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Cold weather won't halt annual FFA Maple Syrup Celebration

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Despite frigid day temperatures lingering in March, the annual Alcona FFA Maple Syrup Celebration Day will still have plenty of sticky sweetness to go around.

The event, which has been on-going for a decade, will take place Saturday, March 16 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with student and parent volunteers serving a free pancake and sausage breakfast at the Alcona Community Schools' Sugar Shack located northwest of the high school.

Students will also conduct guided tours of the syrup-making process and syrup will be available to purchase.

Cody Leeseberg, a senior in Connor Hubbard's advanced agriscience class, said because of the cold weather, they haven't been able to collect and process any sap yet, but still have plenty left from last year's production.

"Some of it is bottled and ready for sale, some hasn't been bottled yet. If that isn't enough, we have been known to borrow some from people who donate to us like Sweet Farms out in Glennie. The community is always a huge help to us. Sweet Farms is where we purchased our evaporator from to make maple syrup. Everything is donated from the community when it comes to celebration day. It wouldn't be possible to have this without them," Leeseberg said.

He explained how dependent the weather is to making maple syrup, "In order for the

sap to run we have to have cold freezing nights and sunny 40 degree days. The weather is putting us behind a little this year, but it won't stop the celebration," Leeseberg said. It is Leeseberg's third year of preparing for the celebration and sales.

He explained the class starts its maple syrup production year by cleaning and sanitizing all the equipment from the previous year.

"The next stage is putting out barrels all over the county. The community offers us trees to tap and we make up our own handmade tube line which is custom sized for the individual tree. We set and stretch the line and then tap the trees. We go around the county in our agriscience truck and collect what is in the barrels with our pump system.

"From there it is taken to the Sugar Shack and emptied into bulk storage tanks. Once 1,200 gallons of sap has been collected, we start up our evaporator and start making syrup," Leeseberg said.

Advanced agriscience is a two-hour block class and students taking the class are mostly responsible for the collecting the sap and making the syrup, which often runs over the time allotted but they will stay after school to get the job done.

"It can be an all-day process and some days it is a little rough. Some days it is really, really cold out and we still have to do it. When it's that cold we have to open up

the barrels and pull out a big top layer of ice just to get to the sap, luckily it doesn't all freeze because of the high sugar content. It is fun though. We have a lot of laughs and I have good memories from doing this," Leeseberg said.

One of Leeseberg's favorite things to do during the celebration is to conduct tours of the process. "A lot of people are interested in this and have questions about how we go about collecting and producing the sap and everything else we do like raising and butchering chickens. People love to hear about what we are doing and it's great that I can be here to tell them about it," Leeseberg said.

Lorenda Thomas, a junior in the advanced agriscience

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Rachel Layton makes a play for the ball in last week's game against Tawas in a close battle on the road. See the story on page 8. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Slated demolition has charitable organization considering options

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

My Brother's Hope, a charitable organization helping Alcona County residents in need, is considering its options since finding out the building they have been conducting their mission from will be demolished this summer.

The building, which is often referred to as the "Blue House" located at 76 N. Barlow Road, is the property of Alcona Community Schools

and is located across from the high school. It was once used as satellite classrooms for alternative education.

The building was offered to My Brother's Hope (MBH) in 2013 to use rent-free, provided MBH paid the utilities.

The nonprofit mission, founded in 2008, provides resources such as clothing and personal care items to people in need through a free store. After moving to the Blue House, the mission grew and the free store expanded to include accessories, household items such as dishes, small appliances, toys and more.

The original portion of the Blue House is old and deteriorating. Just a year after moving to the Blue House, the mission sustained heavy water damage because of leaks and had to close operations for several weeks until repairs were made.

Dan O'Connor, superintendent of Alcona Community Schools and Warren MacNeill, a trustee on the school board of education and a member of the school's property team, discussed the situation with the board of MBH last week.

"This past summer another roof leak was patched. We were able to repair the hole and get the building in working order but there was no guarantee it would be a long term fix. We had to try and figure out if we were going to

invest funds in the facility to bring it where it needed to be or to demolish it," O'Connor said.

He explained the school board hired an architect and a contractor to assess what it would take to fix all the problems with the property. Through their assessment it was felt repairing the building would not be a sound investment of school finances. MacNeill said the matter was discussed at length before the school board voted to demolish all but two northern rooms, which are newer additions, at the property site.

"This was not an easy vote. The school needs to be fiscally responsible. We have roofs at the school which are leaking and we need to fix those first. If we had extra money, we may have made a different decision, but we don't. We understand what this service offers the community so this decision was made with heavy hearts," MacNeill said.

Although it will take some work to move the electrical and heating system, the

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Alcona High School Agriscience teacher and FFA advisor Conner Hubbard (front row far left) stands with students of his advanced agriscience class with the truck they use to collect sap for the annual Maple Syrup Celebration Day scheduled for Saturday, March 16. (Front row, from left) Patrick Payne, Avory Lee, Hunter White, Aiden Wrobel, Taylor Stewart, Cody Leeseberg, (back row) Lorenda Thomas, Chloe Schram, Sadie Johnson, Miranda Baker and Amanda Phillips. Photo by Mary Weber.



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Obituaries

John J. Tyson III

John Jethroe Tyson III, 67, of Glennie, died on Monday, Feb. 25, 2019 at Medilodge of Tawas City.

He was born February 11, 1952 to John J. and Evelyn (Tait) Tyson Jr. in Glennie. He attended Oscoda Area Schools and served in the U.S. Army from 1973 until 1975.

Mr. Tyson is survived by one daughter, Jennifer (Jake) Petty of Glennie; three grandchildren, Hailey Petty, Sydney Petty and Charley Petty; one sister, Val (Bart) Fredrickson of Oscoda; and one brother, Dennis (Jennifer) Tyson of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Emily Tyson; and one brother, Albert Tyson.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Sharon A. Leeseberg

Sharon A. Leeseberg, 74, of Mikado, died on Monday, Feb. 25, 2019 at Samaritas Senior Living in Saginaw, Mich.

She was born June 22, 1944 to Eugene and Eva (Gonyea) Douville in Detroit, Mich. She was raised in Alcona County.

On January 18, 1964, she married Elmer Leeseberg in Harrisville. They were long-time residents of Clarkston, Mich. before retiring to Mikado in 1993.

Mrs. Leeseberg worked as a caregiver for many years, as well as a custodian for the Alcona Community Schools.

She was a member of the Mikado Goodfellows and enjoyed working the bingo games in Mikado. She was also a member of the Mikado Area Development group, and St. Raphael Catholic Church.

She enjoyed making wedding cakes and studying genealogy. She loved her flower beds and liked to knit and crochet.

Mrs. Leeseberg is survived by one daughter, Linda Wilson of Key Largo, Fla.; three sons, Thomas Leeseberg of Georgia, James Leeseberg of



Mikado and Glen (Melissa) Leeseberg of Greenbush; eight grandchildren; one great grandson; one sister, Mary Douville; one brother, Mike Teeple; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer, on July 14, 2011; one sister, Carol Douville; and two brothers, Greg Douville and Joe Douville.

Funeral Mass was held Saturday, March 2, 2019 at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado. Rev. Lawrence Boks officiated. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Memorial donations are suggested to the Mikado Goodfellows.

Police Report

A Lincoln resident was injured last week in a snowmobile accident in Mikado Township.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, James Nolan, 26, was injured on Trail 962 near the Vandercook trail head on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 4:30 p.m.

Deputies from the sheriff's department, members of the Barton City and Mikado fire

departments and Alcona EMS responded to the accident. Nolan sustained neck and back injuries and was air lifted by a Covenant Harrison Flight Care helicopter to St. Mary's hospital in Saginaw, Mich.

The accident remains under investigation by the sheriff's department. Alcohol has been ruled out as a cause, however, speed is suspected as a factor.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Don Franklin's letter (February 20) hits the nail on the head. The Alcona County Commissioners' ill-conceived resolution, then flip-flop to cover its discriminatory faux pas, comes as no surprise. The board has embarrassed itself once again, adopting a thinly veiled resolution intended to diminish a Democrat governor's initiative ensuring Michigan citizens their civil rights regardless of orientation.

A pathetic play to their GOP majority base. Anytime one political party holds complete sway, it's in danger of becoming rubber stamp government. Absolute power corrupts absolutely. This was a two-headed monster of clumsy political skullduggery and unvarnished bigotry. Prejudice is alive and well in Alcona County as anywhere south of Mason-Dixon. It's not the first time blatant discrimination reared its ugly head in a commissioner's meeting.

I recall attending an Alcona County Board of Commissioners meeting where a resolution proposed to bar foreign immigrants from locating within Alcona County's border. Following the public pro and con comment period, a vote was taken. The resolution was defeated 4-1, the lone yea was Mr. Johnston. A substitute resolution was rejected by a 4-2 margin, Mr. Johnston again voting in the affirmative.

Johnston took the floor offering a rambling explanation for his votes, emphatically protesting that he wasn't prejudicial. The more he danced around why his votes weren't biased, the less convincing Johnston became.

The chairman and board's actions reflects a prevalent county mindset, revealing a lily white, self-righteous, closet-minded, GOP majority governing it. It's not the first time a governmental service facility in Alcona County defied a Democratic woman governor's declaration. That instance was refusal to lower the flag to half-staff on the day of burial for a military person killed in the line of duty. The "First of the 83" has again shown its backside displaying a core of dubious principles.

Al LaBrecque
Spruce

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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.

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

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold their membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the 19th Hole Restaurant on north US-23 in Alpena. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be hand to answer questions. Lunch will be served at noon. Bring a can of food for the needy. Call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080 for details.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

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.

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.

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).

Join your 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 welcome.

Sanctuary Lecture Series - Addicted to Plastic. This event will be held at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street in Alpena at 7 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Free and open to the public. Call (989) 884-6200 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 8

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.

An open house will be held for featured artist Polly Cook at Thunder Bay Arts Council Gallery, 127 West Chisholm Street in Alpena from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public.

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

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

My Brother's Hope Free Store will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

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

MONDAY, MARCH 11

Play pinochle at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road, at 2:30 p.m., everyone is welcome.

A community charity project involving the making of plarn (yarn from plastic bags) will be held at the Harrisville branch of Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Bring scissors. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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

Community singers practice for Good Friday service at the Lincoln Methodist Church, 101 East Main Street at 7:15 p.m. For more information, call Linda at (989) 747-8060 or Susan at (989) 724-6365.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

Ever wondered what the Book of Revelations means? Find out at the Chosen Ranch Community Center in Lin-

coln with Pastor Charles Sheldon from 6 to 7 p.m. For more information, call the center at (989) 335-4673 (HOPE).

The Alcona Democratic Party will host an informal breakfast at the Red Rooster Restaurant on US-23 in Greenbush at 9 a.m.

Playeuchre at 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

The AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at the East Tawas Community Center located at 760 Newman Street at 1 p.m. Guest speaker will be Emily Kemnitz. The public is invited to attend, snacks and beverages will be available. Visit ausablevalleyaudubon.org for details.

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.

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Plants for Women’s Day

International Women’s Day is a global celebration of the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. The first women’s day was observed in February 1909 when 15,000 women marched through the streets of New York demanding improved pay, shorter hours and voting rights. In 1975, the United Nations proclaimed the year International Women’s Year and christened March 8 as International Women’s Day.

The Harrisville branch of Alcona County Library will be handing out potted orchid cactus plants to women on Friday, March 8. There have been many great books written by women. Celebrate women by checking out a book by written by a female author. Along with a plant, ladies will receive a list of great books written by women. There is a limited amount of plants, so stop by early.

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 Glen-

nie or Greenbush. No membership is required. Suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, March 11—Barbecued chicken, garlic red potato, peas, tossed salad, and peaches.

- Tuesday, March 12—Pepper steak over brown rice, baby carrots, and pears.

- Wednesday, March 13—Bourbon pork chop, baked potato, green beans, tossed salad, and mixed fruit.

- Thursday, March 14—Corned beef, cabbage, red potato, onions, baby carrots, tossed salad, and pistachio pudding.

- Friday, March 15—Baked fish, red parsley potato, Brussels sprouts, and fruited Jell-O.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Pollination Presentation

The Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library will host a pollination presentation on Thursday, March 14 at 2 p.m. Local farmer and bee enthusiast Teresa McCurdy will present a delightful talk about the pollination process and describe the importance of pollinators. Learn about the many species of plants to attract pollinators including, birds, bats, butterflies, moths, flies, beetles, wasps, small mammals, and most importantly, bees.

Whether a farmer or a homeowner, there are many ways folks can help pollinators to prosper by enhancing native pollinator habitats and protecting against pollinator declines. Friends of the Library will be providing light refreshments for this free program. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Away at School

- Elizabeth Thompson, of Oscoda, recently graduated from Northern Michigan University with a master’s degree in learning disabilities.

- Chad A. Garton, of Glennie, was named to the dean’s list for the 208 fall semester at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean’s list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Kalie A. Zerst, of Glennie, was named to the dean’s list for the 208 fall semester at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean’s list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Jordan A. Joyce, of Harrisville, was named to the dean’s list for the 208 fall semester at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean’s list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Brandon R. Ritchie, of Lincoln, was named to the dean’s list for the 208 fall semester at Grand Valley State University. To achieve dean’s list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Keegan R. Ingle, of Oss-

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AuSable Valley Audubon

At the Tuesday, March 12 meeting, the AuSable Valley Audubon will feature guest speaker Emily Kemnitz of Hale. Her presentation will be on the wonders of butterflies and their identification. As a long-time member of AVA, Kemnitz has studied flora and fauna in many parts of Michigan. Her talks at the meetings have encouraged many to stop and look around at the beauty and tranquility of nature. The meeting will be held at the East Tawas Community Center, 760 Newman Street at 1 p.m. The public is invited to attend, snacks and beverages will be available. Cancellations of any meetings can be found on the AuSable Valley Audubon Facebook page or on their website at ausablevalley-audubon.org.

Medical Scholarships

MidMichigan Medical Center of Alpena’s volunteer services department is offering two \$1,500 scholarships for area students. Scholarships are available to students pursuing an education in a human medicine related field with their primary residency in Alcona, Alpena, Iosco, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties.

The Thelma Orr Memorial scholarship is named in honor of Thelma Orr, R.N., director of nursing, and later was a founding auxiliary member as part of volunteer services department at the Medical Center in Alpena. The scholarship may be used to attend any accredited Michigan college and applicants must be in their second year or more working toward their degree. Applications with complete requirement instructions are available from the MidMichigan Medical Center - Alpena Gift Corner, information desk, nursing department or online at www.mid-michigan.org/orrscholarship. Those interested in more information may call (989) 356-7546 or email amanda.timm@mid-michigan.org. The application deadline is Monday, April 15, 2019.

MidMichigan Health is a non-profit health system, headquartered in Midland, Mich., affiliated with Michigan Medicine, the health care division of the University of Michigan. MidMichigan Health covers a 23-county region with medical centers in Midland, Alpena, Alma, Clare, Gladwin, Mt. Pleasant and West Branch.

Mini Grant Applications

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school district has offered the two rooms which will not be demolished to MBH to conduct their mission. The board of MBH appreciated their offer but said it would require a large scaling down of the mission to fit into just two small rooms.

O'Connor explained that safety was the most important thing for the school. "If the contractor had come to us and said put on a new roof and you are good to go, we would not be having this conversation. We must keep our grounds safe. The building is going to continue to deteriorate."

"The architect expressed concerns structurally with the facility and while it may not be something that needs to be addressed immediately, eventually things would go bad. This is like peeling an onion, layer after layer. They aren't sure of how many layers or fixes will need to be made by the time it is all said and done. That is why they recommended removing the building. It won't be cheap to remove it, but it is our best investment to keep our grounds in this district safe," O'Connor said.

Merry Paulson, president of MBH, reminded O'Connor of the service it provides to the community and how many families with children visit the free store monthly in order to make ends meet. O'Connor replied the school board didn't make a knee-jerk reaction in deciding to remove the building. "If safety wasn't at the heart of this, we wouldn't have this conversation," O'Connor said.

MBH board members discussed the roof patch made this summer has already begun to leak and there have been problems this winter with freezing pipes. They also admitted they pay extremely high heat bills which mostly heats the older part of the building.

Paulson explained she has been pounding the pavement looking for another site for the operations since learning of the school board's decision two weeks ago. "There just doesn't seem to be any options out there. All the places I can find want rent. We are a free mission and can't afford that. We are taking a hard look at downsizing and just distribute clothing and necessary items. We don't want to terminate our relationship with the community, there still is a lot of need here," Paulson said.

The MBH board asked O'Connor and MacNeill for a timeline on when they would have to either downsize or move out. O'Connor felt the demolition would not begin until July and it was unknown whether the mission could use the two rooms remaining for storage during the demolition. O'Connor said he would check with Environmental Excavating who they have contracted with for the demolition.

Until MBH knows for sure what is in its future, it has ceased taking any donations of clothing and household goods and are only accepting hygiene items and monetary donations. Monetary donations can be mailed to My

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The plan at the present is to continue distributing items to the needy as long as they are able. Distributions are on the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Hygiene items may be dropped off at the Blue House on the second and fourth Wednesday of the month from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The MBH board is asking if anyone knows of a new location, to contact them. They are also seeking volunteers to help pack and lift boxes before the demolition. Volunteers can call the facility at (989) 335-3541 or attend the next MBH board meeting on March 27 at noon at the Blue House.

Maple

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class, explained it was her first year of going through the entire process from collection to table. She said ever since she was little making maple syrup interested her. "When I found out I could do it at school I was really excited. Last year we learned how to tap trees and collected some sap, but this is my first year doing the whole process."

"The community is a really a big help to us and the fact we can make maple syrup to give back out into the community is amazing. Learning this is fun. There is not a class I'd rather be in. The syrup we make is all natural, there is nothing added to it. That's why it tastes so good. I can't wait," Thomas said.

Donations for the celebration breakfast are welcome. All proceeds go back into the agriscience program and maple syrup production.

Alcona High School is located at 51 North Barlow Road north of M-72. For more information, contact Connor Hubbard at hubbardc@alconaschools.net or call the high school office at (989) 736-8534.

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Scammers use District Health Department No. 2 phone number

District Health Department No. 2 has recently learned that scammers have been making phone calls using the health department's phone numbers (989) 345-5020 and (800) 504-2650.

According to Tracey Wood, representative of District Health Department No. 2, the scammers claim to be with the health department or a Medicare representative, and are asking for personal, confidential information. "Please note: These calls are not coming from District Health Department No. 2," Wood said.

She explained that caller ID spoofing is a technique scammers use to falsify information transmitted to a Caller ID to hide their identity. They tend to use a local phone number or a phone number from a trusted business, such as a health department, to increase the likelihood that someone will answer the phone.

"If you receive one of these calls, simply hang up. If you receive a message on your answering machine or voicemail, do not return the call. Also, and most impor-

tantly, never give out personal information over the phone such as account numbers, Social Security numbers, your mother's maiden name or passwords to an unsolicited caller or if you are in any way suspicious of the caller," Wood said.

Other tips to avoid becoming a victim of spoofing:

- Don't answer calls from unknown numbers.
- Hang up if after answering the phone and are asked to hit a button to stop getting the calls.
- Do not respond to any questions, especially those that can be answered with a "yes" or "no."

• If a caller says they represent a company or government agency, and it seems suspicious, hang up and call the number in the phone book, or on the company or agency website.

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Students plan trip to Washington D.C.

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Students of Alcona High School are looking forward to visiting Washington D.C. providing they can come up with the necessary funds to finance the week-long educational opportunity.

This is the second year in a row students will be attending the Close Up program, an in-depth educational opportunity. This year, Jim Bouchard, social studies instructor, will be escorting eight students including one sophomore, six juniors and one senior from June 2 through June 7 to the nation's capital.

Bouchard is looking forward to the trip because he has never been to Washington D.C. "It's a little crazy. I'm a 40-year-old teacher who has taught government and I've never been to our nation's capital," Bouchard said.

Bouchard explained not

at the fundraisers. She's earning her keep," Bouchard said.

Close Up is an internationally known program which offers teenagers not only a visit to the capital, but an opportunity to experience how laws are made, visit Congress, sit in on committee hearings, have an embassy discovery, visit the U.S. Supreme Court or the Library of Congress, participate in mock Congress workshops and meet members of Congress.

There will also be many opportunities for students to meet and interact with peers from other states and tour memorials, museums, monuments and attend either a theatre performance or a Nationals baseball game.

The trip, however, doesn't come cheap at a cost of about \$1,900 per student. "Fundraising is a big hurdle for this program. We are sending students to Washington for five days and it is a significant

but they are busy kids. They are in sports. They are interested in college so they are busy looking for scholarships. Most are members of the National Honor Society. They just have a lot of different things going on. They work hard at whatever they do, but they have busy lives. Their time frame is thin so some of them haven't been able to be as proactive on fundraising as they had hoped," Bouchard said.

Students planning the trip include Anna Loyer, Patrick Bates, Rose Schopfer, Brett Nelson, Courtney Winter, Isabella Bates, Annabelle Rowe, and Brooklynn Pagels. Bouchard said there is still room and time for more exceptional students to take the trip providing they act quickly to get their deposit in.

Hailey Gordy, a senior, attended the Close Up program last year said it was an amazing experience. "The commu-

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Alcona High School students planning to be involved in the Close Up program, an in-depth educational opportunity in Washington D.C. (From left) Anna Loyer, Patrick Bates, Rose Schopfer, Brett Nelson, Courtney Winter, Isabella Bates, Annabelle Rowe, and Brooklynn Pagels stand with the schools social studies teacher, Jim Bouchard. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

only is he looking forward to seeing the sights with his students but will be bringing along his 10-year-old daughter, Grace, who is eager to visit the Smithsonian American History Museum and other buildings and monuments.

"She's been wanting to visit D.C. for a few years so when I took this position, I wanted to make sure she could come too. She's done all the things the high school kids have done to fundraise like sending letters to family and she will be

expense. Considering all that the students get for the cost; the price is about right. Things are expensive in D.C. but this is a once in a lifetime experience, it isn't like we are going to Cedar Point. This is important. These kids will be seeing things behind the scenes that others, much older than they are, have never witnessed," Bouchard said.

According Bouchard, all the students planning the trip are "top-notch" and "trustworthy kids."

"These are all great kids

nity support we received was very encouraging. We learned a lot about the government and aspects of how things are run. I learned things I will need in everyday life and lots of debating skills. We went to many monuments and memorials which were very moving. The memories I made on that trip will not be forgotten. I encourage all who can do this to go," Gordy said.

A group fundraiser Pizza Night at the Backwoods Bistro in Lincoln is planned for Tuesday, March 19 from 4 to 8 p.m. with a student and parent volunteer waitstaff. Bouchard said the event will host a silent auction and hopefully a 50/50. Price is \$10.99 and includes pop, coffee, salad, pizza and breadsticks.

Students are also planning an additional fundraiser in April at the Mountain Bar and Grill in Black River. No date has been set yet.

Silent auction items are still being accepted and welcomed.

For additional information, contact Bouchard at bouchardj@alconaschools.net or call the high school office at (989) 736-8534. Those wishing to donate may send a check made payable to Alcona Close Up, 51 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln, Mich., 48742.

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Dear Looking,
Many people approaching 65 are unclear on what Medicare does and doesn't cover when it comes to vision services. The good news is that original Medicare covers most medical issues like cataract surgery, treatment of eye diseases and medical emergencies.

But unfortunately, routine care like eye exams and eyeglasses are the beneficiary's responsibility.

Here's a breakdown of what is and isn't covered.

- Eye exams and treatments: Medicare does not cover routine eye exams that test for eyeglasses or contact lenses. But they do cover yearly medical eye exams if you have diabetes or are at

high risk for glaucoma. They will also pay for exams to test and treat medical eye diseases if you're having vision problems that indicate a serious eye problem like macular degeneration, dry eye syndrome, glaucoma, eye infections or if you get something in your eye.

- Eye surgeries: Medicare will cover most eye surgeries that help repair the eye function, including cataract surgery to remove cataracts and insert standard intraocular lenses to replace your own.

Medicare will not, however, pick up the extra cost if you choose a specialized lens that restores full range of vision, thereby reducing your need for glasses after cataract surgery. The extra cost for a specialized lens can run up to \$2,500 per eye.

Eye surgeries that are usually not covered by Medicare include refractive (LASIK) surgery and cosmetic eye surgery that are not considered medically necessary.

- Eyeglasses and contact lenses: Medicare does not pay

for eyeglasses or contact lenses, with one exception: If you have had a conventional intraocular lens inserted during cataract surgery, Medicare will pay for eyeglasses or contact lenses following the operation.

Although original Medicare's vision coverage is limited to medical issues, there are ways you can save on routine care. Here are several to check into.

- Consider a Medicare Advantage plan: One way you can get extra vision coverage when you join Medicare is to choose a Medicare Advantage plan instead of original Medicare. Many of these plans, which are sold through private insurance companies, will cover routine eye care and eyeglasses along with all of your hospital and medical insurance, and prescription drugs. See Medicare.gov/find-a-plan to shop for plans.

- Purchase vision insurance: If you get routine eye exams and purchase new eyeglasses annually, a vision insurance plan may be worth



Savvy Senior

the costs. These policies typically run between \$12 and \$20 per month. See Ehealthinsurance.com to look for plans.

- Check veterans benefits: If you're a veteran and qualify for VA health care benefits, you may be able to get some or all of your routine vision care through VA. Go to Vets.gov, and search for "vision care" to learn more.

- Shop around: Many retailers provide discounts – between 10 and 30 percent – on eye exams and eyeglasses if you belong to a membership group like AARP or AAA.

- You can also save by shopping at discount retailers like Costco Optical, which

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- Or consider buying your glasses online. Online retailers like WarbyParker.com, ZenniOptical.com, and EyeBuyDirect.com all get top marks from the Better Business Bureau and offer huge savings. To purchase glasses online you'll need a prescription.

- Look for assistance: There are also health centers and

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Lady Tigers drop nail-biter in Tawas

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team had a five-point lead in the fourth quarter in its non-conference game at Tawas on Tuesday, Feb. 26.

The Lady Tigers weren't quite able to hang on however, as the Lady Braves spoiled the night by handing Alcona a 32-31 setback.

"It was a very tough game to lose because we were attempting to bounce back from a pretty bad loss the game before," said head coach Mark Feldhiser. "We were in position to do that but it slipped away from us in the end."

Brianna Fogle buried a three for the Lady Tigers, giving them a 29-24 lead midway through the fourth quarter. The Lady Braves responded with a quick 5-0 run to knot it up at 29, though Megan Grove gave Alcona the lead back at 31-29 by cutting to the basket and accepting an entry pass for an easy lay-in with just over a minute to go.

Tawas responded with a drive to the hoop to tie it at 31 with 53 seconds to play. The Lady Tigers weren't able to cash in on a pair of late offensive opportunities, and the Lady Braves, who were fouled on a late shot attempt, managed to split a pair of free throws to narrowly top the Lady Tigers.

"We just couldn't make enough plays at the end of the game," Feldhiser said. "It was hard to lose the game at the free throw line with two seconds to go, but we put ourselves in that situation by allowing them to get back in the game."

Alcona defeated Tawas by 13 points in the second week of the season, but Tawas showed it was up for the fight this go-around. The Lady Tigers claimed a 7-2 lead on a first quarter trey by Faith Wallenmaier and carried an 11-6 lead after another Wallenmaier trey.

Tawas pulled within 11-9 near the end of the quarter, but Liz Henderson got a transition bucket before it ended, giving Alcona a 13-9 edge after one.

The second quarter was a low-scoring battle, although Anna Loyer did get scoring started with a three-pointer to make it 16-9. Hailee Gordy added the Lady Tigers' only other points in the period, getting a put-back basket.

Alcona held an 18-13 lead at the break.

Layton and Gordy had early hoops in the third quarter to put the Alcona lead to 22-15, though it could only add a Henderson jumper the rest of the frame, allowing the Braves to hang around, down just 24-21 after three.

The Braves tied the contest at 24 early in the fourth but a bucket by Layton and Fogle's three lifted the Lady Tigers to a 29-24 edge. Tawas finished the game on an 8-2 run to steal the win.

"I thought we put for a pretty good effort, but we just didn't execute, especially at the end of the game," Feldhiser said. "We had some periods in the game where the energy level was not where it needed to be."

Leading the way in the setback was Wallenmaier and Gordy with six points apiece. Netting five points apiece were Layton, Grove and Henderson. Fogle and Loyer each had three points.

On Thursday, Feb. 28 the Lady Tigers wrapped up the regular season with a convincing win over AuGres, 41-9. Alcona led the entire way, having edges of 9-0, 18-2 and 33-4 at the quarter breaks.

"It was a good win to end the regular season," Feldhiser said. "Now, we have to focus on (districts). It was good to see our girls put four quarters together."

Pacing the team was Fogle with 12 points.

Alcona (11-8 overall) plays in the Oscoda division three district this week. The Lady Tigers opened on Monday, March 4 against Rogers City with the semifinals taking place on Wednesday, March 6 and the championship slated for Friday, March 8.

Oscoda, Johannesburg-Lewiston, Roscommon and Whittemore-Prescott are also in the bracket. The district winner moves on to the McBain regional on Monday, March 11.

"It will take a good defensive effort, as we typically don't score a bunch of points," Feldhiser said. "That said, we will need to score a bit more than we have in order to be successful. We tend to play close games, so we need to focus on playing four quarters and doing the little things right. This is one if the tougher districts we have played in, so a consistent effort will be very important."

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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

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

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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
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HARRISVILLE HARBOR COMMISSION VACANCY

The Harrisville Harbor Commission is looking to fill one Commissioner positions on the Harrisville Harbor Commission Board. The commission is responsible to govern the management, operations, budgets, and to approve expenditures required for proper harbor operations.

The HHC meets on the first Thursday of April, June, August, October and December or as needed. This is a voluntary position with a small per diem based on a balanced budget at the end of the year.

Please send resume to Ms. Janet Mansfield at winsten@voyager.net by April 15, 2019

Tigers' season ends in district opener

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team gave ninth-ranked Oscoda a scare in the division three district quarter-final game on Monday, Feb. 25.

The Tigers weren't able to keep up with eventual district champion Owls however, eventually falling 50-30.

"We played very hard, but they hit a few shots coming out of halftime and we struggled to respond," said head coach Ryan Bilbey. "We had trouble scoring all year and with only three points in the fourth quarter, it's pretty tough to win against a great team like Oscoda."

The Tigers, playing on their home court, took a pair of early leads in the game, 2-0 on a lay-in by Antavius Mikazes and 5-2 on a three pointer by Damion Stewart. The Owls drained a pair of three pointers before the end of the period however, giving them an 8-5 lead after one.

Oscoda's three point barrage continued in the second quarter, as it opened that frame with two more from behind the long line, putting the Owl lead to 14-5.

Aiden Wrobel put an end to the run after he tracked down an offensive rebound and put the ball back in for two, Stewart followed that with a three and Mikazes brought the Tigers within 14-12 on a lay-in at the basket.

Another Mikazes lay-up kept Alcona down just 16-14 but Oscoda drained another three on the other end, putting it ahead 19-14. Mason Clark closed out the half with a bucket for the Tigers, though they trailed 21-17 after two.

The Owls started the third with a three-pointer and an and-one play to stake themselves to a 27-17 lead, though Josh Kilbourn buried a trey to pull the Tigers within 27-20.

Oscoda continued to pull away however, leading 40-24 late in the period, though Pierce Bilbey buried a trey to make it 40-27 entering the fourth.



Alcona's Antavius Mikazes hits a close-range bucket during last week's district loss to Oscoda. *Photo by Ben Murphy.*

"Our confidence was a little shaky when they went on that third quarter run," Bilbey said. "They were able to draw upon their success this year in those situations. They played excellent defense and we struggled under the pressure."

Mikazes knocked down a close-range shot at 44-29, but the Tigers netted just one free throw the rest of the way as Oscoda finished off the game.

"Our poor shooting was an issue," Bilbey said. "We couldn't convert on open looks all night. We had many opportunities, but couldn't capitalize. They did a nice job trying to take Antavius out of the game. They forced us to either shoot outside or take contested shots, both of which we did not do well with. Oscoda didn't panic when it was a close game to start the second half. Brayden Mallak

took over and he put the team on his back. He broke us down defensively and was able to put up 13 points in the third."

Leading the way in the set-back was Mikazes with 12 points. Stewart finished with six; with three apiece were Bilbey, Kilbourn and Mason Clark. Wrobel had two points and Hunter Clark chipped in with one.

"I hate when the season ends, I enjoy spending time with these young men," Bilbey said. "It's fantastic to not only teach the game of basketball, but to build relationships and teach them life skills. We had a tremendous amount of fun this year but it's tough being knocked out in our first tournament game. Our hats are off to Oscoda for winning the district. I suspect they will do very well in the regional."

Alcona finishes the season 9-11 overall.

Mitchell Township Residents NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Mitchell Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year on March 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 W. Tower Road, Curran, MI. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of the hearing.**

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection by contacting the clerk's office at 2101 Reeves Road, Curran, MI 48728, or telephoning (989) 884-1354, or emailing: donitalcharron@gmail.com for a pdf of the proposed budget.

Donita Charron, Clerk
Mitchell Township

Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact the Mitchell Township Board by writing or by calling: Carla



Jon Scheer Memorial Flight Training Scholarship

Young men & women from the Sunrise Side, who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America & who will be at least 17 years of age by December 15th 2019 may apply for scholarships covering flight training to qualify as Private Pilots. Training begins 1 May 2019 and ends by 30 April 2020. Submit application containing name and contact info, copies of: EAA Young Eagle Flight Certificate, successful FAA Private Pilot Written Test Result, BSA membership number, 3rd Class FAA Medical Certificate, FAA Student Pilot Certificate, school transcript, a 200 word statement of why the scholarship is desired & 3 letters of recommendation to:

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by 15 March 2019, two 2019 scholarships may be awarded. Applicants will interview for positions. Young Eagle flights may be arranged free through EAA members, contact Pete at mapesni@aol.com to arrange.

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Young men and women from the 'Sunrise Side', who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and who will have completed the 8th Grade by the summer of 2019 may apply for scholarship to gain aircraft maintenance experience during the summer of 2019. Program lasts 11 weeks, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oscoda Wurtsmith Community Airport. Successful applicants will study maintenance topics and tasks under experienced aircraft maintainers while assembling aircraft. Submit an application containing name and contact information, a 200 word statement of why the scholarship is desired, school transcript, BSA Membership number and 3 letters of recommendation to:

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The Greenbush Township Board will hold a Public Hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2019-20 at the Greenbush Township Hall at 5037 Campbell St on Tuesday March 12, 2019 during the regular monthly meeting starting at 7:00 p.m. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection on-line at greenbushtownship.com or you can contact Clerk David Dailey at 989-569-3519.

23/27 & 3/6


NOTICE

Harrisville Township will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2019/20 fiscal year budget at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 South Poor Farm Road on March 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. **The proposed tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the budget can be viewed online at harrisvilletownship.com. The regular Township meeting will follow the public hearing at 7 p.m. Chad Spitznagel
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Backyard Bird Count reveals interesting results

The 22nd annual world-wide Great Backyard Bird Count held in mid February kept birders and researchers focusing on a multitude of interesting discoveries.

Between February 15-18 more than 6,293 species were observed and a total of 28,710,394 individual birds were counted globally.

According to Peggy Ridgway, AuSable Audubon Society representative, in Alcona and Iosco counties, participants were excited about some rare and rather unusual sightings. She said that perhaps the most outstanding discovery was that of a Carolina wren at a feeding station located in the Villages of Oscoda. Other rarities included a white throated sparrow (Oscoda), two pine grosbeaks (Tawas), and one American robin.

With quite a bit of open water along the Tawas River



Bohemian waxwing courtesy of Phil Odum.

and the AuSable River, numerous species of waterfowl were present. Long-tailed ducks were in large numbers along and at the mouth of the AuSable, and numerous rafts of common goldeneye ducks were along the river corridor.

According to Ridgway, inland, both cedar and Bohemian waxwings were foraging in big flocks, mostly feeding on various berry trees in the area. Snow buntings were prevalent in Alcona County and one flock contained 110 of the arctic dwellers.

Other rarities included evening grosbeaks and pine grosbeaks. About 10 years ago, huge flocks of 200 plus evening grosbeaks were a common site at sunflower feeders, but numbers have dwindled considerably to the point where only a very few, if any, are observed in this region, Ridgway said.

Likewise, last year at this time the whole northeastern region of Michigan was inundated for several months with large flocks (200-300) of pine siskins daily devouring sunflower seeds at area feeders. This year, only a total of five to 10 were seen anywhere.

Alcona County's eight participants tallied 32 species with the top eight consisting of snow buntings (110); mallard ducks (98); Canada goose (75); European starling (73); rock pigeon (38); mourning dove (33); American goldfinch (30); and blue jay (30).

Iosco County included 29 participants who totaled 43 species. Among the top eight were cedar waxwing (150); American goldfinch (120); long-tailed duck (100); mourning dove (77); rock pigeon (75); common merganser (60); dark-eyed junco (58); and common goldeneye (43).

Business Brief

Goyette Mechanical, Herrick Plumbing combine forces

Two local companies recently merged when Goyette Mechanical acquired Herrick Plumbing. It became official on January 15 and all employees of Herrick Plumbing are working with Goyette. Herrick Plumbing was established in 1968 by Jack and Betty Herrick. Mike Herrick apprenticed with his father in the area. Mike Herrick then began what was to become a 50 year career in the business, taking full ownership in 1985.

Since then Herrick's son Chad Herrick joined the company, providing three generations of master plumbers serving the Tawas and Oscoda area. The Herricks are taking on advisory and managerial roles in Oscoda with Goyette.

Headquartered in Flint, Mich., Goyette Mechanical has been a plumbing and HVAC leader in Michigan since 1928 - ninety-one years and three generations of serving both residents and businesses in Michigan. Goyette established its Oscoda branch 23 years ago in 1996. Goyette Mechanical offers sales and service in residential and commercial plumbing, heating, cooling and electrical.

A lifelong resident of the Tawas and Oscoda area, Mike Herrick is excited about the merger. "We are thrilled to be able to deliver so much more for our clients, and having the backing of a great company like Goyette gives us the footing to do just that." Goyette General Manager, Leif Johnson is equally positive, "We have been looking to grow our northeastern operation for some time, and adding the Herrick team to our ranks will definitely be a leap in that direction."

Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of February 25 - March , 2019

80 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 2 Arrests; 2 Drive While License Suspended; 5 Citations.

Complaint Statistics			
Car/Deer Accidents	3	Traffic/Traffic Stop	20
Medical	22	Personal Injury Accident	3
Assist	4	Animal/Dog	3
Fraud	1	Miscellaneous	3
Well Being Check	1	Suspicious Event	2
Domestic	5	Harassment	1
Fire/Power Lines Down	2	Juvenile	1
Larceny	1	Drive While License Susp.	2
Alarm	2	Found Property	1
Unwanted Subject	1	Vehicle Identification Insp.	1
Open Door	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	10	Caledonia	7	Curtis	4
Greenbush	8	Gustin	6	Harrisville	11
Hawes	4	Haynes	8	Mikado	1
Millen	3	Mitchell	2		
Harrisville City	7	Village of Lincoln	9		

Calendar of Events



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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.

Local Notes

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through Friday, April 5. The mini grants will give the United Way the flexibility to meet community needs that may arise between the annual allocation-cycle. The intent is to fund programs that seek to meet high priority needs in Alcona, Alpena or Montmorency counties.
Funds may be earmarked for: community needs or innovative programs and/or new approaches to previously-identified needs; and/or an agency or community emergency. Amount available per request can be up to but no more than \$1,000. Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. Friday, April 5.
For more information, eligibility requirements and guidelines, contact the United Way office in the Aplex Building, 701 Woodward Ave., Alpena or call Sonya Thomas, United Way executive director at (989) 354-2221 or email sthomas@unitedwaynemi.org. Mini grant applications can be downloaded at www.united-waynemi, requested via email at unwnemi@united-waynemi.org or obtained from the United Way office.

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.

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.

(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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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MUSIC:** What is the full name of former Beatles member Paul McCartney?
2. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is marzipan?
3. **CHEMISTRY:** Who is credited with discovering the element oxygen?
4. **ANATOMY:** What purpose does bile serve in the human body?
5. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Who was the first woman to appear on the cover of Playboy magazine?
6. **HISTORY:** The Contras guerrilla movement was associated with which country?
7. **GEOGRAPHY:** The island of Sardinia is a region of which country?
8. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin abbreviation "cv" or "curriculum vitae" mean in English?
9. **LITERATURE:** Which movie was made from the science-fiction short story called "The Sentinel" by Arthur C. Clarke?
10. **MOVIES:** In which post-apocalyptic 1980s movie did the singer Tina Turner appear?

Answers: 1. James Paul McCartney; 2. A confection made of honey or sugar and almond meal; 3. Joseph Priestley; 4. Bile breaks down fat and increases its absorption.; 5. Marilyn Monroe; 6. Nicaragua; 7. Italy; 8. "Course of life"; 9. "2001: A Space Odyssey"; 10. "Mad Max Beyond Thunderdome" (c) 2019 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On March 15, 44 BC, Julius Caesar, dictator of Rome, is stabbed to death in the Roman Senate house by 60 conspirators led by Brutus and Cassius, who believed that his death would lead to the restoration of the Roman Republic.
- On March 16, 1751, James Madison, author of the Federalist Papers and fourth president of the United States, is born in Virginia. Madison is best remembered for his critical role in the Constitutional Convention of 1787, where he oversaw the drafting of the final Constitution.
- On March 17, 1776, British forces are forced to evacuate Boston following Gen. George Washington's successful placement of fortifications and cannons on Dorchester Heights. Realizing their position was now indefensible, 11,000 British troops sailed to the safety of Halifax, Nova Scotia.
- On March 14, 1919, Max Brand, perhaps the most prolific writer of Western stories, publishes his first novel, "The Untamed." Max Brand was one of 21 pen names used by author Frederick Faust. Unlike many Western authors, Faust made no pretense to historical accuracy in his works.
- On March 13, 1969, "The Love Bug," a movie about the adventures of a Volkswagen Beetle named Herbie, opens in theaters. The Walt Disney film, based on the 1961 book "Car, Boy, Girl" by Gordon Buford, spawned four spinoffs.
- On March 12, 1972, the last remnants of the First Australian Task Force withdraw from Vietnam. The Australian government had first sent troops to Vietnam in 1964 and by 1969, their forces totaled an estimated 6,600 personnel.
- On March 11, 1990, Lithuania becomes the first Soviet republic to proclaim its independence from the USSR. The Soviet government responded by imposing an oil embargo and economic blockade against the Baltic republic, and later sent troops. Lithuania would gain its independence in September 1991.

Super Crossword

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 20th-century British actor George Sewell who made the following sage observation: "Fear is the tax that conscience pays to guilt."
- When someone mentions the band ZZ Top, you probably think of a group of musicians with long beards. They don't all have beards, though; the drummer is clean-shaven as a matter of safety (imagine being in the middle of a drum solo and getting a stick caught in a long beard -- ouch!). Interestingly, the unbearded drummer's name is Frank Beard.
- If you're like most people, you've probably never encountered a tzigalogist. That is, unless you consort with those who study Hungarian gypsies.
- Those who study such things say that the immortal bard, William Shakespeare, used a grand total of 17,677 words in his works. (That must have been a tedious calculation.) They also say that fully one-tenth of those words had never been used in writing before.
- Unless you were around on April 17, 1964, you may not be aware of the hullabaloo caused by the introduction of the Ford Mustang. In Seattle, a truck driver was so distracted by a display of new Mustangs that he crashed his cement truck through the window of the dealership. In Chicago, so many people were trying to crowd into the cars in a showroom that the dealer had to lock all the vehicle doors. A dealer in New Jersey had only one Mustang, so he auctioned it off. The winner of the auction insisted on sleeping in his new car that night, just to make sure nobody else got it before his check cleared.
- By the time he was 5 years old, 19th-century French composer Camille Saint-Saens was already composing waltzes.

Thought for the Day: "Nothing great in the world has been accomplished without passion." -- Georg Wilhelm Friedrich Hegel

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: X equals I

DNVG ISPV NVGI MJV XGXRMTTF
 KVRRXGK RNVXJ NSRVT JSSPI,
 DSATU FSA BMTT XR M BNXBCVG
 BNVBC-XG?

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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Glennie boy decorated for heroism

March 2, 1944 ~ Melvin DeMott, son of Mr. Wm. DeMott of Glennie, recently received recognition for heroic action in Sicily at an English Base, as described in the following article from the Chicago Daily Tribune:

An American Training Base, Somewhere in England, Feb. 20.—The wind blew chill across the grass tufted knoll where the battalion stood at attention. The general's aid shivered. He was in his shirt sleeves, having been caught without time to get his coat. Harshly, the voice of the commander of the troops drifted back against the wind: "Men to be decorated, front and center." Soldiers in warm greatcoats marched, did a right face, came across the parade ground like a skirmish line. Silver bars or oak leaves glinted in some shoulders; there were stripes on some of the sleeves.

The two-star general stood beside a table stacked with medals, for the men coming toward him were veterans here to instruct other Americans who were preparing for their first battle test.

The general thought it was a good idea for the battalion to see these veterans receive their awards won in combat. He felt it would aid that nebulous thing we call morale, without which a fighting unit is useless.

The general stepped forward and saluted the first man as the battalion adjutant began reading the citation over the loud speaker system. An oak leaf cluster was added to a silver star already won for gallantry in action. The general stepped to the side to face the next man and again saluted.

Silver stars and one soldier's medal were hung today on the coats of these instructors. And as I have always found in every theatre of war, men from the middle west were well represented.

Two other medical men were decorated. On July 11 at Gela, Sicily these two. Privates Jay C. Budahn of Melvindale, Mich., and Melvin W. DeMott of Glennie, Mich! evacuated the seriously wounded during a tank assault. Altho surrounded and exposed to intense machine gun and small arms fire, the citation read, they accomplished their mission.

"Their coolness under heavy fire merits the highest praise."

The general came to the end of the line. The men about-faced beside him. Bands struck up a tune, and the battalion passed in review, their lines as straight as rulers. A corps commander who had been a spectator watched them march past and said. "Of all the army units I could have visited today, none is finer than this."

Floyd Slater is with other Alcona Co. Boys

March 6, 1919 ~ Archangel, Russia, Jan 22.»

Dear Mother:— I will write you a few lines to let you know I am still well. I am in a rest camp at present and will be here for ten days.

I got Hazel's letter telling about Orval, last week. It is too bad, but you know where he is mother, anyway. I have been lucky so far; have not had the flu yet; am taking good care of myself, through.

I am glad Evert didn't have to go, as I know what it is. I will tell you lots of things when I get home, and I hope that won't be long, either.

John Shurboneau and I are together now, I had not seen him for a long time. Hairy Swain is with me too.

I have a good joke on Johnnie to tell when I come back. Ha! Ha! We were K. P. yesterday, He put me in mind of "Dad" so much that I got homesick.

We are going down town to get our pictures taken; you will not know us I bet: the boys here didn't know me of course. I had a mustache so you can imagine what I looked like. Ha!

I was at church today for the first since I entered the army seemed good to go to church again.

Hazel asked me if I was limited as to paper. I was while at the front so made it go as far as I could.

All Are "Enjoying" 70° Weather in Northern Russia

It is cold here now; some of the boys say it was 70 below this morning, so you see Michigan is a warm place. Ha! Ha! But there isn't much snow yet. I saw a Ford yesterday stuck in the snow—that made me think of home.

I saw a Review of Nov. 7, where Wm. Brenner died in France. Brownlee gave me the paper.

How is Dad getting along? What is he doing? I would like to see you all. Seems I have been away a long time. Wish

I could have been home when Art and wife were there. I may go to see them when I come back, if nothing happens.

I was going to buy an orange, but changed my mind when I found the price was \$1.20 each.

I am sending you some Russian money; all paper money here. Don't think it's a postage stamp. Ha!

You ask me if I see any of the boys from home. Yes: Swain, Shurboneau, Stewart, Wardlow, Deforest and

Brownlee are here.

I received a very nice letter from Mr. and Mrs. Carle the other day; I hear from them often.

Well, mother, I guess I will close, hoping to hear from you soon. Tell everybody Hello and to write me. God be with you till we meet again.

Good-bye. Your son,
Pvt. Floyd Slater, Co. L,
339th Inf., A. N. R. E. F

Births

March 6, 1969 ~ Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Stone of Harrisville are the proud parents of a son born March 2 at Alpena Hospital. His name is Theodore James and he weighed 6 lbs. and 8 ozs.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. William Walker of Ripon, California, an 8 lb. 4 oz. girl, Shannon Lee, on February 27.

A 9 lb. girl was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnson of Oakland California, on February 27. Mr and Mrs. Roy Clark (Frieda Walker) are the maternal grandparents.

Aaron James, a 9 lb. 10 oz. son, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Deller of Hillsdale, on March 3. Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Deller paternal grandparents

Mr. and Mrs. Larry MacDonald of Ann Arbor are the proud parents of a son, born March Robert Aaron weighed 8 lbs and 6 ozs.

Mikado serviceman killed in Vietnam

March 6, 1969 ~ Mrs. Betty Duval of Mikado, was notified last week by the U.S. War Department that her son, Staff Sgt. Steven Schlichting, of the U. S. Marine Corps, had been killed in action near Dong Ha, Vietnam, on February 21.

Mrs. Duval reported that her son's convoy was moving to another station when they were fired upon. Her son had his nineteen year old driver turn their jeep around to go back and assist those who were hit, and they drove over a land mine. Both Steven and the driver were killed.

Steven Schlichting was born May 2, 1940 in Flint. He

attended Flint and Oscoda schools, and entered the service in January, 1959.

He is survived by his mother. Steven was the grandson of Mrs. Loretta McLeod of Mikado, and the late Stanley Stevens of Greenbush.

Memorial services were held in Vietnam February 23rd., and the body was brought to Reagle Funeral Home in Flint, where it arrived at 10:30 p. m. March 4. Funeral services will be held there Monday, March 10, with the Rev. Larry Richmond of Calvary Baptist Church at Mikado, officiating. Burial will be in Flint Memorial Park.

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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	
February 24	42	22	0.26	8.2	36	W
February 25	22	6	0.00	4.6	37	WNW
February 26	17	4	0.00	2.6	16	NE
February 27	21	10	0.14	4.7	15	SSW
February 28	23	5	0.00	3.8	21	SW
March 1	28	6	0.00	3.8	11	SW
March 2	30	10	0.07	3.1	18	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2018-2019 Season		
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.47	7.3	0.37
February to Date	1.33	21.1	1.40
March to Date	0.07	1.9	0.12
2019 Season to Date	2.76	55.6	3.23

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

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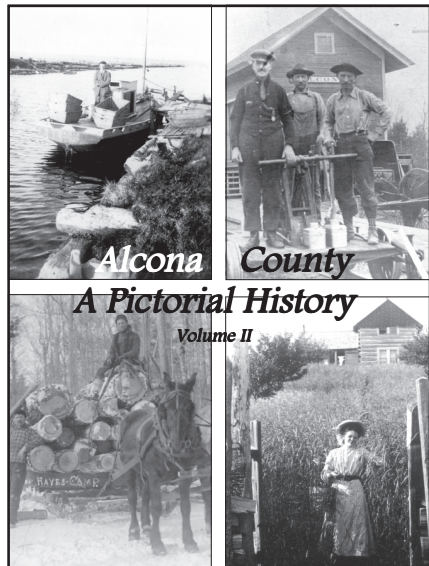
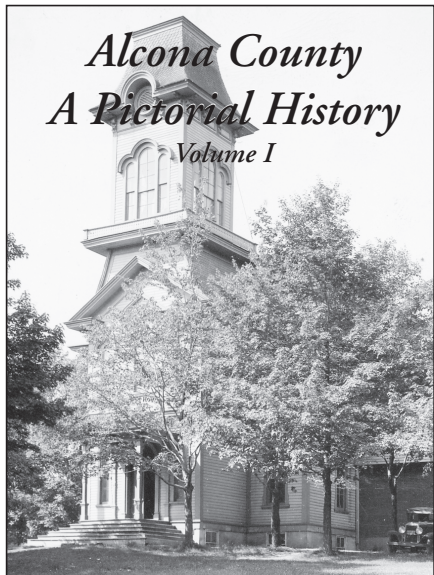
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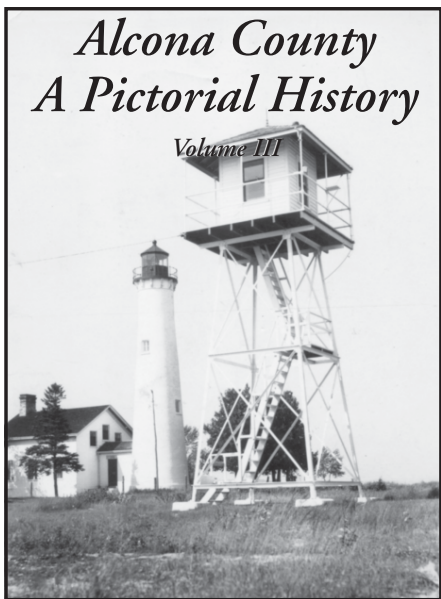
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 Estate of Claudia Lynne Presson
 Date of birth: April 11, 1943
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Claudia Lynne Presson, died November 21, 2018. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Jeffrey J. Presson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 385, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
 Date: March 5, 2019
 David H. Cook P04560 5466 M-72 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5155
 Jeffrey J. Presson 125 Bristleback Court Mt. Holly, North Carolina 28120 (704) 519-6044

Notice to Creditors
 Fern L. Ernest Living Trust, U/A/D October 3, 2013, as amended.
 Notice to Creditors: The decedent, Fern Lucille Ernest, whose date of birth was March 25, 1921, and whose last address was 5784 Mt. Maria Road, Caledonia Township, Mich. 49747, died on August 27, 2018. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the decedent or the Fern L. Ernest Living Trust, dated October 3, 2013 will be forever barred unless presented to Sheryl A. Molstead, successor trustee, at 7333 E. Solano Drive, Scottsdale, Ariz. 85250, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
 Dated: February 19, 2019
 John J. Giarmarco (P79704), Attorney
 Giarmarco, Mullins & Horton, P.C. 101 West Big Beaver Road, Suite 1000 Troy, Mich. 48084-5280
 Sheryl A. Molstead Successor Trustee 7333 East Solano Drive Scottsdale, Ariz. 85250

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Caledonia Township Board met February 27. Motions to approve the agenda; minutes; pay bills; cemetery plot increase for nonresidents; hire Justin Wilson as the township attorney; order a Verizon phone system for clerk and treasurer; charge \$25 for NSF. Motion to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Next township meeting is March 13 at 7 p.m. at the township hall.
 Kerry Scott, Caledonia Township Clerk

Caledonia Township Board held a special meeting March 3. All board members were present. Motions to approve the agenda; accept the assessor's resignation; appoint a consulting assessor; township attorney will start April 1. Motion to adjourn at 6:48 p.m. Next township board meeting is March 13 at 7 p.m. at the township hall.
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Harrisville State Park is looking for employees for the summer season. Duties will include customer service, revenue handling, general maintenance, mowing, landscaping, and janitorial work. Please contact the park at (989) 724-5126 or stop by the Park Headquarters between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday for an application. **Must be 18 years of age by date of hire.** Applications for this summer will be accepted until March 27, 2019.

Part time circulation clerk open at Alcona County Library for 10 to 15 hours per week. Job description and application available at any branch of Alcona County Library or on the 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. Friday, March 22. Please apply to: Library Director, 312 West Main Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, at any Alcona County Library branch, or via email at director@alcona.lib.mi.us.

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.

BINGO

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Winner-takes-all game and cookie jar. All proceeds to charity.

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BOARD OF REVIEW

Public Notice
 2019 March Board of Review
 Haynes Township
 3930 E McNeil Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742
 Public protests will be heard at the Haynes Township Hall.
 Monday, March 11 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 and Tuesday, March 12 from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.
 An organizational meeting will be held on Tuesday March 5 at 6 p.m.
 to allow the Board of Review members to examine the assessment
 roll. Protests may be filed in writing and must be received by March
 11, 2019. The Board may meet additional days as needed to
 conclude all business.
 Appearing below are the recommended Tentative Equalization
 Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization
 Department.

	Ratios	Multipliers
Agricultural	49.98	1.00000
Commercial	49.10	1.00000
Industrial	N/A	N/A
Residential	48.29	1.0183
Timber Cutover	N/A	N/A
Developmental	N/A	N/A
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Becky Schroeder
 Haynes Township Assessor
 1871 Lakeshore Drive
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740
 American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
 The Township will provide necessary and reasonable services to
 individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon
 seven day notice. Contact the assessor at (989) 724-5676
 2-20 thru 3-6

2019 Board of Review Notice
 City of Harrisville
 City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740
 The City of Harrisville Board of Review for 2019 will be held at the
 City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street on the following dates:
 March 12, 2019, 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 March 14, 2019, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2019 at 10:15 a.m.
 to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this
 meeting. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest
 letter is received prior to March 12, 2019.**
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of
 real property and personal property for 2019 are as follows:

Commercial	49.99	1.00000
Industrial	49.82	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

 Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
 The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals
 with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day
 notice. Contact: Barbara Pierce at City Clerk's Office, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.
 daily at (989) 724-6666.
 2-20 thru 3-6

2019 Board of Review Notice
 Harrisville Township
 114 South Poor Farm Road
 Harrisville, Mich. 48740
 The Harrisville Township Board of Review for 2019 will be held at
 the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 South Poor Farm Road on the
 following dates:
 March 12, 2019, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.
 March 14, 2019, 3 - 9 p.m.
 An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2019 at 8 a.m. to
 examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this
 meeting. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest
 letter is received prior to March 12, 2019.**
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of
 real property and personal property for 2019 are as follows:

Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	49.92	1.00000
Industrial	49.97	1.00000
Residential	49.65	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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 with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-day
 notice. Contact: Supervisor Chad Spitznagel at (989) 335-1960.
 2-20 thru 3-6

2019 Board of Review Notice
 Caledonia Township
 Caledonia Township Hall
 6461 Gillard Rd.
 Spruce, MI 48762
 2019 Board of Review Meeting Schedule
 Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 5 p.m.
 Organizational Meeting
 No appeals will be taken at this meeting.
 Monday, March 11, 2019, 9 a.m. - Noon & 1 - 4 p.m..
 Thursday, March 14, 2019, 1-4 p.m. & 6-9 p.m.
 The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed
 necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2019
 assessments. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided
 protest letter is received prior to March 11, 2019.**
 The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers provided by the Alcona
 Equalization Department for each class of real property and personal
 property for 2019 are as follows:

	Ratios	Factor
Agriculture	50.46	1.00000
Commercial	51.83	1.00000
Industrial	51.69	1.00000
Residential	49.27	1.00000
Timber-Cutover	NA	NA
Developmental	NA	NA

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
 The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to indi-
 viduals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-
 day notice. Contact assessor Sarah Gohl at (989) 464-5557 or
 caledoniatownshipassessor@yahoo.com
 2-20 thru 3-6

2019 Board of Review Notice
 Hawes Township
 VFW Post 8135, 2120 Trask Lake Road
 Barton City, Mich. 48705
 The Hawes Township Board of Review for 2019 will be held at the
 VFW Post, 2120 Trask Lake Road on the following dates:
 March 11, 2019, 3 - 9 p.m.
 March 15, 2019, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.
 An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2019 at 7 p.m. to
 examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this
 meeting. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest
 letter is received prior to March 11, 2019.**
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of
 real property and personal property for 2019 are as follows:

Agricultural	49.90	1.00000
Commercial	49.93	1.00000
Industrial	49.99	1.00000
Residential	49.99	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

 Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
 The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to indi-
 viduals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-
 day notice. Contact: Supervisor Rodney Cordes at (989)736-8460.
 2-20 thru 3-6

2019 Board of Review Notice
 Millen Township
 Barton City FOE 4141, 671 North Sanborn Road
 Barton City, Mich. 48705
 The Millen Township Board of Review for 2019 will be held at the
 Barton City FOE, 671 North Sanborn Road on the following dates:
 March 12, 2019, 3 - 9 p.m.
 March 16, 2019, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.
 An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2019 at 4:30 p.m. to
 examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this
 meeting. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest
 letter is received prior to March 13, 2019.**
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of
 real property and personal property for 2019 are as follows:

Agricultural	49.99	1.00000
Commercial	49.97	1.00000
Residential	49.82	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

 Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
 The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to indi-
 viduals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-
 day notice. Contact: Supervisor James Burger at (989)736-3401.
 2-20 thru 3-6

2019 Board of Review Notice
 Mitchell Township
 6849 West Tower Road, Curran, Mich. 48728
 The Mitchell Township Board of Review for 2019 will be held at
 the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 Tower Road on the following
 dates:
 March 11, 2019, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 - 4 p.m.
 March 13, 2019, 2 - 5 p.m. and 6 - 9 p.m.
 An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. to
 examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this
 meeting. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest
 letter is received prior to March 11, 2019.**
 The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of
 real property and personal property for 2019 are as follows:

Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	49.96	1.00000
Industrial	49.92	1.00000
Residential	49.99	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

 Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
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 viduals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-
 day notice. Contact: Supervisor Carla Brimm at (989) 848-2401.
 2-20 thru 3-6

2019 Board of Review Notice
 Alcona Township
 Alcona Township Hall
 5576 N.US 23
 Black River, MI. 48721
 2019 Board of Review Meeting Schedule
 Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 3 p.m.
 Organizational Meeting
 No appeals will be taken at this meeting.
 Monday, March 11, 2019, 1 - 4 p.m. & 6 - 9 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 9 a.m. - Noon & 1-4 p.m.
 The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed
 necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2019
 assessments. **Residents are able to protest by letter, provided**

protest letter is received prior to March 11, 2019.
 The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers provided by the Alcona
 Equalization Department for each class of real property and personal
 property for 2019 are as follows:

	Ratios	Factor
Agriculture	52.16	1.00000
Commercial	49.70	1.00000
Industrial	54.68	1.00000
Residential	50.09	1.00000
Timber-Cutover	NA	NA
Developmental	NA	NA

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 viduals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven-
 day notice. Contact assessor Sarah Gohl at (989) 464-5557 or
 alconatownshipassessor@yahoo.com
 2-20 thru 3-6

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor
 Major called meeting to order
 at 7 p.m. on February 12 at the
 Greenbush Township Hall. Three
 guests were present; all joined
 in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll
 call was taken. Present: Supervisor
 C. Lee Major, clerk Dave Dailey,
 treasurer Pat Dailey, trustee Sheila
 Scott, and trustee Mark Parent. Absent:
 none.
 D. Dailey/Major: Motion to approve
 the agenda as submitted. All ayes,
 motion carried. P. Dailey/Parent:
 Motion to approve the minutes as
 submitted. All ayes, motion carried.
 Public comments- discussion on fire
 responders. Financial report given
 by treasurer P. Dailey: \$97,943.31
 general fund; \$149,298.46 road fund;
 \$86,355.08 fire fund; \$43,295.03
 Prince Drive; \$482.27 Kowalski
 Memorial Fund -- reported all
 revenues. Taxes are due by February
 13. D. Dailey/ Major: Motion to
 approve the financial report and
 place on file for audit. Roll call:
 all ayes, motion carried. Presentation
 of bills by clerk D. Dailey -- payroll
 check numbers 17,782-17,795 - \$7,585.98;
 bills check numbers 17,761-17,781 -
 \$7,585.98; plus E199- and E210
 checks - \$2,964. Eighty-two bills
 totaling \$15,763.33. Major/Scott:
 Motion to approve the bills as
 presented. Roll call: all ayes,
 motion carried. Miscellaneous reports:
 R&J Whitetail Deer Farms has
 requested to change their property
 zoning from extractive to forestry.
 Planning commission: R&J
 Whitetail Deer Farms was approved
 to continue the process from
 extractive to forestry. Major
 read over 10.1 in ordinance and
 clerk Dailey showed the paperwork
 that was submitted - set a public
 hearing for March 7 at 6 p.m.
 Jessica Babbitt is interested in
 serving as secretary for the planning
 commission. Discussion about her
 joining the planning commission.
 Major/Scott: Motion to accept
 Jessica Babbitt as the secretary for
 the planning commission. Roll call:
 aye - D. Dailey and Scott; nay -
 Parent, P. Dailey and Major. Motion
 failed. Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport
 Authority - cost saving measures
 that were discussed last meeting
 were approved; will be voting for
 executive council; switching to
 new fiber plow blades; and they
 are working on a new method of
 clearing the ice, without using
 chemicals on the runways.

County commissioner Brummund
 provided the board members with
 her report Constable - Red Rooster
 and Cedar Lake Grocery are
 compliant. Lakeside Superette
 still not open and Blackshire
 Golf Course is closed for the
 season. Fire Chief - one fire call
 and eight first responder calls.
 Fire engine pumper tank is
 getting fixed and should be
 picked up soon. Zoning and
 ordinance administrator - no
 inquiries from ad in the paper
 for a new zoning administrator,
 but one interested party. Run
 ad for a couple more weeks
 and put in the Oscoda Press
 also. D. Dailey/P. Dailey:
 Motion to have supervisor Major
 fill the position for two months.
 Roll call: Major abstained. All
 ayes, motion carried. January
 through April rentals were
 given to the board and reviewed.
 Add public hearing for March
 7 at 6 p.m. Board of Review
 meets March 11 and March 15.
 Assessor will be attending a
 meeting about short term rental
 taxes and will bring back
 information for the board. GRAC -
 logging is still going on at the
 park. Correspondence - Supervisor
 read letter about Equalization
 Truth in Taxation; Oscoda
 Township Zoning April workshop;
 received a call about someone
 cutting wood from the park;
 sheriff's department was called.
 Pending business - time capsule
 vault- nothing new. Auditor
 choice contacted Campbell and
 Klusterer - still researching.
 New business- pick dates for
 budget meetings and hearing -
 February 27 and 28 at 5:15 p.m.
 at the township hall. Pick new
 attorney - Major distributed
 correspondence from Alcona on
 bids they had received. Some
 discussion. Major will get bids
 for the township. Budget
 amendments - none. Public
 comment - township clean up
 is May 11 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.
 at Travis Sanitation. Fire
 Department BBQ will be held
 August 4. Brummund commended
 Steve Franks for taking care of
 the first responders and fire
 department because of it is a
 huge responsibility. D. Dailey/
 Trustee Parent: Motion to
 adjourn at 8:36 p.m. All
 ayes, motion carried.

David W. Dailey
 Greenbush Township Clerk
 Note: Published prior to board
 approval. Next regular
 scheduled meeting is Tuesday,
 March 13 at 7 p.m. at the
 township hall.