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## Harrisville Harbor donates docks, saves thousands

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

A company that specializes in refurbishing harbor docks worked at the Harrisville Harbor of Refuge last week on a recycling project which will save the City of Harrisville about \$20,000.

With a small crew of about eight employees from Water Street Adventures, the 30-year-old finger piers scheduled to be replaced next spring were removed and floated by boat to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) boat launch just north of the Harbor.

From there they were loaded and trucked to the East Jordon, Mich., to be refurbished and utilized to help that community's harbor.

The work began just after the Harrisville Harbor Commission received notification that grant funding, which was suspended due to COVID-19, had been released and the harbor will receive two grants, an approximate \$500,000 grant which was awarded over a year ago to complete phase five of renovations and a \$90,000 emergency state grant for damage from high water the docks sustained last winter.

According to Bruce Weber, Harrisville Harbor Commission president, the City of Harrisville agreed to provide the required in-kind funding match for the emergency state grant and the removal and recycling the docks will suffice for the city's in-kind portion of the emergency grant funding.

Water Street Adventures project manager Allan Griffin explained the finger piers his company was taking would be reconditioned. "They've been in the water for 30 years and are obviously in tough shape, but once you flip the board over, they aren't that bad. It's the foam and the tin that goes bad. It is a huge effort to recondition them, but this will help out the project that is going on in East Jordon and it will help this (Harrisville Harbor) too. This is saving both communities quite a bit of money. It's a wonderful thing, a win-win for both communities," Griffin said.

He assured Weber that any debris which may have fallen



Workers from Water Street Adventures (from left), Allan Griffin, Noah Grenke and Justin Rau removing a finger pier dock. Photos by Mary Weber.



Two Alcona County veterans receive Quilts of Valor recently. Veterans Joe Scramlin, a 23-year U.S. Army veteran of Black River and Terry Story, a 23-year U.S. Air Force veteran of Greenbush, were presented with the quilts by Barb MacDonald, a quilter with the Quirky Quilters Guild of Oscoda. The Quilts of Valor Foundation is a nationwide effort to cover service members and veterans touched by war with comforting and healing quilts. Story, a Vietnam Veteran, was unable to attend the presentation, so his wife, Avis, accepted the quilt on his behalf. (From left) Avis Story, Barb MacDonald, Joe Scramlin and his wife, Barb Scramlin. Photo by Mary Weber.

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## Few local contested races

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

Alcona County residents who haven't yet voted with an absentee ballot will find a few contested races, depending on where they live, on their ballot on November 3.

The following is a run-down of what to expect for contested races – if a county or township/municipality is not listed, there are no contested races in the election.

### Alcona Community School District

- Board of Education – three seats with four candidates: Warren G. MacNeill, incumbent; Erika Rice; Brandon Schroeder, incumbent; and Melissa Upper.

### Alcona County Road Commission

- Board of Commissioners – one seat with two candidates: Harry L. Harvey, R., incumbent and Jake Petty, No Party Affiliation (NPA).

### Alcona County Board of Commissioners

- District 2 (City of Harrisville, Harrisville Township and a portion of Haynes Township) – one seat with one ballot candidate (elected in primary) and one write-in candidate: William Thompson, R; and Craig Johnston, incumbent, write in.

- County Commission District 6 (Curtis Township, Millen Township, Mitchell Township and part of Mikado Township) – Kevin K. Boyat Sr., D; John Terry Small, R; and Gary R. Wnuk, NPA, incumbent.

### City of Harrisville

- Treasurer – one seat with two candidates – Joseph Thomas, D and Barbara Luen-berger, R.

Alcona County Residents will also decide two

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 **God Bless America**



## Obituaries



### Norma J. Vanderport

Norma Jean Vanderport, 82, of Harrisville, died on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020 at home.

She was born September 11, 1938 to William and Cecilia (Burnette) Leaym in Alpena.

On March 8, 1969, she married Gerald "Jerry" Vanderport in Alpena.

Mrs. Vanderport is survived by her husband, Gerald; two daughters, Kathy (Dale) Dingeldien of Mikado and Theresa Montford of Mikado; five grandchildren, Melissa Reames, Krystal (Doug) Leichtner, James (Tirena) Dingeldien, Gerald (Mandy) Dingeldien, and Autumn Donahue; 18 great-grandchildren; one great-great grandchild; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Deloras Cole, Lillian Groffenberg and Maryland Benson and two brothers, Ronald Leaym and Donald Leaym.

A graveside service was held Saturday, Oct. 17 at the Mikado Cemetery. The Rev. Tyler Bischoff officiated.

### William G. "Buck" Rifembark Jr.

William G. "Buck" Rifembark Jr., 74, of Barton City, died on Monday, Oct. 12, 2020 at home.

He was born July 11, 1946 to William G. and Mae (Paulsrud) Rifembark Sr. in Harrisville. He was raised in Pinconning, Mich.

He worked as a supervisor at General Motors in Defiance, Ohio and retired to Barton City in 2015.

Mr. Rifembark was a member of the Barton City Eagles Aerie No. 4141, and VFW Post No. 8135 in Barton City.

He was an avid outdoorsman, and enjoyed fishing and hunting, as well as camping and riding the trails on his "buggy." He liked shooting pool and playing horseshoes. He was a talented woodworker and spent many hours in his woodshop.

Mr. Rifembark is survived by one son, Timothy (Samantha) Rifembark of Pinconning, Mich.; three grandchildren, Ryan Rifembark, Billy Rifembark and Shay Rifembark; four



step-grandchildren, Devin Vansumeren, Justin Vansumeren, Jonathan Urbaniak and Chloe Hauk; four sisters, Karen Mogg, Janet Ross, Tish Norton, and Debbie Rifembark; one brother, Dennis Rifembark; one daughter-in-law, Kathy Rifembark; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rosie Rifembark, and one son, William Thomas Rifembark.

The funeral was held Sunday, Oct. 18 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

### Sonja L. Clark

Sonja L. Clark, 81, of Lincoln, died on Tuesday, Oct. 13, 2020 at Ascension St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Mich.

She was born February 11, 1939 to Milton and Annabel (Dellar) Somers in Harrisville. She was a lifelong resident of the area.

On March 26, 1960 she married R. B. Clark in Harrisville. They owned and operated Clark's TV for many years.

Mrs. Clark was a member of the United Methodist Church of Lincoln. She was an active member of the Barton City Eagles Aerie No. 4141 where she enjoyed getting together with her friends and playing shuffleboard on Friday nights.

She loved playing bingo, Sunday trips to the casino, and spending winters in Florida.

Mrs. Clark is survived by two daughters, Lori (Skip) Wilkins of Oscoda and Kim (Jim) Quick of Harrisville; one son, Kevin (Amy) Clark of Evansville, Ind.; six grandchildren, Keith (Jessica Daroczy) VanHurk, Kim



(Luke) Laube, Kasey (Jimmy) Effrick, L.J. Quick, Lindsey (Nate) Schmitt and Adam Clark; three great-grandchildren, Taylor Laube, Oaklynn Quick, and Andrew Schmitt; one sister, Diane (Ray) Daggett; one brother, Dennis (Kathy) Somers; one sister-in-law, Tami Gallagher; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, R.B. on September 26, 2016.

The funeral was held Saturday, Oct. 17 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial was in Twin Lakes Cemetery, Lincoln.

### Carol Pastori

Carol Pastori, 76, of Lincoln, formerly of Plymouth, Mich., died on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020 in Livonia, Mich.

She was born in Detroit, Mich. on January 3, 1944 to Ralph and Carol (Bush) Goodall.

She received an undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan at Dearborn, Mich. and a master's degree in social work from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. She was a social worker and clinical therapist employed at the Northville Psychiatric Hospital where she worked with patients in the Dual Diagnosis Program relative to mental illness and substance abuse.

When Mrs. Pastori wasn't working, she enjoyed the theater, going to plays, musicals, band performances and attending the symphony. She also liked attending Detroit Tigers and Detroit Red Wings games.

Above everything else, her family - especially her grandchildren - brought her the greatest joy.

She was survived by two daughters, Amy (Steve)

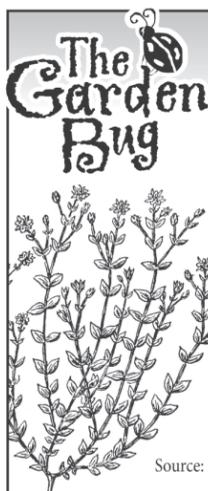


Pfeiffer and Molly (Jamie) Pastori-Bissell; four grandchildren, Elena Pfeiffer, Ryan Pfeiffer, Jake Bissell and Jayda Bissell; and one sister-in-law, Maxine Pastori.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph, in 2016.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Oct. 24 at the Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 South Main Street, Plymouth, Mich. from 2 p.m. until the memorial service at 4 p.m. The Rev. Lynn Snider will officiate.

Memorials may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation of Michigan, 29777 Telegraph Road, No. 1651, Southfield, Mich. 48034.



### Herbs for Thanksgiving

Sprinkle sage on mashed potatoes or into broth for extra flavor. Nutmeg adds to the sweetness and spice of pumpkin and sweet potato pie fillings. Use bay leaves as a flavorful rub for your Thanksgiving turkey. Thyme brings flavor to a fall salad full of greens, fruits, vegetables and walnuts. The strong taste of clove brings warmth to pumpkin pie and bread pudding.

- B. Weaver

Source: foodinsight.org

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,  
Make your vote count. Even if the candidate of your choice appears to be running unopposed, you need to fill in the circle by their name to make your vote count.

Bill Thompson  
Harrisville

To the Editor,  
Please do not listen to the mailings and newspaper articles from Craig Johnston that he wants to take Alcona County into the future. He has done nothing good for Alcona County in the past.

He wants to go back to how things used to be in the old days rather than to take our county forward.

Do not write in his name on your ballot when you vote. He is lying to you just to get your vote.

You will be disappointed if you vote for him.

Jamie Clark  
Harrisville

To the Editor,  
Whether you're a Republican, a Democrat, an Independent, or other, those designations mean something; even having No Political Affiliation (NPA) is a title that means something. Those claiming to be affiliated with one party, even though they have more in common with another, just to get elected should be ashamed of themselves.

As a citizen of Alcona County, I am sick of these half-truths and dare I say, lies. Never-Trumpers, taxing and spending, creating instant criminals with mandates - these are the things that make a RINO (Republican in Name Only). It is with that premise I will call someone out.

William Thompson has all but officially been endorsed by the Alcona County Democratic Party and he is promoting Kevin Boyat, a Democrat running for Commissioner (at least Kevin knows he's a Democrat and doesn't try to hide it). His previous voting pattern indicates a left leaning approach to spending and rules and regulations. In my opinion, that indicates he is not a Republican and is merely using the R to game the system and the voters in District 2.

I'm tired of the abuse of party affiliation, at the local, state and national level. I feel as though the Democrats have been infiltrating the Republican Party. They pay lip-service to those who will listen; promise one thing but do something else.

I don't always agree with my true elected Republicans, but overall, these are people I trust and can work with. William Thompson has showed no interest in the Republican Party and is not deserving of anyone's vote. Run as an Independent or NPA but stop trying to play both sides.

For any complaints, contact me at: carriemullins@hotmail.com. I can take it. And just to be transparent, I am the chairperson for the Alcona County Republicans.

Carrie Mullins  
Mikado

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## Calendar of Events



### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

The guest speaker for the annual Elsa U. Pardee Memorial Cancer Lecture is Dr. Diane Harper, will focus on how the human papillomavirus (HPV), which can cause cervical cancer. She will present for a virtual forum at 6 p.m. She is a professor at Michigan Medicine in the departments of family medicine, obstetrics and gynecology and women's studies. Anyone interested in attending the program may use their smart phone, computer, tablet or other device with Internet connection at [www.midmichigan.org/hpv](http://www.midmichigan.org/hpv) or join by telephone at (517) 317-3112, enter access code 719-570-845. For more information, go online to [midmichigan.org/pardee](http://midmichigan.org/pardee).

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

The Community Walking Club, which is open to everyone, will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks will be required. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions recovery program, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more information, call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

### WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28

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

The Alcona County Library Board will meet in person, via Zoom and Facebook Live at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 2 p.m. The link is posed on the library's website ([www.alcona.lib.mi.us](http://www.alcona.lib.mi.us)) and Facebook page ([www.facebook.com/AlconaLibrary](http://www.facebook.com/AlconaLibrary)). For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

### THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29

The Community Walking Club, which is open to everyone, will meet in the parking lot of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Social distancing will be practiced, and face masks will be required. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 30

A Halloween-themed story time and craft for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Social distancing will

be practiced, and seating is limited. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

The Alcona County Commission on Aging is hosting a Trunk or Treat from 5 to 7 p.m. in the parking lot at 207 Church Street in Lincoln. Costumes are encouraged at this family event with games and candy distribution. Save distancing protocols will be in place and face masks/coverings are recommended. For more information, call (989) 334-3466.

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

# VOTE HARRY HARVEY

For  
Alcona County Road Commission

Paid for by Harry Harvey 5387 E. Clark Rd., Harrisville MI 48740

### PUBLIC NOTICE

The Township of Greenbush Planning Commission (PC) has received a request from the property owner to rezone the west half of their parcel 041-401-005-015-00 from Low Density Residential (R-1) to Commercial (C). Note that the east half of this parcel is currently zoned C.

Parcel 041-401-015-00 is located at the southwest corner of the intersection of US-23 and F-30, Township of Greenbush and described as T25N R9E SEC 2 BLK 5 LYING W OF US-23 ROW EXC S 225 FT BURTONS ADD. TO VILLAGE OF GREENBUSH.

The PC will hold a Public Hearing on the request on November 5, 2020 at 6 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5037 Campbell Rd., Greenbush, MI.

To be considered, written comments on the request must be received no later than the day of the Public Hearing. Mail written comments to: Shannon Story, Clerk, Township of Greenbush, P.O. Box 9, Greenbush, MI 48738.

The necessary auxiliary aids and services, such as signers for the hearing impaired and audio recordings of printed materials being considered at the meeting will be provided to individuals with disabilities at the public hearing upon 14 days notice to the Township of Greenbush Board of Trustees. Individuals with disabilities requiring auxiliary aids or services should contact Shannon Story, Clerk, P.O. Box 9, Greenbush, MI 48738 or 989-569-3519.



## Local Notes



### Halloween for Teenagers

From Wednesday, Oct. 21 through Friday, Oct. 30 there will be a free Halloween opportunity for teenagers (ages 12 to 18) to pick up a Nightmare Catcher craft, a Halloween game, and a candy bar at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville. Supply is limited. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

### Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Lincoln Senior Center. Reservations are required by noon each day by calling (989) 334-340. No membership is required. Suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome. Masks are required.

• **Monday, Oct. 26:** Baked fish, baked potato, carrots, peaches, bread, milk.

• **Tuesday, Oct. 27:** Sloppy Joe, Spudsters, three bean salad, flavored apple sauce, milk.

• **Wednesday, Oct. 28:** Hamburger stroganoff, California blend vegetables, red fluff salad, milk.

• **Thursday, Oct. 29:** Chicken stew, biscuit, pineapple, milk.

• **Friday, Oct. 30:** Beef chop suey, rice, peas, pears, milk.

### Virtual Town Hall

Region 9 Area Agency on Aging (AAA) is hosting a Virtual Town Hall meeting on Friday, Oct. 23 at 12:30 p.m. with 106<sup>th</sup> District Representative Sue Allor and 37<sup>th</sup> District Senator Wayne Schmidt. Both Michigan legislators will be available to discuss issues that concern northeast Michigan's aging adult population such as caregiving, accessing services, living in a rural community, and other topics that are relevant to older adult voters.

As a direct response to COVID-19, the "virtual" town hall format is being offered to northern Michigan citizens as a safe meeting alternative. Anyone who wants to participate may connect through the Internet using Zoom or dial into the meeting by telephone. "The Virtual Town Hall will be of particular interest to older adults, family members, caregivers, or those with an interest in issues impacting older adults. Questions for Representative Allor or Senator Schmidt may be submitted prior to the event," said AAA Director Laurie Sauer.

For more information about the Virtual Town Hall Meeting, go to the NEMCSA's main webpage under News & Events at: [www.nemcsa.org](http://www.nemcsa.org) or call (989) 358-4661 for more information.

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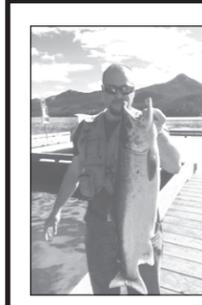
# The good, bad and ugly of acorns

By **Gregg Schefferly**  
Outdoor Writer

Early reports regarding the archery season haven't been very good at all. I know of a few hunters who've been successful and are feeling pretty good about this year's archery hunt.

However, most hunters I talked to aren't.

Few are seeing any bucks and, in many cases, very few deer are observed while hunting or on trail cameras. Most everyone I talk to is blaming their lack of success on acorns. The number of pictures found on trail cameras that overlook food plots are down substantially from last year. In many cases, the food plots are still in good shape.



## Exploring the Outdoors

By *Gregg Schefferly*

Certain areas have had deer removed due to crop damage or TB concerns. Finally, the youth hunt, as it always does, puts the mature bucks in a nocturnal mode.

However, I believe with oak wilt and the return of gypsy moths the trees have been more stressed and it's not uncommon for them to bear

the west of our camp, the firearm opener was slow, but we'd sit tight and the deer would get pushed from the open hardwood ridges to the swamps and by the second and third days our hunting got much better. Patience is of the utmost importance.

I will never forget a story I heard of a woman who hunted



This healthy buck was feeding on acorns while being photographed on a trail camera on October 9. Photo courtesy of Gregg Schefferly.

Normally, by this time of year the fields have been browsed all the way down to the ground.

Those of us who've hunted for 20 or more years have experienced heavy acorn crops and have seen reduced numbers of deer before, but this year seems to be worst.

After the acorns ripen and a few windy days bring them down, they are quickly cleaned up. Once this occurs deer will usually turn their attention back to the food plots and resume more normal activities. In other years, the deer stayed in the hills, in the oaks, until the rut and/or until hunters push them into the swamps.

I believe there are other variables that aren't helping regarding the number of deer being seen. This year, locally, many of the fields were planted either in corn or beans. In previous years there were more alfalfa fields for the deer to browse, without them deer are focusing more in the hardwoods.

heavy mast crops as a result.

Hunters certainly have a love-hate relationship with acorns. Hunting camps that have hardwoods ridges with great acorn yields are posed to have a banner year. Hunting camps with river bottom and swamps that are experiencing poor hunting either have to wait it out or, perhaps, find some hardwoods on public ground to archery hunt. A little time must be spent scouting for oaks bearing good crops of acorns.

I've heard reports that some hunters have done just that, scouted out some oak ridges on public land, located trees loaded with acorns, and set up on the runways the deer are using to get there.

In past hunting seasons when the oaks were loaded with acorns up in the hills to

all day every day the entire two weeks of the firearm season without seeing a deer. In the end, on the last day, her perseverance paid off, she shot a huge buck.

Keep in mind that antler growth is phenomenal following a fall of bumper crop of acorns. So, while it doesn't make it any easier this year, there is a silver lining to the acorn crop.

Hang tough and good luck hunting.

*(After spending several years in Afghanistan, Alaska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, Gregg Schefferly has recently returned to writing and Lincoln where he grew up hunting, fishing, and trapping. Feel free to contact him or send him pictures at [northwriter@hotmail.com](mailto:northwriter@hotmail.com).)*

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county-wide millage proposals:

- Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) - operational .825 mills for six years. (See story in October 14 edition.)
- 911 Operational Surcharge Renewal: \$3 monthly surcharge for six years. (See story in October 14 edition.)

**Additional Information:**

- Registration to vote closed on Monday, Oct. 19.
- Anyone interested in voting via an absentee ballot --

their request must be received by Friday, Oct. 30 no later than 5 p.m. It must be returned by mail with receipt by Tuesday, Nov. 3 or returned in person on Tuesday, Nov. 3 no later than 8 p.m.

- Questions on local voting locations and absentee ballots can be found with each township and/or city/village clerk. A sample ballot can be viewed from the Alcona County Clerk's office.
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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## How to find an online therapist

Dear Savvy Senior,  
 What is the best way to find online therapy services for my anxiety and depression? I just turned 63 and have become increasingly hopeless since the COVID-19 pandemic hit and cost me my job. I need to get some professional help, but I'm also high risk for illness and very concerned about leaving the house.

Need Help

Dear Need,  
 I'm sorry to hear about your job loss and the difficulties you're going through right now, but you're not alone. Because of the coronavirus pandemic and resulting economic downturn, fear, anxiety and depression is being reported by 45 percent of Americans, according a Kaiser Family Foundation tracking poll.

To help you through this difficult time there are a variety of therapists, psychologists, and other mental health providers you can turn to. And because of the pandemic,

most of them are now offering counsel to their clients online through teletherapy services. This will allow you to interact virtually with a therapist from the comfort of your home using only a smartphone, tablet or computer.

### How to Find a Therapist

A good first step to locating a therapist is to ask your primary care provider or family and friends for a referral. You can also look on your insurer's website for a list of therapists covered under your plan. But be aware that some insurers have limited, or even no coverage for mental health, and many mental healthcare providers don't participate in insurance plans. (Medicare does cover mental health services.)

Other resources to help you find a good therapist include online finder tools at the American Psychological Association ([locator.apa.org](http://locator.apa.org)) and the American Psychiatric Association ([finder.psychiatry.org](http://finder.psychiatry.org)).

If you want some help,

there are also online platforms that can help match you with a licensed mental health provider. For example, Talkspace ([talkspace.com](http://talkspace.com)) and BetterHelp ([betterhelp.com](http://betterhelp.com)), are virtual services you can access through your phone or computer, that contracts with thousands of licensed and credentialed therapists.

The process starts with a few questions to assess your goals, your condition, and your preferences, and then matches you with some top therapists in your state.

If you don't have insurance coverage or can't afford therapy, you can call or text 211 (or go to [211.org](http://211.org)) anytime for a referral to a provider who offers support at no cost or on a sliding scale, based on your budget.

You can also call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline 24/7 and ask for a referral to a local resource or provider or ask to be transferred to their "warm line" for nonemergency calls, where you can talk anonymously to



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Another possible option is Federally Qualified Health Centers, which are community-based health centers, some of which may offer teletherapy services at no-cost. To search for centers in your area visit [FindAHealthCenter.hrsa.gov](http://FindAHealthCenter.hrsa.gov).

There's also this website called Open Path Collective ([openpathcollective.org](http://openpathcollective.org)), where therapists offer low-cost online sessions for between \$30 and \$60.

### Interview Your Therapist

Before you start sessions with a therapist, it's impor-

tant to make sure he or she meets your needs. If you're not comfortable with the person, you're unlikely to benefit from the therapy. So, schedule a call or a video chat to get a feel for each other, and to ask about the therapist's training, years in practice, specialties, therapy techniques and fee. Ideally the therapist you choose will be a good personality fit for you and will be within your budget and/or covered by your insurance.

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# Owls roll over Tigers, remain undefeated

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Oscoda varsity football team has been rolling through its opponents so far this season, and last Friday night was no different. The Alcona varsity football team fell to the 11<sup>th</sup> ranked Owls, 62-0 in North Star League action at home.

"I thought our guys played really well at times," said head coach Jason Somers. "Again, I was very proud of our effort and think that we have improved as the year has gone on."

"We are still adjusting to the more wide-open sets and the blocking schemes that go with that, but overall, I thought we played okay." Somers said of the offense. "We had some opportunities that got by us and we found some things that we could take advantage of. The positive that came out of this game was that our players played to their best for four quarters, which has been a struggle at times this season. I was happy with their effort."

Stephenson finished four-

had seven tackles while Bill Jones had five tackles and recovered a fumble.

Alcona (0-5 overall, 0-2 NSL) heads to Roscommon (1-4) on Friday, Oct. 23 to wrap up the regular season. The Bucks, who Alcona defeated 44-34 last year, are coming off a 55-12 loss to Evart last week.

"They play in a tough league and have played many games where the scores have been tight, we will need to be at our best to come out with a victory," Somers said. "A win and some momentum



Alcona's Chris Barnes avoids a tackle during last Friday's home loss to Oscoda. Photo by Ben Murphy.

The Owls wasted no time, racking up four touchdowns in the opening quarter to take a 32-0 lead. Oscoda pushed its lead to 38-0 at the half and tacked on three touchdowns in the second half.

"They have a lot of skilled players that are fast and elusive," Somers said of the Owls. "I think their overall team speed is their greatest attribute."

Oscoda hasn't allowed a point in its five games so far this season, although Alcona came as close as anyone. In the second quarter, facing a fourth-and-goal from the 23-yard line, quarterback Zach Stephenson tossed a pass over the middle. Gavin Walker tracked it down, but was tackled just shy of the end zone, at the one-yard line.

of-12 passing for 33 yards and one interception, completing all four passes to Walker. Stephenson also had 10 yards rushing.

On defense, Chris Barnes

would go a long way as we enter the playoff run. We'll take it one game at a time, prepare as we should and let the chips fall where they may."

## Alcona takes Fairview 4-1 in regular season finale

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona soccer team put the wraps on the regular season last week. The Tigers, playing a North Star League game at Fairview, picked up a 4-1 victory.

Joel Steiner had a big night, netting three goals. Tim Jamieson also had a goal with

Kaden Berryhill getting an assist.

Caleb Kamischke had 10 saves in goal to get the win in net.

Alcona (5-12 overall) played Oscoda at home in the division four district semifinals on Tuesday, with the championship game slated for Saturday, Oct. 24 in Alcona at 6 p.m.

## Alcona runners close season, prep for regionals

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona cross country team competed in its final two meets of the regular season last week. The Tigers wrapped up the year on Saturday, Oct. 17 at Ogema Heights for the Northern Lower Peninsula Invitational.

The lone runner in the boys race for the Tigers was Carter Upper. He placed 18<sup>th</sup> overall with a time of 20:21.

On the girls side, Sara Decker and Karen Sharboneau competed. They were 17<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> with times of 23:36 and 24:49.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13 the Tigers competed at the Hale Invitational.

Upper was once again the lone runner for the boys; he came in 10<sup>th</sup> overall and ran a time of 21:12.

The Lady Tigers had Decker place on a time of 23:38, Sharboneau was 10<sup>th</sup> at 24:14 and Janae Kierzek was 26<sup>th</sup> on a time of 32:16.

Alcona runs in a division four pre-regional meet on Saturday at Inland Lakes.

"We will be working hard this week to prepare for pre-regionals," said head coach Tammy Nelson.

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# Lady Tigers top Hillman on Senior Night

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team hosted Hillman on Senior Night last Thursday. The Lady Tigers won the North Star League crossover battle in four sets, 25-11, 13-25, 25-16 and 25-14.

“Senior Night is a special evening,” said head coach Kristi Miller. “We have six very committed and hard working seniors that have been a huge part of our program for many years. It is always fun to reflect on their volleyball careers and what

they brought to our program. Throughout the game they stepped up in all areas to fight for the win. We must continue motivating each other as we work to accomplish our goals.”

Rachel Layton had a big night, getting 21 kills. Arianna Realis had four aces, three blocks and 73 assists. Lily Bilbey had 12 digs.

On Tuesday, Oct. 13 the Lady Tigers played another NSL crossover contest at Hale. They needed five sets to win this one, 25-15, 26-24, 24-26, 17-25 and 16-14.

“It was a battle throughout the entire game,” Miller said. “Hale really stepped up their defense and made us work for every point. The girls responded and it was a great team effort to come up with the win.”

Leading the way in this contest was Layton with 18 kills. Lily Bilbey had 17 kills and three blocks. Caroline Forsythe had 24 digs. Ashlyn Gordy served up five aces and Realis had 119 assists.

Alcona was at Rogers City on Tuesday and heads to Au Gres on Thursday, Oct. 22.

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into the water as part of the removal process would be picked up by his crew.

In a matter of minutes, three men from the refurbishing company had several of the finger piers free from the main docks. “This job is going easier than we thought,” Griffin said last week.

Harbormaster Tiffany Wil-

son explained once the docks are removed, the company installing the new docks will look over everything and make sure it is safe and secure for winter. The new docks are expected to be installed before boating season begins next summer.

Weber said he was delighted and surprised funds for the grants got released as

soon as they did because he had heard other harbors were not as fortunate and were still waiting to hear when their grant monies would be available.

Phase five will complete the final phase for the restoration project, which has been ongoing for the last four years with each phase costing approximately \$500,000.



Workers float a finger dock from the harbor to the DNR boat launch.



Richard Tracy, state historian and local trustee for the American legion designed and built two pair of custom cornhole boards which he donated to the Mikado Legion for future cornhole tournaments. Patriotic bags were also donated by Elida McKee of the auxiliary. *Courtesy photo.*

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Several members of the Barton City Eagles Arie No. 4141 give back to an Eagles member who served the organization and community over the years. Eagles members, (from left) Joe Miller, Corky Brown, Jeff Anderson, Brandon Cordes, Tom Kuszak and Stan Zaleski (not in photo) recently provided an access ramp to this members' home. *Courtesy photo.*

# Could work-from-home movement drive northern Michigan economy?

**By Jasmine Hall**  
*Capital News Service*

Grand Traverse is among the top 10 Michigan counties in high average income, low unemployment and a low percentage of the population below the poverty line.

The county's median income in 2019 was around \$65,000 — almost \$6,000 more than the median income for the entire state, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

And the work-from-home movement caused by the COVID-19 pandemic could build on that economic success, according to experts.

"If their job is remote, they want to be here," said Warren Call, the chief executive officer and president of Traverse Connect, a private economic development organization for the Grand Traverse area.

In just 2020, the county's population increased by 1,000, according to the census bureau. In 2019 alone, Grand Traverse's average income increased by more than \$7,000, according to the Census Bureau. That was double the average income increase in Michigan in 2019.

The differences are even more stark between Grand Traverse and other northern counties. Baraga, Arenac and Kalkaska counties experienced declines in their median incomes, according to the Census Bureau. Kalkaska County, which already registered less in median income than 60 other counties in Michigan, declined by almost \$2,500.

The 20 counties with the lowest average incomes as well as some of the highest unemployment rates are all northern counties. A significant portion of the residents in those counties make under \$40,000 annually, and around 20 percent of the population in northern counties of Roscommon or Gogebic make under \$20,000, according to census statistics.

Grand Traverse County makes almost double the income of around 15 percent of Michigan — and more than 30 percent of northern Michigan. This is because it used the special natural and cultural resources northern Michigan has to offer, Call said.

Grand Traverse is not an island though, and northern economic developers see how the northern communities around them are struggling — and need support. He said he believes there is an opportunity for other northern counties, especially because

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of the unique situation COVID-19 brought in 2020.

The need for remote work, the attraction of a rural area with a high quality of life and a desire for natural resources are all reasons to go north, he said.

Traverse Connect, a non-profit partner of the Grand Traverse Economic Development Corp., is focused on regional economic development for counties surrounding the Grand Traverse area and regional economic commerce. It provides northern counties with public policy advocacy on the local, state and federal level and talent

attraction. It also focuses on fostering the growth of businesses that don't fall into the start-up category, but need support to gain success.

Talent attraction is where the most opportunity is for northern counties during the pandemic, Call said. Since the pandemic started, more people have moved up north because they can work remotely and escape the urban environment.

Other counties in northern Michigan should begin to market their quality of life for permanent residency — which is different from tour-

ist attraction. There should be a focus on "quality jobs that have a living wage" and diversify the economy, Call said. "We see an opportunity to further grow into the types of jobs that can be done from anywhere," he said.

Creative Coast is a recent initiative to expand on the idea. It is geared towards "enhancing a creative economy" — whether that's from software development, the fine arts or music production. It's not just necessary for remote work, said Don Grimes, a University of Michigan regional economic specialist.

Northern Michigan counties need to invest in attracting companies focused on informational technology services, app development and creative entrepreneurs.

Grimes said there is clear economic distress in the smaller, northern rural communities and so they need to move away from an economic structure that relies on a small-scale hospitality industry and the manufacturing industry.

There needs to be a re-evaluation of how smaller communities build their economy, Grimes said. The

most successful economies currently are impacted by high educational attainment and economic diversification that attracts information technology.

Economic development corporations and nonprofit organizations such as Traverse Connect are trying to replicate these successes in their own communities. "In a weird way, this pandemic supports these economies better, because they can design their attractiveness around people who want to move out of urban areas," Grimes said.

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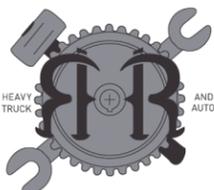
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# Buggy Rides



## Miss Candice Cuyler homecoming queen

**October 22, 1970** ~ Homecoming festivities were the scene Friday, October 16, at Alcona High School. It began with an assembly at 2:00 p.m. in the gymnasium. Scott Edwards, President of Student Council, opened the program and presented the Homecoming Court of Honor.

The 9th grade princess was Miss Linda Rivera and her escort was Mike Goddard. The 10th grade princess was Miss Barbara Nosko, with her escort Daryl Kauffman. The 11th grade princess was Miss Sue Paradise. Her escort was Carl Ellinger. The Senior candidates for queen were Miss Candice Cuyler, and her escort David Somers, Miss Ava DeJarlais, and her escort Gary Anderson, Miss Joanne Kruttlin and her escort Keith Nedo, and Miss Lynn Schroeder, and her escort Kim Thompson.

Speeches were given by Head Coach Gary Sonnenberg and Assistant Coaches Gail Perkins and Roger Baumgardner. Following their speeches was the announcement of the Homecoming Queen for this year. Our queen was Miss Candice Cuyler, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Cuyler of Harrisville. Her father was there to officially escort her to her throne. The Queen and her court were given gifts as a token of our appreciation.

A pep rally and bonfire followed outside at the rear of the parking lot.

Prior to the game at 7:00 p.m. the Senior Class honored the graduating class of 1961 at a coffee hour.

At halftime during the Whitemore-Prescott and Alcona game, the Homecoming festivities continued. The presentation of floats came first. The Senior Class won first prize for its float entitled "World Peace".

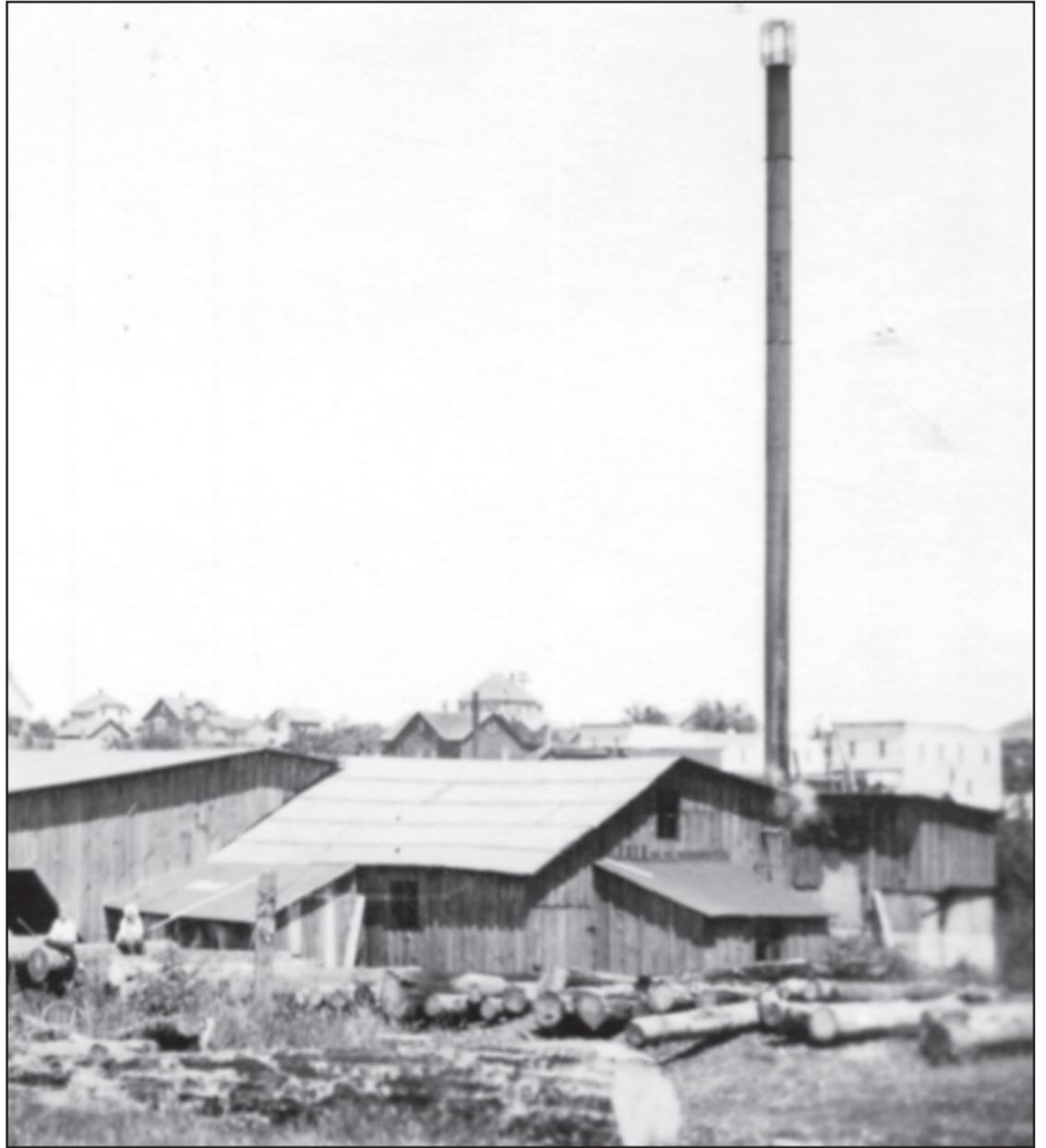
Following the floats were the Queen and her Court. The highlight of it was when the 1961 Homecoming Queen, Carol Cook, crowned Candy Cuyler as our new reigning queen. To add to this our fantastic team won its first homecoming game in the history of our school!!! The "Reign" played at the dance afterwards.

## T. A. Ferris & Son Sawmill

Brothers James Ferris, of Oscoda, and T. A. Ferris and his son, G. C. Ferris, both of Lincoln, started the sawmill. It was in operation from 1908 to 1936. T. A. Ferris came to the area in 1887 with a portable sawmill. From 1908 to 1910 the mill building was built, and machinery installed including a steam boiler and stationary engine. The machines included sawmill equipment, planer and matcher and sticker for running moulding and a resaw. Besides this equipment, there was wood shingle making in a separate room in the mill. Shingles were made from native white cedar, virgin growth.

Three generations of the Ferris Family worked in the mill; T. A. Ferris, G. C. Ferris and Leonard Ferris. They dealt in retail and wholesale lumber and other wood products.

*(This photo and story was taken from Alcona County A Pictorial History Vol. 1)*



This photo was taken in 1920. The sawmill was located on the east bank of Lincoln Lake.

### CryptoQuip

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## Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2020

### Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Avg. Wind Speed	High Speed	
Oct. 11	54	50	0.00	9.9	22	ESE
Oct. 12	59	50	0.35	11.1	26	SSE
Oct. 13	64	41	0.01	4.0	23	SSW
Oct. 14	55	40	0.01	5.7	26	SSW
Oct. 15	59	38	0.04	2.8	19	WSW
Oct. 16	50	30	0.00	2.5	20	SW
Oct. 17	51	33	0.01	9.1	39	SW

### Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2020	2019	Normal
Weekly Total	0.42	0.19	0.55
October to Date	1.25	0.80	1.35
Year to Date	19.37	17.29	23.51

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.)

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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MAIL	ELENT	AGO
MIDNIGHT	TRAI	TOGEO
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## CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Caledonia Township Board met October 14. Motions to approve the agenda; September minutes; special minutes; pay bills; transfer money from contingency; purchase zoning board of appeals books; security system; and re-key hall. Motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m. This synopsis published prior to board approval.  
 Kerry Scott  
 Caledonia Township Clerk

## HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The full board and deputy clerk Landrum opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." No comments from the floor. Harvey/Healy: approve the clerk's August 11 and September 1 minutes with corrections. Carried.  
 Treasurer's report given and reconciled with the clerk's office. Discussion followed concerning our fire department and the Harrisville Township Recreation Area. Jamieson/Johnston: to transfer the Harrisville Township Recreation Area site to the City of Harrisville with the Little League and Hoop House agreements. Roll call: five ayes, zero nays. Carried.  
 Harvey/Johnston: Allow the clerk to pre-buy gas for the hall; 1,000 gallons for \$1,499. Carried. Harvey/Healy: pay the bills. Carried. Adjourned at 7:40 p.m.  
 Roger D. Jamieson  
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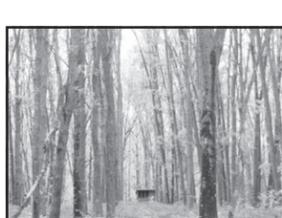
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