

Serving Alcona County for 140 Years

Harrisville, Michigan 48740

Spring expo to be held Sunday at fairgrounds

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

The third annual Spring in2 Summer Expo, an annual gathering of merchants and organizations in Alcona County, has been moved from its usual day of Saturday to a Sunday this year to accommodate business owners who are open on Satur-days and cannot leave their store.

The expo will be held Sunday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alcona County Fairgrounds on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Admission is free.

Billie Thompson, who is

on the Spring in2 Summer Expo committee, said the farm market will have its kickoff of the season on the same Sunday, but will return to its regular Saturday hours of 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for the rest of the farm season. "We thought kicking-off the season together with the Spring in2 Summer Expo would be a great way of doing it," Thompson said.

She explained the request to move the Expo to Sunday came from business owners, and as a result, the response for table space from vendors has more than doubled with over 60 planning on attending and more adding to the list daily.

Many of the vendors will be on hand to offer discounts, door prizes, free samples, demonstrations and more. There will be cabinet makers, sign makers and the trout farm is coming, a heavy engine/diesel repair shop, restaurants, and the Alcona Health Center. Alcona Motors may be bringing new cars for people to see and other vendors from all over the area will be there. I'm really happy

about the cross section we and gets into the lakes and are getting this year," Thompson said.

In addition to the vendors, organizations will also be represented. Michigan State University 4-H who will be giving out free children's books, Alcona High School Robotics Team - The Tool Cats will be showing off their robot, the Michigan State Police will be there with a special patrol cruiser, the Alcona Conservation District will be bringing an interactive water model for kids to see how water runoff occurs streams, and the U.S. Forest Service will be bringing equipment. The Genealogy Society of Oscoda, Inspiration Alcona, Alcona Historical Society, Alcona Humane Society and many other organizations are also planning on attending

Free hot dogs will be available, sponsored by Smith Sanitation and the expo committee. For more information or to reserve a vendor table, contact Bill Thompson at (989) 724-5077 or Kevin Boyat at (989) 335-0307.

Farm market offers ways to save money while eating healthy

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

This summer, to make sure everyone in the county can purchase fresh fruits and vegetables, the Alcona Recreational Area Farm Market (ARA Farm Market) will offer more options than ever.

The ARA Farm Market will be participating in Programs such as Prescription for Health, Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) bridge card, Double Up Food Bucks, and the Market Fresh Senior Project.

Prescription for Health participants are offered free nutrition classes which will show the best way to select and save money when buying seasonal produce and nutritious ways to cook, freeze or can and more. Nutrition class participants get \$60 worth of ood coupons they can use at farmer markets such as ARA Farm Market and other vendors. Registration can be done online through the District Health Department No. 2 website at dhd2.org or through the Alcona Health Center. The Northeast Michigan Prescription for Health program is funded through a grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund. Partners in this include the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, Alcona Health Center, Thunder Bay Community Health Services, **District Health Departments** 2, 4 and 10 and Michigan State University Extension. The Northeast Michigan Prescription for Health program is funded through a grant from the Michigan Health Endowment Fund.

Partners in this include the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan, Alcona Health Center, Thunder Bay **Community Health Services**, **District Health Departments** 2, 4 and 10 and Michigan State University Extension.

The SNAP Bridge Card program is offered through the Department of Health and Human Services. Sign up for this program is online at michigan.gov/mdhhs and is limited to low income individuals. The Double Up Food Bucks works in conjunction with bridge cards.

Janet Reins of the ARA Farm Market explained the Double Up Food Bucks, "If you spend \$20 on your bridge card anywhere, we will give out tokens worth \$20 to spend on fresh Michigan grown fruits and vegetables."

The tokens can be spent



A glimpse into the past -- the Alcona County Review building on Lake Street in Harrisville, circa 1930. The building was constructed in 1907 and has been home to the weekly newspaper since. The Review is celebrating its 140th anniversary on Saturday with an open house for the community. See page 2 editorial for details. Photo courtesy of Alcona Historical Society.

Mother's promise helps area cancer patients

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

to cancer, has grown into

support including transpor-A support group, started tation assistance to treat- are, from Mackinaw to their after the loss of a daughter ments, gas assistance, lodging assistance, volunteer assistance at a local hospital and a bouquet of supportive meetings, educational programs, prosthesis assistance, beauty programs and more. The organization is run by donations, grants and fundraisers and is housed in Alpena close to the band shell. "We have four staff employees and we cover six counties with transportation needs. There is no way we could do this without our volunteers," Burns said. Friends Together offers an extensive transportation program with two vans which transports cancer patients daily to and from treatments. The organization has over 20 trained volunteer drivers who get calls daily from all over the six-

developed was a network of county area to drive cancer patients from wherever they treatment in Ann Arbor, Royal Oak or Bay City, or wherever their treatment is in Michigan. Friends Together also supplies all the volunteers needed at the Alpena Cancer Center. The volunteers help patients by keeping them company, playing cards, talking with family, bringing a blanket, or anything a patient getting treatment needs to make the experience a bit more comfortable. The organization helps with gas assistance cards

either at the ARA Farm Market or at any participating Double Up store or food stand. Thompson said the Farm Market in Alpena does not participate in the Double Up program, but other places do.

Market Fresh is for Alcona County senior citizens who are 60 years of age or older, meet household income qualifications and attend an instructional meeting. "They usually get a \$20 coupon book for fresh fruits and vegetables and a few selective items, such as honey, which is on a list, but that selective list is subject to change," said Thompson.

The ARA Farm Market will be kicking off its 2017 season during the Spring in2

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much more than one Ossineke mother ever imagined. Friends Together, a cancer support lifeline for hundreds of north Michigan patients in six counties, began as a promise Judy Burns, director and founder of Friends Together, made to her daughter, Dawn. "Dawn was in college

when she was diagnosed with advanced colon cancer. We traveled all over the United States to different cancer institutes, but in those two years before she passed, we never got good news. I promised her no one would go through it the way we did. We were pretty much alone," Burns said.

Burns began the non profit organization in 1996 hoping it to be a monthly cancer support group. What

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Obituaries

Adonna J. Axsom

Adonna Joyce Axsom, 69, of Mikado, formerly of Crawfordville, Ind. died on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at home.

She was born May 9, 1947 in Glouster, Ohio to Earl and Mattie Maxine (Smith) Cole.

Mrs. Axsom worked for many years as the kitchen manager at the Elks Club. She was a member of the VFW and Moose Lodge in Crawfordville, Ind.

She loved spending time with all of her grandchildren. She enjoyed fishing, playing bingo and attending country music concerts.

Mrs. Axsom is survived by two daughters, Mattie Marlene Labeau (Wesley) Sr. and Melinda (Robbie Dowalter) Staggs; three brothers, Thomas (Jan) Cole, Steven (Carol) Cole and David Cole; 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren;

She was preceded in death by her parents, Earl and Mattie Cole; her husband, Robert Axsom; one daughter, Belinda Axsom; and one great-granddaughter, Shelby Kolep.

A memorial service will be held in Indiana.

🅦 James E. Gassman

James E. Gassman, 77, of Barton City died on Monday, April, 24, 2017, in Bay City, Mich.

He was born June 14, 1939 to Floyd and Myrtle (Reeves) Gassman in Vassar, Mich.

He served in the United States Army from 1960 to 1971. He was a carpenter and enjoyed working with wood. He also loved gardening and canning.

Mr. Gassman is survived by four daughters, Jamie (Russ) Sharon of Bay City, Mich., Julie Brewster of Bay City, Mich., Catheryn (James) Ballard of Bay City, Mich. and Heather (Dave) Vliet of Barton City; 15 grandchil-dren; and 12 great- grandchildren; one sister, Bernice Lesniak; and one brother, Wesley Gassman.



He was preceded in death by three sisters; three brothers, Earl Gassman, Ralph Gassman and Wayne Gassman; one son-in-law, Gene Brewster; and his life partner of 35 years, Agnes Rood.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Patricia B. Sutliff

Patricia Barbara Sutliff, 91, formerly of Harrisville, died on Friday, April 28, 2017 in Newbury Park, Calif.

She was born July 7, 1925 to Fred and Florence (Stephens) Kendall in Berkley, Mich. She was raised in Mikado and graduated from Oscoda High School in 1942.

On June 5, 1976 she married Burritt Sutliff in Las Vegas, Nev.



Mrs. Sutliff worked as a medical secretary for Dr. George Viscomi in Dearborn, Mich. for 30 years. She was a member of the Alcona Historical Society and served as treasurer for many years.

She moved to Newbury Park, Calif. in 2001.

She enjoyed golfing, gardening and playing bridge.

Mrs. Sutliff is survived by one son, Gary W. Faulkes; one daughter, Sandra Wilson; four grandchildren; and two great-granchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Burt; and two brothers, Lloyd Kendall and Les Kendall.

A funeral service will be held at New Hope Lutheran Church in Agoura Hills, Calif. Interment will be at Oakwood Cemetery, Higgins Lake, Mich.

Memorials may be made to New Hope Lutheran Church, 29295 Agoura Road, Agoura Hills, Calif. Arrangements were handled by the Griffin Family, Thousand Oaks, Calif.

From the Editor's Desk

On April 27, 1877 the first edition of the Alcona County Review was published by founding publisher James K. Fairchild. At that time, the logging industry was starting to grow in northeast Michigan. A new sawmill was being built in Harrisville and, according to the Alpena Pioneer, "the firm of Alger & Co. have constructed a tramway with iron rails by which they bring a large amount of excellent white pine timber to shore from three and four miles back... Ten million of this timber was laying on the shore ready for rafting."

It is difficult to imagine what living in Alcona County was like 140 years ago. However, with the first publication and the 7,200 (give or take) editions that followed, the Alcona County Review has provided a snapshot of the county's unfolding history. While so much has changed in the community and in the business of publishing a weekly newspaper over all of that time - our job has not.

We still strive to cover the events, issues and people in our community - Alcona County. Our job is to report the news and, then it becomes a historical record. We take this responsibility very seriously, and try to do the best we can with the resources we have available. The Review is still a family-owned business and, at times faces challenges - like those faced by the previous 10 publishers.

It takes dedication, fortitude and diligence of the publishers, employees and the families who support them to be able to publish a newspaper each week. There is no room for missing deadlines or delaying publication despite family emergencies, health issues, death of a loved one or even, the need for a vacation. Each week a new product rolls off of the press and is distributed to our readers. And then the process begins again.

Since our stewardship began on April 29, 1995, we are grateful for all that has transpired - from living in a beautiful county, to the friendships that have developed, to the people that we meet each day. The folks that have worked within the walls of our 110 year old building are very dedicated and we couldn't do this without them. Newspaper work is not for everyone, however, those that have worked beside us have become our family.

What every publisher that came before knew, and we most assuredly recognize today, is that none of this could have been done without the support of businesses in our community and, collectively, the community itself. We are immensely proud to be celebrating this milestone and want to thank those who have supported this newspaper's efforts. Without the advertising support, readership and cooperation from members of our community in our pursuit of news and information we would not be the oldest operating business in Alcona County.

This is why we felt the desire to celebrate with the community - we are hosting a free open house at the Review office on Lake Street in Harrisville on Saturday, May 6. Starting at 11 a.m. the Alcona Historical Society will have a historic dedication ceremony and then we will be serving hot dogs, chips and beverages until midafternoon. This is an opportunity to meet our "Review Crew" - past and present, walk through the building and enjoy conversations with friends and neighbors. We'd like to encourage past employees to come by and share "war" stories of their time spent at the Review.

We are extremely proud, and thankful, to be the stewards of this community newspaper and would like to share that with the folks that have made it possible. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday.

~ Cheryl Peterson & John Boufford

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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.)									



Obituaries



Concealed Carry Class Saturday, May 20, 2017 ~ 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Hosted By: Family Heritage Baptist Church 4260 M-72 Harrisville MI 48740 Door Prizes and Lunch Provided

Instructor Terry Boyd - Charge for Class \$110.00 \$50 deposit required when registering! Balance of \$60 due on day of class! **Register by May 13th** *To Register Call (989) 724-6728*

Wilbur E. Forsythe, 83, of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at home.

He was born February 4, 1934 to Howard and Bertha (Procunier) Forsythe in Harrisville. He was a life-long resident of the area.

On January 17, 1953 he married Marjorie London in Kilmaster.

Mr. Forsythe was a farmer and a painter, and worked at the Alcona County Road Commission for more than 40 years.

He had a passion for the outdoors, and enjoyed hunt-

Wesley Dale Rockett Jr., Mr. 1

54, of Colorado died on Sunday, April 23, 2017 in Barton City.

He was born April 9, 1963 in Alpena to Wesley Dale and Marie (Spigelmyre) Rockett Sr. He grew up in Alcona County where he enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing football, baseball, and golf. He loved searching for morel mushrooms.

He was also a member of the Alpena Boxing Club. He became a professional boxer and held the Golden Gloves Champion Title in 1980-81.

After graduating from Alcona High School in 1981 Mr. Rockett moved to Colorado. He married Janet MacDougal in Colorado. They raised their family in California and Colorado. He was self-employed in construction as concrete builder for many years. Wilbur E. Forsythe

ing, fishing, and trapping.

Mr. Forsythe is survived by his wife, Marjorie; two sons, Gerald (Shelia) Forsythe and Peter Forsythe; four daughters, Marlene (Stu) Forsythe, Edna (Dennis) Taylor, Nancy (John) Jagelewski, and Karen (Jeff) Sutton; 19 grandchildren; 34 greatgrandchildren; two sisters, Evelyn (Doug) Tosh and Donna Senter; and two brothers, Roddy (Sheron) Forsythe and Paul (Brenda) Forsythe.

The funeral was held on April 21 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial was



in Mikado Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Wesley D. Rockett Jr.

Mr. Rockett is survived by his wife, Joy (Rumminger) Rockett; his mother, Marie Rockett; two sons, Raymond (Vicky) Rockett of Colorado and Levi (Marcy) Rockett of Colorado; one daughter, Maggie Rockett of Colorado; four sisters, Tina Fox of Hubbard Lake, Vernell (Tim) Gauthier of Red Oak Texas, Hope (Mike) Smith of Spruce and Rhonda (Jeff) Freel of Alanson, Mich.; two brothers, Russell (Sheila) Rockett of Barton City and Keith (Sandy) Rockett of Colorado; four grandchildren, Clayton, Calvin, Sequoia and Satori Rockett all of Colorado; one stepson, T. Cameron of Lincoln; and the mother of his children, Janet MacDougall.

He was preceded in death by his father, Dale, in 1994; one brother, Howard Rockett in 1982; his grandparents, Ray and Marie Downie of



Spruce, and Howard and Theresa Spigelmyre of Long Lake, Mich.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 13 at the Spruce Presbyterian Church at 11 a.m. The Rev. Ken Krause will officiate. A luncheon will follow the memorial service. His ashes will be spread in the mountains.



Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I have been told that conservative Republicans at the Gaylord meeting with Congressman Bergman were upset with the behavior of some attendees. I also recently read a letter to the editor of one person's view that conservatives like him were better at attending town hall meetings because; well, they were better?

Taking the opportunity for people to air their concerns



and accept their angst on legislation that affects their lives is the job of the politician, the hired representative of all the people. If by conservative he hopes to sway the reader that only one political party has those leanings he is misleading; there are conservative thinkers in all walks of life and all political parties; and I am talking about Independents, Green Party or any other groups – not just the major two.

Has the current political party at the helm forgotten their own negative behavior of 2010? Their outrage of giving all American's the opportunity to have access to health care was endured by all at town hall meetings, the media, and the talking heads who made a good campaign **Continued on page 4** Saturday, May 6 ~ Open House Review Office, 111 Lake St., Harrisville Historical Dedication at 11 a.m. by the Alcona Historical Society Open House following dedication Free Refeshments Everyone is welcome to this free event Former Review employees are invited to come and exchange stories of their time working here.



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sales, raffle ticket sales, or

political campaigning informa-

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3

A free spring concert with

the Jones Family will be held

at 6 p.m. at the Greenbush

Community Baptist Church,

2430 South State Street. Call

The Alcona County Baby

Pantry will be open from 10

a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael

Church, 2531 East F-30 in

Mikado. Formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used

shoes and clothing will be

available to residents of Al-

cona County with newborns

to age five. Layettes available

Northeast Michigan UAW

Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m.

at the VFW Hall, 2900

Connon in Alpena. A Blue Cross Blue Shield represen-

for the soon to be born.

(989) 724-5264 for details.

tion is not eligible.)

Calendar of Events



SPRING SPEC	JALS				
2016 Chevy Traverse 2LT - Low miles	\$25,495				
2014 Chevy Traverse FWD LT	\$21,995				
2013 Chevy Silverado LT Z71 With running boards	\$26,995				
2013 Ford Escape SE AWD	\$12,995				
2012 Chevy Impala LTZ - Low miles	\$11,995				
2012 Ford Fusion	\$13,495				
2011 Chevy Silverado LT CREW Z71 4X4	\$23,995				
2010 Ford F-150 Platinum Crew	\$18,995				
2008 Pontiac GT Convertible	\$ 8,495				
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(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public ser-

tative will be present to answer questions. Lunch will be served at noon. Bring a can of food for the needy. Call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080 for details.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

THURSDAY, MAY 4

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.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free, handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107, or (989) 739-4483.

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

Retirees will meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass.

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 your crafts in progress, ideas and questions to share with others. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

FRIDAY, MAY 5

Coloring for Adults from 1 to 2:30 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. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions program, will meet at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2480 South State Street. For more information, contact Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

Cinco de Mayo at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road in Barton City. Mexican food and entertainment from 5 to 8 p.m. Call (989) 736-3050 for details.

"Songs of America" with the Thunder Bay Arts Council Chorus and the Huron Shores Chorus will be presented at Oscoda High School at 7 p.m. American folk tunes and vocal jazz selections, patriotic music from the Civil War and World War I eras will be performed. Admission is by donations at the door. For more information, call (989) 356-6678.

A soup and dessert supper will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Caledonia Township Hall on the corner of Gillard and Spruce roads. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children 10 years old and younger. Hosted by Spruce Presbyterian Church. Call (989) 335-4112 for details.

SATURDAY, MAY 6

The 3rd annual Family Fun and Safety Day is a day of fun, safety and giveaways from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alcona Elementary School. **Contact Kristin Benghauser** at (989) 736-8716 for details. Sponsored by Alcona Health Center Tiger Extension and CANPAC.

The Alcona Masonic Lodge will be providing free child identification from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alcona Elementary School, 181 North Barlow Road. Each child that goes through the process will receive a dental impression as well as a CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprints and vital information. Parents or legal guardians

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of punching down the needs of the people. The answer they promoted was isolationism; always say no, do not engage in solutions at any cost. Is this the new definition of conservative?

Congressional representatives have the obligation to listen to everyone. It is their responsibility to set the pace of their meetings. Congressman Kildee of the 5th District has always had open, unbiased discussion for all constituents. Whereas, Congressmen Bergman of the 1st District has a need to control the engagement with his constituents by bringing police escorts to public events, only allowing specific topics, and changing true face to face communication to phone meetings. This is not Democ racy at work. It is bullying at the highest level. Margy Kutzera Ĥarrisville

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

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Written by Jon Klein - Provided by Dramatists Play Service, Inc.

Sat., April 29, 2017 at 7 pm Sun., April 30, 2017 at 2 pm Fri., May 5, 2017 at 7 pm Sat., May 6, 2017 at 7 pm Sun., May 7, 2017 at 2 pm

Adult Tickets \$10 Student Tickets \$5 Available at Gilbert Drug Store and Shoreline box office. Dinner & A Show tickets are \$25 at Tait's Bill of Fare.



Local Notes

M-65 Road Improvements

The Michigan Department of Transportation has begun chip sealing on M-65 from Kings Corner Road to Bamfield Road. The work began on Tuesday, May 2 and is estimated to conclude on May 30.

Fun and Safety Day

The third annual Alcona Family Fun and Safety Day, will be held Saturday, May 6 at Alcona Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Smokey Bear from the U.S. Forest Service will be available for photographs and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will have its gun/hunting safety video game. Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) will talk about brain safety with an interactive "protect the egg" helmet safety demonstration. MSUE 4-H will be giving away free books. Lincoln Masons will be available with its child identification program and a free lunch will be provided by the Lincoln Lions.

The event will also feature car seat inspections and information on sunburn and beach safety, a baby-sitting course, safe sleep for infants, cyber safety, prescription safety and foster care recruitment, the Head Start program, Habitat for Humanity. tick control and poison safety, Alcona Health Center Dental, and the Alcona County Library. A bouncy house will be available for children, carnival games, decorating totes and planting basil. For more information, call the Alcona Health Center Tiger Extension at (989) 736-8716. The event is sponsored by the Alcona Health Center Tiger Extension in collaboration with Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Alcona County (CANPAC).

Child ID Program

On Saturday, May 6, the Alcona Masonic Lodge No. 292 will be providing a free child identification program from 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. at the Alcona Elementary School, which is located at 181 North Barlow Road in Lincoln. Each child that goes through the process will receive a dental impression as well as a CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprints and their vital information. Parents or legal guardians of children who participate must be present and fill out a permission slip for the child to receive this service. Children who have already received the service are encouraged to repeat the process every two years to keep the information in the completed packets current.

The Michigan Child Identification Program provides the family with everything needed for the Amber Alert System. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children considers the Michigan Child Identification Program to be one of the most comprehensive of its kind. For questions and information about the event, call (989) 724-7590.

In the Service

U.S. Air Force Airman 1st Class Kali C. Stoinski graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. She completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills.

Stoinski is the daughter of



Kali C. Stoinski

Jeff and Debby Dubie of Ossineke. Her grandparents are Beatrice Stoinski of Posen, Mich., Barb Wilson of Alpena and Tom Tice of Spruce. Her siblings are Nick Stoinski and Beatrice Stoinski of Posen, Mich. and Caressa Dubie and Laisa Dubie.

She graduated in 2010 from Alpena High School and in 2015 from Alpena Community College. Airmen who complete basic training also earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

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. key and stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, cranberry sauce, and a chocolate fudge sundae.

Local

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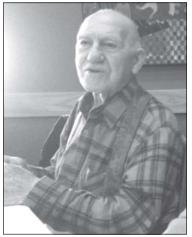
• Friday, May 12—Lemon pepper chicken, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, and mixed fruit. (*Friday meals served in Lincoln only.*)

90th Birthday Celebration

A celebration for Vivian Gene Curtis of Curtisville was held recently to honor him and recognize his accomplishments. He was born on April 29, 1927 in Glennie to Charles Duncan and Alberta (Alice) Simons Curtis. He married Geraldine (Geri) Blackburn of Mouth Card, (Pike County) Ky. on March 24, 1951.

In 1979, Mr. Curtis retired from Whitehead & Kales after 30 years as a "first class burner and welder." They still live on the Curtis farm in Curtisville in the house he built on the hill.

They had five children,

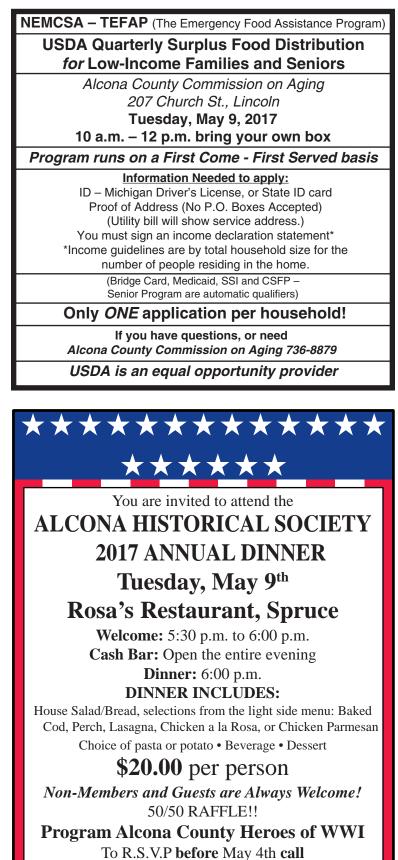


Valerie DeVon-ne (Parris) Elisavitis of Taylor, Mich., Wanda Gale (Charles) Keiser of Melvin-dale, Mich., Glenda Darlene (Bob) Rich of Westland, Mich., Mark Douglas Curtis of Curtisville, and Scott Allen Curtis, who died on November 22, 2001. They have four grandchildren, Shannon Keiser Bradford of Petersburg, Mich., Adam Rich of Westland, Mich., Jeremiah Curtis of California, and Chrissy Curtis of Washington. One granddaughter, Danielle Clark, died on January 28, 2012. They also have 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

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• Wednesday, May 10— Taco salad, baby carrots and dip, and mandarin oranges. • Thursday, May 11—Tur-

NOTICE

Gustin Township will hold its Annual Twin Lakes Cemetery Clean-up on Saturday, May 6th 2017. If it is raining that day it will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017. Clean-up will begin at 9 a.m. and any help would be greatly appreciated. For further information, please contact Gustin Township Clerk Renee LaVergne at 989-736-7204.





Alcona Community Schools Excellence Today.... Kindergarten Round-Up

For the 2017-2018 school year will be May 24, 2017 at 6 p.m.. Parents of children who will be five years old this fall, should call the school now to schedule their child for a Round-Up appointment. Please call (989)736-8146





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Sunday, May $7^{th} - 4:30$ p.m. at Alpena High School Auditorium

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Alcona softball splits with Joburg

By Ben Murphy Sports Writer

Last Wednesday was an up and down night for the Alcona varsity softball team. The Lady Tigers, playing a non-conference doubleheader, won the first game 6-4 but lost game two 8-3.

Keilee Elmer and Madison Lane had three hits apiece and scored two runs each in the opener.

Game two saw Elmer get three singles and Jenelle Carpenter had a triple and a single.

On Monday, April 24 the Tigers hosted Hale in North Star League play and rolled to 10-0 and 18-3 mercy victories.

Elmer was the winning pitcher in both games.

For offense, in game two, Abby Lobaugh led the way with a double, two singles, two runs and four RBI. Elmer had three hits and a walk; she scored four times and drove in two runners. Brittany Decker had a double,

Market

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Summer Expo on Sunday, May 7 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The rest of the season the farm market will be open on Saturdays only from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. For more information call either Thompson at (989) 724-5077 or Reins at (989) 724-8229 or visit the Facebook page at ARA Farm Market.

three **RBI**.

On Friday, April 21 the Lady Tigers opened the season at home against NSL opponent AuGres and picked up 7-6 and 12-11 wins.

Leaders in game two were Hailee Gordy with a four-forfour game, she also had three RBI, including driving in the game-winning run. Jenelle Carpenter and Decker had May 8.

two singles, three runs and two hits apiece while Jordan Joyce had one hit apiece. Decker's hit was a key tworun home run.

> The Lady Tigers was scheduled to play at Posen on Monday, May 1; hosts Whittemore-Prescott on Thursday, May 4; plays in the Johannesburg-Lewiston Invitational on Saturday, 6 and hosts Rogers City Monday,

Alcona baseball sweeps Mio

By Ben Murphy Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity baseball team earned a pair of wins at Mio on Thursday, giving the Tigers a pair of North Star League victories.

Jake McFadden pitched the team to a win in the opener, as he gave up four hits and struck out seven. Brock Franklin pitched in relief, going one inning and striking out two.

On offense, Jon Hudgins had a double and a single and Matt Krisan had two singles.

Game two saw Erik Davev get the win, as he pitched all six innings and gave up two hits and struck out 11.

Tim Hutchinson and Hudgins had two hits apiece.

On Wednesday, April 26 the Tigers played at Johannesburg-Lewiston for a nonleague doubleheader and won by scores of 9-1 and 14-12.

Taking the game one win was Jake Gallagher. He gave up one hit and struck out nine batters.

On offense, Davey and Gallagher had two hits apiece and Franklin roped a double.

Game two saw three different pitchers take the mound, those being Mitchell Krisan, Ezra Stoley and Franklin.

Alex Stephenson had three hits to lead the Tiger batters, while Davey and Hutchinson had two hits apiece.

On Monday, April 24 the Tigers hosted Hale in a NSL twin bill and split. The Tigers won the first game 5-0 but had their rally come up short in game two, 6-5.

McFadden pitched a complete game shutout, giving up just one hit and struck out eight batters.

Krisan had two hits on offense and Franklin scored two runs. Davey took the loss in game, with Franklin pitching in relief.

Luke Loyer had a single, McFadden had a hit and two RBI and Krisan had a hit.

On Friday, April 21 the Tigers hosted AuGres in more NSL action and picked up a pair of wins, 11-1 and 6-5.

McFadden got the win in the opener, pitching five innings and giving up one run on two hits, four strikeouts and two walks.

Davey had a perfect fourfor-four game from the plate. all singles, and scored three runs. Hutchinson and Krisan had two hits each, with Hutchinson crossing the plate three times, and Krisan got a triple and a double. Stephenson added two hits and four RBI.

The Tigers got the win behind Davey in game two. On offense, McFadden had two hits while Stephenson, Krisan and Gallagher had one hit apiece.

Alcona (7-3 overall, 5-1 NSL) was scheduled to play at Posen on Monday, May 1, hosts Whittemore-Prescott on Thursday, May 4, plays in the Johannesburg-Lewiston Invitational on Saturday, May 6 and hosts Rogers City on Monday.





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How Medicare covers therapy services

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you explain how Medicare covers physical therapy services? I'm a new beneficiary, and would like to get some treatments for my back. Need Help

Dear Need,

Medicare covers a variety of outpatient therapy services including physical, occupational and speech therapy, if you meet their coverage criteria.

To get Medicare (Part B) to help cover your physical therapy, it must be considered medically reasonable and necessary, and will need to be ordered or prescribed by your doctor.

You can get these services as an outpatient at a number of places like a doctor's or therapist's office, rehabilitation facility, medical clinic or a hospital outpatient department.

You also need to know that Medicare limits how much it pays for outpatient therapy

services in one calendar year. These limits are called "therapy cap limits." In 2017, Medicare will cover up to \$1,980 for physical and speech therapy combined, and another \$1,980 for occupational therapy.

But be aware that just like with other Medicare covered services, Medicare will pay 80 percent (up to \$1,584) of your therapy costs, after you meet your \$183 Part B deductible. You, or your Medicare supplemental plan (if you have one), will be responsible for the remaining 20 percent until the cap limits are reached. After that, you'll have to pay the full cost for the services.

If, however, you reach your cap limits and your doctor or therapist recommends that you continue with the treatment, you can ask your therapist for an exception so that Medicare will continue to pay for your therapy. The therapist must provide documentation that these services are medically necessary for you to continue.

If Medicare denies the claim, you can appeal through the Medicare appeals process - see Medicare.gov/ claims-and-appeals.

If approved, Medicare has an exception threshold of \$3,700 for physical and speech therapy combined, and \$3,700 for occupational therapy. If your therapy cost exceeds these thresholds, Medicare will audit your case, which could lead to denial of further services.

If you choose to get physical therapy on your own that's not considered medically necessary or prescribed by your doctor, your therapist is required to give you a written document called an "Advance Beneficiary Notice of Noncoverage" (ABN). Mediof care Part B will not pay for these services, but the ABN lets you decide whether to get them.

You should also know that Medicare covers home



therapy services too if you are homebound and eligible to receive home health care from a Medicare-approved home healthcare agency. To learn more about this option, see the "Medicare and Home Health Care" online booklet at Medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/ 10969.pdf.

If you are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan (like an HMO or PPO), these plans must cover everything that's included in original Medicare Part A and Part B coverage. But sometimes these plans cover more, with extra services or an expanded amount of coverage. To find out whether your plan provides

extra coverage or requires different co-payments for physical therapy, you'll need to contact the plan directly.

If you have other questions, call Medicare at (800) 633-4227, or contact your State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP), who provides free Medicare counseling in person or over the phone. To find a local SHIP counselor visit Shiptacenter-.org, or call the eldercare locator at (800) 677-1116.

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

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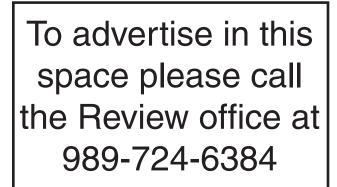
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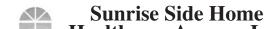
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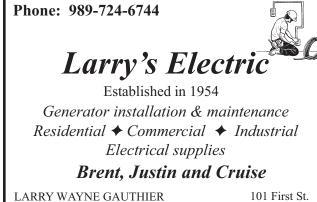
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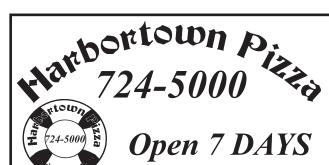
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SUMMER HELP WANTED

4-5, 4-19, 5-3 & 5-10

The City of Harrisville is accepting applications for summer help. The position is a 30-hour per week temporary position that involves mowing, trimming, and painting. A valid driver's license is required. Applications are available at the City Offices 200 5th St. 9 am-12 noon daily (989) 724-6666. Deadline for applying is noon Friday, May 12 2017.





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Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of April 24- 30, 2017

175 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 6 Arrests; 1 Possession of Marijuana; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 2 Warrant Arrests; 17 Traffic Tickets Issued; 1 Drive While License Suspended; 1 Probation Violation.

Complaint Statistics								
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Complaints taken by City, Township or Village								
Alcona	9		Caledonia	5		Curtis	18	
Greenbush	10		Gustin	31		Harrisville	18	
Hawes	14		Haynes	11		Mikado	13	
Millen	10		Mitchell	7				
City of Harrisville	17		Village of Lin	coln	12			

Local Notes

Weekend Chorus Concerts

The Thunder Bay Arts Council Chorus and Huron Shores Chorus will present two special programs this weekend. Performances will be held at Oscoda High School on Friday, May 5 at 7 p.m. and at Alpena High School on Sunday, May 7 at 4:30 p.m.

These performances commemorate a first-ever collaboration between two choral groups in northeast Michigan. "Songs of America" is the theme for the programs. Each chorus will perform a group of their own chosen pieces then both choruses will combine for a grand finale of crowd pleasers sung by nearly 70 voices. Audience members will also be treated to various solos both vocal and instrumental. Host for the performances will be Timothy Dean Haskin of Tawas City.

This spring's special pro-

gram will include Broadway medleys from "Westside Story" and "Porgy & Bess," "My Old Kentucky Home," "Battle Hymn of the Republic," "Ashokan Farewell," and "O Shenandoah." Thunder Bay Arts Council Chorus is under the direction of Pam Barkel with accompanist Susan Armstrong. Huron Shores Chorus is directed by Tracee Behnke-Lentz with Melanie Bowie serving as accompanist.

Local Notes

Admission at Oscoda will be through donations. Alpena will have ticket sales at the door for \$15 per person or two tickets for \$25 by advance purchase through Thunder Bay Arts Council or Neiman's Family Market of Alpena. Students and children are welcome to attend for free.

Benefits Enrollment Fair

A free Benefits Enrollment

Fair will be held on Tuesday, May 16 at the Lincoln Senior Center, 297 Church Street in Lincoln. Seniors wishing to participate in the Benefits Enrollment Fair are required to pre-register by calling Region 9 Area Agency on Aging at (989) 358-4628 to receive an eligibility screening prior to enrollment for the fair. MiCAFE Application Assistants at the Benefits Enrollment Fair will assist seniors in applying for the Michigan Bridge Card, Medicaid, the Medicare Savings Program, and Medicare Part D Extra Help.

Local

Notes

MiCAFE, a program of Elder Law of Michigan, Inc., is a state and federally funded program that helps individuals apply for benefits that meet their basic needs including food, utilities, housing, medical assistance, and prescriptions. The MiCAFE Network, a network of 125 community organizations across Michigan, including Region 9 Area Agency on Aging, works to connect eligible seniors with food assistance benefits. These benefits are vital to the health of seniors, empowering them to purchase healthy foods that they otherwise could not afford. Classified Ad **Deadline is** Monday at 5 p.m. Call 724-6384 Visa, Mastercard & Discover Accepted



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Calendar of Events

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must be present and fill out a permission slip. Call (989) 724-7590 for details.

An open house for the community will be held at the Alcona County Review, 111 N. Lake Street, Harrisville in celebration of its 140 anniversary. A historic dedication by the Alcona Historical Society is at 11 a.m. Following the short ceremony, free refreshments - hot dogs, chips and drinks — will be available. The Review building, 110 years old, will be open for folks to walk through. This event is to show appreciation for the support of the community for all of these years. It will conclude around 2 p.m. For more information, call 724-6384.

Scottish and Scots-Irish genealogical research will be presented by Derek Blount from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Robert J. Parks Library in Oscoda. After a break for lunch, there will be opportunities to ask specific questions. There is no cost but registration is required. Bring a brown bag lunch. Dessert and water provided. Call (989) 739-9581 to register.

Huron Shores Genealogical Society will celebrate their 35th anniversary with an open house from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Robert J. Parks Library in Oscoda. An anniversary cake, society photos and documents and current members will be available for those who wish to attend.

SUNDAY, MAY 7

Alcona Spring into Summer Expo from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ARA site (county fairgrounds) on Barlow Road in Lincoln. The expo allows small businesses and organizations a place to show what they do. For more information, call Kevin Boyat (989) 33500307 or Bill Thompson (989) 724-5077.

"Songs of America" with the Thunder Bay Arts Council Chorus and the Huron Shores Chorus will be presented at Alpena High School at 4:30 p.m. American folk tunes and vocal jazz selections, patriotic music from the Civil War and World War I eras will be performed. Tickets are two for \$25 in advance or \$15 each at the door. Students and children will be admitted free of charge. For more information, call (989) 356-6678.

Griefshare Recovery Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 12365 US-23 South in Ossineke. Call (989) 471-5428 for details.

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

The AuSable Valley Audubon will hold a Spring potluck dinner at 5 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5625 North US-23 in Oscoda. Everyone is welcome. Learn of a rare bird sighting in the area as well as other birding happenings and planned summer outings.

The Alcona Historical Society annual dinner will be held at 5:30 p.m. at Rosa's

Restaurant. Cost is \$20 per person. The program is Alcona County Heroes of World War I. For reservations and details, call Kristin at (989) 471-2088 or Bruce at (989) 335-1417.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10

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

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center,

207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 11

The Harrisville Business Association will meet at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library,

312 West Main Street. Open to the public.

MEA-14A Retired will meet at 10 a.m. at the Camp Inn Lodge, 3111 US-23 in Oscoda. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be the guest speaker. Lunch special or order from the menu-self pay.

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

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.



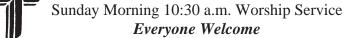
MONDAY, MAY 8

Play pinochle at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road at 1:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 9

The Emergency Food Assistance Program will distribute food from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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



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Mr. Vanlluskirk's team saw mill was started last Monday morning.

-X-The steam barge Mary Mill was up here and took wood from Davison dock, last evening.

-X-Presiding Elder Bartley delivered a temperance lecture at the church in Harrisvilie Monday evening. -X-

We believe the contract for setting out trees in the court yard bas been let, and the work will soon be commenced. -X-

We are late again this week, and are obliged to ask the forbearance of our readers. We hope to get in "running order" pretty soon.

-X-The ordinance of baptisim was administered to five persons, in the lake, this afternoon, by Rev. N. N. C l a r k four by immersion and one by sprinkling.

-X-Wouldn't it be a good plan for the various Township Boards to have the proceedings of their meetings published in the REVIEW, SO that their constituents might know what they arc doing? The cost of publication would be but trifle.

-X-

Mr. B. S. ColwtU, of New York State, brother of Geo. L. and father of Geo. W. Colwell, of this village, arrived in town Wednesday night. He is one of the interested parties in the real estate and lumbering business carricd on by the Colwells in this vicinity.

-X-Gen. R. A. Alger, of Detroit, came up on the *Dove* last night, and will remain in town several days looking after the extensive lumbering interests of the firm of H. A. Alger & Co. He tropped upon us this morning, and gave the Review a generous "hunk" of patronage.

-X-Mr. Kvans desires us to correct the statement made in last week's REVIEW in regard to himself and Thos. Mackin. He says himself and Mackfn were not scuffling at the time the latter had his leg fractured, nor had they been scuffling at anytime previous during the day. How the accident occurred, Mr. Kvans does not account for, but thinks Mackin must by some means have given his foot a very sudden "turn-over," snapping the bone above his ankle almost instantly. -X-

A poor house and farm are mighty handy for printers sometimes.

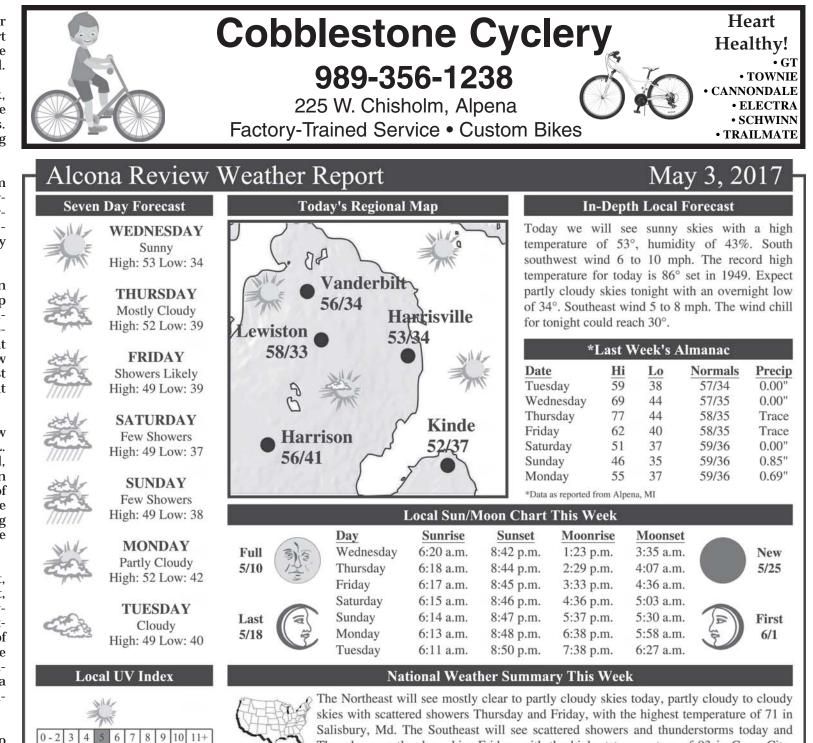
-X-Accident at Black Rivcr

The break-water of J. Pierce & Co's, at Black River, gave way on Saturday afternoon last, letting about 500 logs out into the lake, and also came near washing their shingle mill away. £verything had just been gotten ready preparatory to starting up on the following Monday, and now it will take several weeks of

-X-Social visit

Last evening it was our good fortune to be present at a very pleasant social gathering of relatives and friends of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Gram, at their fine residence, corner of Main and Court streets. The occasion was one of unusual interest, in view of the fact that it was a party of the farewell order, given but a few days or weeks prior to the removal of Mr. and Mrs. G. to their new home at AuSable. The elite of Harrisville, and also many friends from Alcona were present to enjoy the social festivities of the evening, and the time was seemingly very pleasantly and profitably spent. The many friends of Mr and Mrs. Gram, though regretting to have them leave, will wish them a happy and prosperous future in their new home. -X-

The third quarterly meeting of the M. E. Church, Harrisville charge, was held at the church last Sunday, with good attendance. After the morning service, immediatly followed the ordinance of baptism, which was administered to twelve persons. In the eveniug a very interesting sermon was delivered by Presiding Elder Hartley, which was followed by communion services. Monday evening a report of both the religious and financial prosperity of the Church and Society was made.



Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 93 in Cross City, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 89 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 102 in El Centro, Calif.



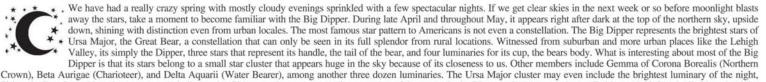
Poor Farm

At a meeting of the Board of Supervisors, this week, called principally for the purpose of considering the matter of purchasing a poor farm, some important steps were taken. A committee was appointed to select a suitable location or site, and report as soon as convenient. This is good news. 0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

UV Index

Tonight's Planets			Weather History	Weather Trivia				
Mercury Venus Mars Jupiter Saturn Uranus	Rise 5:45 a.m. 4:44 a.m. 7:32 a.m. 5:58 p.m. 12:06 a.m. 5:42 a.m.	<u>Set</u> 6:51 p.m. 5:04 p.m. 10:52 p.m. n/a 9:04 a.m. 7:01 p.m.	May 3, 1988 - Thunderstorms brought much needed rains to the drought-stricken central United States. Evening thunderstorms produced large hail in North Carolina. Hail the size of baseballs was reported just west of Mooresville, N.C.	What is a waterspout? ?				

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Big Dipper Riding High



Dipper is that its stars belong to a small star cluster inta appears nige in the sky because of its closeness to us. Other members include Geninator Corona Boreans (Northern Crown), Beta Aurigae (Charioteer), and Delta Aquarii (Water Bearer), among another three dozen luminaries. The Ursa Major cluster may even include the brightest luminary of the night, Sirius, the Dog Star, although a recent study indicates that Sirius may be too young to be a member of the group. In the Dipper only the two end stars, Dubhe on the left and Alkaid on the right, are not part of the Ursa Major cluster. When viewed with binoculars, the end stars can be seen to have different colors compared to the cluster stars, yellow-orange for Dubhe and a bluer color for Alkaid. The five Dipper stars that are part of the cluster are 78 to 81 light years away, while Dubhe (left) is 124 and Alkaid (right), 101 light years distant, respectively. The cluster stars were all born about the same time with approximately similar masses, and are therefore, shining with similar blue white colors. If you want a good test of your eyesight, look at Mizar, the middle luminary in the Dippers handle. Alcor, a fainter star, is about 1/5-degree (12 minutes of arc) away from Mizar. Alcor is revolving around Mizar with an unknown orbital period. But there is more. A small telescope at 50 power will separate Mizar easily into two stars that look and are identical. Each of the stars of the Mizar binary, including Alcor, is yet again a double, making the Mizar-Alcor system a sextuplet. Confused? Me too! www.astronomy.org



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Trivia Test By Fifi Rodriguez



1. LITERATURE: What was the name of the city where Anne Frank and her family hid from Nazis in "The Diary of Anne Frank"?

2. MEASUREMENTS: How many feet are there in a fathom?

3. ADVERTISEMENTS: What product could no longer be advertised on U.S. TV after Jan. 1, 1971?

4. GEOLOGY: What is the tectonic boundary between the North American and Pacific plates? 5. MEDICAL: What do the initials stand for in the BRAT diet for children with upset stomachs?

6. TELEVISION: What was the detective character's main prop on the drama "Kojak"?

7. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE: How many siblings does a septuplet have?

8. FOOD & DRINK: What is "beurre noir"?

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9. MOVIES: What movie's last line was, "We'll go on forever, Pa, 'cause we're the people"? 10. MUSIC: Who composed "Music for the Royal Fireworks"?

Answers 1. Amsterdam; 2. Six; 3. Cigarettes; 4. San Andreas fault; 5. Bananas, rice, applesauce and toast; 6. Lollipop; 7. Six siblings. Seven offspring are called septuplets.; 8. Butter that is cooked until it is dark brown; 9. "The Grapes of Wrath"; 10. George Frideric Handel (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

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Moments In Time By The History Channel

• On May 20, 1862, the Union Congress passes the Homestead Act, allowing an adult, male or female, to claim 160 acres of land from the public domain. Homesteaders had to cultivate and improve the land by building a barn or house and live on the claim for five years, at which time it became theirs with a \$10 filing fee.

• On May 21, 1927, Charles Lindbergh lands at Le Bourget Field in Paris, 33 hours after leaving New York, successfully completing the first solo, nonstop flight across the Atlantic Ocean.

• On May 15, 1942, gasoline rationing begins in 17 states to aid the U.S. war effort. Rationing soon took effect in all 50 states, and coupons became a hot commodity on the black market.

• On May 17, 1954, in a major civil-rights victory, the U.S. Supreme Court hands down a unanimous decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, ruling that racial segregation in public educational facilities is unconstitutional.

• On May 16, 1960, following the downing of an American U-2 spy plane by the Soviet Union, Russian leader Khrushchev lashes out at the U.S. during a Paris summit meeting with President Dwight Eisenhower. The outburst angered Eisenhower and doomed any chances for successful talks.

 On May 18, 1989, in Beijing, 1 million protesters take to the streets calling for a more democratic political system. On June 3, Chinese armed forces stormed Tiananmen Square, killing thousands and arresting over 10,000 protestors in what became known as the Tiananmen Square Massacre.

• On May 19, 1997, a 3-year-old boy dies of avian influenza in Hong Kong. By the time the outbreak was controlled, six people were dead and 1.6 million domestic fowl were destroyed. The virus later mutated, becoming extraordinarily lethal, and killed 62 people in Asia before spreading to Europe.

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It was French novelist -- and, more significantly, journalist -- Emile Zola who made the following sage observation: "One forges one's style on the terrible anvil of daily deadlines.'

 You might be surprised to learn that, among readers from families with incomes of at least \$100,000, The Reader's Digest reaches more people than The Wall Street Journal, Fortune, Inc. and Business Week combined.

 Have you ever heard of the Clarke-Asimov Treaty of Park Avenue? Unless you're a fan of science fiction, you probably haven't. Legend has it that two of science fiction's Big Three, Isaac Asimov and Arthur C. Clarke (poor Robert A. Heinlein missed out, it seems), were sharing a cab in New York City when they reached an agreement: Each author would publicly refer to the other as the world's greatest in his specialty. This meant that Asimov touted Clarke as the world's best science-fiction writer -- reserving second place for himself -- while Clarke acknowledged Asimov as the world's best science writer -- also putting himself in second place. Evidence of the agreement is found Clarke's 1972 novel "Report on Planet Three"; the dedication reads, "In accordance with the terms of the Clarke-Asimov treaty, the second-best science writer dedicates this book to the second-best science-fiction writer."

 Those who study such things say that cannabis has been used to ease childbirth pains in a variety of cultures, ranging from the Middle East to Northern Africa to East Asia -- and the evidence dates as far back as 2000 B.C.

 It was the seventh president of the United States, Andrew Jackson, who first allowed the public to enter the White House. He also made sure the presidential abode was wellprovided with spittoons -- at least a dozen of them.

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Thought for the Day: "It's surprising how much memory is built around things unnoticed at the time." -- Barbara Kingsolver

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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: F equals S

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LEGAL NOTICE

Legal Notice

Consumers Energy, 1945 W. Parnall Road, Jackson, Mich., announces that it is planning to apply herbicide to its rights-of-way in order to maintain the reliability of its power system. Applications will consist of hand-pumped backpack foliar treatments to unmaintained areas of the right-of-way.

The foliar herbicide will be applied with hand pumped-backpack style sprayers. The crews will selectively apply herbicides to woody tree species throughout the right-of-way as needed. Crop areas and gardens will be avoided.

Foliar herbicides that will be used are: Rodeo (Active Ingredient: Glyphosate), Arsenal (A.I.: Imazapyr), and Escort (A.I.: Metsulfuron) applied with water (95 percent) as a diluent.

Applications will take place as of May 15 through October 15.								
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Alpena	T29N – R8W	31,32						

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All treatments will be completed according to label requirements and all state and federal requirements. Please keep people and pets off treated area until sprays have dried. There are no restrictions on your use of treated area after the material has dried on plant

Thunder Bay Tree Service has been contracted to perform this work. Any questions should be directed to: Thunder Bay Tree Service. Attn: Austin Gilmet (877) 333-8950.

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GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Greenbush Township Board regular meeting minutes of April 11 starting at 7:05 p.m. Roll call: all present except trustee Olin. Agenda approved with additions; add budget hearing minutes; truth in taxation; Yukon Road street light; emergency service radio reception and Charter Unichise Agreement (Agreement). Minutes approved as submitted. Public comment on fees for hall rental. Financial report given and approved. Bills presented and approved. Reports from county commissioner; constable; fire chief; zoning and ordinance administrator; assessor; hall rental, and planning commission. Correspondence: Supervisor, Army Corps of Engineers Nationwide Permit. Clerk, MTA re-

quest for board members. Pending business: Timberlake Subdivision drains; Township Hall lighting; street light Yukon Road; and emergency service radio reception.

New business: salary resolutions for supervisor, clerk, treasurer, and trustees; budget amendments: postal service on Poor Farm Road; resignation of trustee Olin; Alcona County fee agreement; GIS services; charter agreement, Public comment: Blight issue; Poor Farm Road issues; guestions for road commission. Meeting adjourn 9:40 p.m. Full minutes available at township hall, on request from clerk (989) 274-0046 and online at www.greenbushtownship.com. Next meeting is May 9. David Dailey, Clerk

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona **Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate** File No. 17-5718 DE

Estate of Shirley June Muirhead f/ k/a Shirley June Conrad Date of birth: May 27, 1936 To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Shirley June Muirhead f/k/a Shirley June Conrad, died March 27, 2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Patricia C. Palmer, personal representative, or to both the probate court at Alcona County Courthouse, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. April 27, 2017

David H. Cook P40560 5466 M-72 Harrisville, Mich. 48470 (989) 724-5155 Patricia C. Palmer 743 West M-72 Curran, Mich. 48728 (989) 848-2365

ALCONA **COUNTY ROAD** COMMISSION **SYNOPSIS**

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held April 26 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: approve the minutes of the April 12 meeting; approve payment of current accounts for \$139,991.33; approve road agreements with Curtis, Greenbush, Hawes, and Millen townships; approve advertising for asphalt wedging services; cancel the May 10 meeting.

This synopsis published prior to board approval. Upon approval, complete minutes are available at alconacrc.com, by request via email at roads@alconacrc.com, or by calling (989) 736-8168. Minutes will no longer be published here after June 14. The next regularly scheduled meeting is May 24 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public

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Mikado Home Health Care in need of CENA and home health aide, 12 hour shifts. Please call (989) 736-3202

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Assistant/Dishwasher. Seeking individual with restaurant experience, strong organizational skills with ability to multitask. Must be 18 and willing to work nights, weekends and some holidays. Interested applicants should apply to: Lakewood Shores, POA 7701 E. Cedar Lake Drive Oscoda, MI 48750

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Waitress/Server. Must be 18. reliable. motivated and able to work nights, weekends and some holidays. \$5 per hour. Interested applicants should

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SEASONAL HELP WANTED Maintenance and lawn care.

Duties include mowing, trimming, painting, General maintenance, etc. Must have a drivers license, be reliable and hardworking. Interested applicants should drop off or send resumes to:

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Heat your entire home for free. Certified outdoor wood furnace, Central Boiler Classic Edge. Call today! Gauthier Heating & Cooling (989) 471-2478.

BINGO

small apartment complex in Lake Orion, Mich. Duties include, but are not limited to leasing, rent collection, common area maintenance (indoor and outdoor), apartment turnovers. Compensation includes one bedroom apartment, paid utilities, phone, cable/internet. Salary commensurate with experience. If interested please submit all replies to e-mail address crm@mmb.com.

Seeking property manager for

Now hiring RNs, LPNs, CNAs and activity aide. Apply in person at Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville.

Alcona Health Center, Oscoda clinic currently has an opening for a full time medical support staff supervisor. Excellent family benefits with health, dental and vision insurance. Retirement savings plan and paid vacations and holidays. If interested, go to http:// www.alconahealthcenters.org, select job posting tab. You can also send your letter of interest and resume to: AHC Site Manager, 5671 North Skeel Avenue, Oscoda, Mich. 48750. Deadline to apply is May 12, 2017. Equal opportunity employer.

Caring drivers wanted. Transport people to pre-scheduled medical appointments in Alcona County and beyond. Must have reliable four-door vehicle, cellphone and access to internet or fax. Great way to supplement Social Security, disability or a pension income. (989) 871-2289



Reward: Anyone knowing the work place of Russell Allen Hancock, call Glen (989) 733-8191. This is an attempt to collect a debt.

SALES

Two family yard sale Saturday, May 6 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., 2556 & 2676 East Procunier Road, one mile north of Mikado.

Estate sale May 5 and 6, 206 First

Street, Harrisville.

opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD at 800-669-9777.

accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal

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

Bingo-every Saturday at the Barton City Eagles from 5:30 to 11 p.m.

Ossineke FOE 6848 US-23, Spruce, License A22483, Proceeds to general fund. Wednesday, early bird 6 p.m., regular 6:30 p.m. Bingo includes jackpot \$300, two 50/50 games and bingo balls.



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for patients who can arrange their own transportation and for lodging assistance anywhere a patient needs to travel for their cancer care, including out of state cancer centers such as the Mayo and Cleveland Clinics.

Bill Morford, Friends Together transportation coordinator, said their highest priority is to get cancer patients in the six-county area to treatment at the Alpena Cancer Center, the next is to get them to the University of Michigan and Beaumont Hospital downstate for their treatment.

The Friends Together vans put on about 5,000 miles a month and they give over \$20,000 a year in gas cards. About \$15,000 a year



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is spent on patient overnight lodging.

Friends Together cancer support groups are also chaired by volunteers. The groups vary to meet the wide range of support for every need. Creative names are given to the groups like: Guys Like Us, W.O.W (Women on Wednesdays), Caregivers Connect, Tuesday Night Live - men and women touched by cancer. There is also a Youth Support Group, Life after Loss (grief support), A Touch of Beauty and a Friends Together North group in Rogers City.

Guys Like Us is a men's cancer group which meets Wednesday at 10 a.m. in Alpena. The group is for any man dealing with cancer of any kind. Morford said typically there are about 30 in the group of which a dozen attend every single week. Some of the men are in remission, some are in very active treatment.

One of the nicest things Morford has seen is how the men support each other outside the group. "They go golfing together, meet for breakfast other days of the week and help each other with physical tasks if they can. If a guy needs help with a fallen tree, and others feel up to helping, they help," Morford said.

Going to the group gives the men a chance to get out of the house," Morford explained, "They know their wife and family are worried. The support group is a safe space for them to talk about anything they want without upsetting their loved ones."

He said one man told him it was a place he could talk about cancer once a week and then go home and just be himself. Not a cancer patient.

The Youth Support Group meets at Alpena Junior High School and helps children who have significant family members touched by cancer, such as a parent, grandparent or sibling, cope with the situation at home.

A Touch of Beauty is a program to help women with cancer feel and look their best. It's a hands-on workshop to enhance the patient's overall appearance and well-being and offers free all natural makeup products and demonstrations on wearing wigs, scarves and accessories. Women of breast cancer are offered through Friends Together a free professional fitting for a bra and pros-

thetics through its Teese and Tops program. The Friends Heal in Comfort program offers the same women a free well-designed shirt with pockets inside to wear home following surgery. The pockets are designed to hold drain tubes many women must go home with.

Friends Together is also part of a national program called Knitted Knockers where people crochet or knit a lighter weight alternative for breast prosthetics.

Morford said the Zonta Club in Alpena is instrumental in helping Friends Together women's cancer products and support free of charge.

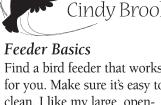
During the support groups, Friends Together brings in knowledgeable professionals to answer patient's questions. "Our folks have questions, they want to know about alternative areas of care and support, legal aspects, health insurance, prescription coverage. We are constantly educating our people so they can make good decisions, Burns said.

Burns said getting the word out to people who need Friends Together service is important, "What alarms me is the reoccurrences of cancer. We are naive thinking that once it's over, it's over. The truth is it's never over."

She said many people in the rural area don't believe they deserve the very best treatment. "Transportation and distance (are) a huge obstacle, but I tell folks they deserve the best. They deserve to know how to take care of themselves. A lot of folks were raised that they didn't go to the doctor unless they couldn't walk. I want to instill in people to make a mental shift, they deserve this. It could save their life."

"In my daughter's case, she was symptomatic and saw doctors, but it was six months before she was diagnosed. They didn't look for (her cancer) in a young girl. That taught me to be your own advocate, to pursue and keep going," Burns said.

For more information about when the support groups meet, to donate, volunteer or other information about Friends Together, VISIT the website at friendsto-gethermi.org, call (989) 356-3231 or visit the office at 105 Prentiss Street, Alpena, Mich., 49707.



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