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Two commissioners reflect on service to county

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Two Alcona County commissioners closed the year with reflections of serving their community well as they stepped away from their board seats last Wednesday.

Both commissioners -- Sheila Phillips, who decided to retire after being on the board of commissioners for 16 years, and Kevin Boyat, who served on the commission for 26 years and was not re-elected -- had nothing but good things to say about serving the community they love.

Phillips said when she first ran for office she cried at her kitchen table when she learned of her victory and said it was wonderful to know the public had put their trust in her over the incumbent commissioner.

She began her duties by working on both the personnel and finance committee.



Sheila Phillips and Kevin Boyat receive acknowledgment for their long-time service as Alcona County commissioners. Trees will be planted on county property honoring their long careers. Photo by Mary Weber.

"Being on just one of those committees is hard but starting out with both was a lot. It took me a few years to grasp the weight of the position and all its details," Phillips said.

Phillips moved to Alcona County in 1988 and began working for the Alcona Conservation District and continued with that job even after being elected to the commissioner seat. She said at one time she worked under both Boyat and commissioner, Craig Johnston, at the conservation district office.

Phillips resigned from the conservation district office in 2007 when she began working for Congressman Bart Stupak while still serving as an Alcona County commissioner. She enjoyed working in the conservation district and with Stupak -- what she learned in those capacities added to her skills as a county commissioner, she explained.

Boyat's parents moved to Alcona County when he was eight-years-old and was raised in the county. He was appointed as commissioner in 1989 when Jim Reed resigned.

He agreed with Phillips in that it takes a lot to learn the job of commissioner. "I'm still learning. A lot has changed just in the last four years. You think you've got a handle on something and then it changes, but I always say if you're not learning something, then you're dead," Boyat said.

Boyat served as chairman of the board for the last 19 years. He said there is a lot of extra responsibility that comes with the seat. He said his duties as chairman were made a lot easier because he had good people to work with and they all worked together for the good of the county.

The responsibility of being a commissioner includes being on many committees and boards. Phillips has worked with the Northern Michigan

County Association, Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA), Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG), Northeast Michigan Consortium (Michigan Works), Huron Pines, Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary, Economic Development Corporation, Thunder Bay Transportation Authority, Pine River VanEtten Lake Association (PRVEL), Alcona County Fire Fighters Association, and the Harbortown Marketplace committee among many other groups and associations in northeast Michigan and Alcona County.

Boyat, who also has a full-time job as a farmer, has been on similar boards and committees. He has also assisted with the Alcona County Fair Board, Oscoda Wurtsmith Airport Authority and the Alcona County Parks and Recreation Board.

Phillips said she'd like to continue her work with the Thunder Bay Transit Authority just until the new building was up and running.

Boyat said he'd like to continue working with the Parks and Recreation Board, but said all those decisions on whether they can continue to work those committees will be up to the new board of commissioners when they meet in January.

Boyat said leaving his seat is bitter sweet and that the voting results were not what he expected. "There were a lot of people who voted a straight Republican ticket, which swayed the vote, but it's been a good run. Everything happens for a reason. I've enjoyed all the people I worked with. There have been a few heartburns along the way, but all that we've done and accomplished is a lot.

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New position to help with student success

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona Community Schools has created a new position with the intention of relieving student behavior issues in order to allow students to be more successful in school.

Jeanette Klein has been named the dean of students in addition to her role as special education coordinator. Klein said she has only been dean of students for a week, but is really enjoying it.

In this role, Klein will work with students who have behavioral, motivation and attendance issues in a positive way, while still enforcing the school's policies. Issues are addressed one-on-one with students or in groups to keep students interested in staying in school and doing their best.

Klein will be working closely with students, success workers, liaison officers, teachers, staff and parents.

"If a student isn't feeling good about who they are as a person and has a lot going on in their life, it's going to affect the learning part of their academics. The positive behavior support happening is a piece of what schools in Michigan are moving to. It's looking at behavior issues in a positive way instead of making everything punitive. It's making the student part of the process," Klein said.

According to Klein detention is being replaced with a period called PRIDE (Personal Responsibility in a Desirable Environment) which meets during lunchtime. If the action is not so severe it warrants suspension or expulsion, then the student goes to PRIDE and fills out a reflection sheet.

Klein explained that this makes the student think about what they did and what they can do better. It makes them part of the process and more responsible for their behavior because they are the



Jeanette Klein

ones who must come up with a plan on what they will do differently in the future. She said what works for one student may not work for another, so individualizing the consequences helps.

The reflection sheet/plan works in conjunction with the school's multi-tiered success plan. Klein explained that learning academics is important, but sometimes they must teach behavior as well, which is just as important to all students. "It brings the

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Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
 My last letter was thanking the Alcona EMTs for their quick response when my daughter Cindy fell and injured her back. I would like to also thank Dr. Rao for his concern about the first diagnosis of my daughter's back. The first diagnosis, given by a doctor at Alpena hospital, was that there was nothing wrong and she could go back to work the next day, which I thought was wrong. The next day, Dr. Rao got the proper diagnosis from another doctor in radiology and confirmed that my daughter had a ruptured disc and spinal stenosis.

It seems to me since MidMichigan Medical Center has taken over Alpena Hospital things have gotten worse, and something ought to be done about it -- like the powers that be start overseeing the doctors working there. If they can't do the job correctly then get out and go into some other field. We have to depend on these people to tell the right things and (not) guess at it.

I would tell Mid Michigan Medical "shape up or ship out."

David Burnham
 Harrisville

Obituaries

Fernando S. Davila

Fernando S. Davila, 90, of Mikado, died on Monday, Dec. 19, 2016 at home.

He was born August 20, 1926 in Saltillo, Mexico.

On April 24, 1946, he married Esperanza Aldape. They were longtime residents of the Detroit, Mich. area, until they moved to Mikado in 1994.

He loved cars, motorcycles, and airplanes. He was a member of the Oscoda Car Club and the Knights of the Road Motorcycle Club.

Mr. Davila is survived by two sons, Ralph Davila of Howell, Mich. and Carlos Davila of Wayne, Mich.; and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Esperanza, on December 1, 2012; one daughter, Joann Blaine on August 20, 1994; and one son, Fernando Davila Jr. on February 12, 2010.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Robert O. Lincoln

Robert Oscar Lincoln, 69, died on Tuesday, Dec. 20, 2016 in Harrisville.

He was born August 11, 1947 to Henry O. and Leilia (Kingsley) Lincoln in Ypsilanti, Mich., where he was raised.

He served in the U.S. Navy in Vietnam from 1968 to 1972 as the lead bow gunner on swift boats PCF 54 and PCF 87. On December 1, 1970 he received the Bronze Star with "V" for valor and meritorious service in combat. In 2014 he wrote about his experiences in Vietnam and his contribution to the book, "Restoration of a Legacy, Swift Boats and Their Sailors" was published by the Maritime Museum of San Diego, Calif.

After working for several years as a district manager of several chain stores in Hawaii, Mr. Lincoln returned to Michigan where he worked as a furniture salesman and owned his own furniture business for 11 years. He also worked in the JC Penney furniture department until his retirement.

He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in education from Eastern Michigan University.



Mr. Lincoln was interested in family genealogy, and any history, especially military history, and Michigan history. He has long been considered the family historian.

Mr. Lincoln is survived by Delores (Lincoln) Packard of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews; and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one sister, Phyliss (Lincoln) Fink.

A memorial service will be held on the weekend of July 4, in Harrisville. Cremation has taken place and inurnment will be at the Lincoln plot in Westlawn Cemetery in Harrisville. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home.



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Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Dec. 18	19	1	0.00	3.3	20	N
Dec. 19	22	1	0.00	6.6	26	SW
Dec. 20	33	10	0.00	8.0	37	SW
Dec. 21	33	20	0.03	4.1	17	WSW
Dec. 22	40	29	0.00	2.3	18	SW
Dec. 23	39	27	0.01	5.3	23	SW
Dec. 24	39	30	0.03	1.8	12	W

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2016/2017 Season			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.07	2.0	0.39
December to Date	1.01	15.3	1.41
Year/Season to Date	26.85	15.4	27.98

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

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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

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.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 29

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.

Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 30

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.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 3

Play euchre at 1:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4

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.

Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing, winter coats and boats will be available for residents of Alcona County with newborns to age five. Layettes available for the soon to be born.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena

Council will meet at 11 a.m. at VFW Hall, 2900 Connon in Alpena. Lunch will be served. Bring a can of food for the needy. Call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080 for reservations and information.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 5

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.

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. First meeting is free, handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 6

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

An open house for the artist Chad Szatkowski will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Thunder Bay Art Gallery located at 127 West Chisholm Street in Alpena. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Coloring for Adults from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils will be provided. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

Play pinochle at 1 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. Everyone welcome.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 10

Play euchre at 1:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.



Crimson, yellow, and orange gently blend together in this Grandiflora rose, and look best when the flower is fully open. It bears a lightly fruity scent. It can reach 3 to 4 feet tall by about 2 feet wide, with dense, glossy, dark green foliage. Hot weather can force it to bloom, then fade quickly, but the bush is quick to repeat, providing many flowers through the season.

— Brenda Weaver

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A spring series will follow, with a schedule to be arranged.




This group is for adults, age 15 and up.

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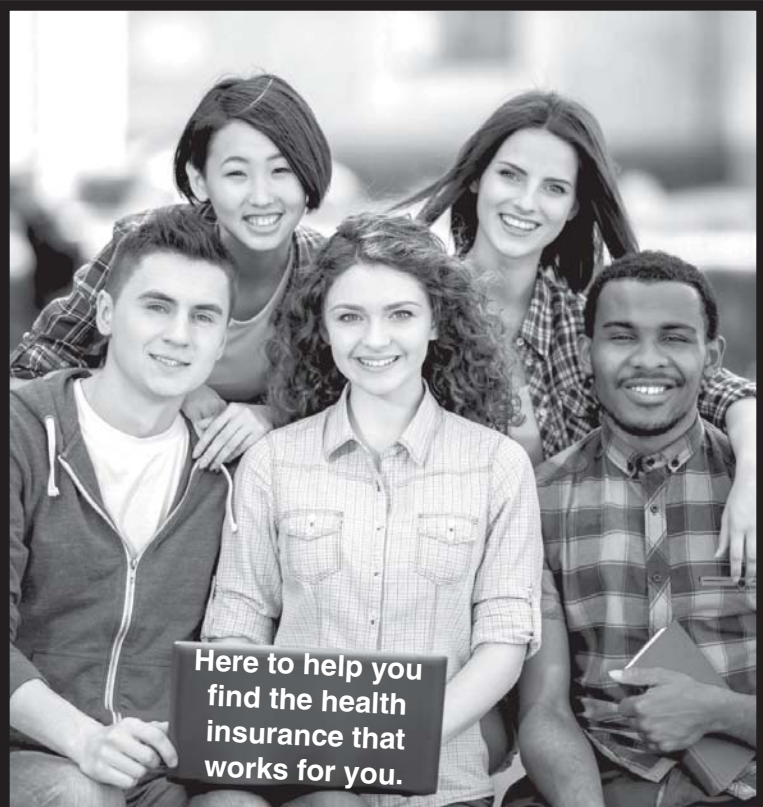
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www.alconahhealthcenters.org

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, Jan. 2—Roasted pork, red bliss potato, baby carrots, and applesauce.
 - Tuesday, Jan. 3—Bourbon chicken, rice pilaf, peas, tossed salad, and mixed fruit.
 - Wednesday, Jan. 4—Fish almondine, baked potato, broccoli and mandarin oranges.
 - Thursday, Jan. 5—Pepper steak over brown rice, mixed vegetables, and pineapple.
 - Friday, Jan. 6—Smothered chicken, buttered noodles, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad and peaches.
- (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Super Crossword

Answers

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Breast Cancer Donation

In honor of Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the Ossineke Eagles Club hosted a Breast Cancer Walk in October and recently donated \$1,455 to the Cancer Center at MidMichigan Medical Center - Alpena to assist breast cancer patients. The walk started at Chippewa Point and ended at the Ossineke Eagles Club where a luncheon was held.

"Our message was 'Join us for a short walk in hope of a longer survival rate,'" said Diane Ronayne, event coordinator. "I've recently finished my own breast cancer treatment and am so appreciative of the staff at the Cancer Center."

More than 40 walkers from Harrisville, Ossineke and the Alpena area laced up their shoes for the walk. Participants enjoyed a lunch with food donated by volunteers.

"As a breast cancer patient, Diane is well aware of the importance of having a mammogram and care after being diagnosed with breast cancer," said Ann Diamond, development council director. "We appreciate all those who participated in the walk and luncheon supporting those diagnosed with breast cancer. It is a journey, and this event showcases the importance of family, friends and neighbors in that journey."

success in quitting with help. People are most successful at quitting when using a combination of therapies. These include resources such as nicotine replacement, counseling, self-help materials, and a strong support network of family and friends.

The Michigan Tobacco Quitline is an evidence-based service that continues to provide free telephone coaching for the uninsured, pregnant women, residents enrolled in Medicaid and Medicare, veterans, cancer patients, and Native Americans, and free nicotine replacement therapy to those who qualify. The quitline provides services including materials, text messaging, an online program, and referral to all Michigan residents.

Staff and providers can refer their patients and clients to the quitline, and individual tobacco users can contact the quitline directly at (800) 784-8669 or enroll online at <https://michigan.quitlogix.org>. More information, including a fax referral form for providers, is available at the website.

In addition, the National Cancer Institute offers free resources and advice on making a quit plan that can help with quitting smoking. These resources available at www.smokefree.gov.

Artist In Residence Event

Thunder Bay Arts Council (TBAC) and the TBAC Gallery present Chad Szatkowski as the Artist In-Residence for the months of January and February 2017.

He enjoys sculpture, water painting, acrylic paints, chalk and India ink. He has done several murals around the Alpena area for the public and private sector. He has also designed T-shirts and business signs including logos.

A collection of his work will be on display at the TBAC Gallery throughout the months of January and February 2017. An open house will be held in his honor on Friday, Jan. 6, 2017, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the TBAC office/gallery located at 127 W. Chisholm Street in Alpena. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Help to Quit Smoking

According to the American Cancer Society, the benefits of quitting smoking are immediate. Within 20 minutes, blood pressure drops, and within 24 hours a person's chance of heart attack decreases. The benefits continue for years including reduced risk of lung cancer, stroke and heart disease.

"Quitting tobacco can be challenging because nicotine is a highly addictive drug. But whether a person chooses to quit during the holiday season, or as a New Year's resolution, there are resources available to help," said Denise Bryan, health officer at District Health Department No. 2.

According to Bryan, research shows that while quitting is difficult for most tobacco users, people who use tobacco can increase their



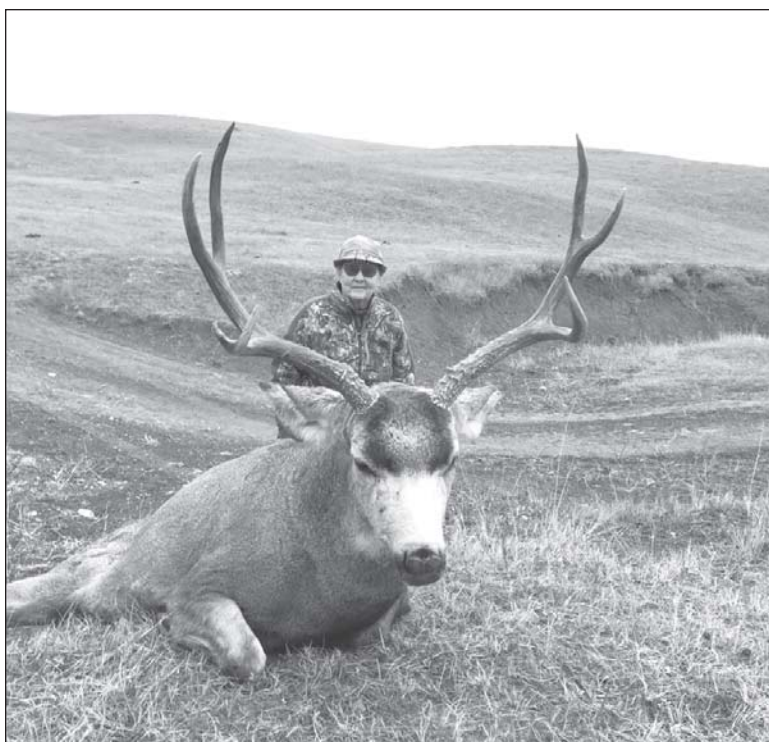
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Three generations of the Hubbard family enjoy a hunting vacation out West during the fall. Sally Hubbard of Alpena bagged this 3x4 mule deer on a 286 yard shot in November outside of Philip, S.D. Her hunt was filmed by Greg Miller, who has the hunting show "The Hunt." It can be seen via The Hunt's Facebook page.



Connor Hubbard of Lincoln, Sally's grandson, bagged a 4x4 mule deer while on the same trip outside of Philip, S.D.



Sherm Hubbard of Lincoln, (Sally's son) bagged a 6x6 mule deer just south of the Badlands National Park outside of Philip, S. D. He also shot a 4x4 mule deer in Montana earlier in the season. *Courtesy photos.*

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Someone said to me that it's time for a change, but how can anyone beat what we've done? I hope they do though, I want nothing but the best for the county," Boyat said.

He said watching the improvements made in the county over the last 26 years really made him feel good including county building and jail improvements, upgrading the ambulance service and upgrading the radio systems and towers.

Phillips said her decision to retire wasn't easy and it took her a long time to decide. "I had a list a mile long of pros and cons. It all intertwines, your personal life and the county (work). I had to look at the effect it would have on me, my family and the county. I'm 63, I can still do other things. New people can learn a lot from those who are here now.

"I can't say enough about (commissioner) Carolyn Brummund and what a gift it has been to work and learn from her. It was a privilege to work with Kevin too. We al-

ways had a good board and worked well together as a team," Phillips said.

Phillips said she had no immediate plans with her retirement and wanted to see where life takes her. Boyat said he was unsure if he would run again as a commissioner, but wasn't completely shutting the door. "I've been at this a long time and it's been a good experience. Something everybody should try. I told the new board members I'd be available to help anytime if they should need my assistance. It's been joyful meeting people," Boyat said.

Boyat said he plans to still assist the fair board because his wife, Debbie, is on that board and they both will be working soon with their 4-H club. He will continue as a farmer in Alcona County and now that his calendar has cleared some, he will try and spend more time in "church" which was his code word for the golf course.

Both Boyat and Phillips said they enjoyed making

decisions which helped to better the community they love and live in and the most difficult part is leaving the closeness of the people in the county building who had become more like family than co-workers.

Boyat said he will be at the commission meeting on January 4 to congratulate Gary Wnuk and continue to offer assistance to him and the board. Phillips seat will be filled by Adam Brege, who ran unopposed.

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners meets the first and third Wednesday of the month at 10 a.m. on the lower floor of the county building in Harrisville.

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Lady Tigers top Fairview Eagles

By Hope Smith
Sports Writer
 The Alcona girls varsity basketball team put another convincing win in the left column after defeating the Fair-

view Eagles on the road 51-27 on December 19 before leaving for the holiday break. Alcona came out strong in the first quarter and maintained the advantage during

the first quarter. The Lady Tigers were up 11-7 at the end of the first quarter. They continued their offensive push and increased their lead to 22-15 by the halfway mark. After the break, the Lady Tigers pounced on the Eagles at both ends of the court with un-stoppable defense and spot on shooting.

Alcona boys top Oscoda at the Palace

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer
 Playing at a unique venue. Playing a North Star League opponent. Getting a win.

their childhood heroes is an experience they will never forget."

The Tigers used a full court press defense and caused three quick Owl turnovers, turning those into a 6-0 lead early on.

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team was able to accomplish all three of those things last Wednesday afternoon, as the Tigers topped league foe Oscoda 35-32 at the Palace of Auburn Hills.

Jordan Steiner opened up the scoring by sinking a pair of free throws with Antavius Mikazes and Alex Stephenson adding a field-goal each.

"Playing at the Palace was a once in a lifetime experience for these boys," head coach Toby Suttle said of his team's game at the home venue of the Detroit Pistons. "Having the opportunity to play on the same floor as

Oscoda did score to cut it to 6-2, but a steal and a fast-break bucket by Steiner and, later, two free throws by Steiner made it 10-3.

Matthew Krisan had a steal
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Jack Hutchinson grabs control of the ball during Wednesday's win at the Palace of Auburn Hills. Photo by Ben Murphy.

Alcona finished the third quarter with a 37-20 lead.

In the final period, Alcona's defensive pressure held Fairview to single digits and the offense increased the score to 51-27 by the end of the final period.

"We had a great effort on both ends of the floor tonight. I thought our defense was pretty good, and kept us in the game early. We struggled a bit against Fairview's zone defense early, but then our shooters got it going and that opened up the rest of our game," coach Mark Feldhiser said. "Jordan Joyce coming off the bench and hitting shots was huge for us, as that opened up our inside game for Brittany and Taylor. We had great scoring balance tonight, not only in terms of spreading out the scoring, but also had an even balance of inside and outside scoring. Brooke Shultz had a great game distributing the ball and limiting turnovers."

Brittany Decker had a great night with a double-double - 14 points and 10 rebounds. Taylor Livingston also put up a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Joyce hit the mark with 10 points and Kendra LaFave added seven points. Rachel Warner put up three points and grabbed three steals. Megan Grove and Abby Lobaugh had three points apiece and Brook Shultz did had eight assists in the win.

"All of our role players did their job tonight; that makes for a complete game. I'm very proud of how the girls stayed focused throughout the game, especially coming out and dominating the third quarter. We are not yet where we need to be, but are starting to gel. We are entering the toughest portion of our schedule, so we will have to play determined basketball the next three games," Feldhiser said.

Alcona will face fierce competition to start the New Year. In the first game the Lady Tigers will be looking for some revenge when they play host to the Tawas Braves on January 3, 2017. On January 6, 2017 Alcona will travel to Rogers City to match up against the Lady Hurons. The Lady Tigers are 3-3 overall and 4-2 in the North Star League.

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focus of the emotional part of the student to the surface which is just as important as the learning pieces of the student.

"Teachers in special education have been working this way for a while and now it's reaching general education students. There is nothing but positives that I can see coming out of this whole process. The fact that Alcona schools' administrators have embraced this is saying a lot about who we are as a school district," Klein said.

She explained there are still consequences though and students must follow the student handbook and pay consequences when they don't.

Klein said she feels comfortable in the new role because of working with special education students in a "push in" classroom program. The "push in" program allows special education teachers to accompany a student into a regular classroom to help them with the curriculum. During the process, special education teachers have been able to help other students who are also having difficulty in the class. Through this Klein has met a lot of students she normally would not have met and said she has developed many good relationships with students.

Dan O'Connor, Alcona

High School principal, said they knew they had the right person for the job when Klein was chosen for the role. "We want to have the best possible results for positive behavior and support for our special education students. We needed (someone who) was able spend time and focus on those components. There is a lot of very specific flexibility for a lot of those components and we needed to make sure we were fully exploring and taking advantage of this. This benefits our students in the highest capacity," O'Connor said.

According to O'Connor, the further the school moved

through the positive behavior intervention system the more it needed to have a targeted approach for individual students to help them be successful with their behavior in school. "That coupled with the emphasis on (special education) students graduating high school led us to create the position. We knew Jeanette was a very high caliber candidate for the job," O'Connor said.

Klein, who is also helping with the school's new dance team and after-school drama club, said she hopes to finish her teaching career by making a positive difference at Alcona Community Schools.

Johnsons celebrate 60th anniversary

James and Carol Johnson of Glennie are celebrating their 60th anniversary on Thursday, Dec. 29 at Lott Baptist Church.

Carol McCarthy and James Johnson were married on December 29, 1956 at Oak Park Methodist Church in Flint, Mich.

They will be celebrating their 60th wedding anniversary with their two daughters, Joni (Brian) Simpson and Shari Peters, and three grandchildren.



Carol and James Johnson

Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

Auld Lang Syne
As the year draws to a close, I recall my greatest birding moment of 2016, when an American bald eagle flew across the street right in front of me while I was driving to work. It took my breath away. Think back ... what was your favorite birding moment? Happy New Year, everyone!

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DNR set to plunge into water trails across Michigan

All across this Great Lakes State, there are trails for hikers and bikers, off-road vehicle riders, snowmobilers and equestrians.

For each of these pursuits, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) plays a big role in providing appropriate places for participants in these outdoor recreation activities to enjoy their passions.

Michigan has trails for boaters and paddlers too, but so far, the DNR has not been very involved in these water trails. That's about to change in a significant way.

The DNR is in the process of developing a policy to include water trails – some overseen by other entities and some yet to be developed – into the state's trail program.

Water trails range from segments of inland streams to Michigan's entire Great Lakes shoreline. The policy is designed to help provide some consistency to user expectations of those trails.

"If they (paddlers or boaters) are reading about a water trail, they should know what to expect in terms of access and facilities along the trail and what skill-level is needed for each trail segment, be it along a river, inland lake or one of the Great Lakes," said Emily Meyerson, the DNR Parks and Recreation Division's northern Lower Pen-

insula trails coordinator who is working on the policy.

Developing a state system of water trails is one of the five goals of Michigan's Water Strategy, a 30-year plan to protect, manage and enhance Michigan's water resources for current and future generations.

Helping lead the charge is the Land Information Access Association (LIAA), a 25-year-old non profit community development organization. The association began a program called Partnerships for Change to work on multi-jurisdictional projects.

Harry Burkholder, the association's executive director, said the group immediately identified trails as "low-hanging fruit," and water trails are an obvious corollary to land trails.

"There was no access to information on these water trails," Burkholder said, "so we got a grant (from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality's Office of the Great Lakes) to create a database and website."

Beginning with a handful of water trails that had been designated by a variety of entities, ranging from county governments and regional planning agencies to watershed groups and paddling clubs, the association now maintains a list and maps of 41 water trails situated

throughout Michigan.

As part of its effort to promote water trails, the DNR sponsored an online contest to name Michigan's favorite water trail.

Of the 11 top vote-getters, the AuSable River – which wasn't even listed in the association's database – was chosen by respondents as the top water trail in the state. Other nominees included the Shiawassee River, the Detroit River, the Grand River and Isle Royale National Park.

"Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana had already designated water trails on Lake Michigan before we did," Burkholder said. "Now you can paddle on a designated Great Lakes water trail all around the state. But how well is that known? The awareness of these things is just not there."

And that's part of the impetus for the DNR's policy: to foster awareness. "What the heck's the difference between a paddling route that anyone could take since the Great Lakes were formed to now that there are designated trails?" Burkholder asked. "It's about broad-based partnerships taking ownership – providing maintenance, access sites, signage and awareness."

Burkholder said Michigan and water trails are a perfect fit. "For Michigan, it's a no-brainer," Burkholder said. "In these communities, the water



The Land Information Access Association, a non-profit community development organization, is working on developing a water trails manual and has created a website of water trails located throughout the state. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

resource is already there. We can be the epicenter of this kind of recreation.

"And it does benefit communities – the more we can create trails, it serves as an impetus for development. The state and most communities recognize the place-making and economic-development potential of trails. It's just about how we can make it better."

LIAA is currently working on a water trails manual for Michigan. Many of the details are still in discussion. Should there be, for instance, separate motorized and non-motorized trails? "The Inland

Waterway, which goes from Cheboygan along the Indian River to Petoskey, is really one of those trails that has both the paddling perspective and the motorized perspective," Burkholder said. "They can coexist, obviously."

The National Park Service has a program for designating national water trails. Two trails in Michigan, the Blueways of St. Clair (which finished second in the online voting) and the Huron River (fifth), are among the 18 on the federal water trails list.

The National Park Service

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How to spot and fix medical billing mistakes

Dear Savvy Senior,
After a recent hospital stay, I have a stack of confusing medical bills at home I need to decipher. I've heard these bills frequently contain mistakes. How do I spot them to ensure I'm not paying more than I need to be?

Cautious Carol

Dear Cautious,
Medical billing errors and overcharging is not uncommon. According to the American Medical Association, seven percent of medical bills in 2013 had errors, and other groups estimate that figure to be much higher. Unfortunately, untangling those mistakes is almost always up to you. Here are some tips and tools that can help.

To help get a grip on your medical bills and check for errors, you need to familiarize yourself with what your insurance does and doesn't cover. Then you need to carefully review the explanation of benefits from your insurer, and the invoices you receive from your doctor, hospital

and/or outpatient facility providers.

These invoices need to be itemized bills detailing the charges for every procedure, test, service and supply you received. If you didn't receive an itemized invoice, request it from your health care providers. And if the invoices contain any confusing billing codes or abbreviations that you don't understand, ask them for an explanation. You can also look up most medical billing codes online by going to any online search engine and typing in "CPT" followed by the code number.

Once you receive and decode the invoices, keep your eyes peeled for these mistakes:

- Typos: Incorrect billing codes, a misspelled name or a wrong policy number.
- Double billing: Being charged twice for the same services, drugs, or supplies.
- Canceled work: Charging for a test your doctor ordered, then canceled.
- Phantom services: Being

charged for services, test or treatments that were never received.

- Up-coding: Inflated charges for medications and supplies.

- Incorrect length of stay: Most hospitals will charge for the admission day, but not for day of discharge. Be sure you're not paying for both.

- Incorrect room charges: Being charged for a private room, even if you stayed in a semi-private room.

- Inflated operating room fees: Being billed for more time than was actually used. Compare the charge with your anesthesiologist's records.

To make sure the charges on your bill are reasonably priced, your insurance provider may offer an online price transparency tool, or use the Healthcare Blue Book (healthcarebluebook.com) or Guroo (guroo.com). These are free resources that let you look up the going rate of many procedures, tests or services in your area.



Savvy Senior

If you find errors or have questions about charges, contact your insurer and your health care provider's billing office. When you call, be sure you write down the date, time and name of the person you speak to and a summary of the conversation, in case you need to refer back to it at a later time.

If there's a billing code error or some other mistake that's easily correctable, ask your health care provider to resubmit a corrected claim to your insurance company.

If you aren't able to resolve the dispute on your own, you may want to consider hiring a medical billing advocate to work on your behalf. To find

someone, try sites like billadvocates.com or claims.org. Most advocates charge an hourly fee - somewhere between \$50 and \$200 per hour - for their services, or they may work on a contingency basis, earning a commission of 25 percent to 35 percent of the amount they save you.

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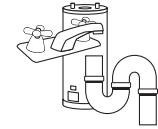
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and fast-break bucket of his own. Devon Mills added two late field-goals to make it 16-5 after one.

The Tiger offense slowed down in the second quarter, getting a put-back by Ezra Stoley at 18-9 and a short jumper by Mikazes at 20-13 late in the period, with the score at the half reaching 20-15 in favor of Alcona.

The third quarter started with a lay-up by Mills that put it to 22-15, but the Owls trimmed the lead to 22-19 until a free throw by Damion Stewart and a three by Jack Hutchinson put the lead to 26-19.

The Alcona offense went

and the final four minutes of the third quarter, though fortunately for the Tigers, their defense helped them hang on to the lead entering the fourth, 26-23.

To kick off the fourth quarter, Conner McCoy sank a key three pointer to put the lead to 29-23 and Stephenson followed that with a steal near mid-court and raced the other way for a lay-in and a 31-23 margin.

Midway through the quarter an Oscoda three-pointer put it back within striking distance at 31-28, but a fast-break hoop by Mills put Alcona back up 33-28 with a couple minutes left to play.

In the next minute the Owls sank four straight free throws to close within 33-32, but with 30 seconds to play, Hutchinson hit a pair of charity shots of his own to put it back to 35-32.

The Owls ran a potential game-tying play out of a timeout however a three pointer with about 10 seconds went off the rim and the Alcona defense prevented Oscoda from getting a clean look at the basket in the closing seconds.

"I think we did a lot of things well and we continue to improve," Suttle said. "I also think we still have a lot of room for growth. Most im-

portantly though, the kids had a lot of fun."

Leading the way for the Tigers in the win was Mills and Steiner with eight points apiece, Hutchinson and Stephenson netted four each, Mikazes had four and McCoy had three.

On Tuesday, Dec. 20, the Tigers hosted Tawas in a non-conference game and suffered a 46-37 setback.

"They are a thorn in our side," Suttle said. "We are primarily a man-to-man team so their zone gave us problems. They also have a very good player in Owen Irvin who we had trouble matching up with."

The Braves hit for a 12-7 lead after the first quarter and kept it a five point edge with both teams netting nine points in the second, leaving it 21-16 at the half.

Tawas put its lead to 35-28 entering the fourth, where it had an 11-9 scoring edge to close off the win.

Leading the Tigers in the loss was Mills with 13 points. Hutchinson had nine points, Steiner netted eight and Stephenson had seven.

Alcona (4-1 overall, 4-0 NSL) returns to action after winter break in another conference game at Fairview on January 3, 2017.

"We are going to spend our break having fun and getting better at what we're trying to do," Suttle said.

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Trails

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trails were designated at the first national water trails conference, which was held in Ann Arbor, Mich. two years ago. Barbara Nelson-Jameson, an outdoor recreation planner with the National Park Service, said water trails - just like trails on land - must meet four criteria to be designated.

She said they must be open year-round for at least 10 years, must have the support of the landowners providing access, must meet all environmental and land-use policies and laws along the corridor, and must be maintained.

In addition, the trails are required to adhere to seven best-management practices that address recreation, public information, public support, maintenance, education, conservation and planning.

The Huron River water trail meets the criteria in spades, she said. "The Huron River Watershed Council had a very comprehensive planning process where they brought all the communities and management agencies together to develop," Nelson-Jameson said. "They developed public information that is uniform across all the municipalities; the signage is the same in Rockwood as it is in Ann Arbor. And they continue to monitor it. They've actually helped communities improve and enhance their launch sites."

While the DNR is gathering feedback on its draft water trails policy, it has signed on with the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and LIAA to sponsor a state conference, scheduled for September 15 in Traverse City, Mich.

"Our waterways have been used historically for both transportation and recreation," Meyerson said. "They're looked at by the public as places to recreate, for paddling, fishing or just being outdoors. There is a lot of interest in water trails all over the state."

"After the plan is completed, we will explore strategies to not only partner with multiple jurisdictions but seek a stable funding source for the development of water trails across Michigan."



Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Varnum McConnell pioneer Hawes resident, dies

Served As Supervisor Of Hawes Twp. 32 Years

December 28, 1950 - Varnum McConnell, age 81 years, passed away at 2:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 27, at Alpena General Hospital. He was entered in the hospital Tuesday.

Ill for the past two years he had been confined to his bed for about four months.

Mr. McConnell was born in Picton, Ontario, on August 30, 1869, the son of the late Ruben and Abigail McConnell. As a lad he attended school in Picton.

He came to Sanilac County, Michigan in 1887 and later that year came to Alcona County. He lived in Lincoln

Village for seven years and then moved to their farm in Hawes Township in 1894.

His marriage to Alice Genge took place in September, 1893, in Lincoln.

Mr. McConnell was active in community affairs and served as Supervisor of Hawes Township for thirty - two years, retiring in 1947. He was a member of the Methodist Church, and was a former

member of the Maccabees of which organization he served as treasurer for many years.

Surviving are his widow and seven children: Mrs. Stewart Conklin of Harrisville; Mrs. Leonard Ferris of Lincoln; Mrs. Grant Sivier of Franklin, Michigan; Uldine McConnell at home; Vern of Detroit; Carl of Lansing, and Oliver of Lincoln. There are thirteen grand children and

three great grand children.

The body is lying in state at the Smith Funeral Home where services will be held at two o'clock Saturday, December 30. Rev. E. J. Snyder will officiate and burial will take place in Twin Lakes Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Thos. Rice, Stanley Bolton, Wm. Burge, Jos. Ritchie, John Sharboneau and Thos. Clark.

D&M to quit passenger service, February 4

December 28, 1950 - The Detroit and Mackinac Railway has been authorized by the Michigan Public Service Commission to discontinue passenger service by February 4, or any time after that date.

The order was issued Friday, December 22, according to Carl R. Henry, of Alpena, D & M Attorney.

The final passenger train service will be on Saturday, February 3, if the D&M decides to cease passenger service at the earliest possible date under the MPSC order. Under the present schedule, a passenger train goes from Alpena to Bay City every morning and from Bay City to Alpena every evening except on Sunday.

The MPSC order said that in event of a national emergency, the MPSC reserved the right to order the D & M to resume passenger train service.

In its petition to discontinue passenger service, the D & M said that it had lost \$13,676 during a six-months trial period.

In Justice Court

December 28, 1950 - Several arrests for violation of game laws were made in Mitchell Township last week by Conservation Officers Dell Walker and Vem Dockham of Mio.

On December 19, Howard McGinnis and Leonard Marshall of Mio were arrested for having two partridges in their possession.

They were arraigned December 23 before Justice Apsey in Lincoln and were fined \$20 and costs of \$7.80 each. Reed McGregor of Mio was arrested on the same day, on the charge of killing two partridges. Here he was fined \$30 and costs of \$7.80.

Clarence Barcome of Alpena was arrested Saturday by officers Dockham and Walker of Mio, and pled not guilty to killing a deer, before Justice Warren on December 26. His trial will be held January 18.



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Dec. 28, 2016

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High: 34 Low: 28

THURSDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 34 Low: 23

FRIDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 27 Low: 19

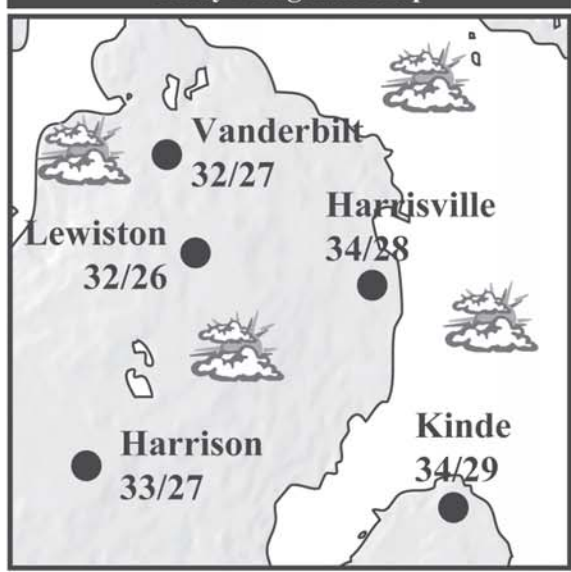
SATURDAY
Cloudy
High: 32 Low: 25

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 32 Low: 24

MONDAY
Snow Possible
High: 33 Low: 21

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 31 Low: 19

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 34°, humidity of 70%. South wind 5 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 56° set in 1982. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 28°. The record low for tonight is -9° set in 1967.

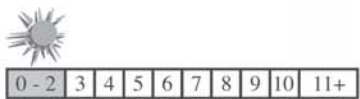
*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	21	1	30/16	0.00"
Tuesday	34	17	30/16	0.00"
Wednesday	34	27	30/15	0.08"
Thursday	40	30	29/15	0.00"
Friday	41	31	29/15	0.04"
Saturday	38	27	29/14	0.03"
Sunday	33	26	29/14	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week


Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
New 12/29	Wednesday 8:09 a.m.	5:00 p.m.	7:16 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	Full 1/12
	Thursday 8:09 a.m.	5:01 p.m.	8:06 a.m.	5:48 p.m.	
	Friday 8:10 a.m.	5:02 p.m.	8:52 a.m.	6:44 p.m.	
	Saturday 8:10 a.m.	5:03 p.m.	9:33 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	
First 1/5	Sunday 8:10 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	10:11 a.m.	8:46 p.m.	Last 1/19
	Monday 8:10 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	10:45 a.m.	9:51 p.m.	
	Tuesday 8:10 a.m.	5:06 p.m.	11:17 a.m.	10:57 p.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 today, scattered rain and snow Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 55° in Belleville, Ill. The Southeast will see scattered showers today and Thursday, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 83° in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 52° in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today and Thursday, isolated showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 73° in Los Angeles, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:02 a.m.	5:09 p.m.
Venus	10:48 a.m.	n/a
Mars	11:15 a.m.	10:03 p.m.
Jupiter	1:47 a.m.	12:57 p.m.
Saturn	6:54 a.m.	3:54 p.m.
Uranus	12:47 p.m.	1:54 a.m.

Weather History

Dec. 28, 1987 - A winter storm produced heavy snow in the upper Mississippi Valley and the upper Great Lakes region. Up to twenty inches of snow buried southern Minnesota, and 20 to 40 mph winds produced snow drifts six feet high and reduced visibilities to near zero.

Weather Trivia

How many years is the sun's solar cycle?

Answer: Eleven years.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Godspeed, John Glenn

The death of John Glenn on December 8 marked the passing of yet another person who was greatly admired by the public and me especially. He was a role model who exemplified all that was good about humanity, and at 95, the last surviving member of the famed Mercury 7 crew, the first American astronauts to fly into space. In a July 30, 2015 interview with Glenn conducted by Paul Levinson (Touching the Face of the Cosmos along with Michael Waltemathe, Connected Editions, New York, 2016), Glenn spoke about religion and space travel among other topics. "My going into space strengthened my religion—to see everything, what we are part of, part of creation, to see whole nations and oceans and everything at a single glance, that just strengthened my belief. That's not where it came from, it just strengthened the beliefs I already had." About taking our religion with us as humanity ventures into space... "...I think we take our religious faith with us wherever we go and the same is true going into space. And it will be true whether we go to Mars, or Pluto, or wherever we may wind up eventually going. ...Once we get there our religious faith and belief or beliefs will not be altered, except maybe we'll appreciate the enormity of it all, more than we ever did before." About the conflict between science and religion... "They are complementary. I don't see them as competitive at all. I think they're complimentary. The more you know about things, the more you appreciate, the more it strengthens our religious beliefs." Did going into space change you as far as what you thought about the universe and humanity's place in it? "No, not really. I think some people... say there I was in space and saw the face of God or something like that. That's not the way it was at all with me." About seeing the universe as a spiritual experience... "It's an experience, yes, that backs up my religious faith. It doesn't replace, didn't start it, didn't stop it, just strengthens it." Godspeed, John Glenn. www.astronomy.org

The Spats

by Jeff Pickering



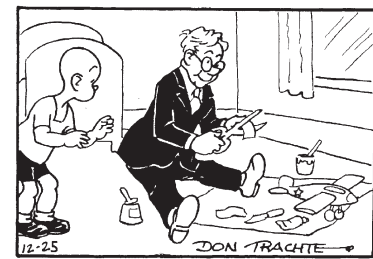
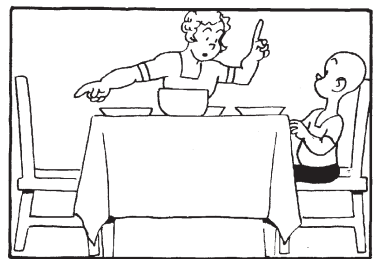
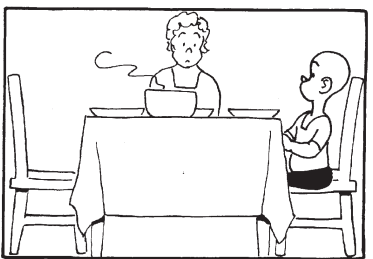
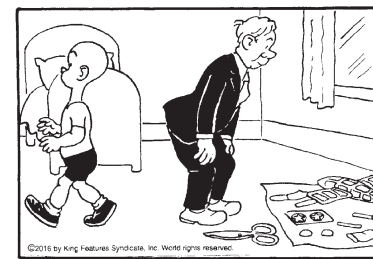
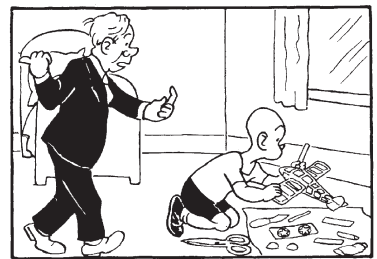
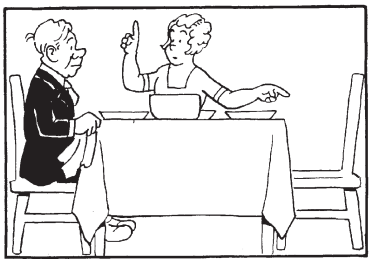
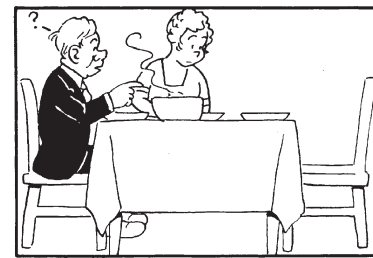
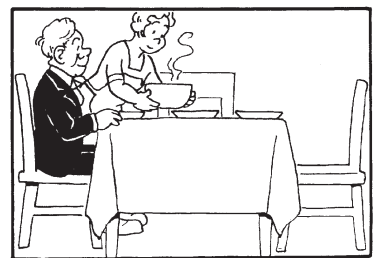
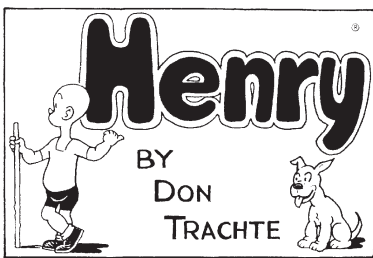
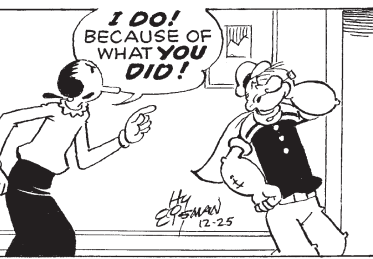
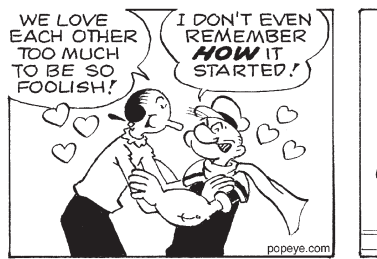
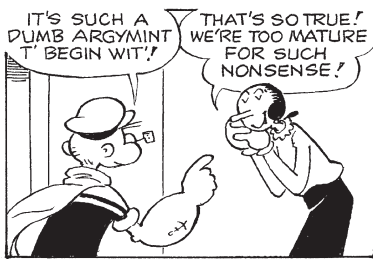
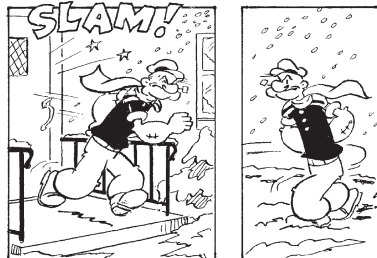
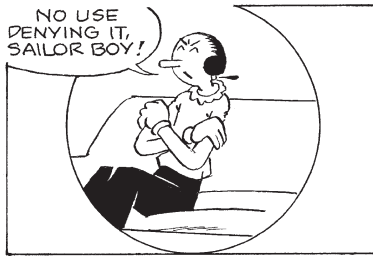
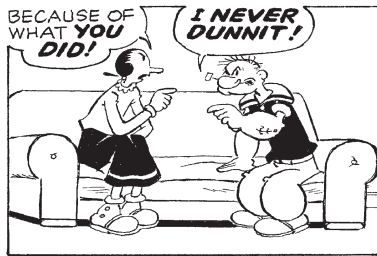
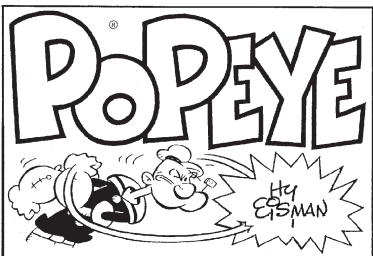
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Home away from home

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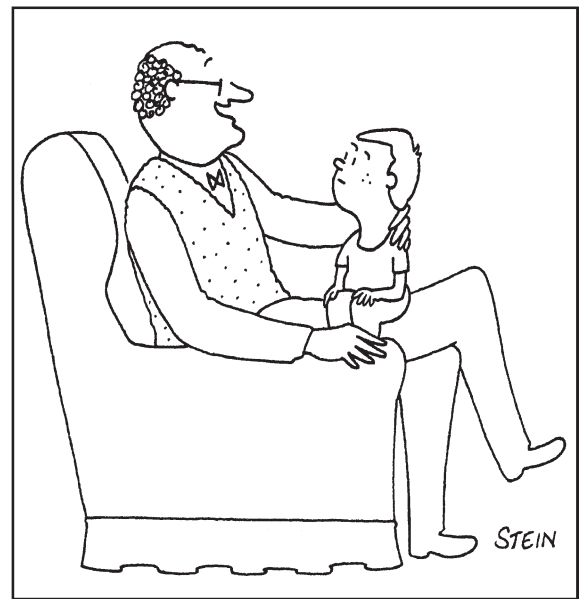
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The new locations will be in the Bronx and Montrose,

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GRIN and BEAR IT



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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **TELEVISION:** What TV producer hosted the 1960s shows titled "This is Your Life" and "Truth or Consequences"?
2. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What Revolutionary War figure wrote the line, "These are the times that try men's souls"?
3. **MOVIES:** In which movie did a killer doll named Chucky make his debut?
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where was the now-defunct SEATO (Southeast Asia Treaty Organization) headquartered?
5. **HISTORY:** What was the beginning point of the Oregon trail, followed westward by 19th-century settlers?
6. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What is the fear represented in autophobia?
7. **U.S. STATES:** The Museum of Osteology in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is focused on what?
8. **ANATOMY:** What is the name of the facial muscle that allows you to raise your eyebrows?
9. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What primate species lives on the Rock of Gibraltar in southern Spain?
10. **FIRSTS & LASTS:** Which U.S. astronaut was the last person to stand on the moon?

Answers: 1. Ralph Edwards; 2. Thomas Paine; 3. "Child's Play"; 4. Bangkok, Thailand; 5. St. Louis; 6. Fear of being alone; 7. Skeletons; 8. The frontalis; 9. Barbary monkeys; 10. Gene Cernan (c) 2016 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Abe of "Fish"</p> <p>7 In hitting position</p> <p>14 "Neue Liebeslieder" composer</p> <p>20 Idolized</p> <p>21 Details of one's life</p> <p>22 Angle unit in math</p> <p>23 Doctors testifying about injuries, e.g. [Trebek]</p> <p>25 Third-largest Danish city</p> <p>26 East — Alto</p> <p>27 Former space station</p> <p>28 Tributary of the Seine</p> <p>30 Compound conjunction</p> <p>31 Fox's quality</p> <p>33 Uses a pogo stick [Chavez]</p> <p>37 Back muscle, informally</p> <p>38 Assns.</p> <p>39 Soft throw</p> <p>40 It's variable with a zoom lens [Ginsberg]</p> <p>45 Wry Mort</p> | <p>47 See 95-Across</p> <p>51 The same, to Simone</p> <p>52 NM-to-NJ dir.</p> <p>53 Absorb slowly</p> <p>55 "Rapture" singer Baker</p> <p>56 St. Kitts and —</p> <p>58 Confident assertion</p> <p>60 They're part of history [Seagal]</p> <p>62 Modest reply of gratitude [Hawke]</p> <p>64 Item fitting in a rowlock</p> <p>65 Vain one's problem</p> <p>66 Tyke</p> <p>67 Above, in an ode</p> <p>68 Not prone to fading in daylight, as a fabric</p> <p>71 Wonder</p> <p>73 Winter malady</p> <p>76 "Coolness!"</p> <p>78 It hangs from a hoop</p> <p>79 Regulations on importing and exporting [St. Johns]</p> | <p>84 Initial race advantages [Lovett]</p> <p>87 Epée relative</p> <p>88 Putrefy</p> <p>89 Guardian —</p> <p>90 Hansel's sis</p> <p>92 Heat qty.</p> <p>94 Goatee site</p> <p>95 With 47-Across, swooned-over sort</p> <p>96 "It's cold!"</p> <p>97 Current fashion [Lubitsch]</p> <p>100 Water, in Oaxaca</p> <p>102 Winged god</p> <p>103 G8 country</p> <p>104 Curt comment [Previn]</p> <p>109 Moralists' statement</p> <p>114 Rural towers</p> <p>115 Twisting fish</p> <p>116 Enzyme suffix</p> <p>117 Skinny</p> <p>118 Not inclined</p> <p>120 Saying "I do" [Bergman]</p> <p>125 Lamented loudly</p> <p>126 By mistake</p> <p>127 One of the Ramones</p> <p>128 Fall blooms</p> | <p>129 Region centered on the upper Oder valley</p> <p>130 Makes off-peak calls?</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Coquettes</p> <p>2 Flawless</p> <p>3 Like saints</p> <p>4 Rigel's constellation</p> <p>5 Yr. closer</p> <p>6 Water, jocularly</p> <p>7 App-based taxi service</p> <p>8 Fotos</p> <p>9 With 87-Down, penthouse's</p> <p>10 Pindar verse</p> <p>11 Magnates</p> <p>12 Cockloft, e.g.</p> <p>13 Cup, in Caen</p> <p>14 Dude</p> <p>15 Systems to track storms</p> <p>16 The "A" of ATP</p> <p>17 Gandhi, e.g.</p> <p>18 Stoneworker</p> <p>19 Dummy Mortimer</p> <p>24 Eavesdrop</p> <p>29 Beauty lover</p> <p>32 Architectural annex</p> <p>33 Marshy area</p> | <p>34 Playwright Joe</p> <p>35 Cries of repugnance</p> <p>36 "Buddy List" co.</p> <p>40 — shui</p> <p>41 Pointed arch variety</p> <p>42 Spelunking spot</p> <p>43 Samuel of the Supreme Court</p> <p>44 Bottle parts</p> <p>45 Reaches, as new heights</p> <p>46 Barn brayer</p> <p>48 By — of (due to)</p> <p>49 "Chained" actor Kruger</p> <p>50 Hold up</p> <p>54 Movie-rating gp.</p> <p>55 Stated firmly</p> <p>57 Crow of pop</p> <p>59 Into pieces</p> <p>61 "Crikey!"</p> <p>63 Asian sea</p> <p>64 Frequently, to Donne</p> <p>69 Chick's home</p> <p>70 Cree or Erie</p> <p>72 Decide (to)</p> <p>73 Heroic act</p> <p>74 Thin street</p> <p>75 Egg on</p> <p>77 Humiliate</p> <p>80 Selflessness</p> | <p>81 Hurting, as a joint</p> <p>82 Grieve loudly</p> <p>83 December 31 song word</p> <p>85 "Stormy Weather" singer</p> <p>86 Abbr. on a bus schedule</p> <p>87 See 9-Down</p> <p>91 Watson of "Noah"</p> <p>93 Erratic</p> <p>96 Frank holder</p> <p>98 Nickname for Dwight Gooden</p> <p>99 Airline to Sweden</p> <p>101 Riotous joke</p> <p>102 Dutch lager</p> <p>104 Honshu city</p> <p>105 Exchange for a ten</p> <p>106 Naval force</p> <p>107 TV's Philbin</p> <p>108 Nicholas Gage novel</p> <p>110 Brought out into the open</p> <p>111 Spiteful</p> <p>112 "— much better now"</p> <p>113 Stem joints</p> <p>116 Taj Mahal site</p> <p>119 Mag staffers</p> <p>121 Mario's three</p> <p>122 Auditing gp.</p> <p>123 "— don't!"</p> <p>124 Vintage auto</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 13, 1842, a British army doctor reaches the British sentry post at Jalalabad, Afghanistan, the lone survivor of a 16,000-strong Anglo-Indian expeditionary force that was massacred in the Khyber Pass in its retreat from Kabul.
 - On Jan. 10, 1901, a drilling derrick near Beaumont, Texas, produces an enormous gusher of crude oil. The oil was found at a depth of over 1,000 feet and flowed at a rate of 100,000 barrels a day.
 - On Jan. 14, 1942, President Franklin Roosevelt issues Proclamation No. 2537, requiring aliens from World War II-enemy countries -- Italy, Germany and Japan -- to register with the Department of Justice. Under increasing pressure from California politicians and others, Roosevelt also signed an executive order to remove all Japanese Americans to internment camps.
 - On Jan. 15, 1967, at the Los Angeles Coliseum, the Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs in the first-ever world championship football game. Since postseason college games were known as "bowl" games, it was suggested that the new AFL/NFL pro championship be called the "Super Bowl."
 - On Jan. 9, 1972, the ship Seawise University (formerly the RMS Queen Elizabeth) burns and sinks in Hong Kong Harbor. The Queen Elizabeth, launched in 1938, served as ocean liner and troop transport before being sold to a Hong Kong businessman who wanted to use the ship as a floating college.
 - On Jan. 11, 1989, after eight years as president of the United States, Ronald Reagan gives his farewell address. Reagan declared that the key to leadership was a return to "common sense."
 - On Jan. 12, 1995, Qubilah Shabazz, the daughter of Malcolm X, is arrested for conspiring to kill Louis Farrakhan, who she believed was responsible for the assassination of her father in 1965.
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was award-winning American novelist Ann Patchett who made the following sage observation: "The question is whether or not you choose to disturb the world around you, or if you choose to let it go on as if you had never arrived."
 - The world's smallest city block can be found in the small town of Dothan, Alabama. Bordered by Appletree, College and Troy streets, the block was once home to a single two-story building measuring 38 feet long and 27 feet wide.
 - Most Americans are familiar with graham crackers -- they're a favorite childhood snack. But have you ever wondered what they're made of? The obvious answer is "graham flour" -- but what is that? It's just flour made from whole wheat. This type of flour was named after a 19-century Presbyterian minister named Sylvester Graham, who promoted the snack as a digestive aid and a cure for alcoholism.
 - You might be surprised to learn that, although Charles Goodyear received a patent for vulcanized rubber in 1844, the Maya were creating objects with rubber 3,000 years before that.
 - The quaking aspen (*Populus tremuloides*) is the most widely distributed tree in North America (as well as the state tree of Utah). Groves of them can be found in high altitudes as far south as Guanajuato, Mexico, and as far north as the Brooks Range of mountains in northern Alaska. Most people don't realize, however, that the groves are not made up of separate trees; all the visible trunks are part of a single organism, genetically identical and sharing the same root system.
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- Thought for the Day: "The greatest happiness of life is the conviction that we are loved -- loved for ourselves, or rather, loved in spite of ourselves." -- Victor Hugo
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