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Mason Goldberg, 2, of Harrisville tells Santa what he'd like for Christmas during the Alcona Community Commission on Aging (ACCOA) Christmas party. In addition to meeting Santa and Mrs. Claus, each child received a free picture, a new winter hat, gift bags, cookies and a drink. For more photos, see pages 8 and 9. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Alcona athletes play at the Palace next Wednesday

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Alcona High School athletes have had a long-standing, friendly rivalry with Oscoda High School over the years and, next week they will have the shared experience of playing at the Palace of Auburn Hills against each other.

The boys varsity basketball game will be played at the Palace 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 21. Tickets for the game can be purchased through the Palace box office, according to Dan O'Connor, Alcona High

School principal and athletic director. The cost is \$20 and includes the high school game and the NBA game Pistons vs. Grizzlies.

"We have sold almost 200 tickets just from our school," O'Connor said. "It should be a really neat experience for both schools – a very fun, positive day for everyone involved. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity (for high school athletes) to play on a NBA court."

"My high school did this when I was an athlete and it's always been something I had hoped to have Alcona athletes experience. The timing was right this year in order to be able to work with the Palace and to be able to play with another local team."

O'Connor explained he has been trying to pull this together over the last several years, but is complicated by lining up team schedules and a willingness to participate and then to schedule the venue. The date wasn't his first choice since it was in the middle of the week and on the last day of school before the holiday break, but the opportunity outweighed the inconvenience.

"I don't think we could have pulled this together – tickets, seating, everything else, without Patti Byce. She was a huge, huge help," O'Connor said.

Athletes and coaches will travel by bus from Alcona High School and will stay to watch the professional game that begins at 7 p.m. He explained there wasn't enough interest in a spectator bus to provide one for Alcona fans. "I think, since it's three and a half hours away folks wanted to drive on their own so they could do other things while down there," O'Connor said.

Anyone interested in obtaining tickets can call the Palace box office at (248) 377-0100 and follow the voice prompts. Mention the Alcona-Oscoda game to ensure entry to the NBA game and possible seating with Alcona fans.

Japanese student learning to embrace rural life

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Students and teachers of Alcona High School are receiving as much as they are giving by sharing cultures with a Japanese foreign exchange student this year.

Yuki Nishibashi, 17, has spent his whole life in Shinga, Japan, and wanted to know more about American culture, learn to speak better English and make friends in the United States.

Nishibashi, a senior, has been studying English in school since he was 12, but said his English still needs work. His dream is to someday live in the United States permanently. His mother was a foreign exchange student when she was in school so he thought he'd like to try that as well.

With just a 10-day notice before school began, Nishibashi left his mother, sister, brother and four dogs, (he misses his dogs most of all), to travel to Alcona County to live with the Fitzgerald-MacMaster family of Harrisville.

Jacqueline Fitzgerald and John MacMaster and their 16-year-old son, Matt MacMaster are Nishibashi's host family during his stay. Nishibashi said there are many differences between Shinga and Alcona County and he has never lived in such a rural area before.

Shinga is home to more than 1.4 million people, which, compared to Alcona County's population of just under 11,000 is incredibly



Yuki Nishibashi (second from left) is living with Alcona County family Matt MacMaster (left) Jacqueline Fitzgerald and John MacMaster. Nishibashi who is from Shinga, Japan as part of Education First foreign student exchange program. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

rural. But Shinga does have something in common with Michigan, Shinga encircles one of the largest fresh water lakes in Japan. "He's getting acclimated to rural life," John MacMaster said. "He's in the FFA and his supervised agricultural experience project is how to raise a cow."

Another big difference between Shinga and Alcona County is the lack of public transportation. "In Shinga it was two-minute walk to the train and you go anywhere. You didn't wait for a ride," Nishibashi said. He's been relying heavily on newly licensed driver, Matt, 16, to take him where he needs to go.

One place he enjoys going in Alcona County, besides school, is Kris Mart in Lincoln for groceries, although he's a bit disappointed the store does not carry fresh sushi like the stores in Shinga.

Fitzgerald said the teenager does his own laundry and helps cook meals and likes to make stir fry for the family. He enjoys some American food such as chili, hamburgers and French fries, but he isn't a fan of peanut butter. MacMaster said not liking peanut butter is typical of many foreigners.

Prior to the start of school, Nishibashi did some traveling in the states with Matt

and Matt's aunt and uncle, Hugh and Barb MacMaster. They visited Pennsylvania, New York, Washington D.C. and Maryland. Nishibashi would also like to see Florida, California and Canada before leaving the United States this summer. The family is planning to take a trip to New Orleans in the spring but said Canada is completely out because of Nishibashi's passport restrictions.

Nishibashi is enjoying classes and activities at school and said that Spanish, English and global culture are some of his favorite classes. He enjoys the stu-

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Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,

I would like to take this time to get away from the political bull of who's right and who's wrong to thank the Alcona County EMTs who responded to my 911 call when my daughter, Cindy, fell and injured her back.

The courtesy and professionalism was quite evident in their care of my daughter. We have a great bunch of people working for our county and they don't get the credit they deserve. Thanks again, you're awesome.

David Burnham
Harrisville

To the Editor,

I would like to express my opinion on one of local business that I had a very bad experience with -- that would be Sunrise Carpet Direct. I am writing this letter so, hopefully, a other customer will be aware of what they are dealing with and that it doesn't happen to them.

I had Sunrise Carpet Direct put a laminate floor down for me at the cost of \$4,000. They came in and put the floor down. It was fine for about a month then it started

to buckle. I called the owner, Dave. He sent his installer out, he nail it down -- which is a no, no. It was good for two weeks then it really started to buckle in all of the rooms.

Again, I called him. He put me off time and time again; always tried to get more money out of me to fix his mistake. I finally hired a man to come in and fix it which cost me \$650. He told me it was put in wrong and not straight and too tight to the walls.

James Montague
Tawas City

To the Editor,

The United State's Attorney General oversees important court cases. Many involve civil and voting rights with the outcome of these cases affecting minority citizens' participation in our democracy.

The attorney general must be impartial. Jeff Sessions, Trump's attorney general

appointee, has proven he is not impartial, and not qualified. He was already denied a lesser government judgeship in 1986 because of racist remarks he made. He was denied the post by a Republican senate, his own party.

In the mid 90s, Alabama schools were ordered to desegregate because its schools were proven to be giving an

unequal education to black children. Sessions continued to resist, employing a crew of lawyers to do so. He claimed to represent the state of Alabama School Board in his lawsuit, which they flatly denied. He fought for two years, and lost. Obviously, his commitment to allowing institutions to segregate the races is strong.

Sessions was elected to the U.S. Senate in 1998. In a 2000 Senate debate, Sessions spoke against a law protecting disabled school children. He said, "...laws creating special treatment for certain children... are a big factor in accelerating the decline of civility and discipline in the classroom." Sessions believes in protecting the institutions' right to reject certain students. How about students he would be sworn to protect?

Sessions also votes against allowing legal immigration. This is a man sure that the white race should not have to put up with difference. He has a clear belief that some people are inferior and should not be allowed to mess up his country. Certainly, they should not have the same rights to vote or be educated.

How can Sessions be in charge of guaranteeing rights to all? Please call your senator and insist that there must be a more appropriate nominee for attorney general.

Tom Venney
Greenbush



Frankincense was part of the perfume of the sanctuary (*Exodus 30:34*), and accompanied the meal-offering (*Leviticus 2:1, 2:16, 6:15, 24:7*). A specially "pure" kind was presented with the showbread (*Leviticus 24:7*). When burnt it emitted a fragrant odour and symbolized the Divine name (*Malachi 1:11; Song of Solomon 1:3*) and prayer (*Psalms 141:2; Luke 1:10; Revelation 5:8, 8:3*). It was often associated with myrrh (*Song of Solomon 3:6, 4:6*) and with it was given to the infant Jesus (*Matthew 2:11*). — Brenda Weaver

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David A. Woods

David A. Woods, 66, of Barton City, died on Sunday, Dec. 11, 2016 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

He was born October 24, 1950 in Toledo, Ohio. He was the son of John and Jeanne (McDermott) Woods of Toledo, Ohio. He was raised in Monroe, Mich.

Mr. Woods was a long-time resident of Barton City. He enjoyed the out-of-doors, especially hunting and riding his four-wheeler.

He was a member of the Barton City Eagles Club Aerie 4141.

Mr. Woods is survived by his mother, Jeanne Woods of Monroe, Mich.; one sister, Debby (Jim) Kansier of Monroe, Mich.; one brother, Jeff (Marva) Woods of Monroe, Mich.; one niece, Kacie (Matt) Stanfill; two nephews, Christopher (Megan) Kansier and Jeffrey (Nikki) Kansier; and seven great-nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, John Woods.

Private family services will be held. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Doragean Williams

Doragean Williams, 88, of Rosebush, Mich., formerly of Harrisville, died on Friday, December 2, 2016.

She was born October 11, 1928 to Roy and Grace (Hastings) Campbell in Lincoln.

She married Roy Williams on April 3, 1946 in Harrisville.

Mrs. Williams spent most of her life as a homemaker and caregiver. She was a member of the Haynes Presbyterian Church and the Haynes Ladies Aid.

She was a grange member and the deputy clerk of Harrisville Township for several years and a 4-H leader.

Mrs. Williams loved to cook and can from her garden. She was a seamstress and made prom and wedding dresses for her daughters. She was also an accomplished cake decorator who made wedding cakes for family and friends. She stitched and made many beautiful quilts. She also enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers, camping in the U. P. and fishing.

Mrs. Williams is survived by three daughters, Ilene Larson of Ossineke, Ilona (Leroy) Oliver of Alger, Mich. and Lois Briedenstein of Rosebush, Mich.; one son, Roy (Ann) Williams of Harrisville; 12 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; one



brother, James (Carol) Campbell of Auburn, Mich.; five sisters-in-law, Betty Campbell of Grand Rapids, Mich., Leora Williams of Louisville, Ky., Linna Meese of Charlotte, Mich. and Nellie (Karen) Valley of Alpena; four brothers-in-law, Leslie Donaldson of Lincoln, Joseph Williams of Lake, Mich., Leonard (Shelia) Williams of Midland, Mich. and Richard (Peggy) Williams of Spruce; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roy, in 2012; two sons-in-law, Daniel Briedenstein and John Larson; one sister, Mildred (Campbell) Donaldson; and two brothers, Duncan Campbell and Theodore Campbell.

A memorial service will be held in May 2017. Burial will take place in Mt. Joy Cemetery, Haynes Township.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015-2016

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Dec. 4	39	32	0.15	5.0	30	NW
Dec. 5	42	29	0.13	1.1	14	WSW
Dec. 6	41	29	0.00	9.5	30	SSE
Dec. 7	36	29	0.00	5.0	25	WSW
Dec. 8	33	25	0.00	3.8	29	W
Dec. 9	29	17	0.00	1.0	16	NNW
Dec. 10	27	16	0.00	2.1	18	W

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2016/2017 Season			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.28	1.1	0.42
December to Date	0.32	1.1	0.60
Year/Season to Date	26.20	1.2	27.17

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.)



Calendar of Events



(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, bingo, garage sales, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

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 Besser Male Chorus is having its annual holiday concert at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 167 South Ripley Boulevard in Alpena.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Join 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.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:30 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free, handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

Zumba class at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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.

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

"Free Range Crafts" will meet from 10 a.m. to 12:30

p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Bring in your crafts in progress, ideas and questions to share with others. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

The Greenbush Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly meeting at the township hall. Refreshments at 6 p.m. with dinner at 5:30 p.m. Judge Laura Frawley will entertain and lead with songs of the season. Reservations required. Call Donna Roddy at (989) 739-2159 or Maggie Krause at (989) 724-5203.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

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.

Classic movie night at 5:45 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Free popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for details. Co-sponsored by Inspiration Alcona.

A living nativity Christmas program will be held at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Tripoint Church of God, 500 Brooke Street in Alpena. Free outdoor show with live animals. Caroling, cookies, coffee and cocoa will be served inside.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

A living nativity Christmas program will be held at 6:30 and 7:30 p.m. at Tripoint Church of God, 500 Brooke Street in Alpena. Free outdoor show with live animals. Caroling, cookies, coffee and cocoa will be served inside.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

An Advent soup and bread supper followed by an Advent study will be held at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 745 North US-23 in Harrisville at 5:30 p.m. For more information, e-mail jmarie-1941@gmail.com.

Santa will be at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road at 1 p.m. There will be lunch and gifts for children age 12 and under.

"Christmas on the Frontier" will be presented at Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street at 11 a.m. Come hear the Christmas story told in the setting of a lumber town of the 1800's.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

All ladies are invited to play bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is easy to learn, first-timers are always welcome.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The selection for December is "Uncle Tom's Cabin" by Harriet Beecher Stowe. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

A blood drive will be held from noon to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other identification. Visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767 for more info.

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

SEALED BIDS

12/14 & 12/21

Bids sought for a Federal Signal 2-way Siren System. For further inquiries contact Alcona County Emergency Management (989) 826-2397. Submit bids by December 30 to P.O. Box 333, Mio, MI 48647.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

For Chris Scully and his family who in a terrible fire before Thanksgiving, lost everything.

Donations of any kind are welcomed!
Saturday, December 17th ~ Starts at 4 p.m.
Lincoln Senior Center
207 S. Church Street, in Lincoln
(Just south of the Lincoln branch of Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union)
Adults \$10 • 8 and under \$5

**Silent Auction • Live Entertainment
hourly door prizes • Bake Sale**

For more information, call Lori (989) 335-5092,
Don (989) 335-5099,
Angie (517) 717-0864, Raleigh (989) 724-3136

In Memory of Brian Pelton

My First Christmas in Heaven

I see the countless Christmas trees, around the world below
with tiny lights like heaven's stars, reflecting on the snow.
The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away your tears,
for I am sharing Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs, that people hold so dear,
but the sounds of music can't compare, with the Christmas choir here.
I have no words to tell you, the joy the voices bring,
it's far beyond description, to hear the angels sing.

I know how much you miss me. I see the pain within your heart,
but I am not so far away. We really aren't apart.
So be happy for me, loved ones. You know I hold you dear,
and be glad I'm spending Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

I send you each a special gift, from my heavenly home above,
I send you each a memory, of my undying love.
After all, Love is the gift, more precious than pure gold,
It was always most important, in the stories Jesus told.

Please love and keep each other, as my Father said to do,
for I can't count the blessings, or the love He has for you.
So, have a Merry Christmas, and wipe away those tears,
for I am sharing Christmas, with Jesus Christ this year.

Love from,
Mom, Dad,
brother Kevin and
daughter Sharley Lynn Pelton

Local Notes

Classic Movie

Everyone is invited to a classic movie at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Friday, Dec. 16 at 5:45 p.m. This month's feature stars Alistair Sims and Hermione Baddeley in Charles Dickens' Classic tale about a cheap curmudgeon who learns the true meaning of Christmas. Everyone welcome to this program co-sponsored by Inspiration Alcona and the Alcona County Library. Free popcorn and beverages are available. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Senior Menu

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

- Monday, Dec. 19—Breaded chicken breast, baked potato, stewed tomatoes, and peaches.
- Tuesday, Dec. 20—Lasagna, peas, tossed salad, and pineapple.
- Wednesday, Dec. 21—Pork chop with applesauce, potato lyonnaise, cauliflower pea salad, and mandarin oranges.
- Thursday, Dec. 22—Country steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, and mixed fruit.
- Friday, Dec. 23—Chicken mostaccioli, green beans, tossed salad, and pears.
(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Family Movie Matinees

Enjoy two recently released movies during the school holiday at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The movie feature on Thursday, Dec. 22 is the Disney version of the Roald Dahl classic about a gargantuan being and a young girl. The movie on Thursday, Dec. 29 is the animated comedy about the lives pets lead when their human owners are gone. Both movies begin at 2 p.m. Free theater-style popcorn is available at the only big screen with surround sound in Alcona County. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Lap Top Savings Program

Applications are being accepted for the 2016-2017 Youth Individual Development Account Program (Youth IDA Program) by Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. (NEMCSA). The new Youth IDA Program is an individual development account program that matches participant savings, allowing low-income individuals the opportunity to save for a new lap-top computer and case.

To be eligible for the program, potential participants must be a high school junior or senior with family household income not to exceed 125 percent of poverty. The program requires six hours of financial capability education which will be provided by NEMCSA certified counselors. Account holders must agree to save a minimum of \$25 per month for a savings goal of \$200 which will be matched with \$600 by NEMCSA to receive a new lap-top computer and case worth \$800.

To receive additional information and application call Marlene at (989) 358-4637 or email: Mccullochm@nemcsa.org, or Ashley at (989) 358-4653 or email: Gagnona@nemcsa.org.

Marketplace Health Insurance

Sign up for Marketplace Health Insurance is available for limited time only. District Health Department No. 2 is reaching out to residents who are without medical insurance. Anyone who would like more information about Marketplace Health Insurance, or help enrolling in a plan, they are encouraged to call the health department's certified navigator, Tina LaBean at (989) 343-1847 to schedule an appointment. The sign-up is available from November 1 to January 31, 2017. For more information, call (989) 343-1847 or email: tlabeau@dhd2.org.

Grant Opportunities

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for the winter 2017 grant cycles of its Community Impact, Youth Advisory Council (YAC) and tobacco grants. The deadline

for all three grant opportunities is Monday, Jan. 16, 2017. All non-profit agencies with a 501(c)(3) IRS designation, schools, churches (for non-religious purposes) and government agencies in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties are invited to apply.

• Community Impact Grants are for a broad range of projects and programs. The maximum grant request amount is \$5,000. Mini-grants of up to \$1,000 are also available.

• Youth Advisory Council Grants are for projects benefiting youth under the age of 18. The maximum request amount for YAC Grants is \$2,500. Mini-grants of up to \$500 are available as well.

• Tobacco Grants are for projects and programs that address tobacco-related issues including smoking prevention and cessation programs. Applicants may request up to \$3,000 through the Tobacco Grant.

Applications are available at www.cfnem.org where they may be completed online and submitted via email, or printed for completion. If applications are mailed, they must be postmarked by the grant deadline date and sent to the CFNEM office at P.O. Box 495, Alpena, Mich. 49707. Applicants may also call the Community Foundation office toll free for more information at (877) 354-6881.

Blue Goose Stuffed

Approximately 1,488 toys and 5,563 food items were collected on Saturday, Dec. 10 during the fourth annual "Stuff a Blue Goose" event sponsored by the Michigan State Police (MSP) from the Alpena post. Troopers and other staff members stood outside Wal-Mart and Neiman's Family Market in Alpena for an eight hour period, with Blue Gooses (patrol cars) collecting non-perishable food items and new unwrapped toys for families around the area who are in need this holiday season.

The community donations stuffed the Tahoe SUV seven times and the Charger five times. The toy donations were then given to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 583 to be distributed to families in need in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties, and the food donations were given to The Salvation Army of Alpena.

"Without the donations from these businesses (Neiman's Family Market, Wal-Mart, Upper Cut Salon, Pure Water Wells, Downtown 76 and WATZ) and the very generous donations from all the members of the community, our event would not have been possible.

"Thank you again for helping the troopers of the Alpena Post make a difference in the lives of those in need this holiday season," said Community Service Trooper Ashley Simpson.

**You are invited to a
FRIENDS & FAMILY SALE
Sunday, December 18
1 to 4 p.m.**



116 E. Main St., Harrisville

Any item priced over \$5 will be **20% OFF** for **One Day Only**



ScoreCard Rewards
No Annual Fee

Stress-Free Shopping
powered by **VISA**

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PUBLIC NOTICE
IOSCO COUNTY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS
SECOND SEMESTER 2016-2017 SCHOOL YEAR
SCHOOLS OF CHOICE OPENINGS

Grade	Hale Area	Oscoda Area	Tawas Area	Whittemore-Prescott
K	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
1	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
2	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
3	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
4	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
5	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
6	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
7	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
8	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
9	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
10	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
11	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
12	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited

The above-identified Iosco County Public Schools will be accepting applications from nonresident pupils for Second Semester Enrollment of the 2016-17 school year. Applications are now available.

Completed applications for unlimited student enrollment in Hale Area Schools, Oscoda Area Schools, and Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools will be accepted January 9, 2017 thru January 20, 2017. Completed applications for unlimited student enrollment in Tawas Area Schools will be accepted January 16, 2017 thru January 27, 2017.

To obtain an application, contact the superintendent's office in the Schools of Choice district.

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Alcona boys start season with two wins

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team had a perfect start to its season last week, as it won games over Atlanta and AuGres.

The Tigers hosted the Wolverines on Thursday, Dec. 1 and picked up a 46-41 North Star League win.

Alcona led the game 23-15 at the half and 39-27 entering the fourth and staved off a late AuGres rally to preserve the win.

Leading the way was Jordan Steiner and Alex Stephenson with 13 points apiece and Antavious Mikazes netted eight points.

On Monday, Dec. 5 the Tigers played in their NSL and season opener at home against Atlanta, winning that contest 48-30.

The Tigers led 12-8 after the first quarter, and though the Huskies trimmed that margin to 12-10 early in the frame, Alcona went on a 9-0

spurt to help it take a 21-13 lead at the half.

The Tigers had six three-pointers in the game and were led by Mikazes with 15 points, Matthew Krisan netted nine and Devon Mills and Stephenson had seven points each.

Alcona (2-0 overall, 2-0 NSL) was at Mio on Monday. They host Tawas on Tuesday, Dec. 20 and play Oscoda at the Palace of Auburn Hills next Wednesday.

Alcona girls come up short against AuGres

By Hope Smith
Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team traveled to AuGres Sims High School on Friday, Dec. 9 to take on the Lady Wolverines. It was a tough night for the Lady Tigers as they continue to struggle to find an offensive rhythm.

Alcona fell to AuGres 38-24. (Individual results were not made available by deadline.)

On Wednesday, Dec. 7, the Lady Tigers played host to the Alpena Wildcats. Alcona had a slow start offensively. They were behind 15-5 by the sound of the first buzzer. Although the Lady Tigers' shooting improved in the second quarter, they still trailed the Wildcats 31-17 at half-time. In the second half, the Lady Wildcats continued to dominate the game with speed and added pressure on the ball at both ends of the floor causing Alcona to throw the ball away and rush too many open shots. The Lady Tigers finished the third quarter with 40-24 deficit.

In the final period, the Lady Tigers had their hands full just trying to keep up, but Alpena's offense proved to be just too much. The Wildcats cruised to a 53-32 win over Alcona.

"I thought we played pretty well tonight, especially against a team of Alpena's caliber. We really struggled to score, as it was not a good shooting night from the field

or the free throw line," said coach Mark Feldhiser. "Early in the game we didn't get back on defense and had a couple of really unforced turnovers, and that put us in the hole right from the beginning. But, I cannot fault the effort of our girls; we won't have many games that are tougher than this one. The key is that we are continuing to improve, and we believe we are now ready to get into the meat of our North Star League schedule."

Senior Brittany Decker led Alcona on offense with 12 points and defensively with three blocks. Taylor Livingston added 10 points, Kendra LaFave put up five points and grabbed three steals. Jordan Joyce had a triple and snatched one steal. Brooke Shultz added two points and picked up one steal.

Alcona played host to the Atlanta Huskies on December 6 and outplayed them right from the start. The Lady Tigers had a 19-4 lead by end of the first period and continued to add even more distance on the scoreboard with a 39-6 lead by the halfway mark.

They extended the lead 54-9 in the third quarter and finished the night with a convincing 70-11 victory over the Atlanta Huskies.

"It was nice to get our first win, especially a league win. Everyone got to play a lot and all 10 players contributed. We had a good defensive effort. More challenging games

are ahead, so it is back to work," Feldhiser said.

The Lady Tigers were led by Decker with 12 points. Livingston added 10 points and picked off three steals. LaFave had eight points. Rachel Warner delivered eight points and four steals. Madison Lane made eight points and grabbed three steals. Abby Lobaugh and Haley Gordy had six points each. Joyce and Faith Wallenmaier added five points each and Brooke Shultz found the bottom of the net for two points in Alcona's first North Star League win of the season.

Alcona was back in action December 13 when they played host to Mio AuSable. The Lady Tigers will play their last game before the Christmas break in Fairview against the Eagles on December 19. The junior varsity tip-off is at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity contest at 7:30 p.m.

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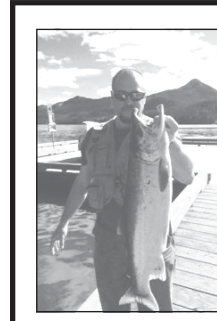
By Gregg Schefferly
 Outdoor Writer

Every once in a while you hear a hunting story that stands out from the others because it's so much more than a hunter shooting a big buck.

Such was the case for Alan Usler and Rebecca and Michael Billiel. Michael has been managing his hunting land for trophy whitetails for the past several years. The results of his dedication have been paying off in the form of harvesting some mature bucks.

Michael's 23-year-old daughter, Rebecca, has been fighting Cystic Fibrosis for her entire life. This year has been especially challenging for her and for a time it was questionable whether she'd be up to hunting. An avid outdoorswoman, she was determined to be in the woods for the opener of firearm season and she was.

Michael's father-in-law, Alan Usler, 75, hadn't shot a buck in nine years and de-



Exploring the Outdoors

By Gregg Schefferly

first few days hunters were seeing does and some smaller bucks, but Browzilla was nowhere to be found. Then as the weekend approached Rebecca's grandfather called her dad and said he couldn't stand it. He was coming to hunt that weekend. November 20 found Alan hunting his favorite stand, Michael and Rebecca hunting together, and their son-in-law, Mark Wygant, occupying another blind.

It wasn't long after sunrise when a big doe came down the trail with a large buck trailing behind her. Rebecca took careful aim and squeezed the trigger, after

tion of the 2017 firearm season.

Congratulations to both hunters.

Late Antlerless Season

While driving around Alcona County in the fall, I was shocked to see the large number of deer in field after field. The reason I bring this up is it can't be stressed enough to hunters the importance of substantially reducing our deer herd in the next couple weeks.

As hunters, we all enjoy seeing lot's of deer while on stand, but as a trapper I understand carrying capacity of the land. If we don't properly



Making memories this season (left) Alan Usler shot an eight-point just minutes after his granddaughter, Rebecca Billiel, shot an eight-point on family property in Mikado on November 20. Usler's buck had a 14-inch spread and weighed 150 pounds. Billiel's had a 16-inch spread and weighed 160 pounds. *Courtesy photo.*

ecided he wasn't going to hunt this year.

Michael had game cameras out early and caught a huge buck on camera; they named him Browzilla as a result of its unusually long brow tines.

Browzilla's appearance on camera definitely gave Michael plenty of reason to spend every moment he could in his stand during archery season. His dedication paid off when he called in Browzilla in late October. But, it wasn't meant to be -- his arrow glanced off the buck's shoulder. Michael was distraught, because he knew the odds of seeing this buck again on his property was slim to none.

Just prior to the opening of firearm season a couple of friends described a big buck they spotted and the description brought hope because the old buck was still in the neighborhood. It was about this time that Rebecca told her dad she planned on finishing what he started by bagging this mature buck.

The opener was bittersweet because Rebecca had rebounded and was in the woods hunting, but her grandfather wasn't. For the

which the buck ran off out of sight. As they were waiting to allow some time to pass before tracking the buck, they heard the roar of Allan's rifle.

What a morning -- both Rebecca and Alan shot within minutes of one another. Michael and Rebecca decided to track Rebecca's buck, but contemplated going first to see if they could help Allan. It was about this time they saw antlers sticking up out of the grass not very far from the stand where Michael had his chance at Browzilla.

Imagine their surprise when they approached the downed buck and realized that Rebecca had, indeed, finished what dad had started.

They were in the middle of celebrating when Michael's cell phone rang. That was when they found out that Alan had downed a trophy eight point buck of his own.

That weekend was one they'll never forget. And, I was told that grandpa is no longer known as grumpy grandpa. He now has a jump in his step as well as a glimmer in his eye as he discusses enlarging the food plot and the work he wants to do around the blind in prepara-

manage wildlife populations, Mother Nature will. Believe me her way is much crueler than ours. This isn't the Disney channel, this is reality. As a trapper I know about rabies, mange and distemper. Simply put, animals suffer for weeks, even months as they waste away before they ultimately die.

There are a lot less cedar swamps where deer winter in northeast Michigan. As a result of increasing deer numbers, deer have browsed anything edible to the ground and out of reach; this is called a browse line.

One hard winter in and we will literally have thousands of deer die of starvation; it's only a matter of time, starvation is a slow and miserable death. If you aren't aware of it, currently there are a few diseases wiping out deer in other parts of the state. These diseases are far more devastating than the TB we are cursed with locally. If we don't manage our deer herd, we could see the deer population practically wiped out from one bad winter or as a result of disease due to the

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dents and teachers, especially his Spanish teacher, Carolyn Watts, who the teenager said is very funny and can whistle.

Watts said the feeling was mutual, "The students love having him in class. They ask him questions about his country and his perceptions about the students here. They like to ask him how to write their names in Japanese. Yuki has a great sense of humor and the students are drawn to him," Watts said.

Already Nishibashi has experienced holidays he would have never had a chance to without coming to the states. Halloween was an event he had never experienced before and thought people were pulling his leg when they talked about dressing up in costume to go trick or treating. "He thought we were pranking him but he got a very cool costume, he was a headless man. He had fun," Matt said.

He has also been to a barn dance and is attending church at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville with the MacMasters. He said there are very few Catholics in

Shinga and not many Japanese follow a religion.

Nishibashi is a skilled artist and is enjoying his 3D art class at the high school, he's also having fun trying some new sports. He played competitive badminton in Japan but since Alcona High School doesn't have a badminton team he tried out for cross country running instead. To everyone's surprise, despite having no experience in the sport, he was excellent at it and even medaled and received a letter for his efforts. Nishibashi said he is currently weight training. "His mother won't recognize him when he gets home," MacMaster said.

Nishibashi also enjoys basketball for fun and downhill skiing and snowboarding. "That was one of the things which we saw on his profile and why we picked him to host. He has that in common with Matt and we thought the two of them would get along and enjoy skiing together this winter," Fitzgerald said.

The MacMaster family has hosted two other foreign exchange students in past years, both were from Ger-

many. This is their first experience with a student from Japan. MacMaster said he thought it was working out well for both boys. Matt is the MacMaster's youngest son and has dreams of someday being an engineer. MacMaster thought his son could learn a lot from Japanese engineers someday and possibly travel there for further education.

Nishibashi is part of the Education First foreign exchange program. Fitzgerald said the organization places around 700 students from Europe, Asia, and South America, but only about 80 of the students are from Japan. She'd like to see more students hosted in Alcona County as she feels it enriches not only the foreign exchange student but the students and people here as well.

Watts said, "I think it's great to have foreign exchange students to show other parts of the world. Our student's get to see that people from other countries really are like them and have similar interests."

May this be the first of many thanks to my friends, family and community in this time of loss of our home which was completely destroyed by a chimney fire on November 22, 23, 2016. Thank you to the response of the fire departments and all involved. We now are in the process of building a home again.
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Message/Well Being Check	5	Miscellaneous	1
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Patrol Check	2	Warrant Arrest	1
Civil	1	Breaking & Entering	1
Open Door	1	Personal Injury Accident	1
Driving Violations	1	Fraud	2
Lost/Found Property	1	Fire	1
Juvenile	1	Suspicious Events	4
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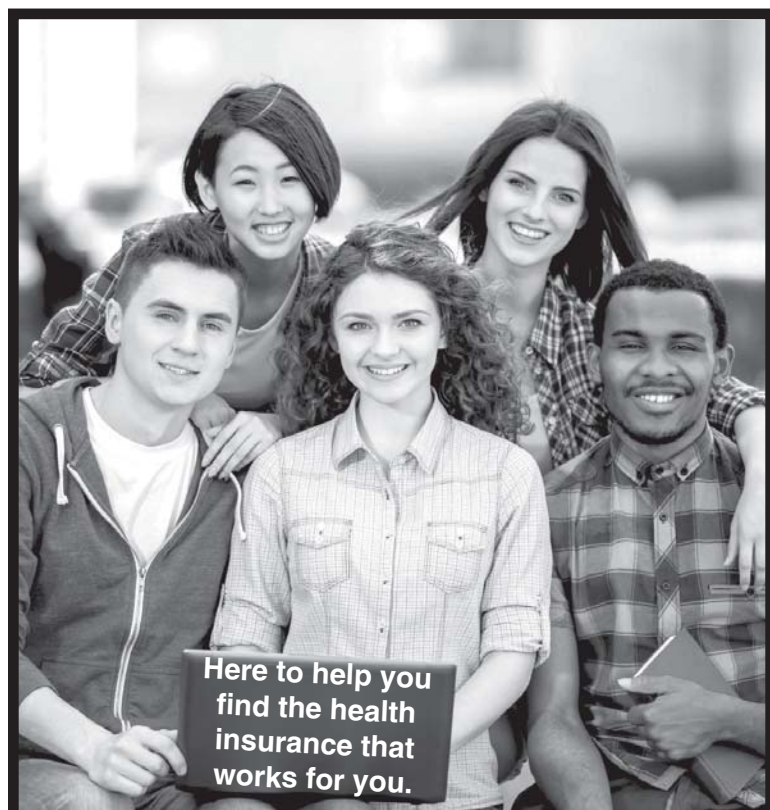
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Children's Christmas Parties



Andria Legstra (3) and sister Rylee (5) enjoy a conversation with Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Mikado Goodfellows Christmas party. Each child received a wrapped, age appropriate gift, punch and cookies. *Photos by Mary Weber.*



Megan Waligore, 4, of Harrisville opens the new doll she received at the annual Mikado Goodfellows Christmas party.



Daemon Rifenbark, 2, of Lincoln enjoys talking to Santa and Mrs. Claus at the Mikado Goodfellows Christmas party on Sunday. The annual party gives each child a wrapped, age-appropriate gift, stuffed animals, punch and cookies and more.

Children's Christmas Parties



Reilly Cronkright, 5, of Greenbush gets a hug from Santa while telling him that he'd like a toy rifle for Christmas during the Alcona Community Commission on Aging (ACCOA) Christmas party. This is the second year the senior center has sponsored a children's party. In addition to meeting Santa and Mrs. Claus, each child received a free picture, a new winter hat, gift bags, cookies and drink. *Photos by Mary Weber.*



Tayler Wilburn, 6, of Lincoln discusses fashion accessories with hat and mitten makers Kay Smith (back) and Shelly Sonberg (front).



Zoe Throop, 4, of Mikado with her dad, John, gets a cookie from Alcona Community Commission on Aging kitchen aid, Gerry Strenk, during the ACCOA Christmas party.

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April 3	August 7	December 4

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Locating lost life insurance policies

Dear Savvy Senior,
When my mom passed away we thought she had a life insurance policy, but we have no idea how to track it down. Do you know of any resources that might help?

Searching Susan

Dear Susan,
Lost or forgotten life insurance policies are very common in the United States. It's estimated that more than \$7 billion in benefits from unclaimed life insurance policies are waiting to be claimed by their rightful beneficiaries.

While unfortunately, there isn't a national database for tracking down these policies, there are a number of strategies and a few new resources that can help your search.

- Search her records: Check your mom's financial records or storage areas where she kept her important papers for a policy, records of premium payments, or bills from an insurer. Also contact her em-

ployer or former employer benefits administrator, insurance agents, financial planner, accountant, attorney or other adviser and ask if they know about a life insurance policy.

Also check safe-deposit boxes, monitor the mail for premium invoices or whole-life dividend notices, and review old income-tax returns, looking for interest income paid, and interest expenses paid, to life insurance companies.

- Contact the insurer: If you suspect that a particular insurer underwrote the policy, contact that carrier's claim office and ask. The more information you have, like your mom's date of birth and death, Social Security number and address, the easier it will be to track down.

Contact information of some big insurers include: Prudential 800-778-2255; MetLife Metlife.com/policy-finder; AIG (800) 888-2452; Nationwide (800) 848-6331; John Hancock JohnHan-

cock.com – click on "Contact Us" then on "Account Search Request."

- Get state help: Nineteen state insurance departments have a policy locator service program that can help you locate lost life insurance, and many other states offer resources that can help you with your search. To find direct access to these resources visit the American Council of Life Insurers website at ACLI.com/consumers – click on "Missing Policy Tips."

- Search unclaimed property: If your mom died more than a few years ago, benefits may have already been turned over to the unclaimed property office of the state where the policy was purchased. Go to MissingMoney.com, a website of the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, to search records from 40 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. The pull-down menu under Links connects you to a map and addresses for unclaimed



Savvy Senior

property agencies. Or, to find links to each state's unclaimed-property division visit Unclaimed.org.

If your mom's name or a potential beneficiary's name produces a hit, you'll need to prove your claim. Required documentation, which can vary by state, is detailed in claim forms, and a death certificate might be necessary. If you need a copy of your mom's death certificate, contact the vital records office in the state where she died, or go to VitalChek.com.

- Search fee-based services: There are several businesses that offer policy locator services for a fee. The MIB

Group, for example, which is a data-sharing service for life and health insurance companies, offers a policy locator service at PolicyLocator.com for \$75. But it only tracks applications for individual policies made since 1996.

You can also get assistance at Policy Inspector (PolicyInspector.com) for \$99, and L-LIFE (LostLifeIns.com) for \$108.50, who will do the searching for you.

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answer
If you're surrounded by several wisecracking folks, then I guess you have your wits about you.

NOTICE
The next meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission will be Wednesday, December 21, at 2 p.m. instead of Wednesday, December 28, 2016, at 4 p.m., at the Road Commission office, 301 N. Lake Street, Lincoln, MI. The public is invited and encouraged to attend Road Commission meetings.

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high numbers of whitetail we currently have.
There is the potential with our current population of whitetail for our herd to contract Blue Tongue or Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). If you haven't heard of them, Google and research these terrible diseases. Please get out and kill a bunch of does during the late antlerless season.
Just because you didn't see many deer during the fall hunting seasons doesn't mean there aren't many deer. They react to human intrusion into the woods by bedding and going nocturnal. Gauge your deer herd by the numbers of deer you saw in the fields in August and Sep-

tember. Good hunting.
Christmas for Sportsmen
As we grow older it seems to get harder and harder to buy a gift for that special someone in our life. If you're buying for someone who loves to hunt or fish, buying them Christmas gifts or stocking stuffers isn't really that difficult. The first step is finding out what they pursue -- are they a deer hunter, small game hunter, fisherman, or all of the above?
As an avid outdoorsman, I have to say that if you really want to put a huge smile on that special someone's face nothing will do it quicker than having a new fishing boat parked in the garage. If a

boats a bit out of reach, a hunting rifle, bow, crossbow, a portable shanty, or even a gas ice auger would be a guaranteed success.
Okay, now that my ears are ringing, here are a few other thoughts.
To be sure to get them what they want, the best bet is to corner a friend they hunt or fish with -- believe me, they will have suggestions. Hunters always need ammunition; .22 ammunition is always a safe bet for a hunter. Practically everyone owns a .22, so as long as it says .22 LR, you'll be fine. Packages of hand warmers are also great stocking stuffers. Little buddy heaters are relatively inexpensive and are very popular with both hunters and ice fishermen. Boot dryers are a great gift to keep feet dry and warm.
For the fishermen, do they like open water fishing, ice-fishing, or both? What do they fish? Ask their fishing buddy they'll know. Do they cast, troll, fly fish, or jig? If they like trolling; check out Off-shore Tackle's inline planer boards, be sure and get them with the tattle tail-flags. Another incredible gift is the Precision Trolling's app for Smartphones; it tells how deep most all the popular lures dive. Without going into detail this app is a homerun for anyone who trolls for dinner.

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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



County news jottings

December 14, 1877 - The stage business is increasing; two loads of passengers go up today.

-X-

The Harrisville M. E. Sabbath School have decided to have a Christmas Tree.

-X-

A financial report of the Alcona Co Agricultural Society will be published next week.

-X-

C. P. Reynolds, Esq. of Harrisville, delivered a temperance address at AuSable, last Sunday.

-X-

Pievna has fallen, that great city, and the Russians are happy. There's victory in the air.

-X-

Invitations have been issued for a grand hop, to come off at the McGuire House, Alcona, on Christmas Eve.

-X-

G. L. Colwell has been "transmogrifying" his tenant house, opposite the P.O., into a cottage that presents a much improved appearance.

-X-

Remember the Red Ribbon meeting at the reading room tonight. Encourage the Club with your presence. Dare to do right, because it is right.

-X-

Rev. "Wm. Donnelly, of Alpena, late pastor of the M. E. Church at Tawas City, is expected to preach at the M. E. church in Harrisville Sabbath morning.

-X-

When "Another Gazer" informs us who he is, we will publish his communication received this week. We cannot publish anonymous contributions. It is against the rules.

-X-

Greenbush is picking up right lively this winter. Lumbering in the town was never more extensive, and the population were never happier. The accession of Mr. D B. Mudgett to the place was a profitable move for Greenbush.

-X-

The stages have been very regular with the mail so far this season, notwithstanding the terrible condition of the roads. The people along the Shore appreciate the efforts of Messrs. Green and Reed to give them a daily mail.

-X-

We would like to ask the editor of the AuSable News what he would think of us if we should endeavor to injure his business by soliciting job work from the citizens of AuSable and Oacoda?. We learn, from creditable source, that he endeavored to get orders for printing at Greenbush, last Monday.

-X-

The question, relative to what games shall be pursued at the Reform Club's reading room, has not as yet been decided upon. The commit-

tee, to whom the matter was referred were unable to agree on a report as to recommendation. The matter will undoubtedly be discussed at the meeting tonight.

-X-

Our young friend Jas. S. Churchell, who was recently married to one of AuSable's fair daughters, has built himself a comfortable dwelling at his work near Alger & Co's camp, and himself and wife have gone to house-keeping.

We hope they may experience much joy and prosperity in their new home.

-X-

NOTICE.—To the officers and members of Alcona Lodge, 292, A., F. & A. M.: On Tuesday evening, the 18th inst., our annual election will be held for electing officers for the ensuing year. All please be present. By order of the W. M. L. Higgins, Sec'y.

-X-

Our Fishermen's Luck

Our fishermen have closed operations for the season, and hauled their crafts out of the lake on dry land. Mr. Fred. Lincoln's catch of fish for the season is twelve tons, which were sold fresh, and one hundred and fifty barrels of salt fish. Mr. Samuel Gervin caught two hundred and thirty-six barrels, all of which were salted.

-X-

Last Friday, while in the act of felling a tree, Mr. George Hamilton, living four miles

west of Harrisville, met with serious accident. We understand the tree had fallen across a sapling and against another tree in such a manner as to keep it from the ground. Mr. Hamilton proceeded to cut the sapling, and, while doing so, the tree came down of its own accord and the sapling, flew upward, striking the aged gentleman a fearful blow over the eyes, and producing quite a serious wound



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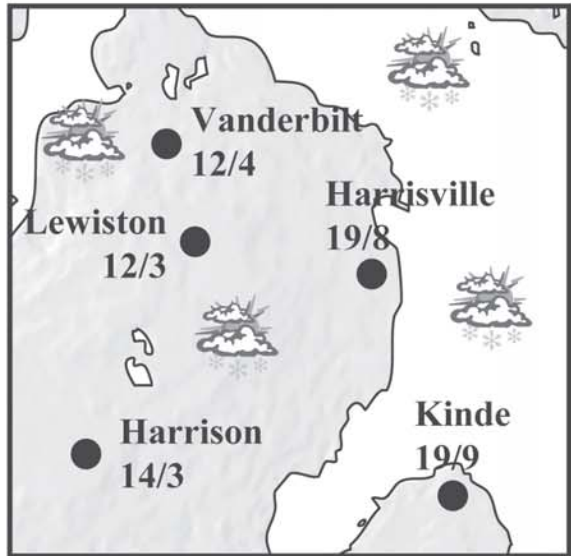
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Alcona Review Weather Report

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Snow Possible High: 19 Low: 8
	THURSDAY Snow Possible High: 17 Low: 5
	FRIDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 20 Low: 15
	SATURDAY Snow Likely High: 29 Low: 16
	SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 19 Low: 15
	MONDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 16 Low: 8
	TUESDAY Snow Possible High: 17 Low: 11

Today's Regional Map







In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow, high temperature of 19°, humidity of 72%. Southwest wind 20 to 25 mph. The record high temperature for today is 61° set in 1975. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of snow, overnight low of 8°. The record low for tonight is 0° set in 1954.


*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	41	30	34/20	0.03"
Tuesday	42	25	34/20	0.00"
Wednesday	35	30	34/20	0.00"
Thursday	32	25	33/19	0.03"
Friday	27	18	33/19	0.01"
Saturday	24	15	33/19	0.01"
Sunday	26	15	32/18	0.10"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

		Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset		
Last		Wednesday	8:03 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	6:07 p.m.	8:20 a.m.		First
12/20		Thursday	8:04 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	7:11 p.m.	9:20 a.m.		1/5
		Friday	8:04 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	8:18 p.m.	10:12 a.m.		
		Saturday	8:05 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	9:25 p.m.	10:55 a.m.		
New		Sunday	8:06 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	10:31 p.m.	11:32 a.m.		Full
12/29		Monday	8:06 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	11:34 p.m.	12:04 p.m.		1/12
		Tuesday	8:07 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	No Rise	12:33 p.m.		


Local UV Index



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

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 48° in Dover, Del. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 85° in Pembroke Pines, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow today, scattered rain and snow Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 51° in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 79° in Yuma, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	9:39 a.m.	6:15 p.m.
Venus	11:05 a.m.	n/a
Mars	11:47 a.m.	10:02 p.m.
Jupiter	2:33 a.m.	1:48 p.m.
Saturn	7:42 a.m.	4:42 p.m.
Uranus	1:42 p.m.	2:50 a.m.

Weather History

Dec. 14, 1924 - The temperature at Helena, Mont. plunged 88 degrees in 34 hours. The mercury plummeted from 63 above to 25 below zero. At Fairfield, Mont., the temperature plunged 84 degrees in just 12 hours, from 63 at noon to 21 below zero at midnight.

Weather Trivia

Are tornadoes unique to the United States?

?

Answer: No, but three out of four tornadoes are spawned in the United States.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Skies Unlimited

Telescopes and Christmas—they go together like mistletoe and kisses, but most people buying a scope for under the tree will make the wrong decisions. All telescopes are compromises in one way or another, but all experts agree that telescopes are not built strictly for magnification. If a manufacturer hypes the power that a telescope can attain as the chief reason for purchasing the scope, stay away from that product. The most important attribute of a telescope is its ability to gather more light than the human eye—more light to see deeper into space. In addition, a good telescope will bring the light collected by a mirror or a lens to a crisp, contrasty focus in a comfortable manner. The eye, acting as the receptor of the gathered photons, essentially becomes as large as the surface of the light-gathering area of the telescope. Department store scopes like those sold at K-Mart or Wal-Mart are, simply put, overpriced and poor performers attached to unstable mounting systems that quickly drive potential enthusiasts to other hobby interests. Manufacturers like Orion, Celestron, Explore Scientific, and Meade produce good instrumentation in the \$300 to \$600 bracket, and all have good websites hyping their products. My suggestion, if you're thinking about a scope for Christmas, is to visit a retail store that exclusively sells telescopes and talk to a knowledgeable individual who knows the market and can make appropriate suggestions. Places like these are few and far between, but locally serving the Greater Philadelphia and Lehigh Valley regions is Skies Unlimited (skiesunlimited.com) in Pottstown, PA, at 52 Glocker Way, 19465 (888-947-2673). I was just there this past Friday, Dec. 9, and they had "tons" of used and new equipment on their showroom floor, real telescopes, and many at affordable prices. Talk to Bob, Ted, or Dave for a no pressure introduction to the telescope market. Skies has treated me and Moravian College very fairly and will do the same for you. Skies unlimited to all! www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **NURSERY RHYMES:** What line follows the rhyme, "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep"?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** What river flows through the city of Vienna, Austria?
3. **MOVIES:** What movie was based on a play called "Everybody Comes to Rick's"?
4. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** What did President William McKinley die from in 1901?
5. **MYTHOLOGY:** What was the Greek counterpart of the Roman god Cupid?
6. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of the van in the "Scooby-Doo" animated series?
7. **U.S. STATES:** What is the official state flower of Kansas?
8. **FOOD & DRINK:** What herb is commonly used to make pickles?
9. **INVENTIONS:** What 19th-century trapeze artist created a bodysuit that bears his name?
10. **SCIENCE:** What type of rock is basalt?

Answers: 1. "Have you any wool?"; 2. The Danube; 3. "Casablanca"; 4. A gunshot wound from an assassination; 5. Eros; 6. The Mystery Machine; 7. The sunflower; 8. Dill; 9. Jules Leotard; 10. Igneous, a rock formed from volcanic lava (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 30, 1903, a fire in the Iroquois Theater in Chicago kills more than 600 people. The fire inspector had declared the theater "fireproof beyond all doubt," even though it had no fire alarm and no sprinkler system over the stage. An asbestos curtain turned out to be made of paper, and the exits were locked.
- On Dec. 27, 1932, at the height of the Great Depression, thousands turn out for the opening of Radio City Music Hall, an Art Deco theater in a formerly derelict neighborhood in Manhattan. Since its opening, more than 300 million people have attended events at Radio City.
- On Dec. 29, 1940, London suffers its most devastating air raid when German planes firebomb the city. The next day, a newspaper photo of St. Paul's Cathedral standing undamaged amid the smoke and flames seemed to symbolize the city's unconquerable spirit.
- On Jan. 1, 1959, a popular revolution led by Fidel Castro quickly takes over Cuba. After Castro nationalized American-owned property and allied himself with the Soviets, the U.S severed diplomatic and economic ties, and enacted a trade and travel embargo.
- On Dec. 26, 1966, the first day of the first Kwanzaa is celebrated in Los Angeles under the direction of Maulana Karenga, the chair of Black Studies at California State University at Long Beach. The seven-day holiday celebrates African-American family, community and culture.
- On Dec. 28, 1973, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn's "literary investigation" of the police-state system in the Soviet Union, "The Gulag Archipelago, 1918-1956," is published in the original Russian in Paris. Soviet officials were livid, and Solzhenitsyn was arrested, stripped of his citizenship and deported.
- On Dec. 31, 1985, former teen idol Rick Nelson dies in plane crash in Texas. Nelson launched his pop career in 1957 by singing in an episode of "The Adventures of Ozzie And Harriet."

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Super Crossword

UNSPOKEN BEVERAGE OF CHOICE

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Out on — (in potential danger)</p> <p>6 "I'm just sayin'," in a text</p> <p>10 Letters after chis</p> <p>14 Apple variety</p> <p>18 — de Mayo</p> <p>19 Indian melodies</p> <p>21 "Don't say it!"</p> <p>22 Famed flood figure</p> <p>23 Challenges</p> <p>24 School, in France</p> <p>25 Card game for one</p> <p>27 Start of a riddle</p> <p>30 Popular Eli Lilly brand</p> <p>31 Sacred vow</p> <p>32 Tidies</p> <p>33 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>38 Fit — bill</p> <p>39 Sodium hydroxide, chemically</p> <p>40 Lean- (shacks)</p> <p>41 Octet count</p> <p>46 "You Got It" singer</p> <p>49 Ghostly spirit</p> | <p>52 Trivial lies</p> <p>53 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>58 Cozy spot</p> <p>59 Publishes</p> <p>60 Morales of Hollywood</p> <p>61 Citrate, e.g.</p> <p>63 Burrito</p> <p>64 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>68 Like a king</p> <p>71 Pupa-to-be</p> <p>73 Microwave, informally</p> <p>74 Islamic holy city</p> <p>75 Turn liquid</p> <p>77 Riddle, part 5</p> <p>82 "— Lama Ding Dong" (1961 hit)</p> <p>83 Like a scornful villain's face</p> <p>84 "Für —" (piano classic)</p> <p>85 Annual sports awards</p> <p>87 TV actress</p> <p>88 Roosevelt's terrier</p> <p>90 — West (life jacket)</p> <p>93 End of the riddle</p> | <p>100 Devotee</p> <p>104 Tombstone</p> <p>105 Theater area</p> <p>106 Riddle's answer</p> <p>111 Sent by plane, as a letter</p> <p>112 Ghostly</p> <p>113 Pop singer</p> <p>115 Word after a noun, often</p> <p>116 Snow glider</p> <p>117 "Fear Street" author R.L. —</p> <p>118 Perfect spots</p> <p>119 Big ice cream brand</p> <p>120 Old fast jets, for short</p> <p>121 Finger sound</p> <p>122 TV "explorer" and others</p> | <p>7 1993 siege site in Texas</p> <p>8 1952</p> <p>9 "The Misfits" actor Eli</p> <p>10 Swank</p> <p>11 "Flee, fly!"</p> <p>12 Off the coast</p> <p>13 Evening do</p> <p>14 Out of place</p> <p>15 Silk pattern</p> <p>16 RBI king</p> <p>17 The mating game?</p> <p>20 Catches sight of, biblically</p> <p>26 Josh</p> <p>28 —Ops (CIA mind games)</p> <p>29 "— ya up to?"</p> <p>30 Curious pet</p> <p>34 See 70-Down</p> <p>35 "Taboo" cable chan.</p> <p>36 Copy a tiger</p> <p>37 "Keep dreaming!"</p> <p>42 Assuming it's necessary</p> <p>43 Fashion's Armani</p> <p>44 "Veep" cable channel</p> | <p>45 "Tut" relative</p> <p>46 Flees</p> <p>47 Perfume</p> <p>48 "— my fault"</p> <p>49 Singer</p> <p>50 Stocking</p> <p>51 168 in a wk.</p> <p>53 Car navig. aid</p> <p>54 Man-mouse link</p> <p>55 Old indoor light source</p> <p>56 "Go back" PC key</p> <p>57 "... we'll — a cup o' kindness ...": Burns</p> <p>62 Deuce</p> <p>64 Lyricist</p> <p>65 Neighbor of Switz.</p> <p>66 34th prez</p> <p>67 Lowest tier of a parking garage, perhaps</p> <p>69 "Further ..."</p> <p>70 With 34-Down, chew out</p> <p>72 Beetles, e.g., briefly</p> | <p>74 CAT scan</p> <p>75 Three, in Milan</p> <p>76 — -been</p> <p>78 "Judge not, lest — judged"</p> <p>79 Roe, e.g.</p> <p>80 Spouts forth</p> <p>81 Biblical kingdom</p> <p>86 "Yes and no"</p> <p>88 Mink cousins</p> <p>89 Pain-relief pill</p> <p>90 More clouded</p> <p>91 Insect feeler</p> <p>92 Conceit</p> <p>94 Careless</p> <p>95 Boring tools</p> <p>96 Devil's place</p> <p>97 Notable time</p> <p>98 Leaning</p> <p>99 Afro, e.g.</p> <p>100 Tequila plant</p> <p>101 Dehydrated</p> <p>102 Cheerful</p> <p>103 Feet, in verse</p> <p>107 Cross paths</p> <p>108 Roush and Byrnes</p> <p>109 Singer</p> <p>110 Don't discard</p> <p>114 Mag. printing</p> |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was notoriously prolific American author and academic Isaac Asimov, who died in 1992, who made the following sage observation: "There is a cult of ignorance in the United States, and there always has been. The strain of anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.'"
- If you're like 10 to 20 percent of the U.S. population, you suffer from "coulrophobia," a fear of clowns.
- In Linden, California, a man saw a rabbit scurry into an irrigation pipe. Worried about the animal's safety, he got two other men to help him lift the 44-foot-long pipe and urge the rabbit out. Their kindly behavior wasn't rewarded, however; while the men were lifting it, the pipe touched a 12,000-volt electrical wire, electrocuting all three of the Good Samaritans.
- Those who suffer from Moebius syndrome are incapable of showing expressions on their faces -- not a frown or a smile or a quizzical lift of an eyebrow. They often are found sleeping with their eyes open.
- Between 1976 and 1987, no red M&M candies were produced.
- A collection of items that belonged to Eva Braun, Adolf Hitler's longtime companion (and, very briefly, his wife), recently went up for auction. Among the items was a pair of her underwear, lilac with white lace and ribbon trim, embroidered with her initials. An unnamed collector bought the undergarment for more than \$3,500.
- If you want to get a karat's worth of diamond, you'll have to mine, on average, 23 tons of ore.

Thought for the Day: "Every normal man must be tempted at times to spit upon his hands, hoist the black flag and begin slitting throats." -- H.L. Mencken

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Dec. 5 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The following were sworn in by attorney Cook: President Phillip Jordan, treasurer Holly Hussain, clerk Linda Somers and council members Marsha Mahalak, William Putsky and Patricia Somers. The meeting then opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Also present were council members Bonny Gauthier and Sara Healy.
Following a brief discussion of the recent election process and the need for an additional council member, Sara Healy made a motion to appoint Amanda Zielinski to fill the remaining two-year seat. Bonny Gauthier offered support. Motion Carried. Attorney Cook then swore Amanda in.
President Jordan thanked everyone who is serving on the council as well as those who were just elected. The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Healy with support from Zielinski. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Gauthier with support from Zielinski. Motion carried. A credit card policy needs to be implemented. A motion was made by Healy, with support from Gauthier, to adopt the credit card policy that has been recommended by the auditors. Motion carried.
The fire department report was given by fire chief Mike Serafin. It has been a very busy month in both the first responder and fire departments. Both groups helped with the Christmas festivities on Friday evening at the village hall. The street report was given by president Jordan. Trees have been trimmed and everything is being readied for winter. All of the village equipment has been fixed and is ready for use. The sewer report was also given. There have been several issues over the past month. The flow meters have not been working properly. Several businesses

have experienced problems. It was determined that the entire system, including the alarm, was completely shut down. It has been cleaned and is up and running again. Dave Walters of the DEQ has been notified and along with Gary Bartow from Fleis and Vandenbrink will be looking into what can be done. The sheriff's report was also given.
In public comment time, president Jordan said the Festival of Lights was well attended. Ed and Connie Beulow thanked everyone for serving on the various committees. He wished all a very Merry Christmas and a great year ahead. Kathy Putsky said she is thrilled for her husband to be serving on the council. She stated they are looking forward to it.
In old business, Zielinski stated that she is continuing to work on the website with Karen Godi from the Downtown Development Authority. It will take some work but she is confident it will look good. Healy is continuing to work on getting paperwork as requested by our auditors.
In new business Healy questioned whether or not we need to add a few items to the policy/resolution for civil rights that was adopted in 2012. It will be reprinted and brought to the next meeting.
Meeting dates for 2017 were set: Wednesday, Jan. 4; February 6; March 6; April 3; May 1; June 5; Thursday, July 6; August 2; Wednesday, Sept. 6; October 2; November 6; December 4. All regular meetings are scheduled for 7 p.m. Budget planning meeting will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15 at 6 p.m.
The Festival of Lights winners were announced. First place, Geraldine and Ray Mahalak on Jasmin Road. Second place to Larry and Linda Somers on Main Street. Third place to Billy and Edna Somers on Barlow Road. Fourth place to the Allen family on Jasmin and fifth place to Jerry and Diana Burt on Sleeper Drive. The travelling business trophy was given to Hillman Extrusion this

year.
Thanks to the Alcona High School athletes who helped with the hay rides and led Christmas carols. They gave up their lunch hours in order to practice songs to participate in the festivities. Thanks to Steve Slater and the beautification committee who put up lights and decorations for Christmas.
Bathrooms have been winterized and the water system on 2nd Street has been winterized as well. Two applications were received for the position that involves working with the village maintenance man. President Jordan read both letters of interest. The human resources (HR) committee will make the final determination on who to hire. A motion was made by Mahalak to turn the applications over to the HR committee and have them go through the hiring process. Gauthier offered support. Motion carried. President Jordan will work with whoever is chosen and teach them how to use the various equipment.
A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Gauthier with support from Healy. Motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier with support from Zielinski. Wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk

Classified Ad Deadline is Monday at 5 p.m.

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We are two adults and a well-behaved standard poodle looking for a secluded cottage to rent on Lake Huron near Harrisville for two weeks in mid-August of 2017. It must be far from any busy roads, ideally on Sanctuary Bay. Please contact Kitty B. Kahn at kkahn@comcast.net and put 'cottage' in the subject line or phone (734) 417-8345. We would be happy to provide references.

BINGO

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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