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County budget approved pending public hearing

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners has voted to approve the 2019 county budget pending a public hearing.

The vote to approve the new budget in the amount of \$4,907,062 was taken at last week's commission meeting (November 21). The public hearing is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 12 at 10 a.m. in the county commission meeting room.

Commission chairman Craig Johnston said the budget is not one they wanted to go with but had no choice since the county operating millage requested on the November 6 ballot failed.

"We've been working and we do have, as we have in the past, a balanced budget. In the past this has been accomplished by transfers from fund balances. This year we anticipate not having to transfer in any fund balance, while having a minimal amount in contingency," Johnston said.

Since the millage did not pass, expenses have been cut across the board. To balance the budget the commissioners have had to implement a cost allocation plan which has never been put into action before in Alcona County, but according to Johnston, many counties do.

The cost allocation plan will bring in about \$70,000 which will reimburse the expenses

of the treasurer's and clerk's office for services the county performs for payroll, accounts payable, millage collection and other aspects necessary for three entities which currently have millages coming in namely; the library, 911 Central Dispatch and the Emergency Medical Service (EMS).

Johnston explained a third party, MGT Consulting Group, was brought in to do the cost allocation which is a state requirement for verification of millage disbursement. The consulting group looked at building depreciation, equipment depreciation, board of commissioners, county clerk, county treasurer, phone, building and

grounds, fringe benefits, insurance, sick and vacation transactions which are done for outside entities.

Total expenses to the county for performing those services for just the library came to roughly \$47,000, but Johnston said they have only billed the library for the clerk and treasurer transactions and used 2016 study to bring the number down to \$12,000 billed for the clerk's work and \$14,000 billed for the treasurer's work. The 911 Central Dispatch and EMS have been billed in a similar fashion as the library, with only charges for the clerk and treasurer services.

"It's uncomfortable," Johnston said, "There is go-

ing to be a learning curve in how to make this work, but for us to continue business and meet our obligations we can't do certain jobs for nothing any longer. In the past when expenses were not exceeding revenues those tasks were easy to do, but we can't do that now. These funds have their own millages, if they want (the work) done privately, they have that opportunity but not with the treasurer's side of things because no one else can collect millage."

Johnston explained it takes time, equipment and employees in order to do those tasks and it is the cost of doing business in order to have a millage. He said it is very important that funds are collected and dispensed properly according to state guidelines.

"If, for some reason, someone doesn't pay their taxes, the county has a fund to make all these entities whole so they get their entire millage regardless if someone pays or not. The county is responsible to make all the units of government that have a millage whole," Johnston said. He explained those funds come from a 100 percent tax collection fund which is well funded and the treasurer controls.

Johnston explained additional cost savings were needed above the cost allocation plan to balance the budget and after a second year of restructuring they have changed health insurance plans to give the county considerable savings. The commissioners have also asked employees to contribute a 15 percent cost share which will save the county about six figures, according to Johnston.

In addition to the cost savings on health insurance, the county will be purchasing one new patrol car in 2019 instead of the two it normally purchases each year.

Under the new budget there will also be no disbursement of Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) funds to the townships in 2019. PILT funds come from a payment made by the federal government to compensate for some or all of the property tax revenue lost due to tax exempt

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Smithsonian exhibit on display, programs all month

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library unveiled its Smithsonian Water Ways exhibit last week to a packed house of about 250 people anxious to see the exhibit finally unfold.

The library has been preparing for the exhibit since November of last year. The exhibit is free of charge and open to the public during regular library hours through December 28.

The Water Ways exhibit came to Alcona County as result of a grant and is one of just six Museum on Main Street exhibits in Michigan. The project is designed to inspire stewardship for water resources and entice community conversations to develop a shared vision for water.

Denise Bearre, director of the Alcona County Library, explained part of earning the grant exhibit was to provide programs and conversations about the importance of water in Alcona County's past, present and future. "The exhibit was only available to communities with under 20,000 people. There is one, however, on display in Detroit, but it has only the Michigan panels available to view. We are very proud and delighted to be chosen as one of just six in the state," Bearre said.

Five large dimensional panels, some Michigan related, are easily traversed by all who visit. All are water themed with color photographs and illustrations which invite on-lookers to learn and explore the earth's waters. A sixth panel explores Alcona County waters with historical photographs, an aerial photograph

taken with a droan over the harbor and nature photography taken by library employee and kayak enthusiast, Susan Malski. Also included with the panels are kiosks with videos and an interactive game which invite all to interact and learn more about water.

"My favorite panel is of course, the Alcona County panel, because we got to have some say in the design of it.

After the exhibit leaves, the Alcona County panel is ours to keep. We will probably have it travel among our different branches first and then find a permanent place for it here at the Harrisville library," Bearre said.

Bearre said the panels have sparked a lot of interest and conversations about water, the Great Lakes and the conditions of its water with many people looking for ways to

improve water quality.

All year the library has been preparing for the event by inviting conversations and demonstrations on the many ways water shapes lives. Included in the preparation were a juried art show featuring water related art; tours of Cedarbrook Trout Farm; discussions, poems and dancing with Alison Swan, poet

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Nearly a decade has gone by since the Village of Lincoln considered the idea of acquiring a military static display to adorn the Veterans Park near the fire hall and put in a request for one. Last week the idea became a reality with a delivery of a M551 Sheridan Tank which was used during the time of the Vietnam war. The tank had previously been displayed at the Veteran of Foreign War Post 6579 in New Lothrop, Mich., which recently closed. According to Phil Jordan, Village of Lincoln president, prior to the tank coming to the village a 12 by 21-foot slab of cement eight inches thick had to be put in place to hold the tank. Jordan said the village was very pleased when they got the call that a tank would be available to them, "It's a once-in-a-lifetime offer and something we will probably not get again. It works perfectly with the revitalization plans in place for the Veterans Park," Jordan said. *Photos by Mary Weber.*



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—John F. Kennedy

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Letters to the Editor



To the Editor,

Our lame duck legislature in Lansing is considering a back room deal between Enbridge Inc. and Governor Snyder. Introduced two days after the election, Senate Bill 1197 would guarantee the 65 year old damaged Line 5 pipelines to remain operative in the Straits of Mackinac for up to another decade.

This is a Canadian company, Enbridge Inc., transporting Canadian oil through 650 miles of our state to get to Sarnia, Ontario where it is refined and used mostly outside of the U.S.

Does this sound like a bad deal? It gets worse. The Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA) is an independent agency, appointed by the governor, to operate and maintain the Mackinac Bridge as a self-supporting facility.

However, language in SB 1197 would greatly expand the MBA mission. The additional requirements would be that the MBA oversee and own Enbridge's proposed utility tunnel beneath the Straits of Mackinac. It would require that the MBA condemn land needed to build the tunnel and then supervise and operate the tunnel. And worst of all, the MBA would become financially liable if Enbridge files for bankruptcy due to a pipeline rupture.

Corporate giant, Enbridge, gets all of the gain. And we, the residents of Michigan, take all of the risk. This is not acceptable. Why is Lansing willing to jeopardize the smooth operation of the Mackinac Bridge in order to pave the way for Enbridge to continue to pump 23 million

gallons of crude oil each day through our state for up to 10 more years?

Contact your state senator and state representative, tell them to vote no on SB 1197.

You can learn more about how to stop SB 1197 at: FriendsOfMackinacBridge.org.
Robert Kennedy
Harrisville

To the Editor,

I assume the various local government representatives are working 24/7 to save the Alcona Brew Haus and are spending no time pointing fingers at one another.

Harrisville (city and township) has to recognize what a treasure they have in this investor.

Mike Fritz
Naples, Fla.



Obituaries



Michael A. Lobaugh

Michael Allen Lobaugh, 61, of Ossineke died on Monday, November 19, 2018 at home.

He was born August 2, 1957 to Edwin Laverne and Mabel Aurela (Darling) Lobaugh in Alpena. He was raised and lived most of his life in Alcona County.

He graduated from Alcona High School and was employed by CoachCraft in Lincoln for many years as an autobody technician and mechanic.

Mr. Lobaugh later worked as a lumberman and all-around handyman.

He was an avid fisherman, hunter, talented artist, and music enthusiast.

Mr. Lobaugh is survived by three daughters, Ivy (Jon) Pfoutz of Harrisville, Melissa (Darrick) Hart of Ossineke and Clara Louise Craig of Monet, Mo.; one son, Michael Allen (Kayla) Lobaugh II of Mikado; his long-time partner, Janet LeSage; two step-sons, Jesse (Kristen) LeSage of Ossineke



and Brendan (Trista) LeSage of Ossineke; 11 grandchildren, Makenna Seminoff and Sawyer Seminoff, both of Harrisville, Michael Hart and Kaden Hart, both of Ossineke, Gavin Lobaugh and Nevaeh Lobaugh, both of Mikado, Justine LeSage, Hailey LeSage, Peyton LeSage, and Dakota LeSage, all of Ossineke, and Justice LeSage of Arizona; two sisters, Martha (Arthur) Michaud of Harrisville and Marie (Terry) Atherton; three brothers, Gordon (Tom) Lobaugh of Lincoln, Walter (Missy) Lobaugh of Hubbard Lake and Robert (Delores) Lobaugh of Sterling Heights, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Charles William Lobaugh and two sisters Dorothy Mae Frederick, and Barbara Maryann Fox.

The funeral was held Saturday, Nov. 24 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial was in Mt. Joy Cemetery, Haynes Township. Memorial donations may be made to Friends Together, Alpena.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2018

Weekly Report

Miles Per Hour

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	High	Low				
November 18	34	20	0.00	1.8	20	NNE
November 19	34	24	0.01	2.2	30	WSW
November 20	26	19	0.00	3.1	16	N
November 21	29	14	0.00	3.4	18	N
November 22	28	13	0.00	8.4	31	SSW
November 23	39	26	0.00	8.2	30	SSW
November 24	40	33	0.12	5.9	25	SSW

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.13	0.3	0.49
Month of November	1.36	3.0	1.68
Year/Season to Date	24.75	3.0	26.17

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)



Calendar of Events



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 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

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.

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.

Christmas in the Village activities at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1:30 p.m. Visit with Santa, create a holiday craft and decorate a cookie. All regular library business will shut down at 11:30 a.m. to accommodate the activities. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

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.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3

Get Crafty for Adults at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The project for December is "Go with the flow." Participants will make a tile suitable for gift-giving. There is a \$5 charge. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

Jim Johnson, retired fisheries expert, will present "The Importance of Engaging Citizens as Advocates for our Great Lakes: the Roles of Science, Stakeholder Values and Politics (a scientist's view)." Clarence "Tuffy" Cross will demonstrate knot-tying and Brandon Schroeder will have fish print crafts for children available during the program. Everyone is invited to this free program at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 5:30 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for info.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 5

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing 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.

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 info.

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

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

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There will be a diving gear demonstration with Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary staff at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Demonstrations will be held every half hour until 1 p.m. Special pre-school demonstration at 10:15 a.m. during storytime and craft.

(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.)

NOTICE

Due to circumstances beyond our control the Village of Lincoln will not be holding a Festival of Lights Celebration this year. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. It is our hope that we will be able to host it again next year. We send our sincere wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Wonderful New Year.

PUBLIC HEARING

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the FY 2019 Proposed Budget on Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Commissioners meeting room on the lower level of the Alcona County Building in Harrisville. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Alcona County Clerk's Office.



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Local Notes



Christmas in the Library

Children of all ages are invited to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Saturday, Dec. 1 for Christmas in the Village activities. Children are invited to celebrate with crafts and cookies from noon until 1:30 p.m. Santa will arrive at noon to greet children and listen to their Christmas wish lists. The library will be closed at 11:30 a.m. to facilitate Christmas in the Village activities only. For more information, visit the web at www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us or call (989)724-6796.

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, Dec. 3—Baked spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, and peaches.
- Tuesday, Dec. 4—Barbecued pork roast, red parsley potato, mixed vegetables, and mixed fruit.
- Wednesday, Dec. 5—Beef stew with stew vegetables,

tropical fruit salad, and mandarin oranges.

- Thursday, Dec. 6—Herb chicken, sweet potatoes, Prince Charles blend vegetables, pickled beets, pears, cake and ice cream.
- Friday, Dec. 7—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, broccoli, and pineapple. *(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

Lake Huron Fisheries Talk

Jim Johnson, retired Lake Huron fisheries research biologist and trustee for the Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan will present "The Importance of Engaging Citizens as Advocates for our Great Lakes; the Roles of Science, Stakeholder Values and Politics (a scientist's view)." This program will be held on Monday, Dec. 3 at 5:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library as part of the Water|Ways series of events. Johnson will tell stories of how healthy fisheries are both indicators of environmental quality and important in engaging citizen advocates for the Great Lakes. He will begin with the story of how a new Pacific salmon fishery led to the banning of DDT (and later PCBs) by Michigan.

While the Besser Museum for Northeast Michigan's Fishery Heritage Exhibit spans the period of pre-settlement to the present day, the story of the recovery of Great Lakes fisheries during the 1970s-1990s, the role of citizen ad-

vocates in driving the recovery, and present threats to that recovery will be the focus of this talk. Clarence "Tuffy" Cross, retired commercial fisherman, will demonstrate fishing net knot-tying and Brandon Schroeder will have "fish print" crafts for children available during the program. Everyone is welcome. For information on this and other Water|Ways events, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the web www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

Life Under the Ice

Ever wonder about life under the ice in a pond? This is a chance to explore the mysteries of life under the water with MSU Extension and Michigan Sea Grant on Thursday, Dec. 6, from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Water from the local pond with live specimens will be set up inside to experience. Students and families especially invited. For information on this and other Water|Ways events, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the web www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

MSP Toy Collection

The Michigan State Police (MSP) is organizing the sixth annual "Stuff a Blue Goose" event. This is a drive to gather toys and nonperishable food items for those in need this holiday season. The Blue Goose is the Michigan State Police patrol car. "We have long referred to our patrol cars as a 'Blue Goose' and we are hopeful to be able to stuff them full of unwrapped toys and nonperishable food items," said Ashley Simpson, community service trooper. "Our goal is to gather as many toys and non-perishable food items as possible in an eight-hour period. With the upcoming Black Friday sales, you can get your shopping done early for the event."

Troopers will have a Michigan State Police car situated at Wal-Mart and Neiman's Family Market on Saturday, Dec. 8 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. to gather any donations. Donations can also be made prior to the event on December 8 in Alpena at the Michigan State Police Alpena Post located at 3283 W. Washington Ave.

All of the toys gathered will be turned over to the Salvation Army for distribution to families in need in Alpena County. Food items collected will be divided between the Salvation Army and St. Bernard's Friendship Room in Alpena. For more information, contact Community Service Trooper Ashley Simpson at the Alpena Post, (989) 354-4101.

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Boys varsity basketball team opens season at Little Caesars Arena

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Saturday marks the first game of the season for the Alcona boys varsity basketball team.

The Tigers will play Millington in perhaps the state's finest basketball venue, at Little Caesars Arena, home of the Detroit Pistons.

"Our first game is pretty exciting," said second year head coach Ryan Bilbey. "It's an awesome way to start out the season. After our game, the players and their families have the opportunity to see the Pistons play the defending champion Golden State Warriors, so it should be an excellent night."

Returning from last year's team that went 12-8 overall are seniors Antavious Mikazes (forward), Pierce Bilbey (guard), Josh Kilbourn (point guard), Damion Stewart (guard) and Hunter Clark (forward).

"All five seniors are poised to lead the underclassmen this year, they are five fantastic kids," Bilbey said.

New to the team will be juniors Mason Clark (guard), Dominic Howe (guard), Aidan Wrobel (forward), Logan Witham (forward) and Kurtis Niemetta (guard).

"There is a cohesive feel to this group, they are working extremely hard and have already shown improvement," Bilbey said. "Luckily, most of

our kids are multi-sport athletes, not only does a small school need crossover athletes, but it makes for a more well-rounded player. That being said, not too many have had a basketball in their hands for quite awhile. We have stressed fundamentals and conditioning early in the season."

The Tigers have seven games scheduled before the new year, so they'll have to hit the ground running in order to have early success.

"Generally speaking, we need to do better in late game pressure situations," Bilbey said. "We have to play with confidence and execute what we practice throughout the week. It is without a doubt a goal of ours to win a district championship at home this year. The small details add up over course of the season. We will need to focus on improving every single day of the season and never be complacent. If we maintain our focus and resolve, we will experience success this year."

After Saturday's opening game at LCA, the Tigers host AuGres on Monday, Dec. 3, hosts Atlanta on Friday, Dec. 7 and heads to Posen on Monday, Dec. 10.

"We should be a pretty solid rebounding team, we held teams on average to 39 points last year. Only two teams scored 50 points on us. I believe this year's team can be even better defensively. We will need to limit turnovers and shoot the basketball with confidence. In a sense, get out of our own way and play. I think there's a lot of coaches that feel the same way I do, this year it is a pretty even field (in the North Star League). There are teams such as Mio, Oscoda and Hillman who are very tough but just about everyone has a chance this year."

Girls varsity basketball opens at home next week

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity girls basketball team will have to wait a week longer to begin its season this year, but the Lady Tigers appear ready to go again.

"It is pretty early, with limited practice time, but I really liked the way we played in summer camps," said third year head coach Mark Feldhiser. "So far, so good. We are seeing a lot of effort and determination. We know that we will be somewhat of a young team, but we do return four out of five starters, so we will have to balance that out. We don't have a whole lot of time to get ready for the first game, so we are focusing on the basics right now."

Alcona did lose standout Taylor Livingston to graduation from last year's team that went 14-9 overall and won back-to-back district titles.

Returning from that team are seniors Bri Fogle (post), Hailee Gordy (wing), Trinity Keyser (wing), Faith Wallenmaier (wing) and junior Megan Grove (guard).

"We really have asked all of our returning players to take on a leadership role, especially with so many younger players on the roster," Feldhiser said. "We will have to rely heavily on the girls who were starters last year, they will all have to step up their game and I am confident that they will."

New to the team is junior Courtney Winter (guard) and sophomores Lily Bilbey (guard), Liz Henderson (post), Rachel Layton (post) and Anna Loyer (guard).

"Our goal is always the same, to be playing our best basketball at the end of the season," Feldhiser said. "Our

district adds two more teams this year, so it will take a great effort to be successful there. We always build around defense first and not letting up easy baskets. If we can hold up defensively, I think we will be just fine this year.

"Everyone knows we have to replace Livingston's production. We can't do that with one player, but if everyone picks up on the offensive end, we should be just fine. We have made it clear that this is not a rebuilding year, and we don't expect to take a step backwards. We have complete confidence in the girls on this year's roster."

The North Star League Big Dipper division should be up for grabs this winter.

"I think the teams that finished near the top last year will be favorites again this year," Feldhiser said. "Just about everyone lost some key players, but also has a good returning cast. Hillman is now in the Little Dipper Division, so I would say it would come down to Rogers City, Oscoda, and us. That said, that is all based on last year, and we won't take anyone lightly. I have seen a lot of improvement in the other programs as well."

Alcona opens the season on Monday, Dec. 3 at home against AuGres and hosts Posen on Tuesday, Dec. 11.

"I hope that we can get off to a solid start and win some games before the holiday break," Feldhiser said. "We play a pretty tough non-conference schedule this year, so we need to figure a few things out by the time we get to that part of our schedule."

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Answers

AMASS	POMMELS	INF	CAP
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November student's of the month at Alcona Elementary (from left): Jordyn Somers, second grade, "She is kind to her classmates;" Araceli Truman, kindergarten, "She is always willing to help and be a leader;" Harrison Gehring, fourth grade, "Harry is a leader in the classroom and throughout the school;" Zoe Throop, first grade, "Zoe wants to be a doctor when she grows up. Her favorite subject is reading and she loves elephant and piggie Books;" Ethan Levlane, third grade, "He is always kind, respectful and extremely helpful in class;" Anthony Perez, fifth grade, "Anthony is a true role model and treats his teammates with kindness and respect." *Courtesy photo.*

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ownership, such as federal land.

"There (are) lots of schools of thought on this," Johnston said. "Most of the townships do have fund balances with monies available. This money (PILT) is designated for police, fire and roads. All the townships have fire and road millages, but we do not have a law enforcement millage for the county, so this money can very easily be said that it goes directly into road patrol and law enforcement for all the townships. With the way our expenditures and revenues are for us to have a chance at maintaining 24-hour road patrol we have to keep this revenue which was designated for the county."

According to Johnston,

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answer

That guy doesn't eat nearly as much roughage as he claims. He's definitely a fiber fibber.

PILT funds totaled about \$100,000 with an agreement in the past to split the funds 50/50 with the townships that have federal lands.

According to Johnston, if a township was in dire need and not having these funds would absolutely break them, the county will try to do something to help, but at this time road patrol was the priority.

The county will remain on a hiring freeze until January 2019 when the new budget takes effect. Currently, the county building has reduced hours and staff, but because of the cost saving measures and cost allocation plan, they hope to restore staff and hours in January. Johnston said the county is down three deputy positions and they are hoping to bring one back in January.

"It's been difficult," Johnston said, "We still have some things to do as we move forward. There was a lot of concern from the public that county wages and benefits were out of line with what

they should be. In looking at the Northeast Michigan Council of Government's (NEMCOG) wage and fringe benefit survey, it shows we are either at or below wages and benefits in the region."

Johnston explained the public hearing will be a way for the county to show its transparency and an opportunity for the public to voice opinions. "If they can make a good and compelling argument to sway the board to make changes, we may (consider it), but this board has put a lot of work and effort into this."

A copy of the budget pending public hearing will be posted in the clerks office for public review. The county commissioner's meeting room is in the lower level of the county court house located just west of US-23 off M-72 at 106 5th Street in Harrisville.

To review NEMCOG's wage and fringe benefit survey visit discovernortheastmichigan.org/downloads/2018_wage_and_salary_survey_final.pdf.

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The benefit of a HSA is the triple tax advantage that it offers: Your HSA contributions can be deducted pretax from your paycheck, lowering your taxable income; the money in

the account grows tax-free; and if you use the money for eligible medical expenses, withdrawals are tax-free.

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To qualify, you must have a health insurance policy with a deductible of at least \$1,350 for an individual or \$2,700 for a family.

This year (2018), you can contribute up to \$3,450 if you have single health insurance coverage, or up to \$6,900 for family coverage. Next year (2019) you can contribute slightly more – up to \$3,500 for single coverage or up to \$7,000 for family coverage. And people age 55 and older can put away an extra \$1,000 each year.

But you cannot make contributions after you sign up for Medicare.

The money can be used for out-of-pocket medical expenses, including deductibles, co-payments, Medicare premiums, prescription drugs, vision and dental care and other expenses (see IRS.gov/pub/

[irs-pdf/p502.pdf](#), page 5, for a complete list) either now or when you retire for yourself and your spouse as well as your tax dependents.

And unlike a flexible spending account, an HSA doesn't require you to use the money by the end of the year. Rather, HSA funds roll over year to year and continue to grow tax-free in your HSA account for later use. In fact, you'll get a bigger tax benefit if you use other cash for current medical expenses and keep the HSA money growing for the long term.

Be sure to hold on to your receipts for medical expenses after you open your HSA, even if you pay those bills with cash, so you can claim the expenses later. There's no time limit for withdrawing the money tax-free for eligible medical expenses you incurred anytime after you opened the account.

But be aware that if you do use your HSA funds for non-medical expenses, you'll be required to pay taxes on the withdrawal, plus a 20 percent



Savvy Senior

penalty. The penalty, however, is waived for those 65 and older, but you'll still pay ordinary income tax on withdraws not used for eligible expenses.

You should first check with your employer to see if they offer a HSA, and if they will contribute to it. If not, you can open an HSA through many banks, brokerage firms and other financial institutions, as long as you have a qualified high-deductible health insurance policy.

If you plan to keep the money growing for the future, look for an HSA administrator that offers a portfolio of mutual funds for long-term investing and has low fees.

HealthEquity, OptumBank, The HSA Authority and Bank of America are the top ranked HSA providers for long-term investing according to the investment research firm Morningstar. To search for providers, visit HSAsearch.com.

After setting up your HSA plan, adding money is pretty straightforward. Most plans let you do online transfers from your bank, send checks directly, or set up a payroll deduction if offered by your employer. And to access your HSA funds many plans provide a debit card, some offer a checkbook and most allow for reimbursement.

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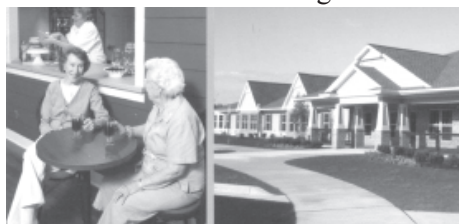
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and editor of "Fresh Water: Women Writing on the Great Lakes; a book discussion with the library book club on "Lake Invaders;" and a two-day class with sculptor Autumn Bildson sculpting Styrofoam fish which are also on display along with her 400 pound Italian crystal alabaster sculpture titled "Poseidon."

More water themed events for all ages will be taking place at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County library while the panels are on display and include:

- A "Go with the Flow" art project where adults can make a tile suitable for gift giving on Monday, Dec. 3 at 11 a.m. Cost is \$5 per person, call to register.

about "Life under the Ice" with Michigan State University Extension and the Michigan Sea Grant. Water from the local pond with live specimens will be set up to create hands on experiences.

- A diving gear experience with Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary will be held Friday, Dec. 7 with demonstrations held every half hour from 9:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. A special pre-school demonstration will be held at 10:15 a.m. during story and craft time.

- Watershed and water stewardship day with Pine River VanEtten Watershed and Northeast Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative will be held on Saturday, Dec.

According to Bearre the panels required some careful calculations and a trip north for her and assistant director, Lynn Vanderlinde, to experience setting up the first display in Michigan on Beaver Island. "It was in a small township hall. We didn't think it would fit, but it did."

"We had several discussions with Smithsonian on how many square feet we had and what room was available at the library. We wanted to make sure there was at least 36 inches between the panels to accommodate anyone handicapped. There were 26 cartons brought in and all had templates to construct the panels."

"Luckily the panels are just



Harrisville residents, Pamela Maher (far left) Joe Maher (far right) talk to library director, Denise Bearre (center left) and book club member Margaret Fox (center right) about the interactive Smithsonian Water Ways exhibit on display at the library until December 28. The exhibit is one of just six offered for the public to view in Michigan. Photo by Mary Weber.

- At 5:30 p.m. the same day, there will be a discussion with Jim Johnson, retired Lake Huron Fisheries research biologist, on the Great Lakes and the roles of science, stakeholder values and politics. Participants will learn how healthy fisheries are indicators of environment quality and the importance of advocacy for the Great Lakes.

During the evening event Clarence "Tuffy" Cross, a retired commercial fisherman will demonstrate fishing net knot-tying and Brandon Schroeder, educator for Northeast Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative (NEMGLSI) will have "fish print" children's crafts available.

- On Thursday, Dec. 6 at 5:30 p.m., all ages can learn

8 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and gives participants a chance to learn where the watersheds are in Alcona County and how people can protect them. Hands-on activities for all ages will be available along with free popcorn and snacks.

- Environmental movies and panel discussions with producer and narrator, Barton Bund and Water Ways state scholar, Dave Dempsey, will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 11 and Tuesday, Dec. 18 at 5:30 p.m. Bund will discuss the Line 5 documentary films he developed and the risks involved with pipelines running through the Straits of Mackinac. December 11 will show Part one: "The Threat," December 18 will show Part two: "In Violation of Public Trust."

- On Wednesday, Dec. 12 there is an opportunity to learn Great Lakes history, development and the current status of the shipping industry with the Ship Masters' International Association at 5:30 p.m.

- A going away party will be held on the last day the exhibit will be available to view on Friday, Dec. 28 at 3:30 p.m.

the right size to fit within the main section of the library with room to spare. There is still plenty of space available for when Santa arrives like he does every year," Bearre said.

Santa will be visiting the library starting at noon on Saturday, Dec. 1 to talk to children about their Christmas wishes and have photographs taken.

The Michigan Water Ways exhibit was made possible by the Michigan Humanities Council. Water Ways is part of the Museum on Main Street, a collaboration between the Smithsonian Institution and the state humanities councils across the country. Support for Museum on Main Street has been provided by the United States Congress.

The Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library is located at 312 W. Main Street, just west of M-72. Hours are Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Sunday. For more information, call (989) 724-6796 or visit library.alcona-lib.mi.us.

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For the Week of November 19- 25, 2018

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Complaint Statistics

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Medical	20	Warrant Arrest	1
Property Damage Accident	4	Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Assist	1	Animal/Dog	5
Miscellaneous	1	Patrol Check	2
Well Being Check	1	911 Hang Up	1
Suspicious Event	1	Alarm	2
Drug Disposal	1	Assault	2
Drive While License Suspended	1	Found Property	1
Suicidal Person	2	Burglary	1
No Insurance	1	Domestic	2
Missing Person	1	Operate While Intoxicated	1
Larceny	2	Littering	1

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Greenbush	12	Gustin	9	Harrisville	20
Hawes	11	Haynes	7	Mikado	5
Millen	8	Mitchell	6		
City of Harrisville	7	Village of Lincoln	10		

Where to find northern pike in Michigan

As the temperatures continue to cool, fishing for northern pike will really pick up. Pike are extremely popular during the ice fishing season but are readily available throughout much of the year.

There are many notable northern pike fisheries located throughout Michigan, including on Muskegon, Portage and Manistee lakes and also Michigamme and Houghton lakes. But this species can be found in many lakes and virtually all larger rivers in the state.

There are many regulations for northern pike regarding minimum size and possession limit. Be sure to read up on this species in the 2018 Michigan Fishing Guide.

Northeast Lower Peninsula November 21

- Alpena: Lake whitefish have been speared in Thunder Bay.

- Thunder Bay River: Atlantic salmon have been caught when floating or drifting beads and spawn, as well as by those casting spoons and spinners for the fish that are dropping back. A good number were still on the gravel however, the number of post spawn fish is increasing. Fly anglers have taken fish on streamers. A couple of steelhead and brown trout were caught by those drifting or floating beads, flies and spawn however the action overall has been a little slow.

- Oscoda: Lake trout and burbot were caught by pier anglers still-fishing with spawn. Walleye and lake trout have been taken by those casting spoons and body baits.

- AuSable River: Atlantic salmon are moving off the beds and were starting to bite. A few fish are still spawning. Those moving off the beds are spreading out and could be found in the current seams and breaks near logs and structure or holding in the deeper holes. Most are cast-

ing spinners and small jigs as well as floating or drifting spawn and egg flies. A couple of steelhead were caught on spawn bags and beads however the bite was slow.

- Tawas: Pier anglers are catching whitefish off the state dock. Most are still-

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fishing with a small hook and wax worm or a single egg.



River Aux Sables Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Camp Inn Lodge in Tawas City for a program by Greg Wilkinson on Native American drums and the meaning of the drum ceremonies. (From left) Janet Schenk, Oscoda, hostess; Greg Wilkinson, presenter; and Jacki Gontterman, regent of Oscoda. Annual collections for donations for Bacone College in Oklahoma and Chemawa Indian boarding school in Salem, Ore. for the Christmas Party so no student would go without a Christmas gift were finalized for this holiday season. *Courtesy photo.*



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This Harrisville Township Planning commission will hear two requests at a public meeting on 12/12/2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall located on Poor Farm Road. This first is a side lot variance from Bryan & Karen Lister for a parcel located at 432 N Huron Terrace Drive, parcel # 061-145-000-004-00, this parcel is Zoned R-2 (General Residential). The second will be a site plan review for SA676 US23 LLC (Steven Arens) for a parcel located at 676 US-23, parcel # 060-001-400-020-00, this parcel is zoned C-2 (General Commercial) the public is welcome to attend and/or comments can be sent to the Harrisville Township zoning Administrator.

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PUBLIC HEARING

The Curtis Township Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on December 11, 2018 at 5 p.m. at the Curtis Township Offices located at 4875 F-30. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and act upon the following: The consideration of a Special Land Use Permit to install a new AT&T cell tower on an "Agricultural Zone" property. Paul Grabstanowicz, Secretary, Curtis Township Planning Commission

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**Biodiversity surprise: Martens' return
to Isle Royale puzzles scientists**

By Eric Freedman

Capital News Service

When it comes to wildlife at Isle Royale National Park, most eyes are on the wolves and moose.

Both are iconic species long studied by scientists and long sought for viewing by visitors to the isolated spot in Lake Superior. And now, after a three-year study, the National Park Service is starting to implement a 20-year plan to restock wolves on the island to help restore a predator-prey balance with moose.

But the 17 other mammal species on the island draw far less scientific and public attention although other species have disappeared, such as the Canada lynx and woodland caribou.

Another one that had been wiped out – the American marten – is back and drawing attention from National Park Service and University of Wisconsin Madison researchers.

Martens were historically abundant there but, as valuable furbearers, were heavily trapped until 1917 when the last recorded specimen was found, according to a new study in the journal "Scientific Reports."

Their return through as-yet-unproven means was evidenced later by tracks and confirmed in 1993.

That return reflects what the scientists called "an unexpected and dynamic pattern of extinction and recolonization and illustrates that even federally protected or historically pristine ecosystems have experienced more community turnover than previously appreciated."

Even now, the study said, martens remain rare on the island after their "apparent 76-year absence."

So how did these members of the weasel family get back? It's a puzzle. "The origins of this current population are unknown," the scientists wrote, and offered three possible scenarios: One, the park service started a program in 1966 to collect martens in Ontario and relocate them on Isle Royale – but there's no documentation showing that actually happened.



American marten found on Isle Royale located in Lake Superior. Photo courtesy of United States Fish and Wildlife Service.

Two, a marten colony "persisted undetected for much of the 20th century" – in other words, surviving under the radar of scientists and park managers, which is considered unlikely.

And three, they could have recolonized Isle Royale by crossing an ice bridge from Ontario, the nearest mainland 22 miles away. That sounds like quite a feat for critters that weigh only 1.1 to 3.1 pounds. But the ice bridge route is the most logical mechanism for their return, according to co-author Jonathan Pauli, a wildlife ecologist at the University of Wisconsin.

Isolated as the island is in Lake Superior, its wildlife have undergone dramatic changes over the centuries. For example, the study noted that beaver were wiped out in

the 1800s but managed to return on their own. Humans probably introduced foxes for fur farming. Moose replaced caribou as the dominant plant-eaters. And white-tailed deer were introduced but soon wiped out.

Minnesota and Ontario martens have been reintroduced in Wisconsin and elsewhere in Michigan, and Colorado martens were released in Wisconsin. Between the 1800s and now, there have been projects to reintroduce martens in 16 states and six provinces, making it the carnivore most often translocated in North America.

As for the prospects of long-term survival of the Isle Royale's marten population, there are lots of unknowns, Pauli said. One unknown is what's on their menu.

"Isle Royale has been a place where we've learned an incredible amount about predator-prey interaction of moose and wolves but know little about other mammals there," he said.

Scientists know that martens elsewhere eat snowshoe hares, red squirrels and deer mice but don't know their foraging habits on Isle Royale.

Wolves weren't a factor in the martens' disappearance a century ago because none were on the island then. And Pauli expresses little worry that the island's new wolf population – as many as six this fall, according to the park service – will threaten martens, given the huge supply of moose to feed on.

Also, wolves may supply a food source for martens – provisioning, as it's called – when they leave some meat behind after killing a moose.

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MSU program for veterans is sweet match

By Quinn Zimmerman
Capital News Service

Michigan State University (MSU) is initiating a sweet friendship between military veterans and honeybees.

Heroes to Hives teaches veterans beekeeping skills as a path to personal and financial wellness.

Adam Ingrao, a U.S. Army veteran who is an agricultural entomologist educator and veteran's liaison for MSU, started the program in 2015 to merge his passions of working with veterans and beekeeping.

Ingrao has been involved in agriculture since he was 14 and manages bees on his Lansing, Mich. community garden plot, Bee Wise Farms.

He sees the MSU course as a transformative opportunity for veterans. "It is a healing practice," Ingrao said. "Slow-

together that have shared experiences and, oftentimes, (they) feel isolated in society, getting them together with other veterans so that they can be part of a community that they lost," he said.

And the program leaves participants with a strong knowledge of beekeeping, a profitable business when you know how to do it right. The vets are introduced to a strong network of industry connections.

It's an immersive nine-month course that gives students first-hand experience dealing with bees, said Jeremy Huffman, a former Marine and a bee farmer who participated in the program last year. "There is nothing like it in the country," Huffman said. "As far as setting up first-time beekeepers and giving them the confi-

mercial beekeeping operations, own their own small businesses and diversify their farm income, Ingrao explained.

The bees also benefit. This is the hardest time to be a beekeeper due to unprecedented rates of loss and fewer healthy habitats to keep bees, said Meghan Milbrath, the coordinator of the Michigan Pollinator Initiative, an MSU program that addresses pollinator-related issues.

Beekeepers report 30 to 40 percent losses in their colonies each year due to increased pests, pathogens, poor nutrition, misuse of pesticides, improper management and habitat loss, according to the Michigan Pollinator Initiative.

The Heroes to Hives course helps the sustainability of honeybees by teaching bee-



Veterans learn hands-on beekeeping skills as well as the other aspects of beekeeping through a unique program at Michigan State University. *Courtesy photo.*

ing down and being one with nature — there is a healing capacity in that."

A big emphasis is the program's community development aspect that leads to personal wellness and empowerment, Ingrao explained. "It's about getting veterans

dence and skill to raise bees on their own, the program is first class."

Out of Huffman's class of 15 students, all but one went on to their own bee farming operations. Heroes to Hives graduates have the skills and connections to go on to com-

keepers to manage these challenges effectively.

"When you teach people about bees, the more they start to care about the issues and make changes," Milbrath said.

And you create beekeepers rather than beekeepers. "Beekeepers have bees that die every year and they just buy more over and over again," Ingrao said. "Beekeepers buy bees once and continue to split their bees over and over again, and that is the sustainability aspect."

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Basic socks are the most requested item at homeless shelters and for the poor, but the least donated item of clothing said Catie Marron, Founder and CEO of the non-profit organization, Good Companies. "Nothing feels as

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Northeast Michigan is no exception. "Families served by our local charities typically have greater needs, such as shelter, food, employment and counseling, so something as simple as socks can easily get overlooked. We are committed to bringing a little comfort and joy to those who need

it most during the holidays," said Sonya Thomas, United Way, executive director.

To participate or make a donation, visit www.unitedwaynemi.org. Individuals may also email uwnemi@unitedwaynemi.org to request an optional promotional poster and collection tally sheet for your sock drive from the United Way. People can also call (989) 354-2221 for information.

Participants can send photos of their collection to the United Way so they can share them and promote those efforts through its social media platforms.

Once the donations have been collected, simply drop them off at the United Way office before Friday, Dec. 14 or call for a pickup.

Socks can be purchased for all ages and genders from infant through adult.

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For more information contact the United Way of Northeast Michigan at (989) 354-2221.

Veterans

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Heroes to Hives produces keepers rather than havers, he said. Participants learn about hive management in lectures and hands-on hive handling. In addition to sustaining honeybee farms, participants also learn how to preserve healthy habitats that support wild bee populations. This helps "the plight of the pollinator," Huffman said.

The program has expanded from just 15 participants in 2017 to 108 this year. It's on track for more than 200 next year. Ingrao said he's excited that Heroes to Hives will accept students nationwide in 2019, an expansion made possible by online classes and additional locations in both Michigan peninsulas.

The program is fully funded by the AT&T Foundation and other private donors. Veterans and veteran family members can enroll online, and all applicants are now accepted.

As Heroes to Hives expands, it fosters a mutually beneficial relationship between veterans and honeybees, Ingrao said. Honeybees are helping veterans heal while veterans are helping honeybees survive.

Martens

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The fact that the park service prohibits trapping on the island is a plus, as is the fact that its wilderness status protects the big trees and downed debris that provide good marten habitat, he said.

Other unknowns: how many martens live on the island or their reproduction and survival rates, Pauli said. A small population could be vulnerable to random, unexpected events like a series of drought years.

"The good news is we often think of islands, especially ones in the middle of Lake Superior," as stable and static, Pauli said, "but they're really dynamic." However, he said, uncertainty about the impacts of climate change and warming temperatures in and around the Great Lakes raises questions about the likelihood of future ice bridges that could bring other carnivores to Isle Royale.

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An early morning caller

How he Surprised our Townsman N. W. Newcomb with His August Presence and Peculiar Appearance.

November 28, 1879 ~ J. W. Newcomb and family who now occupy the house on Lake street recently vacated by John Millen and wife, sleep in the chamber rooms. About 2 o'clock yesterday morning, Mr. Newcomb awoke hearing some noise in the rooms below.

He asked Mrs. N. if she knew what it was, and she said she thought it was cats, as five of the feline race had been lingering about the premises for some time past, and probably had got into the house. So up out of bed jumped Mr. N., and down stairs he went with lamp and hammer in hand to give "them cats" fits. But imagine his surprise at arriving on the

scene of disturbance. Instead of noisy cats there in the parlor stood a great big strapping man, with lighted match in hand, two-thirds drunk, and his face covered with blood.

Mr. Newcomb interrogated him some what sharply as to his appearance there, but he told him he came to do no harm.

He was finally told to put

himself without the door and leave the premises, which he succeeded in doing after some hesitation. This morning the intruder, who had "sobered off," called on Mr. Newcomb at the mill and begged pardon for the abrupt appearance which he had thus put in at his house. Said he was sorry for having committed such intiusion and offense, but assured him that he was there

for no harm; he was drunk and didn't know what he was doing. Said he didn't know how his face became bloody— must have fell and hurt himself somewhere. His name was Peter Campbell, and he had been building a dam on Pine River for B. Killmaster & Co. He lives at Au Sable.

The door through which he made entrance to the house was fasten upon the inside by

a hook over a nail. Mr. Newcomb thinks he must have shook the door quite freely, when the hook flew off the nail and the door opened. The man himself does not know how he got into the house, and seems somewhat mortified to think he did get in at all.

Another evidence of the great curse of liquor drinking.

Stopped his paper

November 28, 1879 ~ An exchange tells the following; A certain man got mad at the editor and stopped his paper. The next week he sold all his corn at four cents below the market price; then his property was sold for taxes because he didn't read the Sheriff's sales; he lost \$10 betting on Mollie McCarthy ten days after Ten Broek had won the race; he was arrested and fined \$8 for going hunting on Sunday, simply because he didn't know it was Sunday; and he paid \$300 for a lot of forged notes that had been advertised two weeks and the public cautioned not to negotiate them. He then paid a big Irishman, with a foot like a derrick, to kick him all the way to the newspaper office, where he paid four years' subscription in advance, and made the editor sign an agreement to knock him down and rob him if he ever ordered his paper stopped again.

Reviewings

November 28, 1879 ~ Thomas Duggan and Chas. Philip of this place, disagreed as to the amount of the annual salary of the President of the United States. The former declared it to be only \$25,000 and the latter \$50,000. A wager of \$10 was finally entered into and the money put up. They concluded to interrogate the Detroit Free Press by telegraph, and when the answer came, Philip walked off with his easily earned prize was happy as a clam.

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Quite an accident occurred on Messrs. Beard & Co.'s railroad at Alcona last Monday. While in swif motion one of the cars laden with lumber was hurled from the track, and with it one Dennis Sutton, a brakeman on the train, who sustained severe injuries about the head and face, and had two ribs broken Dr. Shelton of Alpena attended the wounded man.

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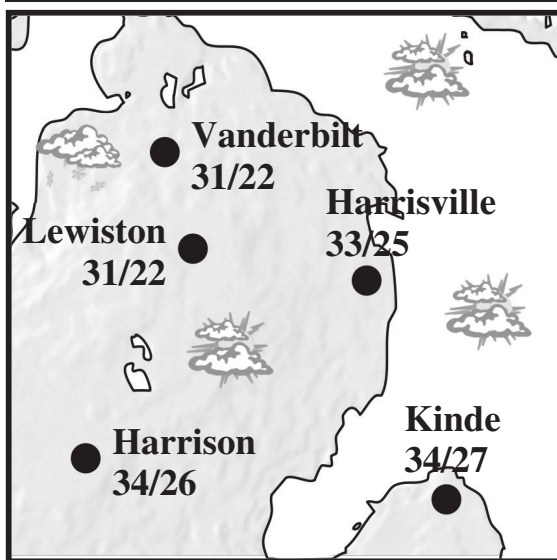
Alcona Review Weather Report

Nov. 28, 2018

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 33 Low: 25
	THURSDAY Cloudy High: 34 Low: 28
	FRIDAY Few Snow Showers High: 37 Low: 30
	SATURDAY Chance Showers High: 40 Low: 34
	SUNDAY Few Showers High: 41 Low: 30
	MONDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 38 Low: 27
	TUESDAY Scattered Snow High: 36 Low: 29

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies, high temperature of 33°, humidity of 76%. West northwest wind 11 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 60° set in 1990. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low of 25°. West northwest wind 5 to 11 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 18°.

*Last Week's Almanac

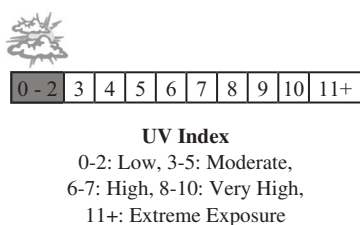
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	30	15	41/27	0.03"
Wednesday	30	11	41/27	0.02"
Thursday	25	5	40/27	Trace
Friday	41	25	40/26	0.00"
Saturday	42	37	40/26	0.09"
Sunday	40	31	39/26	0.01"
Monday	32	28	39/25	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:48 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	10:55 p.m.	12:44 p.m.
Thursday	7:50 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	Prev Day	1:20 p.m.
Friday	7:51 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	12:08 a.m.	1:52 p.m.
Saturday	7:52 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	1:20 a.m.	2:20 p.m.
Sunday	7:53 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	2:30 a.m.	2:48 p.m.
Monday	7:54 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	3:39 a.m.	3:15 p.m.
Tuesday	7:55 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	4:48 a.m.	3:44 p.m.

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies through Thursday with isolated snow, mostly cloudy skies Friday with scattered rain, highest temperature of 43 in Southold, N.Y. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Wednesday, partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday with isolated rain, highest temperature of 70 in Homestead, Fla. In the Northwest there will be partly to mostly cloudy skies through Friday with scattered rain and isolated snow, highest temperature of 56 in Coos Bay, Ore. The Southwest will see partly to mostly cloudy skies through Friday with scattered rain, highest temperature of 76 in Indio, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:29 a.m.	4:49 p.m.
Venus	4:25 a.m.	3:12 p.m.
Mars	1:19 p.m.	n/a
Jupiter	7:36 a.m.	4:50 p.m.
Saturn	10:09 a.m.	7:01 p.m.
Uranus	3:05 p.m.	7:00 p.m.

Weather History

Nov. 28, 1989 - Strong Santa Ana winds prevailed across Southern California. Winds gusted to 70 mph at the Rialto Airport and several tractor-trailer trucks were overturned east of Los Angeles.

Weather Trivia

In what month is an avalanche most likely to occur in the United States?



Answer: February.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - The \$150 Hex Screw

Several weeks ago, it was two steps backwards - no forward movement, when a telescope - my personal scope - blew over in high winds. This situation reminded me of another experience I had with a telescope when I was director of the Allentown (PA) School District Planetarium. Every two or three weeks, I would set aside a Friday to perform maintenance on the planetarium star projector, but on this day all systems were working fine. I decided to turn my attention to the repair of one of our telescopes. Keep in mind this happened in the late 80s when landline telephones and phone books ruled. The part of the instrument that held the telescope, called the "equatorial head," was fastened to a pier with three hex screws. One had gone missing, and it was my intention to find a replacement. I removed one of the two remaining screws and drove over to a local hardware store on Hamilton Street. They had plenty of hex screws, but not the one I needed. I drove back to the planetarium and called another hardware store. This scenario repeated itself four times on that warm May Friday, and by dismissal, I was not only irritated, but angry. Driving home, I passed Fluck's Hardware on Main Street. It was an old gangly building overflowing with "stuff" that spilled out and down the grey wooden steps onto the cracked tan sidewalk. Mr. Fluck, a short, stocky, greying fellow, greeted me upon entering, and when I told him of my need for a 6 mm hex screw and showed him the one that needed replacing, he simply said, "Follow me." He walked down more than half of the narrow, dark labyrinth which was his store. He pulled down a container and when he opened it, there were hundreds of 6 mm hex screws in it, exactly like the one I was holding. Taking no chances, I bought six; the bill, I believe was three dollars plus tax. When I got home a few minutes later, I sat down and calculated the cost to the taxpayers of Allentown for my day's efforts. The amount was 150 dollars. Fluck's Hardware became a regular watering hole when I needed something out of the ordinary. Sometimes what looks like two steps backwards is really a jump ahead. I'm hoping that is the case for our Moravian College Sky Deck. www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** Which 1990s movie featured the famous line, "I'm king of the world!"?
2. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** What is the name of the song that is played sometimes when the president of the United States appears in public?
3. **ORGANIZATIONS:** Carrie Chapman Catt was a founder of which U.S. group formed in 1920?
4. **MUSIC:** Roger Daltrey was the lead singer of which famous rock band?
5. **ANATOMY:** How many pairs of ribs does a human being have?
6. **HISTORY:** In what city did Hitler commit suicide at the end of World War II?
7. **LITERATURE:** What 18th-century statesman and inventor once wrote under the pseudonym "Silence Dogood"?
8. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the traditional birthstone for January?
9. **FOOD & DRINK:** What cocktail is made from rye whiskey, absinthe, a sugar cube, a dash of bitters and a lemon twist?
10. **U.S. STATES:** Which state's nickname is the Tar Heel State?

Answers: 1. "Titanic"; 2. "Hail to the Chief"; 3. League of Women Voters ; 4. The Who; 5. 12 (24 ribs); 6. Berlin; 7. Benjamin Franklin; 8. Garnet; 9. A Sazerac; 10. North Carolina (c) 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

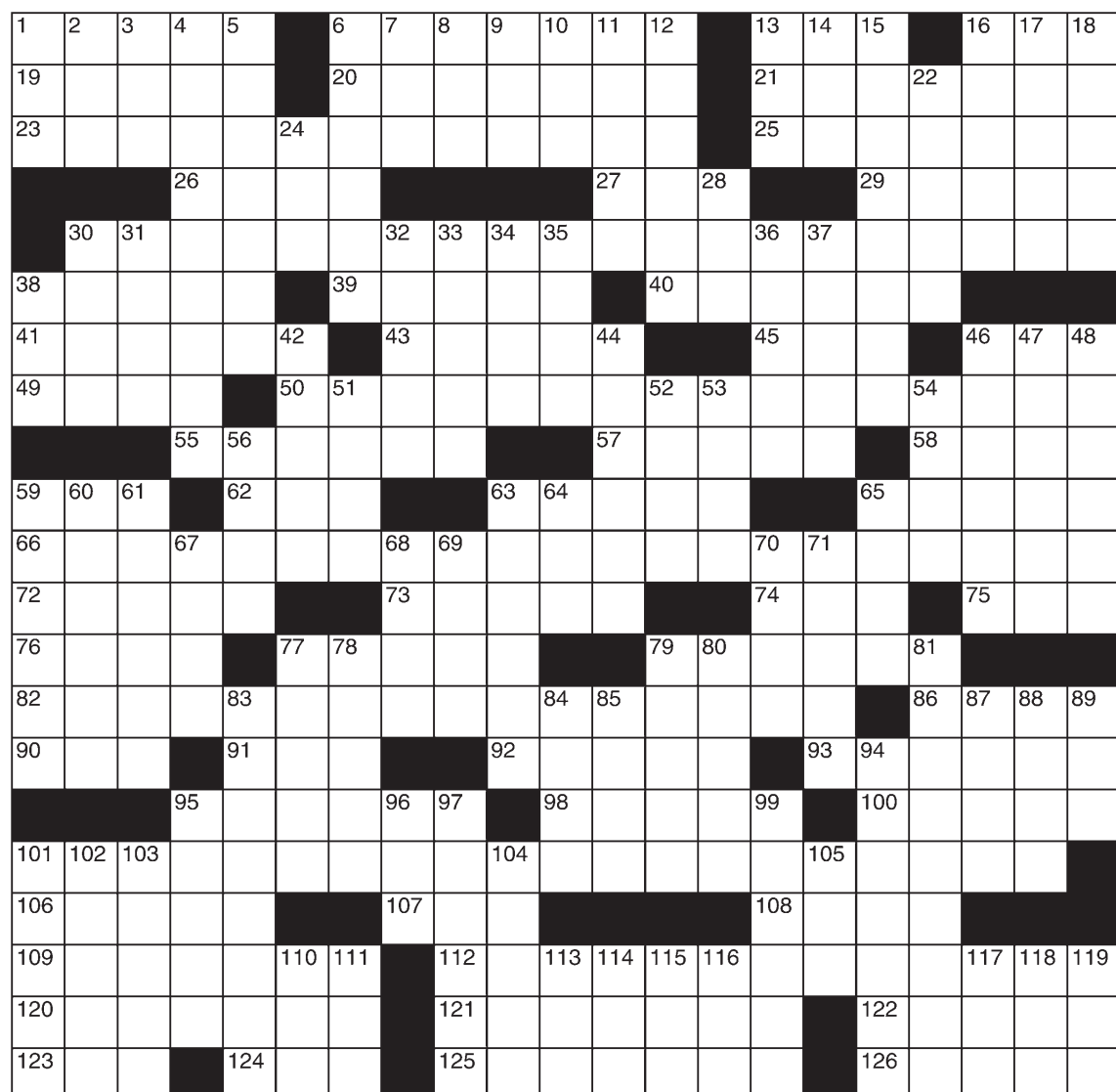
Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Dec. 8, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln offers his conciliatory plan for reunification of the United States with his Proclamation of Amnesty and Reconstruction. It allowed for a full pardon for and restoration of property to all engaged in the rebellion with the exception of the highest Confederate officials and military leaders.
 - On Dec. 6, 1933, a federal judge rules that "Ulysses" by James Joyce is not obscene. The book had been banned in both the United States and England when it came out in 1922. Three years earlier, its serialization in an American review had been cut short by the U.S. Post Office.
 - On Dec. 5, 1941, John Steinbeck's nonfiction book "The Sea of Cortez" is published. The book reflects Steinbeck's serious study of marine biology. He would later use his knowledge of the sea and its creatures in creating Doc, the marine biologist in "Cannery Row" (1945).
 - On Dec. 4, 1952, heavy smog begins to hover over London. Smoke, soot and sulfur dioxide from the area's industries and cars were trapped by a high-pressure air mass, leading to the deaths of at least 4,000 people, many of whom died in their sleep.
 - On Dec. 3, 1967, Lewis Washkansky, 53, receives the first human heart transplant, in Cape Town, South Africa. He was given drugs to keep his body from rejecting the heart, but died 18 days later.
 - On Dec. 7, 1982, the first execution by lethal injection takes place in Texas, when Charles Brooks Jr. receives a fatal dose of a barbiturate by intravenous injection.
 - On Dec. 9, 1992, nearly 2,000 U.S. Marines arrive in Mogadishu, Somalia, to spearhead a multinational force aimed at restoring order in the conflict-ridden country. In October 1993, rebels shot down two U.S. Army Black Hawk helicopters and killed 18 American soldiers.
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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Build up</p> <p>6 Features of gymnasts' horses</p> <p>13 With a single flat, musically</p> <p>16 Tam or fez</p> <p>19 Start a web session</p> <p>20 "Seriously!"</p> <p>21 Measure in Ohm's law</p> <p>23 See</p> <p>112-Across</p> <p>25 Metallic marble</p> <p>26 German GM subsidiary</p> <p>27 Ernie of the PGA Tour</p> <p>29 Put forth, as effort</p> <p>30 See</p> <p>112-Across</p> <p>38 Lake vessel</p> <p>39 "I Go —" (Peter Allen song)</p> <p>40 Hindu masters</p> <p>41 Spies, e.g.</p> <p>43 Kind of violet</p> <p>45 — kwon do</p> <p>46 With</p> <p>87-Down, collectively</p> <p>49 TV's Arnaz</p> | <p>50 See</p> <p>112-Across</p> <p>55 Singer King of "Tapestry"</p> <p>57 Barmaid on "Cheers"</p> <p>58 Name of five Norse kings</p> <p>59 Profs.' helpers</p> <p>62 "Man" or "12" lead-in</p> <p>63 Gulf War missiles</p> <p>65 Mold, as clay</p> <p>66 See</p> <p>112-Across</p> <p>72 "The Wild Swans at —" (poem by Yeats)</p> <p>73 Lawyer on "Ally McBeal"</p> <p>74 H.S. math class</p> <p>75 Blaster's stuff</p> <p>76 Like much music of the '90s</p> <p>77 "You — both!"</p> <p>79 Many a Muslim</p> <p>82 See</p> <p>112-Across</p> <p>86 Debussy's "Clair de —"</p> <p>90 Bundy and Unser</p> | <p>91 "Mazel —!"</p> <p>92 "— is human ..."</p> <p>93 Like a perfect place</p> <p>95 School skipper</p> <p>98 Like back-in-fashion</p> <p>100 Buddy</p> <p>101 See</p> <p>112-Across</p> <p>106 Microsoft ad campaign</p> <p>107 Ear-relevant prefix</p> <p>108 Paula once on CNN</p> <p>109 Sleep-inducing drug</p> <p>112 Not sharp, as a picture on a screen (and what</p> <p>23-, 30-, 50-, 66-, 82- and 101-Across are, literally)</p> <p>120 Comic actress Wiig</p> <p>121 Alcohol in liquor</p> <p>122 Comaneci of gymnastics</p> <p>123 DOS part: Abbr.</p> <p>124 "Assuredly!"</p> <p>125 Wet outside</p> | <p>MANY MEANINGS</p> <p>126 Clearing in the woods</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Alien of TV</p> <p>2 Stooge of TV</p> <p>3 Get riper</p> <p>4 Very wise</p> <p>5 Brief excerpt</p> <p>6 Little oinker</p> <p>7 "Holy cow!," in a text</p> <p>8 Singer Tillis</p> <p>9 — Zedong</p> <p>10 Brian of electronica</p> <p>11 Treated with calcium compounds</p> <p>12 Fashion trends</p> <p>13 ICU sights</p> <p>14 "— fair!"</p> <p>15 More woolly</p> <p>16 Novelist Carr</p> <p>17 "It's —" (delivery cry)</p> <p>18 Calvin of golf</p> <p>22 Dallas locale</p> <p>24 "— Blu Dipinto di Blu"</p> <p>28 Dallas-to-Austin dir.</p> <p>30 Gerbil holder</p> <p>31 Singles</p> <p>32 "Fiddler on the Roof" star</p> <p>33 Obliterate</p> <p>34 Quick note</p> <p>35 Ned who manages the Royals</p> <p>36 Plate for the Eucharist</p> <p>37 Picture</p> <p>38 Blackguard</p> <p>42 Scuffle</p> <p>44 "Hey, bro"</p> <p>46 Phrase after "café"</p> <p>47 Fasten with a click</p> <p>48 Onset</p> <p>51 Nessie's waters</p> <p>52 Lunar effect</p> <p>53 Door fixture</p> <p>54 Big-top cries</p> <p>56 Church area</p> <p>59 Port near Seattle</p> <p>60 Musically keyless</p> <p>61 Artists' wear</p> <p>63 Tight-lipped</p> <p>64 Quarter of M</p> <p>65 USMC rank</p> <p>67 Merrie — England</p> <p>68 Inner: Prefix</p> <p>69 Do, —, fa ...</p> <p>70 Sprinkle, say</p> <p>71 Skip over</p> <p>77 Love, to Gigi</p> <p>78 Kim of "Pal Joey"</p> <p>79 Kinda maybe</p> <p>80 Rush</p> <p>81 Rudimentary</p> <p>83 Horrible thing</p> <p>84 Like slasher films</p> <p>85 Look like</p> <p>87 See</p> <p>46-Across</p> <p>88 Nearly here</p> <p>89 Prefix with law or chic</p> <p>94 Debonair</p> <p>95 Sorts</p> <p>96 Cpl., for one</p> <p>97 Epithets</p> <p>99 How slimy stuff seeps</p> <p>101 Tiny wounds</p> <p>102 University in Atlanta</p> <p>103 Seasonally dry ravines</p> <p>104 Molar, e.g.</p> <p>105 Tore</p> <p>110 Born, to Gigi</p> <p>111 Lt.'s inferior</p> <p>113 "— is it?"</p> <p>114 Crow relative</p> <p>115 Phenyl ender</p> <p>116 FWIW part</p> <p>117 Ore- — (food brand)</p> <p>118 Meteor tail?</p> <p>119 Scots' "no"</p> |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was way back in the 19th century that American author and philosopher Henry David Thoreau made the following sage observation: "Men have become the tools of their tools."
 - If you were asked to name the U.S. state that is geographically closest to the continent of Africa, you might be tempted to say Florida. You'd be wrong, though; the closest state is actually Maine.
 - In 1938, Time magazine featured Adolph Hitler on the cover as its Man of the Year.
 - If you're like most parents, at some point you've been shocked by how quickly your kids outgrow things -- especially shoes. What may be an annoyance in a developed country is a major problem in undeveloped areas of the world; Kenton Lee is working on changing that. As a volunteer in an orphanage in Kenya, he noticed that many children had the toes cut out of their shoes just so they could fit in their growing feet. After returning home, Lee developed an adjustable sandal that can grow with a child, increasing up to five sizes using a system of snaps. Although the shoe is only available to nonprofits that send them to organizations in need, domestic demand is increasing. If you're a parent sick of buying seemingly endless pairs of new shoes, you'll be glad to hear that Lee and his team are working on a commercial version.
 - It was beloved British author (and, of course, creator of Sherlock Holmes), Sir Arthur Conan Doyle who introduced the sport of skiing to Switzerland, thereby transforming that snowy country into a premier tourist destination.
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- Thought for the Day: "The reason that adulation is not displeasing is that, though untrue, it shows one to be of consequence enough, in one way or other, to induce people to lie." -- Lord Byron
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: R equals H

K R U K C J Z L H D N O ' K D U K O D U Q S Z
 U N E J T R Q H J C R U C D U N R D
 T S U B E N . R D ' N L D G B O B K D S Z U
 G B F D Q G B F F D Q .

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Notice is hereby given pursuant to MCL 600.3212, that the following will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public auction at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on December 19, 2018: Name(s) of the mortgagor(s): Curtis T. Robinette, a single man, aka Curtis Robinette. Original Mortgagee: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. Foreclosing Assignee (if any): Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC. Date of Mortgage: March 30, 2009. Date of Mortgage Recording: April 8, 2009. Amount claimed due on date of notice: \$53,821.79. Description of the mortgaged premises: Situated in township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and described as: Lot 10, first addition to South Harrisville Acres, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 106 of Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a; or, if the subject real property is used for agricultural purposes as defined by MCL 600.3240(16). If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. This notice is from a debt collector. Date of notice: November 21, 2018. Trott Law, P.C. 1368221 11-21, 11-28, 12-5, 12-12

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Classified Ad Deadline is Monday at 4 p.m. Call 724-6384 Visa, Mastercard and Discover accepted

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP

Supervisor Major called the Greenbush Township regular board meeting to order at 7 p.m. on November 13 at the Greenbush Township Hall. One guest was present, all joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: supervisor C. Lee Major, treasurer Pat Dailey, trustee Sheila Scott, trustee Mark Parent. Absent: Clerk Dave Dailey. Treas. P. Dailey/Trustee Parent: Motion to approve the agenda as submitted – all ayes, clerk D. Dailey absent. Motion carried. Public comments: resident would like to see minutes on the website sooner. Cedar Lake Improvement Board chairman reported full permit application was submitted to the DEQ for the Sherman Creek Pike restoration weapons project plan and is looking for board support once the comment period is open. Clerk D. Dailey arrived 7:04 p.m. Clerk D. Dailey/Trustee Parent: Motion to approve the minutes as amended (add "per ZA email"). All ayes, motion carried. Treasurer P. Dailey absent. Report given by deputy clerk S. Story -- \$41,341.39 general fund; \$228,636.10 road fund; \$67,460.82 fire fund; \$43,293.94 Prince Drive; \$482.21 Kowalski Memorial Fund; CD2230 \$22,686.58; CD2272 \$26,036.40 -- reported all revenues. Trustee Scott questioned miscellaneous revenues. Treasurer P. Dailey will report back. Tax bills and newsletter will be sent out December 1 – in office day is December 21 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Clerk D. Dailey/Trustee Scott: Motion to approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Roll call: all ayes, motion carried. Clerk D. Dailey reported payroll check numbers: 17,665-17,673 -- \$3,646.57; bills check numbers: 17,663-17,692 -- \$7,455.65; plus E172-E181 checks -- \$1,254.44; bill subtotal \$8,710.09; fire checking number 1067 -- \$6,381.55; bill total \$15,091.64. Treas. P. Dailey/Supervisor C. Lee Major: Motion to approve the bills as presented. Roll call: all ayes, motion carried. Miscellaneous reports: Planning commission – minutes were read by clerk D. Dailey -- map coloring to distinguish addresses is not clear; police will not respond to disturbing the peace calls. Supervisor C. Lee Major stated equalization and subdivision maps should be clearer because they have parcel numbers. OWAA – painting for runways almost done; King airplane crash, weather was reported on NAV aid, one fatality; billing for October done and November bills are scheduled; Jack Brown is now certified as a maintenance manager. County Commissioner – no report. Constable – no report. Fire Chief – no report. Zoning and ordinance administrator – six permits, zero opened, six closed. Hall rental – schedules for October, November and December were reported and given to the board. Assessor – end of this year the board of review members need to be appointed; December 12 at 1 p.m. board of review meeting, AMARS discussion. Clerk D. Dailey/Supr. C. Lee Major: Motion to waive the fee of

penalty and interest for untimely filed property transfer affidavits. Roll call: trustee Scott and trustee Parent nay; three ayes; motion carried. Resolution for MCL211.27B for property transfer affidavit form 2766 was read by Clerk D. Dailey Clerk D. Dailey/Supr. C. Lee Major: Motion to adopt the resolution to waive the fee for filing property transfer affidavit. Roll call: trustee Scott and trustee Parent nay; three ayes; motion carried. GRAC -- no meeting. Clerk Dailey reported forestry clearing at Spencer Park has started, this is not logging as previously questioned. Trustee Scott will pull the deed and forward to the board for more clarification. Sesquicentennial- no report. Correspondence: Supervisor C. Lee Major: four items shared; one further discussed was a "blind person in area" sign for Evergreen. Clerk D. Dailey will check with MTA. Pending business: DPW building purchase -- no report. Time capsule vault -- Super. C. Lee Major received a phone call November 13 and stated he may receive another call November 14 for them to visit the site. Rental property in R1-- discussed under planning commission. Report on Intensified- done, remove. New business: Senate Bill 396 – MTA Chapter president submitted a sample letter and Alcona County Road Commission Chair submitted a sample resolution to oppose Senate Bill 396, both were read and adjusted for the township of Greenbush. Motion to send Senator Stamas a letter to oppose Senate Bill 396 – all ayes. Motion carried. Motion to adopt resolution in opposition of Senate Bill 396 and have signed by all member of the board. Roll call - all ayes. Motion carried. Opt in or out on legal Marijuana – board members will do more research and will discuss at a later date. Public comment -- none. Clerk D. Dailey/ trustee Scott : Motion to adjourn at 8:55 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

David W. Dailey Greenbush Township Clerk Note: Published prior to board approval. Next regular scheduled meeting, Tuesday, Dec. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall.

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