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Local elementary students benefit from helping hands

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

A local group of volunteers has been busy trying to make sure Alcona Elementary students have what they need and a little something extra during the holidays for all students.

Helping Hands, Inc., is comprised of volunteers, organizations and business leaders wanting to make life a little easier for Alcona County teachers, parents and students by providing a few necessary school items, something a little extra during the holidays and a special spring activity.

Currently, the group is working on a holiday gift bag or stocking for each child in the school including Head-Start and Great Start Readiness Program preschool students. Each bag, or stocking, will have age appropriate pencils, crayons or markers, coloring or activity books, paw shaped erasers, lanyards, stickers, or stress balls. Also included in each bag will be a new book from Michigan State University Extension and a few surprises.

"We have 354 students we will be ordering and collecting things for. We chose to give paw-shaped items to reflect the school mascot, the tiger and because Alcona Elementary is training a therapy dog, who will be working at the school soon. We wanted to give 'paws-itive' reinforcement gifts," said Ann Eddinger, president of Helping Hands said.

Thanks to a gift donation earlier this summer of a room full of yarn, Eddinger decided rather than shoe boxes, which have been used in the past for the holiday gifts, they would see if enough people in the community could knit or crochet Christmas stockings and each child get a stocking instead of a box. Due to the response, Helping Hands is now calling the project Stockings 4 Students. "Other charities use shoe boxes to send items to people in need, we didn't want to get confused with that. Everything Helping Hands does stays right here in Alcona County for Alcona Community students," Eddinger said.

New stockings for the cause can be knitted, crocheted, loomed, sewn or store bought but must meet the minimum size requirement of seven inches wide and 20 inches long in order for the books to fit inside the stocking. "Because it so late getting started on making stockings, we probably will have to use bags again this year, but it would be nice to be able to give every student a Christmas stocking every year," Eddinger said.

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Election Results

The following are the results of contested races and millage requests for Alcona County. All results are unofficial until the Alcona Board of Canvassers meet to certify the results. Write-in votes will be totaled by that board,

Millages	YES	NO
County Operating	2,551	2,910
Curtis Township Hall	209	362
Road Commission		
Al Scully		3,912
Caledonia Township Treas	surer	
Rebecca Abend		454
Sarah Roe		243
Greenbush Township Trus	stee	
Sheila Scott		434
Trina Borenstein		226
Gustin Township Trustee		
Charles Goldstrom		213
John Schlicker		88
City of Harrisville Mayor		
Barbara Luenberger		115
Jeffrey Gehring		124
City of Harrisville Treasur	rer	
Thomas Keerl		147
Justin Wilson		77

Service dog provides help, brings joy to Spruce resident

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

"We are mindful of life's preciousness. We believe in cheering each other's accomplishments and honoring milestones. We believe in the power of laughter and of puppy breath,"

~ An excerpt from Paws with a Cause values

A dog can bring an abundant amount of love and happiness into a home. It's been scientifically proven the wag of a tail can lift spirits, calm heart rates, lower blood pressure and ease anxiety. For some, a dog brings all that and more. A dog can be taught to see, hear and help people with disabilities to live a happy and fulfilled life. Life-long Alcona County resident, Amy Stevens, knows a lot about the wonderful things a wagging tail can bring to life and is celebrating the milestone of receiving certification with her third Paws with a Cause service dog, a two-year-old silky black Labrador and golden retriever mix she named Cutie Pi. Amy has been living with Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy 2A since she was diagnosed at 12 years of age. The disease has ravaged her body over the years and for the last 13 years she has been confined to a power wheel chair.

"Cutie Pi was delivered to me the day after Pi day last March," Amy said. Since March Amy and Cutie have been working together daily to get to know each other and work towards certification, which they received a few weeks ago.

Cutie is Amy's third service dog from Paws. She applied for Cutie after the passing of her second dog, Hassie Jo, in April of 2017.

Amy explained the absolute hardest part of sharing her life with a service dog is watching the dog grow older and succumb to either natural causes of age, or in Hassie Jo's case, bone cancer. "It broke my and my husband heart when we lost our Hassie Jo. Our home and hearts were empty. I made a choice a long time ago, knowing I have a genetic disease, not to have children so we would not pass the disease on. For people without children, we put all that love into our pets. They become our children," Amy said. To celebrate and honor Hassie Jo's life, Amy not only applied for another Paws dog, but went about the task of setting up a fundraiser for Paws. She explained the money was not needed to get a new dog, as Paws with a Cause dogs cannot be pur-



when it first began training dogs to alert deaf people to sounds like the cry of an infant, a fire alarm, an alarm clock ringing or a doorbell chime.

Since 1979 it has grown and branched out to train and donate thousands of dogs to help people with hearing impairments, physical disabilities, seizure disorders, and children with Autism. Because the demand is so great, there is a long waiting line to receive trained dogs. The process takes time. Like many organizations which gives service dogs, Paws with a Cause has a carefully scrutinized breeding program in which only the best dogs with no health ailments can be bred for the program. Once a puppy is born it stays with its mother dog for eight weeks before going to a foster family. The foster family takes in the puppy for a year to 18 months and gives it a temporary home with plenty of love, basic training and socializes the puppy in as many ways

Amy Stevens of Spruce and Cutie Pi, her Paws with a Cause service dog, work together as a team so that Stevens can be comfortable, safe and happy. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

chased and recipients are not charged a fee, but the funds would assist Paws in its charitable endeavors to breed and raise healthy and knowledgeable service dogs. The organization relies on charitable donations to exist. Her goal was to raise \$1,252 which she exceeded.

Paws for a Cause was formed almost 40 years ago

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Obituaries

Lisle Bugg

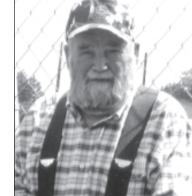
Lisle Bugg, 85, of Curran died on Saturday, Nov. 3, 2018 at MidMichigan Health Center in Alpena.

He was born January 26, 1933 to Harry and Carrie (Conrad) Bugg Sr. in Curran. He was a lifelong resident of Curran where he was a logger for many years.

On June 23, 1956 he married Betty Miller.

Mr. Bugg enjoyed hunting, caring for his draft horses, gardening, riding his golf cart and tractor. He kept his lawn meticulously neat.

Mr. Bugg is survived by his wife, Betty, of Curran; two daughters, Cindy Zenker and Barbara Kay (Mick) Green; two sons, Rick (Eve) Bugg and Dean (Doreen) Bugg; 11 grandchildren; 22 greatgrandchildren; one brother, Everette Bugg of Curran; three sisters, Jeanie Mendyka of Lincoln, Louise Indish of Gaines, Mich. and Rose



Mahalak of Lincoln.

He was preceded in death by six siblings, Sonny Bugg, Phyliss Baldwin, Margie Phinney, George Bugg, Edward Bugg and Mary Ann Mahalak.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held Saturday, Nov. 24 at the Mitchell Township Hall in Curran from 1 to 4 p.m. Arrangements were handled by McWilliams Funeral Home.

Marsha A. Engelhardt, 70, died on Tuesday, Oct. 30, 2018 in Plymouth, Mich.

She was born March 2, 1948 to Henry and Betty (Poffenbarger) Crutcher in Detroit, Mich.

She resided in Plymouth, Mich. until 1999 and worked as a computer program analyst before moving to Lost Lake Woods Club in Lincoln, where she transitioned into the real estate business. She worked as a real estate agent for many years before starting A&M Properties.

Mrs. Engelhardt enjoyed

Shirley J. Stineman, 95,

She was born January 3,

On September 11, 1948 she

Mrs. Stineman attended

married Russell W. Stineman

two years of business school

in Denver and worked as a

secretary for several years.

She was active in her daugh-

ters' school and in Campfire

Girls. She was a member of

Prince of Peace Lutheran in

1923 to Nathaniel C. and Neva

B. (Finley) Vernes in Denver,

died on Monday, Oct. 29, 2018

at Turning Brook Assisted

Living in Alpena.

in Chicago, Ill.

Colo.

Marsha A. Engelhardt

cooking for family and friends, playing euchre, traveling, golfing, and most of all, singing and dancing.

Mrs. Engelhardt is survived by one daughter, Jennifer (Frank) Morton; one son, Jason R. Degen; two stepsons, Richard (Kimberly) Engelhardt and Thomas (Kathryn) Engelhardt; two stepdaughters, Susan (Kirk) Matson and Mary (Hector) Roman; 11 grandchildren; and one brother, Raymond Crutcher.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Alfred H.

Shirley J. Stineman

the Seattle, Wash. area and New Life Lutheran Church after moving to Michigan in 2003.

She enjoyed sewing, crocheting, playing bridge, reading and working jigsaw puzzles.

Mrs. Stineman is survived by three daughters, Carol (Greg Howarth) Stineman of Stansbury Park, Utah, Kathleen (Eric) Dunckel of Harrisville and Debra (Charles) Post of Albuquerque, N.M.; and two granddaughters, Elena Dunckel of Asheville, N.C. and Abigail Dunckel of Williamston, Mich.

Mick Gillies

Mr. and Mrs. Gillies operated the funeral home until 1984.

Mr. Gillies was a devoted member of his community; he was involved with the Friends of the Lincoln Depot, and was a member of the Lincoln Downtown Development Association.

He was a former member of the Alcona County Commission On Aging (ACCOA) board of directors, and of the Alcona Lodge No. 292 F&AM.He was a member of New Life Lutheran Church.

Mr. Gillies is survived by one son, Rich (Mary) Gillies of Barton City; two grandchildren, Sara (Aaron) Healy of Lincoln and Jeff (Marilee) Brooks Gillies of Indianapolis, Ind.; four great-grandchildren, Henrik Healy, Ethan Healy, Ezra Brooks Gillies and

Engelhardt and one brother, Robert J. Crutcher.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, Nov. 18 at 3 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 12365 US-23, Ossineke. A luncheon will follow the memorial at the Fraternal Order of Eagles, 6848 US-23, Spruce.

Cremation arrangements were handled by Harry J. Will Funeral Home, Livonia, Mich. Memorial contributions may be made to Arbor Hospice www.arborhospice.org or Multiple Sclerosis Foundation https://msfocus.org.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Stineman in 1988.

Cremation has taken place and her ashes were scattered in the memorial garden of New Life Lutheran. Memorial contributions may be made to the Dee Brown Perry Scholarship Fund at the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan in honor of her granddaughters who, as Alcona High School graduates, were recipients of this scholarship.

Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home.



The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in October.

• Ryan Dean Mackinnon, 26, of Spruce was sentenced to fines and costs of \$200 for wildlife conviction, general violation.

• Arron Matthew Shelley, 42, of Livonia, Mich. was sentenced to fines and costs of \$400 for no valid driver's license in possession.

• Rondel Franklin Cox, 32, of Harrisville was sentenced to seven days in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$985 for malicious destruction of property under \$200.

• Joleen April Beyer, 38, of Lincoln was sentenced to seven days in jail, seven days of community service, six months of probation and fines and costs of \$1,660 for operating while visibly impaired.



Dick Gillies, 91, of Lincoln, died on Friday, Nov. 2, 2018 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

He was born November 13, 1926 to Donald and Isabelle (Ormerod) Gillies in Detroit, Mich. He was raised in West Branch, Mich. and Lincoln. He graduated from Oscoda High School, and attended Michigan Technological University where he was enrolled in the ROTC program.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II.

On August 14, 1948, he married Ruth Basselman.

Mr. Gillies worked as a funeral director in Saginaw, Mich. Alpena, and Detroit, Mich. before returning to Lincoln in 1956 to purchase what is now Gillies Funeral Home.

Hazel Brooks Gillies; two sisters-in-law, Leora Gillard of

Lincoln and Arden Basselman of Barton City; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death

by his wife, Ruth, on December 12, 2010 and one daughter, Sharon Ellis on February 13, 2007.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 7 from noon until the funeral service at 1 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Christina Bright and The Rev. Laraine Sundin will officiate. Burial will be in Twin Lakes Cemetery, Lincoln.

Memorial donations may be made to Friends of the Lincoln Depot, the Alcona County Commission on Aging, or to New Life Lutheran Church.

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, **NOVEMBER 7**

Learn about invasive species in the local area with Eric Brandon, a forester with the Alcona Conservation District, at the Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Road in Glennie at 7 p.m. This is event is free and open to the public.

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

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold its monthly meeting at 11 a.m. at the 19th Hole Restaurant on US-23 north in Alpena. Lunch will be served at noon. A Blue Cross Blue Shield representative will be on hand to answer questions. Bring a can of food for the 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 details.

Session two of a two-day 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 November is a Styrofoam fish sculpture with Autumn Bildson. All supplies included for \$10 per person. Must be able to attend both days. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

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

Children and adults are invited to attend free beginning ukulele lessons at the Mikado branch of the Alcona County Library, 2291 South F-41 from 2 to 3 p.m. To register, call (989) 736-3388.

THURSDAY,

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.

An open house for featured artist Susan Stacev will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Thunder Bay Arts Council Gallery, 127 West Chisholm Street in Alpena. Refreshments will be served. The event is free and open to the public.

SATURDAY, **NOVEMBER 10**

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. Call (989) 724-5077 or (989) 724-6546 for details.

Hope Lutheran Church Bazaar will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road in Hubbard Lake. Soup and salad luncheon including dessert and beverage, \$8 per person. A queen-size quilt, wall hanging and quilted lap blanket will be raffled. Lots of handmade crafts, horseradish, pasties, sauerkraut, pickles, jams and jellies and much more. Wheelchair accessible.

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.

My Brother's Hope Potluck Cafe will be serving a meal from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

World War I chat from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Remembering local veterans with a World War I research display including photos, stories and memorabilia. Attendees are encouraged to bring their knowledge, stories and quesare welcome. They meet to create a supportive ukulele community to strum, sing and have fun. There will be a \$1 collection to defray costs. Call Irv at (989) 724-7410 for details.

Veterans of Foreign Wars Burger-Wiedbrauk Post 8135 in Barton City will remember all veterans at 11 a.m. The public is welcome to attend. For more information, contact Jim Burger at (989) 590-0127 or call (989) 736-3401.

A Veteran's Day Service of Remembrance will take place at 10 a.m. at Spruce Presbyterian Church, 6230 Gillard Road. In observance of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, World War I, the bell will toll and bagpipes will play during the service. Wreaths will be laid in Pleasant View Cemetery behind the church. A candle lighting ceremony will honor all veterans during the church service. All veterans and their families are invited.

The Mikado American Legion will hold a Veteran's Day remembrance service on the courthouse lawn in Harrisville at 11 a.m.

TUESDAY, **NOVEMBER 13**

The Alcona County Democratic Party will meet for breakfast at 9 a.m. at the Red Rooster Restaurant in Greenbush. Everyone is welcome.

WEDNESDAY, **NOVEMBER 14**

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.

Children and adults are invited to attend free beginning ukulele lessons at the Mikado branch of the Alcona County Library, 2291 South F-41 from 2 to 3 p.m. To register, call (989) 736-3388.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch. Continued on page 4



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NOVEMBER 8

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 9

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.

tions.

There will be a veterans dinner to benefit Toys for Tots from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles on 671 Sanborn Road. Call (989) 736-3050 for details.

A timber and taxes workshop will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alcona Natural Resource Building located at 320 South State Street in Harrisville, Guest speaker will be Susan Metcalfe from Grayling, Mich. This event is free and open to the public. Call (989) 724-5272 for details.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11

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

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Timber & Taxes Seminar

The Alcona Conservation District will be hosting a Timber and Taxes workshop on Saturday, Nov. 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alcona Natural Resource Building, located at 320 South State Street in Harrisville. Featured speaker will be Susan Metcalfe representing Metcalfe Forestry of Grayling, Mich. Metcalfe is one of the foremost experts in the region about taxes on timber income, and property tax abatement through forest management. Her presentation will cover capital gains, the timber depletion allowance, the Qualified Forest Program, and the Commercial Forest Act. Find out what the "timber barons" know. It applies to everyone. The event is free and open to the public.

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. 12—Beef roast, mashed potatoes and

gravy, baby carrots, and pineapple.

• Tuesday, Nov. 13— Breaded pork chop, baked potato, cauliflower, coleslaw, and mixed fruit.

• Wednesday, Nov. 14— Goulash, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, and mandarin oranges.

• Thursday, Nov. 15—Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green bean casserole, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie, and dinner rolls.

• Friday, Nov. 16—Chicken and noodles, Prince Charles blend vegetables, pea salad, and peaches. (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

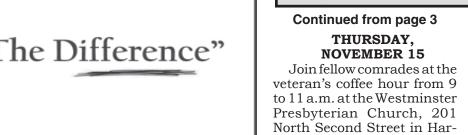
Winter Weather Program

The Alcona County Emergency Management Office and Amateur Radio Group are sponsoring a winter weather program presented by the National Weather Service of Gaylord, Mich. It will be held on Thursday, Nov. 15 starting at 6:30 p.m. at the Alcona County EMS/EOC Building located at 2600 East M-72. Anyone who is interested in learning more about winter weather, the forecast for this upcoming season, snow spotter reporting, students interested in weather and

much more, they are encouraged to attend this free 90minute program open to the public. All attendees will be eligible for a free raffle for a Weather Alert Radio. Free refreshments are provided. Pre-registration is not required -- just show up.

Michigan Before Europeans

The AuSable Valley Audubon is hosting featured speaker, Prof. William Lovis, professor emeritus at Michigan State University, who will present "Michigan Before Europeans" on Tuesday, Nov. 13 at 1 p.m. at the new AuSable Township Hall, located at 4420 N. US-23, AuSable. Until his recent retirement, Lovis was a professor of anthropology and curator of anthropology at the MSU Museum. His program focuses on the lives of the native inhabitants of Michigan and, especially this region, before the arrival of Europeans. He will display many artifacts (tools, implements, utensils) left by the early peoples in and around the AuSable River. Found by a local member of AuSable Valley Audubon on the AuSable River over many years, these artifacts will give insight into the lives of local natives.



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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17

Spruce Presbyterian Church Bazaar will be held for 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 6230 Gillard Road in Spruce. The bazaar includes a tin can raffle, gift baskets, bake sale, cutlery, crafts and much more.

Spruce Lutheran Church Holiday Bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 1246 East Spruce Road, three miles west of F-41. Homemade soup and dessert lunch, cookie walk, baked goods, jams, homemade candy, crafts and gently used Christ-







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of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Grand opening of the traveling Smithsonian exhibit, Water/Ways, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Guest speakers and introduction to the exhibit. Interactive displays, local history, watershed information, speakers, programs and more at this six-week celebration of water. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by Michigan Humanities Council, the Smithsonian Institute, and many local agencies. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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Lady Tigers fall early in district opener

By Ben Murphy Sports Writer

Eventual district champion Houghton Lake was a bit too much for the Alcona varsity volleyball team.

The Lady Tigers, playing the Lady Bobcats in a division three district opening game on Tuesday, Oct. 30, came up short in straight sets, 25-12, 25-18 and 25-19.

"Our nerves got the best of us in the beginning, resulting in coverage mistakes, lack of communication and errors both offensively and defensively," said head coach Kristi Miller. "However, we were able

to recover and battle. Although the outcome of the game was not in our favor, I am proud to say the girls never gave up and left everything on the court."

The Lady Tigers weren't alone in falling to Houghton Lake, as the Jack Pine Conference champions topped Oscoda on Thursday and Roscommon on Saturday.

"Houghton Lake is a talented team with a lot of experience that went on to win our district," Miller said. "When girls take advantage of opportunities to play beyond the fall it shows. It is evident we need to work harder to develop our athletes to better prepare them to compete at that level."

Raegen Eller led the team with four kills and 11 digs. Hailee Gordy and Lily Bilbey had four kills each and Brooke Pagels had four blocks.

'Our season fell short of a district title, but I could not have asked for a better group of athletes to coach," Miller said. "Our family was strong. We worked hard, played with heart, motivated each other, and shared many memories, making the season enjoyable and unforgettable."

MTA Chapter supports school program

The Alcona Chapter of the Michigan Townships Association (MTA), an organization that meets quarterly and serves as a forum for township officials from the 11 townships in Alcona to discuss and share common concerns, has been working with Alcona Schools, the County Board of Commissioners, and Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) to add a classroom component that focuses on local government.

"Our MTA Chapter has long been interested in introducing students to local government," said Marlena MacNeill, chapter president. "For many years, we provided a scholarship to graduating high school seniors who indicated they were pursuing a career in public service.'

"Because our eligibility requirements were so broad in scope, however, we felt like we weren't really hitting the target. So, we discontinued the scholarship program and had been trying to come up with a more direct route to introduce students to the operation and services provided by the most fundamental and accessible level of government—that which occurs right in Alcona County."

Recognizing that having a youth viewpoint could be a valuable consideration in decisions made at the local level, the idea of an apprenticeship

or mentorship was tossed about, but never took root and the idea languished.

Until, that is, former Gustin Township supervisor Adam Brege, upon becoming a county commissioner, took the idea up again.

According to MacNeill, Brege shook off the dust and breathed new life into the concept of including youth in local government by suggesting to Dan O'Connor, superintendent of Alcona Community Schools, the possibility of a for-credit class on local government be included in the school's curriculum.

Les Thomas, Alcona MSUE 4-H Program coordinator, made the necessary connections to explore an existing extension program from another county. Ultimately that program became the model used by Alcona Middle School teacherTerry Terpstra to create the new curriculum, Mac-Neill explained.

Starting this semester, students at the eighth grade level are learning about how local government functions. In addition to classroom study of how local government operates, students will tour the county building to see how the various offices there function and visit other entities such as emergency services that are also a part of local government.

In addition, and bringing

the vision of the townships to include youth in local government to fruition, discussion will soon start about creating youth positions on certain county and township boards.

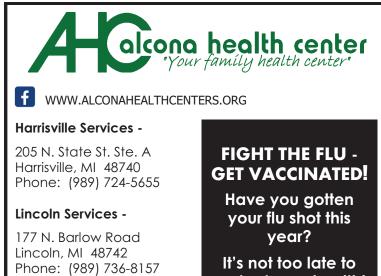
Harrisville Township Clerk Roger Jamieson, a long-time advocate of the concept of bringing information to students about townships said, "This is a good opportunity and we appreciate the efforts to finally make it happen." Jamieson was joined in his enthusiasm by other attendees at a recent Alcona MTA Chapter meeting where it was decided the group would pay to provide the transportation to the county building for students in Terpstra's class.

For more information about the Alcona MTA Chapter, contact Marlena Mac Neill at (989) 727 3788. For more information about the local government in public school program, contact County Commissioner Adam Brege at (989) 590 2137.









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as it possibly can. Foster families never know where their puppy will be working, so puppies are exposed to big city life as well as rural farm living. They are taken on elevators and walked on busy city streets, exposed to factory noises, farm noises and everything in between.

Since the service dogs will have to perform daily tasks in a variety of venues, puppies are taken inside grocery stores, hospitals, schools, movie theatres and bowling alleys. Any place a person may go. They are walked next to wheelchairs, power chairs, and walkers until it is second nature for the dog to be next to them.

After the dog's first birthday Paws will assess the dog to make sure it is healthy and confident to perform tasks and begins working with the dog to understand what it is capable of, its desire to learn, its strength and its personality before matching it with a trainer and a person in need. The trainer assigned to Amy and Cutie was Dr. Ellen Herlache-Pretzer, a professor of occupational therapy at Saginaw Valley State University.

When Amy received the news she would be receiving a new dog, she was overjoyed, but she knew there would be a lot of work ahead of her in order for the dog to understand and perform duties she would need it to do.



Cutie Pi opens doors -- like the refridgerator door -- with the help of straps placed on the handles.

should fall from the arm rest control of her power wheelchair. Amy explained a few years ago, a fall off a makeshift chair ramp at a friend's house caused breaks in both her femur bones. The surgery to put rods in both legs caused Amy a three week stay in the intensive care unit in downstate hospital. While hospitalized, Amy was flat on her back and lost the ability to raise her arms. Since then she is no longer able to lift her arm enough to gain control of her chair.

Amy must rely on being able to call her husband, Marshall, in from his homebased machine shop to assist her in getting her arm back up into position. "If I don't have my phone with me or if he doesn't hear the phone

glass patio door for Amy. She can retrieve any dropped item and give it to Amy, take a lap blanket off of Amy's lap or find the phone and deliver it to Amy.

The most important duty, other than easing Amy's life and filling it with happiness, is being able to go and get help from Marshall when Amy needs it. All Amy must do is say the words "get help" and Cutie is off like a bullet to find Marshall, no matter if he is working with loud machines in the shop or doing yardwork, the dog will nudge his leg three times to let him know help is needed.

A difficult task for both Amy and Cutie is to go about their business when Amy is out doing errands like shopping. "It can be distracting when people notice a service dog in the store. It's human nature to want to stop and pet a working dog, but it gets the dog excited and disrupts their focus.

'I want people to know the dogs get a lot of attention and affection at home, they are not always on duty. They have play time and rest time like other dogs and are treated well. I don't like telling people not to pet her in the store. It's a fine line. She brings so much joy when we go places and I don't like depriving anyone of her joy. They may be going through something we can't see and Cutie may just be the sunshine of their day, but it can be distracting to the dog," Amy said.

All three of Amy's dogs have had extremely different personalities, but all blended well into their family life. Amy said, "Cutie Pi is fearless and spunky. I call her my crazy girl. She has just one speed; fast as a rocket. She is exceptionally intelligent and very eager. She loves to give kisses and whenever she is passing by she will give me a lick. I call them 'drive-by' kisses. If Cutie Pi's kisses could heal, I surely would have been cured by now." With Cutie Pi's certification, Amy was given the name and address of the family who fostered the dog during her first year of life. Amy intends to write them and let them know how much she appreciates what they did for her. For more information on Paws with a Cause, to volunteer or donate, visit the website at pawswithacause.org or call headquarters in Wayland, Mich., at (616)-877-7297 or the regional office in Troy, Mich., (248) 619-9201.



Cutie Pi can pull blanket off of Amy's lap, but her most important skill is to find Amy's husband, Marshall, when Amy needs help. Photos by Mary Weber.

She was glad to have the assistance of Herlache-Pretzer who is a public speaker for the Paws with a Cause organization, assists foster raisers including helping with a prison foster dog program where prisoners in Saginaw, Mich., earn the privilege to foster raise a dog for Paws and performs inhome training assistance to northeastern Michigan recipients of Paws dogs for them to earn their certification. For six months, Herlache-Pretzer came to Alcona County from Saginaw as much as her schedule would allow to help Amy in training Cutie Pi. "Because Limb-Girdle Muscular Dystrophy is a slow but progressive neuro-muscular disease, as it progresses I have different needs. Cutie had to be trained for things which Hassie Jo didn't have to know. Hassie had to be trained for things my first dog, Abby Jo, didn't have to know," Amy said. One of those things is to help Amy lift her arm if it

because machines are running, I'm just stuck like that until he happens to come in. It can take a long time and it's painful when my arm is hanging down in that position" Amv said.

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It was one of the first things Herlache-Pretzer and Amy began working on with the dog. By giving Cutie the command "side," which brings the dog to Amy's side and the command to "lift" which the dog will put its nose under Amy's wrist and lift her arm. Amy tells Cutie to "hold" and the dog obeys by holding her head very still and level with the control of the power chair.

'She will hold her head steady like that until I can reach the control and have mobility again. This is a task that Abby Jo and Hassie Jo were not trained to do because I didn't need it at that time, but now it's pretty important. I'm excited she can do that for me," Amy said.

Cutie can also open the refrigerator door, outside doors and even slide open the



How to capture your elder loved ones' story

Dear Savvy Senior,

I am interested in making a video of my 82-year-old parents'life story/legacy and how they want to be remembered. With the holidays approaching, I thought this could be a neat gift to my older siblings, but I could use some help. What can you tell me?

Youngest of Five

Dear Youngest,

A personal recording of your parents' life story could be a wonderful holiday gift and something you and your family could cherish the rest of your lives. Here are a few tips to help you get started.

• Your first step is to find out if your parents are willing to make a legacy video, which would entail you asking them a number of thoughtful questions about their life in an interview format in front of a video recording device. If they are, all you'll need is a smartphone or camcorder and a list of questions or prompts to get them talking.

• If you have a smartphone,

making a video of your parents' story is simple and free. However, you may want to invest a "smartphone tripod" to hold the phone while you conduct the interview, and a "smartphone external microphone," which would improve the audio quality. You can find these types of products at Amazon.com for under \$20.

Most smartphones today have good quality cameras and have the ability to edit/ trim out the parts you don't want. Or you can download a free video-editing app like Magisto or Adobe Premiere Clip that can help you customize your video.

• If you want a higher quality video, consider purchasing a HD camcorder. Sony, Panasonic and Canon are the top-rated brands, according to Consumer Reports. These can run anywhere from a few hundred dollars, up to \$1,000 or more.

• To help you prepare your list of questions for your parents' video interview, go to "Have the Talk of a Lifetime" website at *TalkofaLifetime.org.* This resource, created by the Funeral and Memorial Information Council, offers a free workbook that lists dozens of questions in different categories. Some of these include: earliest memories and childhood; significant people; proudest accomplishments; and most cherished objects. This will help you put together a wide variety of meaningful, open-ended questions.

• Old photos of your parents, their family members and friends are also great to have on hand to jog your parents' memory and stimulate conversations.

• After you select your questions and photos, be sure to share them with your parents ahead of time so they can have some time to think about their answers. This will make the interview go much smoother.

• Arrange an interview time when your parents are rested and relaxed, and choose a quiet, comfortable place



where you won't be interrupted. You may need several sessions to cover everything you want.

• When you get started, ask your parents to introduce themselves and ask a warm-up question like "When and where were you born?" Then ease into your selected questions, but use them as a guide, not a script. If your parents go off topic, go with it. You can redirect them to your original question later. Think of it as a conversation; there's no right or wrong thing to talk about, as long as it's meaningful to you and your parents.

• Also, be prepared to ask

follow-up questions or diverge from your question list if you're curious about something. If you'd like to hear more, try "And then what happened?" or "How did that make you feel?" or "What were you thinking in that moment?"

• And end your interview with some reflective questions, such as "What legacy would you like to leave?" or "How do you want to be remembered?"

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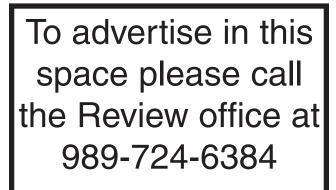
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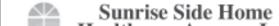
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stocking is the items that will the child to eat during weekgo inside and the group is hoping enough people will donate to the cause so volunteers can place the order soon. "People can donate individually or as a group and even pick out what they would like to cover the cost of. We have a wish list of what we would like to order," said Terry Lipscomb, a board member of Helping Hands.

The formation of Helping Hands was the brainstorm of Ann Eddinger, who has been involved with the school backpack program for several years. The backpack program provides food items for students in need to take home so there will be something for

ends and when school is not in session

Eddinger saw there were other acts of kindness the community could offer to all of the students, not just the ones in need, and even though she was laid up last November and December in a nursing home while struggling through a worrisome infection, she made calls to her band of volunteers to make sure every student in the school received a gift bag before the Christmas break.

"Giving small holiday gifts to all students was something started years ago by Shannon Allison, the wife of the school principal at the time. She'd fill shoe boxes with items and it meant a lot to the students. The Allisons have since moved to another school district. I didn't want to see that kindness slip away," Eddinger said.

This year, Helping Hands, Inc., has already helped elementary students by giving all third through fifth graders school planners so they can keep track of when lessons are due and special reading envelopes to students in kindergarten through second grade.

The envelopes provide a place to put a book the child must read as homework and a sign off sheet for the parent to acknowledge the work was done.

All monetary donations will be used to purchase items for the bags or stockings. Anything collected over and above what is needed or beyond the gift giving season will be saved to help the organization achieve a 501 C 7 status which Eddinger explained will cost about \$600.

"We want to create a nonprofit 501 C 7 group because our community is small and has such a huge financial need. Local businesses are getting hit up time and time again. As a nonprofit we will have the possibility to get grants and things from other avenues outside Alcona County from large corporate

sponsors like Crayola and Nickelodeon and others who may want to help Alcona County students," Lipscomb said.

Check donations can be made out to Helping Hands, Inc., and sent to P.O. Box 24, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. New, homemade or purchased Christmas stockings measuring at least seven inches wide and 20 inches long can be dropped off at Fick & Son's Marathon Gas Station in Lincoln at 921 N. Barlow Road.

For questions or to request a Stockings 4 Students wish list, email alconahelpinghandsinc18@gmail.com or call Ann Eddinger at (989) 335-3206.

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Non profits benefit from charitible gifts from retirement funds

As the end of the year approaches, many people may have "Take Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from IRA" on their to-do list. And it is likely that many are unaware that their RMD can be used to make a tax-free charitable donation.

"With the end of the tax year coming during the most popular season for charitable giving, unneeded IRA distributions are a great way to support our communities," said Patrick Heraghty, executive director of Community

Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM). "Aside from the tax benefits of this, giving back is a great way to lift our own spirits, and help others at the same time."

For those eligible, donating IRA funds to charity through a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) may yield the biggest tax bang for the charitable buck. According to Heraghty, this method of giving appears to be growing in popularity. He said the Community Foundation and its affiliate foundations have

seen a steady increase in take a RMD by year-end could these types of donations over the last few years.

There are a few simple requirements for an IRA distribution gift:

• The check must not pass through the donor's hands;

• It must be written by the custodian of the IRA directly to the charity, which must be a qualifying charity other than a donor advised fund or a private foundation;

• The donor will need an acknowledgement from the charity for the gift. Failure to

result in a stiff IRS penalty-50 percent of the amount that should have been withdrawn.

The criteria for a charitable donation from an IRA are:

• The IRA holder must be age 70 $\frac{1}{2}$ or older at the time the gift is made.

 Gifts may be made using all, or a portion of the Required Minimum Distribution (up to \$100,000 tax-free annually).

• Gifts must be outright donations made directly from an IRA to a qualifying charitable organization.

While a donation from an IRA can be made at any time to a charitable organization, Heraght explained that Giving Tuesday (November 27), may be the perfect time for giving such a gift.

"Our local Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan event is coming up quick," said Christine Hitch CFNEM's marketing communications director. 'We have over 55 non profit

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• A Veteran's Day Service of Remembrance will take place at Spruce Presbyterian Church, 6230 Gillard Road, at 10 a.m. In observance of the 100th anniversary of the Armistice, World War I, the bell will toll and bagpipes play during this service, and wreaths will be laid in the Pleasantview Cemetery behind the church. A candle lighting ceremony will honor all veterans during the church service. All veterans and their families are invited.

• On Sunday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. Veterans of Foreign Wars Burger-Wiedbrauk Post 8135 in Barton City will remember all Veterans at the Post in Barton City. The public is welcome to attend. For further information, contact Jim Burger at (989) 590-0127 or 736-3401.

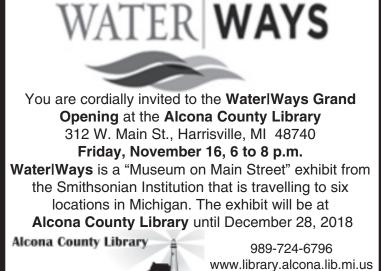
• On Sunday, Nov. 11 at 11 a.m. there will be a service on the courthouse lawn in Harrisville. The public is invited to join the American Legion and honor the nation's veterans.



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Proper storage of fishing equipment

It's getting to be that time of year where many anglers are preparing to store their fishing equipment. Here are a few tips to help in this process:

• Take your reels apart to clean them and then grease and oil them.

• Check out the hooks on lures and determine if they need replacement or sharpening.

• Remove the fly line from the reel. If plannint to reusing it consider cleaning it with dish soap.

• Use rod sleeves to store rods and so the parts don't get mismatched.

• Store rods vertically to avoid any bends from occurring.

· Keep rods at room temperature.

· Check waders for any leaks; pinhole-sized leaks can be found by putting a flashlight inside the waders in a dark room.

After that anglers will be ready for ice fishing season

Northeast Lower Peninsula October 31

 Cheboygan River: Anglers caught steelhead and the occasional Chinook on real or artificial spawn bags at the lock and dam. The steelhead were three to eight pounds while the Chinook were three to seven pounds. Most were males.

Alpena: The fish cleaning station is now closed for the season and the marina will

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be closing soon. The launch ramps at the city launch and Fletcher Street should be in for a while yet. No boats had been out as it has been windy and rough.

• Thunder Bay River: Had lots of angling pressure as many are waiting for the Atlantic salmon to finish spawning and the bite to pick up which usually happens early to mid-November. Casting spoons and body baits worked best. However, some were also drifting spawn, beads or flies under a bobber. No steelhead yet but they should be in shortly.

Be sure to check the Atlantic salmon for a missing adipose fin and a coded wire tag in their snout. The heads can be turned in at the Alpena Research Station or Clem's Bait and Tackle. Both have the bags for the fish heads and the forms to fill out.

• Black River: A couple of anglers were casting body baits, spoons, and spinners for walleye, trout, and salmon, but catch rates were low.

• Harrisville: Had no boat anglers. A few walleye anglers were casting crank baits from the harbor rocks after dark but had little success.

• Oscoda: Pier anglers caught a few walleye when casting body baits or jigs tipped with minnows in the early morning or after dark. Lake trout and a of couple steelhead were caught by those casting body baits and spoons or still-fishing with spawn.

• AuSable River: Atlantic salmon are in spawning mode,

so it has been hard to get them to strike. Those casting spoons and spinners or swinging and stripping streamer flies had the best luck, with fish up to 12 pounds caught.

Atlantic salmon with a missing adipose fin have a coded wire tag in their snout. Anglers are asked to turn the heads in at Wellman's, AuSable River Store, Haglund's, The Dam Store, or Harrisville State Park.

The steelhead action picked up a little bit as fish were caught by those casting spoons or bottom bouncing and floating spawn bags and beads. A few post-spawn Chinook up to 18 pounds along with the odd lake trout, coho or lake run brown trout were caught by those casting spoons and spinners or when backtrolling with plugs in the lower river.

• Tawas: Pier anglers in Tawas Bay are getting some walleye at night and a few pike during the day. Shore anglers have also caught walleye including a few limit catches at night behind the State Police Post when casting jig heads and soft plastics at night.

• Tawas River: Walleye were hitting at the mouth and in the lower river up to the US-23 Bridge.

• AuGres: A couple of walleye and some perch were caught between Point Lookout and Pointe Au Gres in 20 feet.

 AuGres River: Some perch were caught in the lower river from the boat ramp lakeward.

Largemouth bass virus re-emerges in local lake

After a 15-year hiatus, largemouth bass virus has re-emerged in a new northern Lower Peninsula water. This virus has been confirmed humans, and infected fish are as a factor in a fish kill in Cedar Lake in Alcona and losco counties, with additional lakes in the area being examined. This virus previously affected adult largemouth bass in the early 2000s in southern Michigan lakes. According to Gary Whelan, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' fisheries research manager, largemouth bass virus (LMBV) is one of more than 100 naturally occurring viruses that affect fish and is closely related to viruses found in frogs and other amphibians. Its origin and how it is spread are unknown, but anglers are considered a likely path for transmitting the virus through the movement of live, infected fish from one water to another, or by using contaminated and uncleaned

gear or boats in uninfected waters.

Whelan explained that LMBV is not known to infect safe to eat - as long as the fish is thoroughly cooked. LMBV usually causes fish kills during periods when fish are most stressed. Potential stressors include very hot weather, intensive recreational fishing, and possibly aquatic weed or other treatments made during hot weather. Anything that can be done to minimize stress on fish will reduce the effects of this virus and subsequent fish deaths. According to Whelan there are few outward signs that a fish has LMBV. The virus has been found in lakes with no reports of disease or mortalities of fish. Affected fish usually appear normal, although they may be lethargic, swim slowly and be less responsive to activity around them. Dying fish often are seen near

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Despite Flint, many water systems are not open about lead pipes

By Eric Freedman

Capital News Service Flint's lead-tainted water crisis has drawn international headlines, but some states and their water systems appear to be slow in learning the importance of keeping the public informed about similar risks.

Most of the country's 100 largest water systems have failed to follow an Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recommendation to publicize where their lead service lines are, according to a new report by the U.S. General Accountability Office. The GAO is a nonpartisan investigatory arm of Congress.

The EPA made that recommendation to all states in 2016 after "the crisis in Flint brought increased attention to the country's challenge of addressing lead in drinking water infrastructure," GAO said in its report to congressional committees.

"Lead service lines present a significant risk of lead contamination in drinking water," the report said.

Michigan has new regulations that require homeowners to be notified of nearby lead pipes by 2020.

Most lead in drinking water comes from corroded lead pipes, such as service lines that connect water mains to homes and businesses. A chemical interaction between water and the pipes corrodes the metal and allows lead to dissolve or lead particles to flake away into the water.

The report noted that no level of lead is safe in drinking water, with the highest risk to infants, children under six and pregnant women.

"In children it can delay growth, cause learning and behavioral problems and lower IQ, while in pregnant women it can reduce fetal growth and cause premature birth," it said.

The EPA's formal response to the GAO agreed with the report's findings and conclusions. It "recently developed a website that showcases leading efforts by states, public water systems and communities to identify and replace lead service lines," although none of the showcased projects are in Michigan.

In January 2016, the EPA wrote to Gov. Rick Snyder expressing the agency's "concern with lack of transparency and accountability to the public in Flint," the GAO said. The next month, the EPA wrote to every state calling for more transparency. That letter encouraged states to work with their water systems to post information about lead pipes and maps online, but only six states created an online repository of lead maps or reports, the GAO said.

The GAO report "did not document the 12 systems out of the top 100 that posted this information," said J. Alfredo Gómez, the director of natural resources and environment at the GAO. Federal law doesn't require water systems to post their materials or maps of lead service lines on state or water system websites.

However, Michigan now requires such public disclosure, according to Tiffany Brown, a public information officer at the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

The DEQ has implemented a new state-level requirement for systems to evaluate their inventory of lead service lines, verify the results and submit reports to the department, Brown said. "When systems find a lead service line, they are required to notify the homeowner within 30 days. Systems will also be required to report on their website and in their consumer confidence report the total number of lead service lines in their system," she said.

Their initial evaluations are due by January 1, 2020, and no system has submitted its initial report yet. Mary Brady-Emerson, the Michigan director of the advocacy group Clean Water Action, said the public transparency requirement of the new state rule is critical. "We feel that update is a positive one," Brady-Emerson said. "When fully implemented, the next key piece is always enforcement. If properly enforced, those updates will go a long way in ensuring increased transparency."

She pointed to two public systems in the forefront of removing lead service lines. The municipal system in Lansing was the first in the state to take out all its lead service lines, and the Grand Rapids system "has announced a pretty aggressive timeline for full replacement, especially for a city of that size."

In general, she said, municipal systems are more responsive than rural, cooperative and privately owned ones to demands for more transparency.

Nationally, there's no accurate figure on the number of miles of drinking water mains in the country, the report said, but the American Society of Civil Engineers estimates the figure at 1 million miles.

The GAO said the number of lead service lines is also unknown because federal rules don't generally require water systems to collect that data. The American Water Works Association estimates the total at 6.1 million.

EPA officials cited major reasons why it's been difficult for water systems to compile inventories of lead service lines and publicize such information. They include concern about how that information may lower homeowner property values, insufficient staff and funding, difficulty in locating underground lines or getting access to private property, lack of records and water systems' lack of a website to post that information.

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For the Smithsonian WaterlWays Exhibit at the Alcona County Library, Harrisville

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> Must be willing to volunteer 4 times during event

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Alcona County Library Board has an opening for a five-year term as a Library Board Trustee. The Board is seeking a person with an interest in continuing to provide excellent library service and educational opportunities. Please send letter of interest and a brief resume to Alcona County Library Board, 312 W. Main St, Harrisville, MI 48740 or email to director@alcona.lib.mi.us (With the subject: Board Member Letter of Interest) prior to 5:30 p.m. Friday November 2, 2018. The Board is most interested in persons with prior community involvement. Interviews will be conducted at the Alcona Library Board meeting on November 14, 2018 at the Harrisville Branch. You will be notified of the interview time. Alcona Library Board of Trustees By-Laws are available on website www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us. For more information call Denise at 989-724-6796.



Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of October 29 - November 4, 2018

110 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 5 Traffic Tickets.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	6	Traffic/Traffic Stop
Medical	29	Property Damage Accident
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Assist
Animal/Dog	8	Fraud
Miscellaneous	2	Well Being Check
911 Hang Up	1	Suspicious Event
Drug Disposal	1	Domestic
Alarm	4	Larceny
Bomb Threat	1	Dog Bite
Littering	1	Child Abuse
Fire	1	

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	8	Caledonia	5		Curtis	9
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the surface and have difficulty remaining upright. Upon internal examination, infected fish usually have bloated and yellowish swim bladders.

"Largemouth bass virus appears to infect other related fish species, including smallmouth bass, bluegill and black crappies, but to date is only known to kill largemouth bass," Whelan said. "The disease typically kills large adult fish and die-offs affect approximately 10 to 20 percent of these fish in a given lake."

According to Whelan, LMBV cannot be eradicated from lakes, nor can infected fish be treated. The best way to halt the virus is by anglers and boaters properly cleaning their equipment and doing their part to prevent the spread:

• Clean all fishing equipment between trips.

• Do not move fish or fish parts from one body of water

to another.

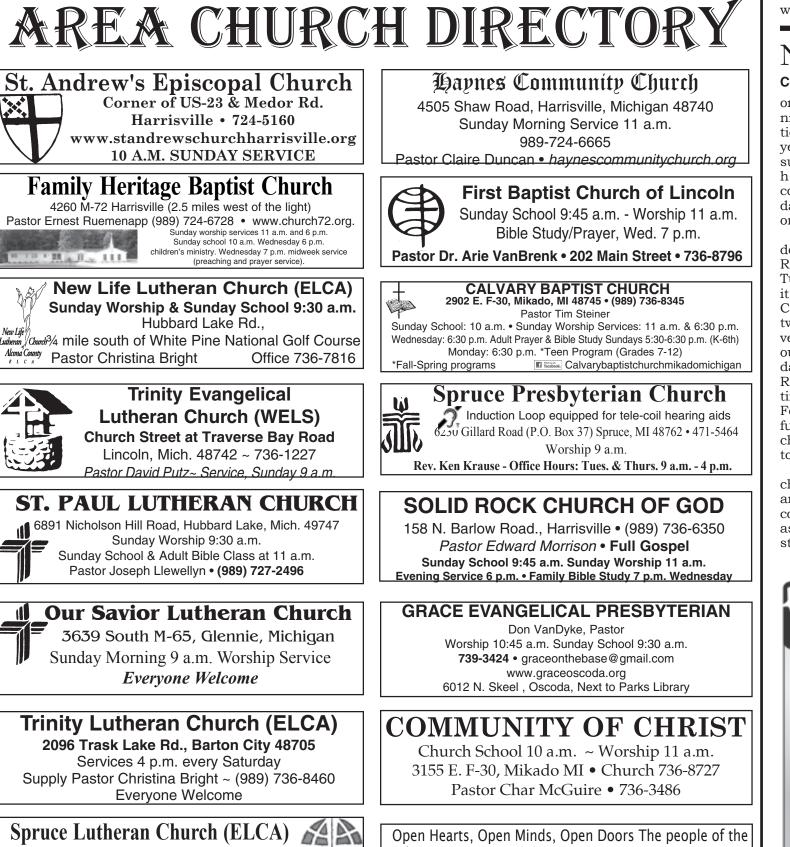
• Handle bass gently if its intended to release them.

• Don't keep bass in live wells for long periods of time if they are to be released.

 Minimize the targeting of largemouth bass during very hot weather.

 Report dead or dying adult largemouth bass, particularly when they're in numbers of 25 or more – reports can be made online at michigan.gov/ evesinthefield.

For more information on fish diseases, visit the DNR's website.



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organizations throughout our nine-county service area participating in our event this year, and we want to make sure people know they can have an RMD donation counted toward Giving Tuesday in support of any of these organizations."

Hitch explained that in order for a donation from an RMD to be counted for Giving Tuesday Northeast Michigan, it needs to be received by the Community Foundation between November 19 and November 27. She also pointed out that while Giving Tuesday is a big day of giving, RMD gifts can be made at any time to any of the Community Foundation's 500 charitable funds, or to any qualifying charitable organization near to their heart.

Those looking to make charitable donations through an IRA distribution should contact their tax professional, as the benefits could be substantial.



1246 E. Spruce Rd. • 989-471-5013 P.O. Box 68, Spruce, MI 48762 Sunday Worship 8:45 a.m. Pastor Leslie Nye

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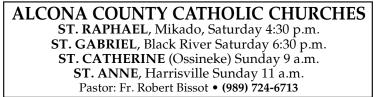
Church



3395 E. M-72 (41/4 miles west of US-23) Harrisville, MI Sunday Worship 10:30 a.m. ~ Barrier Free Bible Class 9:15 a.m.

United Methodist Church serving Alcona County With worship at these locations: Lincoln at 9 a.m. (101 E. Main St) Harrisville at 10:30 a.m. (217 N. State St.) All sanctuaries are wheelchair accessible and all sites offer Sunday School for children during the worship Rev. Eric Johnson - Pastor Phone - 989-335-4058 - Cell 810-335-1276 Come as you are - everyone is welcome!

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- Sunday School 9:45 a.m.
- Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer
- Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
- Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A. 201 N. Second at Jefferson, Harrisville Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids Worship & Sunday School ~ 11 a.m. Monday & Wednesday office hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. *Rev. Ken Krause* ~ 724-6734



Meeting 6 p.m.



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From the files of the Alcona County Review

Wm. Armstrong was in five day drive

November 7, 1918 ~

France, October 10., Dear Sister:

It's a long time since I wrote you, but we have been so busy I had no time.

I got your letter telling about John just as we were going into the big drive. We had an awful time of it but I didn't get hurt any though I got a bullet through the sole of my shoe and one scraped my elbow, but neither of them drew blood on me.

We drove through the strongest point of the Hindenburg line and what I mean-we drove them. The artillery fire was awful to hear and our barrage didn't leave six square feet of ground untouched.

The drive began at 11:30 at night and lasted five days. At 12 o'clock the Germans were running like scared rabbits and by 9 o'clock the next morning our division had taken 8,000 prisoners and heap of machine guns and we were going though their artillery.

William Brenner dead of wounds in France Had Been in Military Service About Six Months

November 7, 1918 ~ Word was received here Saturday from Washington that William Brenner, son of Andrew Brenner of Harrisville, died October 4th of wounds received in battle. Details are lacking.

Young Brenner left Harrisville on April 30th with eight other Alcona county boys, for Camp Custer, and had been in the service just about six months when he died.

William Brenner was 25 vears of age and was born and raised in Harrisville. He is survived by the father, two sisters and three brothers.

It was all forest fighting until we passed through the woods and came out on the open plain. Then Fritz could see us and he began shelling us at long range, but it didn't stop us.

On the second day the fight became fierce and we took three towns at about noon and advanced five kilometers more and then we came to Fritzie's last line of resistance and he sure was fortified. They

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Few Showers

High: 42 Low: 32

THURSDAY

Mostly Cloudy

High: 40 Low: 29

FRIDAY

Few Snow Showers High: 36 Low: 23

SATURDAY

Mostly Cloudy

High: 32 Low: 24

SUNDAY

Few Snow Showers

High: 35 Low: 27

MONDAY

Mostly Cloudy

High: 33 Low: 29

TUESDAY

Mostly Cloudy

High: 35 Low: 27

Had Two Close Calls—Describes the Fierce Fighting machine guns and trench mortars.

We dug in then to wait for our artillery to come up and slept in the shell holes and rifle pits while it rained all night.

At the end of five days we got relieved and sent back to another front.

I didn't get to the front again for I got sick and was sent to the hospital, but I 'm

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must have had hundreds of all right now and expect to get back tomorrow or next day if possible.

We were up against the Prussian guard and I tell you they're no good.

They will fight hard if they can shoot with a machine gun or artillery and have good dugouts, but they won't face the bayonet. They counter attacked us just as we reached our objective and they just came within the range of our

machine guns and when we opened fire on them they scattered and ran like sheep in a storm

Well, I guess I'll ring off for this time and try to write again soon.

Don't worry about me and keep cheerful. Fritz won't last much longer. Your loving brother.

William Armstrong. Co. B 135th M. G. Bn.

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Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers, high temperature of 42°, humidity of 72%. West southwest wind 13 to 16 mph. The record high temperature for today is 68° set in 2016. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 32° . West wind 10 to 13 mph.

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National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Thursday, mostly cloudy skies Friday with scattered showers, highest temperature of 67 in Seaford, Del. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly cloudy skies through Friday with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 88 in Alafaya, Fla. In the

Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Friday with isolated snow showers,

The latter are Mrs. Josephine Gerschewski, Mrs. Trena Holmes, Frank Brenner of Windsor, Louis of Millersburg and George of Onaway.

William's death makes three that have occurred in the family within thepast six months-Mrs. Brenner, the mother, passed away on Au-14th and Mr. gust Gerschewski died a short time ago at Camp Custer. The family have the sympathy of the community in their numerous afflictions.

CryptoQuip answer

When a bird is diligently building its nest in a tree, would you call that branch dressing?

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

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UV Index

Local UV Index

highest temperature of 58 in Cascade Locks, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies Wednesday, clear skies Friday and Saturday, highest temperature of 86 in Indio, Calif.

	Tonight's Planets		Weather History	Weather Trivia						
-	Rise 9:33 a.m. 5:53 a.m.	<u>Set</u> 6:07 p.m. 4:07 p.m.	Nov. 7, 1940 - The Galloping Gertie bridge at Tacoma, Wash. collapsed in strong winds just four months after its grand opening, resulting in a six milliondollar loss.	On average, how often do sun spots occur?						
Jupiter	2:15 p.m. 8:35 a.m. 11:23 a.m.	n/a 5:58 p.m. 8:14 p.m.	6	Answer: Every 11 years.						
	4:30 p.m.	7:00 p.m.		www.WhatsOurWeather.com						

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Crescent Moon Cowboy Junkies

• One of the eternal themes in the arts involves the moon and its phases, a concept that I have stressed throughout my professional career. Although I incorporate many participatory ways of presenting the phases, some students still fail to the grasp the differences between a new moon (no moon) and a full moon, waxing (growing) and waning (diminishing), or crescent (horned) and gibbous (bulbous) moons. Let's not forget quarter moons, first and last, which show a half-lit Luna in the sky. It can be confusing, especially to my international students. Enter Cowboy Junkies, a Toronto-based alternate country and folk-rock band that was formed in 1985 and is still singing today. I invite you to listen to "Crescent Moon" on YouTube, https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGBfBd2S9uA which debuted in their fifth album, Pale Sun, Crescent Moon, in 1993. It is about unrequited love. I cannot comprehend why this ballad with all of its astronomical resonance never got any more traction than it did. It is quiet, poetic, melodic, and beautifully sung by female vocalist, Margo Timmins. Perhaps it hits a little too close to the heart because most of us have experienced an unanswered love for which we have suffered deep, emotional pain. However, the astronomy is woven so effortlessly throughout the song that I had to bring it to your attention. I hope you'll listen to "Crescent Moon" in its entirety and appreciate the song as much as I have. The lyrics along with a few notations can be found at http://astronomy.org/StarWatch/November/index-11-18.html#11-4-18. A special thank you is extended to Richard Hogg for introducing me to Cowboy Junkies, prompted by a short conversation about lunar phases and how to remember them, which took place last week under the beautiful skyscape of Shooting Star Farm. www.astronomy.org



Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. U.S. PRESIDENTS: Who was the only U.S. president born on the island of Manhattan?

2. GEOGRAPHY: What is the capital of Ethiopia?

3. U.S. STATES: Which state is home to Mount Rushmore?

4. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What fear is represented by the condition astraphobia?

5. LITERATURE: Which of Shakespeare's plays produced the line, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be"?

6. FOOD & DRINK: In which century was tea introduced to Europe?

7. MOVIES: Who sang the title song to the movie "Pretty Woman"?

8. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: What baseball great once said, "Never let the fear of striking out keep you from playing the game"?

9. GAMES: What kind of word puzzle was introduced Dec. 21, 1913 in the New York World?

10. MEDICAL: What is a more common name for the condition called achromatopsia? Answers: 1. Theodore Roosevelt; 2. Addis Ababa; 3. South Dakota; 4. Fear of thunder and lightning; 5. "Hamlet"; 6. 16th century; 7. Roy Orbison; 8. Babe Ruth; 9. Crossword puzzle; 10. Color blindnesS (c) 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

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• On Nov. 12, 1799, Andrew Ellicott Douglass, an early American astronomer, witnesses the Leonids meteor shower from a ship off the Florida Keys. Douglass wrote in his journal that he "was in constant expectation of some of them falling on the vessel." It is the first known record of a meteor shower in North America.

• On Nov. 16, 1901, on New York's Coney Island, a lowslung car called the "Torpedo Racer" breaks the world speed record for electric cars. Its builder and pilot, Andrew Riker, managed a speed of 57 mph.

• On Nov. 14, 1941, "Suspicion," a thriller starring Cary Grant and directed by Alfred Hitchcock, makes its debut. They would later collaborate on "To Catch a Thief."

• On Nov. 18, 1966, Sandy Koufax, 30, the ace pitcher for the Los Angeles Dodgers, retires from baseball due to chronic arthritis in his pitching arm. "In those days there was no surgery," he said much later. In 1971, Koufax became the youngest person ever elected to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

• On Nov. 13, 1974, Karen Silkwood is killed in a car accident in Oklahoma. She had complained to the Atomic Energy Commission about unsafe conditions at the Kerr-McGee plutonium plant where she worked was and was on her way to meet with a union representative and a reporter. The folder of information she had with her was never found.

• On Nov. 15, 1984, "Baby Fae," a month-old infant who had received a baboon-heart transplant 20 days earlier, dies in California. Three other humans had received animal-heart transplants, but none survived longer than 3 1/2 days.

• On Nov. 17, 1993, Annie Proulx wins the National Book Award for "The Shipping News," her novel about an out-ofluck journalist and father. It later won the Pulitzer Prize. (c) 2018 Hearst Communications, Inc.

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Strange But True By Samantha Weaver

• It was civil-rights leader Martin Luther King Jr. who made the following sage observation: "Nothing in the world is more dangerous than sincere ignorance and conscientious stupidity.'

• Everyone knows that a sophomore is someone in his or her second year of high school or college. Most people don't realize, though, that the word is derived from the Greek words "sophos," which means "wise," and "moros," which means "stupid.

• Have you ever tried to hum while holding your nose? It can't be done.

 The creator of the ubiquitous smiley face earned a grand total of \$45 for his creative effort.

• If you're a pet owner, you probably know that the epidemic of obesity is not limited to humans; many pets are overweight, too. You might be surprised to learn, though, that some pet owners choose to deal with the problem in a way that we usually associate only with people: liposuction. Yes, you can get cosmetic surgery for your pets.

 If you hear the word "Bilbo" you might think of a famously adventurous hobbit, but a bilbo is also a finely tempered Spanish sword.E

• A recent study by scientist Karl Berg suggests that an adult green-rumped parrotlet, a tiny bird native to Venezuela, will "name" its babies, assigning each a particular series of peeps to identify it. Not only that, other parrotlets then learn to associate that exact series of peeps with that particular bird, and actually use the sounds to get that bird's attention.

• In the original version of the Grimm Brothers' fairy tale "Cinderella," doves peck out the stepsisters' eyes at Cinderella's wedding.

Thought for the Day: "Life is not a spectacle or a feast; it is a predicament." -- George Santayana (c) 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.



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: O equals B

ETPD H OXGV XB VXNXYPDSNK

OIXNVXDY XSB DPBS XD H SGPP,

EQINV KQI FHNN STHS OGHDFT

VGPBBXDY?

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Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to David H. Cook, Attorney at Law, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 5th Street, P.O. Box 385, Harrisville, Mich. 4874 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. . Date: November 5. 2018 David H. Cook P04560 5466 M-72 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5155 David H. Cook, Attorney at Law 5466 M-72 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5155

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BINGO

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



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Alcona Health Center is currently recruiting a full time Behavioral Health Therapist. This position will be based in our Oscoda, MI clinic four

days per week and work within Oscoda schools one day per week. Must be a Licensed Master Social Worker, or Licensed Professional Counselor to be considered for this position. For more info visit www.alconahealthcenters.org. Please submit resume/ CV to skaderle@alconahc.org by 11-9-18. EOE.

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

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Alcona County Commission on Aging is now accepting bids for snow plowing for winter season 2018-2019. Bids may be sent to Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church, P.O. Box 218, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. Deadline for bids is November 9, 2018.

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