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Emergency texting available to Alcona central dispatch 911

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

There are times when a verbal emergency call to 911 just cannot be made. Many abductions or domestic violence victims don't dare to make a verbal call for fear they will be heard. Others may be victims of a break-in and while hiding from the perpetrators have the capability of calling on a cell phone but cannot speak for fear of giving away their hiding location.

Others, such as hearing or verbally impaired individuals may not be able to place a verbal 911 emergency call, but now, with the installation of a new texting system, Alcona County 911 Central Dispatch can receive texted 911 calls.

Dispatch Director Jeff Brackett explained that central dispatch has been trying the new system, which was installed free of charge through Peninsula Fiber Network (PF) who is teamed with a company called Indigital, for about a week and it is working well.

"Texting 911 is for emergency calls only. It is for anyone needing emergency service who cannot talk for any reason, including medical issues, such as one last week in another county where the caller was having a bad asthma attack and couldn't talk. She was able to text and emergency services were able to (get an) ambulance (to transport) her to the hospital, essentially saving her (life)," Brackett said.

He explained the text service is important to the community because so many in rural Alcona County have poor cell phone reception. "Quite often verbal 911 calls cannot go through because of the spotty service in our area, but a text message can," Brackett said.

The Texty system was easily integrated with the central dispatch's new phone system which was installed six months ago. Brackett explained at the time the new phone system was installed they were looking to pay about \$24,000 for texting capability but was offered this system through PF free of charge.

By texting 911 and hitting enter from any cell phone, not only can people text their

emergency, but dispatch will be able to get a map reading of their location in order to send emergency personnel in the right direction.

Brackett reiterated texting 911 was only for emergencies. "There is no need to test your phone to see if your text is answered. We tested it all last week with ATT and Verizon phones, which are predominately used in this area, and the text system is working fine. Use it for emergency calls only."



Alcona's Faith Wallenmaier drives the lane for two points during last Friday's loss in the district championship game to Oscoda. Photo by Ben Murphy. For the story, see page 8.

School bands and choir to perform

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Band and chorus music is on tap for a student event at Alcona Community Schools next week.

The music department is performing in a free concert on Tuesday, March 19. The concert will feature sixth grade, middle school and high school bands and the new high school choir along with the Oscoda Shoreline Jazz group.

Emma Pendergrass, who began as director for the school's music program last September, said it has been challenging for the students because of so many snow days and kids out sick, but despite the interruptions, her stu-

dents are all doing well with their instruments and are starting to come together.

The hour-long concert will begin with the sixth-grade band playing a few selections from their instrument study books. The seventh, eighth and high school bands will combine for a few more selections.

The choir, which just began last fall after a hiatus of several years, will perform four American themed pieces. The Oscoda Shoreline Jazz group, which Pendergrass is a part of, will perform with the choir for one selection and play a few more pieces on its own.

Oscoda Shoreline Jazz is a 10-piece group comprised

mostly of adults, but also has a few exceptional Tawas High School players. "It should be a lot of fun. I'll conduct when the jazz group plays with the choir, but once that is done, I'll join the jazz group for a few more tunes. I'm hoping it will inspire the kids because I'd love to start a jazz band next year, or at least expose them to a few jazz pieces. I think it will be good for the students and the community to hear an adult group," Pendergrass said.

Pendergrass has been busy with the students this school year. She took the choir out before Christmas break to sing Christmas carols at lo-

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Seventh and eighth-grade students practice for a music concert they will be giving next week. (First row, from left) Jack Goldstrom, Savannah Sauve, Amanda DeSouza, Krystal Bellanger, Brooklyn Storey, and (back row) Sage Gauthier. Photo by Mary Weber.

Townships recognize veterans

While many organizations honor veterans in various ways, townships may be the last place most would think of as contributors to this cause; however, under Michigan law (MCL 35.8311), townships are required to pay for American flags and stands to hold them on graves of veterans within their respective jurisdictions.

At a recent Michigan Township Association Alcona Chapter meeting, information about the law was provided by Jim Burger, VFW Post No. 8135 commander, who also serves as Millen Township Supervisor.

"It is an admirable obligation we, as township officials, are charged with to be able to honor veterans in this small way," said Burger, who is a veteran and is likely involved whenever a military honor guard is present in the county.

Burger reported to the group that he has been researching the number of graves needing flags in each township and also sources from which the flags and stands are available. This

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Obituaries

Jerry N. Roll

Jerry N. Roll, 58, of Lincoln, died on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

He was born December 13, 1960 to John and Geraldine (Burke) Roll in Warren, Mich., where he was raised.

Mr. Roll was a resident of Sterling Heights, Mich. before recently moving to Lincoln.

He was a very social man who enjoyed meeting new people and good conversation.

Mr. Roll is survived by his parents, John and Geraldine

Roll of Lincoln; one son, Jonathon Roll of Richmond, Ky.; two granddaughters; two brothers, Terry Roll of Sterling Heights, Mich. and Todd Roll of Warren, Mich.; two sisters, Dawn (Dave) Fletcher of Macomb Township, Mich. and Robin (James) Pomaville of Centerline, Mich.; one sister-in-law, Nancy Roll, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, John Roll and Kenn Roll.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.



Robert D. Himmer

Robert D. Himmer, 81, of Harrisville, died on Saturday, March 9, 2019 at home.

He was born June 29, 1937 to Ferdinand and Anna (Vorndran) Himmer in Detroit, Mich., where he was raised. He served in the U.S. Army.

A longtime resident of Westland, Mr. Himmer worked as an automotive engineer for Ford Motor Company. He retired and moved to Harrisville in 1993, into the home he built himself.

He enjoyed building and woodworking. He liked to travel, fish and hunt and he loved watching the deer on his property.

Mr. Himmer is survived by his wife, Sue Himmer; one sister, Joanne Himmer of Macomb, Mich.; one niece, Kristen Himmer; one great niece, Hayley Quino; and one sister-in-law, Janet Himmer.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Rosamond, in 1979, and one brother,



Arnold Himmer.

Visitation will be held at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln on Friday, March 15 from 4 to 8 p.m. Visitation will continue Saturday, March 16 at the First Baptist Church in Lincoln from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. The Rev. Dr. Arie Van Brenk will officiate.

Memorial donations may be made to MidMichigan Medical Center, Cancer Center.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
Sunrise Side Wine, Brew and Food Festival celebrates its 25th anniversary this year.

This event, to be held on Saturday, July 20 and is sponsored by the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce. It has been a great way to showcase our beautiful community over the years.

Our local friends, as well as numerous out-of-town and out-of-state visitors attend each year to enjoy Michigan produced wine, craft beer, food, and great local music.

As we plan for this year's event, we are asking for the community's help. Do you know of any place to rent or borrow a refrigerated trailer (approx. six feet by nine feet) for the evening of July 19 and all day on July 20?

We are always looking for new volunteers to add to our list of current volunteers. This event requires about 120 volunteers (pouring, tickets, organizing, etc.). I would love to hear from you.

Don't forget about the annual Poster Contest, sponsored by Harrisville Arts Council. Submit your entry before April 5 – see our Facebook page for details. Cheers to 25 years.

Robyn Hart,
Volunteer Coordinator

Guest Editorial

It's time for transparency laws to pass in Michigan

By Jane Briggs-Bunting

Cautious optimism is circulating among legislators, government transparency advocates and journalists this month as the Michigan House, for the third time in the past three sessions, votes on a series of bills called the Legislative Open Records Act (LORA).

The LORA bills, which would finally remove Michigan's outlier status among the 50 states, would make the governor, lieutenant governor and legislators subject to the requirements of the state's Freedom of Information laws (FOIA). That means citizens would have the legal right to request and receive public records from these offices, subject to a number of exemptions.

Michigan law right now statutorily exempts the governor and lieutenant governor from compliance with FOIA. It is the only state to do that legislatively. The legislators got a pass in 1986 when then-Attorney General Frank Kelley issued an opinion, subsequently confirmed last year by then-Attorney General Bill Schuette, that FOIA didn't apply to the legislative branch.

Michigan currently leads the nation in being the least transparent in surveys by the Center for Public Integrity and other watchdog groups, earning an F grade.

That could change given a new approach from Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer and the newly elected Senate Majority Leader, Mike Shirkey (R-Clarklake).

Gov. Whitmer acknowledged Michigan's lack of transparency in her first State of the State address last month.

"We have consistently ranked the worst in the country. We have the power to fix that: let's expand FOIA to my office and to the legislature," she urged the combined members of the House and Senate.

At the start of the month, she set the tone for her administration with her Executive Directive (2019-11). The directive requires executive branch departments to "embrace the Freedom of Information Act and the Open Meeting Act. ... A request for public records should be a user-friendly process that makes state government more accessible—not the opposite."

The House effort is the third bipartisan attempt to amend the law. Despite unanimous passage in the House three years ago, the LORA bills were buried in committee by the previous Senate majority leader and never got a vote. Similar bills suffered the same fate.

But a new day has arrived. Sen. Shirkey has a reputation for transparency and accountability. LORA should get House approval, and Shirkey can ensure the package of bills gets the attention and review it deserves and bring it to a vote in the Senate. It's clear the governor will sign these changes into law.

The LORA bills have their weaknesses. One is the lack of an external review process, such as creating a FOIA ombudsman or allowing appeals in the Court of Claims. Even with these concerns, however, passing the LORA bills would be a major step forward in bringing sunshine, at long last, to the executive and legislative branches in Michigan. With the 14th annual National Sunshine Week set for March 10-16, that's welcome news.

(Jane Briggs-Bunting is the founding president and a board member of the Michigan Coalition for Open Government (MiCOG). The tax-exempt Michigan nonprofit corporation was founded to promote and protect transparency and accountability in government at the local state and federal levels. For more information, visit www.mi-opengov.org.)

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 13

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.

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

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

THURSDAY, MARCH 14

Local farmer, Teresa McCurdy will share her knowledge of the pollination process with a presentation at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 2 to 4 p.m. For more information about this free program, call (989) 724-6796.

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

Youth ages eight and up are welcome and encouraged to attend the weekly Youth Group at the Chosen Ranch Community Center in Lincoln from 6 to 8 p.m. For more information, call the center at (989) 335-4673 (HOPE).

The 4-H Archery Group will meet from 5:45 to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

FRIDAY, MARCH 15

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

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street in Greenbush at 7 p.m. For more information, contact Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

Grand Art and Dinner will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street at

2:30 p.m. Draw, paint, model and have fun with a grandchild or another young artist after school. Artist Autumn Bildson will lead the class. This creative fun is free to both adults and the kids, but adults will need to buy their dinner. Sponsors will pay for the kids' dinner. Sign up with Suzan by calling (989) 736-8879. This event is hosted by Inspiration Alcona.

Classic movie night at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 5:45 p.m. Free popcorn. Co-sponsored by Inspiration Alcona. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16

The 10th annual Maple Syrup Celebration Day, sponsored by the Alcona FFA, will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sugar Shack located at Alcona Community Schools, 51 North Barlow Road. A breakfast will be served all day as well as tours of the Sugar Shack. This is a free day of fun, food and entertainment.

St. Patty's dinner at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$4 for children ages six through 10. Call (989) 736-3050 for details.

A euchre tournament will be held at the Greenbush Township Hall on Campbell Street. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with play starting at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by the Greenbush Historical Society.

A Trivia Night Fundraiser will be held at Lost Lake Woods Club beginning at 7 p.m. to help raise money for the Children's Advocacy Center of Northeast Michigan. In addition to a fun night of trivia, the event will also feature a silent auction. Proceeds from the auction and registration fees will go to support the work being done at the center to benefit abused children. For more information, call Malinda at (989) 358-3906.

SUNDAY, MARCH 17

Breakfast buffet at the Mikado American Legion, 2205 Alger Street in Mikado, from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$7 per person. Call (989) 736-9526 for details.

Join the Harrisville Ukulele Meetup at Red Rooster Restaurant, 3228 South US-23, in Greenbush from 2 to 4 p.m. All levels of ukulele players are welcome. They meet to create a supportive ukulele community to strum, sing and have fun. There will be a \$1 collection to defray costs. Call Irv at (989) 724-7410 for details.

MONDAY, MARCH 18

Ladies are invited to play bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is easy to learn and first-timers are welcome. For more info., call (989) 736-8879.

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.

Community singers practice for Good Friday service at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Avenue in Harrisville at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call Linda at (989) 747-8060 or Susan at (989) 724-6365.

TUESDAY, MARCH 19

The Alcona Music Department will be performing a concert at 6 p.m. in the Alcona High School Auditorium. This concert will feature the sixth grade band, middle school and high school combined band, the high school choir, and the Shoreline Jazz group from Oscoda. The event is free and open to the public.

A pizza dinner fundraiser for the Alcona High School students trip to Washington D.C., will be held at the Backwoods Bistro on Barlow Road in Lincoln from 4 to 8 p.m. Students and parents volunteering as waitstaff will be serving pizza, salad, breadsticks, pop or coffee for \$10.99 per person. A silent auction will be held during the event. Auction items are welcomed and appreciated. Contact bouchardj@alcona-schools.net or call (989) 736-8534 for details.

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. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Ever wondered what the Book of Revelations means? Find out at the Chosen Ranch Community Center in Lincoln with Pastor Charles Sheldon from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, call the center at (989) 335-4673 (HOPE).

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch

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Special Meeting of the Greenbush Township Planning Commission

Thursday, April 4, 2019, 6 p.m.

at the township hall, 5039 Campbell St.

A request for re-zoning 9.84 acres from Extractive to Forestry. The description commencing at the NW Corner of Section 10, T25N, R9E Greenbush Township, Alcona County, Michigan; thence S 86 degrees 56' 24" E along the North line of said section and the centerline of Ridley Road, 2145.03 feet to the Point of Beginning; thence 2 02 degrees 44' 47" W 1296.82 feet; thence N 87 degrees 08' 55" W along the North 1/8 line of said section, 661.55 feet; thence N 29 degrees 47' 41" E 1454.73 feet to the Point of Beginning. Said parcel being a part of the NE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of said Section 10 and containing 9.84 acres of land, more or less. Being subject to the rights of the public over the Northerly 33 feet thereof. Also being subject to easements, restrictions and zoning of record, if any. Which is the property across from Spencer Park on Ridley Road west of the railroad tracks. Any questions on the above please contact Dave Dailey, Township Clerk at (989) 274-0046.

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Calendar of Events



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of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for March is "Radium Girls" by Kate Moore. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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International Great Lakes Cruising will be presented by Michael Beaulac at the Great Lake Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street in Alpena at 7 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. A short history will be given on the Great Lakes passenger ships as well as the recent global cruising industry's growing interest in the Great Lakes as an international destination. This event is free and open to the public. Call (989) 884-6200 for details. This event was rescheduled due to severe weather.

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SATURDAY, MARCH 23

Spring Break Family Matinee – Sanctuary Cinema Series at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street in Alpena from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Enjoy an hour and a half of family matinee selections of Great Lakes themed films. This event is free and open to the public. Call (989) 884-6200 for details.

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

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Sealed proposals for the re-roofing of The Elementary School and Sugar Shack located in Lincoln, MI will be received at the Office of the School Superintendent, to the Att. Of Dan O'Connor, Supt., 51 N. Barlow Road, PO Box 249, Lincoln, MI 48742. Mark outside of envelope with "ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AND SUGAR SHACK RE-ROOFING"

Bids due: 3 :00 P.M., local time, April 16, 2019. No electronic submissions. Late bids will not be accepted.

Bids will be opened publicly at: 3:15 p.m. April 16, 2019

Proposals will be accepted from General Contractors and/or Roofing Contractor's acting as General Contractor and shall include all trades required for complete and proper installation
A Mandatory (General Contractors/Roofing Contractors) on-site meeting will be held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, March 14, 2019. Meet at main entrance to the elementary school.

The Contract Documents, Plans and Specifications may be examined at the following:

- R.S. Scott Associates, Inc., 405 River Street, Alpena, MI
- Buy4michigan website

Plan Houses including:

- Northeast Michigan Plan House, Alpena, MI
- Builders Exchange of NW Michigan, Traverse City, MI
- Tri-City Builders Exchange, 334 W. Water Street, Saginaw, MI 48607
- REED Construction Data Plan House
- CAM, 43636 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Copies of the Contract Documents, may be obtained at the offices of: R.S. Scott Associates, Inc., 405 River Street, Alpena, MI. (tel: 989-354-3178 ext 6 (Susan Edwards)) or edwardss@rsscott.com

A PDF file will be provided to contractors upon request free of charge. Hard Copy sets available upon payment of \$100.00 set plus \$15.00 shipping. Call ahead for plan availability.

Bidders shall comply with various Federal, State and Local Laws.

Each bidder must deposit with their bid: Bank Draft, Certified Check, or Bid Bond executed by the bidder and acceptable sureties, in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the bid and payable to "The Alcona Community Schools." The successful bidder will be required to furnish Performance Bonds, Labor and Material Bonds each in the amount of 100% of the contract amount.

Bidders shall furnish a sworn and notarized familial disclosure statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the school board or superintendent.

All proposals shall be made in accordance with Information for Bidders, Plans and Specifications. The right is reserved by the Owner to accept any proposal and to waive informalities in bidding when it is deemed to be in the interest of the project.

ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Dan O'Connor, Superintendent



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

- Darren Laurence Draper, 40, of Lansing, Mich. was sentenced to five days in jail and fines and court costs of \$1,500 for take/possess deer/bear/turkey.
- David Scott Lashley, 54, of Mio, Mich. was sentenced to two days in jail, six months of probation, 10 hours of community service and fines and costs of \$1,660 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Ashley Pearl Shipley, 29, of Lansing, Mich. was sentenced to \$400 in fines and costs for allowing a suspended person to drive a motor vehicle.
- Jane Carol White, 72, of Harrisville was sentenced to one day in jail and \$1,480 in fines and costs for operating while visibly impaired.
- Carl Samuel Boyd, 62, of Glennie was sentenced to \$525 in fines and costs for attempted CMV – transporting hazardous material without a license endorsement.
- Jason Arzie Hall, 24, of South Branch was sentenced to \$200 in fines and costs for no valid license in possession.
- Sharon Lynn Bisanze, 53, of Alpena was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation, 24 hours of community service and fines and costs of \$980 for two counts of larceny under \$200.
- John William Hall IV, 55, of Burton, Mich. was sentenced to \$425 in fines and costs for wildlife conservation – general violation.

Local Notes

Item Collection Suspended

Due to the recent notification of the need to downsize, My Brother's Hope Free Store will no longer be taking donations. The past generosity of the community in donating so many needed items is greatly appreciated.

Mock Rock Results

The following individuals and groups earned the following titles during the annual Mock Rock/Talent Show which was held last Saturday. The popular event is a fundraising venue for the Miss Sunrise Side program.

- Originality - Mike Maturen
- Future Star - Kira Harmon
- Audience Appeal - Mike Maturen
- Entertainment - "Mickey" by The Somers Group
- Skill- Matthew Turpen
- Overall Talent Winner - Mike Maturen

Trivia Night

Anyone looking to enjoy an evening with friends while bending their brains and raising money for a children's program is welcome to participate in Trivia Night on Saturday, March 16 at 7 p.m. at Lost Lake Woods Club. Teams of four to eight people will compete, and the top scoring team will have bragging rights and a trophy in addition to helping raise money for the Children's Advocacy Center of Northeast Michigan. The event will also feature a silent auction.

Proceeds from the auction and registration fees will go to support the work being done at the Children's Advocacy Center for the benefit of abused children.

The entry fee is \$20 per person. Preregistration is encouraged. Anyone who doesn't have a team but would like to participate is encouraged to attend and meet new people. For more information or to pre-register, contact Melissa at (989) 260-2311, or see the Facebook event. Ice water and light snacks will be available.

Away at School

• Nikki Brueggeman, of Lincoln, was named to the dean's list for the 2018 fall semester at Ferris State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

• Trenton, Lavergne, of Lincoln, was named to the dean's list for the 2018 fall semester at Ferris State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

• Chloe Lacombe, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the dean's list for the 2018 fall semester at Ferris State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at Lott Baptist Church; at 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center; and at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. No reservations are required at the Lincoln Senior Center, however call (989) 736-8879 by 7 a.m. for meals served in Glennie or Greenbush. No membership is required. Suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

• Monday, March 18—Baked spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, and peaches.

• Tuesday, March 19—Barbecued pork roast, red parsley potato, mixed vegetables, and mixed fruit.

• Wednesday, March 20—Beef stew with stew vegetables, tossed salad, and tropical fruit.

• Thursday, March 21—Herb chicken, sweet potatoes, Prince Charles blend vegetables, pickled beets, and pears.

• Friday, March 22—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli, and pineapple.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Attention Seniors

In an effort to gain information from the public about the need for services for older adults, the NEMCSA Region 9 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) will host two input sessions; Thursday, March 21 at 3 p.m. at the Onaway senior Center, 4203 South Lynn Street, Onaway and Friday, March 22 at 10 a.m. at the Tawas Senior Center, 312 Newman Street, East Tawas.

The Region 9 AAA coordinates and develops a comprehensive service delivery system for older adults and persons with disabilities residing in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon.

An AAA is tasked with the responsibility of advocacy, planning, funding needed services and monitoring funded programs. Each year the AAA must develop a plan describing how funds received through the Older Americans Act will be used in the communities it serves and what services will be a priority.

Some of the funds from the Older Americans Act are granted to area County Councils/Commissions on Aging and help to provide services such as senior center meals, home delivered meals, respite care and personal care. The input sessions provide an opportunity for people to express views on issues seniors are facing, as well as services available and unmet needs.

Scholarship Opportunities

• The Robert R. Robinson Scholarship, awarded annually by the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), seeks to offer financial assistance to students aspiring to

leadership roles in their community. The scholarship is designed to help Michigan students who are preparing for a career in public administration. Applicants must be a junior, senior or graduate student in a Michigan college or university.

The scholarship is awarded on a competitive basis, and applicants are considered on several factors including academic achievement, community involvement and commitment to local government administration. Requirements include: a letter of recommendation from a professor or instructor; a copy of a resolution of support from an MTA-member township board in good standing; and a short essay on an important issue facing local government. All applications are due by May 31, 2019. More information is available online at www.michigantownships.org/scholarship.asp, or by contacting MTA at (517) 321-6467.

• The Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525 has applications available for its 2019 Community College Scholarship which is open to any high school senior from the following high schools: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac Eastern, Au Gres Sims, Hale, Oscoda, Standish-Sterling, Tawas Area, Whittemore-Prescott, and the Alternative Education Academy of Iosco County. The student must be attending one of the following community colleges during the 2019-20 academic school year: Alpena Community College, Delta Community College, and Kirtland Community College.

Four \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to the top four applicants. The scholarship application can be downloaded from the Tawas Area Elks Lodge website at <http://www.elks.org/lodges/LodgePages.cfm?LodgeNumber=2525&ID=15006>. The deadline for submitting completed applications is April 30, 2019. Contact Brad Saegesser, scholarship chairperson, at (989) 820-7171, with any questions.

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Veterans

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is be helpful as townships are currently setting their budgets for the upcoming year beginning in April.

One of the challenges is finding volunteers to place the flags on the graves. Burger said VFW groups have historically done the job, but with aging and declining numbers of members, the task must be delegated to others. He says honor society members, Alcona High's football team, civic groups, or even individuals have been known to help.

"The township will provide the flags/holders and information about where the designated gravesites are, but there is a dire need for volunteers to place them," Burger said.

According to Burger, the flags and stands are estimated respectively to cost \$1 and \$15 to \$40 each. And while not seemingly part of township business, participation provides consistent, community-wide homage to those who made sacrifices in service to their country.

For information about flags for marking veteran gravesites, contact Jim Burger at (989) 736-3401.

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Unable to decide what to do with the tree trunk he had just processed, the lumberjack was stumped.

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cal nursing homes and assisted living centers and has taken middle and high school students to solo and ensemble festivals.

The middle school students played in 14 events either as a solo, duet or trio performance in front of a judge at the festival held in Tawas. From the event, the middle school took home six first-division and five second-division ratings.

Unfortunately, because of bad weather and snow, only three students were placed for the high school festival in Beaverton, Mich., two solos and a duet performance in which all received second-division ratings. "I was just proud of them for showing up in bad weather, there were a lot of schools not represented," Pendergrass said.

Recently, Pendergrass took the seventh and eighth grade combined band to the District 9 Band Festival in Oscoda where they played in front of judges and were then given an opportunity to listen to judges' comments. "It's very

exciting. This school has not attended a District Festival since 2010. They (did) not compete, but hearing the judges' comments will benefit them," Pendergrass said.

Pendergrass is planning on having another band and choir concert in the spring. She is also collaborating with Janet Klein, an Alcona teacher who has a specialty in drama, to work on a fifth grade musical.

"Currently the fifth graders are working on recorders but I wanted them to have a big project to work on. Something all the fifth graders could get creative with. The musical is called 'The Granny Awards' and actors will dress up as story characters including the Big Bad Wolf and all the princesses. We are shooting for the first week in May for that, but don't have a date set yet."

The concert on March 19 will be held at 6 p.m. in the auditorium of Alcona High School, 51 N. Barlow Road in Lincoln just north of M-72.

United Way seeks volunteers

Volunteers are the United Way's most valuable asset and are critical to its mission of improving lives of people in the community. The following volunteer opportunities are currently available.

- Administrative support volunteers are needed to assist with staff support activities including data entry, research, filing and answering phones. Having administrative volunteers helps, because it allows the United Way staff to focus on fundraising, budget reports and community collaboration. Training is provided.

- Annual Agency Review (Citizens Review Panel). Volunteers are wanted for the 2020 Citizens Review Panel. This panel plays a vital role in reviewing applications from local agencies programs that wish to receive funding. Members of the committee volunteer must be able to volunteer Thursday, April 4 or Friday, April 5 (or both) from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The committee will review materials, and collec-

tively submit recommendations to the United Way Board of Directors regarding funding status and amounts for each applying agency.

- Campaign Chairperson(s) represent the United Way as the face of the annual campaign, making statements to the community and urging participation on the part of prospective donors. This position will be supported by the executive director, board of directors and other volunteers.

- Volunteering with the United Way Community Garden is an opportunity to make friends and give back to the community. From drop-in days to long term projects, from watering plants and digging in the dirt to helping in our office, there are volunteer opportunities that suit a wide variety of abilities and interests.

- The New Beginnings Back to School Clothing Drive provides new school outfits, school supplies and personal hygiene items to dozens of middle-to-high-school students. Volunteers are needed to help create impact opportunities for the youth. Volunteer shoppers are also needed to help the youth shop on August 8 from 9 a.m. to noon.

- Grow and engage the audience with compelling content through Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, YouTube and other popular social media platforms.

- Special event volunteers are needed several times throughout the year to help the United Way raise funds and awareness events through community events. These events are a great way to connect with the community and support our agencies.

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But be aware that political organizations, charities and survey takers are still permitted to call you, as are businesses you've bought something from or made a payment to in the last 18 months. To sign up, visit DoNotCall.gov or call (888) 382-1222.

- To stop calls on your home phone set up the "anonymous call rejection" option. This is a free landline-calling feature available from most telephone companies. It lets you screen out calls from callers who have blocked their caller ID information – a favorite tactic of telemarketers. To set it up, you usually have to dial *77 from your landline, though different phone services may have different procedures to set it up. Call your telephone service provider to find out if they offer this feature, and if so, what you need to do to enable it.

Another solution is to sign up for Nomorobo, which is a free service for landline phones but only if you have a VoIP landline carrier.

Nomorobo uses a "simultaneous ring" service that detects and blocks robocalls on a black list of known offender numbers. It isn't 100 percent foolproof, but it is an extra layer of protection. To sign up or see if Nomorobo works with your phone service provider, visit Nomorobo.com.

- To stop unwanted robocalls and texts to your cell phone, ask your carrier about caller ID options that help identify, filter or prevent callers that aren't legitimate.

For example, AT&T provides their subscribers a free app called "AT&T Call Protect" that has automatic fraud blocking and suspected spam warnings, and you can manually block unwanted calls. Starting this month, Verizon is offering free spam alerting and call blocking tools to their users. T-Mobile offers free "Scam ID" and "Scam Block" to combat robocalls and spam. And Sprint customers can sign up for its "Premium Caller ID" service for \$2.99 per month to guard against



robocalls and caller ID spoofers.

- Another way to stop nuisance robocalls on your smartphone is with call blocking apps. These can identify who is calling you and block unwanted calls that show up on a crowd-sourced spam and robocaller lists.

Some top call blocking app for iPhones and Androids include Nomorobo (Nomorobo.com), Hiya Caller ID and Spam Blocker (Hiya.com) and Truecaller (Truecaller.com).

Nomorobo cost \$2 per month, while Truecaller and Hiya apps are free to use, but offer upgraded services for \$2 and \$3 per month.

- There are also phones you can buy, like the Samsung Galaxy S, Samsung Note, or Google Pixel phone that have built-in spam and robocall protection in place. Samsung's Smart Call feature flags calls it suspects are spam, while Google Pixel phones have built-in spam call protection. With this feature, users with Caller ID enabled will get a warning if a suspected spam call or robocall is received.

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Lady Tiger Raegen Eller in perfect form during the Division 4 Singles state competition on March 2. She came in fifth place. *Courtesy photo.*

Eller places 5th in state competition

The Alcona girls varsity bowling team ended its season with Raegen Eller making her third and final visit to the Division 4 Singles competition on Saturday, March 2 at the M-66 Bowl in Battle Creek, Mich.

Sixty bowlers from across the state bowled six games with the top 16 bowlers moving on to the second half.

Eller bowled a total of 1,085 averaging 180.83 per game which put her in seventh place and moving onto the sweet sixteen.

In Eller's first match she faced 10th place Kassidy Alexander from Hanover-Horton. Eller bowled 381 to

Alexander's 347 to move onto the elite eight.

In the second match, she faced 2nd place Mackenzie Johnson from Vandercook Lake (2018 Champion). Eller bowled 287 to Johnson's 389 to be eliminated from the tournament. Johnson continued on to be crowned the 2019 State Champion.

When all the numbers were in, Eller finished in fifth place.

Lady Tigers give Owls scare, fall in district final

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

If you're going to go down, go down swinging.

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team may have finished on the short end of Friday's division three district final with heavily favored Oscoda, but the Lady Tigers gave the hosting Lady Owls all they could handle and then some, before fading late in a 65-47 season ending loss.

"It is always tough to lose, but that is the reality of tournament play," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "We have been successful in districts the last couple of years, but you can't win them all."

"Congratulations to Oscoda, they are a real good team and they put in the work to get to this level. I am happy with the effort our team gave this game, and all week for that matter. That is two games this year that we played Oscoda as tough as anyone has all year, but came up short both times," he said.

The Lady Tigers led most of the first half on the undefeated Lady Owls, leading as much as 7-2 in the first quarter and 18-10 and 22-15 in the second. A three-pointer just inside the half-court line by Megan Grove at the buzzer, kept Alcona ahead at the break, 27-25.

"The biggest thing is that we were confident and aggressive on offense," Feldhiser said. "We wanted our girls to attack the rim and shoot when open. We also changed up a bit defensively and we were able to hold them to a manageable point total in the first

half. We shot the ball well all week, and that carried into this game as well."

An early third quarter drive and lefty flip-in by Liz Henderson kept Alcona ahead 29-27 and a Henderson put-back kept things tied at 31-all, though the Owls pulled ahead 35-31 late in the quarter.

Hailee Gordy drove the left baseline and laid one in to pull Alcona within 37-35 with just seconds to go, but Oscoda drilled a three at the other end at the buzzer to put them ahead 40-35 entering the fourth quarter.

"It seems like when they hit that three at the end of the third, it kind of changed momentum and they really played well in the fourth," Feldhiser said. "We made some turnovers and they hit some big shots. They have pretty good balance on that team and did a good job of finding the open player and hitting the shots. There was quite a disparity in the fouls and that caught up with us as well."

An early fourth quarter trey by Gordy kept the Lady Tigers around momentarily, down just 42-38, but the Owls answered with a 9-2 run to surge to a 51-40 lead with 3:42 left to play.

Henderson and Gordy hit back-to-back buckets in the paint to pull within 51-44 but Oscoda responded with a three to make it double digits again at 54-44 and held the Lady Tigers to just a Faith Wallenmaier three the rest of the way.

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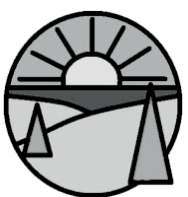


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The Lady Tigers opened the game with a three by Gordy, with a lay-in by Wallenmaier making it 7-2 early on.

Alcona held a slim 11-10 lead late in the frame, though Henderson tracked down an offensive rebound and but the ball through for a 13-10 Lady Tiger lead after one.

Alcona took its biggest lead of the game by scoring the first two buckets in the second, getting a three by Grove to fall through and a nice play at the basket by Henderson to make it 18-10.

Gordy kept the momentum going by hauling in a pass as she cut to the basket, she hauled in the pass and despite being defended well, got an off balance lay-in to fall through for a 22-15 lead.

Grove hit a pair of free throws to keep Alcona ahead 24-20 and though it gave up the lead at 25-24 late in the half, Grove's three at the buzzer gave the Lady Tigers the 27-25 halftime lead.

"We had some good performances," Feldhiser said. "Gordy stepped it up offensively and came through with a nice game and Grove also played a good game. Henderson really came out and played a very strong game on both ends of the floor too. Our other post players, Bri Fogle and Rachel Layton did a nice job of rebounding and defending their post players." Gordy finished the game with 14 points. Henderson netted 12, Grove had 10. Wallenmaier netted seven and Layton got four points.

On Wednesday, March 6 Alcona won its district semi-final game against Roscommon, 40-37. "The important thing is that we won, which is all that counts this time of year," Feldhiser said. "It wasn't a thing of beauty, but our girls toughed it out and got the job done against a team that came in and played hard."

In the first quarter, Grove hit a pair of threes but Alcona led just 9-8 after one. The Lady Tigers managed just a bucket each by Fogle and Gordy in the second quarter,

allowing the Lady Bucks to inch ahead 15-13 at the half.

A three by Wallenmaier gave Alcona a 24-21 lead late in the third, though Roscommon crawled back to knot things up at 24-all entering the fourth quarter.

Grove hit a pair of key free throws with just 40 seconds left to put Alcona ahead 38-34 and after a Roscommon three made it 38-37, Wallenmaier hit two more at the charity stripe with six seconds left, making it 40-37.

Roscommon was called with a travel on their final possession, allowing Alcona to run the final seconds off the clock.

"If Faith (didn't) come through with five threes and 19 points in the second half, we would have been done," Feldhiser said. "That was absolutely a great performance by a senior, and just when her team needed it. I can't say enough about her clutch performance."

Leading the way in the win was Wallenmaier with 19 points. Grove netted 12. Fogle had five, and Henderson and Gordy had two points apiece.

On Monday, March 4 the Lady Tigers opened up the post-season with a 61-52 win over Rogers City, a team they had lost to twice in the regular season.

"We game planned to contain (Taylor Fleming) and really focused on rebounding," Feldhiser said. "I think our girls finally decided they had enough of losing to Rogers City. I was most happy in this game (because) we came back from a nine-point and an 11-point deficit to win. This was probably our best game of the year."

The Hurons had a big opening quarter, taking a 20-12 lead after one. Alcona amped up its defense in the second and got five points by Gordy in the frame to pull within 26-25 at the break. Rogers City pulled ahead to lead 45-38 entering the fourth quarter, but 10-point frame by Grove helped the Lady Tigers come back for the win.

"Grove came through in a big way," Feldhiser said. "Not just with her 19 points but in taking care of the ball. Gordy also had a good game and we really had nice scoring balance. I thought Lily Bilbey played her best game of the year and other players, especially Fogle, displayed a refuse to lose attitude that got the job done."

Alcona finished the season 12-9 overall.

"I thought we had a great week of basketball during the districts," Feldhiser said. "Several of our leaders stepped up, and we saw really good performances by some of our underclassmen. I am really proud of how our team played."

The Lady Tigers graduate four seniors from this year's team, but expect to be right in the thick of things next year as well.

"It was an up and down season, and we kind of expected that," Feldhiser said. "We had a unique mix of returning players and new players who were asked to do quite a bit. You always want your team to be playing it's best at the end of the year. I think we were doing that, but we took a strange path to get there. We took two pretty bad losses near the end of the year, but to our kid's credit, they did not get down. Rather, they pulled together and played with a lot of confidence in that last week."

"We will miss our senior leadership, and the scoring they provide, but again, our underclassmen played a lot of minutes this year, and we had a good JV team, so we are already thinking about next year's team. I don't see any reason why we won't remain successful," Feldhiser said.

"I want to congratulate coach Tim Somers and our JV team on a 16-3 season. That is even more remarkable considering that there were four sophomores on the varsity. That team showed great improvement throughout the season."



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Pan fishing during last ice

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By Gregg Schefferly

Outdoor Writer

Ask any ice fisherman about the best time to catch big panfish and the answer is -- first and last ice.

While it may not seem like it, late season ice fishing is coming up quickly. After first ice, anglers know the going gets tough in regards to catching large panfish. At the same time anglers know how good the fishing will be as the days lengthen and the temperatures spend more time above freezing.

The thaw causes a surge of water to enter the lakes providing much needed oxygen to the fish. After a few months of being near dormant due to the lack of oxygen, fish suddenly become ravenous, going on a feeding frenzy.

Late season anglers have to retool; suddenly instead of being able to pull your gear out with an ATV or snowmobile, anglers will resume traveling out on the ice on foot. This means they'll have to lighten the load. Normally, the fish start moving back into the shallows so they generally don't have to walk too far. Late season ice is softer; a hand auger can quickly carve a hole through the ice. Even better, the small, one man portable shanties are light weight and can hold all the gear necessary for fishing panfish.

Late season fish are known for hitting aggressively, but anglers still have to locate them. Catching hand-sized panfish requires different tactics, more than likely anglers will have to move several times to locate fish. Setting up in an area known to produce fish, anglers should pre-drill a number of holes prior to fishing. Nothing will spook fish quicker than the disturbance of someone spudding or augering a hole in the ice.

Getting the holes opened up first thing will allow the area to quiet down prior to fishing. This allows for quietly moving from hole to hole.

Technology has certainly added to the fishing experience. In addition to small



Exploring the Outdoors
By Gregg Schefferly

heaters and portable shanties, anglers have flashers and underwater cameras which allows them be comfortable and see first hand how the fish are reacting to their presentation. Prior to flashers, unless a fish bit an offering, an angler didn't know if there were fish below them. The problem with this was instead of changing the offering and trying new tactics, anglers missed opportunities because they weren't aware that there were fish swimming below them.

Today with a flasher a fisherman can instantly see whether or not there are fish underfoot. Knowing fish are below, anglers will focus on trying different jigging techniques to catch them. The flasher allows them to see how they react. If jigging doesn't work, they'll know to change it up by switching bait, lure size, or color in attempt to get the fish to bite. Late season anglers normally downsize using smaller tear drops and lighter line. Bluegill, perch, and crappie are traditionally what late season anglers are trying to catch. All of them can be caught during the day, however crappie are known to feed more at dusk and after dark.

Anglers often fish crappie after dark using lanterns. It's hard to beat, fishing the afternoon for big yellowbellies and gills, then switching to minnows toward dusk and firing up the lantern. Fishing late can add to the excitement and table fare. This is one of the best times to bring home a master angler fish. Having a few different baits is a good idea. Anglers typically use spikes, mousies, wax-

worms, wigglers, and minnows.

While the fishing can be incredible, anglers need to be very cautious. Late season fishermen have been known to place boards from the shore to the ice, wade from shore using hip boots or waders, or even take a boat to the ice to get to favorite fishing spots as the ice deteriorates due to warming temperatures and longer days. It's not uncommon for anglers to go out onto the lake at the crack of dawn fish for several hours and end up having to wade into shore because the ice had deteriorated once the temperatures climb above freezing.


Late season anglers need to be very careful. Using a spud as they make their way out on the ice is crucial. Carrying a pair of ice spikes on a cord is important -- they will help your body out of the water back onto the ice. Extreme caution should be used around pressure cracks anytime, but in the late season this is even more important.

There are a lot of hazards, old holes open up due to warm water running into them, old shanty holes and pressure cracks are all hazards to watch for. Bottom line, the fishing can be great, but it's important to enter the ice using extreme caution. It's best to fish with a partner and always have a rope.

Good luck and be safe.
(After spending several years in Afghanistan, Alaska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, Gregg Schefferly has recently returned to writing and Lincoln where he grew up hunting, fishing, and trapping. Feel free to contact him or send him pictures at northwriter@hotmail.com.)

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U.S., Canadian coast guards break ice on shared waters

By Kaley Fech
Capital News Service

When traveling on the Great Lakes in the winter, it's not just the cold temperatures that cause problems with ice.

The wind, too, wreaks havoc.

"In 2014, I was on an ice-breaker on Lake Superior in March and the ice was very thick," said George Leshkevich, a physical scientist with the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor, Mich. "We were opening up the ship track for the opening of the shipping season and it took us a day just to get through Whitefish Bay.

"We started making our way from Whitefish Point over to the Keweenaw," he said. "We didn't make very much headway because when the icebreaker opened a track up, the winds would close it up behind us," he said.

Challenges like that keep the U.S. and Canadian Coast Guards busy on the Great Lakes in the winter.

"It's really an area where there's a huge amount of collaboration between the U.S. and Canadian Coast Guards," said Carol Launderville, communications officer for the Canadian Coast Guard on the Great Lakes.

The two services renewed their decades long ice breaking partnership last January with a new memorandum of understanding. The waters of lakes Superior, Huron, Erie and Ontario that are closest to Ontario are Canadian. Those closest to Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New York are U.S. waters, according to U.S. Coast Guard Lt. Blake Bonifas.

Lake Michigan is wholly in the U.S.

And just like the water they share, the two countries share ice breaking duties, Launderville said. Sometimes Canadian ships clear routes in American waters and vice versa. And they swap personnel so that the two agencies become familiar with each other's procedures.

Ice breaking is critical for Great Lakes shipping. "This last winter, the estimated economic value of the cargo that we were able to help move was valued at \$875 million, Bonifas said. "That's economic activity that wouldn't exist had we not been able to provide some kind of ice breaking service."

While there are fewer ships on the Great Lakes in the winter, shipping continues year-round, so it's important to keep the routes clear, Launderville said.

Members of the Lake Carriers' Association, based in

Cleveland, Ohio stop only when the Soo Locks close in mid-January. They resume when the locks reopen at the end of March.

"We ship full bore right up until the locks close and then again when they open," said Thomas Rayburn, director of environmental and regulatory affairs for the Lake Carriers' Association.

This means they operate during the ice season, which

typically begins in mid-December and continues through April. "Ice breaking resources are absolutely critical for us to keep moving," Rayburn said.

In 2014, ice cover on the Great Lakes reached 92.5 percent, Leshkevich said "We haven't seen that kind of ice cover since 1979," he said.

The next year was also fairly severe, when ice covered 88.8 percent of the Great Lakes

But those two years of severe ice cover are not the norm. "As a whole, when you look at our period or record from 1973 to the present, ice cover on the Great Lakes has tended to decrease over the years, especially since 1997," said Leshkevich, whose lab is part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The long-term average ice
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Northern Russia thru American soldiers' eyes

Story Reads Funny, but is Not So Humorous as it seems

March 13, 1919 ~ Floyd Slater sends the following from the "American Sentinel" published at Archangel. The description is very popular with the American soldiers in Russia as it "hits the nail on the head."

Sometimes, about once or twice every now and then, copies of the "Stars and Stripes" find their way up here to No Woman's Land and are instantly devoured by the news-hungry gang, searching for information regarding their comrades and general conditions in France, where we belong, but through Fate were sent up to this part of the world to quell Bolshevism and guard the Northern Lights.

We are so far north that the doggone sun works only when it feels inclined to do so, and in that way it is like everything else in Russia. The moon isn't so particular and comes up, usually backwards, at any time of the day or night, in any part of the sky, it having no set schedule, and often it will get lost and still be on the job at noon. Yes, we are so far north that 30 degrees below will soon be tropical weather to us, and they will have to build fires around both cows before they can milk them. Probably about next month at this time someone will come around and say we will be pulling out of here in a day or so, but then, the days will be six months long.

In one issue of your very popular paper we noticed a cartoon. "Pity the Boys in Siberia," but what about us, Ed? Now, up here in this tough town there are 269,831 inhabitants, of which 61,329 are human beings and 208,502 are dogs. Dogs of every description from the poodle to the St. Bernard and from the wolf hound to the half-breed dachshund, which is half German and half Bolshevik and looks the part.

The wind whistles across the Dvina river like the Twentieth Century Limited passing Podunk, and snowflakes are as numerous as retreating Germans were in France a few weeks ago.

We have good quarters when we are here, thank fortune for that, and good food, when it comes up. If we can stand the winter we will be all jake, for a Yank can accustom himself to anything if he wants to. But just the same, we would like to see your artists busy on the "Boys in Northern Russia" and tell them not to leave out the word "Northern."

We also read in the "Stars and Stripes" that the boys in Italy had some tongue twisters and brain worriers, but listen to this. Centimes and sous and francs may be hard to count, but did you ever hear of a rouble or a kopec ?

A kopec is worth a tenth of a cent and there are a hundred of them in a rouble. As you will see, that makes a rouble worth a dime, and to make matters worse all the money is paper, coins having gone out of circulation since the beginning of the mix-up. A kopec is the size of a postage stamp, a rouble looks like a United Cigar Store Certificate, a 25 rouble note resembles a porous plaster and a 100 rouble note the Declaration of Independence.

When a soldier in search of a meal enters a restaurant, he says to the waitress, "Barishna, zakajeetyed bifstek, pozhalysta," which means, "An order of beefsteak, lady, if you please." You see, you always say "barishna" which really means "girl" and until a young lady is married she is always a "barishna" and is always addressed in that manner. She will answer the hungry customer with, "Yah ochen sojalaylu, shtounaus nyet yestnik prepasov siechas" (a simple home cure for lockjaw), meaning, "I am very sorry, but we are right out of food today." He will try several other places, and if lucky he is apt to stumble across a place where he can get something to eat, but when he looks at the bill of fare and learns that

it cost him about 7.50 for a sandwich and a cup of coffee, he beat it back to the barracks.

Every time you get on a street car ("dramvay") you have to count out 60 kopecs for your fare, and most of us would rather walk than be jammed in the two-by-four buses and fish for the money. Before boarding a car passenger usually hunts up a couple of five gallon milk cans, a market basket or two and a bag of smoked herring, so they will get their kopec's worth out of the ride, besides making the atmosphere nice and pleasant for the rest of the passengers. If you should see a soldier walking down the street with nose turned up and his mouth puckered in apparent contempt you would be wrong in thinking he was conceited, for if the truth be known he has probably just got his shirt back from the wash-woman, and she has used fish oil instead of soap and he is trying to escape the fumes.

When you take your clothes to have them laundered and tell the woman to please omit the odor, she'll tell you that she has no soap and if you want them washed to your satisfaction please send in a cake. Anything in the world to keep your clothes from

smelling of fish oil, so you double time back and get her the soap, and then she gives the kids a bath, and that's the end of your soap.

When a Russian meets another man he knows on the street, both lift hats and flirt with each other, if they stop to talk, they always shake hands, even if they haven't seen each other for fully twenty minutes. Then they simply must shake hands again when they leave. When a man meets a lady friend he usually kisses her hand and shows her how far he can bend over without breaking his suspenders. "Ah" he will say, "yah ochen rrad vasvedyat, kak vui pazhavaetye?" which in the United States means "How do you do?" To which she will reply, "Bogadaru vas, yah ochen korosho," or "Very well thank you".

It is the knockout. A fellow has to shake hands so much that some of them are fretting the habit around the company.

And another thing, Ed are they really holding a separate war up here for our benefit? Just because we weren't in on the big doings in France is no reason why they should run a post season series especially for us.

We appreciate the kind-

ness and honor and all that, but what we want to know is where everybody gets that stuff. Believe me, after all the dope we got on the trenches, about pianos and wooden floors, steam heat and other conveniences, when we see ourselves on outpost duty with no blanket and a poncho, sleeping (not on duty of course) in 28 inches of mire ooooozy mud, which before we awaken turns into thin, fine ice it makes us want to cry out and ask the universe what we have done to deserve this exile.

Now don't think dear old Ed that we are kicking American soldiers never do. We just wanted to have something to write you about, to remind you that we are a part of the American E. F. although "isolated".

With best wishes to your paper and a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all the boys I'll close with the consoling assurance in my heart that we'll meet you back on Broadway anyway.

—[By C. B. Knight, Corp. Hd. Qr. 339 Inf. American E. F. Archangel, Russia. In a letter to The Stars and Stripes.]

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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	
March 3	23	4	0.00	2.0	13	N
March 4	16	-5	0.00	2.5	17	NNW
March 5	18	0	0.01	3	21	WSW
March 6	19	-6	0.00	2.0	20	NW
March 7	23	3	0.00	1.9	20	WSW
March 8	33	-1	0.00	3.2	17	WSW
March 9	31	14	0.08	7.9	26	ESE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

2018-2019 Season

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.09	0.7	0.43
March to Date	0.16	2.6	0.55
2019 Season to Date	2.85	56.3	3.66

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. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital city of the Yukon territory in Canada?
2. **LANGUAGE:** What is the ending to the proverb that begins, "All roads lead ..."?
3. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which country's flag is a red circle on a white background?
4. **SCIENCE:** What gas with a distinctive odor is created by a lightning strike?
5. **GEOMETRY:** How many sides does a decagon have?
6. **COMICS:** What is the full name of Batman's butler?
7. **MOVIES:** What was the name of Johnny Depp's character in the "Pirates of the Caribbean" movie?
8. **BIBLE:** On what mountain did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?
9. **U.S. STATES:** Which state's nickname is "The North Star State"?
10. **HISTORY:** Who was the first spouse of a former U.S. president to be elected to public office?

Answers: 1. Whitehorse; 2. "... to Rome."; 3. Japan; 4. Ozone; 5. 10; 6. Alfred Pennyworth; 7. Capt. Jack Sparrow; 8. Mount Sinai; 9. Minnesota; 10. Hillary Clinton (c) 2019 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Symphony, e.g.</p> <p>5 Sing like Bing</p> <p>10 Pampers product</p> <p>16 Mensa stats</p> <p>19 Scheme</p> <p>20 Big artery</p> <p>21 Flowery</p> <p>22 Almond, e.g.</p> <p>23 31-day period honoring TV's Joy? [actor]</p> <p>25 Greek letters</p> <p>26 With 47-Down, Christmas evergreen</p> <p>27 Fall back into illness</p> <p>28 Place with a lot of refuse-disposal chambers? [swimmer]</p> <p>30 Old space station</p> <p>31 Slash</p> <p>32 Ovine noise</p> <p>34 And others, in a list</p> <p>35 Brutes of fantasy</p> <p>36 Smears gunk on rugged mountain ranges? [hockey player]</p> | <p>40 Shows up</p> <p>41 Sequence in heredity</p> <p>42 Robber, e.g.</p> <p>43 Bat hangout</p> <p>46 Finals, e.g.</p> <p>48 Seven-figure income earned in a Nebraska city? [actor]</p> <p>54 Scheme</p> <p>57 DVD- —</p> <p>59 Little barks</p> <p>60 "The King —"</p> <p>61 Guilty feeling</p> <p>64 One doing penance</p> <p>68 Olympic speed skater</p> <p>70 Ethyl ender</p> <p>71 Prohibition of quick insights? [investor]</p> <p>74 Suffix with journal</p> <p>75 Item in a file cabinet</p> <p>77 Ideal conditions</p> <p>78 Imply</p> <p>80 Field of study</p> <p>81 Sikorsky of aviation</p> <p>83 Dir. from N.D. to La.</p> <p>85 "Not — goes by ..."</p> | <p>86 Promise to marry a cute marsupial? [painter]</p> <p>91 Novelist Hermann</p> <p>94 Waikiki necklaces</p> <p>95 Rene of "Get Shorty"</p> <p>97 Poland's Lech</p> <p>101 Sounded like a kitten</p> <p>105 Pale-colored wall paneling for a room? [writer]</p> <p>107 Final, e.g.</p> <p>108 2004 Chevy debut</p> <p>111 Storm center</p> <p>112 Demolition stuff</p> <p>113 — -cone (icy treat)</p> <p>114 Products applied to back-of-the-neck sunburns? [actor]</p> <p>117 City in north-central California</p> <p>119 Adding result</p> <p>120 "Finally!"</p> <p>121 "C" grade ... or what eight answers in this puzzle have?</p> | <p>124 Draw upon</p> <p>125 Fix, as Fido</p> <p>126 Less-played half of a 45</p> <p>127 Morales of movies</p> <p>128 As stated in</p> <p>129 Lorne of "Bonanza"</p> <p>130 A bit off</p> <p>131 Old-time comic Ed</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Sphere</p> <p>2 Childish silly</p> <p>3 Herald, as a new era</p> <p>4 Shut tightly</p> <p>5 College locales</p> <p>6 Perches</p> <p>7 Sarah — Jewett</p> <p>8 Hitler Mel</p> <p>9 "I'll pass"</p> <p>10 One capful, perhaps</p> <p>11 Often-purple flowers</p> <p>12 Major worry</p> <p>13 Argentine plain</p> <p>14 Web biz</p> <p>15 Relax</p> <p>16 Apprise</p> <p>17 Apple or pear relative</p> <p>18 Emphasis</p> <p>24 Flower cluster</p> | <p>28 Ricochet</p> <p>29 Animal park</p> <p>30 Soup enhancer</p> <p>32 Apiary insect</p> <p>33 Guthrie with a guitar</p> <p>37 Saying</p> <p>38 In that case</p> <p>39 "Mr. St. Nick" actress Ortiz</p> <p>40 Animator's frame</p> <p>43 — terrier</p> <p>44 Roadie's tote</p> <p>45 Hindu trinity member</p> <p>47 See 26-Across</p> <p>49 Wolflike carnivores</p> <p>50 China's Chou En- —</p> <p>51 "And how!"</p> <p>52 Ukrainian port city</p> <p>53 Fifteen times six</p> <p>54 Quick-to-build home</p> <p>55 Poe maiden</p> <p>56 Brunch fare</p> <p>58 Line of Apple computers</p> <p>62 Actress — Dawn Chong</p> <p>63 Elfish sort</p> <p>65 "Tsk tsk!"</p> <p>66 Kabuki sash</p> <p>67 "Platoon" site, in brief</p> <p>69 Ovum</p> | <p>72 Black crows</p> <p>73 "Point taken"</p> <p>76 Patriotic women's gp.</p> <p>79 Some Scots</p> <p>82 F followers</p> <p>84 Program</p> <p>87 Unoriginal</p> <p>88 Actress Meyers</p> <p>89 Swift sleds</p> <p>90 Pale-faced</p> <p>92 Hoodwinks</p> <p>93 South Carolina river</p> <p>96 Holy Mlle.</p> <p>98 Euphoria</p> <p>99 Desert of the southwest U.S.</p> <p>100 — -Z (total)</p> <p>101 Botch the job</p> <p>102 Pretext</p> <p>103 Not as cold</p> <p>104 Big bird</p> <p>105 Relax</p> <p>106 Disagreeing</p> <p>108 Following</p> <p>109 Think a lot of</p> <p>110 Tickle pink</p> <p>115 Snake tooth</p> <p>116 To be, to Voltaire</p> <p>117 1,502, in old Rome</p> <p>118 Duck variety</p> <p>121 Exec's deg.</p> <p>122 Suffix with journal</p> <p>123 Cousin</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On March 20, 1345, according to scholars at the University of Paris, the Black Death plague is created from what they call "a triple conjunction of Saturn, Jupiter and Mars in the 40th degree of Aquarius." The Black Death left an estimated 25 million dead. It's now known that bubonic plague is carried by fleas.
 - On March 19, 1842, French writer Honore de Balzac's play "Les Ressources de Quinola" opens in an empty house. Hoping to create a buzz for the play, Balzac had circulated a rumor that tickets were sold out. Unfortunately, most of his fans stayed home.
 - On March 18, 1937, nearly 300 students in Texas are killed by an explosion of natural gas at their school. Officials at the New London school had been persuaded to save money by tapping into less stable wet-gas lines that ran nearby. The blast was felt 40 miles away.
 - On March 21, 1952, the first rock and roll concert in history is held in Cleveland, hosted by legendary disk jockey Alan Freed. Police were overwhelmed when an estimated 20,000-25,000 fans swarmed the Moondog Coronation Ball, held in an arena with a capacity of only 10,000.
 - On March 24, 1965, the first "teach-in" is conducted at the University of Michigan as 200 faculty members hold special anti-war seminars. This form of protest spread to many colleges and universities.
 - On March 22, 1983, the Pentagon awards a contract worth more than \$1 billion to AM General Corp. to produce 55,000 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles. Nicknamed the Humvee, the rugged vehicles were used by the U.S. military. In 1992, a civilian version, the Hummer, went on sale.
 - On March 23, 1994, Wayne Gretzky scores his 802nd goal, breaking his childhood idol Gordie Howe's NHL record for most goals in a career.
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It is still not known who made the following sage observation: "The difference between 'involvement' and 'commitment' is like an eggs-and-ham breakfast: The chicken was 'involved'; the pig was 'committed'."
- Those who study such things say that if you were (for reasons unspecified) to eat the liver of a polar bear, you'd die. The amount of vitamin A stored in that organ constitutes a fatal dose for humans.
- You might be surprised to learn that high-quality opals can be more valuable than diamonds.
- John Tyler, born March 29, 1790, was the 10th president of the United States. He was married twice and had a total of 15 children. These children, collectively, were witness to a surprisingly large swath of American history. The oldest, Mary Tyler Jones, was born in 1815, the year that saw the end of the War of 1812; the youngest, Pearl Tyler Ellis, survived until 1947, two years after the end of World War II.
- The next time you're planning a trip to Indiana, keep in mind that in that state it is illegal to talk behind a person's back or engage in "spiteful gossiping."
- In 1915, the average annual income for a family in the United States was \$687, the equivalent of \$17,088 today.
- In 1889, a magazine called The Literary Digest made the following prediction: "The ordinary 'horseless carriage' is at present a luxury for the wealthy, and although its price will probably fall in the future, it will never, of course, come into as common use as the bicycle."
- Squirrels are wonderful foresters. Every year, thousands of trees grow from caches of nuts and acorns that squirrels forgot about.

Thought for the Day: "An inconvenience is only an adventure wrongly considered; an adventure is an inconvenience rightly considered." -- Gilbert Keith Chesterton

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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: **J** equals **O**

DLWVSA BJ CAOQCA NRW BJ

CJ NQBR BRA BTAA BTDLF RA

RWC ZDPB MTJOAPPAC, BRA

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, March 4 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, Wambold and Zielinski. The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion from Mahalak with support from Zielinski. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Zielinski with support from Wambold. Carried. A motion was made by Wambold to pay the bills as presented with support from Zielinski. Carried. In public comment time, Alan Baldwin asked about what will be done regarding the equipment as well as the streets and sidewalks. President Phillips stated that a committee will be put together to address the best course of action. Phil Naylor stated that he needs some snow removed by his business establishment due to parking issues. New village resident Jason Durham introduced himself to council members. He stated the would like to get involved in the

community. Mike Maturen of Catholic Human Services appeared and stated that he is working on the drug crisis in northeast Michigan. He is trying to put together a coalition of individuals that will work together to address this issue. Mike Serafin gave the fire department/first responder report. There have been 12 medical runs and four fire runs in the past month. President Phillips gave the street report. Kenny LaLonde is repairing equipment. The Chosen Ranch has helped out by plowing parking lots during this transition period. A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Healy, to contract with The Chosen Ranch to remove snow from our parking lots for the remainder of the winter at the rate of \$275 per two-inch snowfall. Motion carried, four yes, two no. Bill Putsky gave the sewer report. Everything is operating very well currently. The Human Resources Committee gave its report. Two people were interviewed for the position of maintenance person. The group recommended that we offer the position to Allan Rheame. He possesses a Class A CDL.

He has a long list of jobs that he can perform. A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Healy, to offer the maintenance position to Allen Reaume with a probationary period of 90 days at the rate of \$ 11 per hour starting pay. Carried. Sara Healy stated that the hearing for the master plan is being held tomorrow evening at 7 p.m. The Parks and Recreation Plan needs to be updated. Holly will attend the next DDA meeting and seek their help on the Plan. President Phillips gave her report. She has updated the employee time sheet. Sheila has been working on policies and procedures for employees and would like to work with the Human Resources Committee to revise it. In additional comments from council members -- Healy stated that the little lending library needs to be moved elsewhere. A suggestion from teacher Val Hanecow is that we should place it where it is more accessible for children. A motion to adjourn was made by Zielinski with support from Healy. Motion Carried.
 Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

**State of Michigan
 Probate Court
 County of Alcona
 Notice to Creditors
 Decedent's Estate
 File No. 19-5932 DE**

Estate of Robert A. Schrade, deceased
 Date of birth: March 30, 1951
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Robert A. Schrade, died February 14, 2019. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Delynn M. Lovelace, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 385, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within (4) four months after the date of publication of this notice.
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Part time branch clerk job opening at the Mikado branch of the Alcona County Library, for 15 to 20 hours per week. Job description and application available at any branch of the Alcona County Library or on our website at <http://library.alcona.lib.mi.us>. Must be 18 and have valid driver's license for this position. Applications accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, March 22. Please apply to: Library Director, 312 West Main Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 or via email at director@alcona-lib.mi.us or any Alcona County Library branch.

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN BUDGET HEARING

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, March 4 at 6:45 p.m. at the village hall. The purpose of the meeting was to hear public comments regarding the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020. Those present included president Phillips, treasurer Hussain, clerk Somers, and council members Healy, Mahalak, Somers, Wambold and Zielinski. Putsky was absent. No public discussion was heard. A brief discussion was held with council members who were present. Treasurer Hussain stated that proposed revenues should be adequate to support the proposed budgets. A motion was made by Mahalak, with support from Zielinski, to adopt the budget. Roll call vote was taken. Aye: Healy, Mahalak, Somers, Wambold and Zielinski. No nays. Putsky was absent. Motion carried. Following are the 2019-2020 budgets. Zielinski made a motion to close the budget session, with support from Healy. Carried.

General Fund Budget Revenue

Property Taxes	\$ 90,225.00
State Constitutional Tax	\$ 26,000.00
Administrative Income	\$ 35,000.00
Payroll Reimbursement	\$ 16,000.00
Fire Dept. Other Revenue	\$ 4,000.00
Fire Contracts	\$ 27,840.00
Grand Total Revenue	\$199,065.00

Expenses

DDA Payment	\$ 43,427.00
Zoning Board	\$ 3,360.00
Legal/Accounting	\$ 5,000.00
Telephone	\$ 780.00
Printing	\$ 1,800.00
Insurance/General	\$ 6,000.00
Web Site	\$ 1,000.00
Dues & Subscriptions	\$ 2,650.00
Council Salary	\$ 6,600.00
President Salary	\$ 6,000.00
Clerk Salary	\$ 7,136.88
Treasurer Salary	\$ 7,651.56
Office Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
Utilities/Gas & Elect.	\$ 6,000.00
Maintenance General	\$ 1,500.00
FD Salaries	\$ 15,000.00
MFR Salaries	\$ 4,920.00
FD Maintenance	\$ 5,700.00
FD Utilities	\$ 1,800.00
FD Insurance	\$ 6,000.00
FD Gasoline	\$ 800.00
FD Capital Outlay	\$ 5,000.00
FD Other Expense	\$ 150.00
MFR Other Expense	\$ 1,000.00
Public Works Salaries	\$ 4,000.00
P.W. Equipment Rent	\$ 4,000.00
Parks/Rec Salaries	\$ 5,500.00
P.R. Equipment Rent	\$ 4,500.00
Street Lights	\$ 8,400.00
Lawn Contract	\$ 8,000.00

Local Streets Revenue

State Revenue Act 51	\$ 26,000.00
Village Raised Funds	\$ 12,500.00
Total Revenue	\$ 38,500.00

Local Street Expense

Social Security/Medicare	\$ 700.00
RM Salaries	\$ 4,000.00
WM Salaries	\$ 3,000.00
Administration	\$ 300.00
Construction	\$14,100.00
RM Equip. Rental	\$ 7,000.00
WM Equip. Rental	\$ 6,000.00
Lawn Contract	\$ 3,000.00
Insurance	\$ 400.00
Total Expense	\$38,500.00

Major Streets Revenue

State Revenue Act 51	\$57,000.00
Village Raised Funds	\$35,750.00
Total Revenue	\$92,750.00

Major Street Expense

Social Security/Medicare	\$ 750.00
RM Salaries	\$ 6,000.00
WM Salaries	\$ 4,000.00
Administration	\$ 1,000.00
Construction	\$ 6,500.00
RM Equip. Rental	\$12,000.00
WM Equip. Rental	\$13,000.00
Lawn Contract	\$ 6,000.00
Insurance	\$ 1,800.00
Barlow Rd. Const/MDOT	\$17,125.00
Barlow Rd. Const/Reg.9	\$17,125.00
Total Expense	\$85,300.00

Sewer Fund Revenue

Charges for service	\$12,115.80
Total Expense	\$12,115.80

Sewer Fund Expense

Salaries	\$ 500.00
Social Security/Medicare	\$ 100.00
Maintenance	\$ 6,000.00
Insurance	\$ 700.00
Administrative Fee	\$ 3,000.00
Utilities	\$ 600.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 1,215.80
Total Expense	\$12,115.80

Equipment Rental Revenue

Equipment Rental Income	\$30,000.00
Total Revenue	\$30,000.00

Equipment Rental Expense

Salaries	\$ 6,000.00
Social Security/Medicare	\$ 550.00
Repairs/Maintenance	\$11,450.00
Utilities	\$ 3,000.00
Insurance	\$ 3,500.00
Gasoline	\$ 5,500.00
Total Expense	\$30,000.00

Village Raised Revenue

Village Raised Taxes	\$45,112.00
Total Revenue	\$45,112.00

Village Raised Expense

DDA Payment	\$21,713.00
Local Streets	\$12,500.00
Major Streets	\$35,750.00
Total Expense	\$69,963.00

Linda K. Somers
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cover for the Great Lakes is 55 percent. And the long-term trend is toward less coverage, despite occasional variations. There are more instances where maximum ice cover was above that average prior to 1997 and more instances where ice cover was below it after 1997, Leshkevich said.

Ice cover in 2016 only reached 33.8 percent, and in 2017 it dropped to 19.4 percent, according to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

In 2018, maximum ice coverage went back up, reaching almost 70 percent.

“Ice formation on the Great Lakes can be very dynamic,” Leshkevich said. Air temperature is one of the biggest factors that dictates ice cover, because it affects the water temperature, he said.

“The climate and the air temperatures make a large difference,” Leshkevich said. “If for whatever reason we’re seeing those warming over

the years, then that’s going to have an effect on the ice cover.”

Wind is another important factor, he said. If it’s windy and the water is roughened up, it’s less likely that ice will form. Once ice has formed on the lakes, wind can move it and cause shipping problems.

The Canadian Coast Guard has two icebreakers on the Great Lakes, but if needed, it can bring in additional ships, Launderville said. The U.S. Coast Guard has nine. The

number is adequate, but the fleet is aging, Bonifas said.

“A lot of our icebreakers have exceeded their service life,” he said. “Many of them were built in the 70s, so they are getting towards their 50th birthday. We see a lot of missed cutter days due to maintenance issues and repairs to keep these older ships running,” he said.

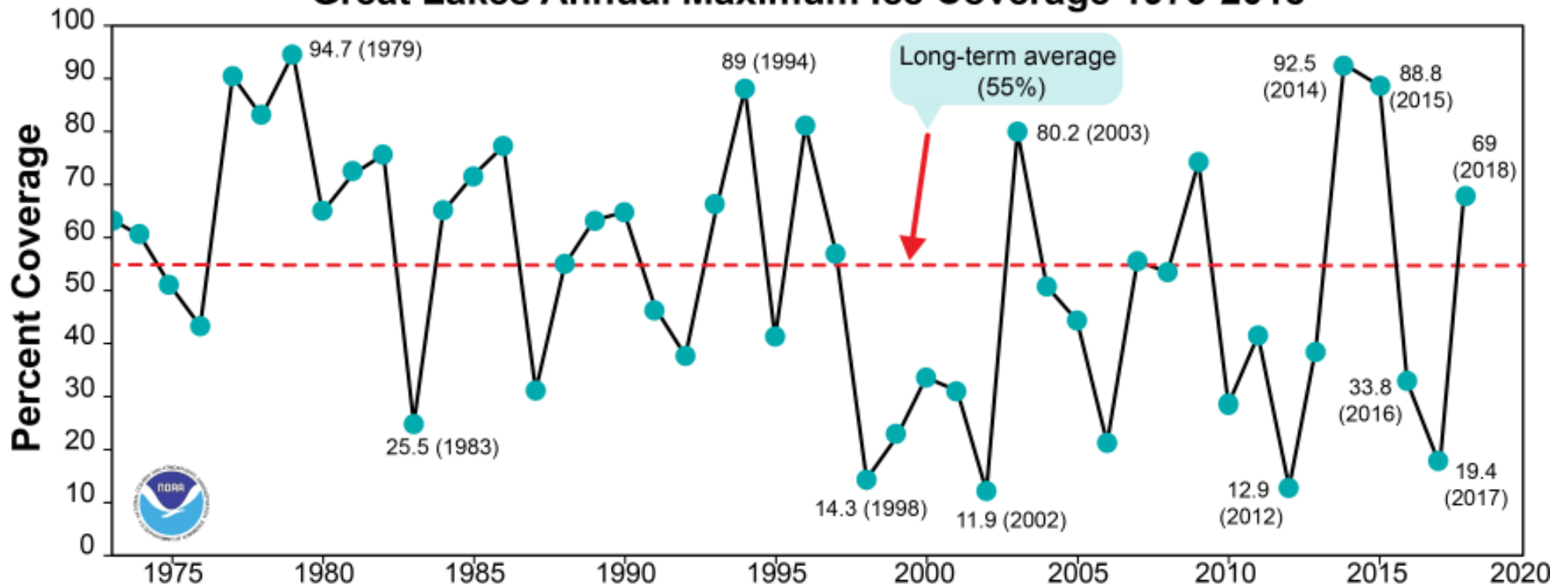
There are no immediate plans to modernize the Great Lakes fleet. Priorities are elsewhere. “We only have two

functioning polar ice breakers that operate in Antarctica and the Arctic, so the focus is going towards building another one of those,” he said.

During the most severe winters, the U.S. Coast Guard’s partnership with the Canadian Coast Guard is not only extremely beneficial, it’s necessary, Bonifas said.

Ice breaking on the Great Lakes is a truly binational effort, Launderville said. “The two Coast Guards really work as one.”

Great Lakes Annual Maximum Ice Coverage 1973-2018



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