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## Alcona Elementary PTO's success helps teachers, students

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Grandparents and grandchildren shifted around the classroom-turned-bookstore as they talked about a variety of subjects from cooking to operating a zoo and just about everything in between.

It was Alcona Elementary Parent Teacher Organization's (PTO) first grandparent night Scholastic book sale/pancake supper.

As some children held on to books about dinosaurs and Star Wars, others were blissfully happy to be receiving princess, mystery or puzzle books purchased by their grandparents or close friends of the family. Everyone, especially the grandparents, was happy about the two for one price on the books and the free pancakes and sausage meal seemed to seal the deal.

PTO President Katie Dellar was overjoyed with the turnout. "We will definitely be doing this again, we were not anticipating the response that we got and we are very happy. We had over 200 attend and sold over \$1,000 worth of books and that was buy one get one free so really we sold \$2,000 worth of books," she said.

All year the PTO has been striving to do a bit more for children and teachers by offering new events at the school and earning more funds than ever to help fulfill teacher and student wish lists.

"The main goal this year was to get out there more than what we have been in the past," Dellar said. In the past the PTO held two book fairs, fall and spring, a Secret Santa shop, a daddy/daughter dance and a mother/son game night. She said this year's mother son night will be changed to a glow dance.

"The PTO's only presence in the school was doing the same old stuff. The new Friday early release days have really been in our favor this year and (several times) we've been able to keep students after school until 3:30 or 4 for fun activities" Dellar said.

In September the school began early release for the children at 1:55 p.m. so teachers could have a common meeting time with the entire faculty. "It is part of our multi tiered system of support and we meet each Friday on specific topics as part of organized teams," said Dan O'Connor, middle and high school principal.

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Ray and Delores Chase of Lincoln look through the books with their granddaughter, eight-year-old Jamie Hall, during the spring Scholastic book sale at Alcona Elementary School. Photo by Mary Weber.

## Local organizations support backpack program

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Two organizations came together last Wednesday morning in support of children in Alcona County by presenting checks to the Alcona Elementary Backpack program.

Mikado American Legion Post 254 and the Lincoln Lions Club presented checks of \$2,000 each to the program. The organizations were made aware of the program by Duane Dillard who is the finance officer of the Mikado American Legion and member of the Lincoln Lions.

The program is designed to provide enough food items to get a child in need through the weekend. Dillard did not know about the backpack program until he read an article mentioning it in the Alcona County Review last December. He thought it would be a good thing for both organizations to contribute to and brought it up at the meetings.

Dillard said by having both organizations deliver the equal checks together he hoped other organizations would step up and do the same by combining efforts for those in need.

The elementary backpack program has been providing weekend food for students in need for four years. Ann Eddinger, treasurer of the program, said they first be-

gan by helping 24 students in 2012, the following year it rose to 48 students and then 65 students during the 2014-2015 school year. This year 72 students of the 373 who attend the school take home backpacks filled with food every weekend.

Jim Burger, of VFW Post No. 8135 in Barton City, coordinates filling two bags of food for 72 students every two weeks with a hardy, but

Burger explained how it operated to Lincoln Lion and Mikado American Legion representatives.

"The children who receive the backpacks are from at risk families of lower socioeconomic income," Bonzheim said. She explained many times they know of a family at risk and will encourage them to take part in the program. If the at risk family has more than one child attending the

is an extended number of days off, such as winter and spring break.

All food is purchased through the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. The cost to feed one child each weekend from October to June is \$100. The program is funded by grants, organization contributions and private donations.

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) has been supportive of the program and typically gives a \$1,200 to \$2,500 grant to the program each year according to Eddinger. However, she said, the more contributions she gets through other donations the less grants she has to try and get, which leaves grant money available for other charities.

Two other similar programs operate at Alcona schools, the summer food program and the Roar Store in the high school. None of the three programs are funded by the school. "The school only facilitates with the room to coordinate the programs," Eddinger said.

The summer food program is coordinated by Tiger Health

"This food goes to (those) who need it. It isn't the kids' fault their family doesn't have enough food. When this food goes home it's appreciated and we are building something for the future. Maybe when these kids grow up they'll volunteer and help others who need it. That's why we do this."

Jim Burger,  
Volunteer for Alcona Elementary  
Backpack Program

small group of volunteers. "Some are from the VFW and the ladies are from the Eagles in Barton City. Some show up on a regular basis, others come when they can. They all have jobs to do and we work it like an assembly line to fill the bags, but we try and have some fun with it," Burger said.

As the volunteers worked putting items such as macaroni and cheese, cereal, crackers, peanut butter and canned goods into plastic bags, Alcona Elementary School Principal Tammie Bonzheim, Eddinger and

elementary school, each child brings home a backpack.

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The volunteers try to make sure each bag has the same number of like items and any extra items get shelved to go in larger bags for when there

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## Memorial Service

### Daniel Wheaton Sr.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, April 23 at the United Methodist Church in Harrisville at 11 a.m. for Daniel Wheaton Sr. who died on Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at home.

#### NOTICE

The Curtis Township Board of Trustees is asking for bids on the lawn care maintenance for Curtis Township. For bid specifications, contact Teresa Perkins at (989) 370-8855, all bids must be submitted by May 11, 2016.  
Teresa J. Perkins, Clerk  
Curtis Township

#### NOTICE

The Curtis Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on May 18, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Curtis Township Hall 4932 F-30 to discuss and act upon the following: The construction of a special Use Permit to raise farm animals in Forest Recreational Zoning District.  
Teresa J. Perkins, Clerk  
Curtis Township

### Alcona Conservation District 2016 Spring Tree Sale Order Pick Up & Extra Stock Sale April 23, 2016, 9 a.m.- 1 p.m.

Alcona ARA Site (fairgrounds) - Campbell Building  
**854 N. Barlow Rd., Lincoln (across from Kris Mart)**  
Pick up your pre-ordered trees and plants, or just come and see what's still available for sale!  
We have many beautiful unsold conifers, hardwoods, flowering shrubs and wildflowers!  
Plenty of fruit trees still available! Lots of apples, limited numbers of pears, plums and crabapples!  
**For more information contact Janet Reins  
(989) 724-5272 or (989) 724-8229.**

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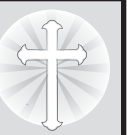
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## Obituaries



### Anna Vukovich

Anna Vukovich, 96, of Alpena, died on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at Turning Brook Assisted Living in Alpena.

She was born June 8, 1919 in Glennie to Joseph and Matilda (Cop) Vukovich.

She served during World War II in the WAVES branch of the U.S. Navy. She worked as an administrative assistant, and moved back to the area in the late 1960s.

Ms. Vukovich was an avid reader all of her life on many

different subjects. She loved animals, particularly cats.

Ms. Vukovich is survived by one sister, Julia Kaun; two nephews; and one niece.

She was preceded in death by two sisters; and five brothers. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to Huron Humane Society in Alpena. A memorial service will be held at a later date.



### Martin D. Shea

Martin Dale Shea, 76, of Aiken, S.C., formerly of Harrisville, died on Saturday, April 16, 2016 in Aiken, S.C.

He was born in Alpena on October 12, 1939 to Emmett Kinney and Virginia (Martindale) Shea. He lived the majority of his life in Alcona County.

Ten years ago, he and his wife retired in Aiken, S.C. following a career of 25 years in banking and 15 years in retail.

Mr. Shea is survived by his wife of 50 years, Margaret W. (Whitney) Shea; one daughter, Molly Whitney Shea of Aiken, S.C.; one sister, Mary Shea (Thomas) Torbet of Beulah, Mich.; three sisters-in-law, Shirley (Clair) Haupt,

Mary Jo (Pat) Patterson and Jean (Reg) Ide; and two brothers-in-law, Charles F. (Linda) Whitney and Curt (Donna) Whitney.

He was preceded in death by two daughters, Michaelyn Susanne Shea and Melissa Kristine Shea; and his parents, Virginia and Emmett Kinney Shea.

A memorial service will be held in Harrisville on April 30 at the United Methodist Church in Harrisville. Visitation is from 10 a.m. until the time of the service at 11 a.m. The Rev. Mary Soderholm will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the Savannah River Cancer Foundation, P.O. Box 3694,



Aiken, S.C. 29802. Arrangements were handled by Shellhouse-Rivers Funeral Home, Inc. of Aiken, S.C.

### Harold E. Harpfer

Harold E. Harpfer, 84, of Harrisville, died on Monday, April 4, 2016 at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

He was born December 29, 1931, to Dr. Harold C. and Florence (Evans) Harpfer in Wheeling, W.Va.

He was a graduate of the University of Michigan with degrees in natural resources and business administration.

On June 13, 1953, he married Nancy Fuller in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He was employed by Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Co., Hazel Atlas Glass in West Virginia, and Wickes Lumber in Saginaw, Mich. and then turned to real estate investment.

The Harpfers were longtime residents of Saginaw, Mich. They moved to Harrisville in 2000, where the family had long enjoyed their summer homes.

Mr. Harpfer was a member of St. Andrews' Episcopal Church in Harrisville.

He enjoyed helping catalog the rare book collection at the Harrisville Institute of Cultural Learning. He was a lifelong seeker and thinker, particularly on space and time, and always found sacred space in the woods.

Mr. Harpfer is survived by his wife, the Rev. Nancy Harpfer; three daughters, Lynn Harpfer (David) Booth of Chelsea, Mich., Janis Harpfer (Larry) Monte of Kal-



amazoo, Mich., and Karen Louise (Ed) Solomon of Fort Myers, Fla.; nine grandchildren, Phoebe (Casey) Preuninger of Plainwell,

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### Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015-2016

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	April 10	34		15	0.05	14.4
April 11	47	28	0.00	3.2	20	SW
April 12	44	27	0.00	4.4	21	NNE
April 13	40	26	0.00	4.0	13	S
April 14	43	28	0.00	1.8	10	S
April 15	45	28	0.00	1.0	7	SSW
April 16	47	32	0.00	0.8	7	SSW

2015-16 Season Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.05	1.1	0.56
April to Date	1.04	18.9	1.19
Year/Season to Date	7.96	79.1	6.43

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.)



 **Letters to the Editor** 

Dear Editor:

My name is Kathy Cross, and I'm helping my friend Luise (pronounced Louisa) von Kuenheim find her father.

Luise was born in Aschaffenburg, Germany in 1957. Her birth father was not the man that raised her.

Her mother died before she was willing to share more details about her real father. Luise found out that her father was a U.S. military man serving in the 593rd Field Artillery Battalion, Battery A in Babenhausen/Büdingen,

Germany, in the 1950s.

In her research Luise was able to locate some of the military buddies who also served in the same battalion. They told her that her father's surname was Dickey. Some said William "Bill" Dickey is his name and that he is from Pleasant Hill, Mo.

Also, one of the buddies remembered seeing her in the barracks and he knew details that only she knew -- that her birth father wanted to take her back to the U.S. with him when he was to return, but that never came

to fruition.

To add fuel to the fire, Luise was also born a twin. So, she is not only looking for her father, but also, potentially, a twin sister that she was separated from after birth. This twin could have been taken to the U.S. and still could be living there, possibly in the Missouri area with family. This is all speculation of course, but we feel that we must try every possible avenue to locating both her father and her twin.

If anyone has any information, please contact Luise by e-mail at yaray222@hotmail.com or by telephone (international) 49 176 2122-9054.

Kathy Cross  
St. Clair Shores, Mch.

To the Editor,

Information reported by Mayor Dobis at the April 11 Harrisville City Council meeting was inaccurate. He indicated that my resignation was due to health issues and my safety on the docks was a concern. I have no health issues but am following my plan to retire.

I told the Harrisville Harbor Commission (HHC) in December 2015 that I wished to begin limiting my involvement at the harbor in 2016. I submitted a three year plan that allocated work responsibilities and remained below the payroll budget. I developed this proposal to facilitate a smooth transition to a new harbormaster, remaining cost efficient and allowing for training and obtaining certifications.

In January, harbor personnel committee commissioners indicated the plan had merit and were optimistic it would come to fruition. It was indicated that Dobis would not be involved in negotiations and would support decisions made by the HHC.

Negotiations did not fail as the mayor indicated. Despite

efforts by commissioners, city attorney and myself, it was decided by Dobis that my proposal would not be accepted. A counter-offer presented to me conflicted with my intention of limiting responsibilities and my time at the harbor. I was not approached with "three or four" offers, as the mayor indicated.

My proposal was developed with the harbor in mind. Since becoming the harbormaster, I have designed the harbor's operational software, developed all financial tracking procedures and general administrative functions. I am certified for underground fuel storage tank system operations. It is state mandate to have such an individual on site. With state inspections due in May, for the welfare of the harbor I was willing to stay involved.

Perhaps the mayor was uninformed regarding my proposal and overreacted without considering what was best for the harbor. As a result, the harbor can expect a summer of challenges.

Steve Baksis  
Former Harbormaster,  
Harrisville Harbor

## Shea Obituary

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Mich., Maxwell Booth of London, UK, Abram Booth of Ann Arbor, Mich., Willa (Chad) McClain of West Bloomfield, Mich., Matthew Montei of Kalamazoo, Mich., Samuel Montei of Kalamazoo, Mich., Marisa (Craig) Daniels of Highland, Ill., Vincent Cozzolino of Delray Beach, Fla., and Andrew Cozzolino of Delray Beach, Fla.; and five great-grandsons, Liam Preuninger, Emmett Preuninger, Elijah Montei, Wyatt Daniels and Bryce Daniels.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 7 at 11 a.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Harrisville with the Right Rev. Todd Ousley presiding.

### Super Crossword

Answers

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 **District Court** 

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

- Cheryl Robin Fox, 28, of Barton City was sentenced to eight days in jail, six months of probation and fines and costs of \$1,375 for domestic violence and attempted assault/resist/obstruct police.

- Kelvin Ronald Smith, 53, of Ossineke was sentenced to six months of supervision and fines and costs of \$465 for solid waste - general violations.

- Joseph Edward Shiner, 47, of Harrisville was sentenced to 10 days in jail, six months of probation and fines and costs of \$1,415 for domestic violence, second offense.

- Robert L. French III, 32, of Mikado was sentenced to one day in jail, six months of probation and fines and costs of \$1,530 for operate while visibly impaired.

- Robert Edward Miller Sr., 45, of Curran was sentenced to 65 days in jail, six months of probation and costs and fines of \$1,450 for domestic violence and attempted assault/resist/obstruct police.

- Brandon Joseph Soroka, 22, of Oscoda was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$1,710 for operate while visibly impaired.

- George Junior Holtzman Jr., 65, of Barton City was sentenced to costs and fines of \$410 for unlawful use license plate.

- Alexander Marshall Bidlake, 22, of Afton, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail and costs and fines of \$1,350 for operate while visually impaired.

- Matthew James Martin, 31, of Rose City, Mich. was sentenced to 40 days in jail, six months of probation and costs and fines of \$865 for operator license suspended, revoked, denied.

- Dustin James Murphy, 23, of Greenbush was sentenced to one year of probation and costs and fines of \$1,635 for no insurance under insurance code and operator license suspended, revoked, denied.

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**3522 Kings Corner Rd.**

Have proof of residency, or you will be charged.

For residents - Donations will be accepted.

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- Broken Concrete
- Whole Junk Cars
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- Commercial Building Materials
- Household Garbage
  - Gas Tanks
  - Fuel Oil Tanks
  - Paint (Not Dried)

**Residents or property owners must show proof of residency or tax bill.**

As in the past, the firefighters are here to HELP. They would appreciate your help.

### Non Residents of Greenbush

Residents of surrounding areas will be accepted at this site, but there will be a charge for disposal of your load(s). The charge will be charged by the size and amount of the load.

**Any questions, please contact Dave Dailey (989) 569-3519 or Ed Roddy (989) 739-2159.**

Please separate your load such as tires, scrap metal, white goods, junk, etc.

**There will be a \$2.00 charge on all tires - more on truck & implement tires.**

4/20 thru 5/4

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**Harbormaster  
Harrisville Harbor Commission  
City of Harrisville**

The person in the position of Harbormaster at Harrisville Harbor is primarily responsible for operation and maintenance of the harbor facilities at Harrisville, including the harbor building, parking lot, grounds around the building and docks, year-round. Related responsibilities include, but are not limited to, spring start-up and fall shut down, hiring and supervising dockhands, ordering and pricing fuels, approving invoices for payment, seasonal dockage sales, and customer relations. Please submit your resumes not later than April 30, 2016.

If interested, please submit a brief resume to Neal A. Gehring, P.E., Chairman, Harrisville Harbor Commission (HHC), at [ngbgro@comcast.net](mailto:ngbgro@comcast.net) or 1822 Roseland Ave., Royal Oak, MI 48073

4/20 & 4/27



**ALCONA  
GOSPELFEST**

**Saturday, April 30  
St. Anne Catholic Church  
110 S. State Street, Harrisville  
Free concert starts at 6:30 p.m.  
Everyone is welcome!**

Come join the ecumenical choir!  
Practice starts at noon. Sign up at

**WWW.INSPIRATIONALCONA.ORG**

From 4:15 to 6:15, the St. Anne youth group will serve a spaghetti dinner, with donations benefitting the youth.



Presented by **Inspiration Alcona** with support from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, and the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan



**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 20**

A blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:45 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 [redcross-blood.org](http://redcross-blood.org) or call (989) 733-2767.

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.

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.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21**

Celebrate Earth Day with a free tree giveaway at all branches of the Alcona County Library, compliments of the Alcona Conservation District. While supplies last.

**CryptoQuip**

answer

Since someone rudely slashed my patio recliner, I suppose that's a cut to the chase.

Join your fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

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.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic 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.

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" will meet from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Participants bring in crafts in progress, ideas and questions to share with others. For more info., call (989) 724-6796.

Anyone interested in amateur radio and public service communications is invited to attend the Alcona County Amateur Radio Group meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building, 2600 East M-72. Free refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550 or visit [www.alconaradio.org](http://www.alconaradio.org).

**FRIDAY, APRIL 22**

Celebrate Earth Day with a free tree giveaway at all branches of the Alcona County Library, compliments of the Alcona Conservation District. While supplies last.

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

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.

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.

Huron Shores Chorus will perform their 2016 spring concert at 7 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 120 West Dwight Street in Oscoda. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 23**

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 (989) 335-3541.

The South Shore Hubbard Lake Fire Department Board of Directors will hold an open forum "townhall" meeting at 11 a.m. to address any questions related to the current situation (barring any restrictions related to ongoing legal action). The public is invited to attend. This meeting will be held at the fire hall/community center located at 367 West Mount Maria Road in Spruce, near the corner of Mount Maria Road and Hill Street.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

Huron Shores Chorus will perform their 2016 spring concert at 3 p.m. at Tawas Area Presbyterian Church, 2095 US-23 in East Tawas. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted.

**MONDAY, APRIL 25**

Computers available for seniors from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Alcona County Republicans will meet at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 South Poor Farm Road.

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

**TUESDAY, APRIL 26**

A blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church, 817 Sable Street in Alpena. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call (989) 733-2767.

Alcona County Commission On Aging board will meet at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

The Sunrise Side Carving Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the AuSable-Oscoda Senior Center, 653 State Street, Oscoda. Anyone interested in wood carving is invited to attend.

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.

Euchre players meet at 1:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Everyone is welcome.

The Alcona County Democratic Committee will hold a business meeting at 7 p.m. at the EMS building, 2600 East M-72, Harrisville. Everyone is invited to attend.

The Harrisville Lady Lions will meet at 5:30 p.m. at Northern Lights on US-23 in Harrisville.

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## Tree Giveaway

Pick up a free white pine seedling, donated by Alcona Conservation District, in honor of Earth Day at all branches of the Alcona County library on Thursday, April 21 and Friday, April 22, while supplies last. Check out the Library's large selection of books, magazines and DVDs on the environment, nature and wildlife. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

## Big Game

The annual Detroit Lions vs. the Iosco County Firefighter All Stars basketball game will be held Saturday, April 23 at 7 p.m. to the Tawas Area High School. The highlight of the big game is the halftime autograph and picture session where the Lions sign autographs and memorabilia for fans. The special family ticket for the whole family is \$45 (Iosco County Firefighters call the family ticket the "deal of the century"). Tickets in advance are \$18 and \$23 at the door. For tickets and information, call (800) 205-7174.

## Lake Huron Fishing

Lake Huron anglers gearing up for spring fishing opportunities may be wondering about how fishing has been or what the upcoming season may offer. Aquatic invasive species have brought changes to Lake Huron fisheries. But the Lake Huron ecosystem is still a valuable fishery for those who learn and adapt to the changes. To learn about what is happening, there is a free workshop open to the public on Wednesday, April 27 from 6 to 9 p.m. at NOAA Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 W. Fletcher Street, Alpena.

Topics will include information and updates regarding fish populations and angler catch data, forage or prey fish surveys, recovering native lake trout populations, status of Saginaw Bay wall-eye and yellow perch, habitat restoration efforts, updates on fisheries management activities, among many other Lake Huron related topics of local interest.

The event is hosted by Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan State University Extension, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fisheries Division, USGS Great Lakes Science Center, and local fishery organizations. For program information or questions, contact Brandon Schroeder at (989) 354-9885. Workshop details for this and other Great Lakes workshops are available online at the Michigan Sea Grant website.

## Money Smart Activities

Representatives from Huron Community Bank present "Credit 101" on Thursday, April 28 at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Understand,

protect and improve credit with these smart money tips. Also included will be a short session on how to prevent identity theft.

Two "Bunny Money" storytime and craft sessions for children will be presented on Friday, April 29. The first session is at 10:15 a.m. at the Harrisville branch by Huron Community Bank, and the second session is at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Branch by Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union. There is a free gift for attendance at all Money Smart week activities. April 25 through 29 is Money Smart Week at the Alcona County Library. Pick up brochures and other information at all branches regarding financial health. For more information, call (989) 724-6796 or visit MoneySmartWeek.org.

## 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 25—Salisbury steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, and mandarin oranges.

- Tuesday, April 26—Pork roast, red bliss potatoes, broccoli, and pineapple.

- Wednesday, April 27—Sweet and sour chicken, brown rice, Prince Charles blend, and peaches.

- Thursday, April 28—Spaghetti with meat sauce, carrot raisin salad, and mixed fruit.

- Friday, April 29—Lemon pepper chicken, buttered noodles, peas, tossed salad, and mandarin oranges.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

## Dining with the Docs

Samantha Garber, D.D.S., will present "Better Health with Oral Health," on Monday, May 2 at 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Dr. Garber will discuss periodontal disease, risk for oral cancers, how to maintain good oral hygiene, and other concerns about oral health and overall health. A light supper is included. Call (989) 724-6796 to register for this free program, which is a cooperative effort through the Alcona Health Center and the Alcona County Library to bring health information to Alcona citizens.

## Corn Hole Tournament

Alcona Tigers Corn Hole Tournament will be held May 7 at noon in the old gym at Alcona High School. Registration cost is \$40 per team (after April 30, cost is \$50 per team). Sign-in and registration starts at 10:30 a.m. A mandatory team meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m., tour-

namment play starts at noon. Two players per team, double elimination. All boards and bags will be provided. Concessions and seating will be available for fans and players. A 50/50 drawing will be held during the event and corn hole sets will be auctioned off to the highest bidders after the tournament. Everyone is welcome to bid.

Sign up to play in the Alcona High School main office, Lincoln Outdoor Center or register and pay online at AlconaSchools.net or NorthernMichigan.com/Cornhole. All proceeds are donated to the Alcona Boys Basketball Program.

## Board Members Needed

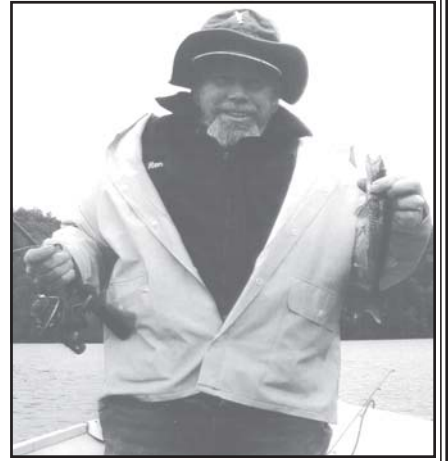
Volunteers are needed to serve on a multi-county Foster Care Review Board. The Michigan Foster Care Review Board Program consists of 27 local boards throughout the state. Each board is comprised of dedicated citizens who represent a broad cross-section of their communities. Local boards meet one day a month to review cases of children who have been removed from their home and placed in foster care due to abuse or neglect. The purpose of the review is to support the local courts and child placing agen-

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cies in their efforts to ensure the safety and well being of the children while they are in foster care, and facilitate a plan for them to return to a safe, stable and permanent family as soon as possible.

Applicants must be 18 years of age, have a high school diploma, good reading skills and a passion to serve their communities most vulnerable children and families. Employees of the De-

partment of Health and Human Services, family courts, or private child placement agencies are prohibited by law from serving on Foster Care Review Boards.

The Foster Care Review Program is administered through the State Court Administrative Office of the Michigan Supreme Court. Board members receive orientation and ongoing training, mileage, and meal reimbursement. Additional infor-

mation and Foster Care Review Board membership application packets are available at <http://curts.mi.gov/Administration/SCAO/OfficesPrograms/fcrbp/Pages/default.aspx> or by calling (989) 732-0494.

### Excellence in Services

St. Joseph Health System (SJHS) was recently recognized as a 5-Star Award Winner for Excellence in Inpatient Medical Services, for overall quality of care by national healthcare research leader Professional Research Consultants, Inc. (PRC). This is the second Excellence in Healthcare award presented to St. Joseph Health System. Last year, the Oncology Department was presented with a 5-Star Award in outpatient services.

The Excellence in Healthcare Awards recognize organizations and individuals who achieve excellence throughout the year by improving patient experiences, healthcare employee engagement and/or physician alignment and engagement based on surveys of their patients. "Improving the lives of the patients, residents and families we care for every day is our focus," said Ann Balfour, president of St. Joseph Health System. "This award symbolizes the dedication and commitment we have to clinical excellence and creating a positive patient experience."

"This award is very special due to the fact that it comes from our patients. I am incredibly proud to be part of such a dedicated team of professionals that come to work every day to make a difference," commented Jan Furtah, Manager, SJHS Medical Surgical Services.

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The children who stay for Friday fun day meet right after school gets out. They are given a snack and then engage in a group activity such as a movie, dance or art project. "We thought we would just see how it would go and were a bit nervous when we did our first Friday fun day which was a movie. When we had 280 students sign up out of 373 who attend the school. It astounded us," Dellar said. She hopes if the Friday early release days continue next school year the PTO will be able to hold two fun days a month.

During the fall book sale, which is not buy one get one free, the PTO increased sales by 50 percent taking their earnings from last year of \$4,000 to \$6,000. After that teacher and student wish lists went out and the results were put on the Internet so family and friends could shop to also fulfill classroom needs and wants.

The PTO's intent is to help make more people aware of what the organization does and how others can help, wanting more of a presence in the community because its volunteers come from the community.

The PTO held a cookie dough and cheese cake sale and sold over \$10,000 in products which raised more than \$4,000 to pay for the Friday fun days. Another fundraiser selling Michigan products added an additional \$4,000 and the PTO worked concessions at the high school during basketball games netting another \$1,500 to its budget.

"This is why I love this community. They will go out of their way for children and people in need. I had my doubts (holding so many fundraisers), but the fundraisers provided every classroom \$1,000 to spend

on technology, fine arts or field trips for the class," Dellar said.

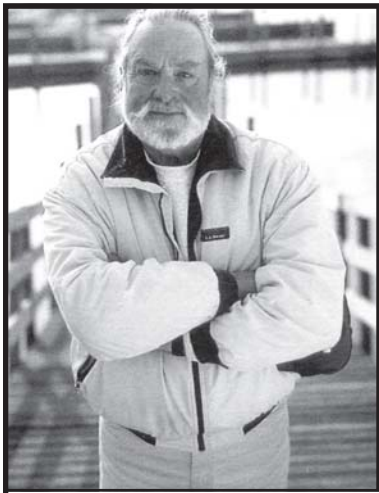
The fall book sale allowed each of the 15 teachers at the school \$223 to spend on Scholastic books for their classroom. "They were able to shop at the spring book fair so it was hardly any effort for them," Dellar said. Also during the spring book fair, because it is buy one get one free, the PTO provides every student in the school one free book which they can take home and keep.

The PTO is also considering a summer book fair. According to Dellar if the PTO has three Scholastic book fairs a year it gets a lot more Scholastic dollars to spend on books. She said they only have to sell \$2,000 worth of books in the summer to get an extra \$1,700 in Scholastic dollars to purchase more books.

Dellar explained the summer book fair would probably be collaborated with the Tiger Health Extension summer camp program at the school.

The PTO is always looking for new ideas and volunteers. Dellar explained members of the community do not have to have a child or grandchild going to the school, as long as the community member has a sincere interest in children attending the school they can join the PTO.

The current PTO board consists of Dellar, who is finishing her first year as president, vice president Ivy Seminoff, secretary and volunteer coordinator Jessica Smith, and treasurer Gail Gombos. Meetings are held at the school on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. For more information visit the Alcona Elementary PTO Facebook page or call the school at (989) 736-8146.



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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

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isn't always a bad idea. Here are some scenarios where it may make sense for you to collect early.

- You need the money: If you're retired and don't have enough savings or a pension to cover your living expenses, you'll probably have to start early. But, if you decide to work, be aware of the earnings test.

If you claim Social Security benefits before full retirement age (and you don't reach 66 this year), you'll forfeit \$1 for every \$2 you earn over the earnings limit of \$15,720 in 2016. It usually doesn't make sense to take benefits early if you're working, unless your income is below the earnings limit.

- You have poor health: Having a serious medical problem that is likely to shorten your life is another reason to start your benefits sooner rather than later.

Consider the "breakeven point" - the age you need to reach to come out ahead by waiting to claim Social Security - is 78 for someone who claims at 62 versus waiting to 66. If you don't anticipate making it to 78, go ahead and claim early.

However, if you are married or have other dependents at home that depend on your benefit, you may want to hold off because starting early will reduce their survivor's benefits.

- You're a lower-earning spouse: If you're married and your lifetime earnings are much lower than your spouse's, you could take your benefit early but your higher-earning spouse should delay. This lets you increase your household income now, while the higher-earning spouse's benefit grows, therefore increasing the survivor benefit.

This strategy is best suited when a lower-earning wife is three to six years younger than her husband and her earnings are 30 to 40 percent of his. She should claim at 62 and he should claim at full retirement age, or better yet wait to age 69 or 70. Because

the husband is likely to die earlier, the wife's reduced benefit will be temporary and she will then qualify for the higher survivor benefit.



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the husband is likely to die earlier, the wife's reduced benefit will be temporary and she will then qualify for the higher survivor benefit.

- Skeptical of Social Security: Many people take their retirement benefits early because they fear Social Security will go bankrupt, but this is not a good reason to start collecting early.

While it is true that the Social Security trust fund will become insolvent around 2033 - 17 years from now - if no changes are made, that doesn't mean there will be no more money for benefits. It means that the fund is no longer taking in enough money

to cover all promised benefits. Thus payment checks are likely to end up shrinking by about 25 percent. But, if the thought of losing out on your benefits keeps you up at night, then it may be better to start claiming early instead of holding off for more later.

To see how much your benefits will be affected by your claiming age, use the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau's new Planning for Retirement tool at [consumerfinance.gov/retirement/before-you-claim](http://consumerfinance.gov/retirement/before-you-claim).

(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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# Alcona baseball looks to keep rolling

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity baseball team has been red hot in recent years, winning the district title three of the last four seasons. The Tigers should have plenty left in the tank to put up another banner year.

"We have a chance at being a pretty good baseball team, we work hard and play together," head coach Terry Franklin said.

Last year's team won 20 games and won a district title, before falling to Glen Lake 10-2 in the regional semifinals.

Back from last year's team are seniors Nate Swinson (infield), Coda Gallagher (pitcher, infield), juniors Brock Franklin (infield, pitcher, catcher, .400 average), Erick Davey (pitcher, catcher) and sophomores Tim Hutchinson (shortstop, outfield), Alex Stephenson (catcher) and Brenden Nelson (catcher, infield).

Joining the squad are seniors Mitch Krisan (pitcher, infield) and Brandon Vargo (outfield), junior Jacob McFadden (infield, pitcher) and sophomores Jack Hutch-

inson (outfield) and Tim Hutchinson (outfield).

"We want to win 20 or more games again," Franklin said. "(A strength is) our overall team speed and defense. (We need to work on) base running, playing smart baseball and being aggressive. Rogers City is the favorite in the North Star League but we will be in the running."

Alcona was at Standish-Sterling on Tuesday in non-league play, travels to AuGres on Thursday, April 21 and is in Hale on Monday, April 25.

# Alcona softball returns one senior and fills roster

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity softball team may only have one senior, but first year head coach Chelsea Neuenfeldt isn't letting that dampen her hopes for the year.

"Our team has a wide range of abilities," she said. "We are working hard to build a cohesive team that can grow together and help each other. If we can overcome obstacles together than we will have a successful year."

The lone senior is Alissa Terpstra (pitcher, third base, first base), juniors Brittany Decker (first base, outfield), Jordan Joyce (second base, outfield), Keilee Elmer (catcher, pitcher, infield) and

Madison Lane (center field, pitcher) return as well as sophomores Lori Hayes (outfield), Abby Lobaugh (first base, third base), Hailey Petty (infield) and Kayla Escareno (pitcher, catcher, infield, outfield).

"I have our senior Alissa as a leader that will step up as well as our junior class," Neuenfeldt said. "They are willing to jump right in and help a teammate out who is struggling or could use the extra clarification on tactics."

New to the team is sophomore Shawna Johnson (outfield) and freshmen Raegen Eller (pitcher, infield, outfield), Hailee Gordy (catcher, outfield, infield) and Cassady Clemens (third base,

catcher). "We have had some really good hard hitters on our team," Neuenfeldt said. "Defense is always a growing point for any team. We are also working on having a strong foundation of techniques to build upon."

Alcona played at Standish-Sterling on Tuesday, April 19 in a non-league game, travels to AuGres on Thursday, April 21 and is at Hale on Monday, April 25.

"We definitely want to have a winning season this year," Neuenfeldt said.

"I feel we are a young team with the potential to have a successful season if we can work together and keep our focus on the main goal."

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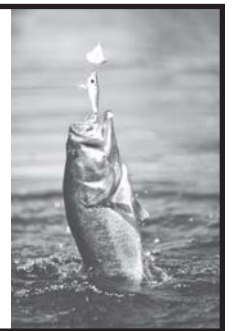
# It's time to fish for smelt

With the weird spring weather this year, anglers may want to take advantage of the different smelt fishing opportunities available throughout the state.

Smelt season is approaching and anglers can take this species with hook-and-line, by spearing, or with various netting gear. There is a two-gallon daily possession limit on smelt. Smelt netting regulations can be found on page 23, Table 5 of the 2016-2017 Michigan Fishing Guide and bow and spearing fishing regulations can be found on page 16, Table 3.

## Northeast Michigan

# Fishing Report



### Northeast Lower Peninsula April 14

• Mackinaw City: The docks are not in and fishing activity on Lake Huron was between light and nonexistent.

• Cheboygan: The docks are blocking the launch near the marina but the dock is in at the city launch on the river. Fishing pressure on Lake Huron is light but those fishing the Cheboygan River caught steelhead on spawn and butter worms.

• Ocqueoc River: Had a good number of steelhead but the bite slowed with the colder weather.

• Rogers City: The docks are in but no facilities are open yet. The weather remains cold and snowy. When temperatures warm up casting from the wall is possible. Look for steelhead, lake trout or Atlantic salmon. Bright colored spoons will probably be more affective as the water is still turbid.

• Presque Isle: Had no docks in at the ramp and none of the facilities were open yet.

• Alpena: The ice was off the Alpena Boat Harbor and the docks are in at the ramp on the river which means

good access to the bay for boat anglers. With lake trout season open and walleyes returning to Thunder Bay after spawning, fishing should pick up quickly when water temperatures warm up. Another option for accessing Thunder Bay is the small boat ramp at the Devil River in Ossineke. The ramp gives access to the southern end of Thunder Bay and its excellent walleye fishery.

• Thunder Bay River: Still had some steelhead hitting on spawn.

• AuSable River: Water levels were high and muddy. The better fishing was up near the dam where the water was a little cleaner.

• Tawas: Only one lake trout and one walleye were caught off the pier by those still-fishing with grey shiners. Boat anglers reported the water as stirred up and very dirty. Only one walleye was caught.

• Tawas River: A few suckers were taken. However, the average was one sucker per hour of fishing.

• AuGres: Boat anglers are catching walleye off Point Lookout. Most of the fish were large, spawned out females so it sounds like the post-spawn phase is starting.

# top ten

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2. Ohio State
3. Southern Cal
4. Miami (Fla.)
5. Florida
6. Georgia
7. Tennessee
8. Alabama
9. Nebraska
10. LSU

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Source: Tech Sideline



# Book explores famous and forgotten authors of Michigan

**By Eric Freedman**  
Capital News Service

One was named Hemingway. The others weren't. A few are still widely remembered. Most aren't.

They hailed from Grand Rapids and Detroit. They hailed from Mackinaw City and Ludington. They hailed from Traverse City and Mecosta. They hailed from Adrian and De Tour and East Lansing and more spots in the state.

They crafted poetry. They authored novels. They wrote history. They filled countless pages of magazines and newspapers. Together, they were 18 Michigan writers who shaped American literature, culture and entertainment in the 1800s and 1900s.

Their life stories appear in the newly released "Ink Trails II: Michigan's Famous and Forgotten Authors" by brothers Dave and Jack Dempsey (Michigan State University Press, \$22.95). It's the brothers' second collective biography drawn from the state's literary heritage. Their first won a Notable Book Award from the Library of Michigan.

Jack Dempsey is an Ann Arbor, Mich. attorney. Dave Dempsey, a former environmental adviser to Gov. James Blanchard, is a policy adviser at the International Joint Commission.

Ernest Hemingway is the best known in the crew. A novelist and short story writer who spent summers at a family cottage on Walloon Lake, he set some of his tales — reflecting what the Dempseys call "the influence of Northern Michigan landscapes" — in the Upper Peninsula.

Poems by the prolific Edgar Guest — the one-time state poet laureate — sold millions of copies, were syndicated in hundreds of newspapers and were heard for decades on his Detroit radio show. "Guest's poetry may have been sappy," the Dempseys wrote, "but Michiganders oppressed by gloom could escape through it, for a moment at least."

His son, Edgar II — nicknamed Bud — took over the WJR show in 1946 and continued it until 1972.

Also remembered by many is Russell Kirk, the conservative national political columnist, historian and cultural critic who grew up in Plymouth, and moved to Mecosta.

But others languish on the roster of the long-forgotten in "Ink Trails II."

Among them is the post-Civil War poet Julia Ann

Moore of Edgerton and Manton, whom Gov. John Engler proclaimed the "Sweet Singer of Michigan" in 1997 — 150 years after her birth — but whom critics assailed as syrupy and "perhaps the most famous bad poet in the history of American literature."

High literature wasn't a requirement for inclusion in the book. Being dead was.

Glendon Swarthout, who taught at both the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, earned his spot through Westerns such as the best-seller, "They Came to Cordura," and novels that became the popular movies "Where the Boys Are," about college students on spring break in Florida and the John Wayne Western "The Shootist."

Similarly successful in her day but not forever was Frances Margaret Fox of Bay City, and Mackinaw City. She produced about 50 books for children, many set in the Straits of Mackinac region.

Not all were as prolific as Fox or Hemingway.

For example, John Nevill wrote only two books, one of them self-published through a vanity press. The ex-Marine-turned Detroit newspaper reporter-turned auto-industry publicist discovered his true calling when he moved to De Tour and started writing newspaper columns about the people and the land of the Eastern U.P.

As for Nevill's second book, it told the story of the building of the Mackinac Bridge and was co-authored by the bridge's designer. It appeared several months after Nevill's death.

Jack Dempsey said he was fascinated to learn about Nevill, who was "not probably the greatest writer of all time" but was working successfully in Detroit, took a two-week family trip to the U.P. one summer and decided to move there — "move everything, move their lives, their homestead and started to write about the area."

The brothers learned about some writers from suggestions by readers of their first book. "It was a really cool thing," Jack Dempsey said.

Among them was Fox, the children's author. "I've been in Mackinaw City many times and steps away from her home. It was a real stunner to discover here was this author and her house is still there. Her books are still available," Dempsey said.

The brothers are starting work on a third volume, "and we expect more contributions from folks," he said.

## Bowling

### Early Bloomers

April 12

Rosebuds	210	105
Bluebells	173	142
Mums	170.5	144.5
Marigolds	169	146
Tigerlilys	165	150
Buttercups	152	163
Daffodils	146.5	168.5
Violets	74	241
High game: Annette Kane,	203.	
High series: Carla Travis,	516.	
High team game and handicap series:	329 and 837.	

### Huron

April 12

Gary Oil	111.5	77.5
Trading Post	111.5	77.5
Rob's Repair	106.5	82.5
Frankless	89	100
Lincoln Prec.	89	100
Back Alley Bar	59.5	129.5
High game: Ed Schmitz,	246.	
High series: Ryan Brazier,	698.	
High handicap game: Ed Schmitz,	307.	
High handicap series: Ryan Brazier,	806.	

### Wednesday Nite Women

April 13

Lincoln Prec.	121	59
Stoney Acres	110	70
Alcona Dredge	103	77
Ark Plumbing	95	85
Alcona Abstract	92	88
Alcona Tool	76.5	103.5
Back Alley Bar	66.5	113.5
JB's Auto	56	124
High game and series: Lynn Gibson,	255 and 620.	
High handicap game: Lynn Gibson,	265.	
High handicap series: Annette Kane,	680.	

### Sportsman

April 14

LLW Club	126.5	35.5
AuSable Inn	100	62
We R Versatile	92	70
Phil's Barber	84.5	77.5
Cole's Appl.	74	88
Brownlee Lake	73.5	88.5
Flour Power	49.5	112.5
Home Town	48	114
High game and series: Roger Klukowski,	257 and 703.	
High handicap game: Kevin Beckley,	305.	
High handicap series: Brad Bushey,	825.	

## top ten

### Favorite Men's College Basketball Team

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3. North Carolina
4. Connecticut
5. Ohio State
6. UCLA
7. Michigan
8. Michigan State
9. Notre Dame
10. Wisconsin

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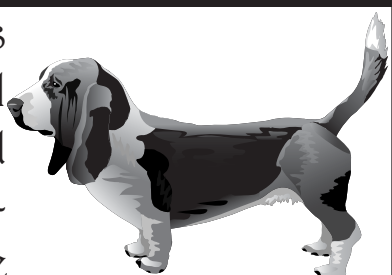
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## Backpack Continued from page 1

Extension behavioral health consultant Kristin Benghauser and funds are collected separately for it. Last year the program helped 27 families with children in need. Boxes are filled with food items and other helpful items such as dish soap. The families pick up their boxes from various locations around Alcona County.

"The same volunteers put together the summer food boxes so whatever food items we didn't use during the school year we put into the summer family boxes. We make sure a family with six children gets more food items than a family with only one or two. Nothing is wasted." Burger said.

The Roar Store in the high school only operates during the school year. Students are able to shop freely for items they need at no charge. In addition to a variety of food items students may also pick up personal hygiene items such as soap, shampoo, deodorant and toothpaste as well as school supplies. Eddinger said at this time of year school supplies are greatly needed.

Eddinger said she was pretty sure the weekend backpack program had enough funds to finish this school year. The \$4,000 received from the Lincoln Lions and the Mikado American Legion will go a long way and probably cover half of what is

needed next year. Her goal is to have all the funds needed into the food bank by September along with a little extra cushion should new students join the program.

Wilfred Weber, president of the Lincoln Lions presented the Lion's check and thanked the volunteers and the members of the community for

supporting them so they could support others within the county.

Michael Serafin, commander of the Mikado American Legion, presented the check on behalf of the legion and said they were proud to promote such a wholesome program which helps Alcona County's children in need.

For more information about the backpack program or the Roar Store, contact Ann Eddinger at Huron Community Bank, (989) 724-6719.

For information about the summer food program, contact Alcona Health Center Tiger Health Extension, (989) 736-8716.



Michael Serafin (right), commander of the Mikado American Legion Post No. 254 and Wilfred Weber (left), president of the Lincoln Lions present checks totaling \$4,000 to Tammie Bonzheim, Alcona Elementary principal, for the weekend backpack program which supplies necessary food for 72 students to take home on the weekend. Photo by Mary Weber.

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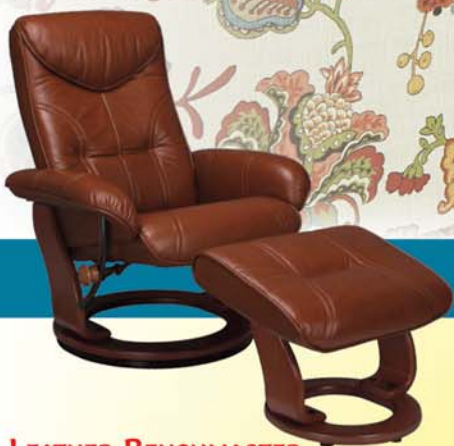
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# Take advantage of great spring birding opportunities throughout Michigan

With the snow melting and days getting longer, Michigan's spring birding season is almost here, and now is the time to start making plans.

"New activities for Michigan's birding community have increased over the last few years," said Keith Kintigh, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Field Operations manager. "It's exciting to have these opportunities to get folks outdoors and enjoying Michigan's natural beauty."

Among the birding opportunities is the 2016 Warblers on the Water event, celebrating Beaver Island's unique location and its spectacular birding over the Memorial Day weekend, May 28-29. Guided field trips, demonstrations and presentations will be scheduled on the island, showcasing the Beaver Island Birding Trail. Visit the Beaver Island Birding Trail website to register.

Additional Michigan birding events in April and May include the Whitefish Point Spring Fling in Paradise (April 29 - May 1), the sixth annual Thornapple Woodpecker Festival in Middleville (April 30), the Mackinaw Raptor Fest in Mackinaw City (April 1-2) and the Tawas Point Birding Festival in East Tawas (May 19-22).

Birding trails throughout the state along well-known driving routes include:

- Superior Birding Trail - Michigan's oldest birding trail, with plenty of birds and other wildlife. The trail includes 14 sites along 145 miles in the Upper Peninsula, from Seney National Wildlife Refuge to Whitefish Point.

- North Huron Birding Trail -- Michigan's newest birding trail will include stops along the north shoreline of Lake Huron in the Upper Peninsula. The official "launch" of the trail will occur during the second annual Aldo Leopold Festival in the Les Cheneaux region May 13-15.

- Sleeping Bear Birding Trail - A 123-mile trail from Manistee to Traverse City, along the scenic M-22 highway and Lake Michigan shoreline. It features more than 35 birding sites, including a "bonus loop."

- Saginaw Bay Birding Trail - This new trail, following the Lake Huron shoreline, is over 140 miles long. It stretches from Port Crescent to Tawas Point State Park and includes more than 20 birding sites.

- Sunrise Coast Birding Trail - Soaring along the Lake Huron coast, this trail features more than 28 sites along its approximately 145-mile route from the AuSable River in Oscoda to Mackinaw City.

"Spring birding has the potential to help tourism in many small communities," said Kintigh. "Birders are grabbing a meal, getting gasoline, or even staying in a hotel, well before most other tourists have arrived."



The scarlet tanager (above) and common yellowthroat (below) are examples of species birders might see in Michigan this spring. Birding trails and events offer great opportunities to enjoy Michigan's wildlife. *Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.*



Kintigh added that birding is a great way to enjoy the diversity of Michigan's wildlife and habitats and to build a true appreciation of all that the state's unique natural resources have to offer. These trails are made possible through the efforts of, and partnerships with, Michigan Audubon chapters, govern-

ment agencies, land conservancies, private industries and many dedicated individuals working together to expand opportunities to experience the outdoors and visit local communities.

For more information, visit the Michigan Audubon Society birding trail website or [www.michigan.gov/wildlife](http://www.michigan.gov/wildlife).

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# DNR supports efforts to return wolf management to Michigan

On a snow-swept back road in Delta County, a Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife biologist drives his vehicle slowly. Watching out his windows, he scans each set of animal tracks he sees pushed into the fresh snow.

Among the footprints left by bobcats, white-tailed deer, snowshoe hare and other animals, he's looking for the large-pawed tracks of gray wolves, laid out in a path down the road or into the woods.

Discovering wolf tracks – and then following them for long distances – helps biologists estimate population size and delineate where, and how, wolf packs are spending their time this winter.

**Population dynamics**  
Originally native to Michigan, wolves had all but vanished from the Upper Peninsula – not including Isle Royale – by the early 1960s. This occurred through hunter bounties and as white-tailed deer populations declined.

Michigan protected wolves

as endangered species in 1965. Federal protections were solidified under the Endangered Species Act of 1973.

As neighboring Wisconsin's wolf population began to rebound during the 1970s, reports of lone wolf sightings increased in the U.P. Biologists confirmed a pair of wolves in the central U.P. in the late 1980s, a union that produced pups in 1991.

Since the winter of 1993-94, combined wolf numbers in Michigan and Wisconsin have surpassed 100, meeting federally established goals for population recovery. The Michigan goal of a minimum sustainable population of 200 wolves for five consecutive years also was achieved.

From 1994 to 2003, the U.P. wolf population saw an average annual growth rate of 19 percent. Growth shrunk to 12 percent as the wolf population neared the maximum level the U.P. could sustain – the biological carrying capacity.

Since 2011, wolf population estimates have not



Wolf surveys are conducted every two years. An ongoing survey is expected to produce a new minimum population estimate in April.

changed significantly. The DNR's most recent minimum estimate of the U.P. wolf population was 636, issued in spring 2014.

A new DNR wolf survey began in December 2015. No preliminary results are available yet, but a new minimum population estimate is ex-

pected in April. Biologists are surveying wolf populations in some areas and extrapolating that data to estimate the number of wolves across the region.

"As we've done over the past few years, to reduce staff effort and expense, a stratified sampling method is be-

ing used to carry out the survey throughout the Upper Peninsula," said Kevin Swanson, a wildlife management specialist with the DNR's bear and wolf program. "We are now more than halfway through that survey period."

During February, survey biologists began looking for signs of breeding exhibited by scent marking and blood in urine, which indicates a female wolf may be in estrus (heat).

"Based on the wolf sign I am finding while searching for packs in central and southern Marquette County, northern Menominee and northern Delta counties, I do not anticipate any drastic fluctuations in wolf abundance in that particular area," Swanson said. "But results may vary significantly in other parts of the U.P."

The migration of deer from the northern to the southern parts of the U.P. was postponed by several weeks this

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winter, which has been comparatively milder than the past three. "The delayed deer migration is now over in many areas so we will focus more of our survey efforts in deer yarding complexes, places where wolves frequent to prey on deer," Swanson said.

In the Lower Peninsula, over the past few years, there have been persistent reports of sightings, tracks and other evidence of wolves. In March 2014, biologists with the Little Traverse Band of Odawa Indians discovered tracks and collected scat from what was presumed to be a wolf in Emmet County. DNR biologists also visited the site.

In September 2015, confirmation was received from Trent University in Peterborough, Ontario, that the Emmet County scat submitted for DNR analysis was from a male gray wolf. This marked the second confirmation of wolf presence in the Lower Peninsula since 1910. The first occurred in 2004 when a wolf collared by the DNR in Mackinac County was caught and accidentally killed by a coyote trapper in Presque Isle County.

The DNR's ongoing wolf track surveys are conducted only in the U.P. Wolf reports

in the Lower Peninsula continue to be investigated.

**Legal challenges**

In January 2012, citing wolf recovery in the region, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service took gray wolves off the federal endangered species list in Michigan and Wisconsin and the threatened species list in Minnesota.

"Gray wolves are thriving in the Great Lakes region, and their successful recovery is a testament to the hard work of the service and our state and local partners," Fish and Wildlife Service Director Dan Ashe said at the time. "We are confident state and tribal wildlife managers in Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin will effectively manage healthy wolf populations now that federal protection is no longer needed."

The ruling allowed Michigan, Minnesota and Wisconsin to manage wolves according to their wolf management plans. Michigan's plan was crafted with the help of a panel representing a wide span of interests ranging from Native American tribes to trappers, hunters and environmentalists.

The 1997 plan, which was updated in 2008 and 2015, allowed for lethal means to

control a limited number of wolves each year where conflicts had occurred. Michigan law allowed citizens to kill wolves that were actively preying on their hunting dogs or livestock.

However, Michigan's laws on wolf depredation and the ability of wildlife managers to use lethal means, including hunting, to control wolves was suspended in December 2014, after a ruling from the U.S. District Court in Washington, D.C.

In a lawsuit challenging the federal delisting, the court ruling found in favor of the Humane Society of the United States, ordering wolves returned to federal protection. Wolves have since remained classified as endangered species in Michigan and Wisconsin and threatened in Minnesota.

Because of the federal endangered species status, wolves may legally be killed in Michigan only in defense of human life.

After the court's finding, Michigan, Wisconsin, some private groups and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service appealed the decision, filing their initial legal briefs in the case late last year. "In over a decade of litigating about

delisting the gray wolf, this is the first time the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has been willing to bring an appeal," said Trevor VanDyke, director of the DNR's Legislative and Legal Affairs Office in Lansing.

Other states with an interest in the outcome of the case, but that are not parties to the appeal - including Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Minne-

sota, New Hampshire, North Dakota and Utah - all filed briefs in support of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's delisting of the wolf in the Great Lakes region.

The Humane Society's response brief was filed in February.

"The federal and state parties will reply to the Humane Society's response during

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Kevin Swanson, a wildlife management specialist with the DNR's bear and wolf program, inspects a set of coyote tracks on a back road in northern Delta County.

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April and May of this year, with the final briefs, if any, being filed by June 8," VanDyke said. "The court has not yet scheduled a hearing on the briefs and may not do so."

**Legislative challenges**

Between the wolf's Great Lakes region delisting in 2012 and the 2014 lawsuit decision, the Michigan Natural Resources Commission voted to allow a wolf hunt in three wolf management zones in the U.P. to reduce wolf conflicts.

A total quota of 43 wolves was set, with all 1,200 available licenses sold. Trapping was not allowed. Hunters killed a total of 22 wolves during the hunt, which lasted from November 15 to December 31, 2013.

granted, among other provisions, sole authority to the NRC to designate game species.

Now Michigan law, the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act supersedes the ballot referendum voters passed to repeal the NRC's power to designate game species. The commission and the legislature may establish the first open hunting season.

In July 2015, the Michigan Court of Claims dismissed a lawsuit by Keep Michigan Wolves Protected that challenged the constitutionality of the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. With the federal court appeal on the delisting decision still pending, lawmakers in Washington, D.C., have sought to remove wolves from

has risen.

In Gogebic County, Marenisco Township Police Chief Bruce Mahler sent a February 25 letter to the DNR documenting 41 reports of wolf sightings, depredations or interactions with humans close to their homes. The reports suggested between two to four wolves have been involved, some killing deer and a domesticated rabbit.

"The ever increasing wolf population and wolf activity in my township, and specifically in the town of Marenisco, has become not a deer management issue, but a true public safety concern," Mahler said.

The reports in the town of fewer than 200 residents occurred over the past year. "It's not good enough any-



An aerial photograph shows part of the Upper Peninsula's wolf population. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

In response to the wolf hunt, Keep Michigan Wolves Protected spearheaded two ballot referendums that were passed by voters in November 2014. One of the measures repealed Public Act 520 that designated wolves as game species and allowed for the establishment of wolf hunting seasons in Michigan. The second referendum repealed Public Act 21, which gave the NRC the authority to designate game species and determine hunting seasons.

However, in August 2014, prior to the fall elections, the Michigan Legislature passed a citizens' ballot initiative called the Scientific Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act. The initiative – advanced by numerous sporting groups –

the endangered species list through acts of Congress.

So far, none of the bills have been passed into law.

If wolves were successfully delisted, the Michigan laws allowing the killing of attacking wolves to protect hunting dogs and livestock would be put back into effect.

The Michigan Natural Resources Commission could decide to authorize a wolf hunt, following sound science and provisions of Michigan's wolf management plan.

DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason said people will be more comfortable living with wolves if they or the DNR can take steps to resolve conflicts and concerns where and when they occur.

"Keeping wolves on the endangered species list, long after population goals set for their recovery have been reached, only teaches people to hate wolves, to hate endangered species protection in general and to discount professional management of the resource in favor of reactionary hearsay that often serves anything but natural resources conservation and wise use," Mason said.

**Social carrying capacity**

While these legal issues have tied the hands of state wildlife management officials, wolf interactions with humans have increased in some areas and deer hunter frustration with predator impacts

more to say the wolves are not a threat or that there is nothing we can do because they're an endangered species," Mahler said. "I now have people arming themselves and I foresee it won't be long before people take matters into their own hands."

DNR biologists said deer feeding by residents in town contributed to the circumstances. Negative wolf interactions with humans are compounded by a deer herd struggling to recover from the series of consecutive harsh winters.

"With the deer population down, hunters in the U.P. are acutely concerned about the negative effects wolves can have on deer," said NRC Chairman John Matonich of Bessemer. "We think the endangered species list should be reserved for animals facing extinction. Gray wolves in the Great Lakes region have more than adequately recovered."

Meanwhile, DNR officials continue to support efforts to remove wolves from the federal endangered species list for Michigan.

"Our continued hope is that authority will be rightfully returned to the Michigan DNR, so that we may provide scientifically based management of this valuable species," Swanson said.

For more information, visit the DNR's web page at [www.michigan.gov/wolves](http://www.michigan.gov/wolves).

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# Calendar of Events



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## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Sunrise Community Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Identification is required. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

Computers available for seniors from 2:30 to 6 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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 Library Board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch.

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their regular monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at Sanctuary Inn, 1000 US-23 North in Alpena. The guest speaker will be Kristine Spicer speaking about immunizations recommended for seniors. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Griffin (989) 727-3350 or Don Cantleberry (989) 354-5504 for details.

## THURSDAY, APRIL 28

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.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic 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.

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.

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

Money Smart Week event at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 1 p.m. presented by Huron Community Bank. Understand, protect and improve your credit. Also short session on identity theft. Free gift. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

The Greenbush Chamber of Commerce will host their monthly chicken dinner and social event at 6 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5037 Campbell Road. Featured speaker will be Phil Hartman from the marine sanctuary. Dinner and re-

freshments are \$9 and reservations are required. Call Sharon at (989) 724-5216.

The Pine River Van Etten Lake Watershed meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Greenbush Township hall on Campbell Street off US-23. Projects discussed are focused on conservation efforts to benefit Iosco and Alcona counties.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 29

"Money Week" Storytime and Craft at 10:15 a.m. at the Harrisville and Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library. Children learn fun

money-saving basics. Free book and gift. Call (989) 724-6796 for details. Co-sponsored by Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union and Huron Community Bank.

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

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

Crooners show and dinner at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Favorites originally recorded by Dean Martin, Frank Sinatra and many more, tribute artist Elzie Dixon. Dinner from 5 to 7 p.m., show starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 in advance or \$20 at the door. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

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## Election mix-up in Millen Township

**April 20, 1916** -An unusual situation has developed in Millen township over the election of highway commissioner at the last election. Ralph Harmon was a slip candidate against Frank Barton, tied him in the count and won the draw. Now Barton's friends claim there were some illegal votes cast and threaten prosecution. Prosecutor Dehnke is investigating.

**April 20, 1916** - In this paper the firm of S. B. Kahn & Co. are advertising a going out of business sale, both of their stock, store and fixtures.

One of the main reasons for this step, as explained in the notice, is because Mr. Kahn desires to withdraw the funds he has invested in the business for use in other fields where he can personally handle them. Mr. Pizer would like to buy out Mr. Kahn and continue the business but having but recently

## He should stay

purchased a half interest from Mr. Kahn he is not able financially to buy the other half while the stock is as large as it now is. In fact there must be a very substantial reduction of stock before he can attempt to take this step.

Whether or not the stock will be reduced to a point where Mr. Pizer can handle it singly is a doubtful question. He says that he very much wants to continue here, and will make great sacrifices to do so.

It is earnestly hoped by a large number of people that Mr. Pizer can arrange to stay. During his short residence here he has made many friends among the business men and the people at large and they would regret to have him leave. And in addition to this it would be regrettable, indeed, in a general business way to have this large establishment discontinued. The Review joins in the general desire for a favorable outcome of the situation.

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**April 20, 1916** - Sturgeon Point Coast Guard Station went into commission Saturday, April 15, at 7 a. m. with the following named crew:

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- Samuel Newell—No. 2
- William Hilliard—No. 3
- William Young—No. 4
- Thomas Dean—No. 5
- William Deckett—No. 6
- Claud Burrows—No. 7
- Thomas Thompson—No. 8

## Sturgeon Point news

**April 20, 1916** - William Barber of Harrisville was on the Point Saturday on business. He was accompanied by A. Silverthorn. T. B. Cook and Earl Yockey walked out to the Point Sunday, returning to Harrisville on the evening train.—Berger Benson was transferred from Thunder Bay Island to Sturgeon Point station to act as No. 1, in the place of A. Silverthorn, who has been retired. T. Thompson was transferred from Vermillion station to Sturgeon Point station to take the place of Oren Misener, who has resigned from the service.

## Installation of Rev. Charles R. Jones

**April 17, 1941** - The Presbytery of Saginaw, meeting at Bay City, Michigan, Tuesday, April 15th, has arranged for the installation of the Rev. Charles R. Jones to the Pastorates of the Westminister Presbyterian Church, Harrisville; the Alcona Church, Haynes, and the Caledonia Church, Spruce, to take place next Wednesday, April 23rd. Harrisville. at 7:30 p.m., and Thursday April 24th. Haynes at 2:00 p.m., and Spruce at 8:00 p.m.

The Moderator of the Installation at each Church will be the Rev. John A. Gardner of Midland, Michigan, who will preside and propound the Constitutional Questions, assisted by Rev. William H. Mason of Alpena and Rev. Sidney J. Francis of Rogers City, with the Sermons, and charges to the People and Pastor.

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### Seven Day Forecast

**WEDNESDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 53 Low: 43

**THURSDAY**  
Showers Likely  
High: 54 Low: 38

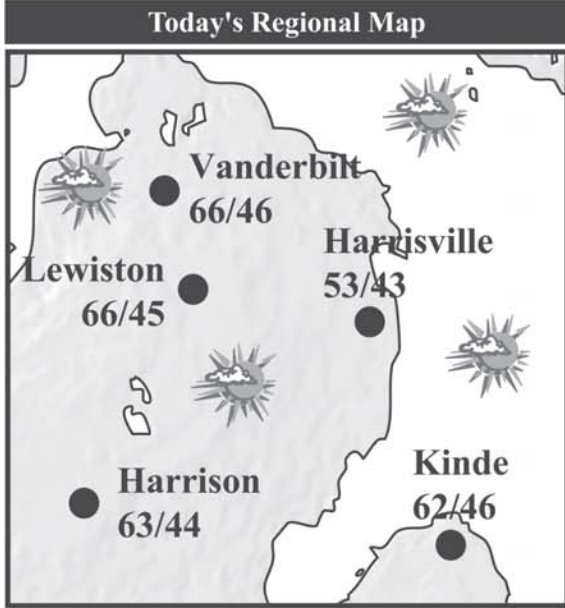
**FRIDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 43 Low: 34

**SATURDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 44 Low: 35

**SUNDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 44 Low: 32

**MONDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 42 Low: 31

**TUESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 48 Low: 29



### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 53°, humidity of 58%. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 86° set in 1987. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 60% chance of showers, overnight low of 43°. The record low for tonight is 20° set in 1988.

#### \*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	44	33	48/29	0.00"
Tuesday	40	27	49/29	0.00"
Wednesday	41	22	49/29	0.00"
Thursday	52	27	50/30	0.00"
Friday	53	26	50/30	0.00"
Saturday	65	29	50/31	0.00"
Sunday	75	31	51/31	0.00"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:38 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	7:03 p.m.	6:10 a.m.
Thursday	6:36 a.m.	8:26 p.m.	8:01 p.m.	6:38 a.m.
Friday	6:34 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	8:58 p.m.	7:07 a.m.
Saturday	6:33 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	9:56 p.m.	7:38 a.m.
Sunday	6:31 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	10:52 p.m.	8:12 a.m.
Monday	6:30 a.m.	8:31 p.m.	11:46 p.m.	8:51 a.m.
Tuesday	6:28 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	No Rise	9:35 a.m.

### Local UV Index

**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 mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today and Thursday, scattered showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 75° in Raleigh, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 86° in Tampa, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today and Thursday, isolated showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 86° in Pasco, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 99° in Blythe, Calif.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:15 a.m.	10:17 p.m.
Venus	6:20 a.m.	n/a
Mars	11:31 p.m.	8:38 a.m.
Jupiter	4:04 p.m.	5:14 a.m.
Saturn	12:03 a.m.	9:11 a.m.
Uranus	6:22 a.m.	7:28 p.m.

### Weather History

**April 20, 1989** - The temperature at Las Animas, Colo. soared to 100 degrees to establish a state record for April. Twenty-two cities in the central and southwestern United States reported record high temperatures for the date.

### Weather Trivia

How strong were the peak winds in Hurricane Andrew?

**Answer:** The highest recorded peak gust was 169 mph.

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### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Vernal Sky Blossoming

The East Coast is finally warming after a topsy-turvy late winter and early spring. There have been so many clear nights lately that it feels more like I'm living in a dream state than the normally unsettled Lehigh Valley climate. The winter sky is almost gone, with Orion bending forward into the western twilight, Sirius the Dog Star settling rapidly into SW, and all of the other winter star patterns crowding into the western sky ready to bid adieu to us until next year. The vernal heavens are all abuzz, and although its patterns are not as spectacular as the summer or winter sky, because we are looking away from the plane of the Milky Way Galaxy, there are some bright objects and patterns that are worth noting. Negating the moon, which will reach its full phase early on April 22, there is a really bright "star" center stage in the south. That's Jupiter, and above it is Leo the Lion, created by a backwards question mark for his head and mane (above Jupiter's right) and three stars that form a triangle for this back (above Jove). It really does look like a Lion, "lying" in the grass or the Egyptian Sphinx close to Khufu's pyramid at Giza. Turn around to face north and look high; you'll see the Big Dipper, still climbing but nearly upside-down. The two stars to its left in the bowl point towards the North Star, the pivot around which the sky circles. The center luminary in the Dipper's handle, Mizar, is actually a double star with a visual component, Alcor, close and below. A small telescope at low magnifications will split Mizar into two stars, and each of these and Alcor are actually doubles, making Alcor-Mizar a sextuple system. Yes, there is really more than meets the eye heavenward. End your quick perusal of the early spring sky by following the sweep of the Dipper's handle to the bright star Arcturus and onward to spike Spica. Arcturus is an aging orangey giant star, fourth brightest of the night, while Spica numbers 16, and is a young, hot blue supergiant to boot. Sounds like a soap opera... Happy spring observing! www.astronomy.org







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## CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on April 11 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Dobis and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Dobis, treasurer Keerl, clerk Pierce and council members Kaiser, Crick, Luenberger, Sanderson and Thomas; City attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Baird. Motion by Crick, support by Kaiser, to approve the minutes of March 14. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Kaiser, support by Luenberger, to pay the bills in the amount of \$14,237.39. Motion carried 5-0. Mayor Dobis discussed the local cell phone issue with an update. The state attorney general's office was contacted by Mayor Dobis and he was provided with a list of current names, addresses, and e-mail contacts for state providers of cell phone service through Verizon Wireless and AT&T. He will pursue reaching a company liaison for cell phone service information. First quarter water/sewer adjustments were presented by treasurer Keerl. Discussion followed with no changes made. The Summer Concert Series is set. Volunteer groups for collecting donations at each concert have graciously been filled. The first concert is scheduled for Wednesday, July 6 at the pavilion at the harbor beginning at 7 p.m. Sal Agnello and the Pool Boys will be performing to get the season off to a rousing start. Dates for Spring Cleanup are May 20 and June 10. Place bundled and bagged yard waste (only) at curbside for pick up on those dates. There will be no hydrant flushing this spring. Mayor Dobis reported he is negotiating three leases for the of-

fices housed within the VFW building. The offices are occupied by District Health Department No. 2 and Northeast Michigan Community Health. A third, Department of Health and Human Services, is looking at available office space there. Motion by Sanderson, support by Thomas, for the mayor to sign the leases as agreed upon. Motion carried: 5-0. Mayor Dobis stated the dredge project at the harbor, done by John Bernard, was well done and that an agreement with Alcona Dredge (John Bernard) has been agreed upon for termination. Mayor Dobis informed council of the agreement with the Land Division Activity Services division of the Board of Equalization of Alcona County. Motion by Crick, support by Luenberger, to continue agreement with said board. Motion carried: 5-0. OHM Engineering will meet with Mayor Dobis on Tuesday, April 12 to discuss the kickoff meeting concerning the sewer televising portion of the SAW grant. Mayor Dobis discussed continued efforts in working with the Lady Lions, multiple groups, the Harrisville Business Association and local residents on obtaining the best grant money and plans available for a possible new pavilion and for the renovation of the children's playground at the harbor. Clerk Pierce stated any city resident who is interested in running for the elected city offices of mayor, treasurer, clerk, and/or alderman for wards, 1, 2, and 3 can pick up the necessary documents to file for those offices at the city office. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. All documents must be correctly filled out, signed and turned in to the city office by Tuesday, April 19 by 4 p.m. Any questions, call the city office at (989) 724-6666.

Notice has been given by Alcona County Dispatch that they, along with Alcona County Emergency Management, will be conducting a test of the county's severe weather sirens on Wednesday, April 13 at 1:30 p.m. The test is in conjunction with the Michigan statewide tornado drill. Sirens located in Harrisville, Lincoln, Greenbush, and South Shore of Hubbard Lake will be activated for approximately two minutes. After Wednesday's test they will be testing the first Saturday of the month a 1 p.m. Harbor commissioners report that because of health reasons, Harbormaster Steve Baksis, will not continue as harbor master. The commission is looking to hire Reid Wilson as interim harbor master with additional training required for the position. The planning commission will meet on Wednesday, April 13 at 6:30 p.m. for a public hearing to discuss the draft of the new Master Plan. Formation of a committee to look into developing a Re-development Ready Communities program will also be discussed. County commissioner Craig Johnston reported that auditors were in for the county. Tarring and chipping of streets was addressed as well as delineating Fifth Street with road striping to designate lanes and parking at the court house and sheriff's department. The building codes presentation was well attended. Comment Cards: None. Council's last comments: Alderman Sanderson discussed the problem of potholes in city streets. Adjourned by Crick. Adjourned at 7:38 p.m. Next regularly scheduled City Council meeting is May 9 at 7 p.m. at city hall.

## HELP WANTED

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Mikado Home Health Care seeking CNAs and aides for afternoon shift 5:30 p.m. to 5:30 a.m. Please call (989) 736-3202.

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**Activities coordinator:** Up to six hours weekly. Plan and implement activities that meet the interests of the over 60 population. **In-home service provider:** Job consists of homemaking, personal care and respite. Competitive wages and benefits. Must possess reliable and insured transportation. Must pass background check, physical and drug screen. Pick-up application at ACCOA, 207 Church Street, Lincoln or online at [alconaseniors.org](http://alconaseniors.org). Equal opportunity employer.

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## PUBLIC HEARING

Public hearing announcement. The Region 9 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) will conduct two public hearings on its proposed multi-year plan for fiscal years 2017-2019. The plan will outline the use of funds and provision of services under the Older Americans Act for the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. The hearings will be held as follows: Monday, May 23, 2016 at 1 p.m. at Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena, Michigan 49707; and Wednesday, May 25, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at Roscommon County Commission on Aging, 2625 Townline Road, Houghton Lake, Michigan 48629. A summary of the plan will be available at the hearing, or upon request 15 days prior to the public hearing. Copies may be obtained at the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena or by calling (989) 356-3474 extension 261 or online at [www.nemcsa.org](http://www.nemcsa.org). Written testimony will be accepted through June 6, 2016.

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

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## LEGAL NOTICE

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Richard B. Humm and Christine M. Humm, husband and wife, and Erik M. Humm, single man, and Shannon M. Humm, single woman, to JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A., mortgagee, dated April 5, 2012, and recorded on April 13, 2012, in Liber 486, on page 1,187, and assigned by said mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC, as assigned, Alcona County records, Michigan. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of two hundred seventy-two thousand seven hundred forty-six dollars and seventy cents

### 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 Vincent Timothy Luczak, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Washington Mutual Bank, FA, mortgagee, dated March 30, 2004, and recorded on April 7, 2004 in Liber 399 on Page 31, and assigned by said mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as

(\$272,746.70), including interest at 4.875 percent per annum.

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, west entrance to the Alcona County building in Harrisville, Mich. at 10 a.m. o'clock, on May 4, 2016. Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 2 of Tollson Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 197 of Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless abandoned under MCL 600.3241, in which case the redemption period shall be one month, or under MCL 600.3241a 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days from the MCL

documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty thousand eight hundred five and 98/100 dollars (\$50,805.98).

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 May 18, 2016.

Said premises are situated in township of Mitchell, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The west 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 7, Town 28 North, Range 5 East, land in the township of Mitchell, Alcona County, state of Michigan. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined

600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later, or extinguished pursuant to MCL 600.3238.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of Act 236 of 1961, under 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. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the mortgagor, the mortgagee, or the mortgagee's attorney. Nationstar Mortgage, LLC Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48335 S20160314135835 FHLMC 4-6, 4-13, 4-20, 4-27

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: April 20, 2016  
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1309  
Trott Law, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Hwy.  
Ste. 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan  
48334-5422  
File No. 462192F01  
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As a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify us at the number below if you are in active military duty.

Mortgage sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dixie R. Kurlonko, a single person, Michael Kurlonko and Alicia Kurlonko, husband and wife, mortgagors, to LaSalle Bank Midwest, N.A., mortgagee, dated the 16th day of May, 2007 and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 21st day of May, 2007 in Liber 441 of Alcona County records, page 1,427, said mortgage having been assigned to Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to LaSalle Bank Midwest, N.A. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of two hundred forty-seven thousand fifty-six and 90/100 (\$247,056.90), 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.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided,

### 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 the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by Arthur J. Bossert and Mary J. Bossert as mortgagors, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated December 2, 2013, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on December 9, 2013, in Liber 503 at pages 1,414 through 1,428, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$89,315.58, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, June 8, 2016, at 10 a.m., on the front steps of the Alcona County courthouse, 106 5th Street in the City of Harris-

ville, county of Alcona, that being the place for holding circuit court for the county of Alcona where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 6.125 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the township of Hawes, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: Parcel 1 - commencing at the south 1/4 corner of Section 26, Township 27 North, Range 8 East; thence N 23 deg. 37' 01" W 755.34 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N 23 deg. 37' 01" W 493.95 feet; thence S. 87 deg. 00' 28" E. 740.94 feet; thence S. 18 deg. 50' 06" E. along the centerline of Gehres Road 475.67 feet; thence N. 87 deg. 00' 46" W. 696.53 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel being a part of the SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 and the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of said Section 26.

Please be advised that you and any other person liable on the mortgage is liable to the purchaser at the sale, or the mortgagee, payee, or other holder of the obligation secured by the mortgage if the mortgagee, payee, or other holder takes or has taken title to the property at sale either directly or indirectly, for any physical injury to the property beyond wear and tear resulting from the normal use of the property if the physical injury is caused by or at the direction of you or other person liable on the mortgage.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: April 8, 2016  
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
903 N. Jackson Street  
Bay City, MI 48708  
(989) 893-9511  
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Curtis Township, Alcona County, Michigan.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the mortgagee or the mortgagee's attorney.

Dated: April 6, 2016  
Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to LaSalle Bank Midwest, N.A. mortgagee  
Fabrizio & Brook, P.C.  
Attorney for Bank of America, N.A. successor by merger to LaSalle Bank Midwest, N.A.  
700 Tower Drive, Ste. 510  
Troy, MI 48098  
(248) 362-2600  
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gaged, payee, or other holder of the obligation secured by the mortgage if the mortgagee, payee, or other holder takes or has taken title to the property at sale either directly or indirectly, for any physical injury to the property beyond wear and tear resulting from the normal use of the property if the physical injury is caused by or at the direction of you or other person liable on the mortgage.

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### State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 16-5584 DE

Estate of Susan A. Szwed-Sobieski, deceased.

Date of birth: December 22, 1942

To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Susan A. Szwed-Sobieski, died December 19, 2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Raymond V. Sobieski, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: April 13, 2016  
Wenzel Bennett & Harris, P.C.  
Karen Jo Bennett, Esquire  
P31046  
109 North Second Avenue, Suite 200  
Alpena, Mich. 49707  
(989) 356-6128  
Raymond V. Sobieski, personal representative  
543 Oak Street  
Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747  
(989) 727-3325

## HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held on April 12 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Trustee Spitznagel, standing in for absent supervisor Stone, opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Also present board members, clerk Jamieson, treasurer Harvey, trustee Young and three guests. From the floor, Patty Thomas representing the Alcona Local Food Association (ALFA) reviewed the contractual agreement with the township for the use of the hoop house at the Harrisville Township Recreation

Area (HTRA), after which a motion was made by Jamieson/Harvey: To renew the agreement for 2016. Motion carried.

County commissioner Craig Johnston updated the meeting at the county level. Clerk's minutes approved as read. Treasurer's report given, accepted and reconciled with the clerk's office. Ordinance enforcer Spitznagel was working with an ordinance violation. Harvey/Young: To renew the township's three annual items as follows: To continue with David Cook, P.C. as Harrisville Township's attorney for fiscal year

2016-2017; to continue with Huron Community Bank as Harrisville Township's primary depositor; that the township monthly board meetings will continue to be the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Motions carried.

Young/Harvey: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson  
Township Clerk  
Supervisor Stone is feeling better and we hope Tom will be back with us in a few weeks.  
Published prior to board approval.

## MITCHELL TWP. SYNOPSIS

The Mitchell Township Board met on April 11. Members present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, clerk Donita Charron, treasurer Kevin Small, trustee Carla Brimm, and trustee Aaron Welch. Others present: Chief Mike Lay.

In regular business the board: Accepted the March 14 budget meeting minutes. Accepted the

March 14 regular meeting minutes; accepted March financial report as submitted; accepted March Zoning report.

There was one medical and two fire runs for March. Online Census of Governments survey was completed by Supervisor Murnock.

Gravel for Wilson Road contract was turned down. C & S Dust

Control contract accepted for 50 percent of cost up to 400 feet at a cost of up to \$160. The board agreed to pay David H Cook, P.C. his yearly retainer.

The next meeting is May 9 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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## ALCONA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held April 13 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve the minutes of the March 9; approve payment of accounts paid March 23, in the amount of \$32,312.94; to pay open accounts in the amount of \$92,162.67; approve a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation for F-41; to withdraw an application for Safety Grant funds for Bamfield Road; to approve submittal of an application for High Risk Rural Road Funding for Bamfield Road;

to support applications for funding for bridges on Bamfield Road, Hubbard Lake Road, and F-41; to reinvest funds from a previous pension plan; to change to a direct-deposit payroll.

This synopsis published prior to board approval. Upon approval, complete minutes are available at alconacrc.com, by request via e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com, or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly-scheduled meeting is April 27 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.



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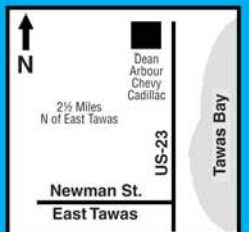
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