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Man arrested in 2
Litchfield
Ballor and 46-year-old Kris-
Saturday night, hours after
say the arrest was made
a home near Lansing.
the deaths of two people at
KEEP US INFORMED
Chamber luncheon
HILLSDALE — The first
This year’s inductees
into the Rec Hall of
Fame by the Hillsdale County
Chamber of Commerce, the
Local Economic Development
Partnership of Hillsdale County,
and Spring Arbor University.
The topic of discussion
was economic development
management and the regional
mission of business development.
Tracy McCullough, president
of the Hillsdale Area Regional
Group, Rick Bremer, presi-
dent of the State International
Speedway and Tracy Heinowski
of Spring Arbor University
attended the luncheon.
It was a sold-out event with
the luncheon attendance
of 125 people. MVPI
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ANNUAL DINNER AND MEETING
Conservation District presents awards
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HILLSDALE — The Hills-
dale Conservation District
honored various individu-
als during its annual dinner
and meeting Thursday
night at Johnny T’s Food
Door.
Chairman Bud Heinowski
welcomed guests and board
member Emily McKibben offered
the invocation.
Following a dinner and
silent auction, Hillsdale
Conservation District Manager
Alyssa Blomdahl provided a brief overview
of the district’s accomplishments
including tree
well water screenings, the
annual leaf drop, a honey bee
workshop, Grass
and Pasture Field Day,
Picnic in the Park, Nutrient
Management Field Day and
the scrap tire collection.
Through adoption of
the Great Lakes Commission,
the Hillsdale Conservation
District was able to
purchase a new 10-foot
Great Plains No-Till Drill. This
drill, with the John Deere
and Grass drills, will be
available to rent in the spring.
SEE AWARDS, A10
LITCHFIELD TIP-UP & HUNTING, TRAPPING FESTIVAL
Successful hunt
By Andy Barrand
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LITCHFIELD — Outdoors
was a furry of activity
Sunday afternoon as outdo-
ors hurried to beat the clock
to get their catches recorded.
Despite unseasonably warm
weather throughout the week,
the tip-up board for the Litchfield
Tip-Up & Hunting, Trapping
Festival was filled with fish and
other animals.
Candy Tefft, who operates
Litchfield Outdoors, said
there was a good one for hunters.
She said, she was a little wor-
sed Saturday afternoon as
many fish had been recorded.
Those competing for the top
prize didn’t let her down though
as several fish were recorded
Sunday afternoon.
These fish included a 31-inch
pike caught by Dylan Bowman,
of Concord, on Lake Raw Beers
and a 12.75-inch redear weight-
ging 1-pound, 2 ounces caught by
Hunter Stafford, of Union City.
After all of the fish and animals
were recorded it was off to Mali-
gan’s Pub in Allen for the ending
celebration. Outdoorsmen, their
family and friends packed the
restaurant for the annual cele-
dration. During the celebration
several prizes were given away
and the top five awards were
taken out for the festival.
Dave Tefft, thanked every-
one for coming out to this year’s
festival. All of the proceeds from
the festival are given back
to the Litchfield Schools Parent
Teacher Organization.
“It was a tough weekend for a
guy, but you guys found a way
to get it done,” Dave said. “Par-
ticipation was outstanding, we
definitely broke some records.”
SEE WEEKEND, A5
COLDWATER — State
Senator Mike Shirkey and
with over three dozen
area resi-
dents from both
Total Care in Michigan,
all interested
in issues
caused by
Amish buggy
Shirkey
The local senator will say what he can
before stepping up the issue, after the past
two legislatures failed to enact
requested changes to help with road damages
and registration for safety
concerns.
Term-limited state Rep.,
Joe Johnson, R- Clare,
had sponsored bills to charge a $50 registration
fee for horse-drawn vehicles.
The bill said the money can only be
used for road repairs.
The proposed law did come
true.
Sen. Shirkey wants to talk to the
Amish community before he goes any further.
None were invited to the
Friday evening session, the
town, which was
called
Branch County Com-
missoners.

SEE SHIRKEY, AS
SEVERE WEATHER Weekend death toll hits 18
Southern tornadoes add to casualties after violent storms strike in Georgia
By Brenda Farrington
and Joy Byers
The Associated Press
ADEN, Georgia — A severe
storm system that spun off
apparent tornadoes and left
widespread destruction across
the Southeast has claimed at
least 18 lives on a day
cross the region, authorities
said.
The enormous system
put millions of people in the
Southeast along a
milewide area
to vulnerable
of violent weather that
left many
homes
disrupted.
During the day, tornado
damage...