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Children were lined up out the door at the annual Eggstravaganza at the Harrisville Branch of the Alcona County Library. The annual event included a visit with the Easter Bunny and every child was given a bag of candy and two chances to win one of 16 bicycles or scooters and one of 18 stuffed rabbits. The bikes, scooters and rabbits were donated to the library from an anonymous donor who gives items to the library annually. Colton Cochran, eight months, and his sister Alayna Cochran, 3, of Oscoda visit with the Easter Bunny. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

## Alcona County official retiring after 31 years

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

After three decades of working in the same office retirement time has come for woman who has the position of Alcona County's Register of Deeds.

The register of deeds is a county office which is tasked with maintaining public records and documents, specifically records relating to real estate ownership.

Karen Healy has worked in the Alcona County Register of Deeds office since 1987 when she started as deputy register. She was appointed to register of deeds when the late Doris Gauthier retired in 2001.

"When I came in 31 years ago, I never imagined I'd be here this long. It went by so fast. I think of all the people I worked with when I first came here. They were my age now," Healy said.

Many things have changed about the job while Healy has been in the office. "The computerization and the imaging of everything has streamlined the job. We used to spend a lot of time copying and microfilming everything four times," she said.

"When we started imaging things in 2001, it really chan-

ged our work load. It is so much easier now. When we microfilmed things, you couldn't look at it until it was developed. Now when we scan an image in, we know we have a good image immediately. Computer changes are done easily, as they are needed. Before you would have to wait until the end of the year to make a change."

Healy enjoyed many aspects about her job and said there really wasn't anything at all about the job she disliked. She especially loved the people she worked with and the community who would visit the office. However, the amount of foot traffic through the register of deeds office has also changed.

Realtors and oil and gas researchers used to visit the office quite often, but now get information off the Internet or through other means.

Healy hopes to spend her retirement days doing a bit of traveling and spending time with her family. She has been married to her husband, Steven, for 42 years, and is looking forward to what the future will bring.

"We have a son, Aaron, who lives locally in Lincoln and a son, Ian, who lives in

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## Expanding county fairground use needs more volunteers

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

With the return of robins and impending warmer weather, plans for outdoor activities are starting to take form and those plans may include happenings at the Alcona Recreation Area (ARA) and Alcona County Fairgrounds.

The Alcona County Fair Board, which meets monthly throughout the year, has been planning and coordinating activities in which the whole community can participate. Many new events will be coming to the grounds as well as standards the community has grown to love.

To bring the best activities, however, the fair board needs additional volunteers to make sure everyone has a safe and enjoyable time.

The board's goals this year are quite attainable, according to Kevin Boyat and Bill Thompson, providing enough volunteers take an interest. Boyat and Thompson, who were once commissioners for the county, take an active interest in assisting the fair board with whatever it needs, and they hope more will follow their lead.

Boyat explained the many items which will need volunteer attention, such as cleaning the grounds, installing lighting, painting, and putting in new doors prior to activities starting, as well as assistance with gate keeping, trash removal, cleaning and selling raffle tickets and 50/50 tickets during the Alcona County Fair.

"The plan is to paint the exterior of the Home Arts Building; the inside of the rabbit barn and the inside of the cattle barn this year. Everything has to be cleaned really well before we can start painting," Boyat said.

New lighting will be installed in the rabbit barn and a new, large door will be installed on the sheep and goat barn. Also, in the plans, is renovation of the horse barn which a local business woman, wishing to remain anonymous, will undertake.

Painting the fencing around the horse arena is also on the list. Boyat said in years past the board has had 4-H and farm market kids do the bulk of the fence painting, along with picking up sticks and general cleaning, but the youth need to be supervised to get the work done.

"Typically, the kids involved in 4-H or the farm

market are very good about coming in and cleaning things up before the fair and take very good care of the animals and barns during the fair. It takes a lot to keep the grounds clean though, just picking up sticks in the spring can be a big job," Boyat said.

taminates from entering drinking water, however the state has changed some of its rules and now wants one installed by the horse area as well. "That means digging out the water line and putting in new piping. I'm not sure, but I'm guessing it will cost some-

"We have this nice property and the community should have access to it. We welcome Hubbard Lake and Curran folks to take advantage of these grounds too. We've got bleachers, we've got buildings. We want the community to utilize it. We don't want to compete with other activities going on in the area, we want to compliment (them)."

Bill Thompson,  
Alcona County Fairgrounds Volunteer

A rather large project in the works for the fairgrounds is a necessary back flow prevention device installed near the horse barn. Boyat said the fair has already had one of these in place for years in a different area to keep con-

where around \$2,000," Boyat said.

The Alcona County Fair is scheduled for August 14-18, but many events happen inside the grounds prior to the fair including the Spring in 2

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Alcona 4-H and the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary host an after school shipwreck exploration event at Alcona Elementary School last Friday. Students in third through fifth grade participated in mapping artifacts on a shipwreck, studied artifacts and their probable purpose and tried on scuba equipment including tanks, fins, masks and snorkels to understand all that goes into becoming a shipwreck diver. Marius Spears, 11, feels the weight of a dive tank with the help of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary maritime archaeologist Stephanie Gandulla.



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**Obituaries**

**Carole L. Campbell**, 73, of Harrisville, died on Monday, March 19, 2018 at Mid Michigan Medical Center in Alpena. She was born August 2, 1944 to Harold and Leora (Rushman) Reames in Detroit, Mich. She was raised in Killmaster (Gustin Township).  
 On May 9, 1964, she married James Campbell in Harrisville.  
 Mrs. Campbell was the deputy register of deeds in Alcona County and retired in 2013. She was on the Alcona County Fair Board and volunteered in the office during fair week.  
 She was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. She enjoyed traveling, and spending time with her grandchildren.  
 Mrs. Campbell is survived

by three daughters, Michelle (John) Katona of Glennie, Pamela Campbell of Holt, Mich. and Sandra (Michael Park) McPherson of DeWitt, Mich.; two sons, Jim Campbell of Kalamazoo, Mich. and Michael (Kim) Campbell of Roblin, Manitoba, Canada; seven grandchildren, James Campbell, Penelope Campbell, Layne Campbell, Tyler Campbell, Ethan McPherson, Andrea McPherson, and Bella McPherson; two brothers, Duane (Althea) Reames and Larry (Rosemary) Reames; and one sister, Valerie (Walt) Joslin; and many nieces and nephews.  
 She was preceded in death by her husband, James, on August 21, 1995; one sister, Barbara Becker; and one brother, Jerry Reames.  
 The funeral was held at



Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln, on March 23. The Rev. Lawrence Boks officiates. Burial will be in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery in the spring.

**Wanda J. Sharboneau**, 71, of Lincoln, died on Thursday, March 22, 2018, at home. She was born February 5, 1947 to Joseph Douglas and Irene (Apsey) Ritchie in Alpena. She was a lifelong resident of Lincoln.  
 On July 13, 1963, she married Tom Sharboneau.  
 Mrs. Sharboneau worked for many years at Northern Precision.  
 She was a member of the First Baptist Church in Lincoln. She was a devoted mother and grandmother who enjoyed quilting and tending to her garden.  
 Mrs. Sharboneau is survived by her husband, Tom; two daughters, Cindy (Rodney) Kilbourn and Lorna

(Arnold) Dellar; two sons, Randy Sharboneau, and Glen Sharboneau; eight grandchildren, Andrew Kilbourn, Jeremy Kilbourn, Michael Kilbourn, Joshua Kilbourn, Danielle (Kiel) Hett, Jason Dellar, Cassandra Sharboneau and Lyndsey Sharboneau; three sisters, Betty Young, Clara (Gerald) Yerman, and Shirley (Larry) Gerard; and several nieces and nephews.  
 She was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Irene Ritchie; her father and mother-in-law, Fred and Marion Sharboneau; and one sister, Donna Anderson.  
 The funeral was held at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln on March 26. The Rev.



Dr. Arie Van Brenk officiated. Memorial donations may be made to Special Olympics of Michigan, Area 3, or to the First Baptist Church in Lincoln.

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**Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2018**

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Avg. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
March 18	46	22	0.00	5.4	23	NNE
March 19	31	20	0.00	12.5	23	NE
March 20	28	24	0.00	18.2	31	NE
March 21	30	26	0.00	12.1	27	NNE
March 22	34	20	0.00	6.2	23	NNE
March 23	31	21	0.00	7.0	25	NNE
March 24	30	25	0.00	15.8	28	NE

Precipitation Summary (Inches) for 2017-2018 Season			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.00	0.0	0.49
March to Date	0.47	11.8	1.60
Year/Season to Date	3.94	43.2	4.71

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.)



## Obituaries

### Verena Sparks

Verena Sparks, 95, of Glenie died on Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

She was born January 12, 1923 to Clyde and Leonore (Priest) Bainbridge in Boon, Mich. After her mother's death she had to quit school at age 11 to help at home.

Her mother died when Verena was 11 years old and she was obligated to quit school and help at home.

She married Albert Sparks on August 2, 1941 in Mesick, Mich. They lived in Flint, Mich., until he was called to serve in World War II.

Mrs. Sparks was a full time mother, homemaker and seamstress. She was a Cub Scout den mother and volunteered at many school functions. After their children were raised, she served in the hot lunch program until 1974.

The Sparks spent over 40 years in retirement in Glenie.

In 1982, at the age of 59, she celebrated her graduation from Alcona High School with family and friends.

Mrs. Sparks was an active charter member of the Glenie Lioness Club and served as an officer. She served with the Curtis Citizens Watch for 17 years.

She loved to travel and visited nearly every state in the U.S., including Alaska, and Canada. The Sparks also loved to snowmobile and ride their four-wheeler. They harvested deer annually and maintained a large garden.

Mrs. Sparks is survived by



her husband, Albert "Swede" Sparks; three sons, Gary (Jan) Sparks of Alpena, Keith (Sandy) Sparks of Fenton, Mich. and Roy (Vicki) Sparks of Rockford, Mich.; 10 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one sister, Ruth Bearse; and one brother, James Bainbridge.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 28 at Buresh-Bennett Funeral Home located at 121 S. Washington St. in Hale, Mich. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. with Rev. Melvin Leach officiating. Following the service, a light lunch will be served nearby.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Glennie Lions Club, P.O. Box 152, Glennie, Mich. 48737; or Glennie United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 189, Glennie, Mich. 48737.

## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,  
The North Star League must be puffing out their chests after the showing in Lansing for the boys free throw competition on March 24.

The North Star League was represented by four players out of the top 18 from the entire state in all classes.

The No. 2 qualifier was Joe Kimmerer, a sophomore from the Hale Eagles, at 88.3 percent. The No. 3 qualifier was Owen Franklin, a freshman from the Oscoda Owls, at 88.24 percent. The No. 13 qualifier was Brandon Banks, a senior from the Hillman Tigers, at 83.33 percent and the No. 18 qualifier was Jared Juergens, a senior from the Hillman Tigers, at 80.39 percent.

I'll betcha that no other conference or league in the state can stake a claim to this much success. This is further proof that northeast Michigan produces a lot of really good players.

This is in addition to the representation we got in tournament play from the Rogers City Hurons girls, the Whittemore-Prescott Cardinals boys and, especially, the Hillman Tigers boys.

Don Franklin  
Harrisville

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## American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

James Crews, now living in Vermont, was for a couple of years an assistant at American Life in Poetry. He came to us having already won The Prairie Schooner book prize, and his poems have gotten better and better, something all poets wish for. Here's a lovely poem from How Light Leaves, from FutureCycle Press, that shows us how we can relate to the "other" in the natural world.

### Midnight Snow

Outside in the creek that feeds the lake  
and never freezes, an otter slaps the water  
with his paw to feel the current's pulse—

Slip in, lie back. Slip in, lie back. He shuts  
his eyes and obeys, knowing the layers  
of hair and underfur will warm him while  
he floats on a faith we wish could carry us.

The sound of his splashing fades, but not  
his joy in being pushed, light as driftwood,  
back to the mouth of the den I have seen  
carved out beneath the roots of a fallen fir  
now packed with snow and lined with leaves  
that promise his sleep will be deep.

Because no dreams wait softly for me,  
I open the woodstove and strike a match,  
hold the bloom of the flame to kindling  
that catches quick as my wish: To be that  
slick body sliding into the lake that holds  
the moon, bright portal to glide through  
without so much as a shiver, no doubt  
about where I'm going, how to get there.

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The Merchants of  
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Alcona County Easter Egg Hunt  
Saturday, March 31

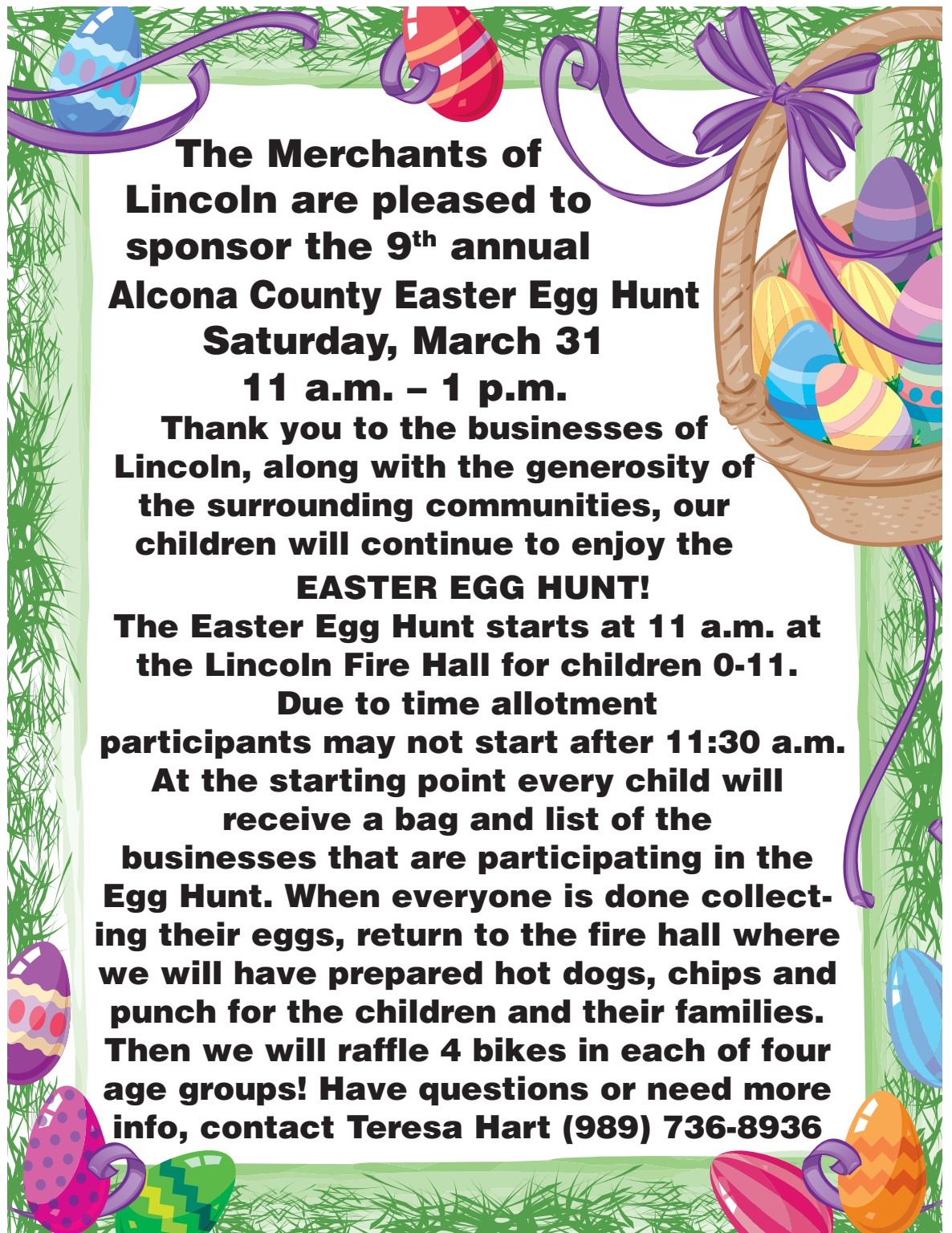
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Lincoln, along with the generosity of  
the surrounding communities, our  
children will continue to enjoy the  
EASTER EGG HUNT!

The Easter Egg Hunt starts at 11 a.m. at  
the Lincoln Fire Hall for children 0-11.

Due to time allotment  
participants may not start after 11:30 a.m.

At the starting point every child will  
receive a bag and list of the  
businesses that are participating in the  
Egg Hunt. When everyone is done collect-  
ing their eggs, return to the fire hall where  
we will have prepared hot dogs, chips and  
punch for the children and their families.  
Then we will raffle 4 bikes in each of four  
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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**  
 The community is invited to attend the annual White Breakfast at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street, at 9 a.m. Guest speaker will be Sue Wander. This event is sponsored by the Harrisville United Methodist Women. It is an opportunity to celebrate Easter week with others.

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. Call (989) 727-3606 for details.

Little Lambs story and play time for children ages one to

five and their caregivers will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 Church Street in Lincoln. Call (989) 724-6027 for details.

All-you-can-eat pizza bar with salad and soft drink. Cost is \$10 per person. This event will be held at the Backwoods Bistro in Lincoln from 1 p.m. to closing. All proceeds to the Alcona Close Up trip to Washington D.C. Silent auction and raffles also available.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 29**  
 TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free, handicapped accessible. For more information, call (989) 464-3526.

Anyone interested in art or other hobbies is invited to attend a free workshop from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the EMS building located at 2600 East M-72, Harrisville. Bring your own materials. For more information, call Bernie at (989) 724-6347 or Kathryn at (989) 736-6754. This event is sponsored by the East Shore Art Guild.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**  
 A snowshoe horseshoe tournament will be held at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Sign-up from noon to 1 p.m., games begin at 1:15 p.m. Entry free is \$5. Raffles, food, prizes and fun for all. Call (989) 736-3050. All proceeds to Special Olympics of Alcona.

**MONDAY, APRIL 2**  
 Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

Get Crafty for Adults will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The project for April is pastels with Kathryn Cubalo and Carol Preuss. There is a \$3 charge. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

The Alcona County revival praise team will start rehearsals at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. You do not need to be a member of any church, just a willingness to sing praise music. Call Meg at (989) 335-1379 for details.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 3**  
 Play euchre at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Knitting Klub and Crochet will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. All levels welcome. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4**  
 There will be a Pompom Party from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Kids ages nine through 18 are invited to make oodles of yarn pompoms and enjoy a snack at this free program. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 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 Alcona County with newborns through age four. Layettes are available in the eighth month.

Little Lambs story and play time for children ages one to five and their caregivers will be held from 10 to 11 a.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 301 Church Street in Lincoln. Call (989) 724-6027 for details.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m. at the Ramada Inn on US-23 North in Alpena. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be available 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 reservations and information.

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 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

A seminar on brain health will be held at 3:45 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

**THURSDAY, APRIL 5**  
 Join fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

Alcona retirees will meet for potluck lunch and to play bingo at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street at noon. Bring a dish to pass. 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.

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# Local Notes



## Pom-Pom Party

Youth ages nine to 18 are invited to a "spring break" Pom-Pom Party on Wednesday, April 4 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Participants will make yarn pom-poms of all sizes and colors. All supplies and light refreshments are included. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

## Family Movie Matinee

Everyone is invited to watch this newly released Disney animated movie about an aspiring young musician who journeys to the magical land of his ancestors on Thursday, April 5 at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. There will be free popcorn at this spring break movie event, rated PG. Call (989) 724-6796 for title or for more information.

## Senior Menu

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at Lott Baptist Church; at 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center; and at 4:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. No reservations are required at the Lincoln Senior Center, however call (989) 736-8879 by 7 a.m. for meals served in Glennie or Greenbush. No membership is required. Suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

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

## Heat Assistance Program

There is a new program through Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) that provides financial assistance to low and moderate-income homeowners for the repair or replacement of malfunctioning heating systems.

Furnace repairs and replacements are available on a limited basis and will be provided on a first-come, first serve basis. To be eligible for this program a family's gross household income must not exceed 125 percent of the federal poverty rate, based on family size. The property must also be located within NEMCSA's 11 county service area.

Persons that are interested in this program should contact NEMCSA for more information at (989) 358-4700 ext. 323 or (989) 358-4723 and are encouraged to leave a voicemail with name, county of residence and a call-back number in order to be placed in the service queue.

NEMCSA is a private, non-profit community action agency that provides many programs and services the following counties: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle. To find more information regarding NEMCSA's other programs and services, visit [www.nemcsa.org](http://www.nemcsa.org).

## Relay for Life Bake Sales

Northland Area Federal Credit Union employees heated up the 2018 Relay for Life fundraising season with a bake sale event to raise over \$1,600 to fight cancer. Northland employees in Au Gres, Fairview, Gaylord, Glennie, Hale, Harrisville, Houghton Lake, Mio, Oscoda, Skidway, Tawas, and West Branch combined efforts that day to prepare and sell homemade baked goods at each of their credit union branches to support Relay for Life.

"I am delighted with the enthusiastic efforts of our people to support Relay for Life. They are having fun, they're bringing people together within our communities and most importantly they are making a difference in the fight against cancer, a disease that affects us all," said Northland CEO Pete



Harrisville branch employees Tina Precup and Mike Corcoran with baked goods. *Courtesy photo.*

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Relay for Life is a signature fundraiser for the American Cancer Society. Participants like Northland employees volunteer their time and actions to celebrate those affected by cancer, remember loved ones lost and work to raise money to support efforts to fight cancer. Learn more about Relay for Life fundraising and involvement to help save lives at [relay.acs-events.org](http://relay.acs-events.org).

## Health Care Award

St. Joseph Health System was recently named one of the Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals in the

United States by The Chartis Center for Rural Health. The Top 100 Rural & Community Hospitals play a key role in providing a safety net to communities across America – and the INDEX measures these facilities across eight pillars of hospital strength: Inpatient share ranking, outpatient share ranking, cost, charge, quality, outcomes, patient perspective, and financial stability.

"This achievement is very gratifying and validates our daily commitment to providing the best health care possible to our community, while maintaining an efficient and effective facility," said Ann Balfour, St. Joseph Health System Chief Administrative Officer. "We understand what matters most to our patients is the quality and safety of the care they receive. That is why we have made it a top priority to improve positive patient outcomes through evidence-based care processes. St. Joseph Health System is very proud to be named a Top 100 Rural & Community Hospital as it recognizes the knowledge, teamwork and dedication of our entire hospital staff."

## Request to Purchase Land

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has received an application proposing the sale of 580 acres of state forest land in Iosco County's Alabaster

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Pennsylvania. We also have a granddaughter in the Air Force who is stationed in Florida. It will be nice to be able to go and visit them and not have to worry about hurrying back to come to work," Healy said. Their granddaughter is one of six grandchildren Healy hopes to spend a lot more time with.

In 31 years Healy has only taken one two-week, back-to-back, vacation, which was last year when she and her granddaughter visited Norway. "When you work in an office with only one other person, you don't like to be gone too long," Healy said.

She explained she and Missy Cordes, the current deputy register staff the office and when one of them is out, it puts a strain on the working employee.

Healy explained it was always easy to find fun things to do in Michigan which would only take them a few days away from home. She and her husband have no plans to leave the area permanently. "You're not going to find many places better than Michigan to live," Healy said. She even

enjoys the winters here and is a cross country skier.

The Healy's enjoy camping, hiking, kayaking and just about anything outdoors, which is how the couple met. "We both took the same class at Alpena Community College. I needed one more physical education credit to get my associates degree, so I took a class which included hiking, camping, canoeing and fishing in Canada. Steven took the same class. It was a wonderful class. A lot of fun," Healy said.

In addition to enjoying the outdoor life in northeast Michigan, the couple enjoys making music. Healy said her husband plays several different guitars and they found some music workshops to take together. Healy now owns and plays the ukulele and a dulcimer, so they are looking forward to playing a lot more music events together.

"I'm really excited about retiring. I might sleep in a little bit, specially when daylight savings time comes around. It's been so many years since I've been able to



Karen Healy

get things done. All these little things you put off at home because you have to go to work. I have a big list of those things. I'm hoping to have a garage sale in the spring. We've been living in the same house since 1979, things accumulate over that amount of time," Healy said.

Her last day in the Register of Deeds office will be March 29. Cordes, has been appointed as register of deeds and will be sworn in at 4 p.m. March 28.

**Plovers rebound on Great Lakes shores**

**By Steven Maier**  
*Capital News Service*

Piping plover advocates are looking to capitalize on the bird's record-setting success last year by expanding habitat restoration efforts.

Piping plover nests were found on the shores of all five Great Lakes last year for the first time since 1955.

The shore-dwelling bird disappeared from most of the Great Lakes in the 1980s and was listed as endangered in 1986, according to Vince Cavalieri, the Great Lakes piping plover recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

At one point, up to 600 pairs nested throughout the Great Lakes. In 1990, only 12 pairs remained.

Once found on sandy beaches from Wisconsin to Pennsylvania, most survivors clustered around Sleeping Bear Dunes on Lake Michigan's northwest shore.

But with the discovery of a nesting pair in Pennsylvania's Presque Isle State

Park last year — the first to take up residence on Lake Erie for 60 years -- the winds have changed. Researchers found 76 nesting pairs throughout the region in 2017.

"Finally the last two or three years we're starting to see bigger numbers in Ontario, in Wisconsin," Cavalieri said. "We've got nesting in Illinois now."

There's a new call to restore and protect plover habitats—and the Huron-Manistee National Forest's Lake Michigan shoreline is one location under consideration. A stretch of that shoreline at Ludington State Park has been an excellent spot for plovers, hosting eight nesting pairs in the past, Cavalieri said.

They've declined in the last four years, however, and only one pair remained last summer. Higher water levels have swallowed up stretches of the beach and predators like the merlin, a native falcon, have attacked nests.

Advocates have focused on

protecting piping plover nests, said Christie DeLoria, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Great Lakes coastal program coordinator. That's done mainly by placing wire cages over nests to keep predators out and by limiting access to nesting grounds.

Eggs are often abandoned if a nest is washed out by high waters, one of the pair dies or if they become too agitated by nearby activity. Beach-goers in northwest Michigan often come across signs warning them of closed nesting sites.

The hope was that increasing the birds' numbers would allow them to spread.

Two projects on the shores of Lake Michigan have successfully developed plover-friendly habitat: one at Wilderness State Park on the northern shore of the Lower Peninsula, the other on a series of eroded islands in Wisconsin's Lower Green Bay.

DeLoria has headed the project at Wilderness State Park where plovers abandoned the shores in 2006 after invasive, fast-growing vegetation infiltrated what used to be unadulterated beachfront.

"[The plovers'] strategy is to look like the beach," DeLoria said. "And that's how they survive, to look like the sand and the cobble."

Results came quickly. Park staff started clearing brush and trees from the shore in 2014, DeLoria said. In the summer of 2015, they observed a pair nesting there. In 2016, that same pair returned to raise three chicks.

Cavalieri said measures exist to protect the birds at Ludington State Park, like expanding the area of the cage enclosures. But the beach's popularity limits

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Dear Savvy Senior,  
Though it may seem hard to believe, at age 65, I have never gotten around to making a will, but I'd like to now. My question is: Do I need to hire a lawyer to write my will, or can I do it myself? I want to get my affairs in order, but I hate paying an attorney fee if I don't have to.

Getting Organized

Dear Getting,

It's not hard to believe at all. Fewer than half of American adults have a will, mainly because they either haven't thought about it or gotten around to it, or they've put it off because they don't want to think about dying.

But having a will is important because it ensures that your money and property are distributed to the people you want to receive it after your death.

If you die without a will, your estate will be settled in accordance with state law. Details vary by state, but as-

sets are typically distributed using a hierarchy of survivors. Assets go to first to a spouse, then to children, then your siblings, and so on.

You also need to be aware that certain accounts take precedence over a will. If you jointly own a home or a bank account, for example, the house, and the funds in the account, will go to the joint holder, even if your will directs otherwise.

Similarly, retirement accounts and life insurance policies are distributed to the beneficiaries you designate, so it is important to keep them up-to-date too.

Do you need a lawyer? Not necessarily. Creating a will with a do-it-yourself software program may be acceptable in some cases, particularly if you're single and have a modest bank account.

But if you have significant financial assets or a complex family situation, like a blended family or child with

special needs, it's best to seek professional advice. An experienced lawyer can make sure you cover all your bases, which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after you're gone.

The National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (NAELA.org) and the American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC.org) websites are good resources that have directories to help you find someone in your area.

Costs will vary depending on your location and the complexity of your situation, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$200 and \$1,500 to get your will made. To help you save, shop around and get price quotes from several different firms. And before you meet with an attorney, make a detailed list of your assets and accounts to help make your visit more efficient.

If money is tight, check with your state's bar asso-



Savvy Senior

ciation (see [www.FindLegal-Help.org](http://www.FindLegal-Help.org)) to find low-cost legal help in your area. Or call the Eldercare Locator at (800) 677-1116 for a referral.

If you are interested in a do-it-yourself will, one of the best options is the Quicken WillMaker Plus 2018 software (available at [NOLO.com](http://NOLO.com)) that costs \$70, works with Windows personal computers and Macs, and is valid in every state except Louisiana.

It's also recommend that if you do create your own will, it's wise to have a lawyer review it to make sure it covers all the important bases.

Once your will is written,

the best place to keep it is either in a fireproof safe or file cabinet at home, or in a safe deposit box in your bank. But make sure your executor knows where it is and has access to it. Or, if a professional prepares your will, keep the original document at your lawyer's office.

Also, be sure to update your will if your family or financial circumstances change, or if you move to another state.

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even those options, and the opportunity for habitat restoration is limited.

"It just may be that Ludington is the kind of place where we have to wait for the lake levels to go down before we see a bunch of birds come back there," Cavalieri said.

But there may be opportunity further up the coast at Nordhouse Dunes Wilderness Area, which hasn't hosted a nesting plover pair since 2010, said U.S. Forest Service Forest biologist Philip Huber. It's part of Huron-Manistee National Forest.

The beaches there are narrow—sometimes only two to three feet wide before they butt up against sandy cliffs—and high lake levels haven't helped. Simply put, there's not enough room for plovers, aside from the occasional nest among the dunes.

There was talk of using heavy equipment to flatten the beaches, Huber said, but the expense, long review process and logistical issues of moving heavy machinery into a roadless area make that unlikely.

And in a rapidly shifting environment like the dunes, such efforts could be wiped away in a single season.

"We just didn't believe it would be a good thing to be mucking around on the beach trying to make nesting habitat for the plovers," he said, especially without guarantees of its permanence.

Spreading cobble along the beach and among the dunes would be more feasible and make the area more attractive to plovers, Huber said. There would still be no guarantees, but the project's lower cost and relative ease make it easier to justify as an experiment.

Continued success requires continued maintenance—a lesson Wilderness State Park staff learned last summer. The female didn't return to the nest the pair had established the year before. After waiting a short time, her mate also left. Invasive spotted knapweed and sweet clover had again overtaken both the shore and hopes for another round of chicks.

DeLoria said staffers learned from that failure. They're now trained and equipped with herbicides that should make it easier to keep the beaches clear. She hopes maintenance will become easier as they continue

to beat back the vegetation. Meanwhile, plover advocates are looking for the next habitat to rebuild, especially

historic nesting sites that are near enough to established colonies like the Sleeping Bear population to allow the

chicks to recolonize it easily.

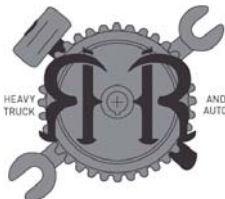


A Piping Plover in its Great Lakes beach habitat. Photo courtesy of CNS.

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Miscellaneous	2	Alarm	5
Suicidal Person	2	Larceny	2
Operate While Intoxicated	3	Vio. of Public Health Code	1
Threats	2	Open Door	1
Civil	1	Civil	1
Fire	1	Drive While Lic. Suspended	1
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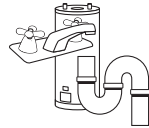
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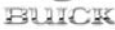
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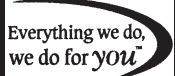
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# Michigan resident on quest to photograph native orchids

**By Karen Hopper Usher**  
*Capital News Service*

The tiny white-and-pink flowers made Mark Carlson's heart pound. His 30-year quest to find and photograph the small round-leaved orchis (*Amerorchis rotundifolia*) was finally over.

But he couldn't believe how tough it was going to be to get the picture just right.

Carlson, a 58-year-old professional nature photographer who lives in Laingsburg in central Michigan, is on a mission to photograph the state's best orchids. Common or plain orchids and ugly backgrounds don't interest him.

"I don't make a picture if the background doesn't present itself," he said.

Still, he estimates he's photographed at least 50 of

Michigan's native orchid species. That's only seven less than the state hosts, making it the most orchid-rich state after Florida and New York, according to Anton Reznicek, the assistant director of the University of Michigan herbarium.

Carlson's quest has taken him all over the state. On the day 10 years ago in northern Michigan's Schoolcraft County when he finally found the small round-leaved orchis, thick foliage gave him pause.

"I want to make a pretty picture, but oh, it's a bad situation," Carlson recalled.

The small round-leaved orchis were deep into the shrubs and the fen, a marshy terrain. "You gotta get wet," he said.

After "teasing" away twigs

and branches (he says he never pulls anything out), Carlson took a picture he liked.

Then he did something he says he'll never do again.

He told people where to find the flowers.

Now they're gone from that location.

"They got basically trampled to death," he said.

Carlson blames other nature photographers.

Just one photographer probably won't hurt orchids, said Scott Namestnik, a botanist with Orbis Environmental Consulting in South Bend, Indiana. But several photographers visiting the same site over and over again can trample the flowers.

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threat, Namestnik said. And so is climate change.

"Orchids are canaries in the coal mine," said Ron McHatton, the science and education officer at the American Orchid Society in Florida.

Orchids are accustomed to narrow climates and temperatures. When temperatures heat up too fast in the spring or don't get cold enough in winter, "It's an open question as to what will happen," McHatton said.

Michigan has so many orchid species because it has so many kinds of terrain and microclimates caused by the Great Lakes, explained Doug Pearsall, senior scientist at The Nature Conservancy in Michigan.

No succinct definition of an orchid exists, McHatton said. A common definition is that orchids are "perfect" flowers with male and female reproductive elements fused into a so-called column. Sometimes the column is only partially fused.

Other clues are a fine, dust-like seed, six floral segments, and monocot seedlings (seeds with just one embryonic leaf).

The rarest orchid in Michigan is probably the Eastern prairie fringed orchid, Namestnik said. The threatened flower is found in bogs, fens and prairies but is becoming rarer due to habitat damage.

And Carlson has found it. "Over the years, I've personally witnessed the decline of this one-time common orchid," Carlson wrote on Facebook.

Carlson is drawn to orchids because of their sensitivity to their environment. "The rarity, the scarcity, the exotic, intricate detail and shape," he said.

When his mentor, the late Larry West, introduced him to orchids around 1980, Carlson said he was hooked right away. West took Carlson to a bog, which was like walking on a waterbed through dense brush, he said. When they came across pink lady slippers, it was the most exciting thing Carlson'd ever seen.

"Mother nature is protecting these treasures," he said about the slog through the bog and the brush. "And that's part of the fascination."

Carlson has two more orchid species to photograph on his quest to photograph Michigan's rarest and most beautiful native orchids. He'll forego flowers that are very similar to other orchids he's already found. Rattlesnake orchids, he says, are all pretty similar.

"I'm after the showy ones," he said.

When he's done, he wants to publish a book.

The nodding pogonia and the whorled pogonia are his white whales.

The nodding pogonia is extremely rare and is found in mixed hardwood forests, Pearsall said. The whorled pogonia is found in "older hardwood stands . . . often on slopes near small streams," according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

That's more information than Carlson himself will

share when he completes his task. After his experience with the small round-leaved orchis, he limits the information he gives out.

He'll say which county he was in when he photographed the orchids, but doesn't want to share information about

habitat.

"When I find these last two remaining orchids, I'm not going to say anything," he said, "I'm just going to show them."

Find Carlson on the web: [markscarlson.com](http://markscarlson.com).



Most plants can lose only about 10% of their water content before they die. During a typical dry period, the resurrection fern can lose up to 75% of its water content (and possibly up to 97% in an extreme drought), causing it to shrivel to a grayish-brown clump of leaves. When it is once again exposed to water, it unfurls from its shriveled state to its former length, and appears green and healthy once again. In the U.S. it is found throughout the southeastern states, usually anchored to the trunk or branches of an oak tree.

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- Brenda Weaver

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**HERBICIDES/LOCATIONS:**  
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Summer Expo which is scheduled for Sunday, May 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thompson and Boyat are hoping the bulk of spring cleaning around the grounds and possibly the painting will be done prior to the expo.

The expo is sponsored by the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce and is run by volunteers. Boyat and Thompson started the event a few years ago. "The idea was to promote small businesses and get them in touch with consumers of this community at a very inexpensive price," Thompson said.

"There are other expos in northeast Michigan which charge vendors outrageous prices for space. Space at the Spring in2 Summer Expo is just \$5. Typically, the Expo brings in 500 to 600 local people throughout that day."

There is no charge to attend the Expo and visitors will be treated to free gift drawings and free hot dogs.

The Expo coincides with the grand opening of the ARA Farm Market, a weekly happening at the fairgrounds which takes place on Saturday mornings from May to October, but to share in the Expo event, the farm market will move its May 5 market day to Sunday, May 6.

It's that kind of collaboration which the fair board appreciates and hopes to have more groups partake in. Boyat said many groups utilize the grounds throughout the year and then help pitch in when the fair board needs them, however, more are al-

ways appreciated and needed.

Other events which will be held on the grounds include:

- The Alcona Soil Conservation Tree Sale scheduled for April 28;
- Alcona County Tractor Club Tractor Pull event scheduled for June 2;
- A two-day horse event/exhibition on June 9 and 10;
- The Alcona Humane Society garage sale is scheduled to use the Home Arts Building on September 21 and 22.

During the summer, motocross racing is held on the ARA grounds by Dirt, Inc., on weekends once or twice a month including August 18, during the fair. The 4-H program utilizes a large piece of pit area each Saturday for youth soccer each week.

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During the fair, Boyat and Thompson said help is especially needed with gate keeping, monitoring the home arts building, selling 50/50 tickets, and monitoring the pit area during the bump and run event on Saturday evening. Help is also needed during the "Mud Run" event on Saturday morning.

Boyat explained that last year they missed out on probably \$3,000 in 50/50 raffle ticket sales due to not having enough volunteers to sell tickets. The 50/50 tickets are usually sold in volunteer teams of two, so one person can tear and give the ticket while the other collects the money.

A few changes to the fair lineup should keep people well entertained this year. Instead of a mud drag on Thursday and a tractor pull on Friday, the fair board will be bringing "Sick Air," a motocross and BMX bike stunt team on Friday evening. "We eliminated the mud drag this year because it was hard to compete with the big mud drag which goes on at the same time in Hale. We may

change the week of the fair next year to the third week in August, so we won't be in competition with that," Boyat said.

The fair board saw the stunt team in action in January while attending the Michigan County Fair Conference and thought the stunts were amazing with very high jumps that should thrill the crowd sitting on the hill.

Another event which will take place this fall is the Alcona County Harvest Festival scheduled for October 14 from 1 p.m. to dusk. The Harvest festival will include pumpkin chunkin' with trebuchets made by groups or individuals to competitively fling pumpkins through the air. The event will also include food and games for the whole family.

"We will have specific dimensions for the trebuchets in May after the Expo and will have a meeting for all who are curious about pumpkin chunkin' or want to volunteer. We want this to be a safe and fun event. We are hoping each unit (trebuchet) will fling a pumpkin about 100 yards. The Chosen Ranch and Farm to Fork Alcona will be working together on the food offered and (it) will, hopefully, be mostly locally grown foods," Thompson said.

Thompson and Boyat wholeheartedly believe in collaboration throughout the community and welcome all groups and organizations to utilize the fairgrounds.

"We want to hook up with the state park and other groups to expand on everyone's programs. More and more groups are using the grounds here and that's the goal, Thompson said. "We have this nice property and the community should have access to it. We welcome Hubbard Lake and Curran folks to take advantage of these grounds too. We've got bleachers, we've got buildings. We want the community to utilize it. We don't want to compete with other activities going on in the area, we want to compliment (them)," Thompson said.

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"The DNR will carefully consider this land transaction proposal, especially the ecological and economic impact, and provide ample opportunity for public input," said Bill O'Neill, DNR natural resources deputy director.

Details of the company's proposal, including maps, are available on the DNR's website at [www.michigan.gov/dnrrealestate](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrrealestate) under Major Land Transactions. U.S. Gypsum also has established a website with details of the proposed transaction at [www.usgalabaster.com](http://www.usgalabaster.com).

Before a decision is made, the DNR will consult with tribal governments and the proposal will receive a comprehensive internal review by DNR staff (at the local, regional and state level) with forestry, wildlife, fisheries, recreation and minerals expertise.

Public involvement and comment are critical parts of the review process. The DNR will host a public meeting (date and location to be determined) near the proposed project area. This meeting will offer an opportunity for the DNR to provide information on the proposal, answer questions and receive comments from the public.

Comments also can be submitted by email at [DNR-USGypsum-Comments@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-USGypsum-Comments@michigan.gov) or by mail to: Department of Natural Resources, Real Estate Section

Attn: U.S. Gypsum 525 W. Allegan St., P.O. Box 30448, Lansing, MI 48909-7948.

Following the review and consideration of both DNR staff input and public comment, a recommendation will be made to the DNR director. It is expected that the director will make a final decision on the proposal this fall at a meeting of the Michigan Natural Resources Commission.

For more information about how the DNR manages Michigan's state forest land, visit [www.michigan.gov/forestry](http://www.michigan.gov/forestry).



Forty-eight people participate in the March for Our Lives in Harrisville last Saturday. The people marching on Saturday came out to express their concerns about the continuing gun violence and shootings in schools across the country. *Courtesy photo.*

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 2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross  
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 • Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.  
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 989-724-6665  
 Pastor Claire Duncan • [haynescommunitychurch.org](http://haynescommunitychurch.org)

**First Baptist Church of Lincoln**  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.  
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# Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



## Gustin farmers buy car of lambs

105 Head Secured Thur Co-operation With Development Bureau.

**March 28, 1918** ~ W. H. Carter, Henry Pletscher, Charles Fowler and F. Becker, progressive farmers of Gustin township, have bought a car load of lambs (105 head) under the cooperative plan put forward by the Northeastern Development Bureau. The lambs were purchased in Chicago and are expected to arrive during the present week.

As previously stated in these columns, the Development Bureau has secured the cooperation of the State War Board in the distribution of sheep for the farmers of Northeastern Michigan and a revolving fund of \$10,000 has been set aside for this purpose.

Mr. H. H. Halliday, President of the State Live Stock

Sanitary Commission, assists in selecting the sheep and, since the state not only has his help but also help of college men, cost of selection is saved to the farmer or purchaser.

The general proposal is to buy lambs; these lambs costing about \$14 to \$16 a piece. They will probably shear from seven to eight pounds which at wool prices of say 70¢ a pound, means an immediate return of a good portion of the purchase price. Thus the farmer or land man who has pasture which would otherwise not be utilized, has sheep next fall coftting him about \$9.00 per head. Experienced sheep men believe that he prices are going even higher than at the present time.

This movement should appeal to our Northeastern Michigan people from several angles in addition to the patriotic end of producing more wool and more mutton for many of these lambs would be butchered if not used in this way. It would also seem that those of our farmers and land owners who are short of labor or long on pasture can care for some sheep to good advantage, both to themselves and to their land, for a few sheep will improve any farm.

The Development Bureau claims that Northeastern Michigan is preeminently a live stock district and that anything which can be done to further the live stock industry will mean the better

development of Northeastern Michigan along other lines as well.

The State will not carry the farmer on these sheep consequently the bankers will undoubtedly be called upon by some of their customers to loan them money. The Bureau wishes to point out that, while for the man who knows something about the game it appears very promising returns financially can be looked forward to, yet sheep and live stock in general are too high priced for the inexperienced man to invest in very heavily. Observe, however, this caution applies to only those of inexperience. To all others in position to care for sheep, every encouragement is given.

## Haynes farmer loses house Monday morning

**March 28, 1918** ~ George Pyne, living on the old Pyne homestead in Haynes, lost his home and a large part of its contents by fire Monday morning about 10 o'clock.

Fire was first discovered in the roof and it is supposed originated from a defective chimney. The building was a total loss with no insurance.

Mr. Pyne and family are living in the house on the Morgan Fleury farm, for the present.

## Carl E. Schmidt buys the J. VanBuskirk farm

**March 28, 1918** ~ A deal, rumors of which have been rife - for some weeks, was closed Friday, by which Carl E. Schmidt of Serradella Farm becomes the owner of the property of the J. VanBuskirk estate at Springport. The transaction embraces the buildings at Springport and 330 acres of land adjacent, including considerable lake frontage.

## Mother receives letter from dead son's Captain

**March 28, 1918** ~ Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark., March 14, 1918.

Mrs. Flora Nadeau, Mikado, Mich. Dear Madam:— It was with very much regret that we had to send you a telegram containing such sad news.

Your son, George A. Morin, was a member of this company, and a very popular one. The members join me in extending to you our heart felt sympathies.

Pvt. George A. Morin enlisted November 22, 1917, at Camp Custer, and was transferred here December 19th, 1917.

Your son had taken out \$5,000 War Risk Insurance naming you as beneficiary. Owing to the enormous amount of work that the War Department has, the final settlement of pay and the monthly payment of insurance due you, may be somewhat delayed. Should you consider that the attention to this by that department has been overdelayed advise me and I will gladly take this matter up.

Again asking you to accept my deepest sympathies, I remain

Yours truly,  
H. C. Eustis,  
Capt. Co. I . 345 Inf.

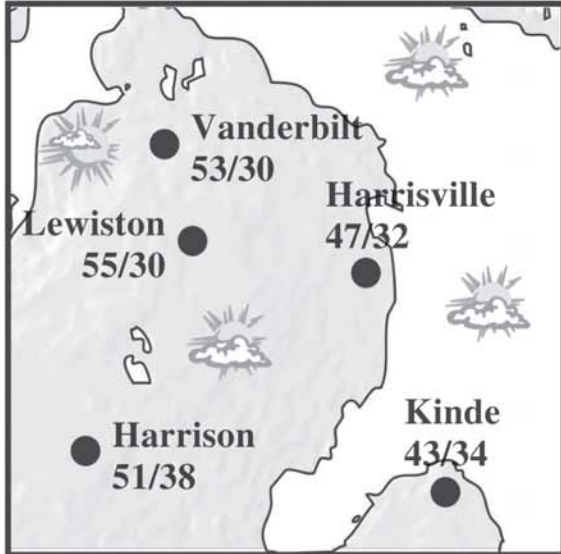
## Alcona Review Weather Report

March 28, 2018

### Seven Day Forecast

	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 47 Low: 32
	<b>THURSDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 48 Low: 28
	<b>FRIDAY</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 40 Low: 25
	<b>SATURDAY</b> Few Snow Showers High: 36 Low: 27
	<b>SUNDAY</b> Chance Showers High: 38 Low: 29
	<b>MONDAY</b> Rain & Snow Possible High: 36 Low: 31
	<b>TUESDAY</b> Scattered Rain High: 47 Low: 39

### Today's Regional Map



### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of 47°, humidity of 63%. East northeast wind 6 mph. The record high for today is 82° set in 1946. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 32°. South wind 3 to 6 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 28°. The record low for tonight is -7° set in 1934.

### \*Last Week's Almanac

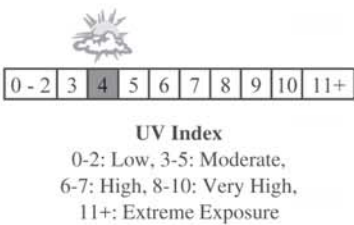
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	26	10	40/21	0.00"
Wednesday	34	13	40/21	0.00"
Thursday	38	16	41/21	0.00"
Friday	34	19	41/22	0.00"
Saturday	31	16	42/22	0.00"
Sunday	32	14	42/23	0.00"
Monday	46	26	42/23	0.00"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>Full 3/31</b>	7:22 a.m.	7:57 p.m.	4:47 p.m.	6:06 a.m.
Wednesday	7:20 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	5:58 p.m.	6:41 a.m.
Thursday	7:18 a.m.	7:59 p.m.	7:09 p.m.	7:12 a.m.
Friday	7:16 a.m.	8:00 p.m.	8:19 p.m.	7:42 a.m.
Saturday	7:14 a.m.	8:02 p.m.	9:26 p.m.	8:10 a.m.
Sunday	7:12 a.m.	8:03 p.m.	10:32 p.m.	8:40 a.m.
Monday	7:11 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	11:36 p.m.	9:10 a.m.
Tuesday				

### Local UV Index



### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies through Friday with scattered rain and showers, highest temperature of 65 in Ironton, Ohio. The Southeast will experience mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered showers and thunderstorms, partly to mostly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday with scattered rain and isolated thunderstorms, highest temperature of 83 in Immokalee, Fla. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies Wednesday with scattered showers and isolated snow, partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday with isolated rain and snow, highest temperature of 67 in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Friday with the highest temperature of 86 in Indio, Calif.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:20 a.m.	8:35 p.m.
Venus	8:07 a.m.	9:33 p.m.
Mars	3:14 a.m.	11:57 a.m.
Jupiter	11:37 p.m.	9:23 a.m.
Saturn	3:20 a.m.	12:15 p.m.
Uranus	8:08 a.m.	9:33 p.m.

### Weather History

**March 28, 1988** - Severe thunderstorms in central Oklahoma produced hail up to four inches in diameter, causing 35 million dollars in damage to southern Oklahoma County. Baseball sized hail and seven inches of rain caused another 18 million dollars damage in Stephens County.

### Weather Trivia

What was the deadliest United States hurricane?

**Answer:** It occurred in September of 1900, in Galveston, Texas and killed over 8,000 people.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Spring? You Must be Kidding!

Nor'easter number four is blasting away, and we are officially one day into spring. Several storms passed too far from the Lehigh Valley to create much in the way of disruptions; however, this one was just right. The period for snow, however, must come to an end even if the nor'easters decide to carry on, but Dave says we are not done yet. The sun is getting higher in our sky, and the days have lengthened to the point where any snow that falls, particularly on roadways, will not accumulate unless it is at night or the snow rates are excessive like today (March 21). Spring weather is also variable with more than a reasonable number of cloudy, dismal days, but springtime also produces nights that are crystal clear and afford observers some of the best views of the late winter sky. Take March 18 as an example. The moon, Venus, and Mercury were visible low in the west, a must-see event, but conditions had to be nearly perfect because all objects, especially the moon, were very low in the western sky. Sunset occurred under a flawlessly clear atmosphere, and all three objects were visible about 30 minutes after sundown. The silvery, crescent moon was visible with plenty of earthshine, light from the nearly full Earth reflected back to us from the unlit portions of the moon, as it set behind a stand of trees that were nearly flush with the horizon. The Paschal Moon is full on Saturday, March 31, at 8:37 a.m., EDT which sets the stage for Easter the following day, April 1. If you want to get the date of Easter correct about 80 percent of the time, try memorizing that Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal equinox (first day of spring). If you want to get Easter's date correct all of the time, note that Easter occurs on the first Sunday after the 14th day of the Paschal Moon on or after the 21st of March. Easter can happen as early as March 22 and as late as April 25. In 2019, Easter occurs on April 21. If you celebrate, Happy Easter! www.astronomy.org

# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ASTRONOMY:** How large is Jupiter's giant "red spot"?
2. **U.S. STATES:** Which is the only U.S. state that begins with the letter "p"?
3. **HISTORY:** Who was the last man to walk on the moon?
4. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** The average person speaks how many words in a day?
5. **MOVIES:** In the movie "The Wizard of Oz," what did the Tin Man want from the wizard?
6. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a guanaco?
7. **BIBLE:** In the Old Testament, who was Abraham's first wife?
8. **GEOGRAPHY:** What two states border Lake Tahoe?
9. **WEATHER:** What was the fastest wind speed ever recorded?
10. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who was the first U.S. president to declare war?

**Answers:** 1. Twice as big as the Earth; 2. Pennsylvania; 3. Eugene Cernan; 4. 7,000 to 20,000 words; 5. A heart; 6. A camelid native to South America; 7. Sarah; 8. Nevada and California; 9. 253 mph wind gust registered on Barrow Island, Australia; 10. James Madison (c) 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

On April 8, 563 B.C., Gautama Buddha, the founder of Buddhism, is thought to have been born in what is now Nepal. Buddhist tradition had placed his birth in the 11th century B.C., until modern scholars determined he was likely born in the 6th century.

- On April 3, 1776, lacking sufficient funds to build a strong navy, the Continental Congress gives privateers permission to attack all British ships. Any goods captured by the privateer were divided between the ship's owner and the government.

- On April 6, 1830, Joseph Smith, founder of the Mormon religion, organizes the Church of Christ. Smith claimed in 1823 that he had been visited by an angel named Moroni who spoke to him of an ancient Hebrew text. Smith translated this text, and in 1830 The Book of Mormon was published.

- On April 7, 1945, the Japanese battleship Yamato, purportedly the greatest battleship in the world, is sunk in Japan's first major counteroffensive in the struggle for Okinawa. It sank after being struck by 19 American aerial torpedoes, drowning 2,498 of its crew.

- On April 5, 1969, some 100,000 antiwar demonstrators march in New York City to demand that the United States withdraw from Vietnam. The weekend of protests ended with demonstrations and parades in other cities.

- On April 2, 1979, the world's first anthrax epidemic begins in Ekaterinburg, Russia (now Sverdlosk), killing 62 people. The Soviet government blamed tainted meat, but in 1992 the real cause was found: Workers at the weapons plant had failed to replace a crucial filter.

- On April 4, 1982, hockey sensation Wayne Gretzky of the Edmonton Oilers finishes the NHL season with 212 points, the only player in NHL history to break the 200-point barrier. He went on to repeat the feat three more times.

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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

It was famed Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius who made the following sage observation: "Everything we hear is an opinion, not a fact. Everything we see is a perspective, not the truth."

- The United States isn't the only country that has an accolade to recognize excellence in the film industry. Here the awards are known as the Oscars, but other nations have their own names: In Canada they're known as Genies, in France they're Cesars, in Russia they're called Nikas, in Mexico they're Golden Ariels, in Spain they're known as Goyas, and in the United Kingdom they're called BAFTAs (formerly the Orange British Academy Film Awards).

- Here's a disturbing statistic for parents: If your child is like the average American youth, between the ages of 5 and 15 they will see approximately 13,500 people killed on television.

- A chicken, a sheep and a duck get in the basket of a hot air balloon. No, that's not the first line of a joke; they really were passengers on a hot air balloon -- the very first passengers in that type of conveyance, as a matter of fact.

- Those who study such things say that fully one-third of all your brainpower is used for vision.

Thought for the Day: "I always find it more difficult to say the things I mean than the things I don't." -- W. Somerset Maugham

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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: U equals S

IF CXGPSJUGKF GU ZQQSJGXA  
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DZJUSIMXUDGE KDMK'U NMTTSL  
"NJSMKGPS JGLGXA."

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	7			4			3

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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## Real Estate Guide

**AnJ** Call Debbie Lewis  
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430 S. US-23, Harrisville

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A hidden jewel is what you will see when you take a look at this place. This 3 bedroom 13/4 bath home has a lot of character. The fireplace in the living room will keep you warm during those winter nights. Entertain your company in the bar room with some grilling at the same time, or just enjoy some quiet time for yourself in the family room/2nd living room. You will never run out of storage here, with the 2 1/2 car garage, the 48ft by 112ft Pole barn (32ft by 64ft is heated and insulated), the 14ft by 64ft enclosed lean, a granary, and 16 acres. You need to call and set up your appointment. There is more to see. #17-0113 \$259,000

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**Major cross-streets or directions: M-72 to north on Stout Rd. Right on Trask Lake Rd into town.**

This convenience store/gas station is located in Barton City which surrounds all sports Jewell Lake and is surrounded by thousands of acres of federal land. Other area amenities close by include Lake Huron, numerous inland lakes, ORV trail head, groomed snowmobile trails, hiking trails in Reid Lake and Hoist Lake National Forests, golf courses, cross country skiing, just to mention a few activities. This neat, clean and well maintained store was built in 1983 and is very versatile in what it offers to its customers. The store includes popular groceries, hardware items, fishing and tackle items, fishing and hunting licenses, liquor license, kitchen with pizza oven, food preparation room, frozen food section, cooler section, several storage supply rooms, movie rental, gas and diesel pumps, propane. 10,000 gallon gas storage tank installed in 2008. Includes diesel generator for power backup plus \$55,000 of new upgrades in 2015. List of features and equipment upon request. #18-0006 \$545,000.

The special features of this unique property are truly too numerous to list. The custom built 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath house is very secluded on 84 mostly wooded acres but is very close to the friendly small resort community of Barton City and the beautiful all sports Jewell Lake. It is located on a well drained sand hill next to a pond and surrounded by thick woodland. The land is a hunter's paradise with opportunity for deer, turkey, duck, geese, small game, and morels. It has upland with abundant oak, maple and poplar. The maple sap produces excellent maple syrup. The lowland has cedar, pine, spruce, hemlock, balsam fir, and tamarack. A portion of the property is under shallow Sanborn Lake which provides excellent duck and goose hunting and pike fishing. The photos of the house will speak for themselves. You will not find comparable properties. #17-0062 \$239,000



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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Notice of Foreclosure by Advertisement

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Notice is hereby given that the below mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on

March 28, 2018. Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Ronald J. Smith, individually and as trustee of the Ronald J. Smith Revocable Living Trust dated December 23, 2008, an undivided 40 percent interest, and Kathleen M. Pellens-Smith, individually and as trustee of the Kathleen M. Pellens-Smith Revocable Living Trust dated December 23, 2008, an undivided 60 percent interest.

Original mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Ally Bank Corp. fka GMAC Bank, its successors and assigns foreclosing assignee (if any): Nationstar Mortgage LLC. Date of Mort-

gage: July 23, 2011. Date of mortgage recording: July 29, 2011. Amount claimed due on mortgage on the date of notice: \$234,652.46. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in the township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 477, Huron-Cedar Lakes Subdivision No. 4, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 144 of Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale,

or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector.

Date of notice: February 28, 2018. Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 108354  
2-28, 3-7, 3-14, 3-21

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Scott A. Haeger and Cheryl Haeger, husband and wife, to Fifth Third Mortgage - MI, LLC, mortgagee, dated February 15, 2008 and recorded February 22, 2008 in Liber 450, page 161. Said mortgage is now held by Fifth Third Mortgage Company, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-eight thousand seven hundred ninety-eight and 13/100 dollars (\$58,798.13), including interest at 7.5 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained

in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on April 18, 2018.

Said premises are located in the city of Greenbush, Alcona County Michigan, and are described as: Beginning at the west 1/4 corner of Section 3, Township 25 North, Range 9 East; thence north 00 degrees 03 minutes 00 seconds

west along the west line of said Section, 380.17 feet; thence north 89 degrees 50 minutes 03 seconds east, 572.89 feet; thence south 00 degrees 05 minutes 25 seconds east, 380.17 feet; thence south 89 degrees 50 minutes 04 seconds west along the east-west 1/4 line of said section and centerline of county road F-30 so-called, 573.15 feet to the point of beginning. The above described parcel being a part of the southwest 1/4 of the north-west 1/4 of said Section 3.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such

sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 21, 2018  
File No. 18-003584  
3-21, 3-28, 4-4, 4-11

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Sandra J. Wickens, an unmarried woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, mortgagee, dated November 20, 2015 and recorded December 7, 2015 in Liber 519, page 1262. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-one thousand six hundred forty-seven and 86/100 dollars (\$51,647.86), including interest at 4.5 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale con-

tained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on April 25, 2018.

Said premises are located in the City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of Lots 6 and 7 of block 8 of the City of Harrisville, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of plats, page 1, Alcona County records, described as commencing at the southwest corner of block 8, which is also the south-

west corner of Lot 7 of said block 8; thence north 09 degrees 04 minutes 03 seconds east along the westerly line of said Lot 7, 23.17 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing north 09 degrees 04 minutes 03 seconds east along the westerly line of Lots 7 and 6 of said block 8 135.87 feet; thence south 09 degrees 54 minutes 11 seconds east 140.49 feet; thence south 09 degrees 06 minutes 10 seconds west along the easterly line of said Lots 6 and 7, 135.87 feet to the southeast corner of said Lot 7; thence north 80 degrees 54 minutes 11 seconds west 140.41 feet to the point of beginning. Description taken from survey recorded in Liber 189, pages

645-6, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 28, 2018  
File No. 18-003895  
3-28, 4-4, 4-11, 4-18

#### Case No. 17-2861-CH Circuit Court Sale

In pursuance and by virtue of a judgment of the circuit court for the county of Alcona, state of Michigan, made and entered on November 21, 2017, PNC Bank, National Association successor by merger to National City Bank in a certain cause therein pending, wherein PNC Bank, National Association successor by merger to National City Bank was the plaintiff and Daniel R. Riso and the Northern Michigan Bail Bond Agency, LLC were the defendants.

Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the west entrance to the Alcona

County Building in Harrisville, Mich., that being the place of holding the circuit court for Alcona County, on the 16th day of May A.D., 2018, at 10 a.m. o'clock in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, to-wit: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the township of Haynes, county of Alcona and state of Michigan, described as follows: Situated in the township of Haynes, county of Alcona, and state of Michigan, to-wit: Part of northeast 1/4 of northwest 1/4 Section 25, Township 27 North, Range 9 East, described as: Parcel C, commencing at northwest corner of said Section 25; thence south 88 deg. 36' east, along the north section line

1320.80 feet to the northwest corner of SD 40 acres; thence south 1 deg. 47' 57" west, along the west line of SD 40 acres, 630.93 feet to point of beginning; thence south 88 deg. 36' east, 1022.58 feet; thence south 4 deg. 46' 03" east, 317.30 feet; thence north 88 deg. 36' west, 1058.87 feet to a point on said west line; thence north 1 deg. 47' 57" east along said west line, 315.46 feet to point of beginning; together with and subject to the right of ingress and egress over and across a 75 foot easement as described on plat which will allow access to US-23 Highway, and also subject to a continuation of this 75 feet, easement running in a northerly direction

over and across the west edge of captioned Parcel C which allows others access to Parcels A and B per plat. Commonly Known as: 1930 North US-23, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. Parcel Number: 080-025-200-015-00.

This property may be redeemed during the six months following the sale.

Dated: March 28, 2018  
Alcona County, Deputy Sheriff Michael P. Herzoff (P-41662) Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084  
No. 10142960  
3-28, 4-4, 4-11, 4-18, 4-25, 5-2, 5-9

### NOTICES

Public Notice, Request of Bids: The Alcona County Road Commission is soliciting sealed bid proposals for furnishing and constructing a 16 x 26 entrance canopy at the Alcona County Road Commission truck storage and repair building, including necessary exterior concrete paving work at 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Mich. Bid packets are available from Russo Engineering (989) 362-7735 for a non-refundable \$30 per set and \$10

for mailing. Bid packets will be available for examination at the office of Russo Engineering, 225 Sixth Avenue, Tawas City, Mich. Bids will be accepted until 2 p.m., Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at the office of Russo Engineering. The Alcona County Road Commission reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to waive informalities, and make the award in any manner deemed in the best interest of the Alcona County Road Commission.

### HELP WANTED

Now hiring RNs, LPNs, CNAs and a cook. Apply at Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. (989) 724-6889

**Harvester operator:** Welch Land & Timber seeks to fill an opening for a harvester operator. Must know species and sorts, have chainsaw experience, and be able to perform routine maintenance on respective machines. Looking for self-motivated individuals who are willing to work hard. We offer competitive wages and health benefits. Contact Dan Welch (989) 370-4770 or Aaron Welch (989) 370-2796 for more information.

**Self-loader driver:** Welch Land & timber seeks to fill an opening for a self-loader driver. Must know species and sorts, have three-plus years experience, and be able to perform routine maintenance on semi-truck and trailer. Looking for self-motivated individuals who are willing to work hard. We offer competitive wages and health benefits. Contact Dan Welch (989) 370-4770 or Aaron Welch (989) 370-2796 for more information.

Cook and wait staff wanted at the Bobcat Bar and Grill, Greenbush Golf Course. Call (989) 277-8592.

Tawas Village, an assisted living home, is currently seeking direct care workers for second and third shifts, full time and part time positions available. Applicants must pass a background check. If you are caring, dependable, and want to make a difference, then we want you! For immediate consideration apply in person at: 910 North Tawas Lake Road, East Tawas, Mich. 48730 or send your resume to [tawasvillage@rlmgmt.com](mailto:tawasvillage@rlmgmt.com).

Tawas Village, an assisted living home, is currently seeking part time cooks for second shift. Applicants must pass a background check. If you are caring, dependable, and want to make a difference, then we want you! For immediate consideration apply in person at: 910 North Tawas Lake Road, East Tawas, Mich. 48730 or send your resume to [tawasvillage@rlmgmt.com](mailto:tawasvillage@rlmgmt.com).

**In-home service provider:** Part time up to 35 hours per week with some benefits, no experience necessary we will train. Duties consist of homemaking, personal care and respite. Applicant must possess reliable and insured transportation. Pick up application or send resume to: ACCOA, P.O. Box 218, 207 Church Street, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

Part time circulation clerk job opening at Alcona County Library for 10-15 hours per week. Job description and application available at any branch of Alcona County Library or on our website at <http://library.alcona.lib.mi.us>. Must be 18 and have valid driver's license for this position. Applications accepted until 5:30 p.m., April 16, 2018.

Hiring for servers, line cooks, housekeepers, front desk, grounds maintenance, beverage cart, rangers, cart attendants, and pro shop. Apply in person Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Lakewood Shores Resort, 7751 Cedar Lake Road, Oscoda.

### PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

#### Sharboneau & Sons

Excavating, Demolition, septic systems, topsoil, sand and gravel. All excavating needs. Licensed & Insured (989) 736-8148

#### SEW IT SEAMS

SEWING NOTIONS Alterations (989) 739-3412

#### Oscoda Commons

(Next to K-Mart) Now accepting credit cards

Hours: 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday - Friday Closed for lunch 1-2 p.m.

#### CAMPBELL CONTRACTING

Licensed & Insured Carpentry, Concrete & Masonry work (989) 335-0440

### FOR RENT

One bedroom, free heat, water and electric. Covered parking. One block from downtown Harrisville. Immediate occupancy. Furnished or unfurnished. Call (989) 362-4400.

### FOR SALE

Hay for sale, first cutting, 300 pound, round bales \$7 each. Contact Jim or Jenny Sweet (989) 736-6508.

### BINGO

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

### BUYING TIMBER

Buying standing timber, minimum five acres. Cole Forest Products (989) 736-8928.

### BIDS WANTED

Request for mowing/clean-up bids: Mikado Township is asking for sealed mowing and/or clean-up bids of all Mikado Township properties. Bid number one, all in-town properties; bid number two, cemetery spring clean-up to be done between May 1 and May 18; third bid, cemetery mowing, bid is per mow for at least

four times per mowing season. Please call township clerk for bidding details at (989) 736-7721. All sealed bids are required to be received by April 6. Proof of all required insurances is required. We reserve the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Rita D. Sands, Mikado Township Clerk.

**Classified ad Deadline is Monday at 4 p.m.**