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## New program brings college courses to Alcona students

By Mary Weber  
Staff writer

Qualified students of Alcona High School will be able to complete their first year of college before their high school graduation without ever having to leave the school thanks to an initiative to bring an enhanced dual enrollment program to the school.

Dual enrollment, a program allowing high school students to take college courses before graduation, has been in place for a number of years. The state of Michigan allows any high school student to take up to 10 classes for college credit without paying college tuition. That equals approximately 30 college credits, about half the way to an associate degree.

Many parents and students saw the dual enrollment plan as a way to save a substantial amount of college costs and were eager to participate in the program. However, Dan O'Connor,

principal of Alcona High School, said it lacked structure and not all the students who qualified were able to fully participate or get many transferrable credit hours.

He said students did the best they could at figuring out what courses to take and scheduling their time. Many simply did not enroll in the program because it meant driving to the Alpena Community College (ACC) campus and they lacked transportation to do so.

"We knew we had to organize it better, so we went looking for alternative ways to benefit the students. We found a plan called early middle college, which is essentially five years of high school, but the plan wasn't suitable because when the students graduated they were tied into the college (the high) school participated with. We didn't want that for our kids, we wanted them to earn transferable credits so they could continue with the college of their choice,"

O'Connor said.

O'Connor found a plan that was in place at a high school downstate called enhanced dual enrollment. The program consists of eight college classes which juniors

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and seniors take in high school with transferrable credits for many colleges.

The college classes would be taken in place of necessary high school classes which the students would normally take to graduate. The courses would be taught by professors of a participating college, in this case, ACC, at the high school where students felt comfortable with their surroundings.

O'Connor said the down-

fall of the program was they would need 20 to 30 students to participate in the program to make the venture cost effective without highly affecting the school's budget.

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O'Connor said.

Alcona High School students interested in participating were taken for testing to see if they qualified to take college courses. To O'Connor's delight 90 percent of

the students tested were qualified.

He said many of the students who took the qualification test felt like they were being offered a second chance to be able to attend college. "Their grade point average in (high) school might not have shown what they really knew. This gave them a good opportunity to be challenged," O'Connor said.

The school has 24 students who will participate as juniors in the program starting next fall and 30 students who will participate as seniors.

Participating juniors will most likely be taking college English 111 and psychology 101 during their first semester and a college speech class and a humanity class during their second semester. Participating seniors will take English 111 and an economics class during their first semester and follow up with a college political science and history class in their second.

A wing of the high school which now houses seventh and eighth grade middle school students will be designated for the enhanced dual enrollment courses. The middle school students will move back into the now vacant, due to budget cuts, newer middle school.

The move allows a win-win situation in O'Connor's opinion for both the participating high school students and the middle school students.

According to O'Connor, students enrolled in the enhanced dual enrollment program for both their junior and senior year will save about \$12,000 in college tuition fees. The students will essentially be skipping a year of college and entering as sophomores with their freshman year already completed.

Don MacMaster, an ACC administrator, said they were happy to work with the new initiative and commended Dan O'Connor, Shawn Thornton, superintendent of Alcona Community Schools, the school board and parents who collaborated to bring this program to the high school.

"It's a step up for bright kids to improve their academic progress and allows them to get a start financially. Our hope is the students will continue their education with ACC. I'm an Alcona graduate myself, but however the students decide to further their education, this will give them a good foundation," MacMaster said.

## Residents voice opposition regarding development of home for abused and neglected children

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

An informational presentation at a township board meeting last week turned controversial when residents living in the area where property is being developed for abused and homeless children to live voiced opposition.

Board members and supporters of The Chosen Ranch made a presentation at the Haynes Township Board meeting on April 1 to provide information and answer questions from the board and citizens. The Chosen Ranch, an entity of Community Support Distribution Services (CSDS), the nonprofit corporation that purchased 160 acres on Beaton Road in January, is in the developmental stage to become a Christian home for abused, neglected, abandoned and homeless children in Alcona County.

The presentation began with Alcona County Probate Judge Laura Frawley explaining to township board members and approximately 20 residents in attendance that the children who will be living at The Chosen Ranch are not juvenile delinquents. The parental rights of these children have been terminated because of a variety of rea-

sons which include abuse and neglect by the parents.

"There are no foster care homes for children, except one for infants, in Alcona County," Frawley said. "If I have to remove children from their homes I have to place them in foster care homes outside of the county. This takes them away from their school, which is the only constant in their lives... On average kids in foster care are moved three times - that means they also change schools too. Eighty-five percent of children in foster care do not graduate... They end up uneducated and usually end up on assistance and tax payers pay for them.

"These are the kids we are trying to reach... to keep them in their school and give them a loving home where they learn respect, a good work ethic, finish high school, go on to get more education and become productive citizens of their community," Frawley said.

Frawley explained that she was not a board member of CSDS, but supported the efforts and vision because she has seen, first hand, what children have been subjected to and how damaging that is and how it can affect them for the rest of their lives. "These are not delinquents who have

committed crimes," she said. "These are youth who have been abused and need a place to live and people who will love them... They will be prescreened by a psychologist to make sure they don't need more help than what this program can provide... The purpose of this is for these boys (ages eight to 17) to be a blessing in the community."

Two board members of CSDS, Frank Dimercurio of Harrisville and Jamie Bullis of Hubbard Lake, also spoke about the purpose of the program and tried to answer questions and address concerns which included: What are they going to do for girls? The township will lose revenue from the property taxes that will not be collected because the nonprofit corporation doesn't have to pay it. How are you going to have time to brain wash them (kids) when they are in school nine months out of the year? How do you expect to fund this? How do you raise money that is needed year after year? Why does it have to be here? Why in our backyard? Many citizens are older and live alone... we will have to lock our doors. Why Haynes Township? This forces us to live your dream. Why weren't we notified about this before you

bought the property? Who is going to run the program? What are your qualifications? How many homes will be on the property? How will the land be used? It is just common courtesy to tell people what is going on. Can you guarantee only Alcona County kids will live there?

These answers were presented in response to the questions:

While the group is starting with boys ages eight to 17, there are plans for a ranch for girls in the future. "Do we want to help girls? Of course we do... girls are horrendously abused in the county," Bullis said. He explained once the program for boys is up and running, plans for a girls ranch will be implemented.

In regard to property taxes, while the amount of \$7,000 total in property taxes will not be collected, \$700 is the township's share. It has been proposed by Dimercurio that the boys living at the ranch and volunteers supporting the program could maintain the cemetery which costs the township approximately \$5,000 per year.

Brainwashing is not part of the program - providing a Christian home with loving parents who support their efforts in school and other

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### BENEFIT FOR PEGGY DORR

Come support Peggy's fight against pancreatic cancer on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. at the Mikado American Legion.

**\$10 Admission**

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*The Family of Ted Kruttlin wish to thank all who have been so kind and generous with thoughts and prayers, flowers, cards, food and friendship. He will live in our hearts forever.*

*Kelly and Family*

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## Memorial Service



Ronald Otto

There will be a memorial service for the Rev. Ronald Otto on Friday, April 10 at St. Andrew's by-the-Lake Episcopal Church in Harrisville. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the memorial service at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Otto died on Friday, March 13, 2015 at his home in Black River.



## Obituaries



Myrtle M. Rifenbark

Myrtle Marjorie Rifenbark, 85, of Harrisville died on Saturday, April 4, 2015 at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehab Community.

She was born February 14, 1930 to Clarence and Helen (Jocks) Randolph in Killmaster, where she was raised.

Mrs. Rifenbark was a longtime resident of Barton City. She moved to Lincoln in 1977 and then to Harrisville in 1991.

She worked at Lost Lake Woods Club as a cook and waitress for many years. She loved sewing, often making her own clothing.

Mrs. Rifenbark is survived by two daughters, Gail Carano of Harrisville and Gloria Rifenbark of Ossineke; two sons, Roy (May) Rifenbark of Barton City and Rocky (Shelly) Rifenbark of Harrisville; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Edna Davey of Harrisville.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, April 18 at 1 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Pastor Randy Brokaw will officiate. Visitation will begin at noon.

Inurnment will take place at Maple Ridge Cemetery, Barton City. Memorials may be made to Hospice Advantage.



Mary E. Bielusiak

Mary E. Bielusiak, 87, of Lincoln died on Friday, April 3, 2015 at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

She was born June 25, 1927 to Frank and Ellen (Sullivan) Given in Detroit, Mich., where she was raised.

She was a registered nurse and served in the U.S. Air Force Nurse Corps in 1951.

On February 7, 1959 she married Joe Bielusiak in Detroit, Mich. They moved to Flint where Mrs. Bielusiak was employed in nursing for many years by St. Joseph Hospital and Flint Osteopathic Hospital.

In 1978 the couple moved to Lincoln.

She was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church of Harrisville, Council of Catholic Women (CCW) and Woodland Extension.

Mrs. Bielusiak is survived by her husband, Joe; two daughters, Kathleen (Ron) Gonyea of Lincoln and Doreen (Tom) Somers of Harrisville; one son, David Bielusiak of Lincoln; five grandchildren, Colleen (Paul) Somers, Robert J. (Leslie) Clink, Kendall (Doug) Nedo, Matthew Gonyea and Kandace Gonyea; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Jack Given; and one granddaughter, Karen Ronna Gonyea.

Visitation will be held Wednesday at 10 a.m. until the Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church, Harrisville. The Rev. Robert Bissot will officiate.

Burial will take place later in the spring at St. Anne Cemetery, Harrisville. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Thank you for your timely article concerning "Heroin's spread in Michigan..." in the April 1 edition of the Review.

As stated in your article, this spread is directly related to the prescription drug abuse epidemic, specifically opioid pain medication abuse and addiction.

I would like your readers to know that they can help keep their homes safe and loved ones safe from misusing prescription drugs or unintentional overdose by doing some very simple things.

- Monitor your prescriptions -- know what you are taking and why, what the medication looks like and number of refills, et cetera.

- Secure medications in a sturdy, locked place at all times.

- Dispose medications properly by using the Big Red Barrel at your sheriff's office or other containers in your area designed for safe collection and disposal. These programs are free, no questions asked.

- Do not share any medications, especially narcotics, with anyone.

- Support your local Drug Courts and recovery programs.

- Start the conversation about the dangers of prescription drugs with your children, relatives, neighbors, friends and co-workers. You may find helpful information at [www.upnorthprevention.org](http://www.upnorthprevention.org)

We must take care of one another and become educated about this horrific epidemic that is in all of our communities. As stated in the article "silence equals death."

Laurie T. Ames  
Certified Substance Abuse Prevention Specialist  
Up North Prevention Catholic Human Services

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### Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015

Date	Weekly Report		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	Temperature (F°)			Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	High	Low				
March 29	40	17	0.00	10.1	40	SW
March 30	44	27	0.00	4.0	27	N
March 31	37	27	0.00	5.1	21	ENE
April 1	39	29	0.00	5.4	16	ENE
April 2	62	36	0.08	5.8	27	SW
April 3	48	28	0.00	6.1	27	NNE
April 4	41	20	0.00	3.8	22	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.08	4.6	0.52
Month of March	0.34	4.6	2.13
April to Date	0.08	0.0	0.28
Year/Season to Date	1.28	33.6	5.52

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.)



# Obituaries



## Richard C. Liddicoatt

Richard Charles Liddicoatt, 81, of Greenbush, died on Thursday, March 26, 2015 in Lake Orion, Mich.

He was born on March 29, 1933 to Roger and Eunice (Monroe) Liddicoatt in Fowlerville, Mich.

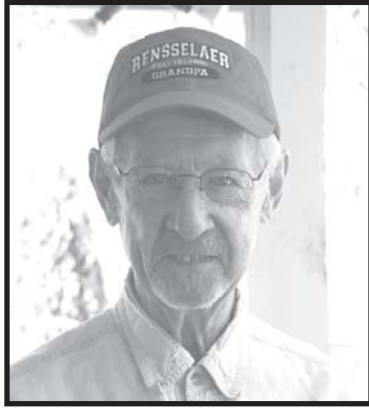
Mr. Liddicoatt was a graduate of Western Michigan University. He served in the U.S. Army and he worked for General Motors Fisher Body for many years.

Formerly of Lake Orion, Mich. and Sterling Heights, Mich., he moved to Greenbush after his retirement.

Mr. Liddicoatt was an avid hunter and fisherman. He enjoyed barbershop singing as well as singing in his church choir.

He enjoyed sitting with his dogs, Gracie and Roxie, on his deck and spending time with his grandchildren.

Mr. Liddicoatt is survived by four daughters, Cathy Messer of Arkansas, Dawn Liddicoatt of Illinois, Debby Goodall of Lake Orion, Mich. and Carol (Jim) Mowder of Maryland; 13 grandchildren, Kurt Messer, Karl Messer, Krista Messer-Ferguson, Dana Banks, Jackson Banks, Michael Banks, Kyle Goodall, Cameron Goodall, Sean Goodall, Ryan Liddicoatt, Adam Liddicoatt, Jimmie Mowder and Nicole Mowder; and one daughter-in-law, Dortha Liddicoatt of Lake Orion, Mich.



He was preceded in death by one son, Mike Liddicoatt; and one son-in-law, Ray Messer.

A memorial service will be held this summer with family and friends.



## Harry "K" Kozierowski

Harry "K" Kozierowski, 85, of Greebush, formerly of Chesterfield Township, Mich., died on Sunday, April 5, 2015 at home.

He was born in Detroit, Mich. on March 1, 1930 to Paul and Anna (Waldys) Kozierowski.

He joined the U.S. Army in 1944 and served as a paratrooper in Japan.

Mr. Kozierowski worked as a union pipe fitter until he retired.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 274 and Post 254, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Eagles Arie of Oscoda. He was an avid sportsman who loved hunting, fishing and boating.

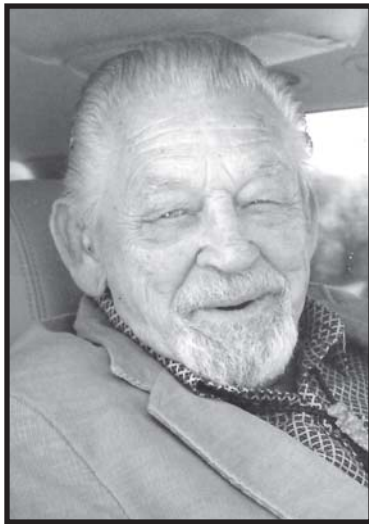
Mr. Kozierowski is survived by one sister, Lillian Dombrowski of Mt. Clemens,

Mich.; one niece, Constance Gall of Vandalia, Mich.; one nephew, Michael Dombrowski of Imlay City, Mich.; and six great nephews and nieces, Michael Gall of Imlay City, Mich., Jamie McNally of Pompano Beach, Fla., Angie Gall of Harrison Township, Mich., Steven Dombrowski of Utica, Mich., Michelle Stalker of Imlay City, Mich. and Christine Dombrowski of Spokane, Wash.

He was preceded in death by one sister, Eleanor Stupac.

A celebration of his life will be held at the American Legion in Oscoda on April 25 at 1 p.m.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Legion. Arrangements were handled by Buresh Funeral Homes, Oscoda.



## Hershel F. Lee

Hershel Fredrick Lee, 87, of Greenbush died on Sunday, March 29, 2015.

He was born September 2, 1927 to Fred and Muriel (Travis) Lee in Mikado.

He joined the U.S. Army on June 10, 1940 and traveled throughout the United States.

On June 10, 1950 he married Betty LeCuyer. She preceded him in death in 1999.

Mr. Lee owned several businesses in Oscoda over the years. He retired in the 1970s and sold his stock in Norwood Products.

He was a member of Hope St. John's Parish and the American Legion. He served on the Oscoda Township Board for nine years and the Oscoda Fire Department for five years. He was also the captain of the Oscoda Auxiliary Police Department.

In 2000 he married Norma King.

Mr. Lee is survived by his wife, Norma; two daughters, Debbie (Terry) Hill and Denise (Ricky) Lanz; one son, Wayne (Denise) Lee; three step-children, Larry Johnson, Lester (Tammy) Johnson and Dawn (Doug) Beck; many grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and numerous great-great-grandchildren; one brother, Chuck Lee; and three sisters, Shirley Larson, Clara Simon and Theresa Rudolf.

He was preceded in death by three brothers; and two sisters.

A celebration of life will be held at Hope St. Johns Parish on Saturday, April 11 at 11:30 a.m., followed by a lunch at the American Legion in Oscoda. Arrangements were handled by Buresh Funeral Homes.

Due to a health issue we will be closed from April 13th thru April 17th. We regret to announce that we will not be able to accept Alcona Prom orders. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may cause.

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Because of all you wonderful and caring individuals you made it possible for the Egg Hunt to continue for the children of Alcona County. We had an incredible Easter egg hunt for the children; 220 children turned out for our event. We gave away 16 bikes, four per age groups, five safety helmets were donated and we gave away 11 gift certificates for the rest of the helmets to be purchased by the winners. We thank you so much for supporting this wonderful event. Winners of the bikes were:

<b>Age 0-2</b> Gabriella Inamn Savayah Cox Mason Dixon Colton Kimbol	<b>Age 3-5</b> Erin Williams Lacy Mongeau Carter Hillyard Andrew Bradly	<b>Age 6-8</b> Ethan Laird Nathen Geddert Sophie Boyer Destiny Sanders	<b>Age 9-11</b> Onica Glomski Brooke Collier Jayden Weichel Collin Walker
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As we have told you before, we are very proud to belong to such a caring and generous community, without you we would not have been able to put on such a successful event. Just the smiles on all of the children's faces said it all; they enjoyed visiting with the Easter Bunny as he stopped in to visit at our event. A Big Thank You also goes out to those individuals that volunteered their time to help out at this event, and to our families who are always so supportive, we couldn't have done it without all of you.

Thank You Again,  
Teresa Hart and Naomi Potter

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*Thank you to my family, friends and customers for all the cards, well wishes, phone calls and prayers sent my way this past winter due to my illness. I can never thank you enough. I am 100 percent well now and we are open for the season.*  
 John Rizzarda of  
 John's Home Maintenance



## Calendar of Events



*(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.)*

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8**

Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 Campbell Road.

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.

**K OF C  
FISH FRY**

Friday, April 10  
5-7 p.m.

Maria Hall behind St. Anne's  
Take Out Available

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4 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 will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

Friends of Alcona County Library will meet at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 West Main Street.

The Barton City Improvement Association will meet at the Barton City Fire Department hall, upstairs, on Trask Lake Road at 7 p.m. All citizens are encouraged to attend. Agenda will include event planning for July 4. For more information, call Arlene at (989) 736-3294.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 9**

The 4-H Archery Group will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 10**

Enjoy popcorn and the movie "Frozen", at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

A fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Take out available.

An open house will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for artist-of-the-month, Louis C. Baker, at Thunder Bay Art Gallery, 126 West Chisholm Street in Alpena. Baker is a decorative egg artist specializing in Ukrainian Easter eggs and will have a collection of his work on display. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Storytime and craft for chil-

dren 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.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 11**

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

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077 or (989) 724-6546.

Harrisville Cub Scout Pack 3093 will hold a returnable can and bottle drive from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

My Brother's Hope Potluck Cafe will be serving a meal from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23) in Harrisville. For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

Volunteers are needed to help plant trees at Oscoda's River Bank Park at 10 a.m. Interested volunteers should contact District Forester Andrew Beebe at (989) 335-1056. This event is sponsored by the Alcona Conservation District.

**MONDAY, APRIL 13**

Get Crafty for Adults from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The project for April is rock painting with Armando Calles. There is a \$5 charge. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information and to register.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Tread-

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**Local Notes**

**Severe Weather Program**

The Alcona County Emergency Management Office and Amateur Radio Group are sponsoring a free Skywarn Training Severe Weather Program presented by the National Weather Service of Gaylord, Mich. on Thursday, April 16 starting at 6:30 p.m. The program will be held at the Alcona County EMS/EOC building located at 2600 East M-72.

Attendees will have a chance to win a free Weather Alert Radio. This event is open to the public - no registration required. Free refreshments. For additional information, contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550.

**In the Service**

Second Lt. Mackenzie Sims has graduated from the U.S. Army Armor basic officer leaders course at Fort Benning, Ga. on March 13. He earned highest honors in his class and received the "Distinguished Honor Graduate" plaque from Colonel Scott King during the ceremony. He is assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division. He is a graduate of Alcona High School and Michigan State University. He is the son of Gary and Connie Sims of Lincoln.



Mackenzie Sims

**Senior Menu**

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

• Monday, April 13—Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, Brussel sprouts and peaches.

• Tuesday, April 14—Stuffed green peppers, buttered noodles, wax beans, pea salad and pears.

• Wednesday, April 15—Pork chop, baked potato, Prince Charles blend vegetables and applesauce.

• Thursday, April 16—Goulash, peas and carrots, tossed salad and mixed fruit.

• Friday, April 17—Baked fish, red bliss potatoes, winter blend and tropical fruit.

*(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

**Volunteers Needed**

The Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) needs volunteers to assist beneficiaries in understanding their Medicare options, enrolling in plans and completing applications for extra help through the Social Security Administration or Medicare Savings Program through the Michigan Department of Human Services.

Alcona County has an immediate need for people interested in helping others make sense of what can be a complicated system. Volunteers are able to have flexible schedules, but are required to volunteer at least 60 hours a year. "This is an essential service to beneficiaries who are trying to understand the complexities of the Medicare system," said Susan Eagling Bowen, program coordinator with the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging. "It can be very daunting."

MMAP volunteers are trained to help beneficiaries in a variety of ways, she explained. It could be selecting a prescription drug plan, applying for assistance in paying for the Part B premium, or filing an appeal for a denied claim. Another role volunteers assist with is educating the public about Medicare fraud and abuse and helping beneficiaries file reports of suspected fraud.

MMAP volunteers must attend an initial five days of training, complete an open book review and log 18 hours of counseling time before they are certified.

The next free five-day training session will be held in late June-early July in Alpena. For more information about the application process, call Karen Balcom, MMAP Assis-

tant, at (800) 219-2273 ext. 231, or Susan Bowen, MMAP Regional Coordinator, at (800) 219-2273, ext. 212. The deadline to apply is May 15.

**Fuelwood Permits Available**

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Permits cost \$20 and are for use on designated state forest land in the northern two-thirds of the state and allow for collection of up to five standard cords of wood per household. Individuals are encouraged to contact their local DNR office to determine what areas are available this year for wood collection, then follow up with a visit to the site before purchasing a permit.

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activities and mentors from the community to help them grow into responsible adults who give back to their community is the foundation of the program.

The Chosen Ranch is funded privately through corporate contributions, individual donations and grant monies. Goods and services from those who are unable to give money are also welcome. Fundraising will be a continual effort for the program. Monetary donations and individuals volunteering their time and expertise, as well as people who have items to furnish the home and provide tools and other items have also been "pouring in."

The location of the ranch was determined when the offer to purchase the property was accepted. Board members had been looking for land in Alcona County; this property was available and suited the needs outlined by the board. The program will begin with one home with a limit of 12 boys and two parents who live with them in the residence. The barns and out building will be used to house and care for livestock, horses, chickens, et cetera. Gardens and, possibly crops, to feed the animals will be grown. The property will also be utilized for hunting, fishing and trapping.

"The vision now is to put kids in the house on the property... We can dream big. If we have an opportunity to add more homes for more kids we will," Bullis said.

The presentation before the Haynes Township Board was conducted in order to inform the board, neighbors and township residents about The Chosen Ranch, its development and explain the need for it. Their request to make the presentation was placed in March.

Joy Bullis, a board member for CSDS, will be running the program for the boys. She has a degree in social work and spent several years in Manistee, Mich. running the same kind of program.

Jamie Bullis said The Chosen Ranch will not be limited to only Alcona County children. If there are children in surrounding counties who need a place to live and are suited for the program if there is space available, they will be accepted.

Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas Weichel, who also

supports the program, told residents that he also sees the need for a loving, secure home for children with no place to go when they have been removed from their homes at no fault of their own.

"Some of these fears that I'm hearing expressed here tonight - locking doors... These are things you should be doing anyway. Not because of the kids this program will help - but because there is a criminal element in our county - there are drug houses, meth labs... armed criminals who are here. I see this kind of crime going on in the community all of the time," Weichel said.

"These kids need us. I can't tell you how many times in the middle of the night where

we've had to pull kids out of a home where, usually, a single mom with a boyfriend has abused both the mom and the kids too," he said.

Both Bullis and Dimercurio explained that the process of developing and implementing this kind of program is multifaceted and complex; and, can change as information is gathered and consideration is given toward what will work best. There isn't an established "open" date in regard to when the ranch will be accepting children.

"I can't give you an answer as to when we are going to be able to take a child," Bullis said. "There is so much groundwork that is still being done. We have to be ready because we don't want to be another failure to these kids."

## District Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 81<sup>st</sup> District Court in March by the Honorable Allen C. Yenior and the Honorable Laura A. Frawley.

- Johnathan James Publow, 42, of Bay City, Mich. was sentenced to 30 days in jail and fines and costs of \$1,005 for disorderly person - drunk.
- Randy Lee Mervyn, 36, of Glennie was sentenced to one day in jail, six months of probation and fines and costs of \$1,520 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Penny Ann Holmes, 68, of Harrisville was sentenced to seven days in jail, and fines and costs of \$1,670 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Joseph Edward Hill, 56, of Barton City was sentenced to 81 days in jail and fines and costs of \$1,550 for operator's license suspended, revoked, denied and use of a controlled substance - marijuana.
- Arthur James Sauve, 33, of Greenbush was sentenced to 22 days in jail and fines and costs of \$725 for attempted sex offender - failure to comply.

## Circuit Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court recently by the Honorable William F. Myles and the Honorable Laura A. Frawley.

- Anthony Patrick Reames, 23, of Mikado was sentenced in February to 27 days in jail (27 days credit for time served) and fines and costs of \$698 for criminal sexual conduct - fourth degree; force/coerce.
- Lindsey Victoria Brockwell, 19, of Black River was sentenced in February to 365 days in jail (one day credit for time served), 36 months of probation, restitution of \$3,743.86 and fines and costs of \$1,348 for child abuse, second degree. She must also participate in an in-house rehabilitation program while in jail.
- Matthew James Himes, 25, of Waterford, Mich. was sentenced in February to 60 days in jail (two days credit for time served), 36 months of probation and fines and costs of \$1,498 for assault/resist a police officer and operator's license suspended. He must also participate in an in-house rehabilitation program while in jail.
- Eric Scott Trottier, 24, of Mikado was sentenced in February to 214 days in jail (214 days credit for time served) and fines and costs of \$1,975 for operating while impaired and using a controlled substance - non narcotic.
- Steven Richard Cracknell, 56, of Phoenix, Ariz. was sentenced in February to 128 days in jail (128 days credit for time served), restitution of \$1,865 and fines and costs of \$1,798.75 for failure to pay child support.
- Timothy Daniel Giffin, 32, of Oscoda was sentenced in March to a minimum of three years, two months to 10 years in prison (71 days credit for time served) for two counts of breaking and entering with intent, \$120 in restitution and fines and costs of \$136. He was also sentenced to a minimum of five years, 11 months to a maximum of 15 years (71 days credit for time served), \$1,000 in restitution and fines and costs of \$2066 for two counts of home invasion, second degree. His sentences will run concurrently.
- William Gordon Curley, 30, of Mikado was sentenced in March to 71 days in jail (71 days credit for time served) and fines and costs of \$1,198 for sex offender - failure to comply.
- Bradley Warren DeJarlias, 60, of Curran was sentenced to 120 days in jail (two days credit for time served), \$549 in restitution and fines and costs of \$1,798 for animals - kill. He was also ordered to participate in an in-house rehabilitation program while in jail.

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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## Social Security offers lump sum payouts to retirees

Dear Savvy Senior,  
I've heard that Social Security offers a lump-sum payment to retirees who need some extra cash. I have not yet started drawing my benefits and would like to investigate this option. What can you tell me?

Almost Retired

Dear Almost,

There are actually two different kinds of Social Security claiming strategies that can provide retirees a big lump-sum benefit, but you need to be past full retirement age to be eligible, and there are financial drawbacks you need to be aware of too.

First, let's review the basics. Remember that while workers can begin drawing their Social Security retirement benefits anytime between ages 62 and 70, full retirement age is currently 66 for those born between 1943 and 1954, but it rises in two-month increments to 67 for those born in 1960 and later. You can find your full retire-

ment age at [ssa.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm](http://ssa.gov/pubs/ageincrease.htm).

At full retirement age, you are entitled to 100 percent of your benefits. If you claim earlier you'll receive less, while if you delay you'll get more - roughly eight percent more for each year until age 70.

If you are past full retirement age, and have not yet filed for your benefits, the Social Security Administration offers a retroactive lump-sum payment that's worth six months of benefits.

Here's how it works. Let's say you were planning to delay taking your Social Security benefits past age 66, but you changed your mind at 66 and six months. You could then claim a lump-sum payment equal to those six months of benefits. So, for instance, if your full retirement age benefit were \$2,000, you would be entitled to a \$12,000 lump sum payment.

If you decided at age 66 and four months that you wanted to file retroactively, you'd get only four months' worth of

benefits in your lump sum, because SSA rules prohibit you from claiming benefits that predate your full retirement age.

Another option that provides even more cash is the "file and suspend" strategy. Again, this option is only available to people on (or after) full retirement age.

Here's how this strategy works. Let's say you're 66, and you decide to delay your benefits. You could file for your benefit and then immediately suspend it. This gives you the ability to collect a lump sum going back to the date you filed. So if you need money at age 69 for example, and your full retirement age benefit was \$2,000, you could get a three-year lump sum of \$72,000.

The big downside to these strategies is that once you accept a lump-sum payment, you'll lose all the delayed retirement credits you've accrued, and your future monthly retirement benefit will be reduced to reflect the amount you already received.



Savvy Senior

Here's an example of how this works. Let's say that you are entitled to a \$2,480 monthly benefit at age 69. By taking a three-year lump sum payment, your future benefits will shrink back to \$2,000 per month, which is what you would have received at your full retirement age. This also affects your future survivor benefit to your spouse or other eligible family members after you die.

You also need to consider Uncle Sam. Depending on your income, Social Security benefits may be taxable, and a lump-sum payment could boost the amount of benefits that are taxed. To help you

calculate this, see IRS Publication 915 "Social Security and Equivalent Railroad Retirement Benefits" at [irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf](http://irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf), or call 800-829-3676 and ask them to mail you a copy.

One other caveat: If you're married and you "file and suspend" your Social Security benefit, you cannot file a "restricted application" too, which gives you the ability to collect spousal benefits while delaying your own retirement benefit past full retirement age.

(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org).)

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# 4-H makes learning soft skills fun

By Mary Weber  
 Staff Writer

Soft skills are personal character traits or qualities everyone has; they make up who an individual is, their attitudes, habits, and how they interact with people. Excellent soft skills such as good work ethic, positive attitude, self-confidence and the ability to work well with a team can make an impact on perspective employers.

Developing soft skills in youth is one of the goals of Michigan State University Extension's 4-H program and something employers have determined as a priority over technical skills, according to a recent survey.

Kelly Heimstra, Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) District 4 Coordinator, attended the Michigan Governor's Economic and Education Summit held recently in Detroit, Mich. The summit was held to discuss the best ways to better prepare Michigan's students for future success.

Heimstra explained while much of the focus during the summit was on skilled trades and Michigan's need to find talent to fill technical jobs, it also addressed soft skill issues in the workplace. On a survey of businesses and corporations, employers listed the need for soft skills higher in importance than technical skills.

According to Heimstra, the soft skills they were looking for are the life skills MSUE has been teaching youth involved in 4-H. The philosophy of 4-H is: Heart, Hands, Head and Health, which includes critical practices chil-

dren need to be successful as adults.

"Employers are looking for good communication skills, humility and how a person handles conflict. They need critical thinking skills, good personal judgment, problem solving skills and good time management in an employee. They look for good collaboration skills, diversity, self-confidence, teamwork skills and they want employees to be creative, have positive attitudes, initiative, flexibility with good work ethics," Heimstra said.

MSUE 4-H youth ages five through 19 are taught many of these life skills every time they meet though hands-on activities taught by volunteer leaders. They include goal setting, record keeping, critical thinking, personal development, team building, communication, responsibility and many other soft skills.

Dorothy Munn, MSUE 4-H youth development and educator, explained teamwork is a great way to learn life skills, "In school, all the children in the class are about the same age, but in 4-H you have high school students working alongside eight year olds. This gives them a chance to interact and do teamwork with others who are not just like them," Munn said.

"When we have a combination of older and younger kids in a club it presents mentoring opportunities. We can talk to teens all day about being role models, but when they are actually doing it and they see how the younger kids are looking up to them, that carries a lot more clout."

Les Thomas, Alcona County MSUE program coordinator, explained MSUE goes beyond 4-H by providing education on field trips for school children and a free book program for all children. However, he agreed 4-H was one of the best ways for youth to learn good life skills and in 4-H most kids don't even realize they are learning life skills, they are just having fun.

There are 4-H groups on just about any topic a child may be interested in from robotics to livestock and everything in-between. Members can also participate in special events which take learning life skills, as well as, technical skills to another level such as Exploration Days held at Michigan State University.

There are other programs available to 4-H's such as career development, forestry camp, and Great Lakes and natural resource camps.

Thomas explained 4-H can also give a child structure and support they may not get at home. He can clearly see the difference between those kids with good role models and good life skills being taught at home from those who don't have that in their lives.

Munn has also seen the positive difference 4-H has made to children without good supportive role models at home. She said it is probably those without good support at home that need 4-H the most.

"Through 4-H activities children build and develop confidence to be able to go out and seek higher education whether that is college, technical school, community college or on the job training through an apprenticeship," Munn said.


Tracy D'Augustino, MSUE educator for Alcona County, said the volunteer leaders really believe in their kids, "They have very high expectations for these kids to reach the stars. Some kids don't have anyone in their life who really believes they can succeed beyond their wildest dreams. You can't put a higher value on that, especially in our area where kids may have no one in their family who received any higher education."

According to Heimstra, in northeast Michigan 59 percent of 4-H alumni in 2012 through 2014 were attending college compared to the general population of only 27 percent.

Thomas said many of the kids in Alcona County may have trouble coming up with the funds to join 4-H or go to camp, but assistance and scholarships are available and he strongly urges anyone thinking about trying it to give him a call. He said Exploration Days registration is underway and anyone interested should register as soon as possible as program space fills quickly.

Additionally, he is always on the lookout for volunteers and suggests anyone with a hobby, skill or youth club activity they want to share to contact him.

Thomas can be reached at (989) 724-6478 or by e-mail at: thoma322@msu.edu.




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# Bowling

## He's & She's March 27

Splits Happen	158.5	51.5
Family Affair	144	66
3 Right/Wrong	114.5	95.5
Wine Tards	113.5	96.5
Up Your Alley	99	111
Part Timers	96	114
Wild Ones	68.5	141.5
Men's high game and series: James Armstrong, 299 and 746.		
Men's high handicap game: James Armstrong, 299. Men's high handicap series: Jason Loyer, 753.		
Women's high game and series: Gale Rowley, 236 and 517.		
Women's high handicap game: Gale Rowley, 273. Women's high handicap series: Kristin Bilbey, 721.		

## Early Bloomers March 31

Rosebuds	222	138
Violets	192	168
Daffodils	184	176
Marigolds	174.5	185.5
Mums	172.5	187.5
Buttercups	133	227
High game and series: Lori Miller, 187 and 499. High team game and series: Marigolds, 459 and 1,264.		

## Wednesday Nite Women's April 1

Ark Plumbing	142	68
Alcona Abstract	140	70
Back Alley Bar	129	61
Stoney Acres	105	105
JB's Auto	83.5	126.5
Alcona Tool	81	129
Lincoln Precision	77.5	132.5
High game: Patty Cook, 210. High series: Carla James, 560. High handicap game: Patty Cook, 242. High handicap series: Ann Monnier, 645.		

## Sportsman April 2

LLW	86.5	48.5
Village Lanes	81	54
We R Versatile	75	60
Phil's Barber	73	62
Cole's Appl.	50.5	84.5
AuSable Inn	39	96
High game: Harley Robinson, 259. High series: Ray Medore, 712. High handicap game: Jerry Blaszak, 310. High handicap series: Pat Gonyea, 804.		

## Huron March 31

Seven	116	64
Rob's Repair	108.5	71.5
Gary Oil	88.5	91.5
Harbortown Piz.	86.5	93.5
Back Alley Bar	82	98
Lincoln Preci.	58.5	121.5
High game: Jeremy Shapero, 257. High series: Jimmy Armstrong, 687. High handicap game and series: Jerry Shapero, 298 and 773.		

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# Walleye hot spots this spring

Many anglers are eagerly waiting for the walleye season on Lower Peninsula inland waters to open on April 25. Once it does many will flock to one of many hot spots for walleye fishing located across the state - will you be joining them?

In 2014 Michigan Outdoor News provided a list of inland lakes and rivers and streams ideal for early season walleye fishing. They included the rivers of: Tittabawassee, St. Joseph, Grand, Muskegon, Big Manistee, Black, Boardman, Cass, Flint and Raisin.

They also included the lakes of: Black, Cadillac, Mitchell, Houghton, Lake Charlevoix, Portage, Hamlin, Hardy Pond, Holloway Reservoir, Crystal and Lake Macatawa.

And don't forget - walleye season on U.P. Great Lakes, inland waters and the St. Mary's River doesn't open until May 15.

## Northeast Lower Peninsula April 2

• **Thunder Bay River:** The tailwaters below the Ninth Street Dam are quite cold because the impoundment still has ice cover and this prevents warming of the water below the dam. It could be another week or two before steelhead fishing gets started.

• **Houghton Lake:** Still has ice but the shoreline ice is starting to break up. The North Bay is starting to open up. Anglers need to use caution near the inlets, outlets and canals. A fair number of crappie were starting to bite. Fish were caught out from the Cut River. The weed beds along the south shore are producing some bluegills.

• **AuSable River:** The tailwaters below Foote Dam are still quite cold. Combine the cold water temperatures and low flows due to an extremely dry spring thus far and anglers will see there has not been much of a "signal" to stimulate upstream migration or spawning steel-



head. There are fair numbers of steelhead below Foote Dam and as soon as the ice is gone from the impoundments temperatures will start to rise and catch rates will really heat up. The water was low and clear so fishing tactics will be different than those years with usual high water.

• **Tawas:** Ice was hanging on in the northernmost part of Tawas Bay, from Jerry's Marina back north toward shore. A lot of perch were under the ice but most of them are quite small and not worth taking a swim for. A few walleye were caught in the evening near the artificial

reef. Boat anglers starting to venture out caught a couple Atlantic salmon or lake trout.

• **Tawas River:** There was not much activity at the mouth. Only a few suckers have been caught.

• **AuGres River:** The ice is gone from the mouth and those surfcasting are out trying their luck when the weather cooperates.

• **Rifle River:** With rain in the forecast, the sucker run should start to pick up by this weekend.

• **Pine River:** Near Standish is open near the mouth but shore anglers were not doing much yet.

## New fishing license in effect

A new fishing license season began on April 1, which coincides with the new regulation cycle.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, anglers have five options to choose from when making their purchases. All fishing licenses are good for all species.

- Resident annual - \$26
- Nonresident annual - \$68
- Senior annual (for residents age 65 or older) - \$11
- 24-hour (resident or nonresident) - \$10
- 72-hour (resident or nonresident) - \$30

Residents and nonresidents also can purchase the hunt/fish combo license for \$76 and \$266, respectively, that consists of a base license, annual fishing license and two deer tags. A base license is not required when just purchasing a fishing li-

cense. There is also a hunt/fish combo license available to senior residents for \$43.

Michigan's fishing licenses bring revenue into the state that is invested into the state's fisheries in several ways, including providing greater access to fishing opportunities, improving fisheries habitat in inland lakes and streams, and increasing the health and quantity of fish stocked in the state.

There are two ways to purchase a fishing license in Michigan:

• Visit a local license retailer or DNR Customer Service Center and make a purchase in person.

• Use the E-License system to buy a license online 24 hours a day, seven days a week at [www.mdnrelicense.com](http://www.mdnrelicense.com). For more information on fishing in Michigan, visit [michigan.gov/fishing](http://michigan.gov/fishing).

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## Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of March 30-April 5, 2015

44 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 3 Arrests; 1 Warrant; 1 Operating While Under Influence of Drugs; 1 Drug Crime.

### Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	3	Miscellaneous	5
Agency Assist	1	Dog/Animal	8
Traffic	3	Drug Crimes	4
Driving While License Susp.	1	Domestic	1
Patrol Check	2	Warrant Arrest	1
Operate Under Infl. of Drugs	1	Unwanted Individual	1
Medical	2	Personal Injury Accident	1
Assault & Battery	1	Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Suicidal Subject	1	Lost & Found Property	1
Noise Complaint	1	Neighbor Trouble	2
Fraud	1	Fraud	1
Suspicious Events	2		

### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	2	Caledonia	2	Curtis	5
Greenbush	9	Gustin	0	Harrisville	4
Hawes	4	Haynes	3	Mikado	5
Millen	2	Mitchell	2		
Harrisville City	5	Village of Lincoln	1		



# Bill would help counties replace failing snow plows

**By Elizabeth Ferguson**  
Capital News Service

Keweenaw County's 30 road commission vehicles — which include snow plows and salt trucks — average 27 years old and 130,000 miles.

The county's oldest snow plows are from the 1970s and have over a quarter million miles on them, according to Gregg Patrick, Keweenaw County Road Commission engineer.

"Most county commissions are running their equipment twice the life they used to, and these can start to fail in the winter season," Patrick said.

Counties have trouble keeping roads safe and convenient for the public when their old equipment is failing and needs maintenance more often, said Ed Noyola, deputy director of the County Road Association of Michigan.

"Its reliability factor goes down as the vehicle ages beyond its intended life," Noyola said, "What used to take us a day is now taking us two and a half days or longer in certain communities."

Rep. Scott Dianda, D-Calumet, is reintroducing a bill to give counties like Keweenaw an opportunity to get affordable snow plows by giving local entities the first bid on equipment that the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is auctioning off.

If Dianda's bill passes, all auctioned-off equipment will be available for bidding by local cities or counties only for the first five days, before opening to the general public, according to Dianda.

Currently, the State Surplus Office posts these vehicles on its online auction website for anyone to bid on, and vehicles go to the highest bidder, according to Carrie Rambo, state surplus supervisor at the Michigan Department of Technology, Management and Budget. Both local governments and private companies bid on this equipment, Rambo said.

MDOT auctioned off 22 winter maintenance trucks in 2013 and 14 in 2014, according to Jeff Cranson, MDOT director of communications. MDOT trucks are ideally retained for only 10

years, but due to budget cuts are often used by the state for longer before they are auctioned off, Cranson explained.

The price of these used vehicles depends on condition and ranges from \$2,000 to over \$30,000, Cranson said. "Sometimes these 12-year-old vehicles are still in great shape and the counties really need them," Dianda said.

Counties must plow city streets with steep hills and sharp turns that put more wear on a vehicle than the state highways put on state plows, according to Eric Waara, Houghton City manager. "MDOT's 10- to 12-year-old vehicle is going to be in a lot better shape than your average county's 10- to 12-year-old vehicle," Waara said.

All representatives voted for the bill when it passed through the House last year, but it was never picked up by the Senate, most likely because it was not a high priority at the time, according to Dianda's office. "This time around I am calling on the governor and the Senate to finish the job," Dianda said in a press release.

Patrick said counties like his are unable to buy new snow plows because materials costs have risen but funding from the Michigan Transportation Fund has not. "The funding we are receiving right now is the same as it was in 2000," Patrick said. Additionally, "diesel fuel, tires and asphalt have all gone up 200 to 400 percent in that time."

In 2000 a ton of asphalt pavement was \$26 and in 2014 it was \$65, increasing 250 percent, according to Patrick. "We are holding our own, but each year it gets a little tougher," Patrick said.

It will still be challenging to get all counties the equipment they need with this new bidding process, as counties with the least money might often be outbid by others, Noyola said.

Patrick said even though only one county will win each auctioned vehicle, the bill still gives all counties a chance at gaining this equipment. "We are looking forward to any funding increase we can get or any other avenues we can get equipment from," Patrick said.

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Organizations

## Organization Notes

### Alcona County Democratic Party

The Alcona County Democratic Party's monthly meeting was held March 31 at the Alcona County EMS Building. Routine business was conducted with all officers present except Robert Kennedy, vice chairman, who was excused. Topics of discussion were: The importance and functions of township zoning boards, the ongoing negotiations of the American Postal Workers (APWU) AFL-CIO and the concerns of local law enforcement and health care givers regarding narcotic use.

Three members of the group; Williams, LaBrecque, and Love, all present or former members of zoning boards, answered questions and discussed the importance of the 10 year Master Plan. Williams shared a copy of the Caledonia Township Zoning Ordinance, which was update in 2014.

Al LaBrecque, president, State Retirees Chapter Michigan APWU, AFL-CIO and retiree representative 13th State Central Region, APWU, reported on the present union negotiations. He explained how the 2006 legislation wherein Congress mandated the APSU prefund future employee health benefits 75 years into the future in a 10 year time frame.

This mandate explains the U.S. Postal Services plea in the media, of going broke, is misleading the American mailing public. Cutbacks in service and post office hours are partially due to this burden. Congress can fix this manufactured financial burden. He urged members to contact our legislators on how important it is to preserve and protect a national treasurer, the universal public Postal Service.

Rozanne Curley, chairman of the Iosco County Demo-

cratic Party, extended an invitation to attend the meeting "2016 Election Cycle Kick Off." Guest Speakers will be Iosco County Sheriff Allan MacGregor, STING Lieutenant Jeff Kiester and 2014 state legislative candidate, Robert Kennedy. She also addressed the concerns previously mentioned.

Final plans were made for the four community forums on Proposal 1, which will be held April 16 at Alcona Township Hall, April 21 at Curtis Township Library, April 23 at Alcona County Library, Harrisville branch and April 30 at South Shore Fire Hall. The forums will examine the effects on road funding, school funding, local governments and fuel taxes.

For more information regarding upcoming events call (989) 727-4080 or e-mail alconadems@gmail.com.

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# Calendar of Events



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mill and exercise bike also available.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Men and women are invited to play pinochle at 1 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. First-timers welcome.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 14**  
The Alcona County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. at Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville. Contact Jennifer Hoppe at (989) 358-4605 or e-mail hoppej@nemcsa.org for details.

Weight Loss Support group will meet at 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 101 East Main Street in Lincoln. Visitors are welcome and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Treadmill and exercise bike also available.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

The public is invited to attend the AuSable Valley Audubon monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at Tawas High School, 255 West M-55, Tawas City. The guest speaker will be Jim Keyser from the National Weather Service, Gaylord. For more information, call Ruth Golm at (989) 724-5679.

The Alcona County Democratic Party will hold an informal breakfast meeting at 9 a.m. at the Iron Skillet Restaurant in Lincoln. Members and non-members are welcome to attend. For more information, call Sandra Williams at (989) 727-4080.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**  
A blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

Food pantry open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, Spruce. Clients must be present to receive food and identification is required. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

Sing-a-long to the oldies

with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 Campbell Road.

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 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of

woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Family history researchers are invited to attend "Indexing the Past" at the Family History Center located at 411 Long Rapids Plaza in Alpena at 1 p.m. This hour long program will explain two indexing programs, one for volunteering for Familysearch.org and the other for indexing and organizing your photos or documents. Attendance is free. Call (989) 358-9809 for more information.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**  
Come join your fellow comrades at the veterans coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville.

The 4-H Archery Group will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Alcona retirees will meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass. All are welcome.

Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

The community is invited to bring questions, comments and concerns to panelists, and to learn more about sexual violence dynamics and prevention. The forum will begin at 7 p.m. at Alpena Community College's Granum Theater.

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## Alcona Review Weather Report

### Seven Day Forecast

**WEDNESDAY**  
Rain/Snow  
High: 41 Low: 31

**THURSDAY**  
T-storms Likely  
High: 47 Low: 35

**FRIDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 46 Low: 31

**SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 43 Low: 32

**SUNDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 47 Low: 35

**MONDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 51 Low: 35

**TUESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 48 Low: 34

### Today's Regional Map

### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 60% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 41°, humidity of 75%. East wind 15 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 68° set in 1970. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 31°. East wind 10 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 7° set in 1972.

### \*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	43	26	43/24	0.05"
Tuesday	39	22	43/24	0.00"
Wednesday	46	29	44/25	0.00"
Thursday	65	37	44/25	0.14"
Friday	48	26	45/26	0.00"
Saturday	40	19	45/26	0.00"
Sunday	38	19	45/26	0.00"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Last 4/11	Wednesday	7:00 a.m.	8:09 p.m.	No Rise	9:31 a.m.	First 4/25
	Thursday	6:58 a.m.	8:10 p.m.	12:24 a.m.	10:16 a.m.	
	Friday	6:56 a.m.	8:12 p.m.	1:20 a.m.	11:08 a.m.	
	Saturday	6:54 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	2:12 a.m.	12:07 p.m.	
New 4/18	Sunday	6:52 a.m.	8:14 p.m.	2:59 a.m.	1:10 p.m.	Full 5/3
	Monday	6:51 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	3:42 a.m.	2:19 p.m.	
	Tuesday	6:49 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	4:22 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	

### Local UV Index

0-2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11+
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UV Index  
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate,  
6-7: High, 8-10: Very High,  
11+: Extreme Exposure

### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 83° in East St. Louis, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 90° in Punta Gorda, Fla. The Northwest will see scattered showers today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 68° in Kennewick, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 88° in Hobbs, N.M.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:05 a.m.	7:59 p.m.
Venus	8:31 a.m.	11:35 p.m.
Mars	7:43 a.m.	9:39 p.m.
Jupiter	2:10 p.m.	4:48 a.m.
Saturn	11:52 p.m.	9:23 a.m.
Uranus	7:03 a.m.	7:54 p.m.

### Weather History

**April 8, 1926** - An oil depot fire set by lightning boiled over and engulfed 900 acres near San Luis Obispo, Calif. Many tornado vortices resulted from the intense heat of the fire. One such tornado traveled 1,000 yards, picked up a house, and carried it 150 feet, killing the occupants.

### Weather Trivia

Based on average yearly snowfall, what is the snowiest location in the U.S.?

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Answer: Stampede Pass, Wash. with 440.3 inches per year.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - First Light for Kono

One of the big misconceptions in astronomy involves the individual who invented the telescope. It wasn't Galileo, but most likely a Dutch-German optician by the name of Hans Lippershey (1570-1619). The year was 1608. As a master lens grinder, making glasses, the pun goes that Lippershey really made a spectacle of himself. Galileo was not even first to point a telescope towards the heavens, but he was the first to publish his findings in a book called Sidereus Nuncius (Starry Messenger) in 1610. The type of telescopes Lippershey and Galileo built were refractors, and optically they were horrible for many reasons, but primarily because their lenses acted like prisms, bending but also dispersing the light passing through them, causing objects to be saturated in false colors. The refractor has undergone a revolution in the past 400 years, with modern computers designing optical systems utilizing exotic types of glass that eliminate the problem of color (chromatic aberration), and virtually all other types of optical defects. Because there are no obstructions in the light path, like in a reflecting telescope which uses mirrors instead of lenses to gather light, the physics of image formation is optimized, allowing refractors to produce jaw-dropping starscapes. In lens diameters between two and eight inches, an apochromatic (color free) refractor reigns supreme. I bought a newly designed apochromat this past December, picked it up in early February, and then it got cold, snowed, got even colder, snowed some more, got unbelievably frigid, and snowed heaps. The telescope was set up in my study for nearly two months, but it finally got its first workout last week when the weather cooperated for just a few hours. In astronomy, looking through a telescope for the initial time is called "first light." I'm naming my scope Kono, after Grace Park who plays Officer Kono Kalakua in TV's Hawaii Five-0. You might imagine that first light was spectacularly sweet. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)



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### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Fredrick W. Bendig, a single man and Elaine Leclair, a single woman, original mortgagor(s), to PNC Bank, national association, successor by merger to National City Mortgage, a division of National City Bank, mortgagee, dated October 13, 2008, and recorded on October 14, 2008 in Liber 456 on page 339, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage

there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty-seven thousand six hundred and 37/100 dollars (\$37,600.37). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on April 15, 2015.

Said premises are situated in township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 140 feet south of the northeast corner of the north 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 27 North, Range 7 East; thence south along the section line 140 feet; thence west 200 feet; thence north 140 feet; thence east 200 feet to the point

of beginning. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 18, 2015  
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1300  
Trott Law, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan  
48334-5422  
File No. 448578F01  
3-18, 3-25, 4-1, 4-8

Notice of Hearing  
To all concerned parties. Please be advised that a Hearing for Complaint for Judicial Forfeiture and Clear Title will be heard before the Honorable Laura A. Frawley in her courtroom located at 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989-724-9410), on May 18, 2015 at 11 a.m. or as soon thereafter it may be called. Failure to provide plaintiff's counsel with a written answer to said such complaint within 28 days from the last date of this publication, that being April 15, 2015, may constitute a default by the named party or any other interested parties with notice.

The 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court for the County of Alcona  
106 Fifth Street  
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(989) 724-9410  
4-1, 4-8, 4-15

## BUYING TIMBER

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## LOST / FOUND

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Bingo-Every Saturday at the Barton City Eagles from 5:30 to 11 p.m.

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Farm help, some experience helpful. Apply at P & G Farms, 1120 South Everett, Harrisville, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Fabrication welder – Accepting applications for one full time position. Experience required. Will be tested. Electrical, hydraulics and mechanical ability useful. Excellent benefits after 60 day eligibility. Submit resume by April 22, 2015 to DSC Dredge LLC-Greenbush, 4957 Main St., Greenbush, MI 48738 or e-mail to rmkoenig@dscdredge.com.

Horse farm help, full or part time, barn cleaning, horse grooming, grounds maintenance. Apply at P & G Farms, 1120 South Everett, Harrisville, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon.

Wanted, a full time maintenance mechanic for a variety of sawmill equipment and machinery. Applications are available at 1147 Richardson Road, Barton City, Michigan, Monday through Friday after 2:30 p.m. or call (989) 464-6059 for an appointment. Dependable transportation is essential.

Hiring full time sawmill workers. Applications are available at S & S Wood Products, 1147 Richardson Road, Barton City. Apply in person after 2:30 p.m. Monday through Friday or call for an appointment (989) 464-6059. Dependable transportation is essential.

Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Road, Glennie, (989) 735-2601, is seeking a new library director. This is a part time position. The director is responsible for the management of the library and reports directly to the library board of trustees. The director must have good communication skills, enjoy working with the public and have a working knowledge of Microsoft Office products. Requests for a detailed job description can be sent to librarydirector@centurytel.net.

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**State of Michigan  
in the 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court for  
the County of Alcona  
Case No. 15-2407-CH (F)**  
Hon. Laura A. Frawley  
Donald J. Tessmer, plaintiff  
v  
Penny Sue Geddert/Bergey, defendant  
v  
The estate of Penny Sue Geddert/

Bergey, defendant  
v  
Lauri Burke, defendant  
v  
Rocky Hill, defendant  
v  
Dawn Krige, defendant  
v  
Michael Geddert, defendant  
Complaint for Judicial Forfeiture and Clear Title  
Attorney for the Plaintiff  
David S. Elder (P-45906)  
200 East Chisholm Street, Suite B  
Alpena, Mich. 49707  
(989) 354-5700

### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC NOTICE HERBICIDE PROGRAM NORTH REGION 2015

The Michigan Department of Transportation hereby provides notice to the public, and property owners adjacent to state highways of the 2015 Herbicide Application Program treatments for roadside rights-of-way within Emmet, Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Charlevoix, Antrim, Otsego, Montmorency, Alpena, Leelanau, Benzie, Grand Traverse, Kalkaska, Crawford, Oscoda, Alcona, Manistee, Wexford, Missaukee, Roscommon, Ogemaw, Iosco, Mason, Lake, and Osceola Counties.

#### SCHEDULED DATES OF APPLICATION:

Applications will take place between April 20, 2015 and December 1, 2015.

#### HERBICIDES/LOCATIONS:

**Non-Selective Applications:** (guardrail, pavement/shoulder cracks and edges, barrier walls, concrete bridge slopes, invasive plants) ANY INDIVIDUAL OR COMBINATIONS OF THE HERBICIDES LISTED BELOW:

**Roundup Pro Concentrate** (Glyphosate), **Oust Extra** (Sulfometuron methyl and Metsulfuron Methyl), **Plateau** (Imazapic), **Milestone** (Aminopyralid), **Escort XP** (Metsulfuron Methyl), **Arsenal Powerline** (Imazapyr), **Habitat** (Isopropylamine salt of Imazapyr), **Rodeo** (Glyphosate), **AquaPro** (Glyphosate), **Polaris** (Isopropylamine salt of Imazapyr), **Esplanade 200 SC** (Indaziflam), **Perspective** (Aminocyclopyrachlor).

**Selective Applications:** (broadleaf weeds in turf areas, brush control, plant growth regulator, invasive plants) ANY INDIVIDUAL OR COMBINATIONS OF THE HERBICIDES LISTED BELOW:

**Weedestroy AM-40** (2, 4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid), **Milestone** (Aminopyralid), **Escort XP** (Metsulfuron methyl), **Telar XP** (Chlorsulfuron), **Garlon 3A** (Triclopyr), **Garlon 4Ultra** (Triclopyr-2-butoxyethyl ester), **Vista XRT** (Fluroxypyr), **Plateau** (Imazapic), **Momentum FX2** (2, 4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid, Triclopyr and Fluroxypyr), **Habitat** (Isopropylamine salt of Imazapyr), **E-2** (2, 4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid, Fluroxypyr, Dicamba), **Perspective** (Aminocyclopyrachlor).

Adjuvants: (drift control, water conditioning, surfactants)

**41-A** (Polyacrylamide and Polysaccharidepolymers), **Nu-Film-IR** (Poly-1-p-Menthene), **Improve** (Nonionic), **Condition** (Ammonium sulfate), **Sunset MSO** (Methylated seed oil blend and emulsifiers), **Cygnat Plus** (Limonene, Methylated Vegetable Oil, Alkyl Hydroxypoly Oxethylene).

#### METHOD OF APPLICATION:

All applications will be ground or foliar applied by vehicular mounted fixed boom or hand spray gun equipment. The herbicides will be tank mixed or injected for each application.

#### RE-ENTRY RESTRICTIONS:

Do not enter treated areas until the spray has dried.

#### CONTACT:

All applications will be made by Certified Pesticide Applicators. For further information contact:

Mike Rogers, Resource Specialist  
Michigan Department of Transportation  
7915 South US 131 Highway  
Cadillac, MI 49601  
231-775-3487

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## GREENBUSH TWP. MINUTES

Supervisor Roddy called the regular meeting of the Greenbush Township Board to order on Tuesday, March 10 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. One guest was present and joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Roddy, clerk D. Dailey, treasurer P. Dailey. Trustee Olin and trustee Abraham were absent.

Motion D. Dailey/P. Dailey: To approve the agenda as written. All ayes, motion carried. Motion P. Dailey/D. Dailey: To approve the minutes as written. Motion carried. No public comments. Financial report – treasurer P. Dailey: \$75,390.61 general fund; \$138,483.84 road fund; \$89,980.06 fire fund; \$29,201.69 Prince Drive; \$481.31 GRAC.

Motion D. Dailey/Roddy: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. All ayes, motion carried. Presentation of bills – clerk D. Dailey: Check numbers 15912-15925 payroll \$3,693.45; check numbers 15906-15942 general bills \$8,738.31. Motion D. Dailey/Roddy: To approve the bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous reports: Constable Parent -- Lakeside Superette and Cedar Lake Grocery are compliant. Carolyn Brummund, county commissioner -- May 16 is county wide clean-up at the fairgrounds in Lincoln. Mitchell Township ORV trail usage excluded some roads; Harbortown Marketplace still has openings info@harbortownmich.com; Spring

Expo is April 25 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost is \$5 per table; new sanitary code takes place late April or May; emergency food and shelter program report given meeting March 11 at 10 a.m.; substance abuse report was given and available by request.

Fire chief Franks -- zero fires, two first responders, leak on number one truck has been found and is being fixed, DNR testing is done. Zoning administrator Major-- zero complaints, zero permits. Hall rental Roddy -- one rental, one booking April 18. Assessor Schwickert -- absent. Olin -- GRAC is not open. Planning commission Milwick -- No meeting. Correspondence: Supervisor Roddy -- elected officials meeting on March 18. Miscellaneous --Greenbush Township clean-up will be Saturday, May 9 and drop-off will be at Travis Sanitation site on King's Corner Road. The event will be advertised with posters, signs and in the paper.

Pending business: Update on IRS situation given. Motion P. Dailey/D. Dailey: Proposal for revising Greenbush Township master plan was put in motion to use NEMCOG for revising our Greenbush Township master plan. All ayes, motion carried. Budget amendments were reviewed and talked about.

New business: Historical society water usage. Jane Meyer would like to use the water from the township hall to clean up the school for painting. The water usage is approved, however, the fire department offered to power wash the building for training. The society will get back to us on its decision.

Motion D. Dailey/P. Dailey: To approve Board of Review members Fran Barber, Rosemary Myrick and Stan Sufnar; new planning commission members Jason Wrusch and Tim Giannetti; Tim Giannetti on the zoning board of appeals. All ayes, motion carried.

From the floor -- questions about the budget meeting minutes; about the ACCOA; W-2 questions with fixing the IRS info; website questions. Motion: P. Dailey/D. Dailey: To adjourn at 8:15 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

David W. Dailey  
Greenbush Township Clerk

Note: Published prior to board approval. Next regular scheduled meeting Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.,  
Harrisville • 724-5160  
www.standrewschurhharrisville.org  
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE

## Family Heritage Baptist Church

4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)  
Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org.  
Sunday worship services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday 6 p.m. Patch the Pirate Club, children's ministry. Wednesday 6 p.m. midweek service (preaching and prayer service).

## New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Hubbard Lake Rd.,  
¾ mile south of White Pine National Golf Course  
Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

Church Street at Traverse Bay Road  
Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227  
Pastor Jacob Schwartz~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

6891 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class at 11 a.m.  
Pastor Joseph Llewellyn • (989) 727-2496

## Our Savior Lutheran Church

3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan  
Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Everyone Welcome!

## ALCONA COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

ST. RAPHAEL, Mikado, Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
ST. GABRIEL, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.  
ST. CATHERINE (Ossineke) Sunday 9 a.m.  
ST. ANNE, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.  
Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

## Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

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Wednesday office hours 9 a.m. - noon  
Rev. Karen Thompson ~ 724-6734

## Spruce Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m.  
1246 E. Spruce Road, Spruce • 471-5013  
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## GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m.  
Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

## LOTT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 4257 State Rd. Glennie  
Sunday morning service 11 a.m. (989)735-3771.  
Sunday evening service 6 p.m. Pastor Elmer Ash.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

## Haynes Community Church

4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740  
Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.  
989-724-6665 • 989-724-6578  
Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.  
Pastor Dr. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796



## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2902 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745 • (989) 736-8345  
Pastor Tim Steiner, Pastor Emeritus Larry Richmond  
Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Monday: 6:30 p.m. \*Teen Program (Grades 7-12)  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & \*Youth Programs (Grades K-6<sup>th</sup>)  
\*Fall-Spring programs • Website: www.cbcmikado.com



## Spruce Presbyterian Church

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Worship 9 a.m.  
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