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## Weapons incident, car accident, foot chase, property search leads to arrest and 10 felony charges

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

A Greenbush resident has been charged with 10 felonies stemming from a string of incidents that occurred on Friday, Dec. 4 and ended in a wooded area in Greenbush Township.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, Christopher Michael Kaczmarek, 47, of Greenbush was arraigned in 81<sup>st</sup> District Court on Monday, Dec. 7 on the following charges: felonious assault, three counts of felon in possession of a firearm, three counts of felon in possession of ammunition, possession of a firearm while intoxicated, operating (a vehicle) while intoxicated and weapons offense – possession of a taser. He is lodged in the Alcona County Jail and being held on a \$500,000 cash bond.

On December 4, a deputy from the sheriff's department was answering a complaint in Mikado Township that Kaczmarek had been pointing a gun at an individual but had fled the scene. On the way to Mikado, the deputy received reports that Kaczmarek had been involved in a one-vehicle accident on S. Poor Farm Road in Greenbush Township. He left the accident scene, was on foot carrying a rifle and two gun shots had been heard in the area where Kaczmarek was.

When the deputy arrived on the scene, he observed Kaczmarek running in the woods adjacent to the roadway. As the deputy approached Kaczmarek, he threw the rifle into the woods. The deputy detained Kaczmarek and he was treated for injuries sustained

the accident by Alcona EMS and Greenbush first responders. He was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas and later released to the custody of the sheriff's department.

"This was a pretty dangerous situation," said Alcona County Sheriff Scott Stephenson. "Any time there is an intoxicated person running around with a loaded gun is dangerous. The deputy was in danger for a short amount of time... I am very thankful this was resolved without injury to the deputy and Mr. Kaczmarek."

On Saturday, Dec. 5 a search warrant was executed on Kaczmarek's residence in Greenbush by deputies from the sheriff's department. During the search, a number of firearms, tasers, silencers, high-capacity magazines and

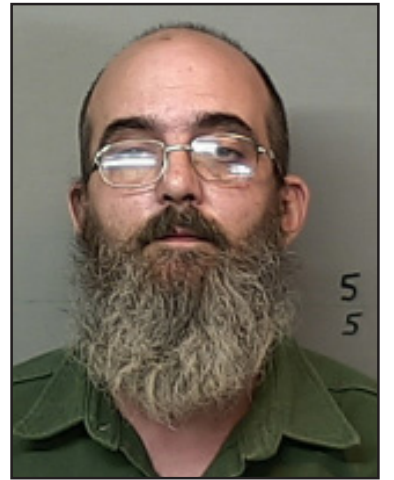
thousands of rounds of ammunition were found and seized.

Stephenson explained that the search and subsequent seizure of the weapons stemmed from the fact that Kaczmarek was a felon and was not allowed to possess firearms and ammunition.

Kaczmarek's felon status came from a case in the fall of 2016 when he was charged with and eventually pleaded guilty to making terrorist threats or false report of terrorism. He was sentenced to one year in jail and two years of probation.

Stephenson said the sheriff's department is working with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) as the investigation unfolds.

During the incident and



Christopher Kaczmarek on the next day during the execution of the search warrant, the sheriff's department was assisted by the Michigan DNR, Oscoda Township Police Department, U.S. Forest Service Law Enforcement Division, the Greenbush Fire Department/first responders and Alcona County EMS.

## Parents choose homeschooling as education alternative

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, many parents have had to look at alternatives for educating their children. Some opted for strictly at-home online education of their traditional school-attending children. Others chose a face-to-face option requiring students to wear masks throughout the day at school and go into remote learning at home should the virus spike.

Parents of homeschoolers, however, are relishing in the fact they needed to make very little change to how their students are taught each day.

Homeschooling is different from online learning in that the parent performs the bulk of the lessons taught, chooses the curriculum and provides the methods for instruction. Online learners are mostly taught from prerecorded lessons administered by qualified teachers across the country via the Internet with homework and testing all performed online.

Homeschool teaching, while it may seem old-fashioned, has been gaining in popularity among parents worldwide over the last few



Jaxen Keyser has been homeschooled by his mother, Jessica, since he was in kindergarten. She said her son learns better by being actively interested in a subject. This week he learned some fractions and had fun reading recipes while making Christmas cookies with her. *Courtesy photo.*

decades. Many chose to homeschool because they want to have more control over when, where and what their children learned.

Several families in Alcona County have chosen to homeschool their children and are finding it to be quite

satisfying and successful.

For Harrisville residents Jessica Keyser, mother of three, and Anne Mills, mother of two, Ellie, 18 and Robby, 17, the decision to homeschool was unprecedented in their lives, having never been homeschooled themselves

and not knowing anyone who had.

Mills decided to homeschool when her daughter was about to begin first grade. "I had heard about first grade being a pivotal year for many and at that time the school was making severe staff cuts and increasing class sizes.

"I asked a teacher friend downstate if a teacher would still be able to teach all they needed to under those circumstances and her answer was no. I didn't want Ellie to slip through the cracks," Mills said. Because her children were only a year and a half apart she started her son homeschooling about the same time.

Keyser said she had watched her older daughters, Trinity, a graduate of Alcona High School, and Brielle, a senior, attend public school all their lives and how busy they always were. "I saw how quickly they grew up. If they had homework or sports, by the time they got home there was no time to be with the family. They would go to bed early and then get up and do it all over again. We barely saw them," Keyser said.

She didn't feel a stressful

day would benefit the education of her son, Jaxen, 9. "All I could think about was how long he would be gone, from 8 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. and that doesn't include the one-hour bus ride each way. That's an extremely long day for a little kid," she said.

Her experience sending Jaxen to preschool in the community brought to light how he was still rather young and didn't want to leave her side. "I thought there had to be a better way. I also got to thinking about how the public school has changed a lot over the years. I didn't like the stuff they were making them do. They pushed common core and attendance so hard on the kids. I understand the schools have no choice but to comply with government guidelines because they are government funded, but it's tough on the kids and stressful," she said.

Keyser wanted her son to love to learn at his speed and felt he would end up hating school if pushed too hard, so when kindergarten started Jaxen stayed home and Keyser began her quest to homeschool.

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# Obituary

## Harry R. MacDermaid

Harry Raymond MacDermaid, 77, of Kenai, Alaska died on Tuesday, Dec. 8, 2020 at Central Peninsula Hospital in Soldotna, Alaska.

He was born May 12, 1943 in Pontiac, Mich. to Harry Eugene and Lucille MacDermaid.

He received a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology in 1965 from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill.

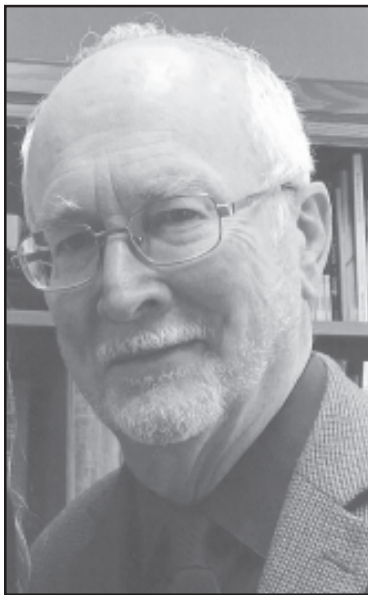
He served in the U.S. Army from 1965 to 1977, serving in the Vietnam War. He received two Bronze Stars and two Army Commendation medals.

He moved to Anchorage, Alaska in 1973 and in 1989 Mr. MacDermaid moved to Kenai, Alaska. He worked in several positions for Sohio, BP and Veco. He retired in 1977.

He had been the pastor at Kenai Church of God since 2016. He served on the board of the Friendship Mission and enjoyed flying, fishing, hunting, and sailing.

His last four years were spent pastoring a church that reached out to the homeless, those in recovery, and those struggling to get there. He had a passion for teaching the Bible to others.

Mr. MacDermaid is survived by his wife, Glenna MacDermaid; one daughter, Deborah (Ryan) Rothchild of Alaska; one son, Mitchel (Annie) MacDermaid of Arizona; 14 grandchildren; one great-grandchild; his mother,



Lucille MacDermaid of Michigan; one sister, Gail (John) Heath of Michigan; two brothers, Tom MacDermaid of California and David MacDermaid of Texas; the mother of his children, Martha MacDermaid of Arizona; two step sons; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, Harry Eugene MacDermaid; and his grandparents, John and Edna MacDermaid and Raymond and Alice Adair

Memorial Donations may be made to The Friendship Mission, P.O. Box 2634, Kenai, Alaska 99669.

Interment will be at Fort Richardson National Cemetery in Anchorage, Alaska on Friday, Dec. 18. Arrangements made by Peninsula Memorial Chapel & Crematory.

# Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,  
I live on Sunrise Drive. I do not like the parade of dump trucks on our street, or the Bluffs being developed for two to 30 homes. What condition will our street be in next spring? I suppose other people had the same concerns when the 42 houses on Sunrise Drive were being built, as well as homes on Crescent Drive. That was development too.

For wealth, Alcona County is ranked 61<sup>st</sup> out of 83. The people operating the trucks and construction equipment are earning wages instead of drawing unemployment or welfare. A lot of money is being spent on diesel fuel. When the 30 homes are built

on the Bluffs, that will be a large addition to the tax base of Alcona County. Won't that be a plus for Alcona County?

The only other development in Alcona County is the marijuana business in Harrisville. The last large development in Alcona County was the Harrisville Harbor Grocery improvement, the laundry across the street, and the Alcona brewery. The township government supervision of the brewery development was unfortunate.

We usually winter in Florida. Almost anywhere you go in Florida you see development. Trucks, bulldozers, cranes, new buildings, 400 home gated communities,

roads being continuously enlarged. I do not want Alcona County to become like Florida but should encourage what little development there is.

The Sunrise/Huron Bluffs group on Facebook is doing all they can to get the township, county, state government agencies and the railway to be involved with little success.

I do not believe this would happen on Lake Michigan in a more developed (wealthier) county and it should make no difference. There are rules, regulations in place that should be followed.

Ron Freiberg  
Greenbush

# Police Report

After a three-month investigation by the Michigan State Police (MSP), Alpena post, a Mikado resident has been charged with false report of a felony and lying to a police officer.

The investigation began in late October when an MSP trooper was dispatched to a residence on Condon Road in Millen Township to take a report of a stolen vehicle. Jeremy Alan Lee, 42, of Mikado reported that his former girlfriend had stolen his 2003 Dodge pickup truck. The trooper located the truck at the former girlfriend's residence. She claimed she purchased the vehicle and Lee had titled it in his name without her permission. The vehicle was to be titled in both their names.

On December 2, a report was received from a Michigan Department of State investigator who conducted an investigation that alleges Lee fraudulently titled the truck in his name and crossed his then girlfriend's name off the title. The trooper followed up on this information and submitted a report to the Alcona County Prosecutor's Office for review. An arrest warrant was authorized for Lee and he turned himself in at the Alcona County Sheriff's Department.

Lee was arraigned on December 9 in the 81st District Court. He was released on a \$15,000 personal recognizance bond. His next scheduled court appearance is on December 30.

## top ten

### Foods to Eat After Exercise

1. Greek yogurt
2. Whey protein powder
3. Eggs
4. Chocolate milk
5. Kefir
6. Quinoa
7. Navy beans
8. Canned tuna
9. Trail mix
10. Cottage cheese

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# Calendar of Events

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 16

The Alcona County Library Board will meet via Zoom and Facebook Live at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m. The link will be posted on the library's website (<http://www.alcona-lib.mi.us>) and Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/AlconaLibrary>).

There will be a drive through food giveaway at three locations in Alcona County from 4 to 6 p.m. The locations are at the Alcona Recreation Center (ARA) on Barlow Road in Lincoln, Lott Baptist Church, 4257 S. State Road in Glennie and Greenbush Fire Hall, 5036 Campbell Street, Greenbush. For more information call the Alcona County Commission on Aging at (989) 334-3663.

## THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17

Everyone is welcome to join the Community Walking Club and meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library in Harrisville at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced and face masks will be required. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

## FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more information, call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

## SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19

There will be a drive-thru Christmas for kids (infant to 12 years old) from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles Arie No. 4141. Everyone will stay in their vehicle and drive around the parking lot. Santa will be there to wave to kids and Santa's helpers will give children a gift and a lunch. For more information, call Sue at (989) 736-6570.

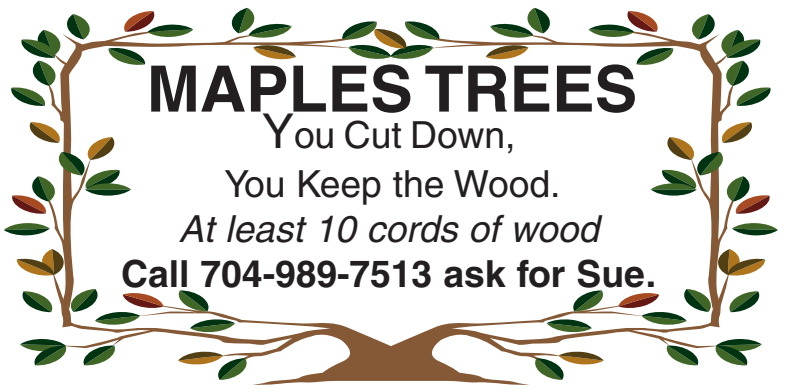
## MONDAY, DECEMBER 21

White Pines 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. For more information, call Judy at (989) 335-4283.

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23

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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# Local Notes

## Carolers on Horseback

Residents of Lincoln are encouraged to listen for the sound of sleigh bells and the unmistakable sound of hooved feet on pavement Sunday afternoon between 1 and 3 p.m. According to Lindsay Nardi of Mikado, she and her neighbor, Lauren Karsen, and a few other horseback riding enthusiasts from the area, will be singing Christmas songs as they ride through Lincoln.

According to Nardi, the riders want to spread some Christmas cheer and encourage residents to watch for them and join in if they wish. "This was Lauren's idea and a few others are joining us. We have permission to park our trailers at the ball fields and will wander through the village (not on Barlow Road) singing and handing out candy canes for children," Nardi said.

While the cold won't bother the riders, it is imperative, according to Nardi, that for the safety of the horses, roads will have to be free of snow and ice. If any circumstances prohibit being able to ride on clear pavement, the group will not be able to ride.

"We aren't by any means great singers; we will play music and sing along to the songs. We will keep our distance as required but are looking forward to weaving through the streets and singing," she said.

Any horse enthusiast who would like to join the event may park at the baseball fields in Lincoln and join the group at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 20.

## Library at Phase 1 Again

Last week, Alcona County decided to close county buildings until Friday January 8, 2021.

The Alcona County Library system, according to library director Denise Bearre, has gone back to Phase 1 of the library's reopening plan. All branches (Caledonia, Harrisville, Mikado, and Lincoln) of the library will offer touchless

pickup of library items only. At this time, this plan will extend until Friday, Jan. 8, 2021. Bearre explained the plan may be extended until further notice depending on what Alcona County and the State of Michigan decides in the future.

At this time, branch hours will remain Harrisville—Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Lincoln—Monday through Friday from noon to 6 p.m.; Mikado—Monday through Thursday from 2 to 6 p.m.; Caledonia—Monday through Thursday from 1 to 5:30 p.m. and Friday from noon to 4 p.m.

For more information, contact Bearre at (989) 724-6796, ext. 221.

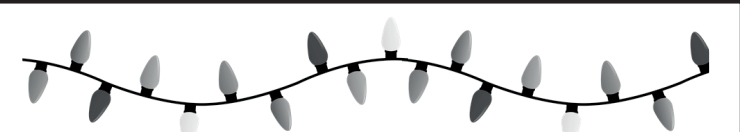
## Child Trauma Training

"Caring for Children Who have Experienced Trauma," is being offered in a six-week course on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 8 p.m. beginning January 6, 2021. The training will be held simultaneously at United Methodist Church in Harrisville and First Presbyterian Church in Alpena and linked by technology.

It is appropriate for parents, caregivers, childcare providers, people in ministry, educators, and anyone who works or volunteers with children and families. There is no charge to participants due to funding from Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan. Register by calling (989) 356-2880 or 800-354-2880.

Trainers are Mary Schalk of Partners In Prevention and Meg Nisbet of Hope Shores Alliance. They are members of the Statewide Children's Trauma Initiative and have presented the course since 2014.

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989-736-6212 or [cordesn@alconaschools.net](mailto:cordesn@alconaschools.net)

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was very difficult because she tried to recreate school at home, giving Jaxen lessons and worksheets for three-hour periods. "By the end of the

day, we were both in tears. That was one of the reasons I didn't want him in public school. I had to readjust and find something that worked

for us. Once I realized he didn't have to be at the same level his sisters were at his age, things got a lot easier.

"By relaxing our time learning, he had less stress and is catching up well. I also found if he is interested in something, he absorbs it like a sponge. I spend a lot of time watching him carefully and when he is ready to learn something, like telling time, counting money, or something that happened in history, we focus on that. He isn't even aware he is learning common core subjects," Keyser said.

Keyser also likes the flexibility homeschooling offers and can choose the hours to teach her son when it suits her, and his, schedule 12 months a year. She said December is an extremely busy month for her photography business and takes most of that month off from teaching.

Mills, a nurse, who works per diem while homeschooling her children, also felt the flexibility homeschooling afforded their family was a great benefit. Not only with work schedules between her and her husband, but they could also better plan vacations and downtime throughout the year as a family.

"I went into this when Ellie was in the first grade thinking I would try it for a year. After that year I didn't feel any reason to change. I kept hearing from other parents if

they could homeschool their children, they would," Mills said.

She explained her apprehension in getting started, not knowing any other homeschooled children was a concern and she wondered if her children would be socialized enough. She found a homeschool cooperative and joined the Cooperative of Alpena Area Christian Home-schoolers (COACH).

"Through the co-op, I found out that homeschool children are just normal kids from normal families. They were socialized and the great part is that parents could control how they were socialized and what clubs they belonged to," Mills said.

She explained both of her children were also socialized through joining Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) 4-H clubs like soccer, shooting, and horse clubs. They also participated in the market club at the county fair. "I don't feel my kids are abnormal or weird. Not going to traditional school has not been a detriment," Mills said.

Keyser said she also joined a cooperative to gain more insight on different homeschool issues while her son socialized. She is now the president of the Tawas Bay Cooperative.

Despite her children doing well, Mills didn't want them to miss out on any experience

and thought maybe it would be a good idea for Ellie to attend public high school, mostly because Alcona Community Schools had such a good agriculture science program, which Ellie was interested in.

"She went there for her freshman year. She loved the teachers but didn't like the class environment and the drama other students brought into the room. She heard students disrespecting teachers and yelling at them and the teachers yelling back at the students. She finished out the year and I gave her the option to go back. She wanted no part of it," Mills said.

Both her children are part of the Alpena Family Partnership where they can take elective online classes with supplemental hands-on face-to-face instruction in addition to the core classes their mother teaches them. Ellie is due to graduate in June and is taking dual enrollment classes through Alpena Community College.

She explained her children will graduate with homeschool diplomas, rather than high school diplomas and that many students get into great colleges. She has known some homeschooled students to graduate college with honors.

Keyser said they plan to keep Jaxen homeschooled until the eighth or ninth grade and then enroll him in public high school but may make other plans depending on his interests and how he is learning.

Traci Collins, co-chairperson of COACH, said the pandemic has caused a tipping point for parents who were on the fence about homeschooling, but before going head-in they need to understand all that is involved.

She explained Michigan laws on homeschooling are very lax, but there are laws that parents of homeschoolers need to know. "There is a portion of the Michigan Compulsory Attendance Law that governs homeschooling. Anyone interested in knowing more about homeschooling laws should visit the Homeschool Legal Defense Association website at [hdllda.org](http://hdllda.org), which is a national organization but does break out different state laws on their sites. Information can also be found on the Michigan Christian Home-school Network at [michn.org](http://michn.org)."

## American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

When I look in a mirror, I try to compose my face so that it is at its best, but it's a face that beyond my bathroom gets supplanted by all the more homely faces I carry out into the world. John Thornberg is a Minnesota poet, but here's a poem of his that reflects upon all of us everywhere.

### Stolen Glances

Every time I turn to peer  
at my reflection in the mirror,  
a cruel bargain comes in play:  
the glass takes off another day  
from my expected living span.  
It's vanity's fair payment plan.  
Each time I look I pay, alas.  
I see already how the glass  
has laced its silver in my hair,  
my youth was stolen unaware.  
The real me just fades away,  
glance by glance, day by day,  
until too late  
I'll turn to see  
the mirror has stolen off with me!

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Meeting Date: December 16, 2020  
Meeting Time: 1:00 PM EST  
Meeting Location: Electronic (virtual)  
Purpose of Meeting: Township of Greenbush Board of Review December 2020 meeting.

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# Pandemic drives Michigan economy

## By Capital News Service

Welcome to the COVID-19 economy: Lumber prices and tent sales soared. Great Lakes shipping took a dive. Home sales were up. And energy sales shifted from manufacturing plants to home offices.

Here is a sample ride of a segment of the Michigan economic roller coaster powered by the pandemic.

### Energy Sales

Consumers Energy links the virus to a three percent third-quarter drop in electricity sales across all customers.

But the consequences of an economic slowdown are complex. Industrial and commercial sales dropped four percent, but sales to residential customers increased six percent, according to Brian Wheeler, the media relations manager at the Michigan utility.

"It's a pretty unusual increase, although we know why it has been the case," Wheeler said. More people working remotely means that lights stay on longer and more electricity is consumed by residential customers. It isn't just one person staying at home, but rather entire families put into lockdown and using more energy, he said. "People are home around the clock."

When the economy was the most locked down at the beginning of the pandemic, the utility reported industrial and business use dipped 10 percent to 15, Wheeler said. No one was going to movie theaters, bowling alleys or even to workplaces where the usual industrial and commercial energy sales are made.

Similarly, Minneapolis-based Xcel Energy, which provides electricity and natural gas across eight states including Michigan, reported residential electricity sales were up 2.3 percent. Commercial and industrial sales decreased almost eight percent. Overall, total retail electric sales declined almost 5%.

The impact on natural gas sales won't be known until after the winter heating season. And utilities struggle to project natural gas sales because of the unpredictability of the pandemic, Wheeler said.

Another pandemic energy impact: With people out of work, Consumers Energy set aside \$12 million in a relief package for customers who cannot pay their bills. Instead of raising prices, the utility is making budget cuts, Wheeler said. "We talked about a triple bottom line — looking at people, (power) plants and Michigan's prosperity."

### Great Lakes Shipping

Great Lakes freighters were gearing up for the shipping season when pandemic restrictions started to take place, said Eric Peace, the communications director with the Cleveland-based Lake Carriers' Association.

"Consumers of steel, like the auto industry, closed, and demand for shipments of raw

materials began to wane," he said.

As of October, shipments of iron ore in the Great Lakes were down 22 percent and shipments of limestone were down 14 percent compared with the same time last year, according to the association, which advocates for shipping companies in the Great Lakes.

Peace is optimistic about the industry's ability to rebound as the economy shows signs of recovery. "As the summer progressed and businesses began to reopen, demand increased for more shipments of materials that the manufacturing and construction companies required," he said. "Demand continues to rise as winter approaches and the economy rebounds."

### Outdoor Gear

When movie theaters, bowling alleys and other indoor entertainment venues were forced to close, Michiganders went outside. That was apparent in both the sales of outdoor gear and tourism.

The sale of equipment such as tents, camp chairs and stoves increased at least 25 percent, said Brad Garmon, director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Outdoor Industry Office.

Mountain bikes are especially hot. Quick Stop Bike Shop in Marquette, Mich. saw more than a 30 percent increase in sales, said owner Erik Carlson. It's hard to get bikes due to how many people across the country are buying them, he said. "If you can get the product you can do really well, but if you can't it's really tough," he said. "It's like 50 percent of the conversations we have is, 'Yeah we can get you that bike in six months.'"


Outdoor destinations such as Marquette, Mich. are seeing increased interest from campers. Hotel occupancy is down, but campsites in Marquette are highly desirable, said Susan Estler, executive director of Travel Marquette.

"We have a rustic campground, and that was pretty much full all summer," said Lori Hauswirth, executive director of the Noquemanon Trail Network, which maintains seven networks of outdoor trails and campsites stretching from Munising, Mich. to Big Bay, Mich.

Noquemanon saw more than double its usual traffic over the summer, she said. She attributed the increase to people escaping their homes during the pandemic. "I feel like people are planning ahead and planning their escapes, and I expect it to continue to be busy," Hauswirth said.

Todd Poquette, who organizes a gravel cycling race called "The Crusher," said that participation in the event at the Forestville Trailhead Rustic Campground more than doubled to 960 participants this year. The event takes place over different sized

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# Cooperatives and partnerships offer local homeschool options

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

While the closures of traditional schools across the nation during the COVID-19 pandemic has left some parents scrambling for alternative ways to teach their children, homeschool parents have continued teaching their children free of anxiety.

According to the National Home Education Research Institute, parent-led home-based education known as homeschooling has been in place for hundreds of years but didn't jump in popularity until the 1970s and 80s when it became a cutting-edge alternative to traditional school.

Today homeschooling is considered mainstream and homeschool student numbers are growing every year. In 2019 about 2.5 million students from kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade across the United States were home-schooled.

The students are not only taught by their parents but gain education from a multitude of professionals via homeschool cooperatives, online education and public-school partnerships.

In northeast Michigan, there is a variety of helpful ways to begin homeschooling. Before COVID-19 restrictions, the Cooperative of Alpena Area Christian Home-schoolers (COACH), met with students once a week for 10-week semesters in the fall and winter. It offered mostly parent-led electives to homeschool students in grades kindergarten through 12. As a cooperative, all parents take an active interest in teaching students.

Co-chair Traci Collins has been a member of COACH since moving to the Alpena area four years ago. She has four children whom she homeschools and found COACH when she was looking for a way to have them meet other children and engage in elective activities like gym class.

Students of COACH pick out what classes they would like to attend such as physi-

cal education, knitting, music, or drama.

There is a \$50 annual membership fee and parents pay for whatever supplies the student needs while taking the class.

COACH also offers educational field trips and has a science Olympiad team that has gone to state finals several times.

Collins said this year, due to COVID-19, they met for the fall semester by taking different outdoor field trips across four counties which offered new learning opportunities for students while keeping them within COVID-19 safety guidelines.

Another cooperative is the Tawas Bay Co-op which assists families with mostly preschool through fifth grade students by having bimonthly get-togethers where parents lead an activity for the students and then time is allowed for students to play together while the parents discuss issues they are having teaching their children or offer helpful insight on what is working for their family.

Typically, the Tawas Bay Co-op is held inside a church in Tawas, a central meeting point for about 25 families in northeast Michigan, but changed to an outdoor field trip format at the beginning of fall due to COVID-19 restrictions. The group is currently inactive and is making plans to resume meetings in February.

Another elective alternative for homeschoolers is the Alpena Family Partnership operated through Alpena Public Schools. The partnership offers online elective courses to both public school and homeschool students in kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

The partnership has two semesters a year, in the fall and winter. Online course work can be completed anytime during the week or at the computer lab at the partnership building in Alpena.

A unique twist to online learning through the partnership is that all electives include a weekly face-to-face hands-on session to accompany the online course. The face-to-face sessions meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the day, which is why the program is more attractive to homeschoolers than students attending traditional school during those times.

Jan Myers, director of the Alpena Family Partnership, explained because it is a partnership, parents take an active role in the education of their students and must be in attendance at the school while their child is in a face-to-face class session.

"We have a family room for the parents with toys for younger siblings, tables and chairs. A lot come and bring the whole family and just hang out there for the day. It also allows families from other counties to do some shopping and run errands while they are in the Alpena area," she said.

The partnership has about 200 students enrolled in the

10-county program which includes most of the tip of lower northern Michigan including Alcona and Iosco counties.

Most classes through the partnership are taught in grade brackets such as kindergarten through second grade, third grade through fifth grade, sixth through eighth grade and ninth through 12<sup>th</sup> grade depending on the class.

Myers cautioned parents that the partnership only teaches elective courses and that common core classes such as English, science, math, history, etc., are still taught to the students either at home by parents or through traditional school.

The partnership has a certified teacher who works directly with instructors, many of which are community experts knowledgeable with the subject matter being taught.

Every semester includes physical education classes, art, and music-related classes. Topical classes such as Fun with Dr. Seuss for young elementary students, Where in the World for upper elementary, Budding Botanists for middle school students and the Art of Speaking for high school students are rotated to give students a well-rounded elective education.

The partnership also offers unique classes such as Karate, American Girl Doll, All about Machines, Wilderness Survival, Celebrate America, Aviation, Fiber Art Weaving and Photography. "We try and rotate some of the more popular ones like Karate, Fiber Art and Photography every year, others we will offer maybe once every three years," Myers said.

Because the partnership is offered through a public school, there are no fees for the classes or materials needed. High school partnership students may take advantage of other educational opportunities offered through Alpena schools such as free dual enrollment courses offered through Alpena Community College. Partnership students may also participate in Alpena school sports teams and after-school clubs.

Currently, partnership classes are being taught online only with no face-to-face supplemental time due to the closure of the Alpena School District for COVID-19 restrictions. Face-to-face class time is expected to resume in January or when positive cases of COVID-19 have reduced to a safe level.

Open enrollment for partnership classes is offered in August and January. The second semester is slated to start the third week of January.

Parents interested in the Alpena Family Partnership program may find out more about it on the Alpena Community Schools website, by emailing [partnership@alpenaschools.com](mailto:partnership@alpenaschools.com) or contacting Myers by phone at (989) 358-5132.

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routes through the Huron Mountains, with the longest stretching from Copper Harbor, Mich. to Marquette, Mich.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reported more than 75,000 new hunters registered for a license by October 31. In 2019, there were only 40,024 new hunting customers total. The DNR also reported more than 360,000 new fishing customers by October 31, compared with the 2019 total of 253,910 new customers.

The Snowsport Industries of America is anticipating increased participation in skiing, snowshoeing, fat tire biking and sledding. Consumer demand for outdoor activity is high and season pass sales at ski resorts are strong, according to the industry's consumer research.

The RV Industry Association reported that 400,000 new trailers and motorhomes are set to be shipped in 2020. That's slightly down due to the shutdown, but 500,000 RVs are projected to sell in 2021.

### Lumber Prices

Lumber prices increased dramatically in 2020, despite some concerns that demand might decrease as a result of the pandemic. "Generally, softwood lumber prices kind of hovered between, in 2019, somewhere between \$300 and \$400 per 1,000 board feet," said Dustin Jalbert, a senior economist at Fastmarkets RISI, a forest products consulting company.

"This year has been a very different story," Jalbert said. "Prices have soared to record highs. By September, we saw the lumber price jump to about \$950 per 1,000 board feet."

Jalbert attributed this spike in prices to an increased demand for home renovations, as people spent less on such expenses as traveling, due to COVID-19 related stay-

at-home orders. "People were taking money and investing in their homes," said Jalbert. "Especially stuff outside of the home. So, they're building decks, they're building porches, putting up fences. Maybe doing some home interior renovation too, but that was probably not as hot because people were afraid to have contractors in their homes."

Lumber prices have dropped to \$589 per 1,000 board feet since September. Jalbert stated that lumber demand decreases during the fourth quarter as construction slows down and winter begins.

### Home Sales

Prior to the shutdown, the real estate industry was a seller's market, according to James Cristbrook, owner of Shain Park Realtors in Birmingham, Mich. and president of the Greater Metropolitan Association of Realtors in Detroit, Mich.

"It was a very robust market because of the historically low interest rates," Cristbrook said. "Everyone was doing very well. We had a record low inventory of homes in the most popular price points."

It suffered during the shutdown because it wasn't deemed an essential business, he said. But when the industry was allowed to reopen on May 7, business boomed again.

May through July saw a dramatic jump in sales, he said. July showed the highest number of Detroit area home sales since 2017.

"We had some of the highest transactions and highest prices we've had in decades," he said.

Many of those sales were driven by a shift in the buyer's mindset. Those who once opted for apartment life were now searching for homes with more space.

"After being locked up and confined to a small condo and being so close to people, (it) caused this shift in buying habits to move folks back out to the suburbs," Cristbrook said. "That shift to neighborhoods and subdivisions, that price-point rocketed."

Potential buyers had to be prepared to make immediate offers, sometimes in cash and often well above asking price, he said. Homes that fell in the \$200,000-\$400,000 price range went fast. Sellers were receiving upwards of 15 offers within the first day of being on the market.

The median price of homes in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties in November 2019 was \$162,000. Now it is above \$200,000.

Cristbrook hoped that the trend continues, despite what tradition suggests. "The most transactions for real estate are written between Valentine's Day and Memorial Day," he said. "For most of that, we were shut down, which pent up demand. We're still very busy and we're in what should traditionally be a slower market."

The PEW Charitable Trusts reported similar real estate price increases nationwide attributed to migration from city to suburbs. "What we would expect in this economy, this roller coaster, is that housing would slow down," Cristbrook said. "But it hasn't. That's fortunate, because housing sales lead the economy."

*(Jasmine Hall, Josh Valiquette, Kyle Davidson, Brandon Chew, Chloe Alverson contributed to this report.)*

## Options

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sure of whether it will be meeting for a winter semester and will be making that decision after the holidays. For more information about COACH, visit the website at [Alpenacoach.org](http://Alpenacoach.org) or call Collins at (810) 300-8553.

Parents interested in the Tawas Bay Cooperative can visit the group's Facebook page and message through it. Membership for Tawas Bay Co-op has been reduced to \$10 per family this year since it is only meeting outside utilizing nature and historical areas to teach during the pandemic.

## Tawas Elks Lodge helps children's reading program

The Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525 recently donated \$2,000 to Your Child Reads of Alcona and Iosco counties to support the efforts to promote early childhood literacy.

According to Brad Saegesser, charitable grant coordinator, Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525, the donation was funded through a grant from the Elks National Foundation.

Early reading experience has proven to help children to be successful in school and later in life, explained Denise Bearre, library director for Alcona County Library. Your Child Reads provides monthly age-appropriate books to children from birth to 60 months of age in Alcona and Iosco counties through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.

There are currently 647 children receiving books in Alcona and Iosco counties and 211 children have graduated from the program since it was started in 2017.

The cost to maintain the current enrollment in Your Child Reads of Alcona and Iosco counties is over \$1,300 a month, according to Lynne Bigelow, children and teen service coordinator, Iosco-Arenac District Library. To learn more, visit the "Your Child Reads - Alcona and Iosco" Facebook page. To make a donation, visit [donate.imaginationlibrary.com/](http://donate.imaginationlibrary.com/) and select the "I would like to designate this donation to a specific Imagination Library affiliate" box and choose Affiliate Code of "MI - MIIOSCOALCONA-Iosco and Alcona counties."

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# Noticing memory problems? What to do next

Dear Savvy Senior,  
My mom, who's 76, has become more forgetful lately and is worried she may be getting Alzheimer's disease. What resources can you recommend to help us get a handle on this?

Oldest Daughter

Dear Oldest,  
Many seniors worry about memory lapses as they get older, fearing it may be the first signs of Alzheimer's disease or some other type of

dementia. To get some insight on the seriousness of your mom's problem, here are some key warning signs to be vigilant of and some resources you can turn to for help.

### Warning Signs

As we grow older, some memory difficulties – such as trouble remembering names of people or places or forgetting where you put your glasses or car keys – are associated with normal aging. But the symptoms of Alzheimer's

disease are much more than simple memory lapses.

Knowing the early warning signs is a good first step in recognizing the difference between typical age-related memory loss and a more serious problem. To help you evaluate your mom's condition, here's a checklist of some common early symptoms to watch for:

- Asking the same questions repeatedly.
  - Getting lost in familiar areas.
  - Failing to recognize familiar people.
  - Having difficulty following directions.
  - Misplaces items in inappropriate places, for example putting her keys in the microwave.
  - Having difficulty completing familiar tasks like cooking a meal or paying a bill.
  - Having trouble remembering common words when speaking or mixing up words.
- For more information, see the Alzheimer's Association list of 10 early signs and symptoms at 10signs.org.



## Savvy Senior

Another good tool to help you evaluate your mom is the Self-Administered Gerocognitive Exam (SAGE test) that was developed at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center. This free test helps identify mild cognitive impairment and early dementia and can be taken at home in about 10 to 15 minutes. The SAGE test can be taken online at BrainTest.com.

### Get Help

If you would rather have professional assistance in evaluating your mom, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America (see alzfdn.org) is another good resource you can turn to.

Every Monday, Wednesday and Friday they provide free, confidential virtual memory screenings done via video chat in real time. Your mother will need a phone, tablet or computer with a webcam and Internet capability to complete the screening.

The screenings are given by healthcare professionals and take about 10 to 15 minutes to complete. Once the screening is complete, the screener will review the results with her and let her know if she should see a doctor for further evaluation. To set up a memory screening for your mom call (866) 232-8484 and make an appointment.

If you find that your mom does need further evaluation, make an appointment with her primary care doctor for a cognitive checkup and medical examination. Depending on what's found, she may be referred to a geriatrician or neurologist who specializes in diagnosing and treating memory loss or Alzheimer's disease.

Keep in mind that even if your mom is experiencing some memory problems, it doesn't necessarily mean she has early-stage Alzheimer's. Many memory problems are brought on by other factors like stress, depression, thyroid disease, side effects of medications, sleep disorders, vitamin deficiencies and other medical conditions. And by treating these conditions she can reduce or eliminate the problem.

(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, Okla. 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.)

**Poinsettia**

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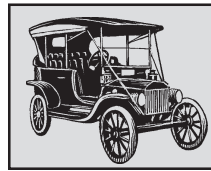
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# Buggy Rides



## Bank robbers have confessed to the crime

### Acknowledge Minor Jobs and Implicate Other Youths

**December 16, 1920** ~ At Bay City Thursday Joseph Quarters, on what is believed to be his death bed from wounds received while attempting to rob the Glennie Bank of McNichol on Tuesday, Dec. 7, made a further confession in which he stated he and his companion, Harry Clark, robbed the same bank on the flight of August 22, when they got about \$1,700. He also implicated Harold Conklin, 21, of this city, in the first robbery.

Harry Clark, who was arrested last Wednesday after Quarters' confession to the second attempt, and who for

several days steadfastly denied all knowledge of the crime and insisted that Quarters was crazy, at last gave in, and corroborated Quarter's confession.

Conklin was taken into custody Saturday and he also confessed to being in the robbery last August. It also came out that Quarters and Clark wanted Conklin to go with them in the second attempt, but Harold dodged them by going hunting on that day.

After Clark left Quarters at the Oscoda depot following the attempt hold-up last week, he rushed to Harrisville. Near Kelly's cottage he met Sheriff Forsyth's car which turned out to let him pass. Clark thought this was Conklin's car and stopped to see, but by the time he walked back the other car had driven on. That is how near he came to walking right into the officers' hands. Clark's car was used for both robberies.

In their statements both Clark and Quarters confessed to committing various offenses, which have had the officers guessing the past year. In these confessions they implicated Forest and Everett Conklin, 17 and 21 years of age, both of whom have confessed and are out under bond.

Clark and Forest Conklin robbed Fuqua's drug store last December. Quarters and Clark also made a second attempt on this store during

the Chautauqua week, but were unsuccessful.

During this week, also Quarters entered Edwards' ice cream parlor, using a key, and took \$30 or \$40. Clark broke into the post office during the Chautauqua. Quarters had a key to Edwards pool, room and he entered that place, taking Harold and Everett with him.

They took some cigarettes. This is only job that young Everette was implicated in.

Forest Conklin, 19, confessed to forcing the back door of Edwards' pool room. He got some money and cigarettes; he turned the cigarettes and Canadian money over to Quarters.

Quarters and Harold Conklin went into C. J. McDonald's red barn on Main street and secured a sack of old coins, some whiskey and wine and a revolver, the latter being the weapon Conklin carried when he went with Clark and Quarters to Glennie.

Unless the men decide to take their sentences earlier they will appear at the next term of circuit court which convenes in April. Harold Conklin has given bail.

Quarters is still hovering between life and death at Mercy Hospital in Bay City. No hope is held out that he will recover and if he does it will be looked upon as a miracle. His confession to the various crimes were made at

different times and the prosecutor made two or three trips to Bay City to get them.

Quarters' story of the first bank robbery is that the three—Quarters, Clark and Harold Conklin—left Harrisville in Clark's car on Sunday, Aug. 22, at about five o'clock and drove to Glennie by way of Mikado. They left the car a short ways from the town and Clark and Quarters went into the building, leaving Conklin on the outside. When Mr. and Mrs. Miller came in from church Quarters took Miller and Clark Mrs. Miller in charge, put their guns against them and marched them to the safe where the cashier was forced to pile the money on the floor. Then they put Mr. and Mrs. Miller into a bedroom and told them to stay there. Quarters says his gun was not loaded. They got \$550 or \$560 each and were back home at about twelve o'clock.

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

|            |               |             |
|------------|---------------|-------------|
| OFFMIKE    | AGLEAM        | PROMPT      |
| CROAKED    | DEANNA        | OHDEAR      |
| HIGHERYE   | EARNING       | TODDLE      |
| EDU        | SLIMED        | NAH LIEN    |
| RAPIDS     | TRY           | TUBOFYARD   |
| NEATO      | STIMULI       |             |
| YAWN       | FURNITURE     | TETRODE     |
| OLE        | ELI           | REMOTE      |
| ULTRA      | ODOR          | NORMANYEAR  |
| DAKOTA     | INRE          | MAL FLU     |
| ITSTHEYE   | EASTICANDO    |             |
| STS        | MAO           | TERN SIERRA |
| WISHMEYUCK | GABEL         | TROOP       |
| AMERE      | TUNEUP        | OER NAP     |
| MESSAGE    | TELEPHOTOYENS |             |
| DAIRIES    | ENNUI         |             |
| YAW        | DEGREE        | CSI ASPECT  |
| IGOR       | GET           | SALADS      |
| ENROLL     | YACKOFF       | INTEREST    |
| LESLIE     | PRAISE        | ARSENAL     |
| DWELLS     | EARNER        | PETCARE     |

## Greenbush Cedarcraft has close call by fire Monday

**December 20, 1945** ~ Fire was discovered in the main building of the Greenbush Cedarcraft Company, at Greenbush, early Monday evening, by plant superintendent, Stanley Stevens. The plant had been closed for the day, and Mr. Stevens happened to look out of his home window about nine o'clock in the evening, and noticed a light on in the plant. Upon investigating he found the light to be a blaze.

The fire had started from timbers that had been embedded in cement around the chimney. The blaze had run up the rafters, and would have broken through the roof of the building in short time. By the quick action of the volunteers the plant was saved. The Harrisville Fire Department was called, by was unable to make the run, due to the pump being out of order. Several volunteers from Harrisville assisted. The building suffered very little damage, except where it was necessary to tear out around the chimney to get to the fire.

## Large crowd attends consecration

**December 17, 1970** ~ A large crowd attended the consecration of St. Andrew's by the-Lake Episcopal Church at Harrisville on Wednesday evening, December 9.

The Rt. Rev. Richard S. Emrich, Episcopal Bishop of Michigan, conducted the very impressive service. Assisting the Bishop was Dean, Rev. Alfred W. Saulsbury, Rector of Christ Episcopal Church, East Tawas; Rev. John E. Blewett, Rector of Alpena Trinity Episcopal Church, Alpena; Rev. John Matheer, Rector of St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Rose City; Rev. Fred Anderson, Pastor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Barton City; Rev. Carl Litchfield, Pastor of Harrisville United Methodist Church, and Rev. J. R. Hughes, Vicar of St. Andrew's by-the-Lake, Harrisville.

During the service congratulatory letters were read from the former Rector, Rev. Gilbert A. Runkel, who now serves St. James Church, Grosse Isle and Rev. Eric Whiting who serves All Angels Church in New York. Rev. Whiting was one of the earlier ministers of St. Andrew's.

The Bishop presented a plaque to Mr. and Mrs. George Deffenbaugh for the very generous gifts, both material and monetary, given over the years by both Mr. and Mrs. Deffenbaugh and their parents.

Members of the choir from Alpena Trinity under the direction of Clara Noack, were present to offer their special talent to the service.

After the service a reception was held in Pearson Hall where the Bishop and Dean greeted many old friends. People of all faiths were present and offered congratulatory messages. There was a general feeling of togetherness and well being during the whole program, making it indeed a house of brotherly love.

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## Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2020

### Weekly Report

| Date    | Temperature (F°) |     | Water Content | Miles Per Hour |            | Dominant Direction |
|---------|------------------|-----|---------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|
|         | High             | Low |               | Av. Wind Speed | High Speed |                    |
| Dec. 6  | 31               | 28  | 0.00          | 1.2            | 9          | N                  |
| Dec. 7  | 35               | 25  | 0.00          | 1.8            | 12         | N                  |
| Dec. 8  | 34               | 22  | 0.00          | 2.6            | 18         | SSW                |
| Dec. 9  | 41               | 33  | 0.00          | 1.4            | 11         | W                  |
| Dec. 10 | 38               | 28  | 0.00          | 3.5            | 15         | SSW                |
| Dec. 11 | 41               | 32  | 0.00          | 5.9            | 20         | NNE                |
| Dec. 12 | 38               | 27  | 0.87          | 18.9           | 38         | NE                 |

#### Precipitation Summary (Inches)

|                     | 2020  | 2019 | Normal |
|---------------------|-------|------|--------|
| Weekly Total        | 0.87  | 1.1  | 0.42   |
| December To Date    | 0.93  | 1.4  | 0.72   |
| Year/Season to Date | 23.09 | 2.3  | 27.29  |

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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Ads may be brought in to our office at 111 Lake St., Harrisville  
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### LEGAL NOTICES

#### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

Notice is given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County, starting promptly at 10 a.m. on January 13, 2021. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of sale.

Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information.

Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Dennis K. Somers and Myrtle M. Somers, husband and wife.  
 Original mortgagee: Ditech Financial LLC FKA Green Tree Servicing LLC F/K/A Conesco Finance Servicing Corp. Foreclosing assignee (if any): U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, for manufactured housing contract senior/subordinate pass-through certificate trust 2000-4.

Date of mortgage: July 12, 2000. Date of mortgage recording: July 19, 2000. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$96,377.62. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in township of Haynes, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Parcel F: That part of the southwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 27 North, Range 9 East. Described as: Commencing at the 1/4 corner common to sections 29 and 30, Town 27 North, Range 9 East, Haynes Township, Alcona County, Michigan, thence north 00 degrees 56 minutes 44 seconds east along the section line between said sections 29 and 30 and the centerline of Coville Road, 666.70 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing north 00 degrees 56 minutes 44 seconds east along said common section line and said centerline, 333.35 feet, thence south 89 degrees 06 minutes 26 seconds east 1338.48 feet, thence south 00 degrees 38 minutes 07 seconds west along the west 1/8 line of section 29, 333.03 feet, thence north 89 degrees 07 minutes 16 seconds west 1340.29 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel being the south 1/2 of the north 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of said section 29.  
 Common street address (if any): 1860 N. Coville Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742-9760

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16).

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Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

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### VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Dec. 7 at 7 p.m. via Zoom due to the COVID-19 pandemic. 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. Also present were guests and attorney Cook.

Newly elected treasurer Marsha Mahalak was sworn into office as well as reelected individuals president Sheila Phillips, clerk Linda Somers and council members, William Putsky and Patricia Somers. Due to Holly Hussain stepping down as village treasurer, president Phillips stated that we need to remove her from our financial signature cards and add new treasurer Marsha Mahalak. A motion was made by Wambold, with support from Somers, to remove Holly Hussain from the signature cards at our financial institutions and add new treasurer Marsha Mahalak. Carried.

Minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Somers with support from Wambold.

Maintenance man Warren MacNeill introduced Clay Sprague from Midwest Diesel of Alpena. He stated that he is the provider of International parts for this area. He is in our area every week and is willing to deliver any parts we may need. Following a brief discussion, council members agreed that we can have a good working relationship with Clay.

The treasurer's report was accepted, subject to audit, on a motion from Putsky with support from Zielinski. The bills were accepted for payment on a motion from Zielinski with support

from Wambold. Committee reports were given. Marsha stated that we received a \$200 donation from Stephenson & Company toward a pavilion. We will have over \$3,000 toward a pavilion when we receive payment for our latest bottle pickups. Thank you to Stephenson and Company.

Sheila and Marsha are working on paperwork for grants in hopes of getting some needed funds to help with the pavilion project. Troy Somers, zoning administrator, gave a brief overview of what is happening currently with zoning matters in the village. Healy stated that she has a Trello Board that is useful for the RRC committee. It gives expectations and goals for various things that are necessary for the RRC project. Mike Serafin gave the first responder and fire reports. There were 25 Medical First Responder calls and 12 fire runs. He stated that there are two new applicants for the department. Brandon Scott and Ryan Geddart are both interested in joining. Both are already Firefighter 1 and 2 certified. A motion was made by Healy, with support from Zielinski, to add both gentlemen to the department.

Warren MacNeill gave his report for maintenance within the village. Warren introduced his helper, Dale Job. He is a great asset to the community. Together they have been getting a lot of things accomplished. Bill Putsky gave the sewer report. Currently, things are working good. President Phillips gave her road report. Roads have been re-lined including Barlow Road north from Main Street.

She also gave her president's report. A quote was received from Thunder Bay Electric to run 3 phase electrical to the fire department. The DDA has approved

payment of this bill. The actual hook-up will have to be paid from village funds. The MSHDA grant application is still being worked on by Karen Godi, president Phillips and treasurer Mahalak along with personnel from Alcona Housing Commission.

A request was made on behalf of the Beautification Committee to help purchase wreaths for the village signs. A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Wambold, to move funds (\$120) from Parks and Recreation Improvement to General Fund/Beautification to pay for the wreaths. An ad needs to be placed in Review to fill a position on the village council. A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Putsky, to place the ad in the Review. Carried.

Meeting dates for the upcoming year were adopted on a motion from Healy with support from Zielinski. January 4, February 1, March 1, April 5, May 3, June 7, July 5, August 2, September 8 (Wednesday), October 4, November 1, December 6. All meetings begin at 7 p.m.

The budget workshop is scheduled for February 8 at 6 p.m. A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Somers, to approve the dates for the 2021 year. Carried. Clerk Somers, treasurer Mahalak and president Phillips will gather information before the budget workshop and present it to council members. A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Healy, to add the DDA to our insurance policy. Carried.

A motion was made by Zielinski, with support from Healy, to adjourn the meeting. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Linda K. Somers  
 Village Clerk

#### State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 20-6129

Estate of Beverly June Runge  
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Notice to creditors: The decedent, Beverly June Runge, died November 17, 2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kathy Jo Manners, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 N. 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: December 16, 2020

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#### HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The full Harrisville Township Board and deputy clerk Kaylie Landrum opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." No comments from the floor. Healy/Harvey: Motion to approve the October 13 minutes. Motion approved.

Jamieson/Johnston: Motion to accept the treasurer's report as given, which reconciled with the clerk's office. Carried. Zoning administrator had four land use permits issued and discussed other township business (fire department, HTRA site, the November election, etc.).

Healy/Harvey: Motion to pay the bills. Carried.

Adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

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Alcona Humane Society is looking for a part time animal caregiver (22-24 hours per week). This includes every other weekend and holidays. This is a cleaning job; employees are expected to lift heavy objects and clean dog and cat kennels (bending down required). Our main mission is to care for and love our county's animals. You must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license.

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#### ALCONA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's December board meeting (via zoom) was called to order with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Mead, and Bouchard. Motions to approve the previous month's minutes and treasurer's report, pay bills as presented, and to sign designated assessor form.

This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Dawn LaLonde,  
 Clerk

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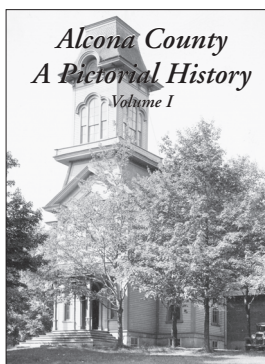
Alcona Township Meeting Notice. The regular meetings of the Alcona Township Board of Trustees for the year 2021 are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. with the following exception: February 9<sup>th</sup> will be a special budget workshop meeting beginning at 5:00 p.m., and no meeting will be held in August. Alcona Township Planning Commission will meet January 14<sup>th</sup>, March 11<sup>th</sup>, May 13<sup>th</sup>, July 8<sup>th</sup>, September 9<sup>th</sup>, and November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. and the Tri Township meeting April 15<sup>th</sup> will be hosted by Alcona Township. Meetings are held at the Alcona Township Hall, 5576 US 23 S., Black River, MI 48721. All meetings are open to the public.

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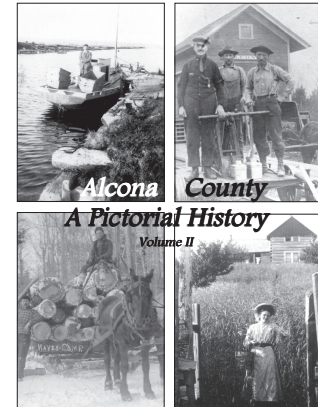
Wanted – A person to do light housework near Lincoln a few hours per month. Dusting, wet mopping floors, cleaning windows inside only single-story house, no climbing required. Laundry and washing dishes are not required. Will pay \$12 per hour. Send response to P.O. Box 463 Lincoln, MI 48742 or call (989)370-9659.

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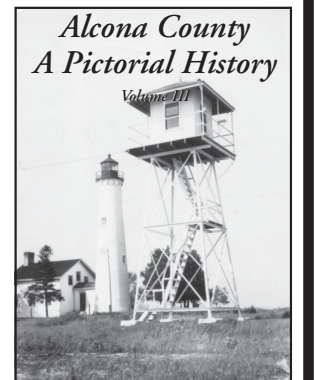
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