I would hope the commissioners could find the money to fund this position.

As a veteran myself, I know first-hand how hard Tony Atkinson works for the veterans. When I needed help, Tony

was there to help and if he didn't know the answer, he would find someone who did.

There are a lot of veterans that don't know what is available for them, if not for Tony. This is a service rep that works endlessly for the 12,000 veterans in your county.

So, vets remember your commissioners when it's time to vote. So, try to find some money to keep Tony Atkinson working for us vets.

Walter R. Wallen Jr.
Hubbard Lake

District Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in November.

- Leah Lorraine Wilder, 29, of Alpena was sentenced to eight days in jail, six months of probation and fines and costs of \$765 for attempted larceny from libraries.

- Joseph Lawrence Vitale, 41, of Monroe, Mich. was sentenced to fines and costs of \$715 for no insurance.

- Shawn Michael Oehring, 19, of Lachine, Mich. was sentenced to 35 days in jail and fines and costs of \$525 for operator's license suspended, revoked, denied and contempt of court.

- Chris Lee Strouse Jr., 31, of Saranac, Mich. was sentenced to 30 days in jail, six months of probation and \$1,005 in fines and costs for operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.

- Jeffery Allan Legstra, 26, of Greenbush was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation and \$1,840 in fines and costs for operating while visibly impaired.

- Joseph Frank Wojewodzic Jr., 64, of Glennie was sentenced to one day in jail, six months of probation and \$1,660 in fines and costs for operating while visibly impaired.

- Frederick Alan Myers, 57, of East Tawas was sentenced to \$200 in fines and costs for no valid license in possession.



The Garden Bug Christmas rose

This plant blooms in early winter in mild climates, and late winter or early spring where the soil freezes hard. Native to Europe and western Asia, this plant loves shade or dappled sun and moist soil. It ranges in many colors from white and cream to pink, rose, burgundy and light green. Amend the soil with plenty of organic matter, such as aged leaf mold and compost.

- Brenda Weaver Source: www.hgtv.com, www.whiteflowerfarm.com

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Calendar of Events



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. 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.

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

There will be a Christmas Sing Along at Glennie United Methodist Church at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be available. This event is sponsored by the Glennie United Methodist Church Outreach Team.

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

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.

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.

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.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

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.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

The Sunrise Ringers Bell Choir of Harrisville is seeking new members. Anyone who has wanted to ring handbells is encouraged to attend an organizational dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian in Harrisville. Attendees are asked to bring a potluck food item to share. Being able to read music is not a requirement. All bells and music are provided. For more information, contact Susan Haight at (248) 871-8710.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

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).

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

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.

(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.)

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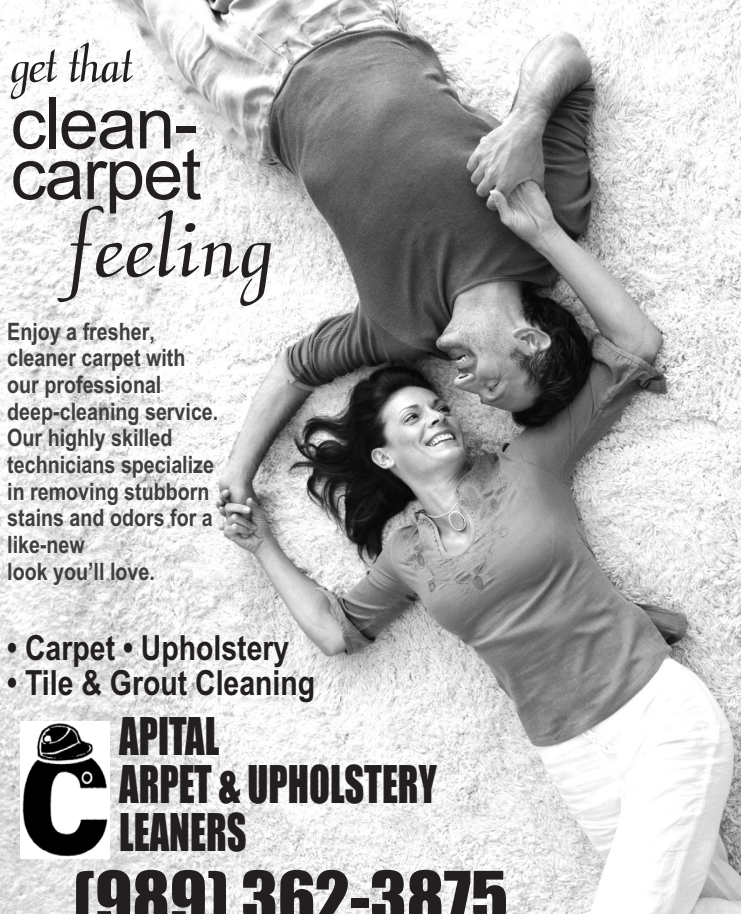
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ALCONA TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE

The regular meetings of the Alcona Township Board of Trustees for the year 2020 are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. with the following exceptions: February 11th will be a special budget workshop meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m. the March meeting will be held on March 11th, and no meeting will be held in August. Meetings are held at the Alcona Township Hall, 5576 US 23 S., Black River, MI 48721. Alcona Township Planning Commission will meet January 9th, March 12th, May 14th, July 9th, September 10th, and November 12th at 7:00 p.m. at the Alcona Township Hall. Tri Township meeting on April 16th will be hosted by Alcona Township. All meetings are open to the public.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at the United Methodist Church and at 4:30 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. 23—Goulash, California blend veggies, pears, wheat bread, and milk.
- Tuesday, Dec. 24—Center closed for the holiday.
- Wednesday, Dec. 25—Center closed for the holiday.
- Thursday, Dec. 26—Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, pineapple, and milk.
- Friday, Dec. 27—Pork roast, mashed potatoes, gravy, squash, peaches, and milk.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Groups Receive Grants

Arts, education, human services and literacy programs are just some of the areas touched by the most recent round of grants from the Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council (NEMYAC). The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) Board of Trustees recently approved \$27,419 in a new round of youth-related NEMYAC grants covering a four-county area that includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties.

Alcona County organizations received the following:

- Alcona Community Schools received \$200 for the high school science department "Genius Hour" in STEM project.
- Iosco County Coats for Kids received \$900 to purchase winter coats for Alcona County children.
- Alcona Community Schools received \$1,000 for the Alcona Tool Cats robotics drive computer.
- Alcona Community Schools received \$200 for the "Take your Dreams off the Shelf" project.
- Alcona Community Schools received \$370 to purchase weight room equipment.
- Mikado Township received \$800 for the "No Child Without a Christmas" project.
- Village of Lincoln received \$400 for the 2020 Alcona County Easter Egg Hunt.

The next opportunity for grants is through the CFNEM Community Impact Grant and the NEMYAC Grant. Applications for both grant opportunities are due on January 15, 2020 and can be found at cfnem.org.

Ring A Bell

The Sunrise Ringers Bell Choir of Harrisville is seeking new members. Anyone who has wanted to try ringing handbells and can count (reading music is not required), is encouraged to attend the organizational dinner meeting on Thursday, Jan. 9, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian

Church in Harrisville. Attendees are asked to bring a potluck food item to share. The handbell choir meets every Thursday evening at the same time and location. All bells and music are provided. The spring 2020 concert date will likely be a Sunday in late April or early May at a venue in Alcona County. For more information, contact Susan Haight, president, Sunrise Ringers Bell Choir at (248) 871-8710.

Pest/Crop Management

MSU Extension is hosting a Pest and Crop Management Update Meeting at Alpena Community College on January 10, 2020 beginning at 8:30 a.m. in room CTR 106.

The meeting will feature presentations from MSU Extension specialists and educators on a number of topics including; a summary of local research, an update of commodity provisions in the 2018 Farm Bill, building wheat yield potential, plant disease and weed control updates, and optimizing planting decisions for corn and soybeans in 2020.

The cost to attend this event is \$30. Attendees will receive a light breakfast, a catered hot lunch, and a copy of the 2020 MSU Weed Control Guide. The meeting will conclude at 3:30 p.m. A possible 4 MDARD pesticide applicator recertification credits are available, as well as one MAEAP Phase 1 credit.

Registration is required. Contact the MSU Extension office in Presque Isle County at (989) 734-2168 or tollinic@msu.edu for more information and to register. Registration may also be completed online by searching for, "Crop and Pest Management Update Meeting" on the MSU Extension website.

Accommodations for persons with disabilities may be requested by calling the Presque Isle MSUE office at (989) 734-2168 by January 6, 2020 to ensure enough time to accommodate. Requests made after this date will be met when possible.



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— Andy Stanley

Robotics Continued from page 1

ond autonomous code without remote driving assistance. After the first 30 seconds, it was up to the students to tell the robot how to complete each task.

Each student has a duty to perform on the team. Gotta Go Fast 13818 consists of five 13-year olds, four seventh graders and one eighth grader.

Baylee Goddard of Harrisville explained she oversaw note taking, organizing and keeping an engineering notebook in which changes to the robot were written down. She said the notes help the team look back at what they had changed in order to make further improvements.

She enjoys robotics because she knows it will help her in the future. "I am learning to work with a team and there is a lot of problem-solving involved," Goddard said.

Ricky Schott of Spruce is the player-coach for the team; his job is to know all the rules and to remind drivers how much time they have left.

He said the competitions are exciting because "you really don't know who your alliance is and who you will be going up against." Questioning other teams in search of an alliance was his favorite part of the competition.

Competition, however, can get hectic. "I got pretty freaked out (in Pellston) towards the end wondering if we would qualify for states," Schott said.

Jacob June of Glennie is the builder and human player on the team. He explained it was his job to design and build the robot according to what the team wanted. He felt because it was his second year of building robots, the build was easy and only took a few hours, but there is a lot of fine-tuning after it is built. As a human player, he adds stones to the playing field.

June said competing in robotics will help students with potential jobs in the future and he enjoys the social aspect of it. He said the hardest part of robotics is programming.

Jacob Renchenski of Lincoln is the only eighth-grader on the team. He is the team's driver who controls the grabbing claw in the front of the robot which, he said, was fun to do.

His least favorite part of the robotics team is that he is in a different grade than the rest of his teammates which makes things a bit difficult and sometimes he must miss class time to work with his team.

He enjoys meeting other teams and seeing how other schools' robots look and function.

Renchenski would recommend robotics to other students. "Every part of this is fun, building, coding, driving, meeting other people, it's all a fun experience. It's a game. I'm a competitive person and like to play,"

Renchenski said.

Garrett Somers of Harrisville is the team driver and programmer. His job as a driver is to control the main part of the robot which is the wheels. As a programmer, Somers wrote the autonomous code for the robot.

He plans on continuing with robotics throughout his education because of the fun he is having using math in a competitive game. However, it can be frustrating. "The trial and error, having something that just doesn't work over and over again, especially with coding, can be frustrating. But being able to go to competitions and be with friends is worth it," Garrett Somers said.

According to Rachel Somers, although the team did not qualify for the national competition this year their robot ran well. "They enjoyed meeting some of the best teams in the state and are excited to tell their classmates about this experience and get more involved."

This was the last competition for the team this year, however. Next September, the seventh graders will get another chance with a new competition in eighth grade and Renchenski will be able to join the high school team if he chooses.

For more information about school robotic competitions, contact somersr@alconaschools.net or call the school at (989) 736-8534.

AuSable River backdrop for writer's third book

By Tasia Bass

Capital News Service

How does one reel in readers with a courtroom mystery that deals with the world of fly fishing in Michigan?

For Charles Cutter it was by using quick wit and intricate details.

Cutter, whose real name is R. Charles McLravy, is an attorney and author from East Lansing, Mich. His latest book in the Burr Lafayette Mystery series, "The Gray Drake" follows his protagonist as he delves deep into the world of fly fishing on the AuSable River.

The book begins with the death of Quinn Shepard, a prominent fishing guide found at the bottom of the river with an anchor chain wrapped around his ankle. It is first ruled an accidental death. But police arrest Shepard's wife, Lizzie, a year later when evidence points to her as the murderer.

Lafayette, an attorney who was removed as head of his law firm in Detroit, is asked by his current law partner to represent Lizzie Lafayette. He soon dives deep into a world filled with secrets, lies and fishing.

"It has some environmental themes, but I wouldn't call it an environmental mystery," said McLravy, 68. "There are themes about oil exploration and the strict rules they have to follow."

All three books in his series — "A Fool's Errand," "The Pink Pony" and "The Gray Drake" — take place in the Michigan outdoors that McLravy loves. He is on the

board of Pheasants Forever & Quail Forever, a member of Ducks Unlimited and the Little Traverse Conservancy. While he said he's not a fly fishing expert, he is more knowledgeable than the average person.

David Waymire, a board member of the fly fishing group Anglers of the AuSable, appreciates the idea of making fly fishing more accessible by putting it into a murder mystery.

Members of the English upper middle class started fly fishing in the 15th century. "Part of (the Anglers of the AuSable's) mission is to get young people interested in fishing, especially fly fishing," Waymire said. "That's the only way you can preserve the river for the future, if you get more people interested in fishing and the river."

It is better when more people visit and learn how to love the river, he said. "We need more diversity, we need more women involved, people from all different areas," Waymire said. "Fly fishing doesn't need to be a wealthy person's sport."

And McLravy provides an entry for mystery lovers.

"There's a lot of outdoors in the book," McLravy said. "The river and outdoors are a big character in the book."

Readers will notice Michigan landmarks throughout the book.

The Gray Drake, the lodge where the book takes place, is loosely based on the North Branch Outing Club and the Gates AuSable Lodge in Grayling, Mich. McLravy stayed



Charles Cutter is the pen name of East Lansing attorney R. Charles McLravy, who blends law and fishing in courtroom mystery.

at both to research the book.

He spent a lot of time doing research at the lodge and talking to other fly fishers. He even took a tour down the AuSable to see the river he was about to write about. "There's these long, skinny boats called AuSable boats that are great for going down the river," McLravy said. It was the coolest thing he had ever seen and made him want to come up with an idea surrounding the river boat, he said. He then booked a tour with a local fly fishing guide from Gates Lodge, who was surprised to find out that he didn't want to be taken down the river to fish, but to do research for his book.

"Any time you want to stop to fish, you can't throw an

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Why the risk of heart attack rises in winter

Dear Savvy Senior,
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Cautions Senior

Dear Cautious,

Everyone knows winter is cold and flu season, but many don't know that it's also the prime season for heart attacks too, especially if you already have heart disease or have suffered a previous heart attack.

Here's what you should know, along with some tips to help you protect yourself.

In the U.S., the risk of having a heart attack during the winter months is twice as high as it is during the summertime. Why? There are a number of factors, and they're not all linked to cold weather. Even people who live in warm climates have an increased risk. Here are the areas you need to pay extra attention to this winter.

• Cold temperatures: When a person gets cold, the body responds by constricting the blood vessels to help the body maintain heat. This causes blood pressure to go up and makes the heart work harder. Cold temperatures can also increase levels of certain proteins that can thicken the blood and increase the risk for blood clots. So, stay warm this winter, and when you do have to go outside, make sure you bundle up in layers with gloves and a hat, and place a scarf over your mouth and nose to warm up the air before you breathe it in.

• Snow shoveling: Studies have shown that heart attack rates jump dramatically in the first few days after a major snowstorm, usually a result of snow shoveling. Shoveling snow is a very strenuous activity that raises blood pressure and stresses the heart. Combine those factors with the cold temperatures and the risks for heart attack surges.

If your sidewalk or drive-

way needs shoveling this winter, hire a kid from the neighborhood to do it for you, or use a snow blower. Or, if you must shovel, push rather than lift the snow as much as possible, stay warm, and take frequent breaks.

• New Year's resolutions: Every January 1, millions of people join gyms or start exercise programs as part of their New Year's resolution to get in shape, and many overexert themselves too soon. If you're starting a new exercise program this winter, take the time to talk to your doctor about what types and how much exercise may be appropriate for you.

• Winter weight gain: People tend to eat and drink more and gain more weight during the holiday season and winter months, all of which are hard on the heart and risky for someone with heart disease. So, keep a watchful eye on your diet this winter and avoid binging on fatty foods and alcohol.

• Shorter days: Less day-



Savvy Senior

light in the winter months can cause many people to develop "seasonal affective disorder" or SAD, a winter-time depression that can stress the heart.

Studies have also looked at heart attack patients and found they usually have lower levels of vitamin D (which comes from sunlight) than people with healthy hearts. To boost your vitamin D this winter, consider taking a supplement that contains between 1,000 and 2,000 international units (IU) per day.

• Flu season: Studies show that people who get flu shots have a lower heart attack risk. It's known that the inflam-

matory reaction set off by a flu infection can increase blood clotting which can lead to heart attacks in vulnerable people. So, if you haven't already done so this year, get a flu shot for protection. And, if you've never been vaccinated for pneumococcal pneumonia, you should consider getting these two shots (given 12 months apart) too.

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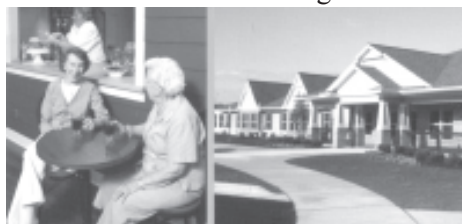


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Tigers get close to taking Braves

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity boys basketball team overcame a slow start to take a lead into the fourth quarter at Tawas last Friday night. The Tigers couldn't get that lead to stick however, as they ended up on the short end 48-41.

"We came out very flat in the first quarter, our defensive effort was sub-par in the early stages of the game," said head coach Ryan Bilbey. "We had to battle back to regain the lead in the fourth, but silly mistakes and a few ill-advised shots led to easy buckets for Tawas."

In the first quarter of the non-league battle, D.J. Howe and Aidan Wrobel were able to get four points each, but the Tigers trailed 16-10 after one.

In the second, Robbie Barbato hit a three and Nick Rasmussen netted four points, helping pull Alcona within 23-21 at the half.

Dominic Howe hit for a pair of treys in the third, as

Alcona inched ahead 33-32 entering the fourth. Dominic Howe hit another three and had five total points in the fourth, but Alcona wasn't able to get much else going as Tawas outplayed the Tigers down the stretch.

"Tawas is a good team and they have a great scorer (Camden Groff) who you must contain in order to win," Bilbey said. "We let him penetrate too often and it cost us. I was happy with how we battle back after being down early but we need to clean up a few things on both ends of the court."

Dominic Howe finished with 13 points to lead the team. Barbato had seven points, Wrobel and D.J. Howe had six points apiece. Rasmussen had four, Mason Clark netted three and Gavin Walker finished with two.

On Monday, Dec. 9, Alcona picked up a 44-41 North Star League win in its season opener at home against Posen.

"Both teams fought hard

all night," Bilbey said. "Posen is a good team and was very good defensively. I was happy with the contributions from the entire team. It was really a team victory and that's a nice way to start the season. I was impressed with Chris Barnes and Gavin Walker who both were put into some difficult situations and really responded well. Mason Clark was a work horse on both ends of the court."

Alcona held an 11-8 lead after the first quarter and held a slim 23-22 lead at the half. Posen swung back to lead 35-32 entering the fourth, but a three apiece by Barbato and Barnes helped Alcona come back for the win.

Clark finished with 12 points. Wrobel netted 11 points. Walker netted eight, Barnes finished with six, Barbato had five and Rasmussen added two.

Alcona (1-1 overall) hosted Whittemore-Prescott on Monday and heads down to John Glenn on Friday.

Lady Tigers top Tawas 38-33 at home

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity girls basketball team found themselves down through the first three quarters of Friday's home game with Tawas. The Lady Tigers saved their best play for last however, as they stormed back to beat the Lady Braves, 38-33 in non-conference play.

"I think it means a lot to the girls," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "We got down early in the game, but we got the lead back in the fourth quarter and played fantastic. I was talking to the coaches about how tough the kids were in the fourth quarter. That

means a lot to me and a lot to the players, to be able to pull out a game like that with such an intense atmosphere."

Senior point guard Megan Grove came up in a big way for Alcona in the fourth, as she scored all 11 of the team's points in the frame, including a go-ahead three-pointer that made it 30-29 with five minutes left to play.

Grove also hit a pair of free throws to keep Alcona ahead 32-31 and she added an and-one play with about a minute to go to give Alcona a 35-33 lead. Grove finished off the Braves by hitting three of her four free throws in the final 35 seconds.

"What an incredible game she had," Feldhiser said. "At the end of the game, there was no question who was taking the shots. She made them when they counted. She did a fantastic job, what a leader."

The Braves started the game with the upper hand on a 5-0 run and held a 12-6 lead late in the opening frame and led 14-8 after one.

The Braves led 18-9 midway through the second quarter, and even had a three rim-out that would have made the lead double digits. Lady Tiger Anna Loyer responded with a three-pointer to pull within 18-12. A short jumper in the closing moments by Liz Henderson pulled them within 18-15 at the break.

Tawas extended its lead to 25-18 on a three-pointer midway through the third quarter, but Grove responded with a trey of her own, making it 25-21. The Braves pushed ahead 29-23 late in the frame, but Grove swiped a steal on the defensive end and raced the other way for a fast break bucket to make it 29-25. Lily Bilbey closed out the period by hitting a mid-range jumper, bringing the score to 29-27 entering the fourth.

"To Tawas' credit, they shot the ball real well in the first half, they made a lot of shots," Feldhiser said. "We kind of thought that no one could keep shooting that hot so we stayed after it and I think we wore them down a little bit. We were a little bit deeper and our kids off the bench played really well and I think that was a factor."

Grove finished with 17 points. Bilbey had seven points. Rachel Layton netted six, Loyer added five and Henderson finished with three.

"That's two games in a row we've closed out the game in the fourth quarter," Feldhiser said. "That's a sign that the team is maturing and playing real well and handling the pressure of the other team. I

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Alcona High School senior Courtney Winter, (left) with coach Mandi Willey with her letter of intent to Cornerstone University in Grand Rapids, Mich. Winter said she was excited to sign with the private Christian college for her pole-vaulting skills. She has plans to earn a degree as a kindergarten through 12th grade physical education teacher and, eventually, would like to come back to teach and coach in Alcona County. Last spring Winter made state finals in high hurdles. However, according to her mother, Cindy Smith, it is difficult to find female pole-vaulters that can clear eight feet for college competitions. Last year Winter vaulted eight feet three inches during a meet. Photo by Mary Weber.

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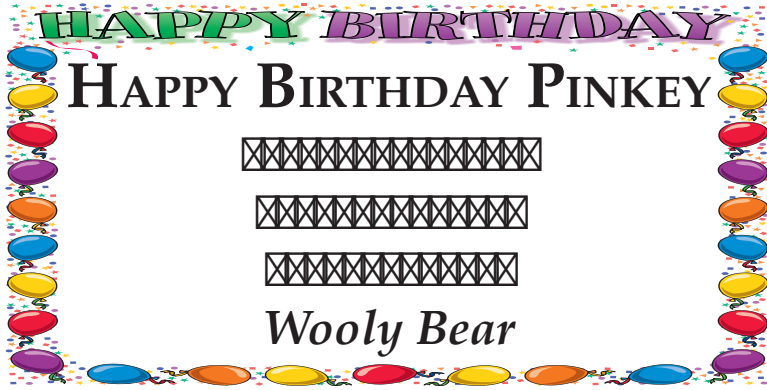
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Muzzleloader shoot, a time-honored tradition



By Gregg Schefferly
Outdoor Writer

It used to be a time-honored tradition for families to meet at either their parent's or grandparent's farm every Sunday for dinner. Unfortunately, as families have spread out all over the state and country these traditions have become a memory.

The same holds true for friends. While there are still couples that'll get together for an evening out, after working all week, many are content to spend the weekend home relaxing or working on projects.

For the sportsmen, deer season, and hunting camp have always been a time-honored tradition, an opportunity for family and friends to gather every year to hunt. More importantly, to spend time together making new memories and to instill in the



Exploring the Outdoors
By Gregg Schefferly

younger generation the importance of deer camp, hunting, as well as passing on tales of past hunts.

Camp hopping was another tradition that, unfortunately, has faded. I don't understand why. We used to do a lot of camp hopping with my dad then, we pretty much stopped. I'd love to spend time visiting so many hunting camps getting together with friends and family. However, after spending a day in the fresh air, by the time I get indoors and dinner is done, I'm ready to turn in.

I'm definitely not alone because no one is stopping by our camp to see us either. I know age doesn't help, but years past a lot of great memories were had camp hopping.

One of the traditions that still continues is the annual muzzleloader shoot.

This tradition began years ago when turkey hunting and deer seasons were reasons to head to camp.

Going back to the beginning... there were two adjoining hunting camps that, for no particular reason, didn't intermingle. One afternoon, I believe, Dad needed a beer and stopped down to the Sierota camp. From that day forward, Butch Sierota and Dad became the best of friends. And the rest is history.

One turkey season we were staying at the Cook's camp, when dad came up with the names Eats-A Lot for the Cook camp and Drinks-A Lot for the Sierota camp. I remember Dad, as a joke, hanging signs he'd made at both camps.

Back in the 70s, prior to Butch and Dad's friendship, the Sierota camp held a rifle shoot every year. This took a

pause in the 90s when the camp disbanded. Then Butch resurrected it as a muzzleloader shoot and, ultimately, it became the Flatlanders versus the Slopeheads muzzleloader shoot. Butch came up with the Slopehead label in response to the locals calling them Flatlanders.

Since that time, every year the shoot was held on the opening weekend of muzzleloading season at the Sierota (Drinks A-lot Club).

The muzzleloader shoot offered contestants one shot offhand at a target 50 to 60 yards out. In addition to personal bragging rights, it was a group effort to determine who could claim the camp bragging rights for the year. Would it be the Slopeheads or the Flatlanders who would prevail? In the end it really didn't matter, it was a good time shared with friends. Ultimately, determining who was a Flatlander or who was a Slopehead got tougher and tougher with so many of the guys retiring and moving north.

As a result of this long-standing tradition, a lot of friendships were formed, as well the memories that were made. I can still see the faces and remember so many of the guys who are no longer with us. While they may not be here, they will be forever remembered, and, as a result of this shoot, they live on. A few participants who we honor annually are Art Silverthorn, Ted Campbell, Ted Labaza, Butch, Ed (Butch's father), and Cass Sierota. Every year after the shoot around a fire over a hot bowl of chili and beer many good times, laughs, and memories are had and shared.

One very special member of the group is Gordon Peter Grant - aka Buck. One of Buck's many attributes is his ability to recite a limerick. The only time there is complete silence at the shoot is when Buck commences to recite one of his limericks. Every year we are in awe, in regard to his ability to recite an entire limerick without pause. How I wish I could remember to record him doing so, because they are something to cherish.

No more are the Flatlanders and Slopeheads competing; rather it's an opportunity to spend an afternoon together with good friends sharing laughs and memories. This year's event was bigger than I can remember. I believe there was close to 20 shooters participating with a number of onlookers content to be there to share in a good time.

In closing, I want to thank Eddie Sierota for taking the time to continue on with this special time-honored tradition.



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years the group maintained the water wheel at Mill Pond until it simply wore out. He said to restore its function would cost between \$10,000 to \$15,000, money the group doesn't have, but would very much like to be able to do some day.

"We used to give and do a lot more, but our members are getting up in age and we just can't do all the fund-raisers we used to do," Rizzardi said.

Like almost all organizations in this county, they are looking for younger members to help move the group toward the future.

The same feelings of wanting new members to join were uttered by members of the Glennie Lions, which has been in existence for about 40 years and have just 11 active members.

President of the Glennie Lions is Ron Beal, vice president is Harley Hopp, secretary is Kevin Perry, and treasurer is George Bolger. The group meets monthly from May to December at the Curtis Township Library.

Like the Harrisville Lions, the Glennie Lions only have one fund-raiser a year; a rifle raffle where ticket sales begin Labor Day weekend in the parking lot of Roger's grocery store in Glennie and doesn't end until, typically, the last Saturday of firearm deer season. This year they raffled a rifle, a shot gun and a cross-

Despite having so few members, the fund-raisers usually net the club between \$2,800 to \$3,200 in profit which they spread out into the community helping with as many needs as possible.

The group donated 12 Easter dinner baskets, 12 Thanksgiving dinner baskets and 12 Christmas baskets for six Glennie area churches to distribute to those in need and they are helping with Veterans Affairs in Alcona County and Barton City Veterans of Foreign War to distribute 17 more food baskets.

"We do the baskets because the Lions typically focuses on people with eye problems, but we haven't had many people approach us for that. We still want to do something to help the community and this is a good way. We don't know who needs the most help, so that's why we involved the churches assistance in finding the families to give to," Perry said.

In addition to supplying local food baskets, the group gives annually to Leader Dogs for the Blind, St. Jude's Hospital, a scholarships gift to send a student to band camp at Lions Bear Lake Camp in Lapeer, Mich. and Lions Club International Relief Fund.

They have also helped locally with handicap ramps, canes, wheelchairs, medical items and contribute \$100 to any family in their community who has a house fire. They help with the Glennie Fourth of July parade by put-



Glennie Lions Club members fill 17 food baskets for community members in need just before Thanksgiving. (From left) Bill Augustine, Harley Hopp, Jim Burger, Mary Mason, Bill Miller, Roger Baldwin, and Kevin Perry. *Courtesy photo.*

ting up barricades. They also put up, take down and pay for the Christmas lights in the township and maintain the American flags that line M-65 through Glennie on Memorial Day, Fourth of July and Veterans Day.

Because their member numbers have dwindled, Ron Beal said every year the group looks like it will fold, and yet somehow, keeps afloat. They

are currently seeking more members, men and women, to begin the 2020 year in May.

The most active of the three Lions organizations is the Lincoln Lions, an all men's group which has over 40 active members according to Rich Gilles, the group's president.

The Lincoln Lions began in 1945, which was chartered by the Harrisville Lions. They

meet twice a month year-round, typically at the Backwoods Bistro or other area venues.

The group has several fund-raisers and activities throughout the year they work on including the Santa is Coming to Town Christmas celebration held at the Lincoln Fire Hall and train depot the first Friday in December,

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Mental	1	Medical	27
Property Damage Accident	1	Personal Injury Accident	1
Assist	1	Animal/Dog	5
Fraud	1	Miscellaneous	1
Patrol Check	1	Well Being Check	3
Suspicious Event	3	Alarm	3
Threats/Harassment	2	Suicidal Person	2
Burglary	2	Civil	2
Larceny	2	Fire	4
Gun Shots	1	Domestic	2
Operate While Intoxicated	1		

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Greenbush	19	Gustin	10	Harrisville	19
Hawes	14	Haynes	12	Mikado	7
Millen	6	Mitchell	4		
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By Ted Kooser

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I am often asked if I know of a good poem to be read at a wedding, and here's one by James Bertolino, from his new and selected poems, *Ravenous Bliss*. Bertolino lives in Washington state and I have been a reader of his poetry for almost fifty years. When he and I were younger, we often published in the same literary journals, most of which have slipped away into the past.

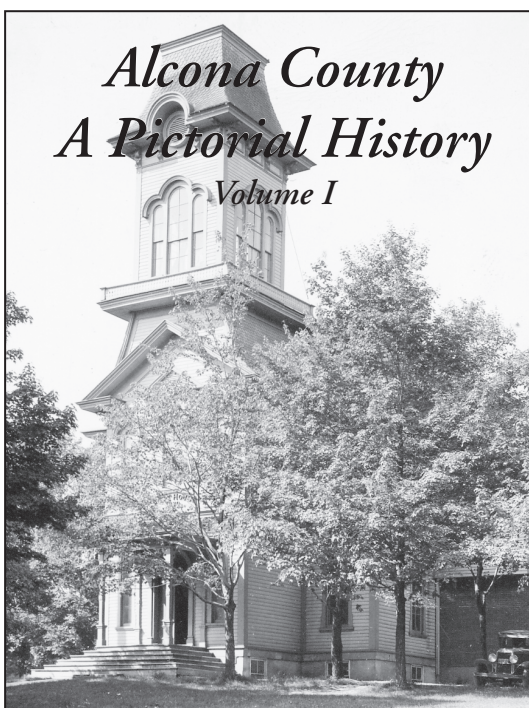
A Wedding Toast

May your love be firm,
and may your dream of life together
be a river between two shores —
by day bathed in sunlight,
and by night illuminated from within.
May the heron carry news of you
to the heavens,
and the salmon bring the sea's blue grace.
May your twin thoughts
spiral upward like leafy vines,
like fiddle strings in the wind,
and be as noble as the Douglas fir.
May you never find yourselves back to back
without love pulling you around
into each other's arms.

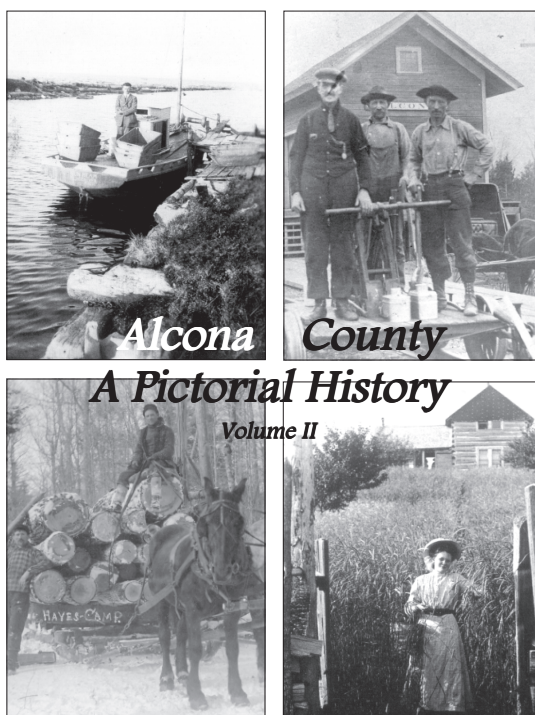
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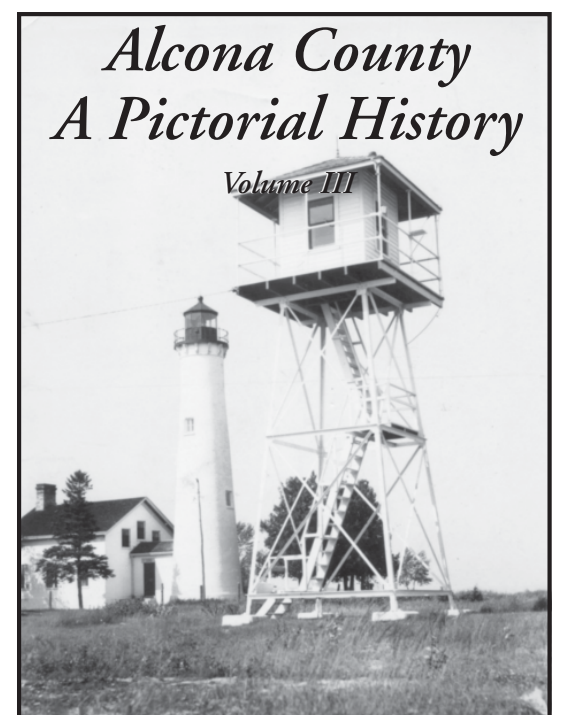
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a spring fishing tournament, a summer golf outing, poker tournaments, raffles, the Lincoln Car Show each August, the Keith Kruttlin Memorial Buck Pole and, in the past, has helped with numerous blood bank activities.

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"The lions share of our fundraising efforts goes to the school for various programs. We provide two scholarships to Alcona High School gradu-

ates, give to athletic groups, school band programs, field trips, the (weekend) food backpack program, and such in addition to supporting Lions International," Gillies said.

He explained the group has a good time whenever they meet and have a hunter's roundup each deer season, which the guys really enjoy and, in the past, have had fall hay rides or dinner parties where they include the wives.

All three organizations are looking for new members to sponsor.

- To contact the Harrisville Lions men's group, call John Rizzardi at (989) 335-0064.

- To contact the Glennie Lion's, call Harley Hopp at (989) 745-3983 or Kevin Perry at (586) 201-0757.

- To contact the Lincoln Lions, call Rich Gillies at (989) 736-6203 or Al Scully at (989) 735-4751.



The Sons of the Mikado American Legion (SAL) Post 254 present holiday checks totaling \$1,500 to area community services. (From left) Carl Pierce, SAL finance officer (also holding check for Oscoda Veterans Administration); Leo Marciniak, from Mikado St Vincent DePaul; Brenda Forsythe, from CANPAC and Alcona Baby Pantry; Kay Lovelace, from Mikado Goodfellows; and SAL Commander Bill Miller. *Courtesy photo.*

Lady Tigers

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thought we handled their press pretty well. I like this team and I'm excited to see where it ends up."

On Tuesday, Dec. 10 the Tigers won a North Star League game in Posen, 52-34. Alcona was behind 13-12 after the first quarter but pulled ahead 24-23 at the half. The Tigers pulled away to lead 36-29 entering the fourth and scored 16 points in the final frame to finish off the win.

Henderson led the team with 14 points. Loyer netted 13, Grove and Layton had six points apiece. Bilbey and Kelsey Hansen were good for four points apiece. Ashlyn Gordy and Karen Sharboneau had two points each and adding one point was Courtney Winter.

Alcona (2-1 overall) was at Whittemore-Prescott on Tuesday, heads at Grayling today (Thursday) and returns to action January 7, 2020 at home against Mio.

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3. Illinois
4. Nevada
5. Montana
6. Maine
7. Connecticut
8. New Jersey
9. North Dakota
10. Vermont

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From the files of the Alcona County Review

Sgt. William Thompson Yule lighting winners are announced killed in action in France

December 21, 1944 ~ A message from the War Department was received Tuesday by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Thompson of Harrisville Township, stating that their son, T-Sgt. William Thompson had been killed in action in France.

"Bill", as he was better known to friends here, had been in the U. S. Army for the past nine years. He was a member of the 32nd Division until the beginning of the present war when he was transferred to the 95th Division. He was sent overseas in July of this year. Recent letters to his family stated that he had taken part in some major battles without harm. His brother, Sgt. Douglas Thompson is with the same division. Their only meeting was when they landed in Normandy.

Sgt. Thompson was born in Mikado Township, November 12, 1911. Surviving him are his bereaved parents, four sisters: Mrs. Glenn Buchanan, of Lincoln; Mrs. Chester Bowden, of Battle Creek; Mrs. Burdge Ashton, of Bedford, Michigan, and Mrs. Arthur Newman of Dearborn; and three brothers, John Thompson, of Harrisville Township; Charles, of Battle Creek; and Sgt. Douglas, in France.

December 18, 1994 ~ The spirit of Christmas is lighting up the night sky in Harrisville, with the colorful twinkling of holiday decorations illuminating the darkness on nearly every road in the area.

That holiday enthusiasm made for nearly double the usual number of entries in the 7th Annual Harrisville Arts Council Decorating Contest.

Judges had to choose from nearly 100 home displays to award the top three prizes and four honorable mentions

in the contest.

Taking first place and the \$100 top prize was the home of Michael Flynn at 5369 Clark Road in Harrisville.

Second place and \$50 was awarded to Chris Somers at 346 Huron Avenue (US-23), whose home was decorated in memory of Diane Sansone, a Harrisville resident who died recently.

The third place prize of \$25 went to Charles Smith of 605 N. Huron (US-23).

Honorable Mention awards went to the homes of Edward MacGregor at 4698 M-72, James Pinder at 31 Atchison Road, James Stewart at 201 1st Street, and Thomas Keerl at 222 6th Street.

Contest chairman Dottie

Niezgoda reminded all entrants to keep their Christmas lights on for the duration of the holiday season, as many local residents and visitors continue to tour the area in the evenings to see the colorful displays.

"The judges had a tough job," said Niezgoda. "All of the homes were gorgeous. After such a big increase in entries this year, next year we plan to expand the prizes," she added.

Serving as judges for the contest were Grant and K.C. Hampton, representing the city council; Louis and Hilda Butler, representing the Lions Club; and Dave and Wanda Peterson, representing the VFW.

Two new clubs at Alcona high

December 18, 1969 ~ Alcona High School has a Forensic and Debating Club this year, directed by Mrs. F. W. Polkinghorne. The debating teams had a practice debate with Alpena High School, which has been in a Debating League for several years. Alcona has had no debating teams since before 1957. Alcona's novice negative team, Judy Park and Kristen Frederick, debated against Alpena's varsity seniors who have had from 2 to 4 years experience. Alpena's coach, Mr. Tom Hollis, complemented the negative team on their excellent presentation of material. Alcona's af-

firmative team of John McMaster and Martha Frederick debating against Alpena's novice team definitely came out on top. Other Alcona debaters are: affirmatives, Carl Tobias and James Hundiak, and negative, Sue Frederick and Brad DeJarlais. The debating teams have been invited to appear before the Harrisville Lions Club and the Harrisville P.T.A. The Forensic group is composed of Connie and Cecily Liichow, Mary McArthur, KiAnn Kruttlin, Kristen Frederick, Judy Park, Sue Frederick, Mary Rickert, Bradley DeJarlais and James Hundiak.

News of men in service

December 21, 1944 ~ Sam Yockey, located at Pacific Beach, Washington, was promoted to Seaman First Class, on November 1.

Pvt. Orville Anderson has an APO address out of New York City.

Pvt. Norman E. McIntyre has been transferred to Camp Beale, California.

Pfc. James Basselman of Barton City now has an APO out of New York City.

Captain Lawrence W. Dubie has been transferred from Camp Maxey Texas, to Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.

Mach. L. W. Forsythe of the U. S. Coast Guard has been transferred from New London, Connecticut to Cleveland, Ohio.

Norman Dorr is located at Fort Bragg, N. C. He drives an 85-ton training tank, and then drives a 114-ton truck at night, for three day intervals. His brother Lyle Dorr is somewhere near the Phillipines.

Sgt. Charles Pizer of Aberdeen, Maryland, is spending a furlough with home folks here.

Sgt. David Wendt awarded Silver Star

December 18, 1969 ~ One of the highest military awards offered by the United States was presented to Sgt. David H. Wendt, grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Otto H. Wendt of Greenbush. Sgt. Wendt, a member of the Air Force for three years and nine months, returned to this country from Vietnam in March of this year. He is now stationed at Mather Air Force Base in Sacramento, California.

A citation, which accompanied the Silver Star award read as follows: "Sergeant David Wendt distinguished himself by gallantry in connection with military operations against an opposing armed force at Phan Rang Air Base in the Republic of Vietnam on January 26, 1969. "During the early morning hours of that date, Sgt. Wendt was patrolling a section of the perimeter fence which came under heavy hostile attack. Infiltrating sapper squads had penetrated the base perimeter and were attempting to reach the flightlines. After numerous sweeps and firefights with the hostile force, Sgt. Wendt was wounded in point-blank gun battle.

"The courage, professionalism and heroic devotion to duty displayed by Sgt. Wendt in leading numerous sweeps through these unknown, concealed positions enabled this vital area of the perimeter to be secured. By his gallantry and devotion to duty, Sgt. Wendt has reflected great credit upon himself and the United States Air Force".

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Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
December 8	38	28	0.00	6.7	29	SSW
December 9	40	31	0.63	2.3	15	SSW
December 10	31	17	0.00	3.1	23	NNE
December 11	18	10	0.00	4.0	27	NNE
December 12	33	9	0.00	9.0	32	NNE
December 13	34	28	0.00	4.3	15	SSW
December 14	35	28	0.00	1.8	18	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
2019-2020 Season			
Weekly Total	0.63	0.0	0.42
December to Date	1.25	6.3	0.84
Year/Season to Date	22.85	20.7	27.41

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.)

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **THEATER:** "West Side Story" was inspired by which earlier play?
2. **MUSIC:** What is the real name of songwriter/rapper Lizzo?
3. **SCIENCE:** How many people total have walked on the moon?
4. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Under whose administration did Spiro T. Agnew serve as vice president?
5. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of Chile?
6. **ARCHITECTURE:** In what decade was the Empire State Building completed?
7. **ADVERTISING:** What was the name of Honey Nut Cheerios' mascot?
8. **U.S. STATES:** What is the least populous state in America?
9. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What was the name of Dick and Jane's dog in reading books used in schools in the mid-20th century?
10. **INVENTIONS:** Who is credited for inventing the modern lockstitch sewing machine?

Answers: 1. "Romeo and Juliet"; 2. Melissa Viviane Jefferson; 3. 12; 4. Richard Nixon; 5. Santiago; 6. 1930s; 7. BuzzBee; 8. Wyoming; 9. Spot; 10. Elias Howe (c) 2019 King Features Synd., Inc.

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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 5, 1643, in the first record of a legal divorce in the American colonies, Anne Clarke of the Massachusetts Bay Colony is granted a divorce from her absent and adulterous husband, Denis Clarke, by the Quarter Court of Boston.
 - On Jan. 1, 1818, "Frankenstein; or, The Modern Prometheus" is published. The book by 20-year-old Mary Shelley is frequently called the world's first science fiction novel. In Shelley's tale, a scientist animates a creature constructed from dismembered corpses.
 - On Jan. 4, 1896, six years after Wilford Woodruff, president of the Mormon Church, issued his Manifesto reforming political, religious and economic life in Utah, the territory is admitted into the Union as the 45th state. Woodruff's 1890 Manifesto included a renunciation of the traditional Mormon practice of polygamy.
 - On Dec. 30, 1922, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics (USSR) is established, comprising a confederation of Russia, Belorussia, Ukraine and the Transcaucasian Federation. In 1991, the Soviet Union was dissolved following the collapse of its communist government.
 - On Jan. 3, 1961, President Dwight Eisenhower closes the American embassy in Havana and severs diplomatic relations between the United States and Fidel Castro's government in Cuba. The action signaled that the U.S. was prepared to take extreme measures to oppose Castro's regime.
 - On Jan. 2, 1974, President Richard Nixon signs the Emergency Highway Energy Conservation Act, requiring states to limit highway speeds to 55 mph or lose federal highway funding. It was a result of fuel shortages caused by the Arab oil embargo.
 - On Dec. 31, 1999, the United States officially hands over control of the Panama Canal, putting the strategic waterway into Panamanian hands for the first time. The 50-mile canal, which links the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, officially opened when the SS Arcon sailed through in August 1914.
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Polish chess grandmaster Savielly Tartakower who made the following sage observation: "Victory goes to the player who makes the next-to-last mistake."
 - Worldwide, herbivores kill more people than carnivores.
 - Bulletproof vests, fire escapes, windshield wipers and laser printers all were invented by women.
 - Japanese scientists have discovered that the human body emits a very slight, yet perceptible, glow. After using a special camera to study a sample of men in their 20s, they found that intensity of the glow varies, with the lowest point at around 10 a.m. and the brightest at 4 a.m.
 - In 1743, a hand-operated elevator was installed in the palace of Versailles. Louis XV used it to visit Madame de Chateauroux, his mistress.
 - Due to a quirk in the transition from one kind of calendar system to another, nobody was born between Oct. 4 and Oct. 15 in continental Europe in the year 1582.
 - If you're like me, social situations can be a nightmare of trying -- and usually failing -- to remember the names of all your new acquaintances. The next time you find yourself struggling to name the person you're conversing with, you can always segue into this interesting tidbit: The inability to remember names is technically known as anomia.
 - In ancient Japan, towns would have public contests to see who could break wind the loudest and the longest. Prizes were awarded.
 - It is possible for a fetus in the womb to get hiccups.
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Thought for the Day: "Doctors are the same as lawyers; the only difference is that lawyers merely rob you, whereas doctors rob you and kill you too." -- Anton Chekhov

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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: Y equals T

WFKJZS WMBBTXJN ACPJXYCPB

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on December 9 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor Gehring and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: mayor Gehring, treasurer Luenberger, clerk Pierce, and council members Peterson, Schwanz, Kaiser, Ferguson, and Thomas, city attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Ferguson, support by Thomas, to accept the minutes of November 11. Motion carried: 5-0. Motion by Thomas, support by Schwanz, to pay the bills in the amount of \$17,936.43. Motion carried 5-0. In old business, mayor Gehring updated council about the Consumers Energy Gift Certificates. Two \$50 certificates are available. One residential and one business "Best Display" for the season will be awarded. Call the office at (989) 724-6666 to vote. Mayor Gehring reported that Christmas in the Village was successful again this year. A letter of resignation has been submitted by Alderman Thomas from Ward I. Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson, to accept Abbie Thomas' letter of resignation as Alderman Ward I, with regret, effective December 10, 2019. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Kaiser, support by Schwanz, to approve clerk to publish ad for Alderman Ward I vacancy. Motion carried: 5-0. Mayor Gehring informed council of the letter of interest from Michael Bean to fill a vacancy on the planning commission. Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson, to approve Michael Bean as a member of the planning commission. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor informed council of letter of interest from James Butler to fill a vacancy on the Zoning Board of appeals. Motion by Ferguson, support by Kaiser, to approve James Butler to fill a vacancy on the

Zoning Board of Appeals. Motion Carried: 5-0.

Mayor asked council for approval for clerk to post remaining vacancies on the planning commission and the zoning board of appeals. Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson, for clerk to publish for remaining vacancies on the planning commission and zoning board of appeals. Please send a letter of interest to the city office: City of Harrisville 200 N. Fifth St., P.O. Box 278, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 or call the city office at (989) 724-6666.

Mayor Gehring asked council for approval of appointments to the harbor commission of Jeffrey Dameworth and Bruce Weber for three year terms ending December 31, 2023. Motion by Ferguson, support by Thomas, to approve appointment of Jeffrey Dameworth and Bruce Weber for three year terms ending December 31, 2023. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring discussed the OHM Engineering Proposal for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF). The project plan is for pump stations replacement, sewage treatment lagoon improvements and collection systems rehabilitation services, to be provided with a fee not to exceed \$32,000 to be absorbed within the grant funding proposal. Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz, to approve the proposal for OHM Engineering for the CWSRF Project Plan. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring opened the Water/Sewer Budget Hearing for 2020 at 7:20 p.m. with a public comment period. No public comments concerning the budget were made. Budget meeting closed at 7:25 p.m. Treasurer Luenberger presented budget overview with discussion by council. The millage rate will be 3.30 mills for the water debt.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Ferguson, to approve the Water/Sewer Budget for 2020. Motion carried: 5-0.

Motion by Thomas, support by Schwanz, to approve clerk to pay end of year water/sewer bills for 2019. Motion carried: 5-0.

Reports: Mayor Gehring is pleased that the city's newest maintenance employee, Allen Kay, has successfully completed his 90 day probation contract and is advising council to approve Allen Kay as a full time city maintenance employee at a pay rate of \$12 per hour, effective immediately. Motion by Ferguson, support by Peterson, for the city to employ Allen Kay as a full time city maintenance worker at \$12 per hourly wage effective immediately. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring informed council of the decision by the finance committee to raise senior maintenance employee Thomas Keerl's hourly wage to \$17 effective April 1, 2020. Motion by Ferguson, support by Schwanz, to raise Thomas Keerl's hourly wage to \$17, effective April 1, 2020. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Gehring informed council of the finance committee's decision to allocate a 2.8 percent pay increase for mayor, treasurer and clerk to become effective January 1, 2020. Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser, to increase mayor, treasurer, clerk's salary by 2.8 percent effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried: 5-0. Treasurer Luenberger reminded residents that winter taxes will be due February 14, 2020. Harbor commissioner Ferguson reported the harbor commission met and discussed fishing access sites and had a discussion about the formation of a group to promote the harbor. Fire chief Klukowski reported the newly purchased fire truck has

had some maintenance repairs done and is now fully operational. A new overhead bay door opener has been installed for easier access for the new truck. Turnout gear bids have gone out and bidding will close December 20. Kevin Love to resign as training officer, effective December 31.

Chief Medical Officer Mendyka reminded residents to be super careful due to the very cold and slippery conditions this season. Please don't hesitate to call 911 for fire department and medical first responders help.

Comment cards: Sandy Mendyka shared that a fire department dinner dance is being planned for February 22, 2020. Becky Bean informed that \$2,000 plus has been collected in donations for the pocket park. Ted Fines, director of Habitat for Humanity, has helped write a grant for the pocket park and should hear within weeks about the award.

Council's last comments: Council members thanked Abbie Thomas for her service to the city as Alderman Ward I. She will be missed. Council members wish everyone to be safe and have a Merry Christmas. Motion to adjourn by Mayor Gehring.

Adjourned at 7:45 p.m. Next regularly scheduled city council meeting is Monday, Jan. 13, 2020, at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's December board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Mead, and Bouchard. Motions to approve bills as presented; to approve the minutes from the previous meeting; to approve financial report; to sign contract service agreements with the county; to adopt resolution 2019-03 concerning clerk's reimbursement for reimbursable elections. All motions passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Caledonia Township Board met December 11. All board members present. Motions to approve the agenda; November regular minutes; September 11 special minutes; pay bills and place treasurer's report on file; hire Greenway trash removal; hire Myers Lawn care for plowing and grave digging. Meeting dates for 2020: January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, September 9, October 14, November 11, and December 9.

Motion to adjourn at 8:02 p.m. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next Township meeting is Jan. 8 at the township hall at 7 p.m.

Kerry Scott, Caledonia Township Clerk

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 County of Alcona
 Notice to Creditors
 Decedent's Estate
 File No. 19-6038 DE

Estate of Howard W. Wiseman, deceased

Date of birth: April 16, 1940

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Howard W. Wiseman, died September 17, 2019.

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Date: December 2, 2019
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anchor down because it will get snagged on trees and roots," McLravy said. "So, they have this big link chain that they drop over the side so it drags along and stops the boat. The first time I saw that, I knew that was how my character was going to get murdered."

McLravy said he knew right then what the story was going to be, even if he didn't have all the characters and motivations flushed out yet. Thankful for the guide,

McLravy named the character "Josh" after him.

Lafayette, who is McLravy's recurring protagonist, is not a fly fishing expert and must learn about it to defend his client. McLravy compared Lafayette learning about fly fishing to learning how to write. Sometimes people have to immerse themselves into a world they don't fully understand to tell the story you need conveyed, he said.

"[Lafayette] is the idiot savant of law," McLravy said.

"He's a really good lawyer, but the rest of his life is a mess."

People ask if he based Lafayette on himself. McLravy said there may be some parallels, but all the characters are made up. Being a writer means taking composites of life experiences and characteristics of people you know and putting them into this new world, he explained.

According to McLravy, the book is mostly entertainment, a fun piece to read about a

state he loves. His first editor didn't understand the card game euchre and kept removing it from the book. McLravy wouldn't let him, because he knew that people in Michigan would know euchre. It was important to him to keep to the Michigan spirit.

After retiring from his legal career, McLravy worked for a big advertising firm in Chicago, Ill. and was the account executive for the insect sprays "Raid" and "Off." He then moved back to Michi-

gan and bought a radio station in St. Johns, Mich.

McLravy is writing the fourth book in the series, which will focus on the Sleeping Bear Dunes and a controversy that surrounded it in the 1980s.

McLravy's books are sold on Amazon, local bookstores and several fly fishing shops throughout the state. The book cost \$16.95 for paperback.



CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6

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