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Harbor playscape breaks ground, equipment delivery is problematic

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

After six years of supporting, planning, grant writing, and more, a new playscape at the Harrisville Harbor of Refuge Park has finally broken ground.

The playscape, a project started in 2016 by a handful of concerned citizens and supported by the Harrisville Lady Lions, is finally under construction thanks to the community, a Michigan Department of Natural Resource

(DNR) Passport grant and the diligent efforts by the City of Harrisville.

Harrisville Mayor Jeff Gehring said the project has been a very long time coming with many roadblocks along the way. "There were times I was just about ready to give up on it," he said.

Since taking on the role of mayor, Gehring has worked conscientiously on bringing the playscape to fruition. He first had to untangle a snag left by the previous mayor

who did not obtain an engineering firm that was required by the State of Michigan to oversee the project. A firm was hired for \$13,000 which the city absorbed.

For additional funding, grants were written and denied, but finally, a glimmer of hope struck with the approval of a DNR grant that came late in December of 2018 for nearly \$108,000. That coupled with the \$25,000 the Harrisville Lady Lions garnered from community support, gave

hope a new playscape was close on the horizon.

The city bid for contractors and developed a proposed plan for the playscape. They hoped to break ground that summer, but delay after delay postponed the construction.

"Then COVID-19 hit, and everything stopped. By the time things opened back up we had to get new bids for the state. They wanted everything updated.

"The new bids came in catastrophically high; it was unbelievable, we're talking a hundred thousand dollars over," Gehring said.

The city, still determined to build a new playscape, sent Gehring asking anyone if they knew of a contractor who could get the job done.

"I asked Tom and Waynette Hamilton of Campdoyawanna in Harrisville. They said they knew a lot of people and would ask around. I hear that a lot and didn't think much of it at the time," Gehring said.

Just two weeks later he got a call from Penchura, a company specializing in playscapes that operates from Brighton, Mich.

"The caller (Tim Sheffer) said he was bidding out a job in Alpena and he could come and take a look at it. Turns out he is also a state-licensed

playground inspector.

"He came and took measurements, looked at what we had in place and the area, which I wasn't expecting. He then said every piece of playground equipment presently in place is not state compliant and there would be issues if someone got hurt. We already knew this; it is very old equipment.

"I was figuring at that point he was going to send us another high bid, but we kept talking... talked about our kids and developed a friendship," Gehring said.

A few weeks later Gehring received an email with a respectable of \$142,000, that was \$200 below budget and offered a lot more than what was included in previous bids the city received.

Gehring had hoped the work would have started by Labor Day, but said more delays with shipping challenges, COVID-19 variants taking tolls and labor shortages, it took a little longer.

"The area has been excavated and they have poured the concrete. We are still not sure of a delivery date because the contractor is relying on the manufacturer of the playscape and there is no exact indication when that will be, but it looks like sometime in the next few weeks," Gehring said.



This rendering of the Harbor Playscape has been updated and will include some other "cool aspects," according to Harrisville Mayor Jeff Gehring. *Courtesy graphic.*

Farmers' Almanac forecasts frosty Great Lakes flip-flop

By Gabrielle Ahlborn
Capital News Service

After an unusually warm and stormy summer, the Great Lakes region has in store a "frosty flip-flop" winter, according to the 2021-22 Farmers' Almanac forecast.

"By that, we mean one month it's going to start out mild, and it's going to get icy, it's going to get snowy," said Sandi Duncan, the publication's managing editor. "It's going to be a mixed bag kind of winter."

The month-to-month contrast follows an unusually stormy summer for the Great Lakes region, which the Almanac predicted to be "muggy and thundery" last April. The buzzwords for the Great Lakes this winter are "icy and flaky," the Almanac reports.

January is expected to begin mild with rain and wet

snow, followed by 2-5 inches of snow possible in a storm at the end of the month, the publication predicts. February calls for bitter temperatures but little precipitation. March has been projected as snowy and stormy throughout the month.

What makes the Farmer's Almanac so certain?

That's hard to know. Its predictions do not include any type of computer satellite tracking or lore-based techniques, such as groundhogs, according to the publication. Its formula includes factors such as "sunspot activity, tidal action of the moon, the position of the planets and a variety of other factors."

Atmospheric phenomena like El Nino and La Nina were not factors in the forecast, Duncan said. "Some people

are saying La Nina might come into play, but we didn't have a chance to factor that in."

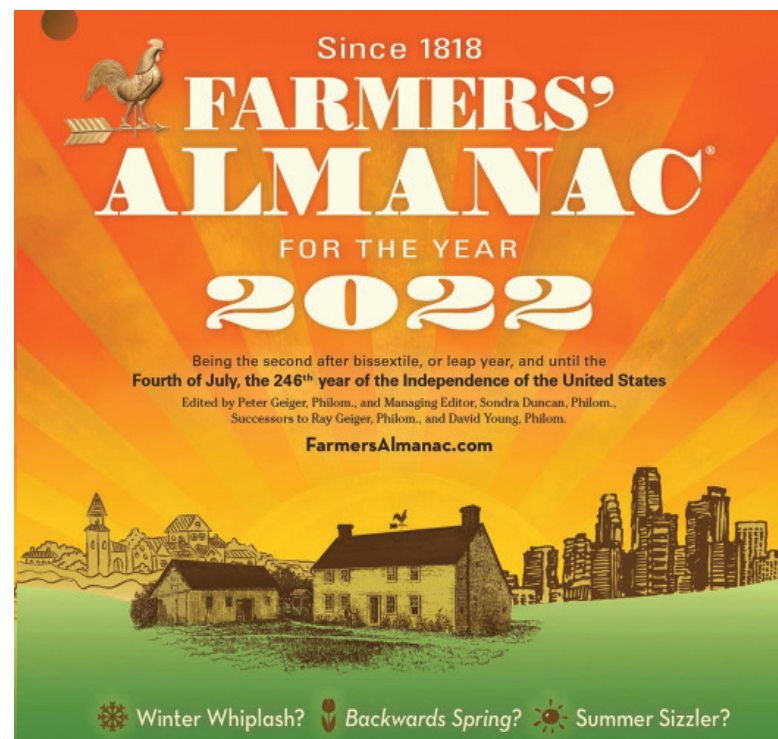
While the almanac's website claims an 80-85 percent accuracy rate, meteorologists have always suggested taking the Farmers' Almanac's predictions with a grain of salt.

In 2017, meteorologist Jan Null compared the accuracy of the almanac's temperature and precipitation predictions with the actual results. Forecasts were graded as good, not good or mixed, depending on if they were predicted the same as they were observed.

Of the 34 precipitation regions compared, Null rated 21 percent as "good." She rated 42 percent of the 33 temperature regions as good.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) also releases a 90-day

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Cover of a 2022 Farmers' Almanac. *Courtesy graphic.*



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 **Obituaries** 

 **Circuit Court**

Donald J. Noffke

Donald J. Noffke, 68, of Curran, died on Monday, Nov. 1, 2021, at home.

He was born August 9, 1953, to Arthur and Rosline (Puma) Noffke in Wyandotte, Mich. He was a longtime resident of Lincoln Park, Mich.

A devout Catholic, Mr. Noffke was a member of the Knights of Columbus and the Fourth Degree.

He enjoyed fishing, hunting and working on his house and truck. He was an avid outdoorsman and was proud to share his love of the outdoors with his grandsons.

Mr. Noffke is survived by his life partner, Nancy Barr; one stepdaughter, Annette (Dale) Klepadlo; two grandsons, Louis Klepadlo and Jonah Klepadlo; two sisters, Roseanne Noffke and Sharon (Frank) Demeter; two brothers, Art Noffke and Charles Noffke; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Rose.

Ardith Josephson

Ardith Josephson, 77, of Marshall, Mich. died on Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021, at the Oaks of North Pointe Woods following a long illness.

She was born on November 11, 1943, in Pinconning, Mich. to Jeff and Wilma (Edsall) Carter. She grew up on the family farm in Glenzie. She graduated from Alcona High School.

She attended Alpena Community College and Central Michigan University and graduated from Western Michigan University with a degree in elementary education.

Mrs. Josephson enjoyed 32 years of teaching. She retired in 1999 from Hughes School in Marshall, Mich.

She is survived by two daughters, Becky (Jim) Gorinac and Beth Davis; two grandsons; one sister, Mary (Bill) Tarr; one brother, Harold (Jan) Carter; one niece, Dena (Dan) Leblanc; one nephew, Tim Tarr; one great-niece, Sarah Leblanc; and one great-nephew, Matthew Leblanc.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and one nephew, Tom Tarr.

A memorial service will take place in the spring.

Memorials may be made to



Marshall United Methodist Church, 721 US Hwy 27 N., Marshall Mich. 49068 (<http://umcmarshall.org/>); The Haven of Rest Ministries, P.O. Box 52, Battle Creek, Mich. 49016 (<http://www.thehavenbc.org>); Humane Society of South Central Michigan, 2500 Watkins Road, Battle Creek, Mich. 49015, (<https://hsscm.org/>); or Boy Scouts of America, Troop 216, to be collected by the Kempf Funeral Home, P.O. Box 519, Marshall, Mich. 49068.

Arrangements were handled by the Kempf Family Funeral and Cremation Service of Marshall, Mich.

Alpena resident, Matthew James Wells, 30, was sentenced on November 3 in 23rd Circuit Court by Judge Laura A. Frawley. He was sentenced to serve 85 months to 20 years in prison.

He pled guilty on September 28 to the charges of delivery/manufacturing of methamphetamine and operating a motor vehicle under the influence with an occupant under 16 years old.

According to the Alpena County Sheriff's Department, on January 7, deputies were dispatched to a single vehicle crash on M-65 near Reeves Road in Mitchell Township. Upon arrival they found Wells and his four-year-old son in the vehicle.

Wells was arrested on an outstanding warrant out of Genesee County and for operating under the influence of drugs. While deputies were conducting their investigation, they found numerous items related to drug activity as well as large amounts of drugs in the vehicle including crystal methamphetamine and fentanyl. A blood test showed that Wells was operating with amphetamine, fentanyl and methamphetamine in his system.

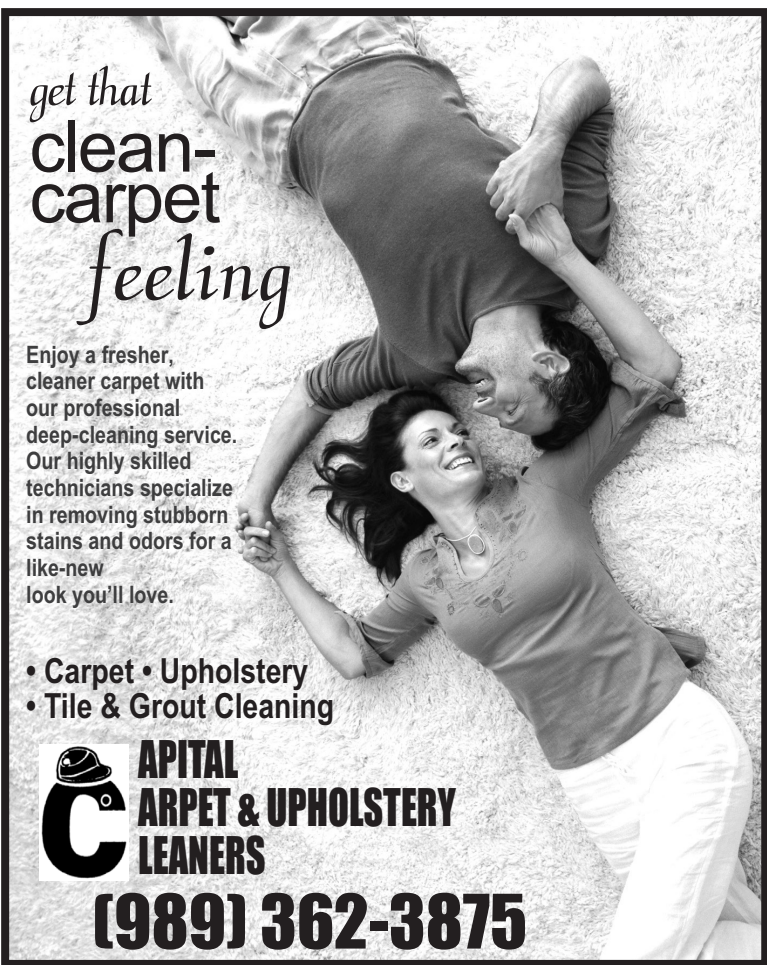
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 **District Court** 

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

- Brian Keith Peterson Jr., 37, Auburn, Mich. was sentenced to 90 days in jail, two years of probation and fines and costs of \$3,190 for operating while visibly impaired and contempt of court.

- Michael Joseph Cordes, 30, of Spruce was sentenced to two days in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$1,285 for attempted domestic violence.

- Robert David Daleski Jr., 52, of Detroit, Mich. was sentenced to one day to one day in jail and \$270 in fines and costs for transport/possess open intoxicant in motor vehicle.

- Carl George Cordes Jr., 33, of Barton City was sentenced to seven days in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$1,185 for assault or assault and battery.

- Traci Rae O'Dell, 31, of Greenbush was sentenced to 30 days in jail, one year of probation and \$1,775 in fines and costs for operating while intoxicated.

- Joseph Clemens Kukla Jr., 32, of Greenbush was sentenced to 18 days in jail, one year of probation and \$1,285 in fines and costs for domestic violence.

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Calendar of Events



WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 10

Sunrise Community Food Pantry is open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. Recipients must remain in their vehicle for curbside pick up and follow volunteer traffic control. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county residence. Identification is required. Bring box or bag. The church is located at 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Call (989) 727-3606 for more information.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11

TOPS 1502 Mikado will begin with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and the meeting at 9:15 a.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. All are welcome. First visit is free. Handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

The Alcona County Library branches will be closed to observe Veterans Day. The Curtis Township Library will be open 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Storytime and craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13

The Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more info., call (989) 724-5077.

Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. at Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 State Street, Harrisville.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Ladies of any denomination are invited to attend the Bible study hosted by Solid Rock Church of God featuring "Women of the Bible" at

10 a.m. Refreshments will be served. The church is located at 160 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln - across from Alcona Health Center. For more information, contact Darlene Ramey at (734) 718-7760.

The youth craft activity for ages 12 to 18 will be acrylic paint pouring at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 2 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to register for this free program.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

Euchre is played at the Lincoln Senior Center, lower level, 207 Church Street, Lincoln, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. All seniors are welcome.

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for November is "The Life and Times of the Thunderbolt Kid," by Bill Bryson. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 17

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

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Veterans, and their relatives, are welcome to join fellow comrades for coffee and fellowship from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville.

TOPS 1502 Mikado will begin with weigh-in at 9 a.m. and the meeting at 9:15 a.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. All are welcome. First visit is free. Handicap accessible. For more info., call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-8600.

The Community Walking Club for Everyone will meet in the parking lot of the Har-

risville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more info.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Storytime and craft activity for children will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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Local Notes



Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday at the Lincoln Senior Center. Reservations are required by noon each day by calling (989) 334-3470. No membership is required. A suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, Nov. 15: Pizza casserole, carrots, hot peach delight, milk.
- Tuesday, Nov. 16: Turkey, mashed potatoes, squash, stuffing, green bean casserole, roll, pie, milk.
- Wednesday, Nov. 17: Hamburger Stroganoff, corn, Jell-O, milk.

• Thursday, Nov. 18: Baked spaghetti, cauliflower, tossed salad, Mandarin oranges, milk.

Donation to Book Program

The Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525 recently donated \$5,000 to Your Child Reads of Alcona and Iosco counties to support their efforts to promote early childhood literacy. The donation was funded through a grant from the Elks National Foundation. Early reading experience has proven to help children to be successful in school and later in life.

Public Input Needed

Researchers at Michigan State University (MSU) are calling on residents who live or own property along the Great Lakes to provide input regarding the management of Great Lakes shorelines in a new survey.

A team of coastal scientists within the Department of Geography, Environment, and Spatial Sciences at MSU have been working to better understand future challenges facing coastal environments, especially those brought about by human activity and climate change. Research



Members of the Tawas Area Elks Lodge No. 2525 donate to a local reading program. (From left) Brad Saegesser, charitable grant coordinator, Tawas Area Elks; Dina Schmidt, business manager, IRESA; Phyllis Rhodes, board member, Your Child Reads; Lynne Bigelow, children and teen service coordinator, Iosco-Arenac District Library; Denise Bearre, library director, Alcona County Library; Shelley Sermon, ENF chairperson, Tawas Area Elks; and George Sermon, past state president, Michigan Elks Association. *Courtesy photo.*

Your Child Reads provides monthly age-appropriate books to children from birth to 60 months of age in Alcona and Iosco counties through Dolly Parton's Imagination Library. There are currently 672 children receiving books in Alcona and Iosco counties and 331 children have graduated from the program since it was started in 2017.

The cost to maintain the current enrollment in Your Child Reads of Alcona and Iosco counties is over \$1,400 a month. To learn more, visit the "Your Child Reads - Alcona and Iosco" Facebook page. To make a donation, visit <https://donate.imaginationlibrary.com/> and select, "I would like to designate this donation to a specific Imagination Library affiliate" box and choose Affiliate Code of "MI - MIOSCOALCONA - Iosco and Alcona Counties." Donations by check may be made payable to Iosco RESA (the fiduciary for Your Child Reads) and include Imagination Library in the memo line. Mail checks to Iosco RESA, 27 North Rempert Road, Tawas City, Mich. 48763.

from this team is taking a scientific approach to inform policy and management of Michigan's coastal communities.

As they begin to craft plans and recommendations for coastal communities facing impacts from changing coastlines, researchers are asking residents to complete a survey to gather information about the public's view of the Great Lakes. The online survey is open to anyone over the age of 18. It asks respondents to provide information about their experiences with the region's coastal changes, thoughts regarding the causes of these changes, what should be done in response, and who they feel should be responsible for addressing these current and future challenges to coastal communities throughout the region.

Residents are asked to respond by November 20. To complete the survey, go to: https://msu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bIcON8T1EuTrpyu. Respondents are given the option to remain anonymous. For additional information or questions, contact Dr. Elizabeth Mack at emack@msu.edu.

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Searching Grandson

Dear Searching,

Yes! There are a number of financial aid programs available that can help seniors with home modifications and improvement projects for aging-in-place, but what's available to your grandparents will depend on their financial situation and where they live. Here are some different options to explore.

• Medicare Advantage benefits: While original Medicare does not typically pay for home improvements, if your grandparents are enrolled in a Medicare Advantage (Part C) plan, it may offer some aid for modifications based on need. Contact their Medicare Advantage provider to see if this is available.

• Medicaid waivers: If your grandparents are low-income and eligible for Medicaid, most states have Medicaid Home and Community Based Services waivers that provide financial assistance to help seniors avoid nursing homes

and remain living at home. Each state has different waivers, eligibility requirements and benefits. Contact your Medicaid office (see Medicaid.gov) for information.

• Non-Medicaid government assistance: Many state governments and several agencies within the federal government have programs that help low to moderate income seniors, who aren't eligible for Medicaid with home modifications. For example, the Department of Housing and Urban Development offers HUD Home Improvement Loans by private lenders. Contact a HUD approved counseling agency, call 800-569-4287 to learn more.

• And the U.S. Department of Agriculture has a Rural Development program that provides grants and loans to rural homeowners. Your local USDA service center (see offices.sc.egov.usda.gov) can give you more for information.

• Many states also have financial assistance programs

known as nursing home diversion programs. These programs, which may include grants or loans or a combination, helps pay for modifications that enable the elderly and disabled to remain living at home. Modifications covered typically include accessibility improvements like wheelchair ramps, handrails and grab bars.

• To find out if there are programs in your grandparent's area, contact the city or county housing authority, the local Area Aging Agency (800-677-1116) or the state housing finance agency – see NCSHA.org/housing-help.

• Veteran benefits: If your either of your grandparents is a veteran with a disability, the VA provides grants like the SAH, SHA and HISA grants that will pay for home modifications. See Benefits.va.gov/benefits/factsheets/homeloans/sahfactsheet.pdf for details and eligibility requirements.

• Some other VA programs to inquire about are the "Veteran-Directed Care" program



Savvy Senior

and "Aid and Attendance or Housebound Benefits." Both programs provide monthly financial benefits to eligible veterans that can help pay for home modifications. To learn more, visit VA.gov/geriatrics or call (800) 827-1000.

• Nonprofit organizations: Depending on where your grandparent's live, they may also be able to get assistance in the form of financial aid or volunteer labor to help with modifications. One of the most noteworthy is the organization Rebuilding Together (RebuildingTogether.org, 800-473-4229), which offers three programs: Safe at Home,

Heroes at Home, and National Rebuilding Day.

• Another option is community building projects, which provide seniors with volunteer labor to help them make home improvements. To search for projects in your grandparent's area, do web search containing the phrase "community building project" followed by their "city and state."

• Reverse mortgage: Available to seniors 62 and older who own their own home and are currently living there, a reverse mortgage will let your grandparents convert part of the equity in their home into

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Almanac

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prediction forecast from its Climate Prediction Center. Unlike the Farmers' Almanac, NOAA uses the most up-to-date technology and computer models.

"Covering December, January and February we're favoring only slightly above normal temperatures and above normal precipitation which includes rain and snow for the Great Lakes," NOAA meteorologist Brad Pugh said. "La Nina is currently present and we expect La Nina to persist through the winter."

La Nina is an atmospheric phenomenon that is created by cooler than normal sea surface temperatures across the equatorial line in the central Pacific.

"It typically does lead towards a wetter winter for the Great Lakes region," Pugh said.

The Farmers' Almanac has been published since 1818 when it was created by astronomer and weather-watcher David Young, not to be confused with the Old Farmer's Almanac, which was founded 26 years earlier in 1792 by Robert B. Thomas.

Beyond long-range weather forecasts, the online and print editions now offer gardening tips, natural remedies and recipes.

"Part of the long-lasting appeal of the Farmers' Almanac is that it's nostalgic and charming but it is also useful," Duncan said. "We just stay current with the times and keep reminding people how to live a natural life."

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Offshore wind could provide double the electricity Michigan residents used in 2019

By **Taylor Haelterman**
Capital News Service

Coastal wind is a strong, consistent power source and Michigan's more than 3,000 miles of coast could provide double the electricity residents used from all sources in 2019.

This claim is from a recent report with data from the National Renewable Energy Laboratory that evaluated the energy potential of offshore winds across the United States. The report was produced by the Environment America Research & Policy Center and Frontier Group, organizations that provide information on and work to improve the environment.

According to the report, the wind off the shores of the Great Lakes could provide electricity for Michigan, Illinois, Indiana, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, Ohio and Wisconsin. Of these states, Michigan has the most potential.

New York was excluded from the Great Lakes region because its offshore energy potential comes from the Atlantic Ocean.

Offshore wind could generate three-quarters of the state's predicted electricity use for 2050 with full electrification, according to the report.

Full electrification means switching the state to electric power entirely — from buildings to transportation to in-



Some of the 75 wind turbines at the onshore Tuscola Bay Wind I farm in Fairgrove, Tuscola County, near Lake Huron. *Photo courtesy of Taylor Haelterman.*

dustry, said report coauthor Hannah Read.

The next-closest Great Lakes state in 2050 coastal power generation potential is Wisconsin at 27 percent.

This potential is technical potential, which means it's the total energy generation possible from wind in that area. That doesn't mean all that energy would necessarily be harvested, explained Read, who is the Environment America Research & Policy Center's Go Big on Offshore Wind program associate.

"We say technical potential specifically because it's just that — it's potential," she said. "We're not necessarily saying that we should develop all this offshore wind. We're just saying this is what is there, and this is what we could be using."

"We also recognize that with technology improving and becoming even more efficient and powerful, the technical potential could increase in future years."

Turbines that look like giant, three-pronged windmills that can stand on the lake bed or be floating and anchored to it would generate the power.

The benefit of offshore wind is that it's strong and consistent, making it a reliable option that can generate more power than wind over land, the report said.

And there's the benefit that it's renewable energy. "Instead of relying on dirty fossil fuels, you're transitioning to use clean renewable energy that can power a much cleaner and healthier future for everybody," Reed said.

There are hurdles, however. Depending on the lake, there can be limited usable areas, winter ice floes that could damage floating turbines and conflicting uses, Read said.

"Beyond technological barriers, two of the largest barriers are community and political acceptance of offshore wind projects because the Great Lakes are important to us," said Dan Scripps, the chairman of the Public Ser-

vice Commission.

It's important to discuss offshore wind development before projects are proposed because current laws for wind project permits might be insufficient, and offshore wind farms won't be a good fit everywhere, Scripps said.

"There's no silver bullet. There's no perfect answer. It's sort of balancing the tradeoffs that you see," Scripps said.

"But I also think that if we're thoughtful and are willing to have conversations around what are the right spots and what are the wrong spots for ecological or other reasons, in advance we can build a strategy, whether that's Michigan or across the Great Lakes, that identifies places that might be more suitable," he said.

Having a plan in place will provide a clearer path forward that builds on supporters of offshore wind, Scripps said.

But those struggles don't mean offshore wind farms in the region are impossible.

The report said the Icebreaker Wind project in Ohio, set to be completed in 2023, is the only offshore wind project in the Great Lakes region. That partnership between the Lake Erie Energy Development Corp. and Fred Olsen Renewables will place a wind farm in Lake Erie 8 miles north of Cleveland, Ohio, according to the corporation.

Dave Karpinski, the president of the Lake Erie Energy Development Corp., said the company won't build more wind farms because its icebreaker project is meant to pave the way for others.

"Our vision is that, if this first project can develop, then that will open the door to a competitive market to really come in and let the competitive forces drive down costs and come up with the best solution," Karpinski said.

"We know that offshore wind in the Great Lakes is poised to take off, it's just a matter of states making those commitments and being confident enough in the potential," Reed said.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the local businesses that participated in the 12th annual Lincoln Chili and Soup Cook-off and Trick or Trunk. Without you we would not be able to make this event as successful as it has become. There were so many delicious chili's and soups this year, we had 18 businesses participating with combined Chili and Soups being made. We sold over 430 cups for the chili and soup this year. Seeing all the participants with their cars on the Street was wonderful. This county and the people in it are wonderful, thank you all so much.

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So, it begins: Deer hunting intensifies as rut gets closer

Gregg Schefferly
Outdoor Writer

All through September and October a lot of huddles have taken place with hunters sharing game camera pictures and discussing what they are seeing and hearing.

Early October was very quiet. Reports that came in indicated a very slow start to the archery season. Hardly anyone was seeing any nice bucks.

Hunters weren't seeing much on cameras or while hunting. Then, like clockwork, along came the third week of October and suddenly more hunters were seeing and bagging some nice bucks. Reports of a bumper acorn crop has the deer scattered in the hills. I have never seen food plots in such good condition this late in October.

I believe another reason hunters aren't seeing as many deer is because of the federal program using sharp shooters to shoot deer in northeastern Michigan due to TB. While on the surface it sounds reasonable, the problem is no one has stopped to think, nor does government care that deer migrate. Studies from other states and the Upper Peninsula have shown that annually deer migrate from where they winter, to feeding and breeding habitat.

Perhaps it has to do with the cutting off of the cedar swamps, or the fact that deer need quality browse and the best groceries in town are those lush fertilized fields?

Somehow animals know what has the nutrients they need to survive. Fertilize half a food-plot and see where they browse. Deer spend the entire winter living off their fat reserves. Does must sustain themselves and also must feed the fawn or fawns growing in their bellies. Bucks go into winter in poor condition as a result of the rut.

They need food, which is why they move, migrating to fields after the rut. These same deer return to these fields in the spring and often stay until late summer early fall before heading to where they breed. The distance they travel depends on the proximity of farm fields they browse and where they breed.

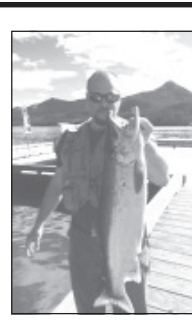
I know of two stories to

demonstrate this. One was back in the early 70s -- long before people hunted over bait. My dad shot a buck during the gun season which was stuffed full of corn. The nearest cornfield was a mile and a half away. This buck had made this trip in one night. The runway he shot it on was heavily used and he saw a number of deer traveling a mile and a half every night to feed.

Another example was a large buck that some friends found many years ago. It was living and browsing in a field on Poor Farm Road. Throughout the summer, as they looked for bucks, this large buck kept moving to the northwest until it was shot during the gun season just



Gregg Schefferly with a seven-point buck he harvested with a crossbow on Sunday, Nov. 7 off Sucker Creek Road.



Exploring the
Outdoors
By Gregg Schefferly

east of F-41 near Miller Road.

The misconception here is these deer spend the year around the farm fields on which the feds shoot them. The problem is this isn't true. As a result, a number of deer that would be spending the fall chasing each other and feeding on food plots on hunting land have been eliminated before the hunting season. These hunters have invested considerable money purchasing and paying taxes on their land for the sole purpose of hunting.

I fully understand white-tail deer are very prolific and that many hunters fail to manage their land properly, only being interested in shooting bucks, which doesn't help with the population. Many hunters want to sit and see deer while hunting and don't want to deplete the herd.

So, while it can be argued that the program for shooting deer in northeast Michigan is justified, my concern is who's managing the program? Who's evaluating the deer numbers? Is there anything in place to determine when

enough deer have been harvested?

Or is it like every other government program where a budget is created to pay these shooters to go out annually and continue to shoot deer without any management? My concern is they don't understand that many of the deer they're shooting don't spend the year on the land they are being shot. Or the effect this program has on the property owners who've invested millions to continue the tradition of hunting.

I want to make it clear -- I'm not opposed to the program. Farmers have their lives invested in their crops and there is no doubt that the deer browsing on their fields have a tremendous impact.

In many cases, I have heard that beef and dairy farmers don't have a choice. The government tells them to open their land up to these shooters or else.

I'm not saying the program isn't needed. I realize there's no perfect answer. However, I believe there is no consider-

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Alcona volleyball bows out in district opener

By Ben Murphy

Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity volleyball team couldn't overcome eventual district champion Tawas in both teams' post-season opener on Wednesday, Nov. 3.

The Lady Tigers kept it close in the first set, but faded from there, falling 26-24, 25-14 and 25-14.

"We started off strong, the girls were pumped, and it showed in their aggressiveness and hustle to make plays," said head coach Kristi Miller. "Carmen Dellar played a solid game all-around. Together we fought, but had some costly errors in moments we needed to finish and be more aggressive."

Dellar led the team with five kills, two blocks and 15 digs. Emma Travis had 32 assists and with two aces apiece was Miah Schopfer, Angelina Howe and Sage Gauthier.

"Overall, it was a memorable season," Miller said. "I am proud of the girls' dedication and determination and



Alcona's Kaylee Wambold hits the ball over the net during last week's district loss to Tawas. *Photo by Ben Murphy.*

I am looking forward to everyone's return next season. This group has great potential."



The cross country season wrapped up with the state championship races last Saturday, at Brooklyn's Michigan International Speedway. Alcona had two runners competing in the event, with Sara Decker (right) running in the girls' race and Carter Upper (left) in the boys' race. Decker finished 142nd out of 242 runners on a time of 22:41. Carter Upper, in a field of 248 runners, crossed the line in 144th on a time of 18:59. "States is such a huge competition for our athletes coming from a small school," said head coach Tammy Nelson. "It is very overwhelming to compete against so many excellent runners. I am so proud of both of these athletes." *Information by Ben Murphy. Courtesy photo.*

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High school marketing class seeking advisors

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

To make sure students who want to go into a management or entrepreneurship career after high school can gain a solid understanding of what is involved, Alcona High School's marketing and business class is seeking entrepreneur/business owners or managers to assist with their advisory board.

Marketing and business teacher Aimee Renchenski explained the advisory board relays real-world information

on what their business needs are so she can relate information to her students to better prepare them for the future.

"The advisory board members meet together with me twice a year, once in December and once in April or May. The meetings are typically for an hour or less. We go over the curriculum, enterprise the students are doing, competitions for DECA (formerly known as Distributive Education Clubs of America). We look at what students are doing to make sure it is rel-

ful of members.

She would also like to strengthen students' skills through DECA competitions, something they haven't been able to do a lot of because attending the competitions takes funding.

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Alcona High School entrepreneur students show off some of the spirit wear merchandise they are selling through pop-up venues at all varsity games at the school. (From left) Michael Droidge Jr., Ryken Wallenmaier, Kelsey Hansen, Carmen Dellar, Jacob Renchenski, Sage Gauthier, Liberty Kimball, Olivia Borchardt, Avi Turpen, and Sierra West (front). *Courtesy photo.*

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evant to today's business needs," Renchenski said.

She hopes to also start an adopt a student program where students can job shadow at local business sites and would like business owners/managers to come in and talk to her class about what they do. "The students don't realize how many entrepreneurs we have in this county; we have a lot.

"Most of the businesses we have around here were started by local people. They aren't franchises. I want the students to learn the ins and outs of running a business, not just what they can learn from a book," Renchenski said. Currently, the advisory board has less than a hand-

tainment, fashion. It's a great way to strengthen students' skills in entrepreneurship and leadership, but we need help in getting to these competitions and we need local businesses to help the student's role-play to prepare them for competition," Renchenski said.

Since the inception of the program three years ago, Renchenski's classes have been growing. "Last year I had four entrepreneur students, this year I have 15.

"The retail students, students who have been involved in the program for the last three years, are working on their certification and once

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New book spotlights Native American women's band on Mackinac Island

By Emilie Appleyard
Capital News Service

What started as personal research for Theresa Weller to find more about the Anishinaabe name of an ancestor turned into a book, "The Founding Mothers of Mackinac Island: The Agatha Biddle Band of 1870."

It tells the history of the Agatha Biddle Band, a band of primarily Native American women who lived on Mackinac Island in the 1800s.

The band was a unique Native and Metis community because it was composed of 66 women, and eight men. It was highly unusual for a band to be majority female. Furthermore, the women were unrelated to one another, which was also unusual at the time.

They formed their band because they were all owed annuity payments from the U.S. government for land given up in the 1836 Treaty of Washington D.C.

Weller tells the genealogies of families in the band and gives readers insight to what life was like for them and others on Mackinac Island during the nineteenth century. "It started that I was just collecting the annuities and wanted to find out what my ancestor's Indian name was, and it just blossomed. I thought that there's so many that are related to people on Mackinac Island that I should keep going with it," Weller said.

In the preface, Weller explained that her purpose in writing the book "was to give the Sauvages a name. Who were these women? Where did they come from? What were their lives like?" Sauvages is a French word meaning wild or natural.

Weller used records of the annuity payments to research who belonged to the band. "The writing process started with me making spreadsheets

of all the various annuities I had and trying to compare them. But there were so many gaps in between," Weller said.

Weller obtained records from the Mackinac Island Genealogy and Family History for 1858-59. These years were important because 1858 was the last year when the women's names for annuity payments were written in their own Indian names.

After that, annuities were written with the names of their husbands.

Weller said she found a lot of interesting stories about the women and that people were extremely generous giving her information and photos of their ancestors to include in her book. This information helped her piece information together and identify some band members.

A majority of the women were at least half blood, and many were married to fur traders. Biddle joined the band in 1837 and became its chief in the early 1860s. Her parents most likely came from the Odawa and Potawatomi tribes. However, it is unknown how much Indian blood Agatha had.

Agatha's maiden name was Sarrasin, and she married a man Edward Biddle, whom she had at least four children with.

Biddle maintained her Catholic faith throughout her life and was buried in St. Ann's Cemetery on Mackinac Island.

Because the band was made up of members from many backgrounds, they didn't have to follow typical rules of behavior and didn't have to marry people outside of their birth clan. That led to a lot of intermarriage among the members' children.

Weller's ancestor, Angélique Belonzhay, was the sister of band member Marie Charlotte Dejadon. It is believed that the Belonzhay

women originated from Mississippi, but not much is known about the origin of their family.

Weller, a resident of St. Ignace and a free lance writer, said that the St. Ignace community is still extremely tight knit, and many residents there with French last names are descendants of women from the band. "I've gotten a number of emails from people thanking me because I've confirmed ideas or theories that they've had," Weller said.

Weller hopes readers learn more from her book about Native American women and the hardships they endured.

"The Founding Mothers of Mackinac Island: The Agatha Biddle Band of 1870" (\$32.95) is available from Michigan State University Press and Amazon.

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they obtain that, they will be purchasing displays for an in-school store to sell Alcona Tiger spirit wear and other offerings. We hope next year to open a T-shirt store," she said.

In the interim of not having a store to sell products from, the students are offering spirit wear merchandise, such as stadium seats, sweater fleece blankets, hoodies, pullovers, T-shirts and hats for sale through pop-up venues at all school varsity games. Spirit wear can also be purchased online through Alconatigerden.com.

Last year, despite COVID-19 shutdowns, the students held the grand opening of their fully functioning coffee and tea shop which is open to students and staff during lunch.

"The entrepreneur students work it, two students per day so, generally, they work twice a month. The students learn about different recipes and do product testing before we offer it to the

student body.

"We have monthly drink specials the kids seem to love. Last month we had salted caramel lattes and Frappuccino. This month's drink is pumpkin spice and next month is gingerbread, egg-nog and peppermint," Renschenski said.

The marketing students will be working on their food truck miniature models step-by-step throughout most of the year. Students just completed their marketing research unit, putting surveys out to other students on what they would like to purchase at a food truck. "By the end of the year, the students' presentations will be available and we will be showing them to the public during the school's 'Evening with the Arts' on May 17 from 4 to 8 p.m.," Renschenski said.

For more information or to join the advisory board, contact Renschenski via email at renchenskia@alconaschools.net call the high school at (989) 736-8534.

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CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY
ELECTRIC FRANCHISE ORDINANCE**

AN ORDINANCE, granting to CONSUMERS ENERGY COMPANY, its successors and assigns, the right and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines and related facilities including but not limited to towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, wires and transformers on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF HAYNES, ALCONA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

THE TOWNSHIP OF HAYNES ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. GRANT and TERM. The TOWNSHIP OF HAYNES, ALCONA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, hereby grants to Consumers Energy Company, its successors and assigns, hereinafter called "Consumers" the right and authority to construct, maintain and commercially use electric lines consisting of towers, masts, poles, crossarms, guys, wires and transformers on, under, along, and across public places including but not limited to highways, streets, alleys, bridges, and waterways, and to conduct a local electric business in the TOWNSHIP OF HAYNES, ALCONA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, for a period of thirty years.

SECTION 2. CONDITIONS. No public place used by Consumers shall be obstructed longer than necessary during construction or repair, and shall be restored to the same order and condition as when work was commenced. All of Consumers' electric lines and related facilities shall be placed as not to unnecessarily interfere with the public's use of public places. Consumers shall have the right to trim or remove trees if necessary in the conducting of such business.

SECTION 3. HOLD HARMLESS. Consumers shall save the Township free and harmless from all loss, costs and expense to which it may be subject by reason of the negligent construction and maintenance of the lines and related facilities hereby authorized. In case any action is commenced against the Township on account of the permission herein given, Consumers shall, upon notice, defend the Township and its representatives and hold them harmless from all loss, costs and damage arising out of such negligent construction and maintenance.

SECTION 4. EXTENSIONS. Consumers shall construct and extend its electric distribution system within said Township, and shall furnish electric service to applicants residing therein in accordance with applicable laws, rules and regulations.

SECTION 5. FRANCHISE NOT EXCLUSIVE. The rights, power and authority herein granted, are not exclusive.

SECTION 6. RATES and CONDITIONS. Consumers shall be entitled to provide electric service to the inhabitants of the Township at the rates and pursuant to the conditions as approved by the Michigan Public Service Commission. Such rates and conditions shall be subject to review and change upon petition to the Michigan Public Service Commission.

SECTION 7. REVOCATION. The franchise granted by this ordinance is subject to revocation upon sixty (60) days written notice by either party. Upon revocation this ordinance shall be considered repealed and of no effect past, present or future.

SECTION 8. MICHIGAN PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION JURISDICTION. Consumers remains subject to the reasonable rules and regulations of the Michigan Public Service Commission applicable to electric service in the Township and those rules and regulations preempt any term of any ordinance of the Township to the contrary.

SECTION 9. REPEALER. This ordinance, when enacted, shall repeal and supersede the provisions of any previous Consumers' electric franchise ordinance adopted by the Township including any amendments.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect on November 3, 2021.

We certify that the foregoing Franchise Ordinance was duly enacted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF HAYNES, ALCONA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, on the 3rd day of November, 2021.

James Effrick, Supervisor

Attest:

I, Tamara Quick, Clerk of the TOWNSHIP OF HAYNES, ALCONA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, DO HEREBY CERTIFY that the ordinance granting Consumers Energy Company, an electric franchise, was properly adopted by the Township Board of the TOWNSHIP OF HAYNES, ALCONA COUNTY, MICHIGAN, and that all proceedings were regular and in accordance with all legal requirements.

Tamara Quick, Township Clerk
Dated: November 3, 2021

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ation for how their actions affect the hunting community as a result of their lack of understanding how far the deer they shoot have traveled to feed, fattening up for winter.

As I write this article, the pre-rut is transitioning into the rut. The bucks are on the move. Hunters who are able are spending as much time as they can in the woods. The gun hunters hope the rut is still going hot and heavy for the opener, because nothing increases the odds of success more than a rut crazed buck moving about in search of a hot doe.

This year's Monday opener can be argued is the best or

worst opener. For some it allows a weekend of socializing, spending time with family and friends. It's hard to argue that. However, a Monday opener allows hunters the weekend to be out in the woods, putting those trophy bucks on red alert.

I hope everyone has a safe and successful hunting season. Good luck.

(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.)

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cash – which can be used for home improvements – that doesn't have to be paid back as long as they live there. But reverse mortgages are expensive loans, so this should be a last resort.

For more information on these and other financial assistance programs, go to PayingForSeniorCare.com and click on "Senior Care" followed by "Home Modifications."

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you tell me about stomach aneurysms? My father died from one about 10 years ago and I'm wondering if that can increase my risk of developing one myself.

Almost 60

Dear Almost,

While you don't hear much about them, stomach aneurysms, also known as abdominal aortic aneurysms, are very dangerous and the 10th leading cause of death in men over 55. They also tend to run in families, so having had a parent with this condition makes you much more vulnerable yourself.

An abdominal aortic aneurysm (or AAA) is a weak area in the lower portion of the aorta, which is the major artery that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body. As blood flows through the aorta, the weak area bulges like a balloon and can burst if it gets too big, causing life-threatening internal bleeding. In fact, nearly 80 percent of AAAs that rupture are fatal, but the good news is that more than nine out of 10 detected early are treatable.

Risk Factors

Around 200,000 people are diagnosed with AAAs each year, but estimates suggest that another two million people may have it but not realize it. The factors that can put you at increased risk are:

- Smoking: Ninety percent of people with an AAA smoke or have smoked.
- Age: Your risk of getting an AAA increases significantly after age 65 in men, and after age 70 in women.
- Family history: Having a parent or sibling who has had an AAA can increase your risk to around one in four.
- Gender: AAAs are five times more likely in men than in women.

- Race: White people develop AAA more commonly than people of other ethnicities.

- Health factors: Atherosclerosis, also known as hardening of the arteries, high blood pressure and high cholesterol levels also increase your risk.

Detection and Treatment

Because AAAs usually start small and enlarge slowly, they rarely show any symptoms, making them difficult to detect. However, large AAAs can sometimes cause a throbbing or pulsation in the abdomen or cause a deep pain in your lower back or side.

The best way to detect an AAA is to get a simple, painless, 10-minute ultrasound screening test. All men over age 65 that have ever smoked, and anyone over 60 with a first-degree relative (father, mother or sibling) who has had an AAA should talk to their doctor about getting screened.

You should also know that most health insurance plans cover AAA screenings, as does Medicare to beneficiaries with a family history of AAAs, and to men between the ages of 65 and 75 who have smoked at least 100 cigarettes during their life.

If an AAA is detected during screening, how it's treated will depend on its size, rate of growth and your general health. If caught in the early stages when the aneurysm is small, it can be monitored and treated with medication. But if it is large or enlarging rapidly, you'll probably need surgery.

AAA Protection

While some risk factors like your age, gender, race and family history are uncontrollable, there are a number of things you can do to protect yourself from AAA. For starters, if you smoke, you need to quit – see SmokeFree.gov or call (800) QUIT-NOW for help.

You also need to keep tabs on your blood pressure and cholesterol levels, and if they are high you need to take steps to lower them through diet, exercise and if necessary, medication.

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

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Goodfellows club activities start

November 14, 1946 ~ The first meeting of the Harrisville Goodfellows Club was held at Ki's den last Monday night. Plans for the coming holiday season were made. President Jack Holmes appointed committees to attend to all the details which naturally occur when such wide activity is attempted.

All members are requested to be present at the next Monday meeting so that they will become familiar with their job.

Present plans include four Bingo games to be held on November 23, November 30, December 14, and December 21. The November 23 party will be an All Fowl Bingo with a Large Turkey given for the Door Prize. The other parties will include Chicken, Ducks, and assorted prizes. Other money raising activities will include a drawing which will be held Christmas night at the Annual Goodfellow Christmas party at the City Auditorium. Prizes will be a combination deluxe Stewart Warner Radio and Record Player for the first prize, and a home-made bed spread (donated by Mrs. Doc VanWagoner) for the second prize. Both prizes will be on display at the Alcona Motor Sales in Harrisville.

KiKi Cuyler again has his job of "getting the Buck" and he will be around to get your dollar. This was the only means that the Goodfellows had to raise funds in the old days when there was a small demand on their purse strings and this "Buck Club" has continued down through the years. Since then the demands on them have so increased that they have been called upon to give away hundreds of dollars.

Monday night's survey showed that the club gave away 75 Fruit baskets, 26 dinner baskets, and 320 candy boxes on Christmas Eve, to children, besides helping here and there where it was needed most.

We will keep you posted from time to time, on what will be expected of you, but whatever it is, don't fall down. We have limited the number of Bingo parties to four, so be sure and make them have a record attendance. There will be good prizes. You might be lucky as well as generous.

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194 acres burn in Mitchell Township

November 11, 1971 ~ Lincoln— A raging forest fire whipped by winds up to 30 mph, scorched 194.2 acres of prime hunting land in northwestern Alcona County before being brought under control early Sunday morning.

Department of Natural Resources officer-in-charge Winston Reeves of Lincoln reported that the blaze was concentrated in the Flynn Valley area, primarily in a stand of oak. He said the fire stayed on the ground and did not crown.

Reeves said most of the land burned was under private ownership.

The Billy Goat Club Ranch reportedly was the hardest hit with 87 acres being burned.

Other deer camps affected by the blaze were the Oakland and Miller Flying Deer camps in addition to a portion of state land. Reeves said the blaze apparently started on state land in the northeast corner of Alcona County near

the Oscoda County line.

The fire was first discovered by an Alcona County Sheriff's Department unit just after 8 p.m. and officials of the National Forest Service, Department of Natural Resources and the Oscoda County Sheriff's Department were alerted and sent to the scene.

Reeves, assisted by Paul Owens of Mio, directed operations at the scene. Reeves said the blaze was brought under control by digging a double trench ahead of the fire.

Among the first to reach the scene, according to Reeves, was George Crowell of Curran, a DNR "Key Man." "He had firefighting operations well under way when we arrived," Reeves stated.

The blaze was termed under control at 12:30 a.m. Sunday. No buildings were damaged. Reeves said the fire probably was triggered by a carelessly thrown cigarette or match.

Everybody has gone to the woods for a buck

Opening Day of Season Finds Scores of Hunters Already in Camp.

November 10, 1921 ~ About everybody and the hired man is off for the hunting fields this week.

Deer season opens today, but a steady procession of nimrods has been migrating westward since Sunday and the woods are literally full of hunters eager to gather in that one buck which the law permits.

A favorite spot for the hunters from this section and, also, from the counties adjacent is along the border of the Turtle Lake Club property which corners on the four counties—Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Oscoda. Here scores of men are camped and, if the usual success attends, every one of them will return with a deer. The one drawback to absolute certainty this year is the one buck provision of the game law. Did hunters predict that many doe's will be killed and left lying by hunters who honestly think they

are shooting at a buck, but whose inexperience or nervousness, or something else, prevent them from distinguishing between doe's ears and a buck's horns—or something like that. At any rate if this prediction proves true, a lot of perfectly good deer meat will go to waste on the plains for the man who accidentally kills a doe is going to let it lie right where it falls and go on after his buck.

Here the names of some of the local sports who are known to be out after deer meat: There are many others who failed to report, but who will undoubtedly have their say when the hunt is held all over again beside the winter fires. Cleve Noyes, Walt Chisholm, Will Waters, A. R. Miller, D. McRae, "Dad" Beever, Jacob Mack, Tom Swarthout, Judge Burt, Bert and Dan Noyes, John Dunn, John Atchison, Will Elmer, Ray Pennington, Noble Sanborn, D. P. Bell, Jas. Nichol.

Four persons hurt in head-on crash

November 14, 1946 ~ A three-car accident just west of the Bailey school on the Mikado-Glennie road early Wednesday evening resulted in four persons being taken to Mercy Hospital, Bay City.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Holmes of Pontiac, driving west towards Glennie ran head-on into a truck owned by Harold Reames, and driven by Junior Fernsemer of Mikado. As near as could be determined, the Holmes car broke over a hill into

the Fernsemer truck. Another car driven by Lloyd Fernsemer, a brother, saw the oncoming car soon enough to drive his own into the bank on the side of the road, escaping injury.

The injured were rushed to Harrisville by Stanley Frayer, where Dr. Constantine gave first aid and then four of the injured were taken to Bay City by Smith's Ambulance.

Those taken to the hospital were: Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Holmes, Mrs. Lillian Wise and Junior Fernsemer. Mrs. Holmes suffered a broken leg.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2021

Weekly Report

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	High	Low	Rain	Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
Oct. 31	59	39	0.03	2.1	16	NW
Nov. 1	49	33	0.00	2.6	22	W
Nov. 2	46	31	0.00	2.9	23	W
Nov. 3	43	28	0.01	1.3	13	N
Nov. 4	45	28	0.00	1.1	12	NNE
Nov. 5	52	28	0.00	3.5	17	SSW
Nov. 6	52	37	0.00	6.4	24	SSW

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2021	2020	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.04	0.11	0.49
Month of October	1.81	2.52	2.33
November to Date	0.01	0.01	0.42
Year to Date	21.71	20.71	24.91

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.)

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Attention homeowner: If you are a military service member on active duty, if your period of active duty has concluded less than 90 days ago, or if you have been ordered to active duty, please contact the attorney for the party foreclosing the mortgage at the telephone number stated in this notice.

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a Mortgage made by Chad Smith as mortgagor, to Eric Gottlieb as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated March 12, 2015, and recorded in the Office of the Register of Deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on March 19, 2015, in Liber 513 at pages 960-964; and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this

notice the sum of \$11,667.41, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of foreclosure sale by advertisement contained in said mortgage, notice is hereby given under section 3212 of the revised judicature act of 1961, 1961 PA 236, MCL 600.3212, that the following mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgage premises, or some part of them, at a public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash or cashier's check at the place of holding the circuit court in Alcona County starting promptly at 10 a.m., on December 8, 2021. The amount due on the mortgage may be greater on the day of the sale. Placing the highest bid at the sale does not automatically entitle the purchaser to free and clear ownership of the property. A potential purchaser is encouraged to contact the county register of deeds office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge a fee for this information. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the Township of Mikado, County of

Alcona, State of Michigan, and described as follows: Part of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 1, T25 N, R7E, described as commencing 60 rods south and 32 rods east of the W 1/4 corner; thence south 10 rods; thence east 16 rods; thence north 10 rods; thence west 16 rods to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 2381 West Brewer Road, Mikado, Michigan 48745. Please be advised that the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damaging the property during the redemption period. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: October 8, 2021 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662) Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 893-9511 10-20, 10-27, 11-3, 11-10

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Now hiring RNs, LPNs, CNAs and a cook. Apply at Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. (989) 724-6889

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Part-time church secretary - For Oscoda area church. Flexible hours, computer skills, good with people, competitive wage, confidentiality a must. Send letter of interest and CV to word4God2@gmail.com by November 15.

Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention for Alcona County (CANPAC) Inc. has an opening for a part-time treasurer; 40 hours/year; experience required. Please send letter of interest to canpacinc@gmail.com.

CHRISTMAS BAZAARS

Bazaar Hope Lutheran Church Saturday, November 13 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Soup and salad luncheon \$10. Raffle, Chinese auction, crafts, cookie and bake sale. Pasties, Sauerkraut and many other canned fruits and vegetables. Hope Lutheran Church 5462 W. Nicholson Hill Rd., Hubbard Lake

BIDS WANTED

Michigan Works! Northeast Consortium is requesting bids for snow plowing/removal for the Lincoln Service Center, 202 Second St, Ste. B, Lincoln MI 48742. Potential bidders must obtain a Bid Sheet and include a copy of Liability and Workers Compensation insurance to be considered. Bid sheet can be obtained by contacting Robin at 989-733-8548, x2304 or mantayr@nemcworks.org. Bids accepted through **November 17, 2021. Equal Opportunity Employer. Auxiliary aids and services available upon request. TTY711**

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Nov. 1 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included president Phillips, treasurer Mahalak, clerk Somers and council members, Durham, Healy, Putsky, Schick, Somers and Wambold. The minutes of the October meeting were approved on a motion from Healy with support from Schick. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Healy with support from Somers. The bills were approved for payment on a motion from Healy with support from Schick. Phil Jordan joined the meeting to inquire about the status of properties on Traverse Bay Road. Zoning administrator Marsha Mahalak stated that she has sent certified letters to both homeowners. Attorney Cook advised that a first class letter should also be sent. Mahalak will work with attorney Cook to proceed with the next steps. The parks and recreation report was given. A grant was given for Fibar mulch in the amount of \$2,303. It is expected that with price increases we will still be short about \$2,000. Slats to support the cause are still being sold. Forms are available on the village website for anyone who is interested. We need someone who is willing to take over the fundraising and oversight of Flights of Imagination. Teresa Hart is wanting to step down from that position. President Phillips provided a report regarding the possibility for grant funds towards the pavilion project. A member from NEMCOG will be meeting with the DDA next week to continue work on the RRC. Fire Chief Billy Cordes gave his monthly report. There were five fire runs and nine medical runs for the month of October. He stated that there is no real need for a new rescue unit. They would rather that money be put towards very necessary items. They need new SCBA's, hoses and fittings, new cutters for the Jaws of Life, new

turnout gear for several of the firefighters, new flashlights, new tires on both vehicles and several repairs on the vehicles, etc. The firefighters and Medical First Responders have been working together to compile a list of needed items. When we billed the townships for fire service we decided to put money aside for replacement costs of necessary equipment. President Phillips asked that grants be looked into as well. Billy will prioritize the list of needs and present at the next council meeting. Maintenance man Warren MacNeill gave an update on happenings in the village. Things are getting readied for winter. Bill Putsky gave the sewer report. When the chains were being fixed by Detroit Pump they discovered that two of our pumps are not working properly. He will be getting estimates on getting new pumps. A motion was made by Healy, with support from Wambold, to award the bid for sewer drain repairs on Hawley Street to Alcona Septic. Carried. President Phillips gave her report in writing to council members. Additionally, she gave a resolution for consideration for the Traverse Bay Road Project. The resolution was approved on a motion from Wambold with support from Healy. Following is the resolution.

Resolution No. 21-2 Village of Lincoln Council Traverse Bay Road Project Grant Funding

Whereas, Traverse Bay Road, between the village limits and Second Street in the Village of Lincoln is a major road in Alcona County, and;

Whereas, the Village of Lincoln is entering into a contract with the Michigan Department of Transportation, and;

Whereas, the MDOT contract number is 21-5325, Control Section STL 01000, Job No. 205382CON, Project No. 21A0(767), CFDA No. 20.205 (highway research planning and construction), now;

Therefore, be it resolved, the Village of Lincoln Council is entering into the Michigan Department of

Transportation Contract No. 21-5325, and

Therefore, be it further resolved, the Village of Lincoln will maintain the proper financial accounts, documents and records which will be made available for audit purposes as required by the fiduciary and allow the village president, Sheila R. Phillips, to sign and represent the Village of Lincoln on any documentation necessary to satisfy the project requirements, now;

Therefore, be it further resolved, the council of the Village of Lincoln passes this resolution on the 1st day of November, 2021.

Motion by Wambold to adopt by resolution, to proceed with the project, and allow president Phillips to sign any and all paperwork associated with this contract. Second by Healy.

Roll call vote: Ayes: Durham, Healy, Putsky, Schick, Somers and Wambold. Nays: None. Excused: None.

Certification I, Linda K. Somers, clerk of the Village of Lincoln, Mich., do hereby certify that the above is a true and correct copy of the resolution adopted at the 1st day of November, 2021.

Linda K. Somers Clerk

Council Member Durham gave an update on an electric vehicle charging post update. Copies of an agreement were distributed to members and attorney Cook has already looked it over. A motion was made by Wambold to enter into agreement with Red E Charging and to authorize president Phillips to sign the paperwork for the agreement. Healy offered support. Carried.

A discussion was held regarding ARPA funding that the village has received and what will be coming in the next year as well. There is a possibility that some of the funding can be used towards new office spaces or the pavilion. We will need to work on the budget of these funds in the coming months. A request was received from Miss Dig. They would like for us to become a part of their system. We are not interested at this time. A motion to adjourn was made by

Healy with support from Wambold. Carried.
 Linda K. Somers Village Clerk

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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township Board meeting was called to order on September 14 with the "Pledge of Allegiance" at 7 p.m. with the full board in attendance at the township hall. A motion was made by Landrum to extend the current lawn care contract with Greenbush Golf Course for another two years, continuing with the same price agreement on the extended contract. Supported by Johnston. All were in favor. Motion carried. Another motion was made to increase the price of plots at the Springport Cemetery due

to quickly diminishing availability. After some discussion, the motion was made to increase the price to \$1,000 per plot for "out of township" purchasers, by Harvey and supported by Landrum. All were in favor. Motion carried. A motion was made by Healy to approve the clerk's minutes for the August meeting, supported by Harvey. All were in favor. Motion carried. The treasurer's and clerk's books reconciled, and the treasurer's report was put on file for the audit. There was a final motion to pay the bills by Healy, supported by Johnston. All were in favor. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

OSCODA-WURTSMITH AIRPORT AUTHORITY BOARD OF DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING

A special meeting of the Oscoda-Wurtsmith Airport Board of Directors is scheduled to start at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2021. The purpose of this special meeting is for action regarding airport director/manager recruiting. This meeting will be conducted in the airport terminal conference room, which is located at 3961 E Airport Drive, Oscoda, MI. Interested parties may attend in person or remotely via Zoom Meeting Services.

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