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# Jury finds Ballard not guilty of murder

By Cheryl Peterson

Eighteen years after the murder of Patricia Lenee Leeper of Flint, Mich., a second murder trail played out in 23rd Circuit Court last week.

Leeper was killed in the ditch where her body was found on Tower Road in Curran on March 19, 2000. Nathaniel Jermaine Ballard, 42, of Flint, Mich. was charged with her homicide.

After five days of testimony

from more than 25 witnesses, presentation of evidence and approximately six hours of jury deliberation, the jury returned a verdict of not guilty last Friday evening.

Ballard, who had been lodged in the Alcona County Jail, has been released.

Alcona County Prosecuting Attorney Thomas Weichel declined comment on the outcome of the trial and the interviews with the jury following the trial. "My heart goes out to Mrs. CunningPatricia's family," Weichel said.

Ten months ago, in late January, the first murder trial resulted in a hung jury where the 12-person jury could not come to a unanimous decision after two days of deliberation.

Leeper, who was 39 at the time of her death, was a high school graduate and a veteran who served in the U.S. Army until honorably discharged due to a health situ-

ham, Patricia's mother, and ation. Following her discharge, she took classes in business from a local institution. She was a mother and grandmother.

> However, according to testimony from a former boyfriend and friends, her life took a turn for the worse when she became addicted to drugs - specifically, crack cocaine.

> Eventually, she worked as a prostitute in an area near where she lived in Flint, Mich.

The prosecution's case,

based on circumstantial evidence, alleged that Leeper came into contact with Ballard at some point in Flint -possibly while she was working — and that he eventually brought her to the Curran area, where his family has owned property and spent time "since before he was born."

Ballard, who was represented by William Pfeifer, of Alpena, did not testify in this

# Advisory issued for deer taken within five miles of Clark's Marsh

The Michigan departments of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) and Natural Resources (DNR) has issued a Do Not Eat advisory for deer taken within approximately five miles of Clark's Marsh in Oscoda Township. The advisory is due to high levels of PFOS (perfluorooc-tane sulfonic acid) found in a single deer taken about two miles from Clark's Marsh, which borders the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base. PFOS is one type of PFAS (per and polyfluoroalkyl substances) chemical.

One deer out of 20 tested around the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base was found to have high levels of PFOS. The level of PFOS in the muscle of the deer was 547 parts per billion, exceeding the level of 300 ppb at which action is recommended. PFAS was either not found or was at low levels in muscle samples from the other 19 deer.

Although only one deer of this group tested at such high levels, the advisory was issued to protect the health of anyone eating venison taken within approximately five miles of Clark's Marsh. The state has plans to test more deer from this area.

The five-mile radius encircles the Wurtsmith base property and covers what the DNR has estimated to be the

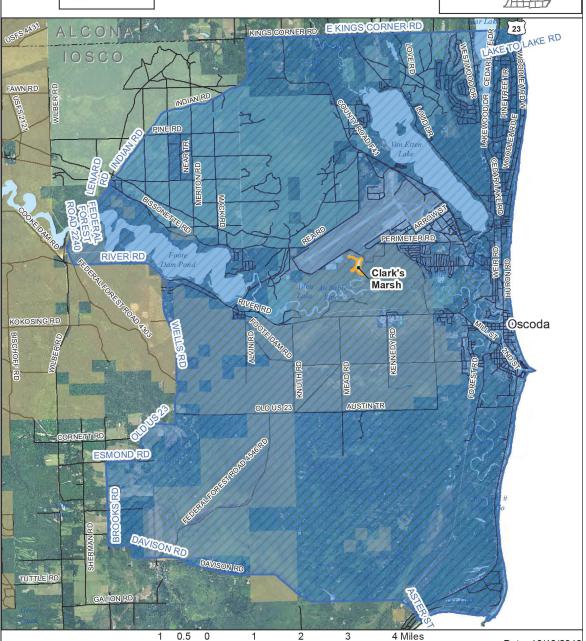
expected travel range of deer living in or near the marsh. The area covered by the deer consumption advisory issued can be described as:

From Lake Huron west along Aster Street, west on Davison Road, north on Brooks Road, east on Esmond Road, north on Old US-23, north on Wells Road, west on River Road, north on Federal Forest Road 2240, north on Lenard Road, north on Indian Road, and east on E.

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#### Clark's Marsh **Advisory Area losco County**



# Building license fraud increases in the area

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

There has been an increase in building license fraud and the Alcona County Building Department wants all residents to use caution and call the department before hiring contractors and signing any building contracts.

Harry Harvey, building official for the county, said the unlicensed contractors typically seek out the elderly or women who are anxious to get construction work done on their property, but they are also going after people who are not full-time residents of the county. People who do not reside at the property often don't know when contractors come and go or how much work has been done, if it has been done properly or not completed at all.

"They are looking for anyone really who wants work done. They will tell people they are licensed and even show them a copy of their builder's license, but it's all forged, they are not really licensed. They use other licensed contractor's numbers and addresses and just forge their name on it. It looks like they are really licensed.

Date: 10/18/2018

"Once they have your money, or even part of the money they will either start the work and not complete it, sometimes demanding more money to continue, not do the work properly or not show up at all. We want people to know there are crooks in our

area right now," Harvey said. Harvey said Alcona County property owners have fallen for the scam three times recently and Montmorency County has had four recent fraud cases. A man in Alpena County was arrested for license fraud and is currently out on bond.

Harvey said the best way to make sure a contractor is legitimately licensed is to call the building department and have them look up the contractor's name. "People could go online and look up the license on LARA (State of Michigan Department of Li-

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#### Glenna Taylor

There will be a graveside memorial service for Glenna Taylor on Saturday, Oct. 27 at noon at the Twin Lakes Cemetery in Lincoln. The Rev. Margaret Fox will officiate. Ms. Taylor passed away August 26, 2018.



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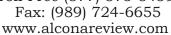
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#### **Obituaries**



Wilma P. Apsey, 90, of Alpena, died on Friday, Oct. 19, 2018 at Maple Grove Adult Foster Care in Barton City.

She was born on December 16, 1927 to Russell J. and Anna M. (Cubalo) Apsey in Lincoln, where she was raised. She graduated from Oscoda High School in 1945.

She worked as a secretary for William R. Barber, the prosecuting attorney in Harrisville, and later as a bookkeeper at Nieman's Hardware

to Royal Oak, Mich. where

in Lincoln. In 1948, Miss Apsey moved

Janet L. Fisher, 70, of Spruce, died on Thursday, Oct. 18, 2018 at home.

She was born on December 23, 1947 to Ezra and Maxine (Feeney) Pulley in Inkster, Mich. She was raised in Inkster, Mich. and Spruce. She graduated from Alcona High School in 1966.

She married Raymond Fisher on August 1, 1966, in Detroit, Mich. and they were residents of Millington, Mich.

Mrs. Fisher enjoyed doing crafts and was a talented art-

She especially enjoyed time with her grandsons, and rarely missed one of their events or an opportunity to volunteer.

Kenneth Jay Mather, 76, died Sunday, October 14, 2018 in Bloomfield Hills, Mich.

He was born January 11, 1942 to Walter and Wretha (Seeley) Mather in Pontiac, Mich. He was raised in Rochester Hills, Mich.

On July 25, 1959 he married Dian Lidgard.

Mr. Mather worked for Ford Motor Company for 40 years. He was a member of the Jaycees in Rochester, Mich., the Eagles Club in Barton City and the Sons of the American Legion in Mikado.

He coached his children in Little League baseball and enjoyed attending the sporting events of his grandchildren. His other interests in-

#### Wilma P. Apsey

she worked as a bookkeeper and cashier for Rolls Battery and Service until 1955 when she went to work for Chevrolet-Detroit Forge typing metallurgical reports.

She lived in California for two and a half years and returned to Michigan in 1963.

Miss Apsey retired in 1991 and moved to Alpena several vears later.

She enjoyed travelling and oil painting.

Miss Apsey is survived by one sister, Margaret (Don) Read of Lincoln; two nieces, Teresa (Greg) Hart of Lincoln and Kathy (James) Austin of Ferdonia, N.Y.; one nephew, David (Beth) Read of Spruce, and many great-and greatgreat-nieces and nephews.

Memorial visitation will be held on Friday, Nov. 9 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Visitation will continue on Saturday, Nov. 10 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville from 10 a.m. until the funeral Mass at 11 a.m.

The Rev. Robert Bissot will officiate.

Burial will be in Twin Lakes Cemetery, Lincoln.

#### Janet L. Fisher

Mrs. Fisher is survived by her husband, Ray; two sons, Troy (Sherry) Fisher of Frankenmuth, Mich., and Tom (Kelly) Fisher of Goodrich, Mich.; four grandsons, Nick Fisher, Nate Fisher, Cole Fisher and Chase Fisher; three sisters, Phyllis (Donald) Kilgore, Mary Parrish, and Rose (Roy) Cook; one brother, Richard Pulley; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one sister, Barb Blackford and one brother, Don Pulley.

The funeral was held on October 21 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. The Rev. Christina Bright officiated. Burial was in Pleasant View



Cemetery, Spruce. Memorial donations may be made to McLaren Home Care and Hospice, 2078 M-32 West, Alpena, Mich. 49707.

#### Kenneth J. Mather

cluded hunting, fishing, playing euchre, horseshoes and golf.

Mr. Mather is survived by his wife, Dian; two daughters, Dawn Lenderman and Darlene (Mike) McGinnis; four sons, David (Paula) Mather, Dale (Theresa) Mather, Daniel (Jennifer) Mather, and Darrin (Brenda) Mather; 18 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; three sisters, Mary Jane Shank, Delores Powell, and Janet (Orville) Lefko.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Harold Mather and Jerry Mather.

A funeral service was held October 18. Interment was in White Chapel Memorial Cemetery in Troy, Mich. Me-



morial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society. Arrangements were handled by Pixley Funeral Home in Auburn Hills, Mich.

#### Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2018

	Weekly Report			Miles Pe	r Hour	
	Temperat	ture (F°)	Water	Av. Wind	High	Dominant
<u>Date</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>Content</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Direction</u>
October 14	56	34	0.00	3.3	17	SSW
October 15	47	31	0.12	2.6	29	SSW
October 16	55	28	0.00	4.2	31	WSW
October 17	43	30	0.02	2.3	20	Ν
October 18	49	25	0.00	4.0	24	NNW
October 19	56	40	0.09	5.4	23	WSW
October 20	46	33	0.02	3.6	26	N

	Prec	ipitation Summary (Inches)	
	2018	<u>2017</u>	<u>Normal</u>
Weekly Total	0.25	1.09	0.52
October to Date	2.80	1.55	1.56
Year/Season to Date	22.33	29.52	23.72

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.)

#### Letters to the Editor

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To the Editor

So, you think legalizing marijuana is a good thing? Well, please think again. In the states of Oregon and Colorado, since the legalization of marijuana took place, welfare rolls have gone up with the influx of pot smokers from other states moving there, auto accidents have increased and, consequently, so have car insurance rates and the tragedy of human suffering has also increased dramatically.

The human suffering of the innocent is the worst part of all and even happens here in our own state. The following is a story from The Alpena

News dated July 28, 2017, page 5A, Which reads: "Child's body decomposing on arrival to hospital

"Wyoming (AP) - The body of a six-month-old western Michigan boy had already started to decompose by the time his mother took him to a hospital after she ignored him for two days in her sweltering home with no air conditioning, according to court records.

"The temperature in Lovily Johnson's Wyoming apartment was about 90 degrees (32 degrees Celsius) a few hours after Noah Johnson was pronounced dead on arrival July 19 at a Grand Rap-

ids hospital.

"The child weighed 12 pounds (5.5 kilograms) and also had severe diaper rash after being left mostly unsupervised and strapped in a car seat upstairs in the home since the morning of July 17 while his mother smoked marijuana and visited friends." MLive.com and WOOD-TV also reported.

This article above is more than enough for me to vote "no" on proposal 1 and I hope all of you who think it would be a good thing will think again.

David A. Dionne Lincoln

To the Editor,

Rep. Jack Bergman is asking for your vote to return him to Washington. Let's look at what he has done while he was there in his first term.

He voted against demanding that Trump release his past tax forms, a move that would have asked for simple transparency into his business holdings. Now, instead, there are lots of questions into whether Trump is making money for himself by being president.

He voted to kill Obamacare despite how much northeast Michigan residents depend on it and the Medicaid expansion it brought.

He voted to pass the Republican tax bill. By far, the largest effect of this bill was to permanently cut taxes the rich pay, a move that emptied our "bank" and has created the biggest deficit ever. The tax cut did little to stimulate our economy or help the middle class catch up in wages. Our unemployment rate may be low, but if you don't make enough at your job(s) to support your family, you are still falling behind.

The Republicans in Washington have already announced that, if they win enough seats this November, they will be making substantial cuts to Medicare, Social

Security, Medicaid, and student financial aid. These are all programs that support the middle class in being healthy, successful, and retiring one day.

Jack Bergman has voted with his party every time. Do you really think he will protect you this time?

He came up to Michigan from the south to fill an open Republican congressional seat. He took the "now, now, settle down folks" attitude with us every time he finally came to our area to answer our questions. Just what we need, another "entitled-acting guy" in Washington.

Sandra Williams Spruce

To the Editor,

Governor Snyder plans to sign a deal on Line 5: 1.) giving Enbridge the okay to construct a tunnel (encasing Line 5 and other utility cables) under the Straits of Mackinac; and 2.) transferring ownership to the Mackinac Bridge Authority (MBA).

The problem: the MBA was not involved in crafting any tunnel agreement and no public meetings were held regarding the tunnel.

Before the MBA could even decide, they are required to do an environmental impact and alternative analyses.

(Michigan Environmental Protection Agency and Art 4, Sec. 52 of the Michigan Constitution.)

MBA Chairman Bill Gnodtke of Charlevoix, Mich., who served on the authority for 23 years, said, "Knowing what I have been presented with thus far, and what I believe the role of the Mackinac Bridge Authority to be, I question why we should all of a sudden expand and run a tunnel and be held liable for a tunnel."

Other groups opposing the tunnel agreement include Bay Mills Indian Community, Oil

To the Editor,

Your readers have been made aware of the warning from officials of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS): "Do not eat meat from any deer taken within five miles of Clark's Marsh in Oscoda Township."

Twenty deer from the impacted area around the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base were tested. One deer had PFOs at 547 parts per billion in its muscle tissue, exceeding the action level.

Does Michigan's government care about the welfare of the people who reside in and visit the area? If really concerned they would have issued a "do not eat" warning for waterfowl which inhabit/frequent ponds, rivers, and lakes within the locus. Fishing in all water sources falling within the five mile region would also come under said caution. Should not small

game in the vicinity fall under the warning?

Finally, the state should also serve notice that cattle, sheep, pigs, and other farm animals which may drink from waters in the contaminated locale ought also not be consumed. What about fruits and vegetables grown in the zone of contamination?

I would hope that individuals with a scientific background greater than mine examine and report on the issue further. From my limited knowledge of the subject, I am of the understanding that PFOs are or have been present almost everywhere burger wrappers, popcorn bags, Scotch Guard, Goretex, etc.

One has to wonder if our leaders are not overreacting following the lead/water crisis in Flint, Mich. Between this and bovine tuberculous,

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and Water Don't Mix, For Love of Water (FLOW) and the Straits of Mackinac Alliance.

Alliance chairman Leonard Page sums up the concerns, "The Snyder deal with Enbridge is an extraordinary and illegal action by a lame duck governor that attempts to prevent Michigan's next governor and attorney general from removing the threat of Line 5 when they take office in January."

Why does the state risk Pure Michigan and taxpayer money to get Canadian oil back into Canada for export when there are so few benefits for Michigan?

Why the secrecy? Why the sudden sense of urgency?

This is a bad deal for Michigan taxpayers and leaves us in the  $106^{\rm th}$  to suffer the consequences.

Kathy Bower Alpena

#### NOTICE

Alcona Townships Regular Monthly November Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> will be moved to Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the Alcona Township Hall.







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#### Calendar of Events



#### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24

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.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln branch.

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.

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

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Play euchre at the Curtis Township Hall, 5023 F-30 in Glennie at 5 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

#### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25

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.

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 9:30 to 5 p.m.

The Michigan Paranormal Society will visit the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 5 p.m. No registration required for this free event. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Sanctuary Lecture Series: Lake Huron's Tuskegee Airmen program will be held at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher Street in Alpena at 7 p.m. Two Tuskegee airplanes have been found in the lake, and state maritime archaeologist Wayne Lusardi will share his experience documenting the sites as well as the pilot's stories. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Call (989) 884-6200 for details.

#### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26

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

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 9:30 to 5 p.m.

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.

Haunted Barn at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln from 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is by donation only. This event is sponsored by the 4H Club Ace Riders.

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona

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#### "You Can Hear The Difference"



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why not just declare Oscoda and the surrounding locales a disaster area and beg for assistance from the government. Yes, you can call me skeptical. P.S. Bucks usually roam about a 20 mile range. That should effect most all of Iosco County.

Dennis A. Roy Oscoda

To the Editor,

I am writing to you because I am concerned about the health of the people of northeast Michigan. Specifically, I am outraged that the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) does not police military bases as it does commercial businesses and individual taxpayers.

My examples are Wurtsmith Air Force base and the National Guard base in Alpena. These two bases have left a scar on our state that we may very well never recover. As an avid fisherman, I have been advised not to consume fish in the so called "Blue Ribbon" trout stream, the Au Sable River. Please see: https://www.circleofblue.org/2018/world/fearand-fury-in-michigan-townwhere-air-force-contaminated-water.

The DNR has issued a warning "Do Not Eat" meat from deer taken within five miles of Clark's Marsh in Oscoda Township, because a deer found with PFOS levels nearly twice the level recommended. Please see: https://www.wxyz.com/news/michigan-dnr-warns-public-of-deer-meet-concern.

The pollution is caused by perfluorinated chemicals,

which are PFAS compounds, sprayed for decades during training exercises to extinguish petroleum fires, soaked into the groundwater. The closer regulators look, the more they find groundwater contaminated with PFAS, not just in Oscoda, but nationwide on military bases and industrial sites, and in towns that border them.

There is good reason for the Michigan DNR to issue a warning, there are numerous health concerns associated with this pollution. Please see: http://www.ncceh.ca/documents/evidence-review/potential-human-health-effects-perfluorinated-chemicals-pfcs-ubc-bridge.

The outrage is at the government and the EPA. Why is it acceptable for the government/military to blatantly ruin the environment? The EPA should not only police businesses, and taxpayers, but should especially police military bases. And why are our elected officials not looking out for us? It seems that once they are elected to the "club" then they can forget where they came from and the problems that need to be addressed.

James Hamilton Troy, Mich.



#### Tocal Notes



#### **Book Sale This Week**

The Friends of the Alcona County Library will host the last book sale of the year this week Thursday, Friday, and Saturday at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This is where to find a special gift or some reading for long winter evenings. There are mysteries, fiction, nonfiction, biographies, autobiographies, romances, westerns, science fiction, books for children and young adults, and books on health, cooking, gardening, religion, self-help, travel, politics, business, and crafts/home something for everyone. All sales are by donation, and all profits assist with a variety of library programs and events.

#### Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be open on Saturday, Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in downtown Lincoln with Trick or Trunk and the Chili Cookoff. Available this week: Cookies, Brussels sprouts, cabbage, pumpkins, squash, tomatoes and Alcona T-shirts. This will be the last market of the season.

#### **School Music Concert**

The first Alcona Community Schools concert under the direction of the new music teacher, Emma Pendergrass, will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 6 p.m. in the Alcona High School auditorium. The high school choir, sixth grade band, middle school and high school bands will perform a variety of music including some spirited Halloween pieces audience of all ages will enjoy. Admission is free.

#### Senior Menu

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at Lott Baptist Church; at 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center; and at 5 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. No reservations are required at the Lin-

coln 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, Oct. 29—Bourbon pork chop, baked potato, green beans, tossed salad, and mixed fruit.
- Tuesday, Oct. 30—Baked fish, red parsley potato, Brussels sprouts, and fruited Jell-O
- Wednesday, Oct. 31—Country steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn, tossed salad, and peach cobbler.
- Thursday, Nov. 1—Barbecued chicken, garlic red potato, peas, tossed salad, peaches, cake and ice cream.
- Friday, Nov. 2—Pork roast, mashed potatoes cauliflower, and mandarin oranges. (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

#### **New Arrivals**

- Monroe Margaret Garant is the new daughter of Justin and Ann (Lappan) Garant of Holt, Mich. She was born on Thursday, Aug. 9, 2018 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Mich. She weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and was 21 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Tom and Mary Lou Lappan, Jack Guy and Mary Helen Lappan, Mary O'Neil and Pete Garant, all of Alpena. She is the greatgranddaughter of Virginia O'Neil of Ossineke and Patricia Sysak of Harrisville.
- Sadie Mae Ashford is the new daughter of Shannon and Michael Ashford of Harrisville. She was born on Saturday, Oct. 6, 218 at Mid Michigan Medical Center in Alpena. She weighed six pounds, 12 ounces and was 19 inches long. She joins a brother, Paul Ashford, age two. She is the new granddaughter of John and Dawn Ashford of Harrisville and Ken and Sandra Cholewa of Lincoln. She is the great-granddaughter of Lyle Selman of Harrisville and Leo and Phebie Pearce of Lin-

#### Allor's Public Office Hours

State Representative Sue Allor is holding office hours this month in Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Iosco and Presque Isle counties. "Meeting face-to-face with residents helps me better serve our district," Allor said. "I encourage people to attend, share their concerns and ask questions." Allor will be available locally at the following times and locations:

- Tuesday, Oct. 30, from noon to 1 p.m. in the Donald Newport Center, Room 106, at Alpena Community College, 665 Johnson Street in Alpena;
- Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 2 to 3 p.m. in the Commissioner's Room at the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street in Harrisville;
- Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 4 to 5 p.m. at Alabaster Township Hall, 1716 US-23 in Tawas City.

No appointments are necessary. Anyone unable to attend local office hours can contact Allor at (517) 373-0833 or email SueAllor@house.mi.gov.

#### Fish Sculpture

Adults are invited to a special two-day Water | Ways "Get Crafty" project with local sculptor Autumn Bildson at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, on Monday, Nov. 5 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., and Wednesday, Nov. 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bildson will help participants carve a fanciful fish out of Styrofoam (similar to the technique used for Detroit Thanksgiving Day parade floats), plaster and sand it, and then decorate it in vivid colors. No experience necessary. All supplies are included for \$10 per person. Participants must be able to attend both days. There is very limited enrollment, call to register at (989) 724-6796.

# MEET & GREET JEFF GEHRING

Candidate for Mayor of Harrisville

**Thursday, November 1** 

11:30 a.m. at the Flour Garden on US-23

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#### Fire hall/community center proposal on ballot

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Residents of Curtis Township will decide whether to approve a millage for funding a new fire hall and community center on the November 6 ballot.

The proposal is asking property owners to pay 1 mill (\$1 per \$1,000 of taxable property value) for a period of five years for the sole purpose of development and construction of a new fire hall and community center. The millage will raise an estimated \$63,601.32 in its first year.

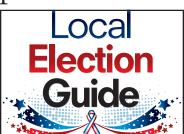
Curtis Township Supervisor Darrell Kenyon explained the reasons for the millage. "We have an existing fire hall which was never designed to be used for modern equipment and had to spend an additional \$12,000 on the most recent truck purchased to modify and lower it enough to be able to put it into the building. The building has no exhaust evacuation system which means the doors must be open, even in the middle of winter, to maintain the trucks properly," Kenyon

The existing Curtis Township fire hall has no place to shower or any lockers for personal needs of firefighters in the building which, Kenyon

said, can put them in a difficult situation, especially since the township does training from that building.

"The fire hall has to be replaced. As for the community center, the township has received many requests for a community center hall and we just don't have the space in our offices to accommodate that. We've had numerous requests for a hall for weddings, funeral dinners, and organizational meetings. The public wants and needs a larger facility," Kenyon said.

He explained the township will not spend any money on planning, development or drafting plans unless the public approves the millage. "If the millage passes, we hope to hire a developmental contractor who will investigate other funding including grant writing and searching loans with board approval, develop architectural building plans with public input, a construction plan and a bidding process. All of that costs large dollars and we can't begin to do that unless this millage passes," Kenyon said.



According to Kenyon the board decided since the fire truck millage, which was levied at .66 mills, expired this summer after a period of five years, it was the perfect time to ask residents to support this millage.

"We decided the most reasonable millage would be for one mill which is only a \$33 per year increase (for a home with a property value of \$100,000) above what they were paying the past five years for the new fire truck. The new fire truck has been purchased. It is now time to develop the plans for a new fire hall and community center. We don't want to spend a dime until we know what the public wants, so we felt this (millage) was the most feasible approach to take," Kenyon said.

#### $\operatorname{Fraud}$ Continued from page 1 .

censing Regulatory Affairs), but it's a very confusing site and unless you really know what you are doing you may miss something. It's easier just to call here," Harvey said.

He explained the building department found out about the scams when people were complaining and posting their incidents on social me-

For any structural improvement on property exceeding \$600, a building permit needs to be pulled with the county. A licensed builder pulls the permit, but an unlicensed builder trying to scam someone will not pull a permit. The work may look like it is complete but the owner doesn't know it's been done incorrectly for months

or years and that no permit was ever pulled. Sometimes correcting the work may become a much more expensive

Harvey explained because of the shortage of workers in the area, many local reputable licensed contractors are extremely busy, so it may take a while to find someone who can do the work properly. Crooks are taking advantage of people who want to get the work done quickly.

The Alcona County Building Department is open weekdays, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and is closed for lunch between noon and 1 p.m. It is located next to the Sheriff Department on M-72 just west of US-23. Their phone number is (989) 724-9440.



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For seniors who suffer from arthritis or have other hand weaknesses, an electric toothbrush is a great solution to keep your teeth clean. At the push of a button, an electric toothbrush will do everything but shake, rattle and roll to do the cleaning for you, and most come with a wide handle and rubberized grip that make them easier and more comfortable to hold on to.

With dozens of different electric toothbrushes on the market today, here are several key points you'll need to consider, to help you choose:

• Cost: The cost of electric toothbrushes will range from

\$15 up to around \$300. How much are you willing to spend?

• Brushing action: Brush heads tend to be either "spinning" (they rotate very fast in one direction, then the other, and bristles may pulsate in and out) or "sonic" (they vibrate side to side). Both methods are effective and a matter of personal preference.

• Electric versus battery: Choose a brush with a builtin rechargeable battery and an electric charging station. They're much more convenient and cost effective than toothbrushes that use replaceable batteries.

• Brushing timer: Since most dentists recommend brushing for two minutes (and most adults brush less than 60 seconds), get a power toothbrush with a built-in timer. Some brushes will even split the two minutes onto four 30-second intervals and will notify you when it's time to switch to a different quadrant of your mouth.

• Extra features: Most

come with various settings such as sensitive (gentler cleaning) or massage (gum stimulation), a charge-level display and more. There are even "smart" toothbrushes on the market that connect to a smartphone or tablet via Bluetooth to track brushing habits. What extra features do vou want or need?

While there are many makes and models of electric toothbrushes to choose from, two of the best-selling, toprated products to consider are the Oral B Pro 1000 (spinning brush head) and the Philips Sonicare 2 Series (vibrating brush head). Both are simple, very effective at removing plaque, and reasonably priced - around \$50. They also both offer twominute timers, rechargeable batteries and a range of brush heads to meet your needs.

To learn more about these electric toothbrushes and a wide variety of other options, visit OralB.com and Sonicare.com. And for more infor-



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mation on choosing an electric toothbrush, visit Toothbrush.org/best-electrictoothbrush.

If flossing is difficult too, a good alternative to traditional string floss is floss picks. These are disposable plastichandle tools that have floss threaded onto them, which makes them easier to hold and use. DenTek, Oral-B and others sell packages for a few dollars, or check out the Reach Access Flosser, which comes with a toothbrush-like handle for a better reach.

Some other flossing devices to consider that are easy on the hands include: The WaterPik power flosser (\$7), which gently vibrates to dislodge embedded food particles between your teeth; Philips Sonicare AirFloss water flossers (\$50 or \$90) that uses burst of water or mouthwash to and clean in-between your teeth; and WaterPik Water Flossers (\$50 to \$130), which use high-pressured pulsating water to remove food particles and plaque and will stimulate your gums in the process. All of these dental care products can also be found at your local pharmacy or retailer that sells personal care items or online.

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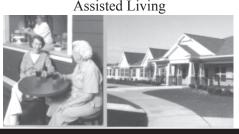
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#### Tiger football ends season with loss to Panthers

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer The Alcona varsity football team wrapped up its season last Friday, when it hosted class D powerhouse Climax Scotts. The Tigers, who have struggled with injuries and inexperience this fall, put up a good fight, despite falling to the playoff bound Panthers,

Head coach Jason Somers was unable to attend the game, leaving veteran coach Terry Franklin in charge of the Tigers.

"In talking with Terry he said our men played with a lot of heart and passion," Somers said. "He was happy with their effort throughout the game. It is my under-

standing that our boys went mend them on their dedicaout and played well and with much passion. This team is tough and we did not give in."

The Tigers found success in the running game, with Mason Clark getting 92 yards on 19 carries. Dominic Howe ran nine times for 35 yards. On defense Logan Witham had 10 tackles and Danny Jones took down eight.

"I would like to point out the seniors on this year's squad; Damion Stewart, Danny Jones, Hunter Clark, Hunter White, Alex Winkler, and Rowan Noel," Somers said. "These guys have been with the program for threeto-four years and have been great teammates and leaders within our program. I com-

tion and commitment to becoming good football players and even better people, through this game."

The Tigers finish the season 1-8 overall and were 1-3 in the North Star League. This coming off a run of three straight playoff appearances.

"While this season did not end in the record that we would wish for, it still provided many opportunities for these young men to prepare themselves for life after high school, as well as for upcoming seasons," Somers said. "As you know, when things are going good it's easy, however to see a losing season through with pride, class, and heart as these young men did makes me proud."

## Soccer team drops district final to Bucks

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

Roscommon is starting to become a thorn in the side of the Alcona varsity soccer team that just won't go away. The Bucks, who ended Alcona's season a year ago in the division four district tournament, did the same again Saturday night as they topped the host Tigers 1-0 in the championship game.

The cold, windy and, at times, wet game was scoreless after the first half, despite a pair of early scoring opportunities by the Tigers.

With 15 minutes to go and the contest still scoreless, Roscommon corralled a loose

ball in front of the net, blasting it in for the game's lone goal. From there Alcona tried frantically for an equalizer, but were sent away.

On Thursday, Oct. 18 the Tigers won their semi-final district game over Fairview, 8-0. Joel Steiner opened up the scoring just minutes into the game, with Josh Kilbourn following that with a goal to make it 2-0 just 10 minutes

The Tigers led 5-0 at the break thanks to goals by Brett Nelson and two more by

Kilbourn. The second half saw Justin Smigelski net a goal to make it 6-0, with Nelson and

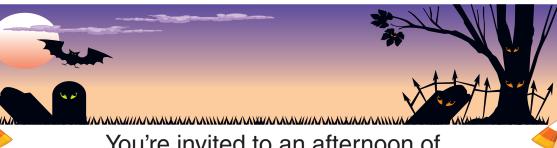
Kilbourn following with goals

to end the match via mercy with 20 minutes left to play. Aidan Wrobel was in goal to get the shutout.

On Tuesday, Oct. 16 the Tigers opened the post-season with a dominating 9-1 win over Houghton Lake. Alcona led the game 6-1 at the half and ended the contest less than 10 minutes into the second half.

Nelson scored four goals and Kilbourn booted in three to lead the way. Steiner and Elliot Dubuque had one goal each and Wrobel was in net to get the win.

Alcona ends the season 14-9-1 overall and shared the North Star League title with identical 5-1 records.



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Alcona's Brett Nelson chases down the ball during last week's home district action. Photo by Ben Murphy.



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# Killmaster: The search for gold Part III

#### By Keith Myers

History Writer

Upon hearing the news that Mr. Hatch (of the Standard Oil Company) had left John Henry Killmaster was livid. The steam that escaped on a daily basis from his sawmill could not compare to the steam emitting from his ears.

John Henry had already witnessed two of his most important deals slip from his grasp. This would not be the third, especially after all the time and money he had committed to the endeavor. The following is a paraphrased letter sent from John Henry to the Alcona County Review:

"After so many years of trying to explore whether gas and oil exists in paying quantities an opportunity now exists. To allow this opportunity to pass is the height of foolishness. When farmers stand back and won't lease they haven't only done themselves a great wrong but that of every man, woman, and child living in the county.

"The finding of oil means the revolutionizing of the county. We will have home markets, factories, railroads, and manufactories of all kinds. Real estate will double in value and instead of being one of the poorest counties in the state we will be one of the foremost.

"The talk was that he was a Standard Oil man. Who cares who he represents, we need to have outside capital. We need to have this because those who have the money have a lack of faith and those with faith have a lack of money. Hatch and his partners were willing to take all the chances. They offered a good royalty, to pay the increased taxes, and to pay for all the damage done to crops.

"Men of business such as B.P. Cowley, G.L. Cowell, C.H. Killmaster, J. Van Buskirk, and A. Backus and scores of others were willing to lease their lands. This shows that it was a good thing for the county. Hatch left word that if the land unleased could be secured so as to give him a solid block of land he would entertain the idea of returning and testing the area. From talking to different parties, it was believed that he was coming whether he secured the leases or not. He left saying, 'The best thing I can do is go home. I can't afford to spend any more time here and whether I drill or not now depends entirely on your efforts.'

"Meetings at local school-houses secured more leases but the turnout to those meetings was poorly received. When people take so little interest in the public welfare that they will not walk across the road or are so bigoted that they are not willing to listen to a discussion for fear of changing their opinions the county is going to the dogs."

John Henry and the other Killmasters released and stretched every political muscle and influence they had. By the end of December, a month after his scathing letter, C.F. Hatch was back in town having leased 40,000 acres of land in the vicinity of Killmaster. The major landowner holdout was the Pack, Woods, & Co. Their failure to



# Reviewing History By Keith W. Myors

lease lands wasn't going to douse the spirits of Hatch, the Killmasters, or their new partners. Hatch was ready to begin drilling on the site of the last well left abandoned by Dalton in front of the store. This well was at nearly 300 feet and Hatch was going to drive it through to 2,000 feet or more if necessary.

The cold northeastern winter wasn't about to slow down the man from Standard Oil. He was determined to drill the test wells and either discover oil or move on. It appeared that John Henry was finally going to have his answer if there was indeed oil beneath his feet.

Years prior the experts told him that the oil field stretched six to eight miles wide and 20 to 24 miles long. C.F. Hatch also brought another oil expert with him -- James Britt from Lima, Ohio. Britt had extensive knowledge in the exploration of gas and oil and had recently traveled north from the Standard Oil fields in Ohio.

Britt was very impressed with what he was witnessing. He stated that the indication for gas and oil was better than any field he ever operated in. While drilling the test well they discovered brine. Brine is commonly produced along with oil. The test wells produced one and a half pounds of salt for every one gallon and one barrel of salt to every five barrels of brine (it was one to 10 at wells in Tawas). Britt said that the well showed a strong brine and was free of any impurities. It was a strong indication of oil being present and they were only at 1, 200 feet of their projected 2,000 feet.

They say April showers bring May flowers. By April of 1892 John Henry was wondering how many downpours he was going to have to endure before his flowers began to produce. The quiet streets of Killmaster had been busy with the sounds of drilling all winter. The spring birds had returned and the sound of silence once again filled the air around the little town nestled on the river.

The drillers that had been working so feverishly had plugged the well, packed up, and returned to Ohio with nearly a word. There is nothing to confirm that they had struck oil in any paying quantities even though the indications were that the oil is there. The townspeople waited for the boom and the businessmen waited for their leases to payoff were remaining strong in their faith. They believed that the oil men had discovered the indications of oil and quit abruptly so they could get the best results from what they had discovered. John Henry was hoping for the

At the end of May the streets of Killmaster, and the Killmaster hotel, were once again filled with the oil drilling men. The oil may not have been flowing but the taps at the Killmaster hotel surely were. Standard Oil was definitely interested in a possible find of oil and had put forth the resources required. They reached a depth of 1,472 feet and discovered undoubted evidence of oil.

However, it was not in the quantity of paying amounts. Mr. Woodward, the new well driller sent by Standard Oil, said that the showing was as good as any he had seen in Pennsylvania. He believed that the oil was in abundance somewhere in the territory even if not in the immediate vicinity of Killmaster.

The equipment on hand would allow them to drill to 1,500 feet and they say they are willing to go to 2,000 feet. It is another oil drilling promise unkept. Stopping at 1,500 feet Standard Oil packed up its equipment and headed south never discovering the large tract of oil that all the experts stated was present.

John Henry's dream of his town being "oil right" had, like his other ambitions, slipped through his hands.

Three years passed and the men of Standard Oil had not returned to the little village. The rumors abound that Standard Oil had discovered oil but because they were not in total control of the land they decided to sit on the find. The Killmasters had all but given up their exploration for oil and gas.

Over the following years plans to reinvigorate the exploration were discussed but it appeared nothing to the magnitude set forth by John Henry. He became a lawyer, his original field of study, and eventually, became the prosecuting attorney for Alcona County.

John H. Killmaster had lost his battle for the roller mill, the railroad, and the county seat to the Village of Harrisville. With that old expression "if you can't beat them, join them." John Henry gave into the allure of Harrisville and moved to his farm overlooking the glistening blue waters of Lake Huron. The methane gold he sought had eluded him and was replaced with the gold of morning sunrises.

John Henry's exploration for gas and oil may not have turned out as he planned but his ambition to achieve it was remarkable. Having a successful sawmill, shingle mill, and mercantile business he could have easily led a life of comfort without taking the chances accompanied with the exploration of oil.

His father was a timber

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## Lady Tigers compete in Tawas invitational

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volley-ball team battled it out at the Tawas Invitational on Saturday. The Lady Tigers went 1-1-2 during the day in some hard-fought matches.

In pool play, Alcona split with Tawas 16-25 and 25-23, topped Whittemore-Prescott 25-13 and 25-16 and split with Oscoda 19-25 and 26-25.

The Lady Tigers lost their first game in the elimination round to Bay City All Saints, 25-22 and 25-15.

"Throughout the day we played tough, as reflected by the scores, we were in some very competitive sets," said head coach Kristi Miller. "We learned a lot and will work to keep getting stronger."

Leading the team on the day was Hailee Gordy with 19 kills. Raegen Eller had 28 digs. Brooke Pagles had six blocks and Lily Bilbey had four aces.

On Thursday, Oct. 18 the Lady Tigers lost a North Star League game in Rogers City, 25-18, 25-18 and 25-20.

"It was another tough match-up against the Hurons," Miller said. "We knew we had to execute consistently and make big defensive plays. We definitely battled and never gave up, it just wasn't enough to pick up the win."

#### Killmaster

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and logging magnate and it would have been much easier for John Henry to follow the same path. Instead, he was willing to strike out on his own path and invest into the future growth of his town and county.

It was John D. Rockefeller who said, "If you want to succeed you should strike out new paths, rather than travel the worn paths of accepted success."

John Henry Killmaster definitely created his own path.

(Keith W. Myers is a longtime resident of Alcona County and resides in Barton City. He holds a masters degree from the University of Cincinnati. Keith's background has been in criminal justice for the past 28 years but has always held a deep interest in history.)

#### CryptoQuip

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Famous movie about a person who always leaps excitedly into cabs headfirst: "Taxi Diver."

#### Weekly SUDOKU —

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5	2	9	3	1	6	7	4	8
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Gordy led the team with eight kills and Eller had 13 digs.

On Tuesday, Oct. 16 the Lady Tigers topped visiting NSL foe Hillman, 25-16, 27-25, 24-26 and 25-18.

"It was an emotional night for us, as it was our seniors final home game," Miller said. "They definitely left it all on the court and I couldn't be more proud of these girls."

Gordy led the team with 11 kills, Eller had 12 digs and Pagels had six blocks.

Alcona heads to Ogemaw Heights on Thursday, Oct. 25 and wraps up the regular season on Saturday, Oct. 27 at Oscoda for the NSL tournament



Alcona's Hailee Gordy digs out an attack during last week's home win over Hillman. Photo by Ben Murphy.



The Alcona cross country team traveled to Gaylord on October 20 for pre-regionals. This allows the team an opportunity to run the course before Regionals on Saturday, Oct. 27 at Michaywe Pines Golf Course The varsity girls competed against 202 runners while the varsity boys competed against 205 runners. The first Alcona girl to cross the finish line was Sara Decker (above) with a time of 23:30 followed by Janae Kierzek. Cody Leeseberg was the first Alcona boy to cross the finish with a time of 21:09, followed by Pierce Bilbey and Malcolm Dix. The middleschool ran its final race of the season with 209 boys competing and 174 girls. Carter Upper crossed the finish line with a time of 13:31 for the two-mile race and Nikki O'Dea finished with a time of 18:57. *Courtesy photo*.

#### Two vie for Gustin trustee seat

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Voters living in Gustin Township will have a choice of two candidates for one trustee position on the November 6 ballot.

The candidates include incumbent, Charles "Chuck" A. Goldstrom (R) and John E. Schlicker (D).

Charles Goldstrom was appointed to the trustee position after the resignation of Theresa Lipscomb last spring. It is Goldstrom's first time running in an election.

Goldstrom said he is still learning much about the position and wants to continue doing so to help the township. "I'm learning a lot and enjoy working with the township board. It's interesting. Any issues which come up I do the best job I can to research and talk to the people to see how they feel about it. I realize no matter how I feel about things, it is my responsibility on the board to vote for the people. That's what being a politician is, the public should be heard," Goldstrom said.

He originally accepted the position as appointed trustee because he was asked to by the board, "I attended (township) meetings regularly and spoke out about several community issues. Being a trustee keeps me active and I can see what is going on in my community," Goldstrom said.



Charles Goldstrom

He brings an eye for detail and practical experience to the trustee seat as he has been an aircraft mechanic and inspector for over 40 years. Additionally, he spent a year prior to being an inspector as a union president. "I wasn't a normal union president, I went to work every day. I didn't just sit in an office. As union president I worked a lot on budgets. We had a multimillion-dollar budget and got it balanced out. We were audited and it came down to less than a five-cent difference," Goldstrom said.

Goldstrom is the oldest of six siblings and grew up in western Pennsylvania north of Pittsburgh. He graduated in 1976 from Hopewell High School in Beaver County, Pa. He said the area he grew up in was at the end of suburbia rural, just 10 houses from his home were cornfields all the way to West Virginia.

He obtained an associate degree in applied technology from the Pittsburg Institute of Aeronautics. He has held a Federal Airframe and Powerplant Mechanic license since 1978 and has held two designations from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Although he has never been in the military, he worked as a military contractor for 20

He and his family would often camp at Harrisville State Park and grew to love the Alcona County area. They moved to the area in 2005 because he wanted to retire here someday. He is employed by Kalitta Air.

Goldstrom and his wife, Terri, have been married for 28 years. They enjoy shooting sports, working on their hobby farm in Gustin Township and are involved with the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and raise a search and rescue dog. The Goldstrom's have two grown children, one of which is a graduate of Alcona High School.

In his free time Goldstrom likes to help his neighbors and friends. He enjoys working on engines and said he can fix just about anything.

John Schlicker is running for the trustee seat because he would like to see some progressive change in the area. "I stand on our First Amendment rights. I'm for the people. I want to see property taxes remain at a minimum and I'll fight to make sure that happens. We need some progressive change and a movement of industry to the area and I will work very hard to do that at a township,



John Schlicker

county and state level," Schlicker said.

It is Schlicker's first time running for a public office and said he feels public officials should be elected. "The current trustee was appointed and I want the people to be able to vote for their official. I care about our area and want our peoples'voices to be heard and I will listen to the people. I don't feel a lot of public offices have done that," Schlicker said.

Schlicker would like to see Gustin Township work closely with the Village of Lincoln and said 90 percent of the Village is in Gustin Township. He would also like to see more things available for the youth in the area. "There is a park in Lincoln where they talked about an ice rink and a skate park for the kids and I've not seen those happen. I feel some change is needed on the board. There is a lot of 1980s mindset. I'd like to bring them up to date," Schlicker said.

One of the ways Schlicker said progress could be made in the area is by the new and upcoming industry to grow hemp. He feels there is many vacant farm fields where sub-



sidies and grants could be given to farmers for growing hemp.

"Many textiles, food, medicine and building products can be derived from hemp. The plant puts more oxygen into the air per acre than 10 acres of trees and it replenishes the soil rather than depleting it. It is the next big industry to take over, not just here in Michigan, but nationwide," Schlicker said. He explained that hemp and marijuana are two separate plants and people cannot get high from hemp.

Schlicker also stands strong on legalizing marijuana and believes the township could reap a lot of tax revenue if it chose to opt into the Medical Marijuana Facilities Licensing Act. He is a member and merchandise director for the Michigan affiliate of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Law (MI NORML), and the founder and director of Northeast Michigan's NORML chapter which he formed in 2014.

Schlicker was born and raised in Alcona County and grew up on a hobby farm in Hawes Township with two sisters and a brother. As a boy he was involved in 4-H and the FFA. He graduated from Alcona High School in 1984 and enlisted in the U.S. Army where he spent two years stateside.

After his service, he moved to Roscommon, Mich., where he spent 15 years in the construction business. From 1996 until 2002, Schlicker had his own building business until an accident injury ended his career.

He moved back to the Lincoln area and bought property in Gustin Township in 2001. Schlicker loves the outdoors and enjoys canoeing and hiking. He feels blessed to live in an area where there is an abundance of outdoor activities.



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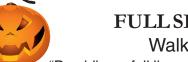
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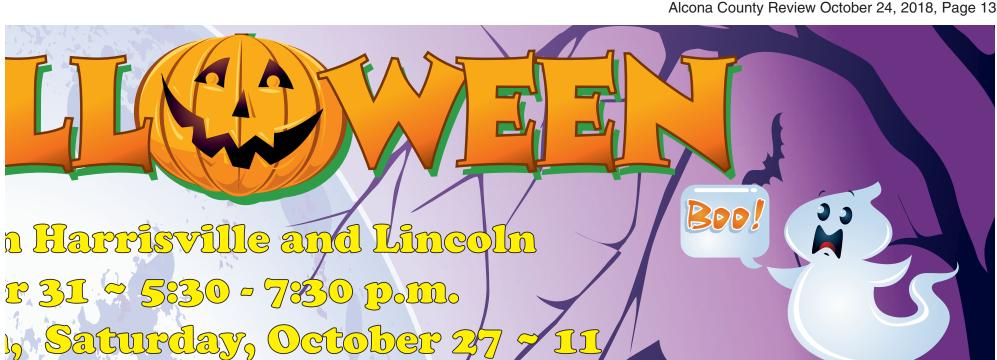


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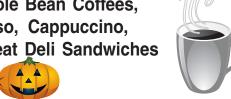
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#### Caledonia voters to decide on treasurer

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Occasionally situations happen during an electoral campaign which exclude the candidate from taking the seat they are running for. Such is the case this November 6 when Caledonia Township residents vote for township treasurer.

Rebecca Abend is the only printed name for the treasurer seat on the ballot, however, Abend will not be able to fulfill those duties if elected because she does not reside in the township. A registered write-in candidate, Sarah Roe, is looking for voters to put her name on the ballot for the seat.

Abend was appointed to the treasurer position last December after the resignation of Gailen Thornton. When she filed for the elected position, and won the August primary election, she was unaware she would not be able to fulfill the duties of treasurer. She has since resigned.

Abend said she was disappointed and enjoyed working as treasurer and serving the community. "Anyone can be appointed to a township board and not have to reside in the township, but to be elected to a voting seat on the board you must reside in the township. You don't have to own property in the township but must be able to say you reside in the township, that you go to sleep and wake up in that township. I don't. I had no choice but to put in my resignation. I'm very proud of being on the board but I am no longer eligible," Abend said.

Abend, who works in Caledonia Township and is purchasing a business there, recently purchased a home in Alcona Township. She said the rules would not have swayed her to buy a different property and she is happy with her home buying decision.

The write-in candidate, Sarah Roe, has lived in Caledonia Township since she was four. She is a 1993 graduate of Alcona High School and has attended Alpena Community College.

Roe wants to bring a fresh eye to the position of town-

ship treasurer. She explained while she may not have a strong academic accounting background, her life experiences have given her ample knowledge in budgeting and finances.

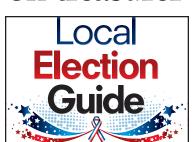
She has helped with her father's construction business for several years doing payroll and end of year clerical duties and has worked in real estate doing payroll and clerical work for that office while holding a license to sell real estate. She has also worked in the Caledonia Township community as a bartender and waitress, meeting and getting to know many people. For the last three years she has worked full-time for Alcona Community Schools as a cook/cashier.

"I've been married, separated and divorced. I've spent time as a single mom. I pride myself on budgeting well and being frugal. I'm a saver and enjoy being fiscally responsible. I enjoy math and finances and learn easily. Money management is very important to me. Being financially secure has always been my nature. As a saver, my family has had to make sacrifices, but we have nice things now because of those sacrifices. I think I can bring those skills to the township and help in different ways, Roe said.

For things Roe may have to learn about the position she is eager to put in extra time and seek additional training. She has already received offers from other township treasurers she trusts who are willing to assist her, should she need their help.

Roe has been married to her husband, Jason for eight years. He is a United States Postal Service postmaster in Harrisville. They have a blended family of six children, three of which still reside at home. They have one grandson, age two.

Roe has always thought about being township treasurer but until now the timing to take the seat wasn't a good fit for her family. "I'm the kind of person who likes to keep busy. My kids are older now, the ones still living at home are 15, 14 and nine years old. I'm just getting to a different stage in my life where



they don't need me as much. I have time to pursue interests of my own and this interests me. I enjoy finances and listening to financial experts. Sometimes I get up early in the morning just to do math. To me it's fun," Roe said.

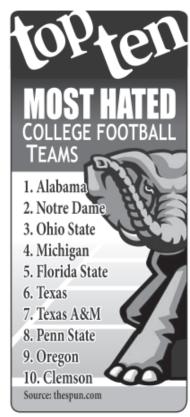
If she is elected, Roe would like to see more transparency in her township. She feels the current profit and loss statements provided to the public are confusing and she would like to make sure they are easier for the public to read and understand. "This is our community and our money and I want people to know where and how the money is being spent," Roe said.

Additionally, Roe would like to help the township continue the work at North End Park and make it family friendly with additional beach access and a playground. She'd like to see the east bay of Hubbard Lake get a dock, picnic tables and benches and additional improvements made to the ball diamond.

"I don't want our community to fade away. It seems like we have become a little stagnant in some areas. I like to see things move forward.

"I'm an honest person. I'm very open and up-front. I don't like to play games. Caledonia Township is my home. I've traveled a lot in the United States and no matter where I go, I like coming back to it. It's quiet, peaceful, it has a beautiful lake and the people here make our community special. I want to do a good job for the township," Roe

Roe enjoys spending time with family and friends and devotes a lot of spare time to the interests of her children who are or have been involved in football, golf, soccer and the FFA. She also enjoys being a member of New Life Lutheran Church, reading, crocheting/craft making, walking, traveling, seeing new places and meeting new people.



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Judy Lewis of Black River and Doug Fosgitt of Greenbush won both the club championships and top ten tournaments at Springport Hills Golf Course for the 2018 season. Courtesy photo.



Caitlin Borke (left) wears the crown of Miss Sunrise Side 2018 and Marissa Carson is Miss Sunrise Side Outstanding Teen. They were crowned during the Miss Sunrise Side Pageant held Saturday evening at Alcona High School. Bork, of Alpena, studies music at Western Michigan University and is the daughter of Ron and Lynn Borke. Carson, is the daughter of Darlene Carson of Highland, Mich., and attends Brighton High School. Runners up for the Miss Sunrise Side pageant are: Melissa Curtis, first; Emily Hansen, second; and Emily Birgy, third. Runners up for the teen contest are: Rylie Dewely, first; Stephanie Kosmalski, second; and Elly LeCursi, third. Photo courtesy of Amy Elisabeth Photography of Alpena.

## Alcona High School alumnus' sculpture in place in Alpena

cona High School graduate Jake Idema was recently unveiled at the opening ceremony of the of the History of Industry Sculptures in Alpena.

The high-wheel historic bicycle sculpture was handforged by Idema out of steel, copper and brass. It is located at the Washington Avenue Park in Alpena. The sculpture has moving parts and could be rode by someone with a 50 inch inseam.

Idema is an alumnus from Alcona High School and Alpena Community College (ACC). Idema gives credit to the art, wood shop, and drafting classes he attended at Alcona High School as being helpful in his artistic development. Additionally, his dual enrollment and regular enrollment in art classes at ACC helped develop his artistic skills.

Idema is employed at Bolenz Jewelry where he creates custom pieces he designs and repairs jewelry. According to Idema his father, Robert Idema, was insculpture. The work was com-

A sculpture created by Alpleted with his assistance at the forge.

> Idema is an avid bicyclist so it gave him great pleasure to have the opportunity to create the sculpture for the Alpena Bi-Path. The sculpture stands approximately six feet high by four feet wide with the limestone placed behind it that is an approximate weight of four tons. The sculpture represents the importance of recreation and tourism in Alpena and northeast Michigan.

The sculpture was commissioned and selected for the Alpena Bi-Path by the Thunder Bay Arts Council, Inc. and Alpena Community College for the 2018 History of Industry Sculptures Series. It is one of six sculptures placed. The other five sculptures are placed near Van Lare Hall (east lawn) of Alpena Community College. These five sculptures are arranged with astronomical orientations. The grouping is aligned with the summer and winter solstice sunrises and sunsets and curtain stones represent different constellastrumental in creation of the tions according to Azimuth (magnetic compass).



Jake Idema and his sculpture following the unveiling in Alpena for the History of Industry Sculptures which was held recently. Courtesy photo.



Alcona Elementary Students of the Month for October are (from left): Joshua Abee, third grade, loves to read and is a great role model; Taylor Laube, first grade; Rainey Miller, second grade, is always is eager to participate and is a good role model for others; Rylee Kroon, fifth grade, her favorite subject is math and she loves gymnastics; and Danica Gauthier, fourth grade, is always a shining example of positivity; and Brody Merillat, kindergarten, (not pictured) loves learning to read. Courtesy photos.

#### Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of October 15-21, 2018

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

	Complaint	t Statistics	
Car/Deer Accidents	8	Traffic/Traffic Stop	67
Medical	18	Mental	1
Property Damage Accident	3	Domestic	2
Assist	2	Animal/Dog	10
Assault	1	Miscellaneous	1
Patrol Check	1	Well Being Check	1
Suspicious Event	4	Personal Protect. Order Violation	1
Alarm	7	Larceny	1
Missing Person	2	Fire/Power Lines Down	2
Threats	1	Suicidal Subject	2
Sex Offender Violation	1		

#### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	13	Caledonia	4		Curtis	11
Greenbush	14	Gustin	11		Harrisville	23
Hawes	13	Haynes	16		Mikado	12
Millen	4	Mitchell	9			
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The following offices and proposals will appear on the ballot:

Governor/Lt. Governor, Secretary of State and Attorney State: General

Congressional:

United States Senator and Representative in Congress-1st District

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Judicial: Justice of the Supreme Court, Judge of Court of Appeals-4th District, Judge of Court of Appeals-4th District Partial Term and Alcona Judge of Probate Court

Village of Lincoln President, Clerk, Treasurer and Trustees City: City of Harrisville Mayor, Clerk, Treasurer and Alderman-Wards 1, 2 and 3

School Districts: Board Members Community College: Board of Trustees Intermediate School District: Board Members

State Proposals:

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PROPOSAL 18-2: A PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT TO ESTABLISH A COMMISSION OF CITIZENS WITH EXCLUSIVE AU-THORITY TO ADOPT DISTRICT BOUNDARIES FOR THE MICHIGAN SENATE, MICHIGAN HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES AND U.S. CON-GRESS, EVERY 10 YEARS.

#### PROPOSAL 18-3:

A PROPOSAL TO AUTHORIZE AUTOMATIC AND ELECTION DAY VOTER REGISTRATION, NO-REASON ABSENTEE VOTING, AND STRAIGHT TICKET VOTING; AND ADD CURRENT LEGAL REQUIRE-MENTS FOR MILITARY AND OVERSEAS VOTING AND POST-ELEC-TION AUDITS TO THE MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION

County Proposal: ALCONA COUNTY MILLAGE PROPOSAL – 1 mill Township Proposal: CURTIS TOWNSHIP FIRE HALL AND COMMU-NITY CENTER PROPOSAL - 1 mill

Full text of ballot proposals can be obtained from the County, City or Township Clerk's Office.

#### STATEMENT OF ALCONA COUNTY TREASURER

I, Cheryl Franks, Treasurer of Alcona County, Michigan, state that as of October 12, 2018, the records of the Office of Alcona County Treasurer indicate that the total of all voted increases in the total tax rate limitation provided by Section 6 of Article IX of the State Constitution of 1963, and affecting the taxable property in Alcona County, Michigan for property within the County of Alcona.

These totals are of the originally voted increases as permanently reduced. however, pursuant to Michigan Compiled Laws Section 211.34(d). The components of the aforementioned totals, stated by governmental units with increased limitations, purposes of the increased limitation, the amount of the limitations in mills and the inclusive years the increases are effective, are as follows:

Governmental Unit	Authorized Millage	Originally Voted	thru
County of Alcona	ŭ		
A.C.C.O.A	.3750	.3750	2019
MSUE	.1400	.1400	2019
911/Central D	Ispatch 0.250	0.250	2023
A.C.C.O.A	0.2500	.2500	2021
Alcona Ambu	lance 1.000	1.000	2021
Alcona Librar	y .5000	.5000	2025
Alcona Township			
FIRE	1.000	1.000	2019
ROAD	1.000	1.000	2019
Fire	.500	.500	2021

ROAD	.500	.500	2021
Caledonia Township			
ROAD	.5000	.5000	2019
ROAD	1.000	1.000	2021
FIRE	1.000	1.000	2023
Curtis Township			
LIBRARY	.5000	.5000	2024
ROADS	2.00	2.00	2021
Gustin Township			
FIRE	1.000	1.000	2019
ROADS	1.9946	1.9946	2019
GREENBUSH TWP	1.5540	1.5540	2013
FIRE	.5000	.5000	2021
ROAD	.75000	.75000	2021
Hawes Township			
FIRE	.9976	1.000	2019
ROAD	.9976	1.000	2019
ROAD	1.000	1.000	2021
Haynes Township			
Roads	.9970	1.000	2020
Mikado Township			
FIRE	1.000	1.000	2019
ROAD	2.000	2.000	2021
Millen Township			
FIRE	1.000	.9957	2019
ROADS	1.000	1.000	2021
ROADS	.9957	1.000	2019
Mitchell Township	.9901	1.000	2019
FIRE	.7926	.8000	2019
	.7920	.0000	2019
City of Harrisville	0.0000	0.0400	00.47
Bond Improvement	3.3000	3.8120	2047
Village of Lincoln	4 0000		0
General Fund		5.0000	Sept 69-
Streets		2.5000	Fixed
Alcona Community So			
Operating Non-Home	18.0000	20.5000	2020
Sinking Bldg/Site	1.000	1.000	2015-2020
Oscoda Area Schools	;		
Operating Non-Homestead	18.0000	19.1731	2032
Debt Service	1.4900	1.6500	2026
2015 Pool & Athletic	.3300	.3900	2020
Sinking	1.000	1.000	2020
Fairview Schools			
Operating Non-Homestead	18.0000	19.8400	2019
Sinking /all	.9964	1.000	2022
Debt/all	.6400	n/a	2022
COOR ISD	.0400	11/α	2022
Special Ed	.6329	.7500	n/a
•	.0329	.7500	II/a
AMA ESD	IE44 0040	1 0010	2026
Extra vote Specia	1E0.1.3318	1.3318	2026
losco IRESA	0074	7500	,
Special Ed.	.6371	.7500	n/a
Voc Ed CTE	.6500	.6500	2026

The above Statement is Provided under Section 3(3) of the Property Tax Limitation Act, being Michigan Compiled Laws Sections 211.203(3).

Cheryl Franks, Alcona County Treasurer

**POLL LOCATIONS** 

Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River Alcona Lownship Caledonia Township Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce Fire Hall, 5019 Bamfield Road, Glennie Curtis Township Greenbush Township Township Hall, 5039 E. Campbell Street, Greenbush Township Hall, 113 S. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lincoln **Gustin Township** Harrisville Township Township Hall 114 S. Poor Farm Road, Harrisville VFW Hall, 2120 W. Trask Lake Road, Barton City Hawes Township Haynes Township Township Hall, 3930 E. McNeil Road, Lincoln Mikado Township Township Hall, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado Millen Township F.O.E Hall, 671 Sanborn Road, Barton City Mitchell Township Township Hall, 6849 W. Tower Road, Curran Harrisville City City Hall, 200 5th Street, Harrisville

All polling locations are accessible for voters with disabilities.

Absentee ballots are available for all elections. Registered voters may contact their township, village or city clerk to obtain an application for an absent voter ballot.

Sample ballots can be found at www.mi.gov/vote Stephany Eller, Alcona County Clerk

# If marijuana is legalized, driving while high will still be illegal

By Lance Cohen

Capital News Service

Law enforcement officials are worried about enforcing driving while high laws if the recreational marijuana ballot proposal is approved this November.

"It's worrisome because I don't want to see people smoke marijuana and think that since they can have it now that they are okay to drive," said Tim Cook, undersheriff at the Cheboygan County Sheriff Department. "People may soon be allowed to possess marijuana, but this doesn't change the fact that drugged driving is still against the law."

There is no good way to test drug-impaired drivers and roadside tests aren't that effective, said Robert Stevenson, executive director of the Michigan Association of Chiefs of Police. "Every officer, when they encounter  $someone\,on\,the\,road\,who\,they$ suspect of driving under the influence of alcohol, can easily deliver a preliminary breath test," Stevenson said. "This isn't the case for those driving under the influence of drugs because you need to have specialized training."

Cook said some officers are trained to observe, identify and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs and alcohol. But the state has only about 60 drug recognition experts - officers with extensive training in determining when someone is driving under the influence of drugs, according to Steven-

Drug recognition experts are taught to follow a 12-step drug recognition procedure including a breath alcohol test, eye exam and dividedattention test, said Paul Bernier, the city attorney for Livonia, Mich. Driving under the influence of alcohol and of drugs are both dangerous and illegal, he said.

Stevenson said that because there are so few of them, police departments have to share them back and forth.

Drugs such as marijuana stay in a person's saliva and urine much longer than alcohol but the effects of driving while under the influence may have already dissipated, Stevenson said.

Driving under the influence of drugs is causing an increasing number of motor vehicle crashes and fatalities, according to a survey by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. This survey found that 12.6 percent of weekend nighttime drivers in 2013-14 tested posi-



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tive for tetrahydrocannabinol ized recreational marijuana tem, the drug is not neces-(THC), the component that gives marijuana its psychological effects, compared to 8.6 percent in 2007.

Statewide, 1,028 people died in fatal car crashes last year, according to a report by the Michigan Traffic Crash Facts. In 10.8 percent of those crashes, the driver was under the influence of drugs.

Many of the states that have seen increases in drugrelated accidents have legalin recent years, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"While that may be a statistic, I don't think there is a direct correlation or causation between the two," said Matthew Abel, executive director of the Michigan affiliate of the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws. "Even if there are more people in accidents with cannabis in their syssarily to blame for those accidents," Abel said.

According to Abel, traces of cannabis can stay in a person's system for up to a month after it's used and those traces are not psychoactive. People need to understand the effects of their cannabis usage before they decide to drive. "Those who really have problems driving with cannabis are either new drivers or new cannabis users," Abel said. "When you put those two together, that is a definite problem."

Cook said the public needs to be educated about the dangers of driving under the influence of drugs. "People simply do not have a good understanding of what being high means and what the consequences of being arrested for this are," Cook said. "The solution is that if people want to smoke marijuana, then they should not drive.'

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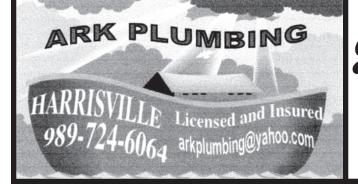
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#### Calendar of Events



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County Library, 312 West Main Street from 10 a.m. to 2

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.

Adult Halloween party at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road at 5 p.m. Wear a costume and bring your phone. Call (989) 736-3050 for details.

Haunted Barn at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln from noon to 4 p.m. and 7 to 10 p.m. Admission is by donation only. This event is sponsored by the 4H Club Ace Riders.

The famed Blackthorn Celtic Musical Group will provide entertainment at Alpena Community College Granum Theatre at 7 p.m. Traditional songs of emigration, sea shanties, lively jigs and reels, and ancient airs combined with contemporary songs for a musical experience that captures the history and legend of Ireland and its people. Tickets are \$15 at door. Advance tickets are two for \$25 and may be obtained by visiting www.thunderbayarts.org or call (989) 356-6678.

#### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28**

Join the Harrisville Ukulele Meetup at Ki Cuyler's Bar & Grill, 262 South US-23, Harrisville from 6 to 8 p.m. All levels of ukulele players are welcome. 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.

Scare Fair at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street from 4 to 7 p.m. Activities include a costume contest, trunk or treat, games, crafts, slime station and much more. The movie "Hocus Pocus" will be shown from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. and there will be free popcorn and a candy bar.

#### TUESDAY, OCTOBER 30

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

The Alcona County Democratic Party will hold their monthly meet at 7 p.m. at the Alcona EMS building, M-72 west of Harrisville. Everyone welcome.

The first Alcona Community Schools concert under the direction of the new music teacher, Emma Pendergrass, will be held at 6 p.m. in the Alcona High School auditorium. The high school choir, sixth grade band, middle school and high school bands will perform a variety of music including some spirited Halloween pieces. Admission is free.

#### WEDNESDAY, **OCTOBER 31**

Halloween Party from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Road in Glennie. There will be games, crafts and fun. Free to the public.

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

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Play euchre at 5 p.m. at the Curtis Township Hall, 5023 F-30 in Glennie. For more information, call (989) 736-

#### THURSDAY, **NOVEMBER 1**

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.

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.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 2 A fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion Hall, 2205 Alger in Mikado. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children ages six through 12, five and younger eat for free. Call (989) 736-9526 for details.

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.

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**In-Depth Local Forecast** 

Today we will see partly cloudy skies, high of

41°, humidity of 56%. North wind 9 to 13 mph.

The record high for today is 83° set in 1963.

Expect partly cloudy skies tonight, overnight low

of 30°. North wind 6 to 9 mph. The wind chill for

tonight could reach 24°. The record low for

\*Last Week's Almanac

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\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Moonrise

11:43 p.m.

**Date** 

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

**National Weather Summary This Week** 

cloudy skies Friday with scattered rain, highest temperature of 70 in Lockwood, Mont. The Southwest

will see mostly clear skies through Friday with the highest temperature of 92 in Indio, Calif.

Sunset

#### Alcona Review Weather Report

#### Seven Day Forecast



WEDNESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 41 Low: 30



**THURSDAY** Mostly Sunny High: 43 Low: 33



**FRIDAY** Mostly Cloudy High: 46 Low: 36



**SATURDAY** Mostly Cloudy High: 48 Low: 38



**SUNDAY** 

Few Showers High: 47 Low: 37



#### **MONDAY**





**TUESDAY** Partly Cloudy

High: 43 Low: 33

# 10/24

Lewiston

41/26

Harrison

45/33



#### Day Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday Sunday Monday

Tuesday

8:02 a.m. 8:03 a.m. 8:04 a.m. 8:06 a.m. 8:07 a.m. 8:08 a.m. 8:10 a.m. 6:25 p.m.

**Sunrise** 

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6:34 p.m. 7:04 p.m. 7:40 a.m. 6:32 p.m. 7:35 p.m. 8:48 a.m. 9:58 a.m. 6:31 p.m. 8:10 p.m. 6:29 p.m. 8:51 p.m. 11:08 a.m. 6:27 p.m. 9:41 p.m. 12:15 p.m. 6:26 p.m. 10:38 p.m. 1:18 p.m.

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Thursday with

isolated rain, partly to mostly cloudy skies Friday with scattered rain, highest temperature of 58 in Edwardsville, Ill. The Southeast will experience partly to mostly

cloudy skies through Friday with scattered rain, highest temperature of 86 in Lehigh

Moonset New 11/7



**Precip** 

Trace

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#### **First** 11/15

#### **Local UV Index**



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

# Acres, Fla. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Thursday, partly

College, Pa.

Weather History Oct. 24, 1988 - Strong winds circulating around a deep low pressure center produced snow squalls in the Great

Lakes region, with six inches reported at Ironwood,

Mich. Wind gusts to 80 mph were reported at State

#### Weather Trivia

What was the name of the first weather

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#### **Tonight's Planets**

	Rise	<u>Set</u>
Mercury	9:55 a.m.	7:13 p.m.
Venus	8:37 a.m.	6:02 p.m.
Mars	3:54 p.m.	n/a
Jupiter	10:14 a.m.	7:44 p.m.
Saturn	1:14 p.m.	10:04 p.m
Uranus	6:26 p.m.	8:04 a.m.

#### StarWatch By Gary Becker - No Playbook for a Robotic Observatory

\* Building the Mars Desert Research Station Robotic Observatory to which Moravian College has a 25 percent time-share has had some issues to it with the exception that we have never made mistakes as blatant as leaving the doors (dome) open. But no matter how well you plan, the unforeseen always happens. We were promised by the Mars Society stable power and a stable Internet. They fulfilled their pledge with high-speed Internet and a wonderful solar power system that electrified the entire MDRS facility including our observatory, but the batteries gave out because they overheated during this past exceptionally hot summer. All of the batteries will be replaced, the domed biolab in which they are housed will be air conditioned, and certain other areas of the habitat will remain electrified year-round to create a continuous draw on the system during the months when the habitat is not in use. Peter Detterline found the main Boltwood automated weather sensor had malfunctioned because

water had leaked along a wire into the control box which interfaced the weather station with the operation of the dome, telescope and mount. MDRS had received extensive tropical precipitation about a week before and from several summer storms. A new control box was ordered. Meanwhile, our backup Davis weather station which was integrated into the Boltwood unit began to operate the observatory robotically and data for the first time began to flow to Moravian students who were ecstatic at its reception. The replacement control box from Boltwood also arrived, and everything seemed on track for a final repair. Then MDRS experienced another unusual heavy rain event. The backup MDRS generator failed, causing the observatory's backup batteries to fail permanently. However, conditions again are on the mend. We will solve these problems through the input from many knowledgeable individuals who have struggled with similar problems. October 20th saw the robotic observatory back online again. Kudos to Peter K. Detterline for his dedicated efforts to make this project and his course on astronomical research a success. www.astronomy.org



#### Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

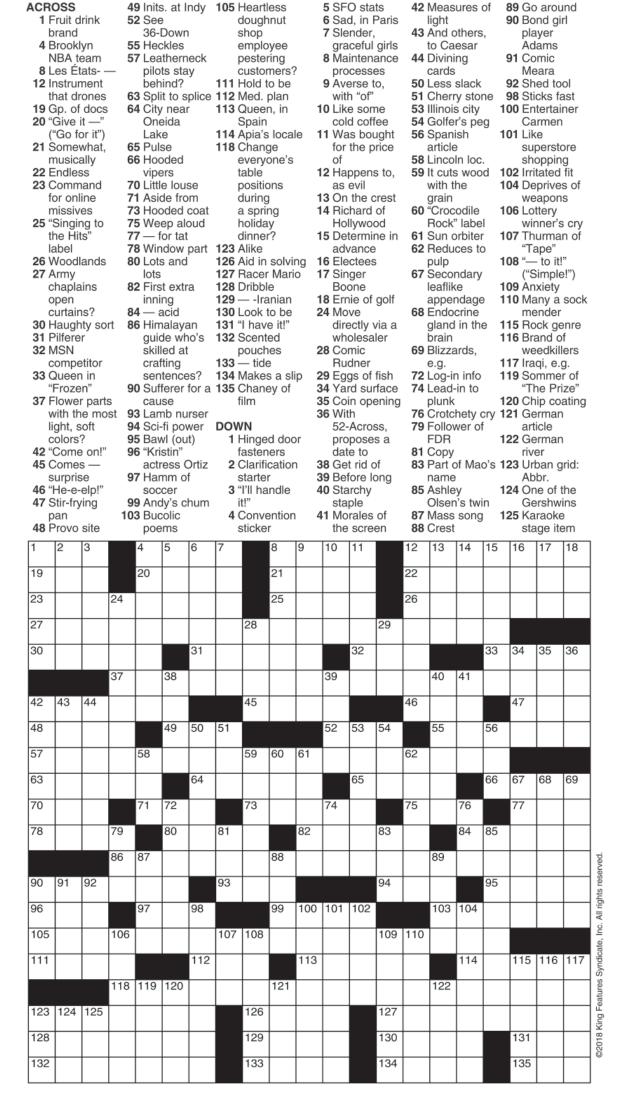


- **1. U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which U.S. president was the only one to serve on the Supreme Court after his term as president?
- 2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of creature is a fer-de-lance?
- 3. LANGUAGE: What is the study of the form, meaning and use of words called?
- **4. TELEVISION:** What 1960s sci-fi drama began with the line, "There is nothing wrong with your television set"?
- **5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** How long is the racetrack where the Kentucky Derby takes place?
- 6. PSYCHOLOGY: What is a fear of birds called?
- 7. MUSIC: The song "Waltzing Matilda" originated in which country?
- 8. MEASUREMENTS: What is the quantity of a gross?
- **9. MOVIES:** In "The Wizard of Oz," what did the Wizard tell Dorothy to take from the wicked witch?
- 10. ANCIENT WORLD: In what modern country is the Temple of Artemis at Ephesus located?

**Answers:** 1. William Howard Taft; 2. Very venomous snake; 3. Lexicology; 4. "The Outer Limits"; 5. 1 mile; 6. Ornithophobia; 7. Australia; 8. 144; 9. Her broomstick; 10. Turkey (c) 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

## -Super Crossword

#### SIX TIMES THREE





# **Moments In Time** *By The History Channel*



- On Oct. 31, 1517, priest and scholar Martin Luther nails his 95 revolutionary opinions to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany. In his theses, Luther condemned the excesses and corruption of the Roman Catholic Church, especially the papal practice of asking for payment -- called "indulgences" -- for the forgiveness of sins.
- On Oct. 29, 1929, Black Tuesday hits Wall Street as investors trade 16,410,030 shares on the New York Stock Exchange in a single day. Billions of dollars were lost, wiping out thousands of investors. The industrialized world spiraled downward into the Great Depression.
- On Nov. 1, 1952, the United States detonates the world's first thermonuclear weapon, the hydrogen bomb, on Eniwetok atoll in the Pacific, giving the U.S. a brief advantage in the nuclear arms race with the Soviet Union.
- On Nov. 3, 1964, residents of the District of Columbia cast their ballots in a presidential election for the first time. Passage of the 23rd Amendment in 1961 gave citizens of the nation's capital the right to vote for president and vice president
- On Oct. 30, 1974, 32-year-old Muhammad Ali becomes the heavyweight champion of the world for the second time when he knocks out champion George Foreman. Seven years earlier, Ali had lost his title for draft-dodging during the Vietnam War.
- On Nov. 2, 1986, Norwegian distance runner Grete Waitz wins her eighth New York City marathon, finishing the 26-mile course in 2:28.6, more than a mile ahead of next women's finisher.
- On Nov. 4, 2001, just two outs away from their fourth straight championship, the New York Yankees lose to the Arizona Diamondbacks in the seventh game of the World Series. The Series began later than usual and was extended into November due to the Sept. 11 attacks.

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# Strange But True By Samantha Weaver

- It was American author and futurist Alvin Toffler who made the following sage observation: "Profits, like sausages, are esteemed most by those who know least about what goes into them."
- A leech can consume 10 times its own weight in its victims' blood.
- King James VI of Scotland also was, after the crowns of England and Scotland were united in 1603, King James I of England. He may have been doubly noble, but those who study such things say his personal habits would not have been out of place in a commoner of the time. He reportedly never bathed, claiming that baths were an unhealthy practice, and he would wear the same clothes for months on end.
- A newly married couple sued the upscale resort in Chile where they spent their honeymoon after a swim in the pool turned the bride's waist-length blond hair green.
- If you remember the early-1960s TV series "Route 66," you might be surprised to learn that the show was actually shot in Florida and Oregon, nowhere near the fabled highway.
- Those who live in the state of Minnesota might want to keep in mind that in that state it's against the law to sleep with no clothes on.
- Those of you who need your daily java fix probably won't be surprised to learn that coffee is one of the most popular drinks worldwide and is one of the most traded agricultural commodities. Due to limitations in cultivation, however, Hawaii is the only state in the U.S. that produces the beans.

Thought for the Day: "Half of the harm that is done in this world is due to people who want to feel important. They don't mean to do harm, but the harm does not interest them." -- T.S. Fliot

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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: A equals T

ERYJPN YJQFM RDJPA R

VMHNJX GWJ RTGRKN TMRVN

MLSFAMCTK FXAJ SRDN

WMRCEFHNA: "ARLF CFQMH."

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Now Here's A Tip

By JoAnn Derson

· Many public libraries are offering services that you'd never expect! I found that some libraries will let you reserve books online, renew your due date or even have books

delivered to your home. Some have regular seminars on all

patterned tights underneath. This works especially well for

us close to half an hour the last time we flew, and with

security lines being as long as they are, it's time we needed

nontoxic one. Try pouring a half cup of baking soda down the

drain, followed by a cup of full-strength vinegar. Wait 10

crisper drawer. It soaks up ambient moisture, keeping veggies

reusable tote gets a little worn down, I put it in my closet and

fill it with things I no longer wear. As soon as it's full, I drop

it off at the thrift shop on my way to lunch during the week.

· Give ripped jeans a new look with fun colored and

• "If you can print your boarding pass online, do it! It saved

• The first choice for unclogging a drain should be a

• Use the news! Fold a section of newspaper to fit in your

• "Purging is a daily sport in my house. Whenever a

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jeans whose holes have gotten out of control.

to get to the terminal." -- I.B. in South Carolina

minutes, then run hot water, if possible.

crisp and fresh!

-- E.S. in Florida

Orlando, FL 32803.

#### Rovals: Antiques and Collecting

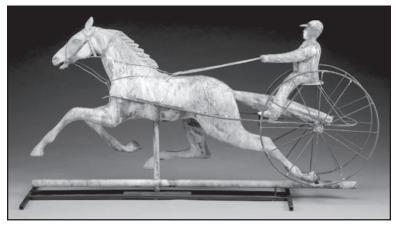
By Terry and Kim Kovel

## Racehorse weathervane

The recent hurricane and flooding in the Carolinas show how important weather, rain and wind are to everyday life, both now and in the distant past. Weathervanes told the direction of the wind and aided in forecasting the weather. The earliest known weathervane was used as early as 48 B.C. in Greece. It was in the shape of a god: half man, half fish.

The first American weathervane was used in Albany, N.Y., in 1656. The best-known early weathervane is the rooster put on a Boston building in 1742. During the mid-1700s, makers created weathervanes in many shapes, including a Native American, banner, rooster and even a dove of peace for President George Washington's home in Mt. Vernon. By the 1800s, weathervanes were featured on many roofs as decorations as well as useful additions. The Goddess Liberty and the American eagle were new designs celebrating the new country. But another favored design was a reminder of a popular sport, the racehorse.

Today, collectors want the factory-made metal weathervanes of the past or the antique flat folk-art copies made from sheet metal. It took \$18,150 to buy this Fiske & Co. "American Girl" horse and sulky molded copper weathervane at a James Julia auction. Like many weathervanes, it has a bullet hole



This late 19th-century weathervane is a full-bodied horse with a cast zinc head and a sulky driver with cast head and boots. It was made by Fiske & Co. The 45-inchlong vane sold for over \$18,000.

made when someone used it for target practice. The weathervane honored a famous thoroughbred that raced from 1868 to 1875. She died in the middle of an important race. The racetrack built a statue of the horse, and the country remembered "American Girl" as a horse who tried her best in every

Q: My friend has her floormodel Enterprise coffee grinder for sale for \$600, and I want to know how much it's worth. Is she too high or too low on price? It's in good shape.

A: Enterprise Manufacturing Co. was founded in Philadelphia in 1864. The company's 1904 catalog of "patented hardware specialties" included kitchen utensils like grinders and choppers, apple

peelers, cheese knives, cherry \$500 to over \$1,000.

#### **CURRENT PRICES**

- Planter, Abingdon, yellow, sprigs, boat shape, reeded, scroll ends, c. 1945, 4 x 9 inches, \$20.
- ABC plate, "Mary Had A Little Lamb" nursery rhyme, embossed, tin, c. 1885, 8 inches, \$75.
- Boot sole, aluminum, cleats, rivet holes on rim, Overland Shoe Co., marked, c. 1916, 10 inches, \$165.
- · Captain Marvel ring, compass, rocket raider, lighting bolt, brass, enamel, adjustable, c. 1946, \$253.

**Tip:** Never display a stuffed trophy in bright sunlight. Feathers and hair become stiff and brittle, and colors fade.

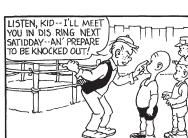
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pitters, graters, jelly presses, raisin seeders, sad irons and slaw cutters, as well as banks, bung-hole borers, faucets, flag holders, lawn sprinklers, tobacco cutters, traps and more. The company was sold to Silex in 1955. Enterprise's floor-model coffee grinders were made in several sizes. The value of your friend's model depends on condition and size. They usually sell for







#### evidence is submitted. In the evidence docket, new evidence is sent. In the hearing docket,

new evidence also is introduced. On the VA.gov blog website there is a chart with the above information, cleverly identified as Simplified Process Gives Veterans Clear Choices. Clear as mud, no?

If you want to learn more about what the Board of Veterans' Appeals does, go online to www.bva.va.gov. Click the tiny images for expanded information. You'll find sections on what the Board does, what the appeals modernization actually is and how to monitor the status of your appeal.

To check your status, you'll need to sign in using the DS Logon (ID issued by the DOD), your HealtheVet account or your ID.me account. You can create an ID.me account using your HealtheVet account, or Facebook or Google, or even an AARP account. Think carefully before you use any of these last three.

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# By Freddy Groves

Heterans Host

New steps to an appeal

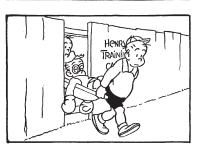
The Department of Veterans Affairs reached a big goal two weeks early in September: It delivered 81,000 appeals decisions for fiscal 2018. That's 28,000 more decisions on services and disability benefits than it cleared last year. The VA already has hired nearly 200 attorneys and plans to hire 30 more as it implements the Veterans Appeals Improvement and Modernization Act of 2017.

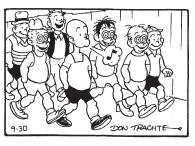
There's a lot to know.

If you disagreed with your original claim decision, you have three choices, per the Act: A higher-level review, where you jump up to another decision-making body; a supplemental claim, where new evidence is submitted; or an appeal (Notice of Disagreement) to the board.

If you appeal directly to the board, there are three directions to take: direct review docket, evidence docket and hearing docket. Do you know the difference? This is when having an attorney can help. In the direct review, no new







# Weekly SUDOKU

#### by Linda Thistle

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#### **DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆

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#### **APPLICANTS WANTED**

Mikado Township is seeking applicants for Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator. Mail Letter of Interest to: Mikado Township Clerk, P.O. Box 60, Mikado, MI 48745 no later than November 9, 2018. Please include phone number. For more information, call 989-736-7721. Rita D. Sands, Mikado Township Clerk

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Part time bus fleet mechanic, Alcona Community Schools are looking for a mechanic who has current credentials (or is willing to pursue applicable credentials) to assist transportation and maintenance supervisors in maintaining and repairing the district's bus fleet. Please e-mail resume and credentials to kellyj@alconaschools.net or drop off information at the district office. Please call (989) 736-5101 with further auestions.

Class A CDL truck driver and general laborers needed in Lincoln, Mich. Apply in person at Northern Industrial Wood, 507 State Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. Questions, call (989) 736-6192.

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#### **BIDS** WANTED

Bids for snow plowing Rasche Road and North Ridge Road in Black River will be accepted by Alcona Township, 5576 North US-23, Black River, Mich. 48721, until 4 p.m. on November 12, 2018. Please provide proof of insurance with bid. For more information. contact Supervisor MacNeill at (989) 727-3788..

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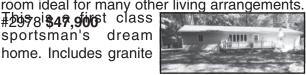
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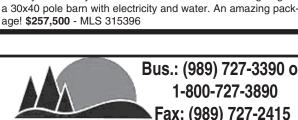




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county line) toward Lake to Lake Road, to Lake Huron (map attached).

The DNR also collected an additional 60 deer for PFAS testing this year as part of the Michigan PFAS Action Response Team's work on this emerging contaminant. In addition to the testing around Wurtsmith, 20 deer were taken from near each of the PFAS investigation sites in Alpena, Rockford and Grayling with known contamination in lakes and rivers. The deer meat tested from these areas was found to have no PFAS or very low levels of the chemical.

An additional 48 samples of deer muscle from the 2017

Kings Corner Road (along the hunting season were tested from other areas across the state. Preliminary data for these deer also show no PFAS contamination or very low levels of the chemical.

> PFAS are chemicals that are in Class B firefighting foam that was used at the air force base near Wurtsmith and other sites in Michigan. These chemicals are also found in stain and water repellants, personal care products, and many other consumer goods. Some health studies have linked PFAS to health issues such as thyroid disease, increased cholesterol levels, impaired immune system function, reproductive issues, high blood pressure in pregnant women, and in

creased chance of kidney and testicular cancers.

DNR and MDHHS developed this investigation in response to questions from hunters concerned about harvesting deer in contaminated areas. This is the first study of its kind and very little scientific information exists on whitetail deer and PFAS chemicals.

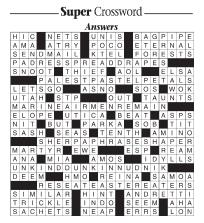
It is unknown how PFAS could accumulate to this level in deer. The state of Michigan is investigating the circumstances of the one deer with elevated levels and doing further analysis on these test results to learn more about PFAS in deer and wildlife. In addition, the state will be doing additional testing on deer from the Clark's Marsh region and performing modeling studies to learn about PFAS consumption in wild-

The MDHHS and DNR advise hunters to dispose of any deer in their freezer that may have come from this area and do not eat it.

If anyone has health related questions, contact MDHHS at (800) 648-6942. Hunters can contact the DNR at (517) 284-6057 or DNR-CustomerService@michigan.gov for information about deer tags that were used in this region.

In Michigan, to date, only fish and deer have been sampled for PFAS. For more information about PFAS in

wild game and fish, visit Michigan.gov/pfasresponse and go to the Fish and Wildlife button. For more information about wild game consumption, visit Michigan.gov-/eatsafegame and go to the Eat Safe Wild Game button.



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#### LEGAL NOTICES

State of Michigan in the 23rd Circuit Court for the County Of Alcona Case No. 18-3033-CH Hon. Laura A. Frawley

Thomas Sawver and Judith Sawver husband and wife, plaintiffs,

Mabelle Zimmerman (deceased), and the heirs of the Estate of Mabelle Zimmerman.

Lois Cooper (deceased), and the heirs of the Estate of Lois Coo-

Shirl J. Gondek, successor trustee of the Helen C. Pearson Trust. and the heirs of the Estate of Lois Cooper, and Linda R. Johnson, defendants. Michael T. Edwards (P54834) Attorney for Plaintiffs 1029 Gornick Avenue, Suite 102 Gaylord, Mich. 49735 (989) 732-5500 (989) 731-5782 fax Mike@EdwardsAtLaw.com

Order For Publication At a session of said court held in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, on the 28th day of August

Honorable Laura A. Frawley Circuit Court Judge

2018.

This order is directed to the following persons also referred to as defendants: Mabelle Zimmerman (deceased), and the heirs, devisees, or assignees

of the estate of Mabelle Zimmerman; · Lois Cooper (deceased), and the heirs, devisees, or assignees of the

estate of Lois Cooper:

Estate of Sonja A. Dahl

To all creditors:

Date of birth: March 23, 1932

 Shirl J. Gondek, successor trustee of State of Michigan

**Probate Court** 

**County of Alcona** 

**Notice to Creditors** 

Decedent's Estate

File No. 18-5891 DE

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Sonja

Creditors of the decedent are notified

that all claims against the estate will be

forever barred unless presented to

Wayne H. Christopherson, personal rep-

resentative, or to both the probate court

at 106 Fifth Street, P.O. Box 385, Harris-

ville, Mich. 48740 and the personal rep-

resentative within four (4) months after

the date of publication of this notice.

Date: October 18, 2018

Alpena, Mich. 49707

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Chelsea M. Wallace P76486

312 West Chisholm Street

Wayne H. Christopherson 4200 Werth Road

A. Dahl, died September 3, 2018.

the Helen C. Pearson Trust, and the heirs, devisees, or assignees of the Estate of Lois Cooper; and

• Linda R. Johnson.

Please be advised that the above named plaintiffs have filed suit in the above named court against the above named defendants, their heirs, devisees, or assignees to quiet title to certain lands located in at the northeast corner of Government Lot 2, Section 1, T 26N, R 9E, Harrisville Township, Alcona County, Michigan; with tax identification numbers of: 01-060-001-400-035-00 and 01-060-001-400-040-00. A more precise legal description of the subject properties can be found in the complaint filed in this matter, which can be obtained from the Alcona County Clerk's office. Please be advised that you have 28 days after the last day of publication to file a written answer with the court or take other lawful action with the court and serve a copy on the plaintiff's attornev: Michael T. Edwards (54834), Attorney at Law P.C. at 1029 Gornick Avenue, Suite 102, Gaylord, Mich.

If you do not answer or take other action within the time allowed, judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint, which includes a request by plaintiffs for this court to issue an order declaring the subject properties are owned by the plaintiffs free and clear of any interest of any of the named defendants, their heirs, devisees, or assignees. So ordered: Dated: August 28, 2018

Hon. Laura A. Frawley 10-17, 10-24, 10-31

> State of Michigan **Probate Court County of Alcona Decedent's Estate**

Estate of Frederick Enoch Petterson Date of birth: May 15, 1935

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Frederick Enoch Petterson, died Sep-

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Kenneth M. Petterson, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 385, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication

603 Bay Street, P.O. Box 705 Traverse City, Mich. 49685-0705 (231) 946-0700 Kenneth M. Petterson 4217 East Timberwood Drive Traverse City, Mich. 49686

Date: October 15, 2018

**Notice to Creditors** File No. 18-5890 DE

To all creditors:

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#### CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on October 15 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by mayor John Dobis and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: mayor Dobis, treasurer Keerl, clerk Pierce, and council members: Peterson, Kaiser, Luenberger and Thomas, attorney Cook and guests. Ab-

Motion by Kaiser, support by Luenberger, to approve the minutes of the meeting of September 10. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Peterson, support by Kaiser, to pay the bills in the amount of \$46,325.36. Motion carried 4-0.

Judy MacNeill, RRC Planning Commission representative, presented a video presentation of the new Harrisville website which is now accessible for use by logging into: harrisvillemi.org. It is also mobile friendly. Thank you to all for the hard work and determination which has gone into this venture

Mayor Dobis updated council on the progress of the playground grant request. The city should hear from the state by February or March, 2019 as to the amount of the award if approved. The request for new Christmas Main Street decorations was discussed. No new additions are needed at this time. Mayor Dobis decreed and declared that the official hours for Halloween trick or treating, in the city, on Wednesday, Oct. 31 will be 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Mayor Dobis discussed the Verizon wireless amendment. Motion by Luenberger, support by Peterson, to accept the Verizon wireless amendment as stated. Motion carried: 4-0. Mayor Dobis presented the joint fire department draft to council with input from fire board member Luenberger. Council agreed to table, until the city council meeting for November 12 any vote on the draft until Harrisville Township has had an opportunity to view and discuss with its board of trust-

Mayor Dobis presented the resignation of Airport Manager Terry Boucher. Motion by Thomas, support by Kaiser, to accept with great regret, the resignation of Terry Boucher as airport manager. Council expresses its great appreciation for all of Terry's years of service in that capacity. Motion carried: 4-0.

Mayor Dobis presented to council the letter of interest from Edward Higgens to apply for the position of Airport manager. Motion by Kaiser, support by Peterson, to accept Edward Higgens' letter of intent as airport manager. Motion carried: 4-0. Mayor Dobis presented Iris Lancaster's letter of interest to city council to fill a vacancy on the airport board. Motion by Luenberger, support by Thomas, to accept Iris Lancaster's letter of interest to be appointed as an Airport Board member. Motion carried: 4-0. Reports: Mayor Dobis announced to city

council his resignation. "Tonight is my last official meeting as Harrisville's mayor. My retirement, or if you wish to call it my resignation, will start on November 7. This is a day after the election of the new mayor and is shortly after my 70th birthday. As I stated earlier in the year, it will be my time to enjoy the rest of my life and it is Harrisville's time to move forward with a new composition of council and mayor. I choose not to prolong this change thru the end of the year. I leave the city in good shape and in good hands. Thank you for your support for all these years. Best wishes. John." Motion by Luenberger, support by Kaiser, with regret and best wishes in retirement, to accept mayor Dobis' resignation, effective November 7, 2018. Motion carried: 4-0.

Clerk Pierce reported that absent voter applications and ballots are available prior to the November 6, 2018 general election. Call the office at (989) 724-6666 for information. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Treasurer Keerl reported that an agreement with Goodrich Paving to redo several streets in the city will not begin until the spring of 2019. Various potholes will be attended to however.

Planning commission: Report by chairperson Pizer that Planning Commission met and will be working with the state in developing a marketing strategy. Pizer indicated she will be stepping down as chairperson of the planning commission effective as of her term ending December 31. Judy MacNeill presented her letter of resignation from the planning commission. Motion by Thomas, support by Luenberger, to accept the resignation of Judy MacNeill from the planning commission. Motion carried: 4-0. Motion by Luenberger, support by Kaiser, to advertise in local newspaper for three vacancies on the planning commission. Motion carried: 4-0.

Airport Manager Higgens discussed his intent for future plans for the airport.

Taking care of the trees at the north end of the runway is a top priority.

Tree board: City maintenance will work with tree board to determine which trees in city should receive top priority for removal.

Fire department chief medical officer Mendyka reported that the department had a total of 17 medical runs and four fires due, primarily, to downed power lines and one car fire. The department is without a computer and is looking into purchasing a new one.

Comment cards: Guest Patty Thomas questioned why there were no current updates on the city website. Clerk Pierce will contact the webmaster with updates. Guest Mael Fritz-Wilson questioned whether the city was going to sue her because of the issue of livestock she maintains within the city limits. After much discussion, Mayor Dobis cited that Mael Fritz-Wilson and Justin Wilson continue to be in violation of the current city zoning ordinances pertaining to livestock within the city limits. Further review and action will be by the new mayor and city council members.

Councils last comments: Alderman Luenberger expressed how nice it was to see so many people at the meeting and encouraged people to become more involved in local government.

Motion to adjourn by Mayor Dobis. Adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Next regularly scheduled city council meeting is Monday, Nov. 12 at 7 p.m. Published prior to council approval.

#### ALCONA TWP. **SYNOPSIS**

Alcona Township's October board meeting was called to order with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Bouchard and Mead. Motions to approve minutes from previous meeting; accept financial reports and bills as presented; to sign settlement agreement with River Side Energy; to accept Stouts bid for snowplowing; and to accept sign ordinance as presented. All motions passed. The November meeting will be held on Monday, Nov. 12 at 6:30 p.m. This synopsis published prior to board approval.

**Classified Ad Deadline is Monday** at 4 p.m. Call 724-6384



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#### Alcona Township Park improvements put on hold

Improvements planned for Alcona Township's park along Black River have been postponed until next season due to a delay in permit processing by the Army Corps of Engineers.

The proposed improvements, under a grant from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources Trust Fund (MDNRTF), include adding a barrier-free fishing and observation deck and a kayak and canoe launch, parking and access to both, and informational signing.

Plans were put in motion last year when Alcona Township, working with the Spicer Group, Inc. of Saginaw, Mich., committed to applying for grant funds. The grant application, once reviewed and approved by the MDNRTF Board, must be approved for funding through the Michigan legislature, which was finally was accomplished at the start of the 2018 summer

Alcona Township Supervisor Marlena MacNeill said it seemed the timing would be adequate to allow for permitting and the bid process and still get the work done with plenty of the season left for using the new additions to the park. "I am disappointed," MacNeill said. "The money was allocated, the bidding process went without a hitch, and the Department of Environmental Quality issued their permit quickly and efficiently. The Corps was a different story. I felt like we were proposing to build a nuclear



Installation of a barrier-free canoe/kayak launch which was planned to be in place this summer along the bank of Black River between the boat launch and bridge on Lake Shore Drive has been s postponed until spring due to permit delays. Courtesy photo.

reactor instead of a couple of non-invasive structures that would enhance the public's access to the Black River and to Lake Huron."

"The preliminary notice that the permit was approved came October 8, but came with a warning that no work could commence until completion of the permit process," MacNeill said. "Unfortunately, the Corps rules require original signatures on a paper document, which by the time it is mailed back and forth will likely mean up to another couple of weeks for final approval."

In the meantime, Meridian Contracting of Alpena, who was low bidder on the project in July at \$124,449.98, and was waiting in the wings to proceed, gave notice that it was not practical this late in the season to begin the project.

"The good news is that construction can start early in the spring next year ensuring a full season of usage for park visitors," MacNeill said. The fishing deck and the kayak launch are both felt to be additions to the park that would make access to the river and the lake available for persons with or without physical limitations. "We have a beautiful waterfront to explore, especially with the five shallowwater ship wrecks within kayaking distance of our coast. Why not take advantage of it?" she said.

The grant-covered portion of the cost of the project is \$108,700 funded by the MDNRTF grant, matched by \$46,700 from the township's recreation budget. Questions or concerns about these or other improvements to the park should be directed to MacNeill at (989) 727-3788.

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