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Churches celebrate Christ during the Christmas season

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

In Alcona County the celebration of Christmas is recognized by many traditional community events such as tree lightings, visits with Santa and special shopping days. Many, though, in this rural community, have not lost the true meaning of the word Christmas.

Christmas or "Christ's Mass" is the annual holiday honoring the birth of Jesus Christ and has been celebrated worldwide as a religious holiday for over two millennia. Many local Christian churches are already underway in preparing for the celebration by holding weekly Advent services, giving to others less fortunate or other holy day preparations.

Advent is a time of preparation and at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church on US-23 in Harrisville, the four weeks before Christmas the congregation welcomes all to come on Sundays at 10 a.m. "During Advent we recall the history of God's people and reflect on how the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament were fulfilled. We examine ourselves to prepare our hearts and lives once again for Jesus' coming," said Susan Wander, ministry team member.

She explained the four Sundays of Advent are marked by lighting candles in a wreath. The first candle is for hope. The second candle is for peace, the third candle is for joy. The fourth candle is for love. "On Christmas Eve we light the final center candle, the Christ candle," Wander said.

• St. Andrews will also have a special study during Advent with the reading of the book "Sent, Delivering the Gift of Hope at Christmas," by Jorge Acevedo on the four Sundays before Christmas at 6 p.m. at the church. Wander explained there is a DVD which goes along with the book so a book is not necessary to participate in the study sessions. Christmas lessons, music, Bible readings and songs will be held Sunday, Dec. 20 at 10 a.m.

Many other Christian churches will also be celebrating and preparing for Christ's birth in different ways.

• Spruce Presbyterian Church on Gillard Road in Spruce and the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Second Street in Harrisville will celebrate the Hanging of the Greens on Sunday, Dec. 6 where the congregation decorates their church for Christ's

birth. Decorating begins at 9 a.m. in Spruce and at 11 a.m. in Harrisville.

• Westminster Presbyterian is also planning films about what Christmas is all about. Congregation member, Dick Hiltz said there was too much commercialism around Christmas so their church wanted to show films about the true meaning of Christmas. The series of three films will be shown at the church in Harrisville on Thursdays at 7 p.m. The "True St. Nicholas" will be shown December 3, followed by the "Story of Mary" on December 10 and the story of Joseph on December 17.

• Harrisville United Meth-

odist Church will be hosting the Sunrise Bell Ringers on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m., a birthday party for Jesus will be held following service on Sunday, Dec. 13 and there will be a Christmas Cantata on December 20 during worship. A pot luck supper will be held each Sunday during Advent at 6 p.m. with a study of "Highway Advent" following supper.

• Lincoln United Methodist Church will have a Christmas Cantata on December 9 at 7:30 p.m. Both United Methodist churches will focus sermons on African American Christmas Carols during regular Sunday service.

• Family Heritage Baptist

Church on M-72 in Harrisville welcomes all to visit during the live nativity on Saturday, Dec. 12 and Sunday, Dec. 13 from 6 to 8 p.m.

• St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville and St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado are preparing by having giving trees in which anyone can help provide individual gifts for residents of foster care homes and nursing homes in Alcona County. The church will hold a youth Christmas pageant on December 24 at 3 p.m.

• St. Catherine Catholic Church in Ossineke provides individual gifts for families in need and St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Black River pro-

vides individual gifts to underprivileged elementary school children in Alcona County.

The four Catholic Church parishes also give gifts to each other with families assigned to other families of the parish to pray for in the coming year.

• Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Ossineke and Faith Lutheran Church in Harrisville work with the Sanborn Elementary School to supply food and provided Thanksgiving baskets, they also provide a Christmas party for inmates of the Alcona County Jail every year.

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Faith, family and friends help with positive attitude

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

"Sometimes you want to go. Where everybody knows your name.

And they're always glad you came; You want to be where you can see,

Our troubles are all the same; You want to be where everybody knows your name."

~ "Cheers" theme lyrics written by Gary Portnoy and Judy Hart Angelo.

While those words were written for "Cheers," a situation comedy which took place in a Boston, Mass. tavern between 1982 and 1993, the sentiment is very much the same. Even in Alcona County,

She began taking exercise seriously after a heart attack and fall put her into a nursing home in 2012. "I was a mess. I didn't wake up for a week after that. They sent me to Tendercare in Alpena packed in pillows and I was doped up on medicine," Daroczy said.

After leaving Tendercare she came to VRC Rehabilitation and could barely get into the building. She had to have either her son, Darryl, who moved into her home to help with her care, or her daughter, Susan Harvey, bring her to physical therapy.

She worked hard and by the end of 2013 Daroczy was driving herself. Even though

"I don't feel sorry for myself. It's important to get up and do something every day. Don't just sit down and stay there...get up and do something."

~ Ola Mae Daroczy,
Alcona County resident

there are certain residents, wherever they go, everyone knows their name.

Ola Mae Daroczy is one of those residents and whenever she enters one of her social gathering sites, everybody knows her name. When Daroczy walks in the room her bright, easy smile is hard to miss despite her slight 90 year-old stature. When she enters one of her favorite places, VRC Rehabilitation in Lincoln, everyone stops to shout a "hello Ola Mae," much like the "Cheers" group which said "hi Norm."

Daroczy, drives herself to the Lincoln facility from her home several miles away to exercise and do a bit of socializing three times a week. She admitted that at 90, she drives much better than she walks.

she is no longer a physical therapy patient at the rehabilitation facility she still makes a point of exercising there. "I like it there. It's clean and the people are really nice. They care a lot about the people who go there, even the ones who aren't patients. If there is something wrong, they take care of it."

She made up her mind in the nursing home she would recover fully from the heart attack and fall. "Some women care more about getting their nails done or playing bingo than they do about their health. I know my body. I had a choice to walk or be stuck in a wheel chair. I made up my mind in Tendercare and was always up and dressed ready to go to exercise even if it wasn't my day," Daroczy said.

Rita Hartwig, office man-



Ola Mae Daroczy is 90 and still drives herself several miles to exercise three times a week. Despite a set back in 2012 that put her temporarily in a nursing care facility, Daroczy remained optimistic that family, friends, faith and a lot of hard work would see her through to better health. Photo by Mary Weber.

ager at VRC said Daroczy always calls if she isn't going to come in, which was good because they would worry about her if she didn't call. "We can count on Ola Mae like clockwork to come in. She comes year round and always has a smile. She's even donated supplies to the facility," Hartwig said.

Daroczy also keeps busy by knitting, crocheting and working on ceramics at Lincoln Ceramics. She enjoys making ceramics because it's fun but truly enjoys the social community atmosphere the ceramic store provides. She has a group of friends there who discuss everything from politics to medical issues and other topics while they work on their creations. According to Daroczy all discussions are kept private and not talked about after they leave, which she appreciates.

Daroczy believes in family, friends and faith to get through life. Daroczy belongs to the Trinity Lutheran Church in Barton City and believes her faith carried her a long way in her recovery but doesn't attend church much anymore because of the steps she would have to climb to get into the church.

Daroczy, who was adopted and grew up in western Detroit, moved to the Alcona area in 1969 with her husband, Joseph, who worked for the state of Michigan Department of Agriculture. The couple had six children, two adopted. Daroczy has 12 grandchildren and several great-grandchildren. Her husband passed away about 20 years ago, but she never wanted to leave the area in which she

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Margaret A Younk, 80, of Harrisville, died on Monday, Nov. 30, 2015 at home.

She was born December 5, 1934 to Ralph Lucken and Ruth Jayne (McGinnity) Gregg in Seattle, Wash. She was raised in Seattle, Wash. and Portland Ore.

On July 31, 1954, she married Dale Aloysius Younk in Seattle, Wash. Mr. Younk spent his career serving in the U.S. Air Force. They moved to the Harrisville area in 1966.

Mrs. Younk was a devoted wife and mother. She was known for her ability to take care of problems at home,


and at work in the moving industry. She enjoyed wild-life, especially feeding birds and taking care of her chickens. She was an avid gardener, taught piano lessons, and enjoyed snowshoeing.

Mrs. Younk is survived by one daughter, Margaret "Meg" Elise Younk of Harrisville; seven sons, Edward Anthony (Beth) Younk of Mikado, Michael Aaron Younk of Falls City, Ore., Robert Aneas (Debbie) Younk of Harrisville, Mark Andrew (Elizabeth) Younk of Harrisville, Paul Arnold (Linda) Younk of Falls City, Ore., and Gerald Arthur (Amanda) Younk of Oscoda;

21 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; one sister, Kathryn Jeanne McIntosh of San Diego, Calif.; two half-sisters, Laurie Nicol and Lonna (Robert) Applebee; and one half-brother, Robert Gregg.

She was preceded in death by one half-brother, Ronald Gregg; and one brother-in-law, Don McIntosh.

Visitation is at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln on Saturday, Dec. 5 from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at 1 p.m. The Rev. Laraine Sundin will officiate. Burial will be in Willamette National Cemetery, Portland, Ore.

 **Elden "Tod" Merle Avery**, 81, of Greenbush died on Friday, Nov. 27, 2015 at home.

Mr. Avery is survived by his wife, Vivian Irene (Fults) Avery; two daughters, Edith Clements and Marsha Payne; one son, Donald Avery; eight grandchildren, Michael Clements, Sondra (Andrew) Hill, Mark Wygant, Matthew Wygant, Kegan Hofacer, Robert Amreicht, Chris Amreicht and Jason Avery; one brother, Merwin "Chum" Avery; and numerous nieces and nephews.



at the American Legion Post No. 274 in Oscoda. Memorial contributions may be made to the family.

He was born in Antrim County, Mich. on October 4, 1934 to Bruce and Ethyl Leona (Burke) Avery. He attended high school in Rochester, Mich.

Mr. Avery spent his career serving in the United States Air Force. He retired as a technical sergeant. During his military career he was stationed in Alaska, Ohio, Texas and Newfoundland.

After retiring, he worked for the AuSable Township Water Department for many years.

He was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother.

A memorial service will be held on December 8 at 1 p.m.

He was an honorary life member of the American Legion Post No. 274 and Voiture 669 40/8. He was an astute volunteer to his beliefs that such an honorary non profit organization could do all in its power to help all veterans no matter their plight or disabilities. He served three, two-year terms as commander, 1987-1988; 1990-1991; 1998-1999.

Gerald Walter Silvey

Gerald "Jerry" Walter Silvey, 76, of Oscoda died on Monday, Nov. 23 at home.

He was born on June 25, 1939 in Pontiac, Mich. to Walter F. Silvey and Hazel W. (Uhler) Silvey.

He lived in Royal Oak, Mich. most of his life. He moved to Oscoda on August 23, 1998 to retire and enjoy the outdoors.

Jerry was always there to help people whenever they needed it, day or night.

He is survived by his wife, Mary J. (Nichols) Silvey; three sons, Michael W. (Mary) Silvey of Leonard, Mich., John W. (Ann) Silvey of Naples, Fla., and Mark L. Silvey of Oscoda; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Carolyn (Ron) Zeilinger of Oakland, Mich.; one brother-in-law, Al Nichols of Royal Oak, Mich.; one sister-in-law, Ellen (Gene) Robinson of Southfield, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Michael Wayne Silvey Jr.

Mr. Silvey's body was donated to the University of Michigan Medical School for research.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the family.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015						
Date	Weekly Report			Miles Per Hour		
	Temperature (F°)		Snow Fall	Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	High	Low				
Nov. 22	32	15	0.11	0.7	15	W
Nov. 23	33	18	0.00	2.6	13	SW
Nov. 24	41	24	0.00	0.1	11	W
Nov. 25	47	29	0.00	11.5	34	SSW
Nov. 26	54	44	0.07	6.7	21	SW
Nov. 27	54	28	0.38	3.3	18	N
Nov. 28	32	21	0.00	0.1	12	N
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content			
Weekly Total	0.56	1.9	0.49			
Month of November	1.65	8.5	1.96			
Year to Date	19.69	8.5	26.45			

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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, DECEMBER 2

Sing a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Senior Center, 5039 Campbell Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

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.

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Items available for residents of Alcona County with newborns to age five include formula, diapers, clothing, toys and winter clothing. Santa will have a bag of toys for clients at 1 p.m.

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3

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.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catho-

lic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

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

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Treadmill and exercise bike also available.

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.

Free Range Crafts, something new for crafters, will meet from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Bring in your crafts in progress, ideas, and questions to share with others. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

A Toys for Tots Benefit featuring "Shades of a King" Elvis Tribute artist Elzie Dixon will be held at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. followed by the show at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. The public is welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

Huron Shores Chorus will present "Wassail" a Christmas concert at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 120 West Dwight Avenue in Oscoda. Admission is free, donations are welcome. For more information, call (989) 739-8591.

The Festival of Lights celebration, an evening of family fun will be held at the Lincoln Fire Hall and the Lincoln Depot at 5:30 p.m. Festivities include a bonfire at the depot, music, hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate, hayrides and a visit from Santa Claus. Prizes for the lighting contest will be awarded.

Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5

New Life Lutheran Church will host their annual Christmas Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 25 Kirche In The Woods, located north of M-72 off Hubbard Lake Road. There will be holiday baked goods, pantry items, handcrafted items, homemade notecards, fresh green flora arrangements and much more. A luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A cookie walk will be held starting at 9 a.m. until gone, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville.

Christmas in the Village activities at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 2 p.m. Visit with Santa from noon to 1:30 p.m., listen to a storyteller, create a holiday craft and decorate (and eat) a cookie. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

An open house for the new Alcona County Road Commission building will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in
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Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and the Best of the New Year
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Frosty's Festival of Gifts

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New Life Lutheran Church is located south of
White Pines National Golf Course off Hubbard
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call (989) 736-7816.



Christmas at the Library

Children of all ages are invited to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Saturday, Dec. 5 for Christmas in the Village activities. The library's theme this year is "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer." Children are invited to celebrate this theme with story, crafts and cookies from noon until 2 p.m. Santa will arrive at noon to greet children and listen to their Christmas wish lists until 1:30 p.m. The library will be closed at noon to facilitate Christmas in the Village activities only. For more information, visit the web at www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us or call (989) 724-6796.

Winter Hand Bell Concert

The Sunrise Ringers, a local community handbell group with members from Alpena to Oscoda, is performing a concert for the winter season on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. in the sanctuary of the Harrisville United Methodist Church. The music will be both sacred and contemporary. A free will offering will be received. For more information, contact Margaret Fox at (989) 736-3025.

Featured Artists

Wendy Werth will be Dragonfly Gallery's December Artist of the Month. Werth uses dried gourds as her medium and, considers discovering this unique material "has been like finding a best friend. I really found something that I love creating! I'm not a professional. I'm just someone trying new things and learning constantly. I like using gems, cutting and wood burning techniques, stitching and designing on gourds." There will be a Reception for Werth with refreshments from 3 to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Dragonfly Art Gallery, 116 East Main Street Harrisville.

The gallery is featuring two visiting artists in December — Anne Sonnenberg and Christine Brackette.

Brackette, a photographer who lives in Ossineke, explained the inspiration for her work is the natural world. "I have a great respect for the environment and wildlife. Through my photography, my greatest pleasure is to share what God has created and to educate people of all ages, to take the time to enjoy the beauty Mother Earth has given us," she said.

Sonnenberg, of Lincoln, has always had a strong interest in art and design and studied art in college in addition to her education courses. She has many years of experience working with stained glass; designing both stained glass panels and lamps. She now prefers to focus most of her creative energy toward beadwork, watercolor painting and charcoal drawing. She and her husband, Gary, have been residents of Lincoln for 47

years. They have three grown sons and four grandchildren. She taught at Alcona Elementary School for 29 years before retiring in 2007.

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, Dec. 7—Salisbury steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, and oranges.
- Tuesday, Dec. 8—Roasted pork, red bliss potatoes, broccoli, and pineapple.
- Wednesday, Dec. 9—Lemon pepper chicken, buttered noodles, peas, tossed salad, and tropical fruit.
- Thursday, Dec. 10—Spaghetti with meat sauce, carrot raisin salad, and mixed fruit.
- Friday, Dec. 11—Sweet and sour chicken, brown rice, Prince Charles blend, and peaches. *(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

Christmas Chorus Concert

"Wassail" is the title of Huron Shores Chorus' 26th annual Christmas program which will be presented Friday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at Oscoda United Methodist Church and on Sunday, Dec. 6 at 3 p.m. at Tawas Area Presbyterian Church. This year's Program includes "Christmas Time is Here," a tune made familiar in the iconic Charles Schultz's "Peanuts Christmas" television special; an antiphonal procession featuring the words from "Deck the Halls;" a collection of songs celebrating the winter season; the traditional "Here We Come a 'Was-sailing'" set to uplifting contemporary music; and all Christmas choruses from G. F. Handel's oratorio "the Messiah."

Special guest Father Christmas, the patriarch of holiday cheer in many other countries around the world, will be present to greet the audience. Master of ceremonies will be Timothy Dean Haskin. Huron Shores Chorus is under the direction of Tracee Behnke-Lentz.

For the past 70 plus years a group of citizens known as "The Harrisville Goodfellows" have gotten together at this time of year to try and make sure that "No Child Without a Christmas" will continue. Our goal this year, as in past years, is to reach out to as many children from one to 10 years of age as we can. But in order to accomplish this task, we need the help of those parents



and grandparents to identify these children. The geographic area that we cover is the City of Harrisville, Harrisville Township and the southern half of Haynes Township. Also, within these same boundaries we are looking for senior citizens, that reside here, so they too can be remembered at this time of year.

In order for us to continue with our program, we look to the support of the community to aid us in making sure our goals and objectives are reached. Merchants in the Harrisville area, such as the Flour Garden, Alcona Coffee, Huron Community Bank, Harrisville Harbor Grocery to name a few, for years have displayed Buck Cards, that also generate revenue for our causes. Support also comes in other ways. One is to get the names and addresses of all those children and seniors we are looking for and secondly is the generosity of the citizens, in these tough financial times. Both of these objectives can be accomplished by filling out the form at the end of this article and forward it to the address specified. Persons can also phone in the names and addresses to (989) 724-5258 or (989) 724-9910.

The Harrisville Goodfellows, although they want to stay anonymous, also try and help others within our community when some type of disaster or unexpected crisis falls upon a family. This is another good reason that we need your financial support, as well as your sense of community support for those less fortunate than others.

Here are some of the activities the Harrisville Goodfellows accomplish at this time of year.

- On the Sunday before Christmas, fruit baskets and some meals are delivered to the seniors in our area, to wish them a Merry Christmas.
- On Christmas Eve the children receive a visit and a bag of goodies from Santa Claus. (Have your cameras ready).
- The Nativity Scene is set up for all to enjoy.
- Trees are decorated at the Craftmakers' Cabin.

In order for us to complete our tasks, we ask for a few simple actions of our citizens.

1. Keep your porch lights on from 6 to 8 p.m. on Christmas Eve.
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Offerings and funds for the inmate party can be taken to the Sheriff's Department in Harrisville. A mid-week advent series is held on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. in Harrisville and at 12:30 p.m. in Ossineke.

On Sunday, Dec. 20 the public is invited to the Greenbush Community Baptist Church on S. State Street in Greenbush to watch the boys and girls from Sunday school perform "A Country Christmas - the story of Christmas as told from inside the stable" at 11 a.m.

• Lott Baptist Church on State Road (M-65) in Glennie will be having a children's program on December 20

during the 11 a.m. service. There will also be a Christmas dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 16 at 6 p.m. The dinner is by advanced purchase ticket, price of admission is \$10. Call (989) 735-8345 for more information.

• Calvary Baptist Church in Mikado will be holding a Christmas program "One King" on December 20 at 6:30 p.m. A children's choir, youth bell choir, piano solos, a sign language drama accompanied by music, singing and a stick dowel drama entitled "Sent by the Father" will be performed. Finger food and desserts will follow the program in the fellowship hall.

The Old Stone Church/

Haynes Community Church on Shaw Road in Harrisville will be having a special Christmas dinner at the church and invite all who won't be with their family on Christmas day to join them at 2 p.m. To reserve space, call (989) 724-6665.

For more information on other churches celebrations, please call the individual church office or consult the Alcona County Review's Church Directory.

Attitude

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grew to know and love. They could have lived anywhere in Michigan and this was where they chose to live.

Daroczy has a degree in library science from Alpena Community College and worked for five years at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. She also belonged to the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Barton City.

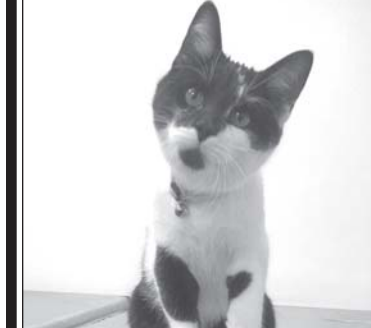
Daroczy's main "job" for many years was always focusing on her family and raising her children. She said she has been very blessed through the years and that people, especially her family, are very good to her and very thoughtful.

Her goal is to keep healthy and enjoy life. "I don't feel sorry for myself. It's important to get up and do something every day. Don't just sit down and stay there...get up and do something," said.

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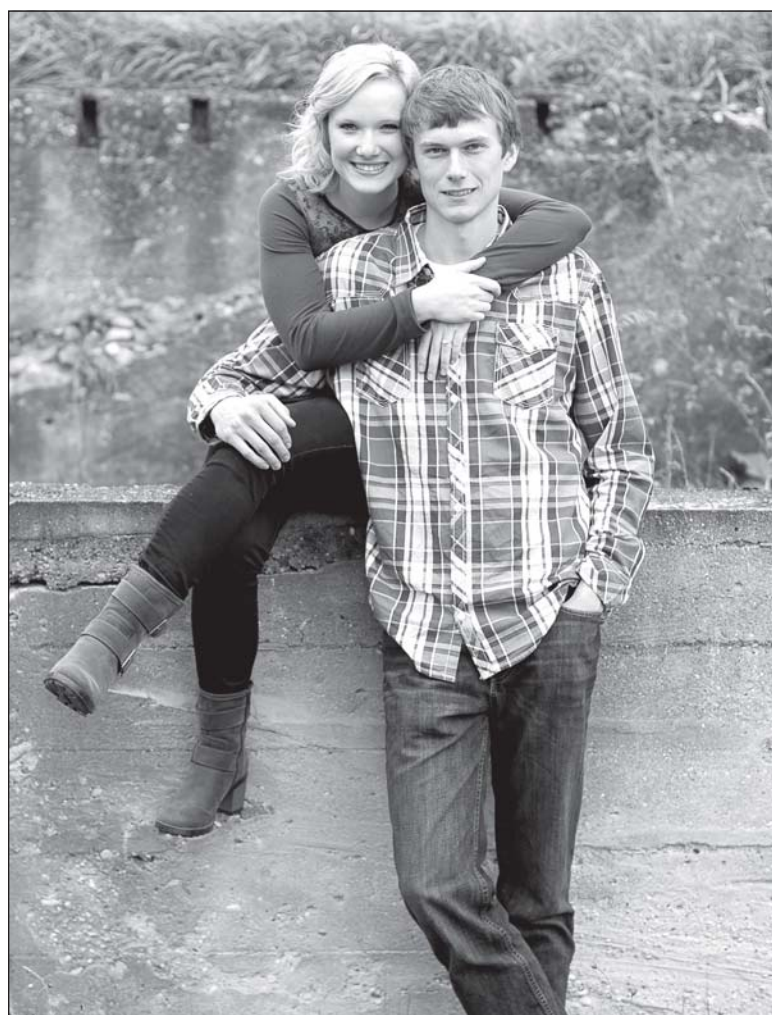
Kramer/Yokom to exchange vows

Paul and Ann Kramer announce the engagement of their daughter Alexandra Marie Kramer to Brandon Charles Yokom.


The bride-to-be is a 2012 graduate of Alcona High School and is attending Saginaw Valley State University. She will graduate in December of 2016 with a degree in elementary education.

The future groom is the son of Steve and Teri Yokom of Harrisville. He is a 2011 graduate of Alcona High School and a 2015 graduate of Saginaw Valley State University. He is employed at Northern Precision in Lincoln.

An August 2016 wedding is planned at the First Baptist Church in Lincoln.



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- Now is a great time to inspect gear for any damage – and thus make repairs or prepare for replacements.

- Don't store any gear in direct sunlight and don't store any gear where heat and/or moisture might build up.

- Have waders? Air them out completely and don't forget to hang them upside down for the months they are out of use.

should find whitefish off the 9th Street Bridge. Try a single egg or wax worm on a gold hook just off the bottom.

- AuSable River: Colder temperatures did push some steelhead up into the river. Fish were caught on spawn or crawlers.

- Houghton Lake: Had snow on the ground and no fishing activity.

- Tawas: Some were fishing off the state docks. Try a small hook with a wax worm, wiggler or a single egg for

Fishing Report

whitefish. Use a slip bobber to keep the bait just off the bottom.

- AuGres River: A couple of steelhead were caught down near the Singing Bridge. Try spoons, plugs or spawn bags. Orange is good color.

Hayes/Younk plan summer wedding

Melissa Hayes and Ryan Younk announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Lisa and Gary Hayes of Mikado. She is a graduate from Alcona High School and Alpena Community College. She is currently attending Saginaw Valley State University. She is employed by Lost Lake Woods Club.

The future groom is the son of Sally Younk of Mikado and Gerald Younk of Oscoda. He graduated from Oscoda High School. He is currently employed by Yankee Hay Company.

A July 15, 2015 wedding is planned in Harrisville.



Melissa Hayes and Ryan Younk

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The Alcona County Review is looking for a person to write stories about the Alcona High School boys varsity basketball team. Must be able to attend home games and gather stats and information about away games and then write stories for publication. Must have own transportation and be able to meet weekly deadline. Knowledge of the game imperative. Previous writing experience is helpful, but not required. Please call Cheryl Peterson at (989) 724-6384 for more information.

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How much you'll pay for Medicare in 2016

Dear Savvy Senior,
I know there won't be a cost-of-living increase in Social Security benefits next year but what about Medicare? I've heard some beneficiaries will get hit with a big Part B monthly premium increase in 2016. What can you tell me, and who will this affect?

Planning Ahead

Dear Planning,

All things considered, the news regarding your Medicare costs next year is pretty good. For about 70 percent of the nation's 52 million Medicare beneficiaries, there will be no Part B premium increase in 2016. And thanks to the 2015 Bipartisan Budget Act that was signed into law by President Obama on November 2, the other 30 percent will pay much less than previously projected. Here's what you can expect.

Because the Social Security Administration will not be giving out a cost of living increase (COLA) in 2016, the

Medicare Part B premiums for most current beneficiaries will not go up either. Thanks to the "hold harmless" provision in the Medicare law, which prohibits Part B premiums from rising in any year that there's no COLA, the 2016 monthly premium will remain at \$104.90 for most current Medicare participants.

However, this provision does not protect new Medicare enrollees (those who enroll in 2016), beneficiaries who are directly billed for their Part B premium, or current beneficiaries who have deferred claiming their Social Security. This includes people 65 or older who are still working but have signed up for Medicare because their employer doesn't offer health insurance. It also hits people who have filed and suspended Social Security benefits to allow a spouse to claim.

If you fit into any of these categories, your Medicare Part B premium will increase to \$121.80 a month in 2016

- which is much lower than the \$159.30 that it would have been, had the budget deal fell through.

The hold-harmless rule also does not protect high-income Medicare beneficiaries who already pay higher Part B premiums because their annual incomes are above \$85,000 for an individual or \$170,000 for a couple. If you fit into this category, here's what you'll pay for your Part B premium next year, based on your 2014 tax returns.

- Individuals with incomes of \$85,000 to \$107,000, or married couples filing joint tax returns with incomes of \$170,000 to \$214,000, will pay \$170.50 per month.

- Individuals earning \$107,000 to \$160,000 (couples \$214,000 to \$320,000) will pay \$243.60.

- Individuals with incomes of \$160,000 to \$214,000 (couples \$320,000 to \$428,000) will pay \$316.70.

- Individuals over \$214,000 or couples above



Savvy Senior

\$428,000 will pay \$389.80.

Another increase high-income beneficiaries (those with incomes over \$85,000, or \$170,000 for joint filers) need to be aware of is the surcharge on Part D premiums. Affluent seniors that have a Medicare Part D prescription drug plan will pay an additional \$12.70 to \$72.90 per month, depending on their income, on top of their regular Part D premiums.

Other changes you need to know about that will affect all Medicare beneficiaries include the Part B deductible, which will increase to \$166 in 2016 (it's currently \$147); and the Part A (hospital in-

urance) annual deductible which will go up to \$1,288 (it's currently \$1,260) for hospital stays up to 60 days. That increases to \$322 per day for days 61-90, and to \$644 a day for days 91 and beyond. And the skilled nursing facility coinsurance for days 21-100 will also increase to \$161 per day (it's currently \$157.50).

For more information on all the Medicare costs for 2016 visit Medicare.gov and click on "Your Medicare Costs" tab at the top of the page, or call (800) 633-4227.

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Alcona girl's basketball starts season

By Hope Smith
Sports writer

Well, basketball fans the wait is finally over. The Alcona girls varsity basketball team jumped into action in front of an enthusiastic home crowd on Tuesday, Dec. 1 against the Tawas Braves for the first basketball game this season.

This year the Lady Tigers, coached by Brad Cole and assistant Karina Cole, are led by five returning seniors Torie Harmon, Sydney Pierce, Alissa Terpstra, Claire Feldhiser and Jessica Grove. Seven juniors, Keilee Elmer, Brooke Shultz, Kendra LaFave, Maddison Lane, Jordan Joyce, Brittany Decker, Rachel Warner and sophomore Taylor Livingston make the team 13 strong. Livingston was brought up to from the junior varsity team.

One big goal set for the Lady Tigers this year is to

improve on their 11-11 season and make a return trip to the district finals and pull out the win.

"We will be solid as we have been in the past on defense. We have changed our style just a little, which will improve us even more. I am still concerned on the offense end with scoring. I expect Kendra LaFave to give us a boost in that department as well as Sydney Pierce and Torie Harmon. I think our bigs are as strong as ever and I am excited to see how Brittney Decker fits into our scoring attack down low with Alissa Terpstra and Jessica Grove," said coach Cole.

While looking ahead at the upcoming schedule, coach Cole explained that there are some great point guards this year in the North Star League. Although he anticipates having a tough time with Hillman, Mio, Fairview and Au

Gres-Sims high schools he is confident that the Lady Tigers can step up and get the job done.

Key players to watch for this season are Pierce and Terpstra who are four-year seasoned athletes and Harmon who brings three years experience at the varsity level. "We are very aggressive and deep. They all will be fun to watch as the season progresses," he said.

The Lady Tigers have strong leadership with Pierce, Harmon and Elmer stepping into the captain's role for Alcona. The Lady Tigers travel to Alpena on Monday, Dec. 7 to match up against the Lady Wildcats and will be back at home Tuesday, Dec. 8 against Atlanta and Friday, December 11 against AuGres-Sims.

The junior varsity contest gets underway at 6 p.m. followed by the varsity team at 7:30 p.m.

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High game: Jon Klukowski, 256.
High series: Ryan Brazier, 643.
High handicap game: Larry Yingling, 287. High handicap series: Kevin Beckley, 788.

TGIF
November 20

Young & Rest.	112	50
Miller Maniacs	75	87
Team Ramrod	70	92
Not Here 4	67	95

Men's high game: Andrew Kilbourn, 191. Men's high series: Matt James, 464.
Men's high handicap game and series: Joe James, 273 and 718.
Women's high game and series: Theresa Somers, 184 and 521.
Women's high handicap game and series: Theresa Somers, 236 and 677.

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High game and series: Roger Klukowski, 279 and 697.
High handicap game: Roger Klukowski, 299. High handicap series: Simon Pompa, 780.

Early Bloomers
November 24

Bluebells	169.5	82.5
Mums	149.5	102.5
Buttercups	144	108
Marigolds	138	114
Daffodils	135	117
Rosebuds	108.5	143.5
Tigerlilys	94	137
Violets	47.5	183.5

High game: Lori Miller, 180.
High series: Carla Travis, 473.
High team game and series: Buttercups, 314 and 841.

Major
November 28

Pin Busters	73	47
Team 4	71	49
Team 2	66	53
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Boy's high game and series: Cory Hoffman, 204 and 546.
Girl's high game and series: Emily Hanson, 81 and 227.

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High game: Mary Jackson, 216.
High series: Karen Godi, 580.
High handicap game: Mary Jackson, 243. High handicap series: Karen Godi, 679.

Huron
November 24

Frankless	75.5	32.5
AuSable Trad.	59	49
Rob's Repair	46	62
Back Alley Bar	43.5	47.5
Lincoln Prec.	42.5	65.5

Minor
November 28

Boys	37	15
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Boy's high game and series: Garrett Somers, 113 and 223.
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Zach Stephenson shot his eight-point on November 29 while hunting with his dad, Scott Stephenson, in Barton City. *Courtesy photo.*

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Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the Road Commission office Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning December 2, 2015, until the hearing.

Alfred J. Scully, Chairman
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Les Thomas of Lincoln bagged this 11-point in the Spruce area on the morning of November 21. *Courtesy photo.*

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Caycee Kujawski of East Jordan, Mich. bagged this nine-point at 4:36p.m. on November 27 in Harrisville. *Courtesy photo.*

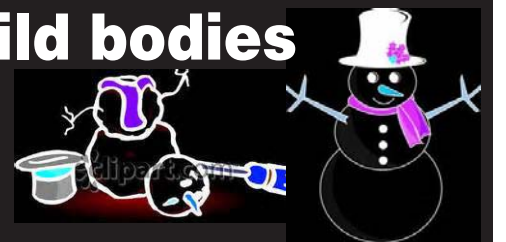


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Check station staff hunting valuable deer data

Most Michigan deer hunters have been in the woods as much as possible during this firearm deer hunting season.

However, one group of deer hunters — members of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Wildlife Division — have given up some of their days afield to check other hunters' deer at check stations around the state.

Collecting valuable data about the state's deer population is something the DNR has been doing for decades.

The DNR is aided in its efforts by students and other volunteers and through partnerships with meat processors, taverns, recreation vehicle dealers and other businesses that provide some of the most popular check station venues.

"We get a ton of information from our hunters," said Chad Stewart, the DNR's deer specialist, who is located at the Rose Lake Research Center. "It's the one time of year when we can really get our hands on so many deer."

The DNR collects data on the age and sex structure of the harvest, location data from where the deer are being taken and a glimpse of the herd's overall health.

"We get a lot of data at the township-range-section level," Stewart said. "Any one data point doesn't have much value. But, when you get that same data over time, it has a far greater impact. We're able to tell where these deer came from and anything that changes over time regarding any of the factors we're looking at."

Across Michigan, from Wakefield in the western Upper Peninsula, to the Mackinac Bridge and south to the Point Mouillee State Game Area in Rockwood, the DNR runs check stations at a number of highway rest areas as well as at almost all DNR field offices, at many deer processors, even some restaurants.

"Our field staffers have good ideas of what makes a good deer check station," Stewart said. "A lot of it's historical — we go back to the same places year after year after year."

Vicki Brown, an analyst in the DNR Wildlife Division in Lansing, Mich. — and a deer hunter — spent part of this week working at a rest area check station along Interstate 75 at Clio. She said she really likes working there. "You get a diversity of people coming through here, not just from one or two counties," Brown said. "You get to see a lot of hunters and you get to hear their stories."

One of the stories Brown heard was from Jay Gleeson, a 50-year-old engineer from Lapeer, Mich. who killed an eight-point buck in Clare County. Gleeson said it was his first deer season hunting since his father passed away. He'd hunted with his dad for 36 years.

He said he shot his 2 ½-year-old deer in honor of his dad. "I usually let bucks like this go — we try to shoot deer that are 3 ½ or older — but I

shot him with my dad's rifle and I used his knife to dress him," Gleeson said.

One hunter at the Marquette, Mich. check station said the buck he shot had a rack on his head so big it "looked like a rocking chair." At the Hilltop RV Superstore in Escanaba, Mich. a big group of hunters gathered to check their deer at the November 18 "Deer Poll."

The eyes of children widened getting close-up looks at so many big bucks. Hunters congregated at the tailgates of pickup trucks where they talked about the deer harvest and their bucks.

As an incentive for hunters to check their deer, those who do are rewarded with a Successful Hunter-Deer

Management Cooperator patch. "That patch program is really popular," Stewart said. "The patch program goes back to the early 1970s — they've become tremendous collector's items and something that people really relish — they really want to get their patch."


That was one of the reasons Gabriel Dunsmore brought his deer into the Clio, Mich. check station. The 25-year-old, who took his first deer this year after nine seasons of hunting, said he wanted to show off a little bit and get the patch.

The patch is what brought Jay Sheher, a 55-year-old engineer, to the check sta-

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Chuck Humphrey bagged an eight-point on November 23 at 8:01 a.m. in the area of Lakeshore Drive. *Courtesy photo.*



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For the Week of November 23-29, 2015

54 complaints were handled with the following results: 3 Arrests; 1 Operating While Intoxicated; 3 Warrants.

Complaint Statistics			
Car/Deer Accidents	13	Property Damage Accident	2
Message/Well Being Check	1	Miscellaneous	2
Dog/Animal Complaint	10	Traffic	4
Alarm	2	Enter without Permission	1
Adult or Child Abuse/Neglect	1	Hazmat Complaint	1
Domestic	1	911 Hang Up	2
Suicidal Person	1	Patrol Check	1
Operate While Intoxicated	1	Warrant Arrest	2
Medicine Disposal	1	Medical	2
Larceny	1	Fire	1
Suspicious Events	5		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village			
Alcona	7	Caledonia	5
Greenbush	12	Gustin	3
Hawes	0	Haynes	4
Millen	2	Mitchell	2
City of Harrisville	4	Village of Lincoln	1
		Curtis	2
		Harrisville	8
		Mikado	4

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tion with his 3 1/2-year-old eight-point buck. "Really it was the only reason," he said. "My son got a deer but he didn't get to get a patch, so I'm going to give him this one."

Stewart said the DNR puts tremendous effort into checking deer because of the great deal of valuable information it gets in return. "We typically check around four or five percent of our harvest — most other states are only checking two or three percent of their harvest," said Stewart, who has been working at check stations in Mio and in the Lansing, Mich.

area this year.

One prime indicator of health in deer, especially yearlings, is beam diameter measured at the check stations. "We measure the beam diameter at the base of the skull. The greater the diameter, the greater the fitness," Stewart said. "A deer devotes enough energy and resources to survival, and if it meets that requirement, then it goes into reproductive fitness. If it reaches that level, then it puts its energy into its antler development. Generally the more energy it puts into its antlers, the more fit that animal is."

Beam diameter also tells biologists how well deer are responding to their habitat. "In southern Michigan, the average beam diameter is larger than it is in the U.P.," Stewart said. "That makes sense. They have better quality habitat. They're able to consume more calories — they're living on agricultural crops for the most part — so they're usually more fit the first year and moving forward."

Check stations also provide an opportunity for biologists to get disease samples. "We've got that going on in Meridian Township (Ingham County) where we found chronic wasting disease (CWD) — we've got three check stations and that's the only mandatory check area in the state," Stewart said. "And we're getting samples from the northeast Lower Peninsula where we're monitoring bovine tuberculosis."


Many hunters say they appreciate the effort the DNR puts into checking deer and analyzing the health and other dynamics of the herd. Tracy Hickmott, a 54-year-old route salesman said he brought his deer in to be checked because "I feel like it's my responsibility."

Gleeson said he felt the same way. "I'm interested in helping the DNR manage the herd," he said.

The DNR continues to check deer into January, after the close of the firearm, muzzleloader and late archery deer hunting seasons.

"We work with several groups after the (firearm deer hunting) season to have jaw-aging nights," Stewart said. "So we continue to collect data after the fact."

The DNR has an online map pinpointing the locations of deer check stations throughout the state and hours of operation. Hunters also are urged to call ahead whenever possible to confirm hours and days of operation.



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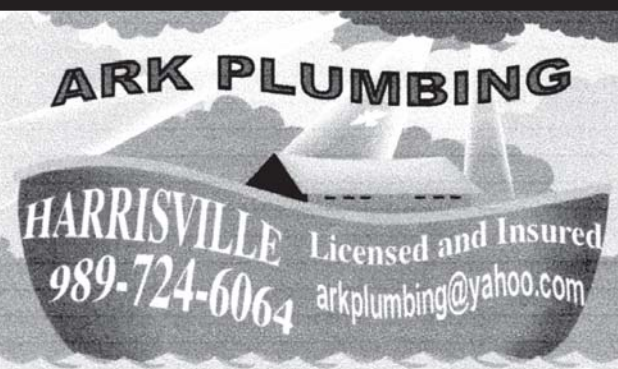
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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6
Huron Shores Chorus will present "Wassail" a Christmas concert at 3 p.m. at Tawas Area Presbyterian Church, 2095 US-23, East Tawas. Admission is free, donations are welcome. For more information, call (989) 362-2371.

A holiday concert, Joyeux

Noel, will be held at 4:30 p.m. at the First Congregational United Church of Christ, 201 Second Avenue in Alpena. Seating is limited, tickets will be required for entry. Adults \$10, children and students are free upon request when purchasing adult tickets. Admission is also available for holders of a 2015-16 Thunder Bay Arts Passes. For

more information, call (989) 356-6678.

The Sunrise Ringers, a local community hand bell group, will perform at concert at 3 p.m. at the United Methodist Church located north of Harrisville on US-23. The music will be both sacred and contemporary. A free will offering will be re-

ceived. For more information, contact Margaret Fox at (989) 736-3025.

A euchre tournament will be held at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. All proceeds will go to Christmas for Kids. Admission is \$10 and includes a meal. Registration and meal from noon to 2 p.m., games from 2 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 7
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Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All are welcome.

Get Crafty for Adults will meet from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main street. The project for December is a snowman decoration with Glenna and Shelly. There is a \$5 charge. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8
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Sing a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

The AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at 1 p.m. at the Tawas Community Center location on Newman Street in East Tawas. Discussion will include identification tips on the most common birds discovered during the annual Christmas Bird Count. All bird watchers are encouraged to attend. For more information, call Judy LaPorte at (989) 362-4997 or visit www.ausablevalley-audubon.com.

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 (989) 335-3541.

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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

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)
Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227
Pastor Jacob Schwartz~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

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Monday: 6:30 p.m. *Teen Program (Grades 7-12)
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & *Youth Programs (Grades K-6th)
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Sunday School & Adult Bible Class at 11 a.m.
Pastor Joseph Llewellyn • (989) 727-2496

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Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464
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ST. GABRIEL, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.
ST. CATHERINE (Ossineke) Sunday 9 a.m.
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Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

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739-3424 • graceonthebase@gmail.com
www.grace-epc.org • www.epc.org
6012 N. Skeel, Oscoda, Next to Parks Library

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Wednesday office hours noon - 5 p.m.
Rev. Karen Thompson ~ 724-6734

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST
Church School 10 a.m. ~ Worship 11 a.m.
3155 E. F-30, Mikado MI • Church 736-8727
Pastor Char McGuire • 736-3486

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Sunday morning service 11 a.m. (989)735-3771.
Sunday evening service 6 p.m. Pastor Elmer Ash.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.





Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Local and Personal

December 2, 1915 - Miss Alice Russel spent Thanksgiving at her home in Oscoda.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elmer were Alpena visitors last Thursday.

Miss Celia Freer was an over-Sunday visitor in Alpena.

Clyde and Frank Potts returned to Flint Monday morning.

Items received this week from Greenbush have become mislaid or accidentally destroyed. Mrs. Flora Wilson of Bay City is in Harrisville this week doing dressmaking.

Miss Helen Stewart spent Thanksgiving with her brother, John Stewart of East Tawas.

Miss Gladys Inglesh spent Thanksgiving week at her home in Barton City.

Harry George went to Flint Monday, where he expects to work during the winter months.

Mrs. C. J. Fleeger and children of Alpena were weekend visitors of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Potts.

Mrs. Sarah LaChapelle returned to Kalamazoo Monday, after spending several weeks with relatives here.

Philip Curran spent a few hours at the home of F.A. Beede last Monday, before leaving for Detroit.

Jos. Miller shipped one car of choice steers and one of hogs and lambs to the Detroit market Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bonker and two Children of Alpena spent Thanksgiving with Mrs. Bonker's mother, Mrs. Mary Freer.

Misses Mollie and Alma Hastings, Jennie Ritchie and Emma Geletski and John Beaton motored to Alpena Friday.

Misses Helen Wright and Esther Stephenson spent their Thanksgiving vacation at Miss Wright's home in Montrose.

Misses Louise and Helen Mitchell were home for Thanksgiving. Louise returned to Detroit Sunday evening and Helen to Alma Monday morning.

Ed. Lovelace and his father of Jackson returned from a hunting trip near Hubbard Lake. Henry R. MacGillis was with the party and reported a good time, but did not use their game seals.

Judge Widdis has appointed Attorneys Wm. H. Flynn and C. H. Snyder of Iosco county as friends of the

court in the case of the County Bar Association against A. W. Black in place of Attorney Joseph Cobb of Alpena county.

A new drive shed has been built at the Spencer school. It is 30x40 feet in size and fills a long-felt want for the people of that district. The shed material was provided by the school district and the construction was done by "bee" work.

The Review this week reproduces an article from the pen of Alvah H. Doty, M. D., recently printed in Public Health, the official organ of the Michigan State Board of Health. It contains much valuable information on how to keep well and comfortable during cold weather, and warns readers against many fallacious theories concerning the care of the person during the cold season. It

may be read with profit by every reader of this paper

dren, Frances Myrtle and Charles, Mr. and Mrs George Smith and children, Grace Clement and Alberta, all of this city. The guests of honor were the father and grandfather C. C. Briggs of Harrisville, Michigan. A five course dinner was served at noon and the afternoon was spent with music and games.—Battle Creek News.

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Alcona Review Weather Report

Dec. 2, 2015

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Rain/Snow
High: 40 Low: 31

THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 41 Low: 31

FRIDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 43 Low: 29

SATURDAY
Sunny
High: 45 Low: 32

SUNDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 44 Low: 28

MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 42 Low: 21

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 38 Low: 22

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 40°, humidity of 87%. Southwest wind 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 60° set in 1982. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of snow, overnight low of 31°. Northwest wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is -5° set in 1976.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	33	16	39/25	0.01"
Tuesday	41	28	39/24	0.00"
Wednesday	50	26	38/24	0.00"
Thursday	56	48	38/24	0.15"
Friday	49	27	37/23	0.33"
Saturday	35	19	37/23	0.00"
Sunday	35	15	37/23	0.02"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

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 today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 64° in Georgetown, Del. The Southeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with a few showers today and Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 85° in Fort Pierce, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 74° in Stampede Pass, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 79° in Los Angeles, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:41 a.m.	5:14 p.m.
Venus	4:02 a.m.	n/a
Mars	2:44 a.m.	2:24 p.m.
Jupiter	12:58 a.m.	1:39 p.m.
Saturn	7:35 a.m.	4:52 p.m.
Uranus	2:24 p.m.	3:20 a.m.

Weather History

Dec. 2, 1925 - A late season hurricane caused extensive damage across the Florida peninsula, then moved off the Georgia coast crossing Cape Hatteras as a tropical storm. The storm produced whole gales along the Middle Atlantic and Southern New England coast.

Weather Trivia

Is it true that no two snowflakes are exactly alike?

?

Answer: All snow crystals have six sides, but no two snowflakes are exactly alike.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - How Bright, Catalina?

* * * * * A friend and I have a bet as to whether a new comet will become an easy binocular target. I say it won't, and I hope I lose. Comet Catalina (C/2013 US10) will be lurking in our morning sky for the next several months, but its first-time status will probably keep it below visual magnitude, but hopefully make it easily seen with binoculars. Its location with respect to the moon, Venus, and the alpha star of Bootes the Herdsman, Arcturus, should make its observation easy if Catalina is bright enough. The problem with C/2013 US10, is that it is a newbie, coming into the inner solar system from the Oort Cloud of several trillion dirty sun-orbiting snowball-like objects contained in a hazy sphere of leftovers that extends about two light years from Sol. During the billions of years that these distant comets have been in existence, they acquire a thin coating of volatiles that vaporize (sublimate) far from the sun, making the comet appear very active and bright. When these volatiles are gone, the luminosity slumps, and this is exactly what has happened to Catalina. Now for the very iffy part... Catalina was closest to the sun on November 15, but now it is approaching the Earth. Comets are usually brighter after perihelion, and the fact that it is coming nearer to us through January 12, adds to the uncertainty that makes Catalina interesting. Two sets of dates are worth considering for observations, Dec. 3-7 and Dec. 31-Jan. 2. On Dec. 7 the moon, Venus, and Catalina are all within the same binocular field of view, and around the New Year, the comet will be right on top of the bright star, Arcturus. Observations should be made around 5:30 in the morning when Catalina is high enough above the SE horizon. A locator map is included with this StarWatch. Use binoculars. The winner of the bet gets treated to a sumptuous, gravy-smothered meatloaf dinner with extra mash potatoes at a local tavern near Boyertown, PA. Oh, I forgot, beer is also included. www.astronomy.org

TRIVIA TEST

By Fifi Rodriguez

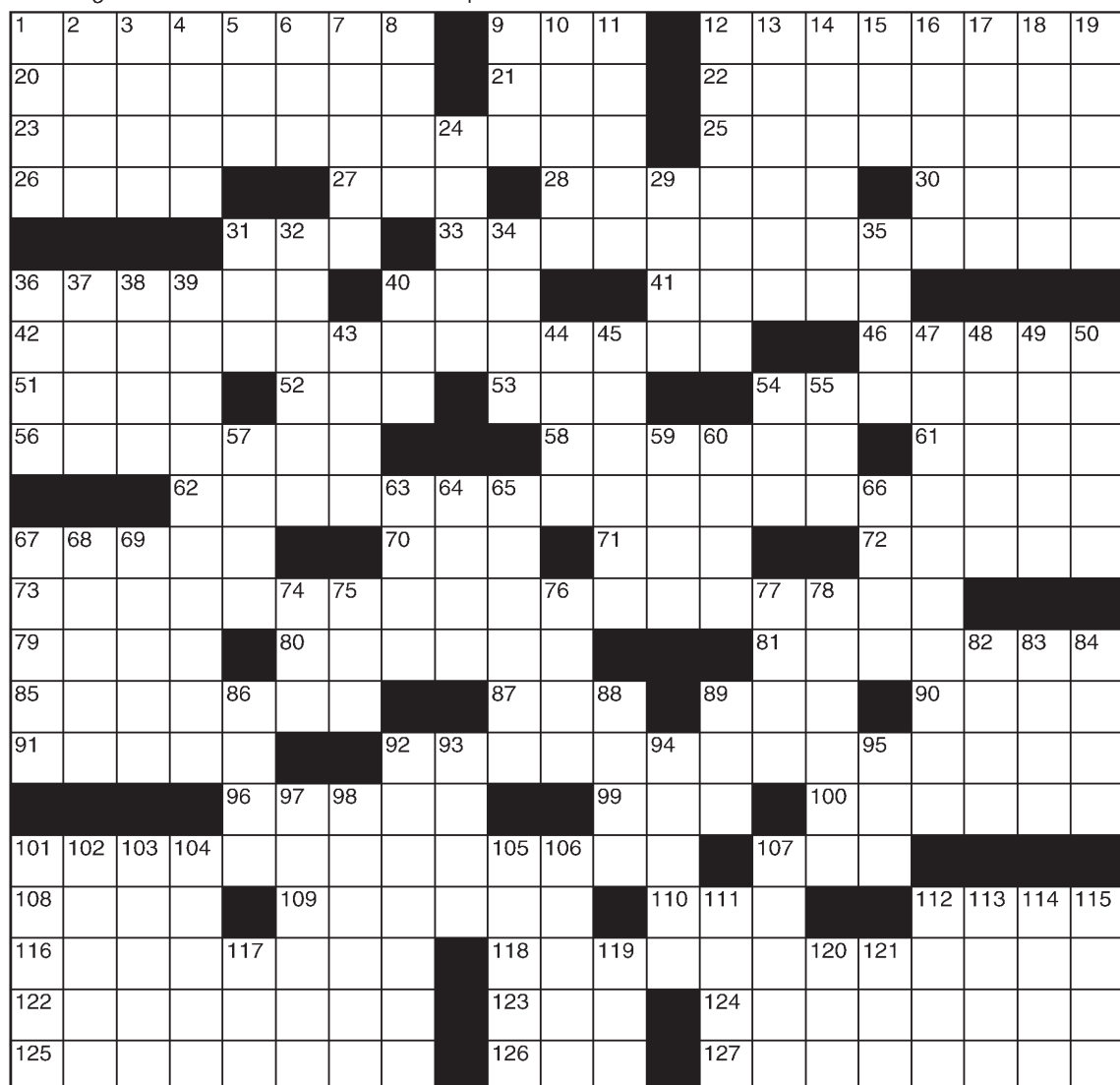
- MOVIES:** What was the 1953 film for which Frank Sinatra received a Best Supporting Actor Oscar?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is a natatorium?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** Who once said, "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work"?
- CHEMISTRY:** What is the symbol for the element copper?
- LITERATURE:** What was the name of the captain in Jules Verne's "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea"?
- MUSIC:** What pop artist had a No. 1 hit with "Escape (The Pina Colada Song)"?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the highest point in the United States east of the Mississippi River?
- AD SLOGAN:** What company's product was featured in ads with the slogan "the ultimate driving machine"?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What flavor is the liqueur Cointreau?
- LANGUAGE:** What is a courgette?

Answers: 1. "From Here to Eternity"; 2. Building containing an indoor swimming pool; 3. Thomas Edison; 4. Cu (Latin "cuprum"); 5. Captain Nemo; 6. Rupert Holmes; 7. Mount Mitchell, North Carolina; 8. BMW; 9. Orange; 10. Zucchini (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

THE ARTIST WITHIN

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|--|---|--|------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ACROSS | 46 Vast, grassy Argentine plain | 91 Muscle jerk | DOWN | 39 Iquitos natives, e.g. | 82 Stirred to life |
| 1 Pink bird | 51 Actress Wynter | 92 Slammer used by a global crime-fighting agency? | 1 Stardom | 40 Supersecret org. | 83 Obligation |
| 9 -jongg | 52 One day — time | 96 En — (all together) | 2 Most August-born folks | 43 News note | 84 Devitalizes |
| 12 Return | 53 Biol., e.g. | 99 Tree with acorns | 3 Western U.S. oil giant | 44 — part (play on stage) | 86 Austen title |
| 20 Spray types | 54 One driving too fast | 100 Rate | 4 — scale of hardness | 45 Noonday nap | 88 Middle name of Elvis |
| 21 Simian beast | 56 Touchdown area | 101 The Netherlands before 1939? | 5 "It — far, far better ..." | 47 Principles of artistic beauty | 89 Just swell |
| 22 The college world | 58 "Neon" tank swimmers | 107 Stuff in soap | 6 Yuletide beverage | 48 Cato's 1,503 | 92 Compound variants |
| 23 Displayed collection of choice coffees? | 61 Daddy deer | 108 "Ooh —!" | 7 Doughnut coating | 49 The Evita of "Evita" | 93 Guitarist Cline |
| 25 Lawfulness | 62 Group overseeing quadrennial games? | 109 Name of 11 pharaohs | 8 Capital near Lillehammer | 50 Soccer site | 94 Italian father |
| 26 Spanish for "those" | 67 Cartoonist Bill of "The Family Circus" | 110 Actress — Dawn Chong | 9 West of film | 54 Cul-de- — | 95 Sugar ending |
| 27 Displayed collection of animals | 70 "It's — -brainer!" | 112 Generic dog | 10 Cook's tie-on | 55 It follows chi | 97 Make it there |
| 28 Certain Nebraskan | 71 Wee one | 116 Radiating heat or light, say | 11 2002 #3 hit for Cam'ron | 57 Margarine | 98 Schick tool |
| 30 Most draftable | 72 Beijing locale | 118 Entertainer Rita did a pressing job? | 12 Actor Rory LeShan | 59 General — chicken | 101 Members of the masses |
| 31 Brew for a Brit | 73 Engine fuel sold all over the country? | 122 Greatest | 13 Liner locales | 60 — -tiller | 102 Japanese noodle soup |
| 33 Group of connected electric generators? | 79 Razor option | 123 "... man — mouse?" | 14 Refrigerator stick-on | 63 Ark unit | 103 Beethoven's "Für —" |
| 36 2012 Robert Pattinson film | 80 Lamppoon | 124 Came into, as debt | 15 Writer LeShan | 64 Prefix with 72-Across | 104 Offscourings |
| 40 Las Vegas' state: Abbr. | 81 Combo punches | 125 People going "Achoo!" | 16 Under | 65 Redact jointly | 105 Yellow fruit |
| 41 Stale-smelling | 87 Cousin of a 401(k) | 126 — degree | 17 — acid | 66 Oxy target | 106 Of — (in some way) |
| 42 Period when some buttercup-family plants are grown? | 89 Austrian peak | 127 Their names are hidden in eight answers in this puzzle | 18 Person quoting | 67 Tree knots | 107 Helmsley or Lewis |
| | 90 Inner Hebrides isle | | 19 Inuit canoe | 68 Accept avidly | 111 "There's — in the air" |
| | | | 24 Metallic | 69 Skylit courts | 112 Citadel |
| | | | 29 Bullets, e.g. | 74 It airs "Fresh Air" | 113 Concerning |
| | | | 31 Dr.'s gp. | 75 "How — I to know?" | 114 Moose, e.g. |
| | | | 32 Tedious list | 76 Whirl | 115 10:1, e.g. |
| | | | 34 YSL part | 77 Hang laxly | 117 "— who?!" |
| | | | 35 Variety | 78 Like a live ball | 119 Stadium cry |
| | | | 36 A-F link | | 120 Here, in Haiti |
| | | | 37 Joie de vivre | | 121 Stocking flaw |
| | | | 38 — a hand | | |



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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 16, 1773, in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts colonists disguised as Mohawk Indians board three British tea ships and dump 342 chests of tea into the harbor in protest of the British Parliament's Tea Act of 1773.
- On Dec. 18, 1865, following its ratification by the requisite three-quarters of the states earlier in the month, the 13th Amendment is formally adopted into the U.S. Constitution, ensuring that "neither slavery nor involuntary servitude ... shall exist within the United States."
- On Dec. 14, 1909, workers place the last of the 3.2 million 10-pound bricks that pave the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indiana. Since then, most of that brick has been buried under asphalt, but a 1-yard strip remains exposed at the start-finish line.
- On Dec. 15, 1936, writer George Orwell delivers the manuscript for his book "The Road to Wigan Pier," which chronicles the difficult life of the unemployed in northern England. Orwell's last novel, "Nineteen Eighty-four," brought him lasting fame with its grim vision of a future where all citizens are watched constantly.
- On Dec. 20, 1963, more than two years after the Berlin Wall was constructed by East Germany to prevent its citizens from fleeing its communist regime, nearly 4,000 West Berliners are allowed to cross into East Berlin for one day to visit relatives.
- On Dec. 17, 1975, a federal jury in Sacramento, California, sentences Lynette "Squeaky" Fromme, a follower of incarcerated cult leader Charles Manson, to life in prison for her attempted assassination of President Gerald Ford.
- On Dec. 19, 1998, the House of Representatives approves two articles of impeachment against President Bill Clinton, charging him with lying under oath to a federal grand jury and obstructing justice. Clinton, after being acquitted on both articles of impeachment, said he was "sorry."

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was noted American journalist, fabulist and satirist Ambrose Bierce who, in his work "The Devil's Dictionary," defined "painting" as "the art of protecting flat surfaces from the weather and exposing them to the critic."
- Only one state has a one-syllable name: Maine.
- A married couple in Batavia, New York, had such a turbulent marriage that the wife had a restraining order issued to keep her husband away from her. After the divorce, though, they worked things out and planned a second wedding. At the reception, the second-time groom got into an argument with one of the guests, and the police were called. The argument didn't end up being the real problem; the officers on the scene arrested the groom on charges of criminal contempt. It seems the original restraining order was still in effect -- it was illegal for him to be near his bride on their wedding day.
- Those who study such things say that dead people can get goosebumps.
- Arguably, the best-known battle of the U.S. Civil War occurred in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, in the summer of 1863. This battle saw the most casualties of any during the war, and it is considered by many historians to be a turning point. Many don't realize the sheer volume of gunfire that occurred there, though; so many bullets were fired during the three-day battle -- and so many went astray -- that trees near the battlefield later died from lead poisoning.
- You might be surprised to learn that the game of Chinese checkers isn't from Asia at all; it was invented in Germany.

Thought for the Day: "One of the few good things about modern times: If you die horribly on television, you will not have died in vain. You will have entertained us." -- Kurt Vonnegut

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CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **D** equals **T**

MQYTN K AQOE DBGOGXNB

SGOPQO, LE GODBGRGTDYFD

KJSKEF LKPQF FXOQ DG ZGAQO

KJJ DBQ MOKZQF.

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Said mortgage having been assigned to Ditech Financial LLC on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of seventy nine thousand eighty five and 40/100 (\$79,085.40), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

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ute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 9th day of December, 2015 at 10 a.m. local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich., (that being the building where the circuit court for the County of Alcona is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 0.0 percent per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Situated in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described

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Dated: November 11, 2015
Ditech Financial LLC, Mortgagee
Fabrizio & Brook, P.C.
Attorney for Ditech Financial, LLC
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MITCHELL TWP. SYNOPSIS

The Mitchell Township Board met on November 9. Members present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, treasurer Kevin Small, clerk Donita Charron, trustee Aaron Welch and trustee Carla Brimm. Members absent: None.

Others present: Fire chief Lay, assistant chief Rate and two township residents.

The board: Accepted the October 12 regular meeting minutes; accepted the October financial reports as submitted; and accepted October zoning reports.

Two concerned residents addressed the board about zoning violations in Lake of the Green. There were six medical, two fire and one personal injury runs for October.

A Freedom of Information Act request came from Public Interest Legal Foundation. BOC is contracting with NEMCOG on Countywide GIS and dataset. Will meet with township supervisors to present a cost sharing agreement. The next meeting is December 14 at 7 p.m. For the full board minutes or for more information, contact clerk Donita Charron at (989) 884-1354.

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Home health care agency seeking dependable home health aides in the Oscoda, Greenbush, Harrisville, Hubbard Lake and surrounding areas. Hours vary and are flexible. Please apply by faxing resume to (989) 354-0442, in person at 1223 South State Street, Alpena, or online at CompassionateCareMi.com.

Alcona Health Center, Alpena services currently has a full time opening for a medical support staff, CMA, LPN or RN. This position offers excellent fringe benefits including health, dental and vision insurance, a 403B savings plan, paid vacations and holidays and more. For more information, the application and instructions, go to www.alconahealthcenters.org select job postings. The deadline to apply is December 7, 2015. Equal opportunity employer.

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State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 15005530 DE

Estate of Alfred S. Mikazes, deceased.

Date of birth: September 13, 1925

To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Alfred S. Mikazes, died February 1, 2012.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Joel S. Mikazes, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: October 5, 2015
Joel S. Mikazes
2670 East Wissmiller Road
Mikado, Mich. 48745
(989) 724-8056

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 15-5549 DE

Estate of Robert Smylie

Date of birth: May 24, 1921

To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Robert Smylie, died May 11, 2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Patrick Terry Smylie, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: November 20, 2015
David H. Cook P40560
5466 East M-72
Harrisville, Mich. 48740
(989) 724-5155
Patrick Terry Smylie
441 West Main Street
Spruce, Mich. 48762

ALCONA ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held November 25 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve minutes of the November 11 meeting; approve payment of open accounts in the amount of \$21,363.93; contract with the Michigan State Police for weighmaster services; approve off-site truck winter storage agreements; advertise for bids for a tandem-axle dump truck and equipment; advertise for bids for a three quarter ton pickup truck.

This synopsis published prior to board approval. Complete minutes are available at alconacrc.com, or upon request via e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com, or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly scheduled meeting is December 9 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

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Veterans Host By Greddy Groves

Poll: Vets oppose private health care

A recent poll, commissioned by the Vet Voice Foundation, indicates that veterans don't want their health care to be privatized.

Here are some of the highlights:

- A 64 percent majority opposes privatizing Department of Veterans Affairs services, with 54 percent strongly opposed.
- Most veterans like their local VA hospital, with 61

percent viewing it as favorable. When it comes to the staff, 65 percent say the doctors and nurses are qualified, with 58 percent saying the VA delivers quality care.

- Only 47 percent of those polled have a favorable view of private health-insurance companies.

- Candidates who support privatizing health care for veterans would feel an impact at the polls, with 57

percent of veterans voting against them.

- The vast majority don't want VA hospitals run like civilian hospitals.

- However, 42 percent believe the VA needs more doctors and nurses. Nearly half (48 percent) say it takes too long to be treated.

- Veterans polled don't want vouchers for civilian health care, especially since those vouchers might not

cover all expenses. Civilian health providers aren't seen as giving veterans the care they deserve.

As with all polls, the details matter. It was done with 800 veterans reached by phone, taken from a list. Who generated the list? What were the parameters for selection?

How the questions are posed can affect answers. For example, in the question about the proposal to change

to private health care, it's stated twice that VA health care would eventually go away. It also says that the voucher program would pay for only part of health care. It then asks if the veteran would favor or oppose the plan.

If you're ever asked to participate in a poll, listen carefully to how the questions are crafted.

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GREENBUSH - Great piece of Commercial Vacant Land just north of the County Line. Culvert and asphalt driveway are in. The rest is up to you to use as you wish. Zoning is commercial so the possibilities are endless. 15-0008AR \$20,000



MIKADO - Two bedroom home on 20 acres. Home was constructed in 2001. Would be a great property to have horses or other livestock. Mostly open ground that could have crops or hay but there is a strip of woods at the back of property with good deer hunting. Home is in nice condition and features a vaulted ceiling in living room with a free standing wood stove for alternative heat. Main level has 1 bedroom and bath as does the upper level. There is also a good size landing area at the top of the stairs for an office or sitting area. Small stream on property that would allow for a pond. 15-0045AR \$85,000



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