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## Voters to decide on 911 operating surcharge renewal

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Alcona County voters are being asked to decide on a countywide millage renewal for a 911 operating surcharge on the general election ballot.

This renewal is asking authorization to access a monthly surcharge of up to \$3 (not exceeding \$3) on monthly billings of landline, wireless and VOIP service suppliers within the geographic boundaries of Alcona County to exclusively finance the equipment and operating costs of the county's 911 Emergency Telephone Answering and Dispatch System.

If approved, this renewal will be from July 1, 2017 through June 2021. The surcharge has been repeatedly approved by voters since its inception in 2008.

Jeffrey Brackett, 911 Director of Alcona County Central Dispatch, explained the millage is truly the sole means of funding. "The amount hasn't really changed since 2008. We don't get any money from the county. We do get some revenue sharing from the state but our budget is about \$500,000 a year. We only get \$130,000 from the state and the rest comes from this surcharge. It's what pays the

dispatchers' salaries, turns on the lights, upgrades the equipment, maintains equipment and pays the rent," he said.

According to Brackett, without the millage Alcona County would not have a 911 service.

Upgrades in the last few years have included emergency medical dispatch. Before this year, calls went into 911 and the dispatch operators could not give lifesaving information over the phone to the caller. "Now all the dispatchers are trained to recognize the emergency and give pre-arrival instructions before the ambulance gets

there. This possibly helps with the situation medically. Last night the dispatcher instructed how to give CPR on a person who was down. It's a big county and sometimes it takes the ambulance 20 minutes to get to a call. Providing these instructions can be lifesaving," Brackett said.

Another upgrade was the renovation of the 911 dispatch office with new desks, computers, monitors and a new radio system. Next year they will be purchasing a new 911 telephone system, costing approximately \$115,000 with a maintenance cost of about \$8,000 per year after that.

Brackett explained they are required by Frontier Telephone Company to go to a new phone system as Frontier will no longer support the old analog system that dispatch currently has. Brackett said the new phone system will be digital, provide more GPS data to locate people and transfer calls faster. "Technology is constantly changing. Computers have a life of three to five years. There is constant outflow of money but not any additional inflow," he said.

In 2015, Alcona County 911 Dispatch received 3,800 emergency calls -- of those 1,055 were medical and 156

## Animal cruelty case needs public's help

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

Authorities are asking for the public's assistance in identifying an individual who performed an act of animal cruelty in broad daylight on Barlow Road last week.

According to Sgt. Scott Stephenson the Alcona County Sheriff's Department is working jointly with Michigan Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Jeff Panich in locating the person who partially skinned and mutilated a whitetail deer while it was still alive.

Stephenson said he was called to Barlow Road, north of the Village of Lincoln, at approximately noon on Monday, Oct. 24 to put down a deer that had been hit by a car. "When I got there I found the deer -- which was still alive -- had been partially skinned and the back straps or loin area had been removed," Stephenson said. "It was quite obvious the deer was still alive -- it was breathing and there was a heartbeat."

"It is possible that the deer was unconscious when the person started, however, I

can't imagine that all of those signs were not evident when that individual was skinning and cutting -- it would have taken several minutes to do all of that cutting," Stephenson said.

Stephenson said traffic was heavy on Barlow Road that time of day and is hoping someone saw the individual who did this act of animal cruelty and will notify authorities so they can be prosecuted not only for animal cruelty, but also a conservation violation of taking/pos-

sessing venison without a permit.

Anyone who has information is asked to call Stephenson at the sheriff's department (989) 724-6271 or Panich at (989) 387-2146 or if they would rather remain anonymous they may call the Report All Poaching (RAP) Line at (800) 292-7800 or Crime-stoppers at (989) 422-JAIL. Individuals calling RAP or Crimestoppers may be eligible for a reward if the information they provide leads to a conviction.

## Conservation officer sees career come full circle

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

With the opening of rifle season less than two weeks away, hunters aren't the only ones gearing up for 15 days of hunting, deer camp comradery and making memories.

Jeff Panich, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officer for Alcona County, is thrilled to be working in the area -- not only for the upcoming deer season, but also because his career has come full circle and he is back home.

"I am loving life right now. It's bliss," he said.

Panich transferred to Alcona County in June and officially began patrolling on July 3. While he grew up here and worked as a deputy with the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, he is in the process of reacquainting himself with the area. He came to the area from Chippewa County

in the eastern Upper Peninsula.

"I am looking forward to deer season because there is more deer here and my favorite part of my job is checking in with deer camps," Panich said. "Everyone is happy and it's amazing to see how each camp carries on traditions ... the history (of camps) are up on the walls and people just love talking about the history of their camp... it's unfortunate that we are losing hunters and these long-standing traditions."

"Every time (conservation officers) go to a camp it's for a good reason... it's important to check in with them, get information on how they are doing, what concerns they have... it's a good time."

Panich grew up in Alcona County and graduated from Alcona High School in 1987. His parents, Roger and Kathy Panich, and his brother,

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Tigers Brock Franklin And Raymond Betz sack the Wolverine quarterback in last Friday's playoff game. Photo by Pat Brussel. For the story, see page 7A.

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were for fires. The dispatchers actually entered 7,000 calls into the system with situations like car/deer accidents. The dispatch has six full time employees and three-part time employees with a combined experience of over 100 years in the field.

Alcona County 911 dispatches to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, Michigan State Police, Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and U.S. Forest Service law enforcement, nine medical first responder stations, and 13 fire departments including DNR and forest service fire departments.

They also monitor and activate weather sirens which six townships now have; the south shore of Hubbard Lake, Harrisville, Mikado, Lincoln, Greenbush and Glennie, with a seventh station in Barton City pending.

Brackett explained the bulk of the calls come in from cell phones now which has changed from a few years ago when the bulk of calls came in from land lines. "We got a call recently from a cell phone.

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## Death Notice

### Richard J. Genik

Richard J. "Rick" Genik, 77, of Livonia, Mich. died on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016 at home.

He was born May 12, 1939 in Windsor, Canada.

Mr. Genik is survived by his wife of 55 years, Linda Doyle-Genik; two sons, Robert (Beth) Genik of Harrisville and Dr. Richard J. (Kris Conrad) Genik II of Livonia, Mich.; one daughter, Laura J. (Douglas Gatrell) Genik of Livonia, Mich.; and two grandchildren, Emily Gatrell and Mitchell Gatrell.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held on October 29 at R. G. & G. R. Harris Funeral Home in Livonia, Mich. Memorial contributions may be made to Detroit Public Television.

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Two guys were lost off Hubbard Lake Trail and didn't have a clue as to where they were. Dispatch got their longitude and latitude off their cell phone and put it into Google Earth and walked them through the woods to a two-track and back to their car. Those are the things we can do now with the cell phones. Cell phones don't always work that way, but this time it did," Brackett said.

He said landlines are still useful in homes because when a call comes in from a landline the address and owner's name automatically pops up, but with cell/wire-

less phones it doesn't.

"This surcharge is important. We get three quarters of our operating budget from this surcharge. If we didn't have the surcharge, you wouldn't have 911. The renewal surcharge proposal is in the middle of two other important millage proposals on the ballot and I hope people will not overlook this.

"Some think they are automatically being charged for this on their phone bill and feel they don't need to vote yes on this. This gives the phone company the right to put this on their bill and needs to be renewed," Brackett said.

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## Obituaries

### William J.E. Rumminger

William J.E. Rumminger, 94, of Grand Blanc, Mich., formerly of Lincoln, died on Tuesday, Oct. 25, 2016 at McCandlish Manor in Grand Blanc, Mich.

He was born on June 24, 1922, to William and Lazetta (Netzloff) Rumminger in Detroit, Mich. He was raised in Detroit, Mich. and Gladwin, Mich.

He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II. On October 27, 1945, he married Dorothy Smelesky in Rogers City, Mich. They were members of Lost Lake Woods Club for more than 50 years.

Mr. Rumminger was an entrepreneur who started his own small trucking line.

He was a member of Hope Lutheran Church in Hubbard Lake, and recently attended Faith Lutheran Church in Grand Blanc, Mich. He enjoyed golfing, and woodworking.

Mr. Rumminger is survived by one daughter, Joy (Wes) Rockett of Alpena; two sons, William Rumminger of Grand Blanc, Mich. and Thomas Rumminger of Florida; three grandchildren, Jason Rumminger, Chad Rumminger, and Cameron Metevier; six great-grandchildren; and one sister, Florence Meister of Gladwin, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, on May 16, 2011.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Interment will be in Hope Lutheran Cemetery.

### Margaret H. Boelter

Margaret H. Boelter, 101, of Saginaw, Mich. formerly of Spruce, died on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2016 at St. Francis Home in Saginaw, Mich.

She was born December 28, 1915 to Albert and Alma (Gehrls) Henning in Saginaw, Mich., where she was raised.

On June 12, 1937 she married George Boelter. They were residents of Saginaw, Mich., until they moved to Zilwaukee, Mich. in 1946.

Mrs. Boelter worked part time in sales at Wiechman's Department Store in Saginaw, Mich. and was a devoted homemaker.

In 1968 they moved to Cary, N. C., and in March of 1973 they moved to Spruce (Hubbard Lake).

She was an active member of Spruce Lutheran Church, and the Hubbard Lake Women's Group. She had a talent for sewing, and enjoyed quilting and knitting as well.

Mrs. Boelter is survived by two daughters, Lynn (Robert) Bohnsack of Zilwaukee, Mich. and Sue (Dale) Ludwig of Clarkston, Mich.; one son, Tom (Alicia) Boelter of Swartz Creek, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 21 great-grandchildren; nine great-great-grandchildren; and one daughter-in-law, Barbara Boelter of Spruce.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, on January 18, 2007; one son, Robert Boelter on July 20, 2015; an infant granddaughter; and three brothers, Raymond Henning, Albert Henning, and Alvin Henning.

Visitation is Wednesday, Nov. 2 from 3 to 7 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Visitation will continue on Thursday, Nov. 3, from 10 a.m. until the funeral service at 11 a.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church. The Rev. Leslie Nye will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery in Spruce. Memorial donations may be made to the Spruce Lutheran Church or to the Alcona Humane Society.

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

As we understand it political signs may be put on private property but are not supposed to be put on public land. The signs that Robert Kennedy removed were on public land. His campaign has asked local authorities to remove signs from public lands but, for whatever reason, that hasn't happened.

We have known Bob for a long time. He is not the type to skulk about, stealing signs. Rather, he is a good man, open minded and open hearted and dedicated to fairness and justice for all. And that is why we are voting for him.

Karen Briggs  
Mike Johnson  
Harrisville

To the Editor,

As Harrisville Harbor's former harbormaster, my experience in working with our current mayoral administration has been a disappointing experience. I always felt that much more could have been accomplished to advance both the harbor and the City of Harrisville.

Next week, our city residents have an opportunity to improve our city's future.

As a write-in candidate for mayor, Robert Barlow is a long time resident of Harrisville who remembers our city's past and is concerned about it's future. Bob is more than familiar with city operations and is, as has been said, "as honest as the day is long." His proactive philosophies and ideas will help the City of Harrisville become the thriving community it once was. Bob is good for Harrisville.

I invite our city voters to elect integrity and honesty to our city office and "write in" Robert Barlow for mayor on November 8.

Steve Baksis  
Harrisville

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<b>Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015-2016</b>						
Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Oct. 23	55		39	0.00	1.3
Oct. 24	52	39	0.00	2.9	21	N
Oct. 25	48	33	0.01	2.9	22	NNE
Oct. 26	45	33	0.08	10.6	25	ESE
Oct. 27	43	31	0.53	11.8	31	NNE
Oct. 28	51	30	0.01	6.5	32	SSW
Oct. 29	63	48	0.01	2.6	17	SW
2015-16 Season Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
	2016	2015	Normal			
Weekly Total	0.64	0.35	0.49			
October to Date	2.68	0.62	2.19			
Year to Date	24.39	17.94	24.35			
Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)						



# Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,  
Lon Johnson's opponent has been painting him as a carpetbagger who doesn't live here, but he's wrong.

Lon Johnson is in northern Michigan for the long haul. He lives here, he's from here, and he intends to eventually retire here. I believe, therefore, that he has the best interests of northern Michigan in his heart.

Throughout his career, in Washington, in Iraq, and in Tennessee, Lon Johnson has held Michigan close to his heart. He has spent his career protecting and promoting democracy, and when elected, that wealth of experience will benefit us all.

Trina Borenstein  
Greenbush

To the Editor,  
Election day is right around the corner and there is an amazing amount of confusion and debate over who and what we are going to vote for.

There is one thing that is crystal clear in our minds as the most important and that is the protection of our children. People say it all the time but, we truly look at children as an investment in our future. We are fortunate enough to get to work with kids every day. We look into these bright eyes and literally see the future.

Warren MacNeill, the Alcona Schools Resource Officer, and I were talking today about the difference we see in these kids' bright eyes and the dead eyes of some of the people he sees at the courthouse or jail. It's frightening to think that these bright eyes could be dimmed by situations and choices that, a lot of time, are made for them.

We need to do the right thing to protect these kids. Protect our investment. Decide what we want the future of our community to look like. Support those that defend and protect our investment. Please vote yes in support of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT).

Andrea Eby  
Alcona Health Center  
Tiger Clinic at  
Alcona Elementary

To the Editor,  
If you live around Harrisville and have listened to it's local low power FM station you are listening to what happens when one's love for radio collides with a community's love for music.

We have had the good fortune of having Dave Morey move to our area after his retirement from KFOG in San Francisco, Calif. Besides allowing many of us into his home to broadcast over the airwaves, he has been a community supporter and genuine asset to this city.

What is soon to be our loss and Palm Springs' gain, Dave will move on with the southern California aspect of his retirement. We wish him all the best and hope he stays in touch with us.

I couldn't write about WXTF-LP without mentioning Tom and Patty Thomas who have, at great personal expense, allowed the station to be relocated at their home. The thousands of dollars worth of studio and broadcasting equipment given to us by Dave has already been moved and is broadcasting daily on 97.9FM.

Bon voyage, Dave. A sincere thank you for what you have done for us and our community.

Michael Wnuk  
Spruce

To the Editor,  
Before you vote, consider the respective candidate's positions on the issues before us. For me, the choice is Mr. Trump.

I am fully aware of the flaws in Mr. Trump. However, considering all that is at stake for the future of this country, there can be but one choice for me: Donald J. Trump.

One issue that looms larger than all the others is the composition of the Supreme Court. The next president will shape the court for decades, with possibly four appointments. And, the Supreme Court will shape the nation.

Whether the issue is single pay healthcare, executive orders and power, national security, campaign finance, gun rights, citizen privacy, marriage, bathroom choice, Common Core curriculum, abortion or a host of other issues, the president and the Supreme Court will shape the future of our nation forever.

We cannot afford to risk four to eight years of Clinton's lies (Benghazi, emails, sniper fire), pay-for-play or dishonest and self-serving actions. If you care at all about the future of this nation, make a choice November 8 that will restore and preserve our country.

Armin Godt  
Oscoda and  
Melbourne, Fla.

To the Editor,

It's commonly agreed that attending the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce/ University of Pennsylvania prepares one for a career in finance. Many CEOs of fortune 500 companies have graduated from Wharton.

There are people who have never been close to a university who are just as successful. I am reminded of a produce manager. He became wealthy; as a young man rather than purchasing a new Mustang he purchased property. It's been my experience that people in every area of life have balanced home budgets, purchased stocks, developed property, sat at their machines, laid their bricks building walls, cement workers, etc.

These people sensed the need to save and invest, take vacations and generously give. They end their life pay-

ing for their own funerals and leaving a bit of themselves to their posterity. These are everyday working people with out a college degree of any kind. How is this possible? It's simple. They budgeted their income and included saving, but never practiced deficit spending; they left a good legacy.

At the end of our life a concern of grown children is "How much debt will mom and dad have when they pass away?" Mind-boggling is the debt our posterity will inherit (\$20 trillion) this will crush our children. Where is our conscience?

As deficit spending will ruin a family so it will ruin a country. Incidentally, there appears to be many more smart money managers who are at the head of families than are at the head of our state and federal government.

Ken Clous  
Glennie

# KEEP YOUR COMMUNITY SAFE

I support Citizens for a Safer Alcona and will vote "Yes" for the countywide Drug Interdiction Millage on November 8 to preserve and protect the safety of the Citizens of Alcona County.

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# Letters to the Editor



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,  
Okay, I understand that you are a Clinton supporter. I have but one question: Why? Aside from (being a woman) and marrying \$Bill Clinton, what has she accomplished? If not being married to \$Bill, would she have become a (carpetbag) U.S. Senator from New York? Recall that she campaigned using Air Force One?  
As a U.S. Senator, what

did she accomplish? Employment? Race relations? Economic prosperity for the country, and not just for herself?  
What about her tenure as U.S. Secretary of State was outstanding? Russian "reset"? Arab Spring? Syria? Libya? Benghazi? Chechnya? China? Iraq? ISIS?  
Please, help me understand.  
I defy you to tell me that I

have ever suggested that I am a Trump aficionado. He was not my first, second, or even third choice. As a friend once stated, "Trump scares me. Hillary terrifies me."  
Yes, I know that I am typing "\$Bill." The \$ sign references the Clintons' "pay to play" lifestyle and attitude as illustrated in the recent leaks from the Clinton campaign staff.  
Dennis A. Roy  
Oscoda

To the Editor,  
When I was readying to retire, a retired friend told me to be careful, because he had costs he hadn't expected. I didn't want to believe him, because frankly, I didn't want it to be true.  
We deserve our retirements to be happy and worry free. With every paycheck, we contribute to Social Security and Medicare so that an income and benefits will be ready to support us. It is our money, being saved for when we need it.  
For this reason, I am always concerned about plans the Republicans put forth to privatize Social Security or to give us a voucher for Medicare. Giving our Social Secu-

To the Editor,  
The City of Harrisville has gained for less than \$10,000 a year, the mayor's salary, the city coming into compliance with yearly mandates from the state of Michigan. Issues have been; outdated infrastructure and water/sewer systems, neglected harbor issues, and lack of cellular service within the city.  
To those who lament, "no one knows what is going on in the city," it's simple. Attend city council meetings, read the newspapers, get involved. Since you asked, since 2005, 2.5 million dollar infrastructure grant for the installation of a new water tower, new water and sewer lines, new well housing with digital monitoring capabili-

ties; \$332,000 MDOT grant, streetscape mandated by MDOT; SAW grant for \$600,000 which afforded city wide utility mapping of all water and sewer lines giving the city GPS video of all systems including new computers and software; city dump forested gaining \$28,000; city street tarred and chipped; city office renovated, 2009. Planning commission updating city master plan, recreation plan and zoning ordinances. Currently, 2.4 million dollar harbor dock upgrade; Verizon Wireless in negotiations with the city for wireless distribution sites; a bioengineering firm hired for installation of new wells and monitoring capabilities at the city lagoons. Resolution for a Redevelopment Ready Community

at his plan and said the voucher was not nearly enough. Thank heavens he wasn't elected.  
And now, we have Republican Jack Bergman, asking for your vote to be your representative in Washington, and he, once again, wants to privatize Social Security and Medicare. Mr. Bergman needs to keep his hands off my dollars. If we are worried about running out of money for either program, they can be fixed and should be.  
Lon Johnson has promised to protect Social Security and Medicare. He has my vote because he has my back.  
Carolyn Medland  
Alcona Township

with the HBA to develop and revitalize businesses in the city. Working with Lady Lions for renovation of the harbor playground.  
These projects have occurred under the guidance and perseverance of John Dobis, who comes to the job of mayor with a master's degree in public administration, a bachelor's degree in business management, 22 years U.S. Air Force captain retired, hospital administrator, grant writer, negotiator and someone who believes in serving his community and country. In words from someone wiser than I, "be careful what you ask for Harrisville, you just may get it."  
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### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 2

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. Items available include formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing, and winter coats and boots for residents of Alcona County with newborns to age five. Layettes available for soon to be born.

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

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at the Harrisville branch at 1 p.m.

All ages are invited to a free program of hands-on engineering activities at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library, 330 Traverse Bay Road from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Registration is recommended. Call (989) 724-6796 for details. Sponsored by MSU Extension.

### THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3

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

Create one of a kind twig art to decorate your home for all seasons from 1 to 3 p.m. at Tawas Presbyterian Church, 2095 North US-23 in East Tawas. Call (989) 362-3006 ext. 168 for more information. Sponsored by Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mi-

kado. 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.

### FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 4

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

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

There will be an open house for featured artist, Tom Ludwig, 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.

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.

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.

### SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 5

The 14<sup>th</sup> annual Battle of the Badges hockey game is set to take place from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Northern Lights Arena in Alpena. During the game, members of the audience will be able to purchase penalties for their favorite players or the player they don't like on the other team, with a limit of four penalties per team per period for the price of \$25 each. Admission is free. All proceeds to the Alpena County Sheriff's Department Victim Advocates group and the Northern

Lights Arena youth programming. For more information, call Trooper Ashley Simpson at (989) 354-4101

Shoreline Players Community Theater presents "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline" starring Casey Makela and featuring Mark Lee at 6000 North Skeel Avenue in Oscoda at 7 p.m. General admission is \$13, \$7 for students. For more information, visit [www.shorelineplayers.org](http://www.shorelineplayers.org) or call (989) 739-3586.

### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Shoreline Players Community Theater presents "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline" starring Casey Makela and featuring Mark Lee at 6000 North Skeel Avenue in Oscoda at 2 p.m. General admission is \$13, \$7 for students. For more information, visit [www.shorelineplayers.org](http://www.shorelineplayers.org) or call (989) 739-3586.

### MONDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Get Crafty for Adults from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The project for November is a painted holiday sweatshirt with Marilyn Irwin. There is a \$3 charge. Call (989) 724-6796 for a supply list and to register.

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**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8**  
The Alcona County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. at Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville. Contact Jennifer Hoppe at (989) 358-4605 or email hoppej@nemcsa.org for details.

The Alcona County Democrats will host an informal breakfast at 9 a.m. at the Iron Skillet Restaurant, 101 North Lake Street in Lincoln.

All ages are invited to a free program of hands-on engineering activities at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Registration is recommended. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9**

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.

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

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

**Veterans Day Service**

Burger Wiedbrauk Post No. 8135, Veterans of Foreign Wars, will pay tribute to veterans on Friday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. at the Barton City VFW Post, 2120 West Trask Lake Road, Barton City. A light lunch will be provided after the ceremony. The public is invited to attend.

**Color Craze**

Adults are invited to attend Color Craze on Friday, Nov. 4 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at a new time from noon to 1:30 p.m. to accommodate those who might like to eat lunch and color, too. Anyone planning to attend should bring a bag lunch; dessert and beverages will be provided. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults, as well as colored pencils and markers, will be provided. This free class meets the first Friday of every month; adults only. For more

information, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the web at www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

**ARA Farm Market**

The ARA Farm Market is in the Campbell Building on the Alcona County Fairgrounds in Lincoln on Saturday, Nov. 5 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. SNAP/Bridge cards are accepted. Available this week: Apples, rutabagas, arugula, micro-greens, pears, carrots, Napa cabbage, celery and celery roots, gourds, shallots, pumpkins, onions, potatoes, hot peppers, butternut and sweet dumpling squash, all cuts of grass-fed and grain-fed beef, snack sticks, brats, eggs, honey, maple syrup, soup mixes, rubs, dips and seasonings, baking mixes, homemade snacks, jams, jellies, pies, cookies, quick breads, popcorn, flavored vinegars, homemade laundry detergent, and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

**Praying for the Nation**

All are invited to come together for quiet prayer as the nation faces difficult decisions in the general election. St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville, St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Black River and St. Catherine Catholic Church in Ossineke will be open Sunday, Nov. 6 from 2 to 3 p.m. and St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado will be open from noon to 1 p.m.

**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, Nov. 7—Fish almondine, red bliss potato, cauliflower, and peaches.
  - Tuesday, Nov. 8—Beef chop suey over brown rice, wax beans, tossed salad, and flavored applesauce.
  - Wednesday, Nov. 9—Baked chicken, buttered noodles, Brussels sprouts, pickled beets, and pears.
  - Thursday, Nov. 10—Meatloaf, baked potato, mixed vegetables, and fruited Jell-O.
  - Friday, Nov. 11—Bourbon pork chop, buttered rotini, Prince Charles blend vegetables, tossed salad, and mixed fruit. (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

**On Stage**

The Shoreline Players will open the 2016-2017 season on Saturday, Nov. 5 with the musical, "A Closer Walk with Patsy Cline." This is a tribute to the singer's spirit and a celebration of the music of her life. Casey Makela is cast in the part of Patsy Cline and the show will also feature Mark Lee. Musicians joining Makela and Lee on stage are Amy Merrick playing keyboard, Jimmy Duncan playing steel and lead guitar, Don Jack on drums, Jerry Schmidt playing guitar and Eric Dunckel playing bass. The play is by Dean Regan and provided by Marquis Entertainment, Inc. The show is directed by Diane Teddy working with assistant director Renee Diener. Sue Miller is producing the show and Eric Joseph is the production designer and stage manager. Opening night will include a celebration to showcase the Players' newly renovated lobby with cuisine catered by local restaurants. The doors to the lobby will open that evening at 5:30 p.m. and seating will begin at 6:40 p.m. Show dates are as follows, November 5, 6, 11, 12 and 13 with Friday and Saturday shows at 7 p.m. and Sunday matinees at 2 p.m. Tickets are \$13 for adults and \$7 for students and are available at the theater box office. For more information on this production or any upcoming Shoreline events go to www.shorelineplayers.org or call (989) 739-3586.

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# Alcona beats AuGres in playoff opener

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

Back in week four the Alcona varsity football team dominated AuGres at home. Friday night, in their division eight playoff opener, the Tigers put the record on repeat, as they rolled to a convincing 48-26 pre-district win.

"It does feel great to advance and to see the hard work the boys have put in pay off," Alcona head coach Jason Somers said of team's second playoff win in program history.

Alcona got rolling right away, as it scored on its first five possessions and took a 34-0 lead, before settling for a 34-6 lead at the half.

Tiger running back Brock Franklin had another monster night, as he rushed in for the team's first four touchdowns, finding the end-zone from 17, two, one and 39 yards out. Alcona got its last touchdown of the half on a one yard plunge by Dresden Parkinson, making it 34-0 until a late Wolverine passing touchdown made it 34-6 at the break.

Franklin was far from done causing damage however, as he added touchdown runs of six and 17 yards in the second half.

The Wolverines found their passing touchdown in the last two quarters as well, getting Caden Zeien to throw three long touchdown passes, but

it still wasn't enough for them to get back into the game.

"The team executed the game plan very well this week," Somers said. "I thought they were on top of their game. The defense came up big stopping the relentless passing attack of AuGres." Franklin finished with 254 yards and six touchdowns on 25 runs. Parkinson had 14 rushes for 90 yards and a score and Jack Hutchinson had 65 yards on nine carries.

The defense was led by Ray Betz with seven tackles and two sacks. Devon Mills had six tackles and recovered a fumble. Parkinson also recovered a fumble and Franklin had a first half interception.

Alcona (9-1 overall) plays in the district championship on Friday, Nov. 4 at Frankfort (10-0). The Panthers are coming off a 30-0 win over Ewart in their playoff opener. The Panthers should prove

to be a much steeper test, as they have shut out four opponents this year and have also racked up an average of 41 points per game. The Panthers are also champions of the Northern Michigan Football League Leaders Division.

"Frankfort is a well balanced team, they both run and pass the ball well," Somers said. The Tigers had the luxury of home field advantage in their opening win over AuGres, but they will now have to travel to the other side of the state for a chance at the program's first ever district championship.

"The travel should not effect us much at all," Somers said. "We will try to keep everything as normal as possible and stay loose. At this point in the season the keys to winning are the same week in and week out. Take care of the ball and execute your game plan on both sides of the ball. So, that's what we will do this week."



The following individuals were sentenced in 81<sup>st</sup> District Court in October by the Honorable Allen C. Yenior.

- David Blue Medel, 33, of Holland, Mich. was sentenced to two days in jail and fines and costs of \$450 for transporting/possession of open intoxicants in a motor vehicle.
- Joshua Samuel Beaudry, 25, of Burton, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and costs of \$1,350 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Shane Michael Devota, 21, of Perry, Mich. was sentenced to five days in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$1,185 for use of a controlled substance.
- Steven James Crawford, 45, of Hubbard Lake was sentenced to five days in jail, \$250 in restitution and \$400 in fines and costs for attempted failure to report an accident.
- Robert Steven George, 25, of Lincoln was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation and \$1,775 in fines and costs for operating while visibly impaired.
- Eric Arthur Beebe, 34, of Glennie was sentenced to 15 days in jail, one year of probation and \$3,195 in fines and costs for operating while impaired, operator's license suspended/revoked/denied and attempting to flee and elude police officer, fourth degree.
- Brandon Dion Lyons, 32, of Spruce was sentenced to \$475 in fines and costs for operator's license suspended/revoked/denied.
- Anthony Glenn Crane, 48, of Flint, Mich. was sentenced to five days in jail, \$1,975 in fines and costs and hunting privileges suspended through 2019 for two counts of take/possess deer/bear/turkey.



### Hatching Monarchs

I like to watch monarch caterpillars grow from the size of an eyelash to the size of my finger. I happened to find a chrysalis hanging off a birdbath ring, so I brought it onto my porch to watch. It's truly miraculous that butterflies emerge from cocoons. Do you watch them?

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# Alcona earns second in NSL volleyball tourney

By Hope Smith  
Sportswriter

The Alcona varsity volleyball team played host for the North Star League Little Dipper Tournament competition on October 29 against teams from Rogers City, Whittemore-Prescott, Mio-AuSable, Oscoda and Hillman high schools.

Teams played best of two sets to 21 points each a two-point spread.

The Lady Tigers defeated Hillman, 21-12, 22-20, topped Mio, 21-16, 21-10, pounced on Oscoda 21-19, 21-14, split with Whittemore, 21-15, 23-21 but came up short against Rogers City 21-11 and 21-9. Alcona finished the day 7-3 overall to earn second place honors behind the Rogers City Hurons.

"We knew going in to the tournament, consistency would be key to our success. We worked hard to defeat Mio, Hillman and Oscoda. Hillman pulled away in the second set, leading 14-20. Kendra LaFave, with the support of great defensive and offensive efforts, served seven straight to help us pull off the

win," said Coach Kristi Miller. "Against Whittemore, we struggled all the way around, especially behind the serving line. After losing the first set, we found ourselves in a hole in the second, behind 14-20. Katy Edwards stepped behind the line and served up six. Everyone pitched in to put us in the lead 21-20; before going on to win 23-21. These wins proved that we can never give up. If we come together and fight, we will be successful."

LaFave had 15 aces and 17 kills. Keilee Elmer set up the team with 131 assists. Lily Sager slammed down 21 kills. Brittany Decker timed 11 blocks, and defense specialist Jordan Joyce hit the floor for 48 digs.

On October 25 the Lady Tigers traveled to Cardinal country to take part in a tri volleyball match up against athletes from Suttons Bay and Johannesburg Lewiston

high schools. Alcona struggled to find a rhythm in the first game falling short against Suttons Bay, 25-23, 25-15 but defeated Johannesburg-Lewiston, 25-18, 25-16 to end the night 2-2 overall.

"Knowing we play Johannesburg in the first round of districts was very motivating. The girls came out fired up and worked well together. It is critical we bring this enthusiasm and intensity on Tuesday," Miller said.

Joyce had two aces and picked up 20 digs. LaFave made seven kills. Livingston added three blocks and Elmer picked up 51 assists.

The Lady Tigers played Johannesburg Cardinals Tuesday (at press time) for the first round of Class C District volleyball action. On November 3 the winner of Tuesday's game will take on the winner of the Whittemore and Oscoda game with a 6 p.m. start.

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Steve, and his family live in Alcona County. Following graduation, he served in the U.S. Coast Guard and chose that branch of the military because he "loves the water and it was law enforcement." His first assignment was in Kodiak, Alaska and his last was in Tawas.

He served four more years in reserve duty while living in Mikado and working in construction, which did not provide a steady income. Searches to supplement his income led to a part-time position at the Alcona County Sheriff's Department as a corrections officer in the jail. From there he earned an associate degree in criminal justice from Alpena Community College. Three months after graduating from Kirtland Regional Police Academy, he was "on the road" as a deputy with the sheriff's department.

"I fell in love with it," Panich said. "I never planned on doing anything different." And, he didn't for nine years. Until he found another calling – the DNR. His interactions with then conservation officers Warren MacNeill and Bob Mills and, "the stories of Gary and Connie Sims which seemed almost mythical... they were all legends," helped spur the desire to become a conservation officer.

"What I love most about it is it's 80 percent positive most of the time," Panich said. "The variety is great too. Every season it (the job) changes and it always keeps your interest alive. I'm going into my seventh year now and it's still a lot of fun."

Panich explained that he



Jeff Panich

is not replacing now retired MacNeill. He was partners with MacNeill until he retired in October. Eventually, there will be two conservation officers working in Alcona County.

A new aspect of his job, especially in this area, is investigating and enforcing baiting regulations due to bovine tuberculosis (TB) in the whitetail deer herd. "I am focusing on baiting," Panich said. "That goes without saying. There was another confirmed case (of TB in a cattle herd) recently... all federal agencies are focusing on this area and Alcona County has extremely high fines for baiting violations."

Panich encouraged individuals with conservation complaints to call him directly at (989) 387-2146 or call the Report All Poaching (RAP) line at (800) 292-7800.

He is encouraging all deer hunters to have their deer checked for TB at check stations in Lincoln at the DNR Field Office and at the BP gas station in Curran. "Roughly 80 percent of deer don't show signs – nodules... it's important to be sure. If it's a trophy buck, you can work with them so they don't destroy it for mounting."

When he isn't working, Panich enjoys spending time with his girlfriend, Billie Keerl, and hunting – upland game and water fowl, and fishing. "I have a salmon boat, a wall-eye boat, a duck boat – I have way too many boats."

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"Tom Cat" replaced "Ram" or "Boar" for the name of male cats after a popular book of 1760 with a male cat character named Tom was written. The book was titled "The Life and Adventures of a Cat," by an anonymous author.

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# Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of October 24-30, 2016

60 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 5 Arrests; 1 Operat- ing While Intoxicated; 4 Warrants.

### Complaint Statistics

Car Deer	9	Property Damage Accident	4
Message/Well Being Check	2	Miscellaneous	5
Agency Assist	1	Dog/Animal Complaint	5
Traffic	6	Malicious Destr. of Property	1
Alarm	1	Domestic	1
Harassment/Threats/Stalking	1	Patrol Check	1
Operate While Intoxicated	1	Unwanted Individual	1
Warrant Arrest	4	Open Door	1
Medical	2	Driving Violations	1
Larceny	6	Fraud	1
Felonious Assault	1	Larceny	2
Fire	1	Suspicious Events	3
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Conservation Vio./Complaint	1

### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	1	Caledonia	3	Curtis	1
Greenbush	9	Gustin	3	Harrisville	9
Hawes	6	Haynes	7	Mikado	2
Millen	2	Mitchell	6		
City of Harrisville	7	Village of Lincoln	4		

## Walleye feeding frenzy makes them fun to fish

Enjoying the fall so far? Why not enjoy it more by heading out on the water to benefit from the walleye feeding frenzy currently going on? Fall is a great time to target walleyes as they load up on their favorite baitfish before winter sets in. These fish will target anything that looks like food - bait them accordingly.

Some perfect spots to check out include various lakes throughout the state including: Portage, Manistee, White, Muskegon, Macatawa and of course Erie. Or try the following rivers: lower Kalamazoo, lower St. Joseph, Grand, Muskegon, Saginaw and of course the Detroit system.

### Northeast Lower Peninsula October 27

- Grand Lake: Was producing perch for those using minnows.
- Oscoda: Boat anglers fishing both inside and immediately outside the pier heads were taking walleyes on spoons and body baits. Likewise, pier anglers casting the same were also taking some fish. Boat and shore anglers were starting to catch a few steelhead.
- AuSable River: Steelhead were reported as far upstream as Foote Dam and were hitting on spawn.
- Higgins Lake: Lake trout fishing was good when vertical jigging in 100 feet.
- Houghton Lake: Walleye fishing picked up with the cooler weather. Anglers were fishing the canals and along the shoreline at night with crank baits.
- Lake St. Helen: Was producing panfish and the occasional walleye.
- Tawas: Shiners are moving into the state harbor and some perch are moving in with them. It takes a lot of sorting to get a mess of keepers, but it can be done. Pier anglers casting at night are starting to pick up some walleye and a few pike during the day.

### Northeast Michigan

## Fishing Report



• Tawas River: The Chinook salmon run seems to be over.

• AuGres: Had very good perch fishing for boat anglers in 40 to 50 feet near the end of the shipping channel, off the Gravelly Shoals and down near the NOAA weather buoy. Lots of limit catches were taken by boat anglers launching from Eagle Bay Marina and fishing in six to 10 feet between the Saganing and the Pinconning Bars. Some were 12 to 13 inches with the occasional 14 inch fish reported.

• Pine River: Perch are biting from shore in the lower river near Standish but they run small and a lot of sorting is necessary.

• Cheboygan: There was no fishing activity on Lake Huron over the last week. The fish cleaning station was still open but will close soon.

• Cheboygan River: Is still producing a few Chinook for those drifting spawn or casting crank baits. Most of the fish are very dark and will not last much longer. A light number of small steelhead moved into the river and were caught when drifting spawn. Steelhead fishing should pick up as the weather turns colder. For smallmouth bass, those that did best were fishing the mouth of the river and near the Hack-Ma-Tack Inn. Only a few walleye were caught.

• Mullett Lake: Perch fishing was hit-or-miss in front of Indian River. When the fishing is good anglers were catching 30 to 50 fish per trip with most over nine inches. Both walleye and bass fishing pressure were light.

• Rogers City: The weather

has not been angler friendly because of high winds and rough water. The Rogers City Marina and the restrooms are now closed for the season. The launch ramps and the all the docks were still in.

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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## How to find and hire a good handyman or contractor

Dear Savvy Senior,  
What's the best way to find a good handyman or tradesman to do some work around the house? I've had some bad luck lately with unprofessional workers who do shoddy work and charge too much.

Frustrated Senior

Dear Frustrated,  
Hiring a good home repair handyman can be a bit of a crapshoot. How do you find someone who will return your calls, show up on time, do the job right and finish it, all at a fair price? Here are some tips that can help.

While it may seem obvious, whom you call on for help will depend on what you need done. If, for example, you have a small home repair or improvement project that doesn't require a lot of technical expertise, a handyman may be all you need. But if you have a job that involves electricity, plumbing, or heating or cooling systems, you're better off going with a licensed

tradesman. Bigger jobs like home renovations or remodeling may require a general contractor.

Whatever type of work you need, the best way to find it is through referrals from people you trust. If your friends or family don't have any recommendations in the field like local hardware or home improvement stores, or even real estate agents.

The Internet can also help. Websites like HomeAdvisor.com can put you in touch with prescreened, customer-rated service professionals in your area for free. Or try AngiesList.com, a membership service that will connect you with contractors and service companies with various types of expertise for free. They provide ratings and reviews of local professionals who've done work for other members in your area, plus details about the type of work they've done, prices, professionalism and timeliness.

They also offer an upgraded silver or gold membership for \$25 or \$100 per year, which offers discounts, a magazine, complaint resolutions and more.

Another option for finding handyman services is through a local or national service company like MrHandyman.com, HouseDoctors.com or HandymanConnection.com. You'll probably pay more going through a company than you would with an independent handyman, but service companies typically promise professional workers who are screened, licensed, bonded and insured.

To find local handyman services in your community check your yellow pages or go to any Internet search engine and type in "handyman" plus your city and state.

Once you've located a few candidates, your next step is to get written estimates that list the materials, costs and details of the project. It's a good idea to get at least three



Savvy Senior

estimates from different sources to be sure you're getting a fair deal.

Before hiring someone, check out his or her work history with your state consumer protection agency (go to [usa.gov/state-consumer](http://usa.gov/state-consumer) for a list) and the Better Business Bureau ([bbb.org/council](http://bbb.org/council)). You can also search the Web using the company or individual's name and such words as "reviews" and "complaints."

You also need to find out if your candidates have an approved contractor or tradesman license. Using an unlicensed worker in a state that

requires a license is dangerous - you'll have little legal recourse if the job goes bad. (To see which states license contractors, visit [contractorlicense.org](http://contractorlicense.org).) Contractor-check.com is another good resource for researching local contractors.

Also, ask to see their proof of insurance, which covers any damages they may cause while working on your home, and ask for several references from past jobs and check them.

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

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# Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



## Shore Gleanings

**November 2, 1877-** The Tawas young folks have learned to dance.

-X-

Some of the lumber mills in the county below having completed their season's cut of logs, are shutting down.

-X-

Judge Tuttle is holding Court in the county of Presque Isle this week. He will resume Court in Alpena next week.

-X-

Mr. Dann, late of the Lee House, AuSable, has leased the Fletcher House at Alpena, and will soon open it to the public.

-X-

It is estimated that 50,000,000 feet of logs will be cut in the vicinity of Cheboygan this winter, against 40,000,000 feet last year.

-X-

Presiding Elder Bartlett delivered a stirring address before the Reform Club of Tawas City, last Friday evening. It was a temperance address.

-X-

The Au Sable and Oscoda Red Ribbon Reform Club is in most flourishing condition, and we are glad for that. The editor of the News is a member.

-X-

After a month of unusually stormy weather, we may now look for glorious Indian Summer.—*Tawas Gazette*. Well, you may keep right on looking till the first of May.

-X-

The Alpena *Argus* says parties have been in that city during the past week collecting a large quantity of young evergreen trees which they are shipping to Bay City and vicinity.

-X-

Duck hunting is a principal resort with Tawas young men. We suppose some of the young ladies there hunt after *duch*, too, but the *Oautte* man says nothing about it. He's too modest.

-X-

A dramatic entertainment for the financial benefit of the Alpena Military Company, will come off in that city week from next Wednesday evening, at which time will be produced, by home talent, the drama entitled, "Enlisted for the War."

-X-

When a subscriber to the *Tawas Gazette* becomes badly in arrears, the editor sends Bim a small handful of 'old papers' as a present, and said subscriber, becoming elated over the generosity of the editor, is at once reminded of his unpaid subscription, and of course immediately 'forks over' the cash or cabbage, as the case may be. It's a new plan for collecting delinquent subscriptions, but works admirably.

-X-

We hear considerable dis-

satisfaction expressed of late at the in frequency of our mails, the prevailing opinion being that the boats might have made trips when they did not, during the stormy season. *Tawas Gazette*. "Them's our sintemens tew!" We told Capt. Cole so to his face, recently, and that face got red and he got made about it, and we suppose our face bore a sort of a tinted red, too, about that time. Rice says" so. We always sympathize in that way with the

man we gets made at us. That's one of our failings.

-X-

AuSable and Oscoda news items. Robert Lee has cleared up a piece of ground down Colwell's bayou, and proposes to raise vegetables thereon to supply the Lee house tables, another season. Geo. L. Colwell & Co. have ironed their tram from the mill to the extreme end of their lumber dock, working one horse less, but not manufacturing so many norway

slivers.

-X-

Mr. A. J. Freer, of Harrisville, was down Monday to perfect arrangements with Mr. Gram for running a camp at Black River on lands owned jointly by them. He will bank 1,600,000 ft. this winter.

-X-

The run of stone formerly used in in what is known as "Smith's grist mill," have been purchased by Pack, Woods & Co., and will be set up in Pelette & Widdifield's plan-

ing mill and set to grinding feed.

-X-

A U. S. Marshal from Alpena came down Monday and seized the fish tug Grayling, lying in Au Sable river, on an execution in favor of a man named Gough, obtained, it is said, for an infringement on a patent refrigerator right which he had bought from S. H. Davis & Co., of Detroit, the latter firm unlawfully continuing the use of the same.

Mr. W. T. Smith expects

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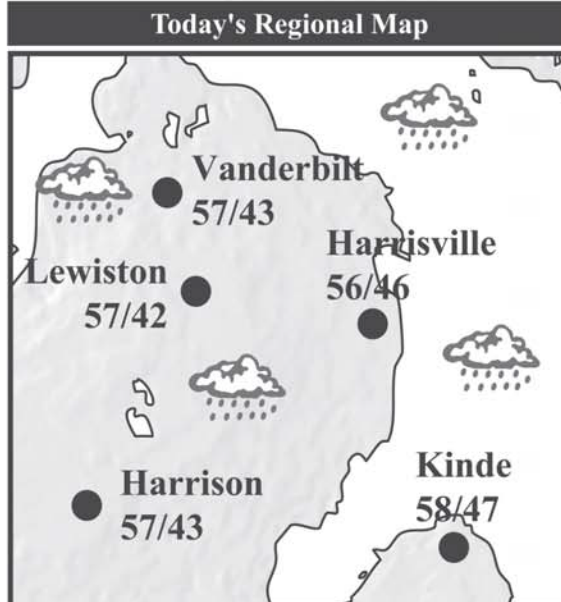
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## Alcona Review Weather Report Nov. 2, 2016

Seven Day Forecast	
	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Scat'd Rain High: 56 Low: 46
	<b>THURSDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 53 Low: 37
	<b>FRIDAY</b> Sunny High: 52 Low: 42
	<b>SATURDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 54 Low: 41
	<b>SUNDAY</b> Sunny High: 52 Low: 38
	<b>MONDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 51 Low: 35
	<b>TUESDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 48 Low: 34

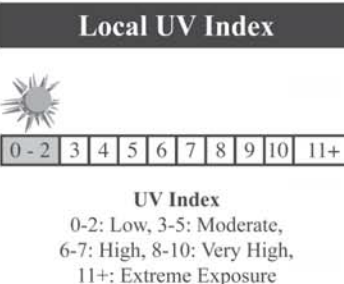


In-Depth Local Forecast				
Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of rain, high temperature of 56°, humidity of 82%. North wind 5 mph. The record high temperature for today is 73° set in 1990. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of rain, overnight low of 46°. North wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 19° set in 1958.				

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	50	40	52/33	0.01"
Tuesday	47	29	52/33	0.00"
Wednesday	43	28	51/33	0.03"
Thursday	42	29	51/32	0.33"
Friday	54	26	50/32	0.00"
Saturday	62	48	50/32	0.00"
Sunday	51	36	50/32	0.00"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week						
	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
First 11/7	Wednesday	8:14 a.m.	6:19 p.m.	10:40 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	
	Thursday	8:15 a.m.	6:18 p.m.	11:33 a.m.	9:16 p.m.	
	Friday	8:16 a.m.	6:16 p.m.	12:22 p.m.	10:05 p.m.	
Full 11/14	Saturday	8:18 a.m.	6:15 p.m.	1:09 p.m.	10:59 p.m.	
	Sunday	7:19 a.m.	5:14 p.m.	12:51 p.m.	11:57 p.m.	
	Monday	7:20 a.m.	5:12 p.m.	1:30 p.m.	11:59 p.m.	
	Tuesday	7:22 a.m.	5:11 p.m.	2:06 p.m.	Next Day	



**National Weather Summary This Week**

The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered showers today and Thursday, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 83° in Evansville, Ind. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 87° in Punta Gorda, Fla. The Northwest will see isolated rain today, mostly clear skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 76° in Stampede Pass, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today, isolated thunderstorms Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 87° in Thermal, Calif.

Tonight's Planets		
	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:34 a.m.	6:28 p.m.
Venus	11:38 a.m.	n/a
Mars	2:09 p.m.	10:59 p.m.
Jupiter	5:39 a.m.	5:16 p.m.
Saturn	11:04 a.m.	8:10 p.m.
Uranus	5:30 p.m.	6:41 a.m.

**Weather History**

**Nov. 2, 1989** - Squalls in the Upper Great Lakes region the first three days of the month buried Ironwood, Mich. under 46 inches of snow and produced 40 inches at Hurley, Wis. Arctic cold invaded the Southern Plains region. Midland, Texas reported a record low of 22 degrees.

**Weather Trivia**

Is it ever too cold to snow?

**Answer:** No, no matter how cold it gets, there is always moisture in the air.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

**StarWatch By Gary Becker - A Robotic Telescope for Moravian**

Astronomy at Moravian College is looking up. The foundation of the program began during the tenure of Professor Joe Gerencher, whose 40 years of service to the College established a solid astronomy curriculum and a rooftop observatory at the Collier Hall of Science, now called the Sky Deck. In addition, Dr. Gerencher taught the course at night, when stars were actually visible, something not in the purview of most college curricula. Since Joe's retirement in late spring of 2010, the astronomy footprint at Moravian has grown. The course went from being taught once a year to twice each semester and during this expansion, Moravian gained charitable supporters who have donated equipment and funds to insure the growth and success of the program. Foremost amongst these contributors is David Fisherowski of Boyertown, PA. Not only has he given numerous high-quality telescopes and mounting systems to Moravian, but he has sold other high-end gear to the College at well below market cost. Moravian has truly been blessed with his kindness and the support of department chair, Dr. Kelly Kriebel, who found the resources to support these purchases. An anonymous donor has also provided a substantial yearly input of funds to the program which has been enhanced by the proceeds from the sale of my astronomy book which students purchase. Now MoCo Astronomy is posed on the precipice of another opportunity, a consortium with the Mars Society and the University of North Carolina to construct and operate a robotic observatory at the Mars Desert Research Station near Hanksville, Utah, one of the darkest sites in North America. A firm cost analysis has been completed and through the efforts of Peter Dettlerline, MDRS lead astronomer, commercial interests have also promised support for the project. The mounting system for the telescope has already been purchased. When completed, Moravian students will have the opportunity to control and conduct research with a telescope in Utah on any device with Internet access. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the longest mountain chain on Earth above sea level?
2. **ASTRONOMY:** Europa is a moon of which planet in our solar system?
3. **TRADITIONS:** What is the traditional birthstone for February?
4. **CHEMISTRY:** What element has the chemical symbol Hg?
5. **ANATOMY:** How many chromosomes do human beings normally have?
6. **MOVIES:** What was the first film directed and produced by a black filmmaker to win the Academy Award for Best Picture?
7. **FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** What award-winning singer/songwriter once said, "I consider myself a poet first and a musician second. I live like a poet and I'll die like a poet"?
8. **MATH:** What two letters are symbols for 1,000?
9. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** By what title is Jorge Mario Bergoglio better known?
10. **GAMES:** What is the name of the casino employee who takes bets and spins the wheel in roulette?

**Answers:** 1. The Andes; 2. Jupiter; 3. Amethyst; 4. Mercury; 5. 23 pairs, or a total of 46; 6. "12 Years a Slave" (Steve McQueen); 7. Bob Dylan; 8. M and K; 9. Pope Francis; 10. Croupier  
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# Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Nov. 14, 1851, "Moby-Dick," a novel by Herman Melville about the voyage of the whaling ship Pequod, is published under the title "The Whale." The book contains one of the most famous opening lines in fiction: "Call me Ishmael."
- On Nov. 19, 1915, British airman Richard Bell Davies performs a daring rescue, swooping down in his single-seat scout plane to whisk a downed fellow pilot from behind Turkish lines just as enemy soldiers approached.
- On Nov. 16, 1945, the United States ships 88 German rocket scientists to America. The U.S. government was desperate to acquire the scientific know-how that had produced German rockets during World War II.
- On Nov. 17, 1958, the Kingston Trio's "Tom Dooley" hits No. 1 on the Billboard pop chart. The song was probably first sung sometime after 1868, when a North Carolina man named Tom Dula was hanged for the murder of his fiancée.
- On Nov. 15, 1965, at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah, 28-year-old Californian Craig Breedlove sets a new land-speed record of 600.6 mph in the Spirit of America. The car was powered by a Navy jet engine.
- On Nov. 20, 1982, the Cal football team wins an improbable last-second victory over Stanford when they complete five lateral passes around members of the Cardinals' marching band, who had come onto the field a bit early. Cal's Kevin Moen careened through the confused horn section to reach the end zone, where he slammed into a trombone player. The touchdown counted, and Cal won 25-20.
- On Nov. 18, 1991, Shiite Muslim kidnappers in Lebanon free Anglican Church envoy Terry Waite after more than four years of captivity. Waite had secured the release of missionaries detained in Iran, British hostages from Libya and even American hostages from Lebanon before he was seized in Beirut.

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Like humans</p> <p>7 Turn about</p> <p>13 Bundt holder</p> <p>20 Extreme folly</p> <p>21 86-Across in eastern Kansas</p> <p>22 Constructed in advance</p> <p>23 Site of many a yoga class</p> <p>25 Fiji's part of the world</p> <p>26 Like some braking systems</p> <p>27 Freezing cold</p> <p>29 One adding seasonings</p> <p>30 Gentle — lamb</p> <p>31 Mumbai, vis-à-vis India</p> <p>33 "Blow" co-star Johnny</p> <p>37 Bicolor whale</p> <p>39 Reprieve</p> <p>40 Clearasil competitor</p> <p>41 Selfishness</p> <p>43 Forget to include</p> <p>45 Papyrus plants, e.g.</p> <p>48 Bit attached to a cob</p> <p>50 Civil War prez</p> | <p>52 Fictional Scarlett</p> <p>56 Pitch-perfect</p> <p>57 Science also known as</p> <p>59 Fire on</p> <p>61 Comic actor Kevin</p> <p>63 What melts in a meltdown</p> <p>65 Lawyer's assignment</p> <p>68 Airport rental</p> <p>69 Stir in, say</p> <p>70 "Listen up!"</p> <p>71 Patella site</p> <p>72 Like the social class that includes managers</p> <p>75 Move beyond</p> <p>77 Prepared</p> <p>78 Razor brand</p> <p>80 Subs in offices</p> <p>84 Give a coif to</p> <p>85 Comic actress Charlotte</p> <p>86 San Rafael, vis-à-vis Marin</p> <p>88 Invest (with)</p> <p>91 Furnace fuel</p> <p>92 Different: Prefix</p> <p>93 Slap cuffs on</p> <p>96 Actor/singer Jerry</p> | <p>99 Enchilada kin</p> <p>101 Gumbo, e.g.</p> <p>102 Proton's place</p> <p>106 Drillmaster's syllable</p> <p>108 Rent payer</p> <p>109 Hogs' pens</p> <p>110 Simple exercise to work the abs</p> <p>115 Coifs</p> <p>117 Card that's an apt alternate title for this puzzle</p> <p>119 "Swing Time" co-star Fred</p> <p>120 Lifelessness</p> <p>121 Totally ripped</p> <p>122 Least sloppy</p> <p>123 Brook, e.g.</p> <p>124 Passed quickly</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Notes following re</p> <p>2 Major Norse deity</p> <p>3 Film director Martin</p> <p>4 Literature Nobel</p> <p>5 Fast Amtrak offering</p> <p>6 Enzyme-filled cell organelle</p> | <p>7 U2's genre</p> <p>8 Flamenco dance cry</p> <p>9 Dance from Buenos Aires</p> <p>10 Take a stab at</p> <p>11 Louise's film sidekick</p> <p>12 More weird</p> <p>13 "— Sharkey" (old sitcom)</p> <p>14 Inverse trig function</p> <p>15 — cool head</p> <p>16 Online missives</p> <p>17 Mexico's — Villa</p> <p>18 Farewells, to François</p> <p>19 Close</p> <p>24 Wound result</p> <p>28 Producer for Eminem</p> <p>31 Began airing</p> <p>32 Runner-turned-baron Sebastian</p> <p>33 Erté's genre</p> <p>34 Designer von Furstenberg</p> <p>35 Bacon, e.g.</p> <p>36 Certain evergreen dropping</p> <p>38 Capital of New Hampshire</p> <p>42 Terrier type</p> | <p>44 With 94-Down, restless</p> <p>46 Mail-slot spot</p> <p>47 Evaluations of resistance to sudden impact</p> <p>49 Adjusted, as floor tiles</p> <p>50 Up in years</p> <p>51 Win — hair</p> <p>53 Oodles</p> <p>54 One-in-a-million</p> <p>55 Suit to —</p> <p>58 Mandate</p> <p>59 Climb aboard</p> <p>60 Oscar de la —</p> <p>62 Vertex</p> <p>64 Count — (cereal brand)</p> <p>65 Snarly dogs</p> <p>66 Adopt- — (kennel program)</p> <p>67 Fix, as a dog</p> <p>69 Balm plant</p> <p>73 French for "nothing"</p> <p>74 Biotech material</p> <p>75 Says "I told you so!"</p> <p>76 Eyelid woe</p> <p>79 Writer Umberto</p> <p>81 Satisfy</p> | <p>82 Trim (down)</p> <p>83 Pack away</p> <p>85 Puzzle with pictures</p> <p>87 Ideas</p> <p>89 "ER" extras</p> <p>90 Samovar</p> <p>91 "The Swimmer" author John</p> <p>93 Detroit of "Guys and Dolls"</p> <p>94 See 44-Down</p> <p>95 "La Isla —" (Madonna hit)</p> <p>97 Pretends to be</p> <p>98 Patron</p> <p>100 Master cook</p> <p>103 "—/Sade" (1967 film)</p> <p>104 Not from a major studio</p> <p>105 "Please, I'd like to help"</p> <p>107 Before-surgery</p> <p>110 Potting soil</p> <p>111 Swiss river to the Rhine</p> <p>112 Made angry</p> <p>113 Ticket leftover</p> <p>114 Notice</p> <p>116 In position</p> <p>118 Vardalos of the screen</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was beloved Scottish author J.M. Barrie, creator of Peter Pan, who made the following sage observation: "Those who bring sunshine to the lives of others cannot keep it from themselves."
- Among the Balonda people, an African tribe that dwells along the Zambezi River, it was once customary for a groom to promise that he'll supply kindling wood to his mother-in-law for the rest of her life.
- Those who study such things -- word mavens with a penchant for statistics, presumably -- have determined that, on average, English-language text contains 56 e's for every q.
- A fisherman in the Philippines recently revealed a treasure that he'd been keeping under his bed for 10 years: a 75-pound natural pearl with an estimated value of \$100 million. Evidently, after finding the pearl in a giant clam, he decided to keep it as a good-luck charm. The "Pearl of Puerto," as it's known, blew the world record out of the water (pun intended). The previous record holder for largest natural pearl was the "Pearl of Lao-Tsu" (sometimes called the "Pearl of Allah"), which weighs in at a mere 14 pounds.
- The female Jesus bird is the one in charge, it would seem. She controls her own territory, allowing several male birds to build nests within it. Then she lays eggs in all the nests, and the males incubate them.
- Before the Beach Boys were the Beach Boys, they considered naming their band the Pendletons.
- The name "toadstool" actually has nothing to do with toads. The word is derived from the German words "tod," which means "death," and "stuhl," which means "stool."

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Thought for the Day: "Those who dream by day are cognizant of many things which escape those who dream only by night." -- Edgar Allan Poe

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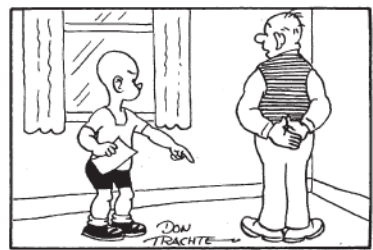
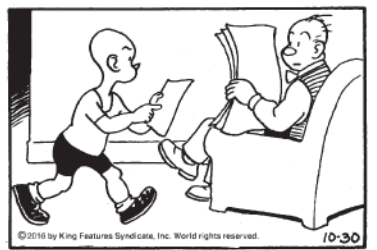
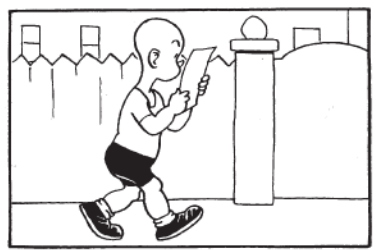
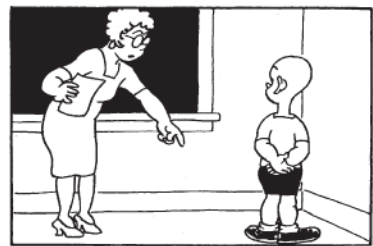
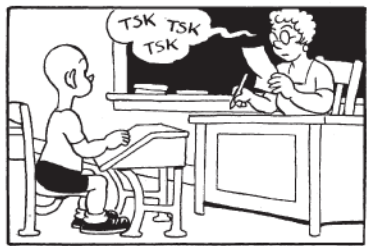
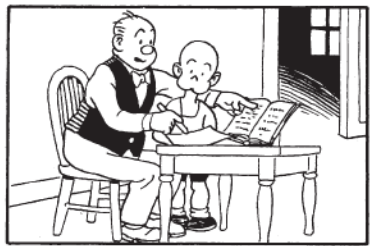
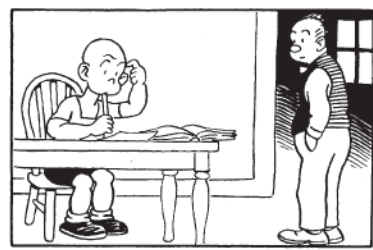
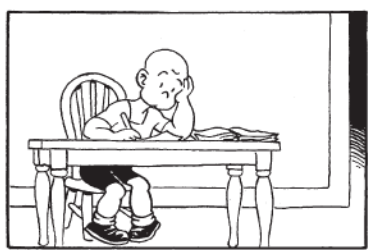
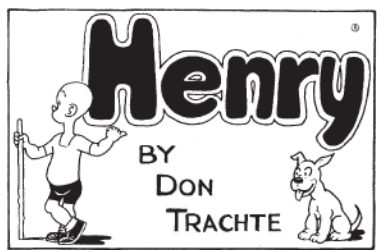
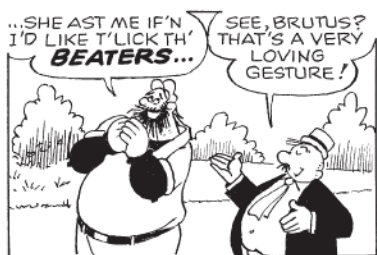
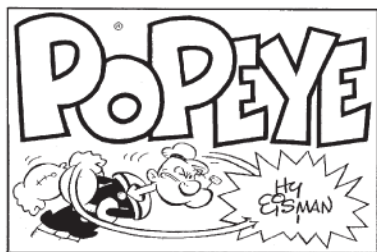
This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: Q equals F

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# Hertern's Host

By Freddy Grovers

## Vets tv network

A former Marine has come up with a great idea: a veterans' television network. He didn't come by that idea the easy way; it took the suicide death of his pal to force him to realize that humor might be the only real way to combat the horrible statistics of veteran suicide.

Thus, he launched a Kickstarter program for a proposed television network called Veteran Television, or VetTV.

According to the three-minute video, VetTV intends to use "humor and camaraderie to bring veterans together to heal the mental wounds of war" using authentic humor, not the kind that Hollywood produces. Some of the proposed shows sound promising: Kill, Die, Laugh; A Grunt's Life; The Veteran Mating Game; and Gods of War. It will show the good, the bad and the ugly of military life ... but with humor. The creator says he's aiming at the post-9/11 veteran, but from what I've seen so far, it speaks to all veterans.

The shows will be streamed to phone, tablet or computer once a week, like Hulu or Netflix. Subscribers will vote on the shows that will be seen next.

The venture needs \$250,000 to create four months of shows, with one new episode per week for each branch of the military. After the initial funding, the VetTV

will be self-sustaining. Content will be for veterans, made by veterans. Subscriptions will cost only \$5 per month.

VetTV has already partnered with veteran-owned businesses and nonprofits to help with Kickstarter. At this writing, it has nearly 1,000 backers and \$80,000.

To view the three-minute info video, go to [bit.ly/2e8EGUi](http://bit.ly/2e8EGUi), and for more information, go to [veterantv.net](http://veterantv.net). Click on Kickstarter to view the fundraising campaign and decide if you can send a few dollars. After all, it's for us.

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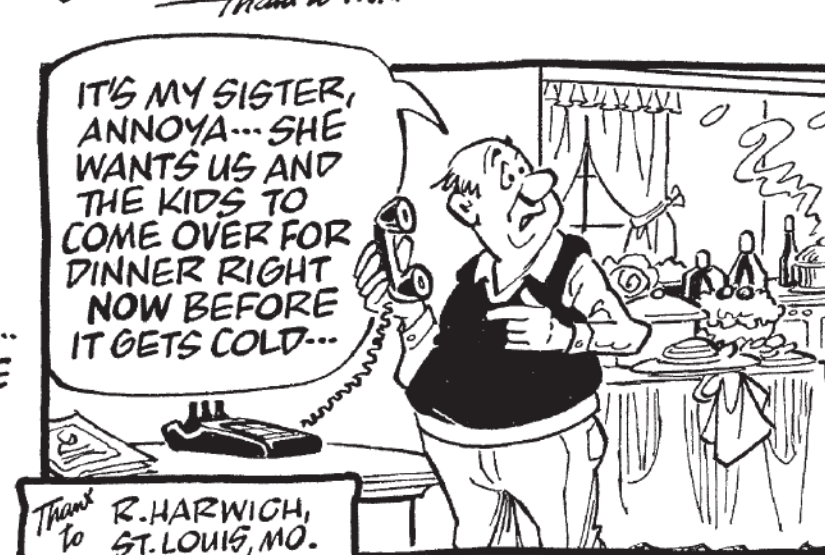
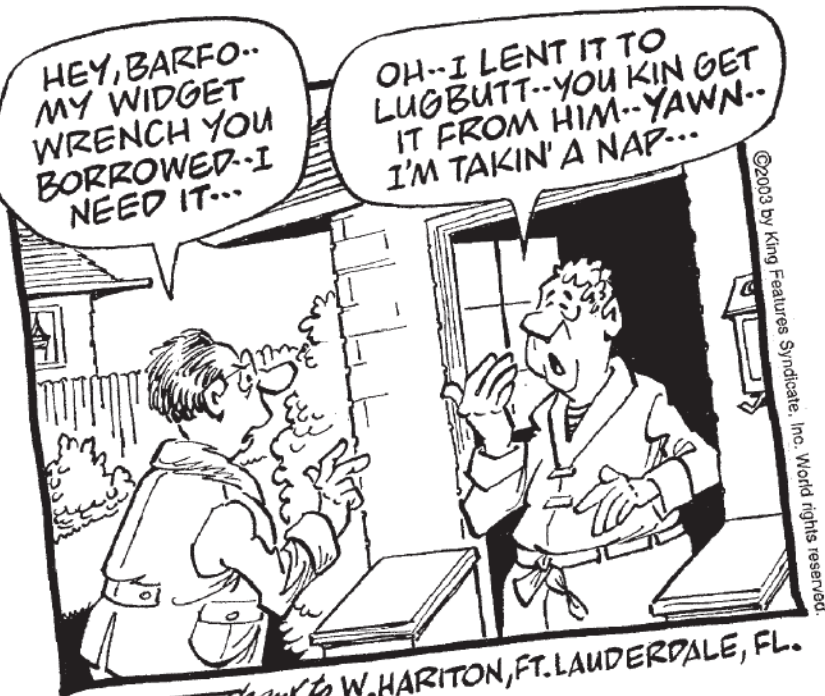
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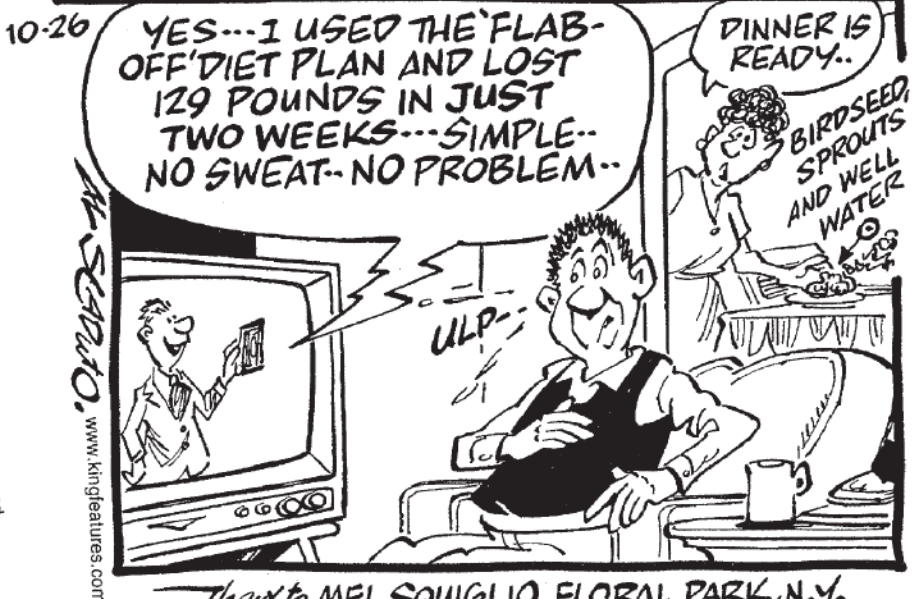
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A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held October 26 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve the minutes of the September 28 meeting; approve bills that were paid October 12 in the amount of \$213,540.12; pay open accounts in the amount of \$135,597.54; authorize purchases using millage funds; authorize fence installation; accept an engineering proposal for Timberlakes drains; accept an engineering proposal for Cedar Lake Road; extend the State Trunkline Maintenance contract; and approve participation in the Michigan Public Safety Institute. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Upon approval, complete minutes are available at [alconacr.com](http://alconacr.com), by request via email at [roads@alconacr.com](mailto:roads@alconacr.com), or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly scheduled meeting is November 9 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

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#### Notice of Default and Foreclosure Sale

Whereas, on October 12, 2001, a certain adjustable rate home equity conversion mortgage was executed by Dorothy I. Filer, as mortgagor, in favor of Alliance Mortgage Company, as mortgagee, which was recorded October 22, 2001 in liber 356, page 21, Alcona County records; and, Whereas, the mortgage was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and, Whereas, the mortgage is now held by the secretary, through assignment as documented by an assignment of mortgage, dated March 4, 2010 and recorded January 18, 2011 in liber 476, page 255, Alcona County records; and, Whereas, the mortgage at paragraph (9)(a)(i) states that "Lender may require immediate payment in full of all sums secured by this Security Instrument if . . . [a] Borrower dies and the Property is not the principal residence of at least one surviving Borrower;" and, Whereas, Dorothy I. Filer died on November 2, 2014, and there is no other borrower occupying the property; and, Whereas, the debt secured by the mortgage has been accelerated and is due and owing in the amount of \$95,895.98 as of September 30, 2016, and which remains wholly unpaid, as of today's date; and, Whereas, the debt must be paid in full to avoid foreclosure of the property commonly known as: 5031 E. F-30 Road a/k/a 5031 E. Mikado Road, Greenbush, Mich.; and, Whereas, by virtue of this default, the secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the mortgage to be immediately due and payable; Now therefore, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. § 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the secretary's designation of me as foreclosure commissioner, recorded on July 23, 2015 in liber 516, page 911, Alcona County records, Notice is hereby given that on

Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2016 at 10 a.m. local time, the real property located in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, the below described will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: All that part of Government Lot 2, Section 2, T25N, R9E, lying between Greenbush to Harrisville Co. Highway and the west line of said lot and directly west of Rettke's Alice Park, a recorded Plat. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes. Less: The north 500 feet of the following described parcel: All that part of Government Lot 2, Section 2, T25N, R9E, lying between Greenbush to Harrisville Co. Highway and the west line of said lot and directly west of Rettke's Alice Park, a recorded Plat. Less: The south 200 feet of the north 700 feet of the described property: All that part of Government Lot 2, Section 2, T25N, R9E, lying between Greenbush to Harrisville Co. Highway and the west line of said lot and directly west of Rettke's Alice Park, a recorded Plat. Less: The south 150 feet of the north 950 feet of the described property: All that part of Government Lot 2, Section 2, T25N, R9E, lying between Greenbush to Harrisville Co. Highway and the west line of said lot and directly west of Rettke's Alice Park, a recorded Plat. Less: The south 300 feet; thence west 200 feet; thence south 300 feet to the point of beginning. Less: The south 100 feet of the north 800 feet of the described property: All that part of Government Lot 2, Section 2, T25N, R9E, lying between Greenbush to Harrisville Co. Highway and the west line of said lot and directly west of Rettke's Alice Park, a recorded Plat. Tax Parcel No: 040-002-200-120-20. Commonly known as: 5031 E. F-30 Road a/k/a 5031 E. Mikado Road. The sale will be held at the Al-

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State of Michigan County of Oakland SS. On this 19th day of October, 2016, before me, a notary public in and for Oakland County, appeared Jeffrey R. Raff, foreclosure commissioner for the secretary of Housing and Urban Development, to me personally known and being duly sworn did say that said instrument was signed and did acknowledge the same to be his free act and deed. Name: Danielle Plucinski Notary Public, Oakland County, Michigan My Commission Expires: January 2, 2022 Drafted by and when recorded return to: Kevin Majewski (P79292) Trott Law, P.C. 31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334 No. 466637L01 11-2, 11-9, 11-16

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in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court in said Alcona County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10 p.m. on November 16, 2016. Said premises are situated in the township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 47, Supervisor's Plat of Woodland Acres No. 2, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 7 of Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 3122 Spruce Road, Glennie, Mich. 48737. If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be six months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later.

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## Two candidates running for District 1 county commission seat

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Voters in Alcona County District 1, which includes Alcona and Caledonia townships, have a choice between two candidates vying for one two-year term on the county board of commissioners.

• **Incumbent, Kathleen E. Vichunas** (Rep.) grew up in Detroit, Mich. and graduated from Dominican High School in the early 1960s. After graduating she began working for the federal government in Detroit, Mich. as a clerk-stenographer. After four years, she relocated to Washington D.C. and continued as a federal employee at the Pentagon in the office of the Assistant Secretary for Research and Development.

Over the course of 10 years Vichunas worked for the Small Business Administration and then the Federal Housing Administration which was consolidated with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). For HUD she served in several capacities, most notably was her work for the executive assistant to George

Romney.

She then moved back to Detroit where she became a multi-family loan specialist for HUD. Her duties included reviewing financial statements, profit and loss statements, closing documents, construction contracts, and more for multi-million dollar projects such as Somerset Apartments and Tendercare nursing facilities of Alpena, Greenview and Tawas.

She has been married to her husband, Al, a retired Detroit police officer, for 41 years. The couple purchased a weekend home on Hubbard Lake in 1984 made it their permanent residence after retirement in 1998.

Vichunas has served as district 1 county commissioner since 2009. She has been on many committees while serving in her position as commissioner including, Alcona County Commission on Aging, District Health Department No. 2, the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, the Negwegon, Rockport and Thompson

Harbor Advisory Board, the Housing Commission, and was previously on the finance committee.

The Vichunas are members of the Hubbard Lake Citizen Watch. She is a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post No. 6754 since 1998 and has been auxiliary president since 2005. She is also a member of Leadership Alcona, a small group of volunteers striving to bring broadband to the underserved areas of Alcona County.

Vichunas has completed several Incident Command Systems training courses to assist with emergency response situations within the county.

As commissioner for the last eight years she was instrumental in obtaining a qualified person to take the position of health officer for District Health Department (DHD) No. 2, and helped the county implement a Government Information System (GIS) program which provides property information for the public. More recently, she has worked on updating the county recreation plan which involved researching three or four properties in the recreation plan which are not county owned properties.

Vichunas is running for re-election because she feels the commissioners seat is not a position to just jump into and have an immediate understanding of everything it involves. "After serving these last several years, I feel I have developed the knowledge to work effectively with the community and the board," Vichunas said.

If she is re-elected she would like to continue working with the health officer of DHD No. 2. She would like to see the GIS expanded into all townships in the county. She would like to see affordable broadband brought to the area and continue to work on an animal control ordinance for the county.

"It's important for the board to be transparent. It is always nice to see more people attend the board of commissioner's meetings and listen to the concerns of the community. When I first ran for position of district 1 commissioner, I promised the Alcona Township Board of Trustees and the Caledonia Township Board of Trustees I would attend their monthly meetings. I have faithfully kept that promise for eight years. I sincerely enjoy helping the residents of this county. I'm dedicated and believe in responding to people's concerns."

• **Joel Blohm** (NPA) grew up in Monroe, Mich., and graduated from Monroe High School in 1984. After gradu-

### From the Editor's Desk

Despite the turmoil that is rolling across the nation regarding the presidential race, we encourage all registered voters to cast their ballot next Tuesday. This is an important election – not just because of the statewide and national ramifications – but also because there are important issues to be decided upon for our county.

Three of the most important are the millage requests for the 911 operating surcharge renewal, the special education renewal and the countywide drug interdiction increase. We could go into great detail trying to explain the reasons why county and school budgets cannot support services that some may consider typical functions of respective entities. But, the bottom line is this – few will read it because they won't take the time and because it's not easy to understand.

**The 911 surcharge renewal** and special education renewal are pretty straightforward, at least in our opinion. If citizens want to ensure that someone will answer the call when they dial 911, they need to vote yes. If citizens want to keep the local 911 services that exist and keep steadily expanding, they need to vote yes for this millage renewal.

The same is true with the **special education millage renewal**. These millage funds pay for the education and services necessary for children with special needs that are beyond the resources available in a traditional classroom setting. Additionally, many of these services are federally mandated but not federally funded – which is typical in this day and age. The school district is required to fund these services and if the millage is not renewed, funds will have to be used from other areas of the budget. No exceptions. If citizens want to keep educating local children with special needs and keep our school district operating as it has been, without cutting programs, they need to vote yes for this millage renewal.

The third local proposal – the **countywide drug interdiction millage** – is certainly more controversial and no less complex. It is also an uncomfortable subject because it revolves around drug addiction and opponents to this proposal have turned this request into an anti-law enforcement issue as well.

We could site statistics and reports that detail the need for this millage; however, anyone can skew statistics to support their opinion. We could also go on and on detailing our opinion as to why this millage should be approved. However, we aren't sure that will make a difference.

So, we'd like to cut through the complexity of the issue and misinformation that is being spread and highlight these facts that we find compelling.

- Illegal drug activity has been in Alcona County for quite some time. It is evident in just about every aspect of our local society. And while we may feel helpless to deal with this very large, complex, ugly issue that has spread as an epidemic across our nation right to our front door, there is a way to make a difference in this community. Alcona County citizens need to decide what kind of community they want to live in.

- Millage funds will stay in Alcona County to pay for the salary and benefits of a local deputy to serve on the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT). This deputy will live in Alcona County and be a contributing member of this community.

- Saying "no" to law enforcement – in any form – does not make for a safer community. Despite budgets that are stretched extremely thin, the county and the school district have found funds to have a school resource officer work in the school district. Additionally, the county has continued to financially support the sheriff's department in order to keep the services that citizens deserve and expect. Citizens may not realize this, but this is an exceptional endeavor considering our population and available resources. It is time to take the protection of our community members to the next level.

- Saying "no" to this millage request will *not* ensure that people already addicted to drugs will receive the help they need. However, voting "yes" will help keep more people from becoming addicted. The sole purpose of HUNT is to find and arrest people selling drugs.

- Every elected county official that works within the local legal system – the sheriff, prosecutor, judge and all five county commissioners – see the need for this millage and have stepped forward to explain why it is needed. These officials were elected by citizens of this county to keep their best interests in mind when making decisions. All of them are now asking citizens to help them keep this county safe. Citizens need to keep this in mind when casting their vote.

If the citizens of Alcona County want to spend less than the cost of a pizza each year to invest in the safety of this community, they need to vote "yes" on the countywide drug interdiction millage.

~ Cheryl Peterson

## Incumbent, write-in vie for mayor seat

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

Residents within the City of Harrisville have a choice between two candidates for the mayor seat in next week's general election. On the November 8 ballot is John J. Dobis, (Rep.) and Robert Barlow, who is running as a write-in candidate.

• **John J. Dobis, incumbent,** declined to be interviewed.

• **Robert Barlow,** was born in Wayne County, Mich., and moved to Harrisville as a child with his parents, Dale and Arloa Barlow, when they decided to return home. He graduated from Alcona High School in 1978. After graduation, he worked for eight years in a tool and die business in Lincoln.

After becoming licensed, Barlow worked as a carpenter in industrial construction for 18 years and was a member of the Carpenters Millwrights Union. After retiring, he returned to Harrisville roughly two years ago and worked for Great Lakes Technology in Harrisville until the business closed. He is now trying his hand at hobby farming. He has one son.

Barlow decided to run for the position after he retired. "It was something that I have been thinking about for the last 18 years, but with the travel involved in my job as a carpenter, I wasn't able to," he said. "My dad worked for the city... And, it's coming to

the time in my life where I have more time to be involved. I know the different situations that have been going on and I want to be involved."

As for why he decided to try for the position as a write-in candidate instead of filing to be on the ballot, Barlow said, "It's a choice. I decided to do it this way. I wanted to see what was going to take place in the primary."

If he is elected, Barlow said he wants to work toward improving the business climate. "Throughout my lifetime our town has gone backwards. We have to change that. Businesses are closing. We have to bring back what we've lost. There are some things that can be brought back and I believe I can help do that... The mayor (we have) today has failed. He doesn't communicate with our business leaders.

"I am pretty impressed with the support of the people since I've decided to do this... If I am elected, I would be a mayor that is available 12 months a year, seven days a week – all year. I would take the criticisms of what's been happening and turn it into positives. I am not a politician. I am a hands on worker and I want to work with the council members and the people. There is a lot of little things that need to be changed."

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ation, he studied CAD and mechanical engineering at Monroe County Community College.

He moved to Lincoln in 2003 and has been the general manager for Great Northern Lumber since then. Prior to his move, he worked for La-Z-Boy World Headquarters in the advertising department for 22 years.

Blohm has two children who graduated from Alcona High School. His son is a graduate of Central Michigan University and his daughter is in her first year at the University of Toledo.

Blohm has served on the Alcona Community Schools Board of Education since 2008. He has worked for various committees for the Lost

Lake Woods Club and is a past member of its board. He is the treasurer and board member of Passing Along the Heritage (PATH) Foundation and is the co-founder and board member of the Rhonda Blohm Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Blohm decided to run for district 1 commissioner seat because he feels he can bring strong leadership skills and fresh new ideas to the commissioner's table. "I don't have a set agenda but I look forward to working with the other county commissioners on bringing more jobs to the area and drawing more families into Alcona County," Blohm said.



Ten veterans, two with more than 20 years of service, receive hand-carved eagle head canes from the Sunrise Side Woodcarvers Club of Oscoda during a "Lean on Me" cane presentation held on October 18. In addition to the cane, each veteran received a certificate with their military rankings and the club's thanks for their service. The woodcarving club has given approximately 250 canes since it began making them five years ago. Recipients are (front row, from left) Vietnam and 20-plus year veteran Ron Cessna of Harrisville; World War II veteran Viviam Gene Curtis of South Branch; Philippine veteran Wilbur Garrett of Glennie; World War II veteran Charles Prittie of Black River; 20-plus year veteran Gray Taylor of Oscoda; (back row) Vietnam veteran William Virgil Carter of Glennie; Afghanistan/Iraq veteran Tony Atkinson of Harrisville; 20-plus year veteran Charles Larson of Barton City; and Vietnam veterans Lee E. Luck of Mikado and William "Bill" Hartman of Harrisville. For more information about the canes contact Bill Hastings (989) 724-7222. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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**Retired Judge Paul T. Dwyer states:**

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# Two candidates running for Mitchell Township supervisor

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

Two candidates are running for the supervisor position in Mitchell Township and voters will have a chance to decide who will fill that seat in the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

• **Carla Brimm** (Rep.) was born in Shelby Township, Michigan and graduated from Utica High School in 1977. She began a four year tour of duty in the U.S. Navy as a truck driver, but worked her way into an office position where she had accounting responsibilities. From there she got interested in computers and worked as a network administrator. She earned an associate degree in technology management at Kirtland Community College. She is working as a systems analyst for a publicist group that handles advertising and media relations.

While Brimm has been coming to the Curran area since she was a child – her grandmother was Alice (LaForge) Tloczynski – she and her husband, Ray, became permanent residents in 2004. She has been a trustee on the township board for four years, is the treasurer of the Mitchell Citizens Watch and served on the township board of review prior to becoming a trustee. She has also been involved with the Curran Black Bear Festival committee in various capacities since 2010.

She decided to run for the supervisor seat because, "I had an interest in it and when I found out Greg (Murnock)

wasn't running again, I discussed it with several board members and they felt I was ready, so I did. I knew we'd need someone to step up," Brimm said.

If elected to the position, Brimm is going to work on getting more people involved on committees and in the community. "We have a great fire department and I'd like to see that keep going. It's important to keep people on the (fire) department in order to keep people protected," she said. "Roads are also important – I'd like to see funding for them and be able to fix broken roads.

"I'd also make sure the township continues to run smoothly and that we do what we are supposed to do... keep everything in check. I care a lot about this community. My goal as a girl was to live here. It's important that we have a community that is welcoming, run properly and that people want to live here," Brimm said.

• **Bruce Connor** (Dem.) was born in Lansing, Mich. and spent most of his life in the southwestern portion of the state. He graduated from Tri-County Area High School (north of Grand Rapids, Mich.) in 1997. He has lived in Curran with his wife, Sarah, and son for almost four years.

After graduation he began working in automotive related positions – several of which included customer service and helping operate the business – for roughly seven years until a back injury sidelined his life. "I got hit with that at a very young age... I went from being

a contributing member of society to not being able to work. I had to reevaluate my life and move forward," Connor said. "I grew up in a country setting and I wanted that for my son. (Before moving to Curran) I spent the last several years trying to find a peaceful area to raise my son."

The Connors discovered Curran when a friend lent them his cabin for a weekend. They liked the area, found a house and, have felt at home ever since moving in. He has been a volunteer on the Curran Fire Department for approximately a year. He "takes care of the trucks and other equipment to make sure everything is in working order." He has also been on the township planning commission since September 2015.

He decided to run for the position of township supervisor because, "I'll be 38 this year and this is an area that I plan on staying in long term... It's a nice, peaceful, beautiful area and I want to keep it this way," Connor said.

He is concerned about several instances of vandalism in the area – Crooked Lake, to be specific, recently. And, if elected, "I would like to see a constable or some position like that (installed) to help address some of these things. I want to make sure people are safe and that we continue to be there for our neighbors... Mitchell Township does have a (citizens) watch and I think they do a great job of keeping an eye on things. I think it would be nice to be able to help those folks out too.

"When we moved here we didn't feel out of place," Connor said. "We want to carry on that same trend going forward. It shows that people care – a simple act of kindness is important."

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## Organizations Organization Notes

### Harrisville Business Association

The Harrisville Business Association meeting was called to order on October 13 by co-chairman Pat Bushey at 6:05 p.m. Those in attendance: Judy Seabase, Moose-tales; Doug Cheek, Lincoln Lions; Diana Zografos, Northern Accents; Ginger and Louis Campbell, Harrisville Lumber and City of Harrisville; Ed Foster, Harrisville Lions; Mark Kovachevich, Harrisville Harbor Grocery; Pat Bushey, Alcona Coffee; KiAnn Kruttlin, Alcona Health Clinic; Karen Sanderson, City of Harrisville; and Paul and Judie Labadie, Country Cones and Coming Attractions.

Kruttlin reported that there is a new business in town in the former clinic building. The name of the business is Webstack.

Bushey led a discussion/ wrap up of the Discovery Tour that took place the weekend of October 7. Everyone that he talked to said Saturday in Harrisville was a big success. The efforts of the Enhancement Committee (Ben Diedrich, KiAnn Kruttlin, Judie Labadie, Joan Shively, Pat Bushey and Sue Haight) was extremely well received from street decorations to the street fair which took place in

Richard Sella's store lot.

The state park was almost full and had waiting times for the hayride. About 300 children trick/treated at the park. The Farm to Table sold out at the harbor and the dark sky activity at Negwgon was extremely well received. The street fair concept should be an ongoing activity for next year's tour. All in all it was a great weekend in Harrisville.

The formal organization of the association was briefly talked about but the members of that committee were absent. Those present endorsed the informal concept of the associations' organization. Ed Foster volunteered to join the group.

Kruttlin explained her understanding of upcoming training for members of the Redevelopment Ready Community committee she is on with Cheryl Peterson, Cecile Pizer and Judy MacNeill. Harrisville city council approved a resolution last Monday which was a requirement from the state of Michigan MEDC to move forward in the process.

The meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m. Next meeting is November 10 at 6 p.m. at the HarrisvilleLibrary.

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**By Cheryl Peterson**  
Editor

Mikado Township residents have the choice of two candidates for the township treasurer position in the general election on November 8 — incumbent Ruth K. Travis (Rep.) and Claudia Schiller (Dem.)

• **Ruth K. Travis** was born in Lincoln and graduated from Alcona High School in 1963 and has lived in Mikado for more than 40 years. She attends Mikado Baptist Church and enjoys bowling and golfing.

She worked at Alpena Savings Bank in Lincoln for several years, and then for Alcona Community Schools as the bookkeeper and payroll clerk until retiring in 2003 when her husband, Leonard, became ill. The couple had four children, which resulted in six grandchildren.

Travis is finishing her second four-year term as Mikado Township Treasurer. She decided to run for reelection because, "I enjoy it. I can do it from home. It's challenging and fun at the same time. It keeps me pretty busy," Travis said.

If she is reelected, Travis hopes to elicit "more involvement with people (participating) and find ways to get more revenue — we collect a lot of taxes, but it doesn't all go to us.... It seems like we are

always tight.

"I think I could continue to do a good job. I hope to be reelected so I can keep serving the township," Travis said.

• **Claudia Schiller** has lived in the Oscoda area her entire life. She graduated from Oscoda High School in 1971. She and her husband, Fred, have been married for 35 years. They have four children and seven grandchildren.

She worked at the A&P grocery store in Oscoda for 20 years, 10 of which included a position as "front-end management and bookkeeper" for 10 years until it closed in 1993. From there she worked for an environmental cleanup contractor where she had the responsibilities of handling the company's budget and other financial aspects, and groundwater sampling duties.

Schiller is involved with the

Order of the Eastern Star, attends Oscoda Baptist Church and is involved with Christian Women in Action in Oscoda.

She decided to run for the position of township treasurer because, "I am interested in Mikado Township and what is happening there. At this time in my life, I have the time to be involved. Accounting is my passion. I really like the way Mikado has grown. I'd like to be involved in that. It's going in a good direction and I want to be a part of that," Schiller said.

If Schiller is elected to the position, she would work toward bringing more internet service to the area. "It's a good thing and I'd like to see more people get it — including me," she said. "It's a good thing for the community and I would like to pursue this... growth is important... If elected, I am eager to do this job."

## Three trustee candidates vie for seats in Curtis Township

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

Curtis Township voters will have a choice of three candidates for two trustee positions on the township board on November 8.

• **Incumbent Harley R. Hopp** (NPA) graduated from Pontiac Central High School in 1958. He received college credits through Michigan State University prior to joining the police force of Waterford Township where he served for 25 years.

Hopp described his career, "I'm a retired Christian cop. I carried a Bible, a badge and a gun. I delivered hot sermon and hot lead. I'm also a bit of a humorist," He said.

Hopp worked as a liaison officer for the schools for several years saying it was the most rewarding thing he has ever done. He explained he probably saved 500 lives as a police officer mostly working with kids. "I'm antidrug all the way. I had a great career working with the kids and getting them involved hands-on," Hopp said. Hopp retired a detective sergeant before moving to the Glennie area in 1997.

He has served six years as a Curtis Township trustee taking an appointed seat when James "Mac" McCormick was elected township supervisor in 2010. Hopp said he had already been active in the community when that happened.

Hopp is a member of the Glennie Lions Club and said one of the things he liked about being a Lion was they were a service organization which helps people. He married Jo Tanner from Harrisville six years ago.

If Hopp is re-elected he is hoping to see the government run smoothly. "I'm running for re-election so I can get even more involved with the community. I have no axes to grind, I just want to help

with what I can for the community," Hopp said.

He is not trying to change things but would like to see some moderate growth. "I'd like to see some of the buildings filled up, I think we all would. I'm not a politician. I'm not happy with our government right now and I'd like to see some change. We need closeness here in Curtis Township which is hard to do. It's hard to get people involved because the ones we need are already very busy. We have a core of doers in Glennie and I'd like to see more people get involved.

"I love northeastern Michigan and I love Curtis Township and Glennie. It's one of the best moves I ever made coming up here. We love to quad. I'd like to see some changes in the quad laws. There is too much state and federal property that is blocked off from people of Michigan to use. I don't believe in that. I believe in transparency. I believe in giving people a chance to do things and use the resources we have. I do not like strong governmental control of our forests, our land and our animals. I'm not a radical, but I speak my peace," Hopp said.

• **Paul Grabstanowicz** (Rep.) grew up in the Midwest and graduated from Thomas More High School in Milwaukee, Wisc. in 1974. He attended Marquette University and was student body senator before receiving a bachelor's degree in business.

Grabstanowicz has worked in business for over 40 years and works from home for a mortgage company out of Houston, Texas, answering product and legal questions in the mortgage industry for over 300 loan officers.

He and his wife of 14 years,

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**Remember to Vote Nov. 8**

## Something to Think About

Unfortunately, during an election year politically motivated allegations are made against candidates running for office. In this regard, I choose to take the high road and do not support or engage in this type of campaigning. In fact, the Michigan Code of Judicial Conduct states that a sitting judge or judicial candidate should not knowingly, or with reckless disregard, use or participate in the use of any form of public communication that is false. The recent endorsement of Nichol J. Palumbo coming in just a short time before the general election contains several statements that all seem to either attempt to discredit me as a hardworking, capable and intelligent attorney in good standing, embarrass my family and I, or allege forms of campaign misconduct. In this last opportunity to respond, I will not sling any mud back, and will simply state that my record with the State Bar of Michigan which governs the conduct of licensed attorneys is unblemished and I have never engaged in any form of campaign misconduct. I have worked for more than a decade under a contract with Alcona County to provide indigent legal services, and I am endorsed locally by Judge Laura Frawley, Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison and the Alcona County Deputies.

I realize that as a candidate for an elected office and especially a judicial seat, you must be willing to open yourself up to close scrutiny and a character examination and I fully accept and encourage this. On the other hand, any politically motivated attempt to mislead, create a presumption of unfounded misconduct, is belittling, or simply not true, should only cast a cloud on the character of those who chose to attempt to gain a political edge by engaging in this type of campaigning. Haven't we had enough of this? I intend to focus my campaign on my record as a father, a husband, a lawyer in private practice for 18 years, a former assistant prosecutor, an advocate for veterans and individuals with mental impairments, and a member of the Alcona County Drug Court Team with a proud record of seeking justice in the courtroom and not just convictions. This is where I will keep my focus as I believe my record and my issues-driven campaign speaks for itself. Sometimes, the best predictor of the future is the past and I trust that the electorate of the 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit will do their own homework when they cast their vote for this very important judicial seat.

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Koreena, moved to the area four years ago to be closer to Koreena's relatives and said they love the area, "This is beautiful country here. I've lived in Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, Illinois, mostly because of jobs. When I lived in Indiana I was on the storm water board. I've had my fingers in the municipalities I've lived in because I want to make a difference. It's the same here," Grabstanowicz said.

Being active in the community is important to him. He is president of the Hale Little League program and the Sports Booster Club for Hale schools; his 10-year-old grandson goes to school in Hale. He is the committee chairman for the Boy Scout and Cub Scout programs and beginning on November 1 will become president of the 4-H Leadership Committee of Iosco County. He is pastor of Chapel in the Pines Fellowship Church in South Branch. He is also on the South Branch fire department.

He is on the Curtis Township planning commission and is past president and current treasurer for the Curtisville Civic Association. "If you look at the organizations I'm involved in most of them are for youth because of my grandson. I like to be involved with him. The other things are to help the community. I think that's important," Grabstanowicz said.

Being on the planning commission has given Grabstanowicz an opportunity to look at Curtis Township and get to know some of the people. He feels even though a lot of his activities are in the Hale area, it still involves a lot of people from Curtis Township because Hale is one of the closest areas for people to go.

The position of trustee was recommended to him by his neighbors. "I'm doing it because I think there are a lot of wonderful things that are old in the community that we need to keep, but there is a lot of new things we could bring in or look at to see how we could grow a little bit. I'd like to see some of the younger generation stay in the community and not have to leave for jobs. I think we can do that. There are a lot of people who don't like change but sometimes you should look at how we can change for the better and not make change just for the sake of change. It takes time, it's not something that happens

overnight," Grabstanowicz said.

If elected he'd like to look at some of the zoning laws, something he is working on now with the planning commission and wants continue doing. He'd like to look at the cost-effectiveness of the township hall and see if there are ways for the township offices to run economically in an effort to keep taxes down.

"I'd also like to get to a point where we could have some sort of police here in the area. I don't have a formed idea on that yet. We have the sheriff's department that comes out periodically, but not enough. We have elderly folks here. They need more protection whether that's in the form of a neighborhood watch program or something of that nature.

"We have a great fire department. I don't plan on moving from here. This is where my wife and I have decided we will retire someday. We are lucky. The people here are friendly and outgoing, but what I like the most is they are outspoken. You don't have to worry about what they are thinking - they will tell you exactly what they are thinking. I think that's wonderful. This is something I would like to do to make sure we are going in the right direction," Grabstanowicz said.

• **James K. Czarski** (Dem.) was raised in Indian River, Mich. He moved with his parents to Harbor Springs, Mich. when he was 16 years old. There he continued and expanded a business he started when he was only 14 years old, making his DJ company one of the most popular in the area. He graduated from Harbor Springs High School in 1988.

He studied engineering and economics at Lake Superior State University and then transferred to Wayne State University where he received a master's degree in economics and an education specialist degree with an emphasis on interactive technologies and online teaching. He taught economics at the university for nearly 10 years. Czarski has also taught for Baker College and now teaches at Kirtland Community College. He is working on a doctorate degree in strategic leadership through Regent University.

Czarski believes in helping communities. Recently, he was elected to the Jefferson-Chalmer Citizen's

District Council in Detroit, Mich. He was selected to be on its executive board and is its treasurer. Czarski was president of the Wayne Association of Graduate Economic Students and served on student councils in both high school and college.

He moved to the Glennie area a little more than two years ago but had visited the area for many years. He has owned and operated several small businesses including a jet ski rental and a construction company. He recently opened the old Family Circle convenience store in Glennie which has been renovated and renamed the Outpost.

Czarski considers himself an educator and public servant and feels invested in the area. "I want to do all I can to improve the quality of life for our community. I have a unique combination of education, experience and skills which will serve this community well,

"I am a Christian and a confirmed Catholic who believes in serving others. I have been given much and feel I have an obligation to give back to others which is why I'm running for township trustee. If I'm elected, I will work hard to represent the interest of the citizens and encourage others to be more involved. The more citizens who get involved, the better off everyone will be," Czarski said.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local businesses and private individuals that participated in the 8th annual Lincoln Chili and Soup Cook-off and Trick or Trunk. Without you we would not be able to make this event as successful as it has become. There were so many delicious chilies and soups this year, we had 23 businesses and private individuals participating and 25 combined Chili and Soups made. We sold over 500 cups for the chili and soup this year.

This year's winners were:

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**SOUPS**

- 1<sup>st</sup> place - Lincoln Lock and Storage
- 2<sup>nd</sup> place - Lincoln Methodist Church
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place - Farmers Market

**Winners of the Pet Costume Contest**

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We would also like to thank Christie Thomas and the National Honor Society for selling our chili cups for us, Les Thomas of the 4-H and Alcona Elementary teachers for the wonderful books given out to the children. Our judges this year did a great job, thank you again Joan Toombs, Kathy Putsky.

A big thank you goes to Dr. Kathy Jo Swartz of the Alcona Animal Clinic, Kris Mart, Chris Scully and Miller Office Machine, Holmes Septic Service for their generous donations. And to the following radio stations for broadcasting for us, WBKB, WATZ, WKJC, WHSB and Carroll Broadcasting. A big thank you goes to Rex and Sherry Manning for all their wonderful music and announcing.

A big thank you also goes to Phil Jordan and Steve Slater for all their help on Saturday and our families for all they do to help us in this event.

We would like to thank all of you (the Public) because if it wasn't for you, this event would not happen.

We are so proud to be a member of this community, thank you for making this event a huge success again this year. **Remember Children are our Future!!**

**Thank you,**  
Teresa Hart, Activities Committee Chairman  
Naomi Potter, Activities Committee Chairman

# Learn to Hunt mentor program gives newcomers a boost

There's an old saw about how to learn new skills – learn by doing.

That's the focus of the Learn to Hunt program, a partnership led by Michigan State University (MSU), with assistance from the National Wild Turkey Federation, the Boone and Crockett Club, Pheasants Forever and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Learn to Hunt is part of the turkey federation's Recruit, Retain and Reactivate (R3) outreach program that puts would-be hunters in contact with mentors who can guide them through the hunting process.

"(The program) is designed for adults new to hunting," said Johanna Dart, a social work graduate student at MSU, who assisted in the design of the program for the university's Fisheries and Wildlife Department.

"I was adopted by a single mother and no one in our family knew anything about hunting and was never exposed to firearms."

According to Dart, it's "very intimidating" to go out by yourself or to ask someone to take you. "I took hunter safety with my best friend and I remember going and everyone else was nine," she said. "I think when adults see that, they think hunting is not for them."

Dart took part in a hunting outing herself this spring. She teamed up with mentor Steve Sharp – the R3 coordinator with the turkey federation and successfully killed a turkey.

Sharp, who is a lifelong sportsman and longtime federation employee, said the program is accomplishing exactly what it needs to. "We had a great time teaching these folks some new tricks,"

turkeys this spring, including two at the May weekend event in Barry County.

Steve Vandermeij, a 62-year-old first-time hunter, was one of them. Vandermeij and his wife, Ruth, signed up as a team. They shared time with mentor Brian Medendorp the first morning of the weekend hunt.

"My wife and I had been talking about learning to hunt for a couple of years but couldn't figure out how to get started," Vandermeij said. "I saw a speaker at a sports show, met Steve Sharp and signed up. We needed to learn and this program was made for us."

Medendorp, who is a heating and cooling contractor from Hastings, Mich. and a turkey federation officer, took the couple into the woods where he thought some birds might be roosting. When the trio didn't meet with any suc-

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Steve Sharp, recruit, retain and reactivate coordinator for the National Wild Turkey Federation, is shown calling wild turkey at the Barry State Game Area in Barry County. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

Learn to Hunt began last fall with a deer-hunting initiative. Seventeen adults signed up for a spring session on turkey hunting that culminated in a late May weekend hunt at the Barry State Game Area in the southwestern Lower Peninsula.

"We wanted to try to offer another species and apply what we learned from the deer program," Dart said. "We found in our pre-surveys that learning to hunt with an experienced mentor was important. A lot of adults didn't feel comfortable going out in the woods with a firearm or bow without someone to show them how."

Dart, 26, said she thinks it's difficult to learn to hunt via YouTube. "You can – you can teach yourself anything online – but to have confidence in yourself and grasp some of the concepts, it helps to have someone show you," she said. "It's very helpful."

Dart would know. She's been interested in hunting for some time, but she found the prospect of approaching someone for more advice somewhat daunting.

"It's interesting being in my demographic," she said.

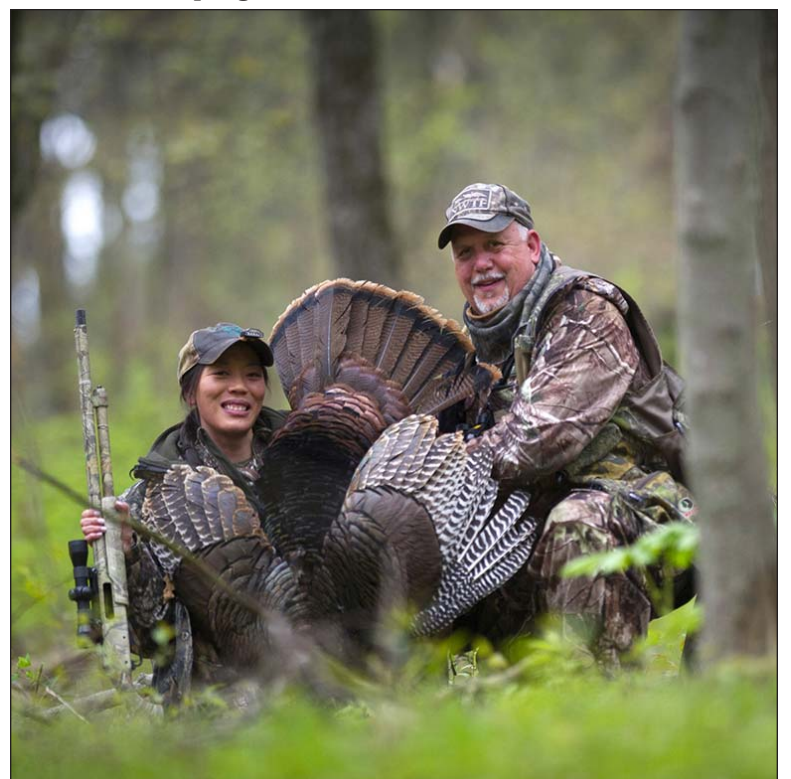
said Sharp, who has led workshops on safe firearms handling, scouting for turkey and other topics. "I think we're recruiting some new hunters and that's our goal."

A number of the students enrolled in the program killed

cess at dawn, they began walking through the woods, turkey calling.

"We heard a bird gobbling and walked to within 250 yards and sat down and

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Learn to Hunt event organizer Johanna Dart with her first turkey, called in by Sharp at the Barry State Game Area in Barry County.

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started calling,” Medendorp said. “We got him to come in the rest of the way. He shot it at 27 yards. Perfect.”

The Vandermeys agreed, saying they think they’ll go out turkey hunting again. “It seemed like it was pretty imposing at first, but now it seems like it’s doable,” Vandermey said. “This program was just what we needed.”

Brooke Burns works at the Gander Mountain sporting goods store in Lansing, Mich.

adding that he was especially inspired by the young adults who attended the program.

“Sometimes we miss the boat by going directly to the kids and not recruiting their parents,” Sharp said. “When these folks start having families, they’ll take their kids out.”

Not all the participants killed birds, but they said they now know what to do. “Only about 20 percent of turkey hunters harvest a bird,” said DNR upland game

getting started. “Getting your first firearms, learning where to go, this program takes care of all that,” he said.

Dawn Street, a 47-year-old real estate agent from Clarkston, Mich. said she has always been intrigued by turkey hunting. She accompanied her sister to a turkey federation “Women in the Outdoors” event, met some turkey hunters, heard about the program and signed on.

“I always had the equipment to go, but nobody to



Jimmy Neiuwenhuis, a professional butcher, demonstrates how to process a turkey at a Learn to Hunt outing at the Barry State Game Area in Barry County.

She met Mike Vanderguchte, a senior at MSU and an instructor in the Learn to Hunt program, at the store. She signed up for the program when Vanderguchte told her about it.

Burns went out during the first morning of the hunt with her mentor, Wendy Osterbaan, a member of the Thornapple Valley Chapter of the turkey federation. Though they had three birds within shooting range, the turkeys never presented an opportunity.

That evening, the two women went back out. The pair climbed into a blind and heard a bird gobble at 5:45 p.m. Osterbaan called the turkey. Thirteen minutes later, Burns had killed a 20-pound-plus tom. “It was pretty exciting,” Burns said. “I think I’m going to have to go again in the fall.”

Sharp said that’s the goal,

bird specialist Al Stewart. “Turkey hunting is more about the outdoor experience. Just like fishing, the best stories are about the ones that got away.”

Stewart said he observed students learn this firsthand. “They had many thrilling stories to share by the campfire each evening,” Stewart said. “Learn to Hunt participants also learned that they can harvest their own food and provide a Thanksgiving meal for friends and family. I’m very pleased with the results of this program.”

Chris Henderson, a doctoral student at MSU in fisheries and wildlife, said the program was just what he wanted. “I just never had a pathway into it,” he said. “I heard about this program and jumped at it.”

Henderson said there are some pretty big barriers to

take me,” Street said. “Now I can go by myself.”

But will she? “Absolutely,” she said. “Yes, yes, yes.”

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Steve and Ruth Vandermey with their tagged turkey at the camp located at the Barry State Game Area Field Office.

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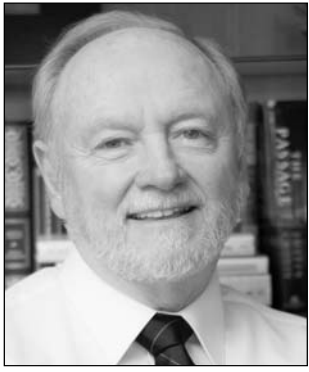
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**Tom Brindley, Alpena County**

*"Robert Kennedy has demonstrated that he is knowledgeable of the issues and has the leadership skills the 106th district needs in a State Representative."*

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**Sharon Paltelky, Retired Secretary, PI Dem Chair, Presque Isle County**

*"Robert Kennedy is more knowledgeable of the issues facing the People in the 106th House District than any of the other candidates. For this reason, I am endorsing him as our next Michigan State Representative!"*

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*"I support Robert Kennedy for State Representative from the 106th House District because he's a smart man who works very hard and has the interest of the voters of the district as his only goal. I have the highest respect for him."*

**Rozanne Curley, Retired Teacher, Chair of Iosco Co Dem party, Iosco County**

*"I have known Robert Kennedy my whole life and he has proven to be a man of*

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**Jack Guy, Retired Teacher, Alcona County**

*"No one will work harder for all citizens of northeast Michigan than Robert Kennedy,"*

**Patricia Gildner, Cheboygan County**

*"I am pleased to provide support for Robert Kennedy, an honest and hardworking candidate, for State Representative of the 106th District. I believe he will stand behind his beliefs of fairness, balance, and progressive policies for our Northern Michigan economy. He understands that jobs are #1 for our area to grow and keep our young people settled here. His background in teaching and educational leadership for 38 years makes him highly qualified to make decisions for our retirees, teachers and school financing. He has the desire and initiative to serve our State and make a positive difference for our area if elected."*

**Doug Pugh, Alpena County**

*"An honorable, thoughtful, capable man who is much needed."*

**Nick Williams, Small business owner, Union leader, Alcona County Native.**

*"Having known Bob Kennedy since playing basketball against him in high school (Alcona vs Oscoda), I understand his determination, leadership qualities, and character which makes him the ultimate leader for the 106th house district. In the many years I have worked for candidates, I have never seen a harder working more prepared candidate than Bob."*

**Patty Thomas, RN, BSN Retired, Alcona County**

*"I am a University of Michigan School of Nursing graduate who has worked in psych, public health, pediatric and school nursing and I enthusiastically endorse Robert Kennedy for State Representative for the 106th district. Bob shares my values and I believe he will work to pass legislation that uses our taxes for the benefit of the people in Northeast Michigan. He has not been bought and paid for by lobbyists and big money power brokers and he will work for the people of the 106th."*

**Kathryn Harmer, MSU Student**

*"I worked with Bob, going door to door, talking to the community in 2014. I was impressed with his understanding of the challenges that face northern Michigan. He has earned my respect and would dutifully represent the people of the 106th District."*

**John Laycock, Presque Isle County**

*"Bob Kennedy is a talented and dedicated person who will represent all of us in the 106th District. His commitment to education, sensible environmental preservation, and a better deal for seniors makes him the best candidate."*

**Don & Jane Speer; Retired Teacher and Instructor, Alpena County**

*"Robert Kennedy possesses the skills, integrity and leadership so essential in moving the 106th District forward. His platform on strengthening our education system will restore Michigan's reputation as a premier state to raise a family."*

**Leonard Page, Cheboygan Co Democrat Chair, Cheboygan County**

*"I support Bob for his honesty and integrity. He vigorously supports the right things like shutting down line 5 and funding our public schools and undoing the Snyder tax increases. Unlike his opponent (taking credit for the Cheboygan hospital reopening as an emergency room!), he would never try to take credit for something that he had no role in."*

**Justin Griffith, Au Sable River Canoe Marathon Chair, Iosco County**

*"Mr. Kennedy was my fifth grade teacher and he was my favorite teacher because he made learning interesting and fun. We did a lot of hands-on Science. I know he will be a great representative for our district."*

**Jim Baier, Oscoda Township Supervisor, (& Cheboygan native), Iosco County**

*"I have worked with Bob at the Oscoda Area Schools for more than 30 years. He is a total professional, and driven to complete all tasks before him. I am pleased to recommend Bob to all my friends in Oscoda and Cheboygan. He will do a fantastic job for the citizens of the 106th!"*

**Don Franklin, Retired member of the - I.B.E.W. ( Electrical workers); Harrisville, Alcona County**

*"When voting , we always want to know that our vote is well placed. When voting for Bob Kennedy you can be sure that you are voting for an honest hard working person and that your vote is well placed. I fully endorse Bob Kennedy for the 106th State Representative."*

**Karen Drozdowska, Retired Tawas Point State Park, Iosco County**  
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*"We are confident that Bob will serve our best interests!"*

**Karen and Jack Thompson, Presque Isle County**

*"We have known Bob for several years and are most impressed with his personal integrity, his deep concern for our communities, and his past experience and skill as a negotiator for his teacher's union."*

## Five ways to pamper a cat

(BPT) - Celebrity cat owners such as Ellen Degeneres, Taylor Swift and Katy Perry have made cat ownership trendy, and research shows that cats do more for their owners than influence celebrity style.

A recent study from the makers of Arm & Hammer Cat Litter found that 95 percent of cat owners believe their feline friends lighten their mood, while 74 percent say they'd rather be at home with their cat than get a massage. In addition, 79 percent of cat owners say they treat their cat like people, or even their children.

Given the importance of cats in owners' lives, pampering them in return seems only fair. Here are five ways to spoil felines.

- Give treats a homemade touch. Don't just settle for store-bought cat treats. Create recipes that include cheese, chicken, biscuits and more, which can be found online. Each one provides a one-of-a-kind taste sensation and the relief that they're enjoying wholesome ingredients.

- A little massage. When spending time with a cat, show them affection with a relaxing massage. Start with long, gentle strokes, applying weight at about five grams per pound of the cat -- this is a very light touch. Keep one hand on the cat constantly while the other massages the legs, tail and spine, going in the direction of the fur.

- Offer real outside time. Allowing cats to spend long periods of time outside is not advised and isn't good for the cat's health, but in the right moments, brief periods of outside time can be beneficial. If there is a well-closed-off area on your property, consider letting your cat out for a supervised visit. The new sensations will pique their curiosity, and grass, should they choose to eat it, can actually aide their digestion and help them process hairballs.

- Encourage multiple "playtimes" each day. Cat behaviorist and Arm & Hammer spokesperson Mieshelle Nagelschneider explained that playtime or "hunting" is essential for a cat's happiness as both their mind and body need stimulation. Interactive toys that are maneuvered for the cat (like wand toys), toys a cat can play with on their own, and food puzzles can help reduce stress and keep cats physically and mentally healthy. She recommended multiple playtimes each day.

- Satisfy a cat's natural instincts. Nagelschneider explained when cats are playing, they are actually going through a "hunting" prey-sequence. They eye their target, then stalk and chase, and finally pounce and grab. Cats enjoy performing this repeatedly during a single playtime and giving a cat food or a small treat after each prey-sequence is a great way to satisfy their natural hunting instinct.



## ORV riders see numerous trail network improvements in Lower Peninsula

Those planning to ride the Lower Peninsula's extensive network of off-road vehicle trails may want to pack a lunch, dinner and maybe a tent.

"The northern Lower Peninsula has nearly 3,425 miles of ORV trails," said Emily Meyerson, DNR trail coordinator for the region.

For decades, the DNR and local trail groups have worked together to establish and strengthen the Lower Peninsula's ORV trail system. In recent months, more than a dozen projects have been completed or are under way to help restore and maintain trails, bridges, trailheads and other features.

This work was funded, in part, by ORV license fees.

The mix of off-road riding opportunities in the Lower Peninsula includes 1,160 miles of all-terrain vehicle (50-inch) trails, 1,588 miles of designated ORV routes, 1,285 miles of motorcycle trails and 391 miles of Michigan Cross Country Cycle Trail, which represents a combination of trail types.

In addition to these trails, Michigan has more than 1,300 miles of all-terrain vehicle, motorcycle and designated ORV routes in the Upper Peninsula.

Meyerson said that given the Lower Peninsula's sprawling trails network, license fee revenue is being used to help keep the system in good shape. "The focus has been primarily on maintenance and restoration, rather than strictly increasing miles of trail," Meyerson said.

In Oceana County, four of the 15 projects or purchases

have taken place at Silver Lake State Park – one of the premier attractions for Michigan ORV riders. In addition to repairing dunes, a parking lot and upgrading components of the park's reservation system, a John Deere Gator XUV 825i was purchased.

The vehicle will allow additional access and faster response to emergency situations and maintenance needs for the park.

"Each year, over 500,000 vehicles travel through the park's ORV area, which requires daily maintenance, and this vehicle will provide access," Meyerson said. "Additionally, the Gator will provide transportation to check for full parking areas. This machine is also essential in maintaining good financial security as it provides easier access to booths where revenue is collected."

From bridge design work in Lake and Missaukee counties and trailhead improvements in Kalkaska County, washout and damage repairs in Wexford and Osceola counties to trail grading across three counties, these projects are helping to restore and maintain the Lower Peninsula's important ORV trail system.

In addition, there are 220 miles of ORV trails in the Cadillac District of the northern Lower Peninsula, located on lands managed by the U.S. Forest Service's Huron-Manistee National Forest. Some of the recent ORV improvements occurred on these federal lands.

Beyond the restoration and maintenance projects, some new ORV routes have



Design was recently completed for replacing the dual use off-road vehicle/snowmobile Lincoln Bridge in Lake County. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

been built in the Lower Peninsula totaling 103 miles.

These new miles include the Indian Garden ORV Route and Trailhead, which winds for 38 miles in Emmet County, the West Higgins Lake ORV route, which stretches 36 miles through portions of Crawford, Missaukee and Kalkaska counties and the Old State House Trail and Route, which includes four miles in Iosco County.

There have also been various route connections constructed along the St. Helen ORV route totaling 21 miles in Roscommon and Ogemaw counties.

Billie Fancisco is the manager of Charlie's Country Corner, a Marathon Gas travel center located just off

the West Higgins ORV route in Crawford County. She said the ORV trail is "extremely helpful" in benefitting local businesses in the area, including the travel center and a Super 8 motel situated nearby. "We get lots of people here off of those ORV trails," Francisco said.

These new trails improvement projects have arrived as ORV license and trail permit sales continue to climb in Michigan. The number of ORV licenses purchased in the state climbed from 188,141 in 2007 to 206,755 in 2012. In 2014, with fee increases in place, riders purchased 196,695 ORV licenses and 127,740 trail permits.

The following year, those figures jumped to 207,957

licenses and 146,376 trail permits purchased. License and trail permit sales for this year are on a pace to surpass 2015.

Over the past few years, ORV access to trails has been provided for campers at five Michigan State Parks, including Clear Lake State Park in Montmorency County.

Dave Dekett, DNR unit manager at Clear Lake State Park, said since the land use order was adopted to accommodate access for ORV riders, the park at Clear Lake has become more popular.

"The park has as added a new ORV parking lot near the entrance for users who would like to just ride for the day and be able to enjoy the

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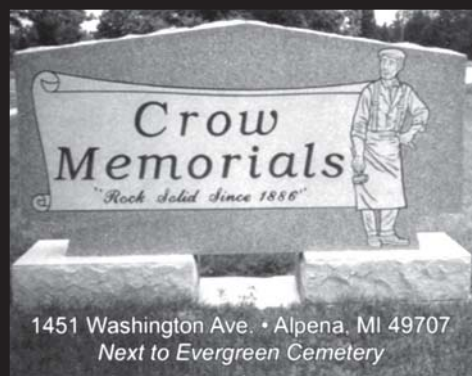
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# ORV

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great outdoors," Dekett said. "This growing (trail) system and increase in popularity has brought others from around the state to come up north."

Dekett said the Cycle Conservation Club of Michigan is an ORV group that has its annual "Rites of Spring" event at Clear Lakes State Park. "This is a non-competitive event for all ages and many families have enjoyed using the ORV trails and camping out, creating those lifelong memories," Dekett said. "There are many miles of trails that are accessible to area businesses and other campgrounds in the surrounding area."

"This makes a great opportunity for individuals and families who would like to enjoy the outdoors and explore new areas, and take in the beautiful scenery and observe the wildlife."

The additional state parks allowing camps access to trails via ORVs are all located in the Upper Peninsula. They include Bewabic State Park in Iron County, Baraga State Park in Baraga County, Twin Lakes State Park in Houghton County and Muskallonge Lake State Park in Luce County.

Several groups throughout the northern Lower Peninsula and the rest of Michigan are working in concert with the DNR to improve opportunities for ORV riders and area businesses dependent on the sport.

The Cycle Conservation Club is among them. "This group has worked on several of the deck projects in lowland areas," said Todd Neiss, a DNR recreation specialist at the Cadillac office. "The work is critical to ensuring users stay on the trail and not create impact to the environment by creating ruts and creating a new trail around a water hole, damaging vegetation."

Lewis Shuler, executive director of the club, said the group maintains 1,450 miles of trails and grades 2,100 miles, with work in both of Michigan's peninsulas. "We're the ones that originally got the trails on the ground," Shuler said. "We've been around since 1968. We're across the state."

As the popularity of off-road vehicles increases, so do the needs for trails and maintenance. "We'd always like to see more trails and more maintenance and upkeep of what we do have," Shuler said. "More money is needed for bridge repair or replacement across the state."

License fee revenue will continue to be allocated for projects benefitting the ORV trails network throughout the state, including the Lower Peninsula's extensive riding opportunities. These improvements will be aimed at renovating and maintaining the ORV trails system now in place, as well as additional route development, further boosting Michigan's growing reputation as the trails state.



Work is taking place in this photo to construct a deck over a watery area in the Lower Peninsula.

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

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 Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids  
 6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464  
 Worship 9 a.m.  
 Rev. Ken Krause - Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF GOD**  
 158 N. Barlow Road., Harrisville • (989) 736-6350  
 Pastor Edward Morrison • Full Gospel  
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 Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday

**GRACE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN**  
 Jerry Dodds, Pastor  
 Worship 10:45 a.m. Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 739-3424 • [graceonthebase@gmail.com](mailto:graceonthebase@gmail.com)  
[www.grace-epc.org](http://www.grace-epc.org) • [www.epc.org](http://www.epc.org)  
 6012 N. Skeel, Oscoda, Next to Parks Library

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 3155 E. F-30, Mikado MI • Church 736-8727  
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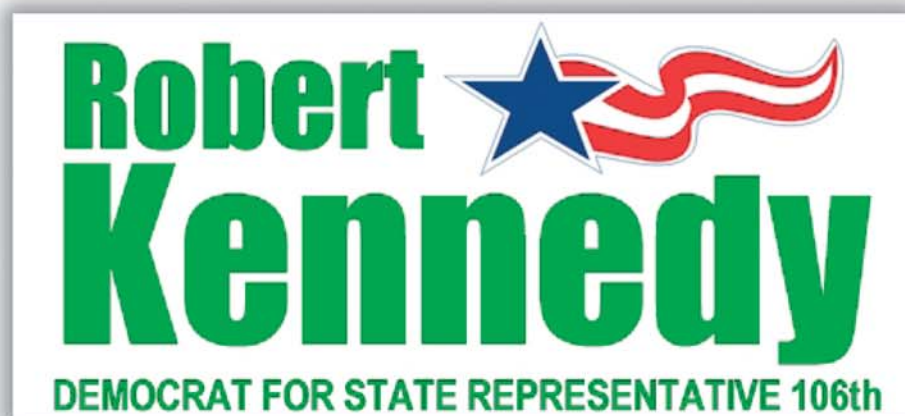
## A Candidate for the People



Robert Kennedy is a lifelong resident of Northeast Michigan. Born in Alcona County and raised in Iosco County, Bob served six years in the Army National Guard and spent his 38 year career as an educator teaching at Oscoda Area Schools. He and his wife Margy currently live in Haynes Township in Alcona County.

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- Restore full funding to our schools and make college affordable for every family
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