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Alcona schools receives substantial security grant

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Security at Alcona Community Schools received a shot in the arm from the Michigan State Police.

The school district was recently awarded a Michigan State Police Competitive School Safety grant in the amount of \$247,519.

The grant, which does not require a monetary match from the district, is earmarked for new interior and exterior doors and lock system throughout the school district.

Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Dan O'Connor said the award came as a nice surprise.

Although the district has until September 31, 2019 to use the funds, O'Connor would like the project to be completed by the start of school in August 2019. However, the district is proceeding cautiously to make sure the funds are used in the best possible way.

"There are exterior doors in the district which are in dire need of an upgrade and replacement and a number of classroom doors that are 30 years plus in both buildings," O'Connor said.

As for security on those doors the school will be looking at two avenues for locks, either a hard-key locking system or a keyless entry system in common areas throughout the district.

"Our maintenance crew is spending a significant amount of time dealing with keys, making keys, collecting keys, retrieving the right key. It's a constant conversation. Hopefully, we will design a system that will free them up a little more. Currently, if you had a key for every door in the school you could hardly hold them in two hands," O'Connor said.

A keyless system using coded technology would give access to common areas such as classrooms, meeting rooms and gymnasiums. "It would also allow us to turn on and off the system, if needed, and could be modified very easily. We don't know if the keyless is going to be doable or not until we have the request for proposals go out. We will be looking for bids for both versions," O'Connor said.

While a quarter of a million dollars may seem like a healthy budget, O'Connor speculated it may not stretch as far as they would like. He

thought it will cost somewhere between \$1,000 to \$3,000 for each door, including hardware and labor. With all the doors that need attention throughout the district it won't be long until the funds are spent.

The initial process of getting the grant began in 2015 when superintendent Shawn Thornton applied for it. "At that time there were much less funds available and obtaining the grant was extremely competitive. She did not get the grant; however, we did feel like we were at least on their radar," O'Connor said.

In 2017, the school hired a consultant to access the district's door and lock system. They made the recommended changes and applied for the grant again. They were still unsuccessful.

This year the security grant funds were considerably higher in the amount of \$25 million to be spent between 114 public school districts, 42 non-public schools, 22 public charter schools and 10 intermediate school districts/regional education service agencies.

The biggest requirement of the grant was to have a strong emergency readiness action plan which had to be signed by law enforcement and an

emergency manager before even applying for the grant.

O'Connor explained the school had a very strong emergency action plan in place, but before applying again they met with stakeholders and law officers and went through the process of updating manuals and tightening action plan procedures before submitting its application.

He said they felt very confident about being awarded something and waited anxiously for about eight weeks hoping the email would arrive. He was very surprised when the whole amount the school asked for was awarded.

In all, 407 applications across the state were submitted. Only four schools were granted funds over the \$247,519 amount given to Alcona Community Schools and none of them exceeded \$250,000. Many grants were given, but for much less amounts.

"It is an incredible gift. Facility-wise we know what we are going to have for a while and now it is time to look at the doors and locks and design the best system possible. We will be working with experts in the industry to make sure they provide their recommendation on

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Red Cross suspends blood collections in northern region

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona County citizens and others living in the northern tip of the Michigan mitten wishing to give blood will have to drive south to do so as a result of an American Red Cross mobile blood drive suspension.

Word of the suspension came from the American Red Cross Blood Service Collections Operation in Petoskey, Mich., which has suspended the mobile blood drives due to the restructuring of the Great Lakes Blood Service Region. The suspension became effective November 8.

"The decision is in response to a continued industry-wide decline in the demand for blood products and the need for consolidation of operations to ensure we can deliver cost-effective and reliable products and services for patients in need. These changes will allow us to focus our biomedical services in other geographies that generate great efficiencies and a better economic profile," said Todd Kulman, American Red Cross spokesperson and external communication manager in Lansing, Mich.

Kulman explained the geographic boundaries of the suspension. "If a straight line were drawn from Arcadia, (Mich.) to Greenbush, everything north of this is included in the Petoskey mobile elimination. Mobile drives south of this (line) will continue," Kulman said. Which means blood drives in Oscoda, Tawas and Hale as well as all blood collection sites and mobile drives in mid-and southern Michigan will continue as normal.

According to Kulman, the decision will not affect the availability of Red Cross blood products in Michigan. "The mission of the Red Cross in Michigan has not changed. The Red Cross will continue to provide blood products to hospitals throughout the state. Current and potential blood and platelet donors are encouraged to make a blood donation appointment as

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Community Foundation hosts giving event to support local nonprofits

To help raise awareness and support of many of those organizations who work year round to improve the quality of life for local communities, the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) will help over 55 local nonprofits participate in Giving Tuesday on November 27.

"Last year, we were absolutely astounded when over \$120,000 was raised for local nonprofits in just 24-hours," said CFNEM Executive Director Patrick Heraghty. "This is our fourth year of hosting Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan, with just over \$30,000 raised in 2015, and over \$41,000 in 2016. We know that our region is full of incredibly generous people, and we hope they'll show up online on November 27

to make this year another successful year for the nonprofits in our area."

Although this will be CFNEM's fourth year leading the event in northeast Michigan, Giving Tuesday as a global day of giving is now in its seventh year. Meant to harness the collective power of individuals, communities and organizations to celebrate generosity worldwide, the 24-hour giving event is held annually on the Tuesday after Thanksgiving (in the U.S.). It follows the widely recognized shopping events, Black Friday, Small Business Saturday and Cyber Monday, to kickoff the holiday giving season. The hope is that people will set aside a few minutes from holiday shopping to give back to their community through the charities and causes they

support.

"We are really excited that out of the 55 nonprofits participating this year, 29 of those are organizations that have not previously been part of Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan," said Christine Hitch, CFNEM marketing communications director. "You'll definitely see many organizations that have participated previously as well. And one new thing this year is that donors will be able to see what their donations will be used for, particularly if they will be used for a certain program or project."

Boys and Girls Club Executive Director Brad Somers says he and his staff were overwhelmed last year by the more than \$8,000 in donations received in support of the area's youth and what

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Judith A. Drawe

Judith A. Drawe, 71, of Oscoda died on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2018 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

She was born May 3, 1947 to Elmer and Sarah (Elliott) Bird in Wayne, Mich., where she was raised.

On September 8, 1991 she married Roy Drawe in Romulus, Mich. They were residents of Wyandotte, Mich. before moving to Oscoda in 1991.

She enjoyed a career as a hairdresser. She was a member of the Church of the Nazarene in Oscoda, and liked reading and making quilts.

Mrs. Drawe is survived by her husband Roy, one brother and one sister.

She was preceded in death by one brother and one sister.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.



Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Harrisville's library was a lively place Friday evening as an enthusiastic crowd enjoyed the open house celebrating the grand opening of the fabulous Water/Ways "Museum on Main Street" exhibit from the Smithsonian Institution.

Many hours of planning and work went into this event, with coordinating efforts of the library director and staff, Friends of the Library (with special thanks to Patty Thomas), Farm to Fork Alcona, Harrisville Harbor Grocery, and McCardel Culligan of Alpena.

If you missed the grand opening, the exhibit will remain on display at the library, with other coordinating events, until December 28. These events will be listed in the Alcona County Review calendar and in special fliers available at the library.

It is a great privilege for our small community to have been chosen, as one of only six in Michigan, to host this exhibit. Don't miss a great opportunity to view this unique "Museum on Main Street" or take part in one of the special programs.

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From the Editor's Desk

When something exciting is going on, gawkers appear to watch what is happening. If it's an ongoing "something," like a construction project, gawkers reappear regularly. They tell their friends and neighbors about it and gawker activity grows. Driving by, stopping and watching progress and discussion about what they are seeing is limiting since there is little information gained from just watching.

The Review, who was a gawker too, was looking forward to sharing details about the remodeling of the former Muehlbeck's restaurant, addition of a brewery, outdoor seating area and plans for the first several months of operation after the business opened as the Alcona Brew Haus. Hundreds of people were driving through the construction site last summer into the fall until the owners had to block off the driveway due to safety concerns.

There was an elevated sense of excitement to have an old business location revitalized with a plan for a higher end restaurant and brewery in the Harrisville community. Many understood the potential for jobs, more visitors drawn to the area and another option for folks who enjoy eating out.

Instead, the story, which turned into "Unfinished brewery looking for different location," was published last week. As we investigated this situation, we became profoundly disappointed in how it was handled. It was the epitome of how to run a business out of town due to lack of interest, lack of vision, lack of communication and ineptitude on the part of township officials.

The Arens family has been part-time residents of Alcona County for many years – they have a home on Lake Huron and hunting property west of Harrisville. While they live and work downstate, they, like many part-time residents, can't wait to come up north and enjoy the quiet, wide-open, friendly atmosphere. When the grocery store in Harrisville was for sale and closing, they decided to purchase, extensively remodel and re-energize that failing business. They followed suit with the laundromat in Harrisville and a couple of other buildings as well – improving everything they purchased.

This is when they experienced another side of the community they loved. Without the space to go into the various situations they encountered with City of Harrisville officials, we will summarize it by saying, in our opinion, they were treated unfairly to say the least. To say any more about something we have not investigated officially, would be speculation. However, despite what they experienced in the city, they still wanted to improve the business community in the Harrisville area.

So, they moved out of the city limits for their next project – the Alcona Brew Haus. Mr. Arens attended several Harrisville Township meetings and shared his plans for that site. He was given the green light and a pat on the back.

Unfortunately, what he wasn't given was a copy of the zoning ordinance, the contact information for the planning commission chairperson and the zoning administrator. He was not asked to provide his contact information, so they could get in touch if they had concerns or questions. Throughout the 13 months of construction at the brew haus site, no township official visited the site nor tried to talk to him about anything. Instead, when a township official had a "concern" about what was going on there, the building department was asked if a land use permit was issued, when it was found there wasn't one issued, that's when it all began to fall apart.

Personality conflicts, unpleasant history and an impending legal situation with the state tax tribunal authority has made the situation unresolvable – at least from what we can tell at this point. We had hoped that the Harrisville Township Board could help defuse the situation, by offering a compromise or at least an apology for the aggravation of complete lack of communication on the township's part. Instead, after listening and asking a few questions, they seemed to agree that "it was just missed by the building department... someone dropped

the ball."

Someone did drop the ball – and it wasn't the building department. While the building department seems to be the logical first line of notification – it certainly should NOT be the only notification. The building department does not issue land use permits. It handles building permits and inspections. The zoning administrator issues land use permits. By his own statement, the zoning administrator for Harrisville Township is the "law enforcement officer (for zoning) within the boundaries of the township." Yet, also by his own admission, he did not drive by the construction site. Ever. Neither did the planning commission chairperson. So, no one issued a land use permit.

What is the use of putting together and periodically updating a zoning ordinance if no one knows what is in it? It is not supposed to be a secret weapon used against someone... it is a public document that should be readily available to anyone who wants a copy. Since there only seems to be one copy of the zoning ordinance – of which the zoning administrator has -- how could Mr. Arens reasonably know what he was supposed to do? Even after he found out through the building department, he was not notified by anyone from Harrisville Township that he needed a land use permit. When he attended the township board meeting last Tuesday, he was informed then that the zoning administrator and planning commission had scheduled a meeting in December for a site plan review and consideration of issuing a land use permit -- after his project is more than three quarters complete.

The City of Harrisville and the Village of Lincoln are going through a certification process with the Michigan Economic Development Corporation in an effort to bring businesses to those communities – and potentially the surrounding areas. One of the foremost requirements for this certification is transparency – letting people know what they need, what is required of them regarding zoning and planning. This ensures that everyone is on the same page, that the new businesses – whether its remodeled or newly constructed – is a good fit for that location.

This disheartening debacle with the Alcona Brew Haus should be a lesson for each governing board and related planning commissions to get their houses in order. They need to make sure the zoning ordinance is up-to-date, that there are copies available for anyone who asks (or presented if they don't ask), that zoning administrators know about and check in on commercial development often, and that they always work to keep lines of communication open.

This county cannot afford to turn businesses away – for any reason – there are too many communities where businesses are wanted and welcomed with professional officials that work with them not against them.

Going into business is not for the faint of heart. Small business owners face undaunting challenges regularly – from worrying if they can make payroll to equipment break downs and lengthy repair delays, to lack of reliable employees and competition from larger nearby communities and internet sales. Business owners put it all on the line every day – their business is their livelihood. Government incompetence and ignorance does not need to be added to the wealth of problems business owners experience – especially before they get started.

Before we close, a correction needs to be made regarding attribution of a comment in the news story last week – the quote, "I missed that... I can't believe that between Jeff (Harris) and I that we missed it (land use permit)," which was attributed incorrectly to John Jagelewski. It should have been attributed to Harry Harvey. Additionally, Jagelewski reminded us of his comment that the building department works as a team. The Review apologizes for this error and any inconveniences it may have caused.

~ Cheryl Peterson



Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Free homemade Thanksgiving meal, turkey and all the fixings, from 2 to 4:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. Register by calling (989) 724-6734 or (989) 724-7165, if no answer, leave a message.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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

Sanctuary cinema series: "November Requiem" at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street in Alpena. On November 18, 1958, a small northern Michigan community was rocked by an unimaginable tragedy. Vigils began, and finally word was received that the freighter Carl D. Bradley was lost with 33 of her crew during a brutal Lake Michigan storm. Free and open to the public. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call (989) 884-6200.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

My Brother's Hope Free Store will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 25

Join the Harrisville Ukulele Meetup at Ki Cuyler's Bar & Grill, 262 South US-23, Harrisville from 6 to 8 p.m. All levels of ukulele players are welcome. There will be a \$1 collection to defray costs. Call Irv at (989) 724-7410 for details.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

State Maritime Archaeologist Wayne Lusardi will help explore the shipwrecks of Alcona, and share stories of our exciting maritime heritage at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 5:30 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for information about this free program.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30 in Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Frist meeting is free. Handicap accessible. Call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-8600 for details.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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Storytime and crafts 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.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Westminster Presbyterian Women's Cookie Walk from 9 a.m. until all cookies are sold. A wide variety of homemade Christmas cookies available. This event will be held at the church located at 201 Second Street in Harrisville.

Christmas in the Village from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in downtown Harrisville. Special events include over 40 vendors selling hand-crafted items at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church. For more information, contact Christy Holmes at (989) 724-5549 or call the chamber office at (989) 724-5107.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2

A seasonal sing-along with the Thunder Bay Arts Council Chorus at St. John the Baptist Roman Catholic Church, 2425 Frederick Street in Alpena at 2 p.m. Favorite holiday carols and songs will be sung as well as Christmas choruses from Handel's Messiah. There will be no admission charge for this community-focused event. Everyone is welcome.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing are available to residents of Alcona County with newborns through age four. Layettes are available in the eighth month. Santa Claus will visit from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with goodies for the clients.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold their membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the 19th Hole Restaurant north of Alpena. Lunch will

be served at noon. Bring a can of food for needy. Call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080 for details.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6

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.

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FRIDAY, DECEMBER 7

Lincoln Festival of Lights. Santa Claus comes to the Lincoln Depot while Christmas carols are heard at the fire hall. The Lincoln Lions will be serving free hot dogs, chips, coffee and hot chocolate. A bonfire warms those waiting for a hayride around town. Call Rich Gillies at (989) 335-1682 for details.

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

HAYNES TOWNSHIP DECEMBER MEETING NOTICE

Haynes Township December board meeting will be held on Monday, December 3, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.



Giving Tuesday, November 27th
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Friends of
Negwegon
State Park

24 hours of Giving 12 a.m. to 11:59 p.m.

Give online: cfnem.org/givingtuesday/

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Jon Scheer Memorial Flight Training Scholarship

Young men & women from the Sunrise Side, who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America & who will be at least 17 years of age by December 15th 2019 may apply for scholarships covering flight training to qualify as Private Pilots. Training begins 1 May 2019 and ends by 30 April 2020. Submit application containing name and contact info, copies of: EAA Young Eagle Flight Certificate, successful FAA Private Pilot Written Test Result, BSA membership number, 3rd Class FAA Medical Certificate, FAA Student Pilot Certificate, school transcript, a 200 word statement of why the scholarship is desired & 3 letters of recommendation to:

OYES
P.O. Box 253
Oscoda, MI 48750

by 15 March 2019, two 2019 scholarships may be awarded. Applicants will interview for positions. Young Eagle flights may be arranged free through EAA members, contact Pete at mapesni@aol.com to arrange.

Scholarship For Aircraft Maintenance Experience

Young men and women from the 'Sunrise Side', who are registered members of the Boy Scouts of America and who will have completed the 8th Grade by the summer of 2019 may apply for scholarship to gain aircraft maintenance experience during the summer of 2019. Program lasts 11 weeks, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Oscoda Wurtsmith Community Airport. Successful applicants will study maintenance topics and tasks under experienced aircraft maintainers while assembling aircraft. Submit an application containing name and contact information, a 200 word statement of why the scholarship is desired, school transcript, BSA Membership number and 3 letters of recommendation to:

OYES
P.O. Box 253
Oscoda, MI 48750

by 15 March 2019. Applicants will interview for positions. Up to six scholarships will be awarded for the summer of 2019.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2018

Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
November 11	30	21	0.01	2.4	15	WSW
November 12	34	28	0.00	0.7	11	NNW
November 13	30	21	0.00	1.8	14	NNW
November 14	28	17	0.00	2.0	15	NNW
November 15	36	22	0.08	8.5	22	S
November 16	35	30	0.05	0.7	11	SSW
November 17	33	22	0.00	1.4	17	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.14	1.6	0.49
Month of November	1.23	2.7	1.19
Year/Season to Date	24.62	2.7	25.68

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.)



Local Notes



PUBLIC NOTICE

AT&T Mobility, LLC is proposing to install a self-support lattice tower at 4785 Bamfield Road, Glennie, Alcona County, Mich. 48737 (44 33 32.7 N / 83 43 4.5 W). The height of the tower will be 92.4 meters above ground level (389.3 meters above mean sea level).

The tower is anticipated to have FAA Style E lighting. Interested persons may also review the application for this project at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering Antenna Structure Registration (Form 854) file no. A1119111.

Interested persons may raise environmental concerns about the project under the National Environmental Policy Act rules of the Federal Communications Commission, 47 CFR §1.1307, by notifying the FCC of the specific reasons that the action may have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Requests for environmental review must be filed within 30 days of the date that notice of the project is published on the FCC's website and may only raise environmental concerns. The FCC strongly encourages interested parties to file Requests for Environmental Review online at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest, but they may be filed with a paper copy by mailing the Request to FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

A copy of the request should also be provided to: EBI Consulting at 6118006209-SLG, 6876 Susquehanna Trail S., York, Pa. 17403.

Alcona Shipwrecks

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary will present "Alcona Area Shipwrecks" on Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 5:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Dozens of historic vessels met their fate in Lake Huron off Alcona County. The rocky reefs at Sturgeon Point and Black River stranded many ships and necessitated the establishment of a lighthouse and lifesaving station. The straight featureless coastline off Harrisville and Greenbush afforded no shelter for ships in peril. State Maritime Archaeologist Wayne Lusardi will help explore the shipwrecks of Alcona, and share stories of the area's maritime heritage. This program is part of the Water|Ways series of events. Water|Ways is a traveling Smithsonian Exhibit on display at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library through December 28, 2018. For information on this and other Water|Ways events, call (989) 724-6796

or visit the web at: www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

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 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, Nov. 26—Pepper steak over brown rice, baby carrots, and pears.

- Tuesday, Nov. 27—Bourbon pork chop, baked potato, green beans, tossed salad, and mixed fruit.

- Wednesday, Nov. 28—Baked fish, red parsley potato, Brussels sprouts, and fruited Jell-O.

- Thursday, Nov. 29—Pork roast, mashed potatoes, cauliflower, and mandarin oranges.

- Friday, Nov. 30—Barbecued chicken, garlic red potato, pea salad, tossed salad, and peaches. (*Friday meals served in Lincoln only.*)



Bonnie Wichtner-Zoia

She plans to continue teaching and facilitating through her consulting business, teaching fitness classes and traveling. She will reside part of the year in Rose City, Mich.

Reaccreditation Earned

The Children's Advocacy Center of Northeast Michigan, under the umbrella of Alcona Health Center, has been awarded reaccreditation by the National Children's Alliance following an extensive application and site review process.

The accreditation, which was first received in 2013, must be applied for every five years and gives the Children's Advocacy Center of Northeast Michigan (CACNEMI) the ability to get federal and state funding.

According to Kellie Seffernick, CACNEMI program coordinator, the advocacy center's service area includes Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties and surrounding unserved areas. It provides comprehensive, coordinated and compassionate services to victims of child abuse which includes forensic interviews, victim support and advocacy, medical evaluations, therapeutic interventions, and child focused settings.

Seffernick said that since 2013, the center has seen 775 cases of abuse and neglect in the service area. In 2018, 23 percent of the cases have been from Alcona County. For more information visit CACNEMI.org.

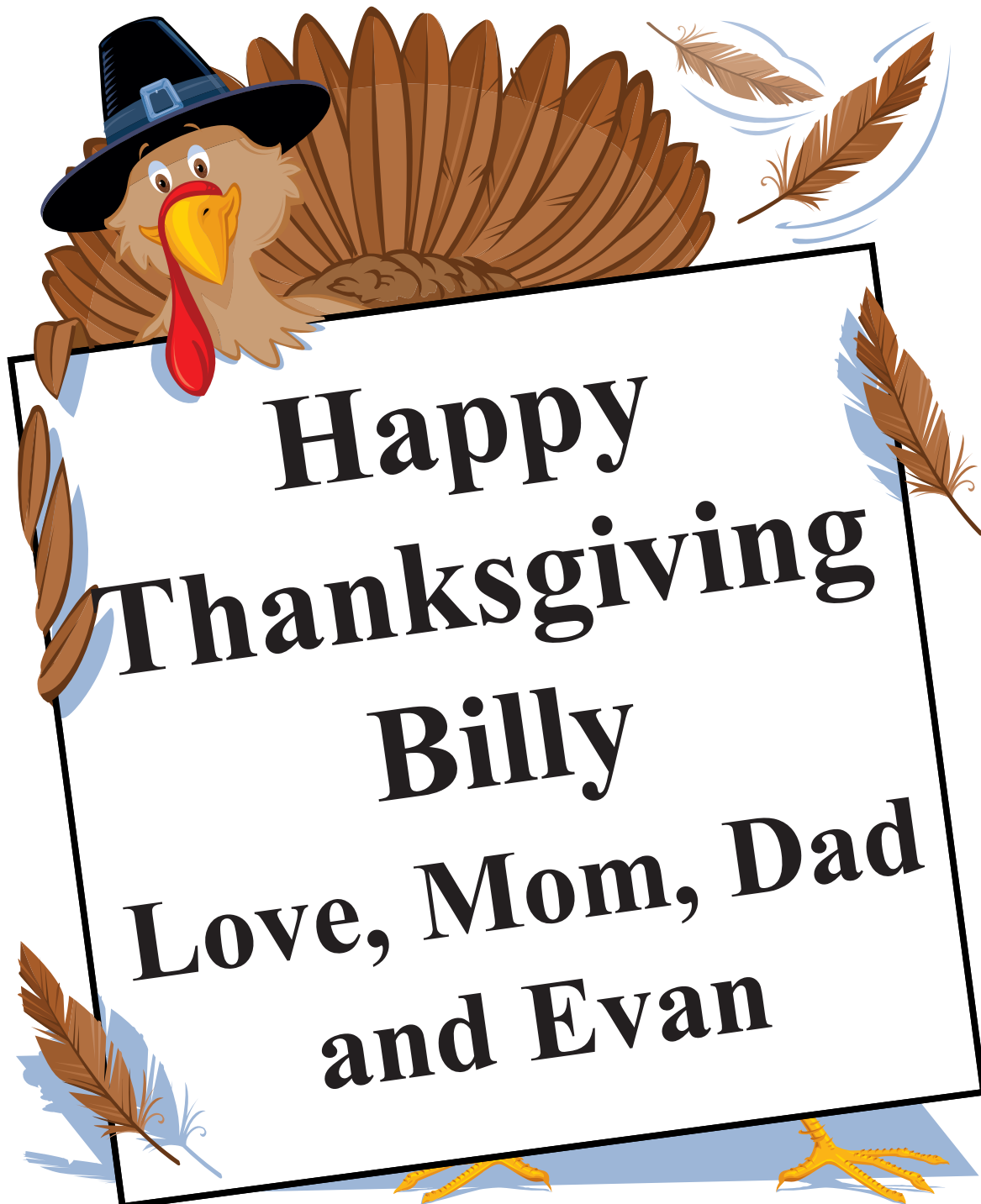
Former Director Retires

Bonnie Wichtner-Zoia will retire from Michigan State University in December. She's been employed with Michigan State University Extension for 21 years and served as the Alcona extension director for seven years (2007 to 2014). She teaches and facilitates programs around leadership, community engagement, facilitation, conflict management, personality assessments and tourism. She also serves as the MSU Extension Ombudsman.

During her tenure in Alcona County Wichtner-Zoia was instrumental in several projects including the Alcona Barn Quilt Trail – the first in Michigan, the Alcona Farmers' Market, Alcona Leadership, the Alcona MSUE Master Gardener certification and the George Byelich Fall Color Tour.

Alcona Conservation District's 2018 Annual Meeting (Public Welcome!)

WHEN: Wednesday, December 5, Dinner at 6:00 p.m. Meeting at 7 p.m.
WHERE: Harrisville Township Hall, 114 South Poor Farm Rd., Harrisville, Dinner tickets are \$10.00 per person. Please RSVP on or before November 26, 2018 to reserve your seat for dinner – (989) 724-5272 or janet.reins@macd.org.
Kurt Dalman with the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) will present NRCS programs/services available and cost share opportunities for landowners



Americanisms



"An optimist is a person who starts a new diet on Thanksgiving Day."
 —Irv Kupcinet

Alcona

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Zachary Dettmer (left) and Blake Dellar, sophomores at Alcona High School, shot eight-point bucks on opening day only four minutes apart while hunting in Harrisville Township. These young men are best friends who love hunting and enjoying what northern Michigan has to offer. *Courtesy photo.*

what route to go. We want to make sure we do the best we can to ensure the safety of our students and staff.”

The grant was provided by the Grants and Community Services Division (GCS) of the Michigan State Police which administers federal, state and private grants and initiatives, including the statewide Byrne Justice Assistance Grant, the Residential Substance Abuse Treatment for State Prisoners and the Automobile Theft Prevention Authority. A complete list of security grant award recipients is available at www.michigan.gov/cjgrants.

CryptoQuip

answer

On occasion, the shepherd has heard some annoyed and disgusted sheep crying “Baa, humbug!”

Weekly SUDOKU

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his organization does. “We were wiping away tears from our faces, in awe,” said Somers. “We work in a sometimes thankless environment, and to have the community stand behind us like that on Giving Tuesday brought about so many emotions of joy and thankfulness!”

To help local nonprofits participate in Giving Tuesday, CFNEM will provide the technical infrastructure through its website and social media to showcase and manage donations for over 55 nonprofits that meet IRS tax requirements to operate as a nonprofit, all at no cost to the organization. Donors will be able to visit www.cfnem.org on Giving Tuesday and make donations to any or all of these nonprofits.

In 2017, Grant the Giving Tuesday Golden Goose was introduced as a fun way to bolster some friendly competition between nonprofits. Grant is awarded to the nonprofit raising the most money on Giving Tuesday, and went last year to the Northeast Michigan Women’s Giving Circle. Grant’s residency is up for grabs in 2018.

“Grant the Golden Goose symbolizes the generosity of northeast Michigan. Every nonprofit organization participating in the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan’s Giving Tuesday campaign would love the honor of having Grant reside at their institution for the year,” said Christine Witulski, executive director, Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan. “He serves as a daily reminder of just how much our community values and supports the work we do. Although we would all love winning Grant, we are all winners thanks to the generous support of our community!”

Beginning at noon on November 27, and for the next 24-hours, individuals and businesses throughout northeast Michigan will have an opportunity to support lo-

cal nonprofits of their choice that are participating in the event. The public will be able to monitor the total amount donated online throughout the day. The total amount donated to each organization will be announced at an event shortly after Giving Tuesday with participating nonprofits at the Community Foundation headquarters.

“This is a great opportunity for nonprofits to mobilize their supporters and rally them around their organization,” emphasized Heraghty. “The more enthusiastically they promote their nonprofit for Giving Tuesday and utilize the tools we give them, particularly through social media, the more donations they are likely to receive.”

Heraghty said that while Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan is primarily an on-line giving event, donors are welcome to drop off checks at the CFNEM offices at 100 N. Ripley, Suite F, in Alpena. Checks must be dropped off on November 27 in order to be counted as a Giving Tuesday donation.

In addition to the four-county area that CFNEM serves, it also is the administrative arm for three affiliate foundations covering a five-county area. Those affiliates include the Iosco County Community Foundation, the North Central Michigan Community Foundation, and the Straits Area Community Foundation. Each affiliate has nonprofits in their communities participating as well.

Super Crossword

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Members from the Alcona High School Class of 1970 met for a visit and mini-reunion on Saturday, Nov. 3 at Shotmakers Sports Bar & Grille in Harrisville. Classmates attending included (from left) Dave Kingsland, Wayne Johnson, Bob LaForge, Pam (Wilburn) Idema, Tim Ranger, Bob Goddard, Don Alderman, Mary (Sysak) Guy, Paul Milligan, Ilona (Muehlbeck) Breitmeyer, Edna Byce and Ron Hoult. Discussion included locating and contacting fellow classmates, and plans for a another get-together in 2019. *Courtesy photo.*



Twenty-nine members and many spouses attend the 50-year reunion for Alcona High School Class of 1968 that was August 18 at Lost Lake Woods Club. (Front row, from left) Kathy (Holmes) Smith, Diane (Jacobs) Baldwin, Diane (Cloutier) Heinlein, Elaine Holmes, Janice (Mills) Heyd, (second row) Carol (Bates) Kelly, Delores (Joslin) Chase, Judy (Goodwin) Rose, Diane (Piper) Simmons, Diane (Somers) Daggett, Dianne (Meier) Suhrbier, Lois (Williams) Briedenstein, Nancy Elmer, Gerald Labaza, Pam (Wing) Harmon, Marita Pippingskold (exchange student from Finland), Judy (Potter) Ducharme, Herbert Barlow, Leroy Mendyka, Larry Martin, Kaye (Leonard)

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to get veterans' funeral and burial benefits

Dear Savvy Senior,
Does the VA provide any special burial benefits to old veterans? My dad, who has late-stage Parkinson's disease, served during the Vietnam War in the 1960s.

Only Child

Dear Only,

Most U.S. veterans are eligible for burial and memorial benefits through the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration. Veterans who were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable are eligible. To verify your dad's discharge, you'll need a copy of his DD Form 214 "Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty," which you can request online at Archives.gov/veterans.

Here's a rundown of some of the different benefits that are available to veterans that die a nonservice related death.

National Cemetery Benefits

If your dad is eligible, and would like to be buried in one

of the 136 national or 111 grant-funded state and tribal VA cemeteries (see www.cem.va.gov/cem/cems/listcem.asp for a list), the VA provides a host of benefits, at no cost to the family, including: a gravesite; opening and closing of the grave; perpetual gravesite care; a government headstone or marker; a United States burial flag that can be used to drape the casket or accompany the urn (after the funeral service; the flag is given to the next-of-kin as a keepsake); and a presidential memorial certificate.

- National cemetery burial benefits are also available to spouses and dependents of veterans.

- If your dad is cremated, his remains will be buried or inurned in the same manner as casketed remains.

- Funeral or cremation arrangements and costs are not, however, taken care of by the VA. They are the responsibility of the veteran's family, but some veteran's survivors are eligible for burial allowances,

which are explained below.

If you're interested in this option, the VA offers a preneed burial eligibility determination program at www.cem.va.gov/pre-need or call the National Cemetery Scheduling Office at (800) 535-1117.

Private Cemetery Benefits

If your father is going to be buried in a private cemetery, the benefits available include a free government headstone or marker, or a medallion that can be affixed to an existing privately purchased headstone or marker; a burial flag; and a Presidential memorial certificate.

- Funeral or cremation arrangements and costs are again the responsibility of the family (some burial allowances may be available), and there are no benefits offered to spouses and dependents that are buried in private cemeteries.

Military Funeral Honors

Another popular benefit available to all eligible veterans buried in either a na-



Savvy Senior

tional or private cemetery is a military funeral honors ceremony. This includes an honor guard detail of at least two uniformed military persons, folding and presenting the U.S. burial flag to the veteran's survivors, and the playing of Taps by a bugler or an electronic recording.

- The funeral provider you choose will be able to assist you with all VA burial requests. Depending on what you want, certain forms may need to be completed which are always better to be done in advance.

- For a complete rundown of burial and memorial benefits, eligibility details and re-

quired forms, visit www.cem.va.gov or call (800) 827-1000.

Burial Allowances

In addition to the burial benefits, some veteran's survivors may also qualify for a \$300 burial allowance (or \$780 if hospitalized by VA at time of death) and \$780 for a plot, to those who choose to be buried in a private cemetery. To find out if your dad is eligible, see Benefits.va.gov/benefits/factsheets/burials/burial.pdf.

- To apply for burial allowances, you'll need to fill out

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Allowing teachers to shine -- Alcona's new first through third grade model

By Dan O'Connor
Guest Columnist

Alcona Community Schools has been working hard at moving students forward, but despite modest gains in proficiency, student achievement wasn't where all staff wanted it to be.

All stakeholders knew we needed a change and what better place than lower elementary to reach learners and help increase achievement.

Educational requirements for 180 days and 1,098 hours have stayed very similar for each school year for most of the last several decades, so the district began to have conversations two years ago about modifying its instructional model and allowing content experts to shine in the classrooms and diversify the experience for students.

The district rolled out our new model with a first through third-grade focus that is designed to capitalize on our staff's strengths while boosting achievement.

In 2016 the state legislature mandated that schools

Superintendent's Corner

By Dan O'Connor

Alcona Community Schools



have many added supports for students before advancing to fourth grade. Other data points help qualify students to advance, but even with the additional criteria, it's an issue that is on the minds daily of Michigan educators. Our district wanted to find a different way to help students receive subject-specific teaching from teachers in areas that they demonstrated strengths.

The staff and building improvement team have been fine-tuning an idea to re-imagine our schedule for first through third graders. Under this model, each classroom teacher teaches reading, writing, and social studies. The classes then rotate to

a math specialist that co-teaches with the classroom teacher for significant support. The district also created one science specialist position to handle all first through third-grade science instruction.

By altering the traditional model, the staff can focus on fewer subjects and support students in a more specific way.

Teachers involved are: Gail Gombos, first grade; Chrystal Schemanski-Dean, first grade; Christa Misiak, second grade; Kelli Samp, second grade; Josh Robinson, third grade; Key Gough, third grade; Jennifer Inglis, science specialist; and Donna Franklin, math specialist.

Research is clear that strong relationships with staff are the most critical link to helping students' achievement. Rotating students at such a young age was a concern, and we didn't want students to lose those relationships.

One of the reasons for the emphasis of the co-teaching in math was to ensure students have a familiar voice to support them through their learning. We also moved all first through third-grade classrooms and the science/math classroom to the same hallway to further create a personal climate for our students.

Our modified model has emphasized teacher collaboration that improves on the district's former model that leaves teachers isolated in their classrooms. With this modified approach, we have staff co-teaching, allowing students access to higher grade level material, and an actual team approach at helping our students move forward.

We are excited to see what impact this has on our students as they move through their learning journey.

(Dan O'Connor is the superintendent at Alcona Community Schools. He can be reached by calling the district office at (989) 736-8534.)

The Garden Bug

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

Child poverty is down, but children are still suffering across the state

By **Jeremy Wahr**
Capital News Service

Childhood poverty in Michigan has decreased in recent years, but people living near the poverty line still face many hardships.

About 444,100 children, or 20 percent of the children in Michigan, still live in poverty, according to the Kids Count in Michigan 2018 Data Book. The numbers are down from 2010, when 537,003 children lived in poverty.

But, simply living above the poverty line doesn't mean children won't face challenges. Child development requires safe housing, reliable transportation, nutritious food, quality child care and education, according to Terri Legg, executive director of the United Way Montcalm-Ionia counties.

These support systems can be hard to find in many rural areas, said Dave Wingard, director of research and strategic development at TrueNorth Community Services, based in Newaygo.

Poverty itself is a complex topic, Wingard said. The disappearance of middle-wage and middle-skill jobs from

rural communities make it more difficult to move out of poverty, he said.

Nearly 40 percent of Michigan residents and nearly 50 percent of residents of Montcalm and Ionia counties have limited income but still work, Legg said. These families live from paycheck to paycheck and are one crisis away from poverty.

"These are the men and women of all ages and races who get up each day to go to work, but who face tough financial choices," Legg said. "Challenges for these families are not liberal, Republican, Democratic or Independent issues."

Children raised in these environments begin to carry short-term survival attitudes, such as valuing food for its quantity, physically fighting to solve problems and seeing people as possessions.

They are likely to pass these values down to their children, creating generational poverty, Wingard said.

Although Montcalm and Ionia ranked relatively high, one in four children in Montcalm County and one in five in Ionia County are "food in-

secure," Legg said. The U.S. Department of Agriculture defines food insecurity as a lack of access to enough food for an active, healthy life for all household members.

Food insecure families cannot afford food, which causes their children to lack the proper nutrition, Legg said. That leads to poorer school performance and higher absenteeism.

"There is no one answer that will fix poverty," Legg said. "The problems are complicated and interwoven. Real change requires identifying where barriers exist and understand how they are connected. Only then can we make necessary changes to remove those barriers."

Among these barriers are access to higher paying jobs, affordable housing and benefits that more people can receive, Legg said. Kids Count found that 31 percent of Michigan children live in families without year-round, full-time employment.

Many nonprofits and government assistance programs are great, Legg said, but many poor people don't qualify to participate. The assistance programs also need to be more flexible, in order to help families going through crises.

"If you are mindful of our very own neighbors, and the friends, family and coworkers that might be struggling, we can create understanding, and with understanding comes compassion," Legg said. "Ultimately if more households were financially stable, Michigan's economy would be stronger and our communities would be more vibrant."

To help children living in poverty, Legg recommended donating and volunteering with food pantries. She said that helping at a food pantry can be rewarding, and it is, but a cash donation can be just as helpful.

"A giant misconception is that poverty means people are lazy," Legg said. "That is far from the truth. In our area, homelessness does not carry a sign or stand on a corner. It is working a full-time job and living in a car or tent on state land. It is going to school full time and sleeping on your friends' couches."

Gombos/Perkins plan wedding

Michael and Gail Gombos of Harrisville announce the engagement of their daughter, Haley Gombos to Brian Perkins.

The bride-to-be is graduate of Alcona High School and Lake Superior State University.

The future groom is the son of Matthew and Christine Perkins of Glennie. He is a graduate of Oscoda High School and Lake Superior State University.

A September 2019 wedding is planned on Drummond Island, Mich.



Haley Gombos and Brian Perkins

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The group's yearly contributions, made possible by Monday bingo, proceeds are for funeral dinners, hospital and medical expenses, benefits in Alcona County, fire victims, Salvation Army, Friends Together, Alcona County Fair, Harrisville State Park Halloween Event (all monies stay in Alcona County). At Christmas, donations are made to the three churches, Calvary Baptist, St. Raphael Catholic and Community Church of Christ along with St. Vincent de Paul and the Baby Pantry. The group also sponsors a Christmas party for the kids where a bag of candy and a gift are given to each child. Santa visits with the children, and punch and cookies are served. The Mikado Goodfellows put up annual decorations at the Mikado Civic Center and the street decorations.

Seniors (age 70) are also on the groups priority list with pocket planners and gift of money.

The Mikado Goodfellows awards four \$500 scholarships, two for Alcona High School students and two for Oscoda High School students, annually. The group's service area is west to the county line, east to Poor Farm Road, and north to M-72 and south to Kings Corner Road (north side).

We also participate in three parades yearly, throwing beads to the young and old!
"Without your continuing support, we can't make this all possible," said Lovelace president of the Mikado Goodfellows.

Our bingo is every Monday night at 6:30 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. Please support the Mikado Goodfellows. We are also in need of members/volunteers, call Lovelace at (989) 464-7103 or Denise Lee at (989) 736-6491.

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All in a day's work

By Mary Weber
Columnist

When I was a kid growing up in the city downstate we had no FFA in school or 4-H clubs to join. I remember feeling sorry for country kids. I imagined them dirty with sweat and manure, having to bail hay and clean out horse and cow barns by hand.

I pictured country kids living much like I saw while watching "The Waltons" on television. Big families with too many kids to hardly remember their names, all sitting down at the large dinner table with mom and dad, grandpa and grandma. Those kids always had to be on their best behavior and had nothing else to do but chores.

Those kids didn't get to go to the mall with their friends like I did or eat their dinner from a Styrofoam container at a place with yellow arches. They didn't get to watch 12 hours of television a day like I did all summer.

My life has vastly changed since moving to Alcona County 13 years ago. Now, I laugh at my preconceived notions of what country kids do.

I probably would still not know much about 4-H clubs and the amazing kids in them had I not started writing for the Review 10 years ago. Writing was never on my radar as a career, so that, in itself, takes me by surprise. Writing for a rural, northern Michigan news paper has afforded me many surprises and privileges -- none of which I look more forward to than meeting 4-H and FFA kids on their turf.

Alcona's Backyard By Mary Weber



It has become something I look forward to each summer as I prepare fair articles for the paper. Like in past years, this summer's kids were awesome in letting me get to know them and what they do for their animals, however, I don't think I have ever laughed out loud so hard as I have in writing this year's fair stories.

It started with a visit in July to a young teenager I met the year before. In our first conversation last year this girl mentioned sustaining a serious injury while riding her horse and I wanted to get more information on it and possibly do an article on horse safety and getting back up after a fall.

On my way to her home for the appointment the sky grew black with an approaching storm. I considered cancelling the appointment. I wanted to get a picture with

Abby made it known she didn't like the storm. For some reason Abby thought I would protect her from the rain and she began nudging and bumping my left arm. Fortunately, I'm right handed so I continued interviewing and writing my notes.

As the thunder grew louder the kittens at my ankles were replaced with a heavily panting bull dog who seemed content moving this way and that around my feet while Abby, the St. Bernard, drooled and nudge my left arm to the point it was flying up in the air. The girl and her mother did what they could to restrain the dog, but Abby was deaf to their pleas. Confining the dog only made her bark and cry so loudly we couldn't hear each other talk.

I reassured the family several times it was okay that my arm was drenched by slobber and flying in the air



Bentley likes to retrieve

her and her horse and knew that wouldn't be possible during a thunderstorm. I was already half way to her house, though, so I figured I would get the photo some other time and proceed with the interview.

The drops just began to fall when I reached her front door and was greeted by her mom and all six of the family dogs. I'm a dog lover, so I felt right at home as I was escorted by the pack to a large "Walton like" dining table.

Before I could sit down, a few kittens swarmed my ankles. "Someone just abandoned those kittens on the street. Do you need a kitten?" the girl's mother asked as I sat down next to her daughter, who had a pet bird perched on her shoulder.

I thought to myself how my life had changed. Never in a million years would I have ever thought I'd interview a girl with a bird on her shoulder, six dogs in the room, and three or four kittens while we talked about horses, pigs and steers during a thunderstorm. "Well, this should be fun," I said.

It was fun. Just a few minutes into the interview the thunder cracked and the family's St. Bernard named

every few seconds by Abby's persistence.

It was about then the lights went out.

Thank goodness it was just a short black out or I'm fairly certain the St. Bernard would have been on my lap and clinging to my shoulders.

When the lights came on a tiny hairless crested pooch was using my right leg as a treadmill to try to reach my lap instead. The interview continued while the pretty teenager fed potato chips to the bird who was hopping on the table.

The rain stopped and I was able to get a picture of the girl with her steer, who followed her like a puppy from the barn and loved being photographed. Not all animals like paparazzi invading their space, but this steer even seemed to smile for the camera.

I couldn't get a picture of her horse, however, because by the time the rain cleared, the horse had already rolled several times in the mud which both the girl and her mother said was unacceptable.

Somehow, I had missed getting wet from the rain, however, my arm was thor-

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oughly drenched by the drooling St. Bernard. When I went to type from my notes I noticed I had written "No Abby" three different times on my steno pad.

My second fair interview was just as enlightening. I was to meet a young woman who spent her life with animals in the show ring and was making her last sale in the Alcona Junior Livestock Market Sale.

We met at her family's farm which isn't close to where they live. The driveway to the farm was hidden and I probably would still be driving up and down the street had I not seen her car coming from the other direction and turn into a small muddy two track.

Before I could put my car in park I was met by a young border collie named Bentley, who didn't much care for me or my vehicle. I opened the door cautiously saying, "Nice puppy," over and over again as he growled, showed his teeth and the hackles on back of his neck were raised.

"Bentley, get over here, knock it off. He's a year old but still has a lot to learn," the young woman said. As the dog ran off to chase some turkeys I got out of the car.

I opted to leave my steno book in the car and conduct the interview with my recorder as I knew I'd be walking a lot during the interview. Normally, recording the conversation is an efficient way to conduct an interview, but in retrospect, it isn't the best option on a noisy farm.

It was a symphony of farm noises. Several turkey were gobbling loudly as Bentley chased them around and a persistent rooster made his voice known again and again. The sheep were very glad to see their owner and bayed triumphantly in the background.

Bentley soon figured out I was a friend and began laying sticks at my feet for me to throw as we walked from pen to pen. The more I ignored Bentley's request to throw the stick, the larger the stick became, until the dog laid a two-foot piece of tree bark across my feet. He was going to get my attention even if it meant tripping me.

I needed a few pictures for the article which brought us to the steer pen. In it were two very nice looking large steers. They are massive animals and nothing I really want to get close to, but the gal I was interviewing was



Chickens, turkey, cows, horses, dogs and kittens -- all in a days work in Alcona County. Photos by Mary Weber.

more than eager to get in the pen for a picture with her steer. She explained the other steer, named "Alice" because he looked like Alice Cooper, belonged to a friend of hers and would also be put up for sale at the auction.

I positioned myself outside the pen to get a clear picture of the young woman and her steer without getting the fence in the way. But apparently, Bentley wasn't the only one on the farm wanting attention, as I was taking photographs, I didn't notice Alice coming up by my side. I nearly dropped the camera when my left arm was drenched from wrist to shoulder by one long sloppy kiss from Alice.

Upon listening to the interview when I returned home to type my notes, it's pretty much inaudible and mostly contains 25 minutes of sheep baying, roosters crowing, turkey's gobbling, horses neighing, steers mooing, Bentley being scolded and me laughing.

And a partridge in a pear tree

I truly have learned a lot over the last 10 years. I no longer pity the Walton kids on their farm. I'm awed by them, by their strength to get back up after a bad fall, by their compassion and drive to make sure their animals are the best they can be and well cared for. I'm awed by their willingness to love one another and all of God's creatures.

They are the reason when I bring my six-year-old granddaughter, who is being raised in a brick suburb in Troy, Mich. to a fair, she asks to see the animals first before getting on an amusement ride. They are the reason she wants to win blue ribbons for

her scrapbook and wants to ride a real horse instead of the carousel.

Yes, my life is different. Now I pity all kids who don't get to have a country life experience.

(Mary Weber was born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit, Mich. She moved to Alcona County in 2005 with her husband, Willy, when he retired. Life in the north woods, away from city life presents new experiences not only with nature but with a community of caring, friendly people, they now consider family...and they love every minute of it.)

Every year just before Christmas, as they have for about 70 years, the Harrisville Goodfellows have prepared for and then continued the tradition of ensuring that every child is visited by Santa Claus and every senior citizen is visited by a good fellow.

"You see, my dad (Ben Fritz) was a good fellow. He was also a Harrisville Goodfellow" – Kathryn Kniep

The assemblage of the Harrisville Goodfellows began in the 1930s at the home of KiKi Cuyler.

"They met upstairs in our house and the room was full of men. Green's store eventually become the Goodfellow building. Early members were: Hazen KiKi Cuyler, Carl Steadman, Chuck Oles, Muskrat Elmer, Jerry George, Bud Chapelle, Red Foster, Walter Ross, Forest Potter, Doc Marshall, George Killmaster and maybe Milo Johnson and Carl Reibow. There were Greenbush Goodfellows also." –Kelly (Cuyler) Kruttlin, KiKi's daughter.

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"To support the Goodfellow effort, my grandfather (KiKi) would approach everyone and say, 'Give me a buck'." –Kianne Kruttlin

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We are an all-volunteer organization and we accept donations (Goodfellows, P.O. Box 1, Harrisville, MI 48740). We personally guarantee that 100% of all contributions will remain in the Harrisville area which encompasses the City of Harrisville, Harrisville Township and the southern half of Haynes Township.

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The Winter Weather Training Class, presented by the Gaylord National Weather Service, was held on November 15 and sponsored by the Alcona County Emergency Management and the Amateur Radio Group. Raffle winners attending the class included (from left) Pat Bak, meteorologist; Jeff Zoltowski, meteorologist; Gary Saranen, free weather alert radio winner from Hubbard Lake; Veryl Davis, free weather alert radio winner from Black River; Buffy Carr, Alcona County Emergency manager; and Andy Sullivan, meteorologist. *Courtesy photo.*

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

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soon as possible," Kuhlman said.

Although the mobile blood collection for the American Red Cross in the northern tip of Michigan has been suspended its lifesaving mission has not. "In addition to providing blood for people in need, our focus on providing disaster preparedness and response activities, our services to our armed forces, veterans and their families and our ongoing health and

safety trainings remain strong," Kulman said.

As part of the transition, approximately 50 Red Cross employee positions have been eliminated. Kuhlman said the American Red Cross deeply regrets the loss of jobs and knows the changes will affect the lives of their employees and their families. They are committed to doing the most they can to make the transition go as smoothly as possible and will be reaching out

to help employees find new jobs.

An American Red Cross blood drive is planned for Thursday, Dec. 6 at the Oscoda Community Center, 4071 E. Arrow Street, from noon to 5:45 p.m. and on Friday, Dec. 7 at the Hale High School, 311 N. Washington, from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. To set an appointment visit RedCrossBlood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

Organization Notes

The Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention for Alcona County (CANPAC) council hosted a breakfast meeting on October 30 at the Alcona County Courthouse to recognize area organizations that have supported CANPAC.

Tamara Quick, coordinator for the council, thanked the organizations in attendance and also thanked the following organizations and grantors who were unable to attend: Kalitta air, Don Nolan, the United Way, the First Federal Community Foundation, Sons of the American Legion (Mikado), Lott Baptist Church, the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, and the four area Catholic churches.

"Without your financial support over the years, we would not have been able to do the great work we do," said Quick. "Alcona is a poor county and poverty is the number one indicator for child abuse and neglect. In 2017 there were 58 confirmed cases of child abuse and neglect in Alcona County—a very sobering statistic," said Quick. CANPAC's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting the following protective factors to strengthen families: nurturing and attachment, knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development, parental resilience, social connections, and concrete supports for parents.

CANPAC collaborated with the Alcona Health Center and the Alcona Elementary school for four Safety Days; trained Alcona's first Child Passenger Seat Technician who provides free car seat inspections and car seats to families and paid the technician a stipend with donations.

Council members provide safe sleep education to parents along with pack and plays, sleep sacks, sheets, and cribs with mattresses.

For many years CANPAC has supported the Alcona County Baby Pantry with baby formula, diapers, pack and plays, safe sleep sacks, cribs etc.

CANPAC's next major project will be a community wide baby shower in the spring to support the baby pantry.

For more information, contact Quick at (989) 370-0239.

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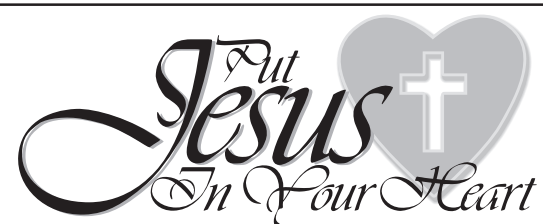
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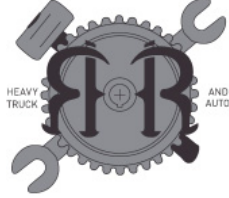


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Buggy Rides

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Skeleton of Sparta man found by Wm. S. Freer

Perished on Plains of Mitchell Township Last December

November 21, 1918 ~ Curran, Nov. 17.—W. S. Freer and son, Joe, while hunting last Thursday in town 27-6, section 31, of Mitchell township, discovered the remains of Frank McConnell, who was reported as lost south of the Sanborn farm last December while making a trip from Mio to the Bamfield dam.

The horses, wagon and one horse blanket were found during the search at that time. This spring the other blanket was found near the State Road.

Joseph Harvey, justice of

Young man killed while hunting in Mitchell Township

Was One of a Party of Hunters From Dundee, Michigan

November 21, 1918 ~ Coroner Carle was notified Thursday afternoon of the shooting of a man named Milton McAtee, who was hunting in the northwest part of the county. The message came from Curran and Mr. Carle suggested that the inquest be conducted by a justice of the peace there.

It developed that McAtee was shot accidentally by another hunter named Bootright. The bullet which caused the man's death struck him in the right arm, passed through his body and out through the left arm, breaking the bone of the left arm and lodged in his clothing.

McAtee was hunting with two companions from Dundee, Mich. and Bootright was with two other men from Monroe, Mich. The men met for the first time at Rose City while on their way to the hunting grounds.

McAtee went into a swamp to drive out any deer that might be there. Bootright said he was aiming at a rabbit when he fired the shot that killed McAtee. The later cried "Oh, boys", as he was struck. He was dead when the others reached him. McAtee was 30 years of age and is survived by his widow and two children. He was a son of V. C. McAtee of Dundee.

The body was taken to Alpena and thence to the home in Dundee leaving Alpena Friday.

the peace, was petitioned to hold an inquest on Friday, and Ward C. Doyle, Charles Trader, Bert LaForge, J. E. Burleigh, W. H. Wiedbrauck, and W. S. Freer acted as jurors. They reached the decision that Mr. McConnell had wandered about while lost and had at last reached the state of half consciousness

when he had lain down and had possibly gone to sleep and frozen to death. The evidence which led them to believe this was the position of some of the bones which indicated that he had been lying down with one hand outstretched. His rubbers had evidently been removed by himself with his socks, which

it seems must have been frozen into them. Likewise his mittens were placed one upon the other a short distance away. The bones were mostly scattered and parts of the clothing were dragged quite a distance from the body. In the trousers pocket were found his pocketbook in which were several receipts

for a Liberty bond, which was being paid on the installment plan, but no money was found.

The remains were taken to the W. S. Freer home and are awaiting orders from a brother of the deceased who resides at Sparta, Mich. and who has been notified of the circumstances.

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Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 29 Low: 13

THURSDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 28 Low: 18

FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 40 Low: 32

SATURDAY
Showers Likely
High: 42 Low: 35

SUNDAY
Rain & Snow Possible
High: 43 Low: 36

MONDAY
Rain & Snow Possible
High: 42 Low: 35

TUESDAY
Cloudy
High: 37 Low: 30

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high temperature of 29°, humidity of 62%. Northwest wind 13 to 18 mph. The record high temperature for today is 65° set in 1931. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 13°. East southeast wind 6 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 0°.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	28	21	44/29	Trace
Wednesday	27	12	44/29	Trace
Thursday	35	12	43/29	0.09"
Friday	36	30	43/28	0.17"
Saturday	32	20	43/28	0.01"
Sunday	35	8R	42/28	0.00"
Monday	33	23	42/28	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Full 11/23	Wednesday	7:40 a.m.	4:59 p.m.	4:33 p.m.	5:29 a.m.	New 12/7
	Thursday	7:41 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	5:06 p.m.	6:39 a.m.	
	Friday	7:42 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	5:45 p.m.	7:51 a.m.	
	Saturday	7:44 a.m.	4:57 p.m.	6:32 p.m.	9:02 a.m.	
	Sunday	7:45 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	7:28 p.m.	10:09 a.m.	
Last 11/29	Monday	7:46 a.m.	4:56 p.m.	8:33 p.m.	11:09 a.m.	First 12/15
	Tuesday	7:47 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	9:42 p.m.	12:00 p.m.	

Local UV Index

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

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies through Friday with isolated rain and snow showers, highest temperature of 54 in Granite City, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear skies Wednesday, partly to mostly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday with scattered rain, highest temperature of 85 in Pembroke Pines, Fla. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies through Friday with scattered rain, highest temperature of 56 in Florence, Ore. The Southwest will see partly cloudy skies through Friday with isolated rain, highest temperature of 76 in Indio, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:48 a.m.	5:33 p.m.
Venus	4:44 a.m.	3:28 p.m.
Mars	1:37 p.m.	n/a
Jupiter	7:56 a.m.	5:12 p.m.
Saturn	10:34 a.m.	7:25 p.m.
Uranus	3:33 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

Weather History

Nov. 21, 1985 - Hurricane Kate made landfall during the evening hours near Mexico Beach, Fla. Wind gusts to 100 mph were reported at Cape San Blas, Fla. It was the latest known hurricane to hit the United States so far north.

Weather Trivia

What is the rarest form of lightning?

?

Answer: It is known as ball lightning.

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Ho, Ho, Ho-Christmas Comet Approaches

Five years ago, the astronomical community was sitting on pins and needles watching Comet ISON rapidly brighten as it approached the sun. ISON was a sungrazer, passing only 724,000 miles from the sun's "surface," it was supposed to become a spectacular naked eye object visible to Northern Hemispheric observers. However, several outbursts signaled that perhaps the comet would be too frail to survive its gravitational entanglement with the sun. As ISON rounded the sun in the early afternoon of November 28, 2013, SOHO, the Solar and Heliospheric Observatory, monitored the approach and then watched as the comet disintegrated into a faint-tail-shaped object immediately after perihelion. Now another interloper, Comet 46P/Wirtanen, discovered in 1948 by Carl A. Wirtanen (1910-1990), is approaching the sun and the Earth. 46P/Wirtanen will pass unusually close to the Earth, about 7.1 million miles (11.5 million kilometers) on December 16, the tenth closest approach of a comet since 1966. Because of its nearness to Earth, Wirtanen (could) should become visible to the unaided eye, making it a fine sight through binoculars and small telescopes. An online map has been included with this StarWatch at <http://astronomy.org/StarWatch/November/index-11-18.html#11-18>. The last super "Earth-grazing" comet was Hyakutake which passed just a little more than 9 million miles (14.5 million kilometers) from the Earth on the 25th of March, 1996. Hyakutake was spectacular, dubbed the Great Comet of 1996, with a tail stretching over 80 degrees. A year later, Comet Hale-Bopp dazzled everyone in the morning and evening heavens, the brightest comet visible for the longest duration of time in recorded human history. Comet Wirtanen will be nothing like these blockbuster comets, but still, a comet that will be about the brightness of the faintest star in the Big Dipper (Megrez), is worth the effort of locating your binoculars so that you can take a peek. More about 46P/Wirtanen in a few weeks if the prognosis is as optimistic as it is right now www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president's Secret Service code name was "Rawhide"?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** What body of water separates Ireland from England?
3. **HISTORY:** What are the descendants of Dutch settlers in South Africa called?
4. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is the name of a drink that mixes rye whisky, sweet vermouth, a dash of bitters and a maraschino cherry?
5. **U.S. STATES:** How many counties does the state of Louisiana have?
6. **GAMES:** How many pieces per side are in a game of chess?
7. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a young bat called?
8. **COMICS:** Which long-running comic-book series features characters called Jughead, Veronica and Betty?
9. **LANGUAGE:** What is the international radio code word for the letter "K"?
10. **BIBLE:** Who were King Solomon's parents?

Answers: 1. Ronald Reagan; 2. The Irish Sea; 3. Afrikaners; 4. Manhattan; 5. None. The state is divided into 64 parishes; 6. 16; 7. A pup; 8. "Archie"; 9. Kilo; 10. David and Bathsheba (c) 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Nov. 26, 1872, the Great Diamond Hoax, one of the most notorious mining swindles of the time, is exposed. Two Kentucky cousins had salted a mine with a few diamonds, and bank financiers rushed to invest. Some of the supposed raw diamonds actually had jewelers' cut marks.
 - On Nov. 28, 1914, the New York Stock Exchange reopens for bond trading after being closed nearly four months because of the outbreak of World War I. Stock trading didn't resume until Dec. 12.
 - On Dec. 1, 1939, golfing great Lee Trevino is born in Texas. Trevino was known as a prankster. While waiting to start an 18-hole playoff against Jack Nicklaus in the 1971 U.S. Open, Trevino threw a rubber snake at his opponent and then won by three strokes.
 - On Nov. 27, 1942, guitar legend Jimi Hendrix is born in Seattle. He grew up playing guitar, imitating blues greats like Muddy Waters. Hendrix died in London in 1970, following a drug overdose. He was 27.
 - On Nov. 29, 1963, one week after President John F. Kennedy was fatally shot while riding in a motorcade, President Lyndon Johnson establishes a special commission to investigate the assassination. After 10 months, the Warren Commission concluded that alleged assassin Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone.
 - On Nov. 30, 1989, female serial killer Aileen Wuornos shoots her first victim, Richard Mallory, in Florida. Over the next year she killed six more men before being picked up in a seedy biker bar in 1991. Wuornos confessed to the killings but claimed self-defense.
 - On Dec. 2, 2001, the Enron Corporation files for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection, sparking one of the largest corporate scandals in U.S. history. Its collapse cost investors billions of dollars, wiped out 5,600 jobs and liquidated \$2.1 billion in pension plans.
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 20th-century American singer and songwriter Bobbie Gentry who made the following sage observation: "Euphemism is a euphemism for lying."
- In a match between a 200-pound mountain lion and a 20-pound porcupine, the lion is likely to be the loser -- and probably will die if it tried to take a bite of the desired prey.
- The next time you're annoyed by a bad case of the hiccups, consider poor Charles Osborne. In 1922, when he was 28 years old, Mr. Osborne got the hiccups. For the next 68 years, he continued to hiccup, finally stopping in 1990, one year before his death at the age of 97.
- Marilyn Monroe's iconic film "Some Like It Hot" (which in 2000 was named the greatest American comedy film of all time by the American Film Institute) originally was titled "Not Tonight, Josephine!"
- At one time the Catholic Church considered it sinful to eat a hot dog.
- For a nation based on a foundation of democracy, the U.S. certainly has a lot of states (that were originally colonies, of course) named for British royalty or nobility. The state of Virginia, for instance, was named for Queen Elizabeth I, known as the "Virgin Queen"; and Georgia was named in honor of King George II. King Charles II got both North and South Carolina, while the Duke of York and Albany -- later King James II -- was honored when the state of New York was named. Even France got in on the action: When explorer Robert de la Salle claimed a large chunk of territory for France in 1682, he named it Louisiana, after King Louis XIV.

Thought for the Day: "It is frequently the tragedy of the great artist, as it is of the great scientist, that he frightens the ordinary man." -- Loren Eiseley

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Veterans Host

By Freddy Groves

Still seeking records 45 years after fire

In July 1973 a fire broke out in the National Personnel Records Center in St. Louis. By the time it was finally put out four days later, with the help of firefighters from 42 different jurisdictions, as many as 18 million personnel files were lost, accounting for 80 percent of the Army's records and 75 percent of the Air Force's holdings. Records that weren't burned were soaked by millions of gallons of water. Employees were able to save 6 million records in that soggy condition.

A federal bulletin went out ordering other agencies to cease disposing of any records that might help re-create the lost files. But reconstructing so much information, from military hospitals, Selective Service records, pay vouchers and Department of Veterans Affairs claims, can't replace those millions of lost records.

The biggest problem was how to dry the water-logged records before mold took hold. McDonnell Douglas stepped up and offered its vacuum-dry process chamber. Thousands of cartons of wet, damaged files were delivered and subjected to freezing and drying in an attempt to save them.

The records lost are from Army personnel discharged Nov. 1, 1912 to Jan. 1, 1960, and Air Force personnel discharged Sept. 25, 1947 to Jan. 1, 1964 with names alphabetically after Hubbard, James E.

If you apply for records on yourself or a relative now and the records were lost, all you might get back is a certificate of service, and that's only if you can supply a lot of information.

Do you have a stack of records in your family files? Consider contacting the records center and asking if they need them. Future generations could benefit from the information you have sitting in a box in the closet. Write to the National Personnel Records Center at 1 Archives Drive, St. Louis, MO 63138.

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on November 12 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger, treasurer Keerl, clerk Pierce, and council members Peterson, Kaiser, Baird and Thomas, city attorney Cook and guests.

Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser, to approve the minutes of October 8. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Baird, support by Peterson, to pay the bills in the amount of \$265,371.08. Motion carried 5-0. In old business: Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger addressed the letter of resignation from Donna Stadler from the planning commission. Motion by Baird, support by Kaiser, to accept, with regret, the resignation of Donna Stadler from the planning commission. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger set the budget hearing for the 2019 water/sewer budget, for December 10 at 7:30 p.m. Motion by Thomas, support by Baird, to set the budget hearing for the 2019 Water/Sewer Budget for December 10 at 7:30 p.m. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger presented the Professional Services Agreement Waterways Project from Edgewater Resources, LLC. for constructing Construction Phase 3 (grant phase four funding) for dockage facilities at Harrisville Harbor. Discussion. Motion by Baird, support by Peterson, to accept Edgewater Resources, LLC. professional services agreement for Construction Phase 3 (grant phase four funding). Motion carried: 5-0.

Discussion by council to advertise for all open positions on the planning commission, tax board of review, zoning board of appeals, RRC committee and alderman. Motion by Thomas, support by Kaiser, for clerk to advertise for these open positions. Motion carried: 5-0. Letters of interest can be sent to the City of Harrisville, P.O. Box 278, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, emailed: harrisville1905@hotmail.com, or

call the city office at 989-724-6666 for additional information. Redevelopment Ready Communities (RRC) membership review by Cheryl Peterson addressed council with a request for council to consider appointing a member of council to participate on the RRC committee.

Motion by Baird, support by Peterson, to establish a five person committee for the RRC. Confirmed members include: Cecile Pizer (planning commission), Cheryl Peterson, KiAnn Kruttlin, Judy MacNeill (Harrisville Business Association representatives). Motion carried: 5-0. Mary Peterson (Alderman Ward II) agreed to accept open vacancy on committee as city council representative. To be confirmed at December council meeting.

Mayor Pro Tem presented council with a letter of intent from Colleen Higgins to fill the position of assistant airport manager. Motion by Baird, support by Thomas, to appoint Colleen Higgins assistant airport manager. Motion carried: 5-0. Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger presented city council with a letter of intent from Thomas Mason to fill a vacancy on the tax board of review. Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson, to appoint Thomas Mason to fill a vacancy on the tax board of review. Motion carried: 5-0.

Truck bids were presented to council. Motion by Thomas, support by Baird, to accept the bid of \$1,326 from Orville Donaldson of Barton City for the 2003 maintenance truck. Motion carried: 5-0.

Council was advised of the holiday office closures for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Thanksgiving: Closed November 21, 22 and 23. Christmas: December 24, 25 and 26. New Year: Closed December 31 and January, 1 and 2, 2019. The City office will reopen Thursday, Jan. 3, 2019.

Reports: Mayor Pro Tem Luenberger congratulated Jeff Gehring on his election as mayor of the City of Harrisville and offered her willingness to help with the transition. Clerk Pierce

reported that the general election had a total of 241 voters participate in the election from a field of 394 registered voters. Elected officials for the city offices are: Jeffrey Gehring, mayor; Thomas Keerl, treasurer; Barbara Pierce, clerk; James Ferguson, Alderman Ward I; Mary Peterson, Alderman Ward II. The city has received information from the state regarding the playground grant submissions. The total number of points the city received from the Passport Grant was 215/240. The points from the Trust Fund submission were 370/540. Final determination and awards will go out in February and recipients will be notified.

Consumers Energy has given the city a Consumers Energy gift certificate of \$50 to be awarded to the best lighting display for the Christmas season within the city for either a residence or business. Suggestions on voting will be greatly appreciated. Treasurer Keerl: Delinquent water/sewer bills will be added to property owners winter taxes. Verizon engineers are still working on bringing cable lines into city for hookup to antennas at water tower. Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson, to add delinquent water/sewer bills to 2018 winter tax bills.

Harbor commissioner Baird reported that old dockage has been removed and new finger dockage is being installed for phase four. Planning Commissioner Baird/Pizer presented the Public Participation Plan for planning and development projects. Further website discussion with suggestion to hire a part-time webmaster for site. Motion by Baird, support by Peterson, to accept Public Participation Plan for planning and development projects. Motion carried: 5-0. Airport Manager Higgins shared his conversations with state on runway considerations for easier and safer approach access. Fire department chief medical officer Mendyka reported on last month's call account with no fires and a total of 15 medical runs. A reminder to change out old batter-

ies in all smoke detectors and strongly urges the purchase of a carbon monoxide detector for each residence.

Fire Board member Luenberger reported on the progress of the fire advisory board. The board currently consists of four members. Two from the city: Michael Baird and Barbara Luenberger and two from Harrisville Township: Steve Healy and Carla Harvey. This board has put in many hours drafting a new fire department agreement, the old contract going back to 1995. Even with concessions made by each side, there is still no new contract because of continued dissatisfaction from members of the township's board of trustees. The question becomes whether there should be a joint fire department. The committee recommends to Mayor Gehring to schedule a meeting with Tom Stone, supervisor of Harrisville Township and fire chief Danny Klukowski for further input.

Motion by Kaiser, support by Baird, for city attorney Cook to give the oath of office to the newly elected Mayor of the City of Harrisville, Jeffrey Gehring. Motion carried: 5-0.

Councils last comments: Alderman Baird addressed the concerns of some residents as to the legality of elected officials serving dual roles within the city. According to city attorney Cook, treasurer Keerl can hold his elected office of city treasurer and city maintenance worker with no conflict. Newly elected Alderman, Jim Ferguson will have the same dual interest as harbor master and alderman for Ward I. Baird encouraged more people to step up to become involved in city government.

Patty Thomas reminded all of the exciting event being held at the Alcona Library from the Smithsonian Museum, Seaways on Main Street. Motion to adjourn by Luenberger. Adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled city council meeting is Monday, December 10 at 7 p.m.

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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held November 13 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." The full board and over 50 concerned citizens were present. Steve Arens, who was on the agenda, addressed the board with issues concerning his construction of the Brew Haus located on US-23. A good discussion followed with input from those present, Mr. Arens and the board on the ways to correct the problems. The board will hold a special meet-

ing tomorrow, Wednesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The public is encouraged to attend.

The meeting was recessed for a time and then started again to continue with the township's other business. Clerk's minutes were read. Approved. Treasurer's report given and reconciled with the clerk's office. Zoning administrator had four land use permits issued. Planning commission will be meeting December 12. County commissioner updated to board.

Healy/Johnston: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson, Township Clerk

Harrisville Township held a special meeting on November 14 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The preposted special meeting called by the board was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." The full board and 31 guests were present. At this time the supervisor called for a closed session so the board could discuss the issue with Steve Arens and the

Alcona Brew Haus. The meeting reconvened at 7:25 p.m.

Harvey/Jamieson: To submit stipulation to our tax tribunal attorney regarding what we deem as a fair, equitable and just value on the Steve Arens parcel. Roll call vote: five ayes, zero nays. Motion carried.

Discussed the Harrisville City/Township Fire Department contract.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m. Roger Jamieson, Township Clerk

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's November board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Bouchard and Mead. Motions to approve minutes from previous meeting; accept financial reports and bills as presented; to accept Bair's snow plow bid for Island View; to enter into a contract with Verizon for internet service; to appoint Flora Yingling to the ZBA. All motions passed. Clerk LaLonde reported that 687 people voted at the general election with 241 being absent voters. This equates to a 72 percent voter turnout for Alcona Township. This synopsis published prior to board approval.

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board met November 14. Four board members were present, absent Sanford. Motions to approve the agenda; October minutes; pay bills and place treasurer's report on file, per audit; accept the Federal Poverty Guidelines for 2019; purchase a Disto Laser; accept credit card policy; terminate cemetery computer grid; purchase road signs; opposition to Senate Bill 396. Motion to adjourn at 8:16 p.m. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next township meeting is December 12 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. www.caledoniatwp.net. Kerry Scott, Caledonia Township Clerk

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