

School board adopts budget with \$500,000 shortfall

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

Short on time and short on funds, Alcona Community Schools Board of Education adopted a budget with a \$523,012 shortfall of revenues over expenditures at its June 28 budget hearing.

Business manager Alan Shillair said the board expects to amend the budget shortly after the July 1 beginning of the district's fiscal year. "Right now," he said, "we're still up in the air because of the state. We don't know what they're going to do."

The 2010-11 school year budget has projected revenues of \$7,076,034 and expenses of \$7,599,046 and includes the use of the majority of the district's fund balance to cover portions of the shortfall, Shillair said. That would leave the fund balance (the district's "savings account") at just \$267,780 or 3.5 percent of the district's operating expense.

District auditors have consistently recommended that the fund balance be at ap-

proximately 15 percent, Shillair said, and as budgets have tightened, the board has aimed at a seven percent fund balance.

The budget reflects a \$400,000 revenue reduction in the district's per pupil state aid allocation, Shillair said, citing cuts of \$165 and \$268 to the school's foundation grant over the past two budget years. "If we could get all of that money," he said, "it would almost let us balance the budget."

On Wednesday, June 30, the deadline for local school districts to adopt their budgets, both the state senate and its house approved the 2010-2011 School Aid Bill, reinstating the \$268 reduction and adding \$11 to cur-

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MSU Extension regroups for efficiency

Every successful organization routinely asks whether what they're doing is working and working well.

Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) is no different. Beginning July 1, MSUE will begin its transition to a new structure that emphasizes responsiveness and focuses on important issues facing the state.

"Meeting the needs of those in our state through the expertise of MSU and doing so as efficiently as possible is what MSU Extension is all about," said Tom Coon, MSUE director.

"The MSUE redesign is meant to capitalize on the expertise that can be offered to the community through extension's network of educators and specialists and our relationships with local partners," Coon said.

Late in 2008, MSUE started a process to examine its work and how it can focus its resources to better serve the state's residents. The findings of that process, which included more specialized educators in the field, better connections between field staff and campus researchers and a desire to leverage technology to maximize effectiveness, were shared with several audiences around the state.

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A cliff swallow has taken up residence in this happy home. Photo by Al Broadwood.

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Hundreds of residents turned out for the fireworks held at the Harrisville Harbor on July 3. Barton City and Glennie also celebrated with fireworks on July 4. Photo by Willy Weber.



Barton City put on its annual Fourth of July events during The Biggest Little Fourth in the North which played out over several days. The parade was the most attended. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.



Parade participants and those watching were all smiles in Glennie on Sunday. Hot weather -- in the high 80s -- didn't keep people from attending the various activities held throughout the day. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

Memorials

Ruby L. Melton

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, July 10 at 2 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center pavilion for Ruby L. Melton, a former Mikado resident, who died June 13, 2010.

Betty L. Ranger

There will be a visitation for Betty Lou Ranger on Friday, July 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Visitation will continue on Saturday, July 17 from 1 p.m. until the memorial service at 2 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Mikado. The Rev. Dave Dudenhofer will officiate. Mrs. Ranger died June 26, 2010 in Harrisville.

Death Notice

Patricia R. Rye

Patricia Ruth Rye, 76, of Lincoln died on Sunday, July 4, 2010 at home.

Mrs. Rye is survived by her husband, Charles; two sons; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; three brothers; and three sisters.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Lucille Trickle; one sister, Neva Ann Trickle; one brother, David Johnson; and one stepson, Randy Rye.

Cremation has taken place. No services are planned.

Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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From the Editor's Desk

On June 22 some 60 residents came to an informational meeting at the Harrisville Township Hall hosted by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) regarding the proposed change of hunting regulations in Deer Management Unit(DMU) 487.

There were also about 10 DNRE officials – three of which presented an informative history on the discovery of bovine tuberculosis in the whitetail deer herd and subsequent efforts by the DNRE to eradicate bovine tuberculosis in northeastern Michigan. This has been an issue for the last 10 years or more.

The room was hot and stuffy and you could cut the tension with a hunting knife. Most of the audience members were there to listen to the new proposed rules to be voted on by the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) which sets policy for the DNRE. Many spoke during the question and answer session – but the consensus was that it didn't matter what residents said, the decision was already made.

The proposed antler restrictions for hunters in DMU 487 – which encompasses several counties including Alcona County – is a minimum of three points on at least one side for a buck to be legal. This is a significant change.

This change was proposed because, even after many years of trying to rid the wild deer herd of bovine TB, the DNRE is at a standstill in its efforts. Officials at that meeting said the best way to rid the herd of the disease was to shoot more does and older bucks. Thus, the proposed change which requires older bucks being taken.

It was hard to tell if their information was taken at face value since there was so much anger and distrust hanging in the air.

It is clear the DNRE needs the help of the hunters to rid the herd of this disease, however, the DNRE is treating the hunters like children by telling them what is best and what they must do. The DNRE sets the rules and hunters must follow them. That is the way it must be in every other situation the DNRE deals with.

However, this is a unique situation – as admitted by several DNRE officials that evening. There is no other deer herd in the world that is infected with

bovine TB and they don't have any concrete this-will-work plan to follow. It is being developed as time progresses. They honestly feel that they are doing the best that they can.

They probably are – but it seems clear, especially after all of this time, that they need to do something else.

They need to stop preaching, displaying graphics and acting like they know what they are doing. The need to start listening to those hunters who know about deer – their habitat, their movement, their environment year 'round and work with them to solve this problem.

These hunters, especially the ones who live here or have hunting property here – have a vested interest in a healthy deer herd. It is clear they view deer hunting as a legacy to pass on to future generations. With this type of interest it becomes immensely personal and when that is threatened, it is a source of anger and frustration.

DNRE officials do want future generations to enjoy the whitetail deer herd. Even though this is their career – they do want residents to have this heritage.

Anyone who runs a successful enterprise knows that you need to listen to the people with "boots on the ground" experience and take what they are saying seriously to develop a well rounded plan. Once someone becomes part of the solution, they will work much harder toward that solution.

For example, it seemed evident that DNRE officials attending that meeting were surprised to hear that early hunting seasons were driving bucks under cover earlier, thus making them harder to find when November 15 rolls around. So, the proposed plan for hunters to take larger bucks – from the comments of hunters attending the meeting – is not going to work.

Experienced hunters have valuable knowledge that is being ignored by DNRE and NRC officials. This unwillingness to listen to valid complaints and suggestions is what is keeping the eradication of bovine TB in northeastern Michigan from being successful.

It is time the DNRE changed its approach to this situation.

~ Cheryl Peterson

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2000/2010

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	June 27	67		54	0.17	4.0
June 28	82	55	0.02	3.5	22	N
June 29	68	47	0.00	3.5	24	N
June 30	70	44	0.00	2.8	19	N
July 1	68	48	0.00	4.5	17	N
July 2	79	50	0.00	5.7	21	SSW
July 3	86	59	0.00	4.8	20	SW

Precipitation Summary (Inches)		
	2010	2009
Weekly Total	0.19	1.76
Month of June	4.58	6.32
July to Date	0.00	0.06
Year/Season to Date	10.92	16.37

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.)

Calendar of Events

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. 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" or "raffle ticket sales" information is also not eligible.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

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

Harrisville Harbor Nights Concert Series presents Wild Hair at 7 p.m. free to the public with donations appreciated. Seating is on the lawn.

The Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena council will hold its membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena. Lunch will be served, call for reservations at (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-3553. Bring a can of food for the needy.

A basic computer class will be offered at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

Join the Circle of Parents at 11 a.m. at the Michigan-Works! Center, 202 N. 2nd St., Lincoln to discuss parenting issues. There is no charge and this program is open to all parents, grandparents, foster parents and kinship caregivers. For more information, call Ruth at (989) 356-2880 or (800) 354-2880.

The Balloon Meister will perform for all ages at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:30 a.m. A workshop for ages 8 and up will be held at 2 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to register for the workshop.

An Alcona Relay for Life team meeting will take place at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 6 p.m. There is still time to form or join a team for the July 23 relay. Call Tracy at (866) 454-9984 or Laura at (989) 736-8312 for more information.

Alcona County MSU Extension master gardeners are available to answer gardening and horticulture questions from 1 to 4 p.m. at the MSUE office on US-23 in Harrisville or over the phone by calling (989) 724-6478.

Harrisville State Park presents "Trees and Cookies" at 10:30 a.m. Meet at the pavilion. Motor vehicle permit required for entry. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (989) 724-5126.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

The American History Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County

Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (989) 727-2641.

A family movie matinee will be at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 2 p.m. featuring a newly released DVD and theater style popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Tops No. MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-4483.

The Alpena City Band will perform a concert at the Bay View Park band shell in Alpena at 7:30 p.m. free to the public.

Join Anne Bloss from MSU Extension for hands on gardening and creating a nutritious snack from the garden from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Mikado branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 736-8389 for more information.

The Community Walking Club begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Everyone is welcome, walk at your own pace.

Harrisville State Park presents "Signs of Animals" at 10:30 a.m. and "Scavenger Hunt" at 4 p.m. Meet at the pavilion. Motor vehicle permit required for entry. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (989) 724-5126.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring a fish fry at Maria Hall in Harrisville from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children and free for five and under.

A story and craft project will be offered to children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10:15 to 11 a.m.

There will be a two day Alcona Soccer Camp for ages seven and older at the AYSO soccer fields in Lincoln. Times are 4 to 7 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 10. Early registration (by June 26) is \$50 - late registration is \$60. For more information, contact Liz at (989) 724-6624.

Harrisville State Park presents "Owl Pellets" at 10:30 a.m. and "Whiteail Deer Hike" at 4 p.m. Meet at the pavilion. Motor vehicle permit required for entry. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (989) 724-5126.

SATURDAY, JULY 10

The Lincoln Train Depot and Museum will host a strawberry social from noon to 4 p.m. at the depot on the corner of Fiske and Lake streets in Lincoln. Vintage

quilt tops will be on display.

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-6546.

The Antiques and Collectibles Show will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. under the "big tent" near the Harrisville Harbor. Admission is \$2.

It's kid's day at the Alcona Farmers Market from 9 a.m. to noon at the Alcona MSU extension/USDA Service Center on US-23 in Harrisville.

The Brownlee Lake Association will hold a four day Texas Hold'em tournament at Vista Lanes in Oscoda. Contact Ron Kennard for more information at (989) 736-7153.

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Super Crossword

Answers

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Raffle Winners

The winners of the Trinity Lutheran raffle in Barton City were: Arden Basselman of Barton City, a hand-stitched quilt; Shannon Cumings of Florida and Jeff Barlow, paintings by Dean Coombs.

Three Summer Events

The Harrisville Harbor is the site of three summer events under one tent during the week of July 10 through July 17. The 15th Annual Antiques & Collectibles Show is held on Saturday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Sunday, July 11 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$2. This event features a step back in time with quality antiques and vintage collectibles. There will be a food wagon on grounds both days. On July 14 the Harrisville Lions Club will host a Community BBQ Dinner – featuring a barbecued pork dinner, ice cream social and art show under the tent at Harrisville Harbor from 4 to 7 p.m.

The Sunrise Side Wine & Food Festival will be held from noon to 6 p.m. on Saturday, July 17. Participants may sample Michigan’s finest wines and delectable cuisine prepared by local chefs. A little music and an art show round out the day. Admission is \$10. For more information, visit huronshorescc.com or see Sunrise Side Wine & Food Festival on Facebook.

Strawberry Social

The Lincoln Depot will celebrate Alcona County history with a Strawberry Social on Saturday, July 10 from noon to 4 p.m. Vintage quilt tops pieced by the late Edna Skiver will be on display. They were created from the fabric of feed sacks. Feed sacks were a

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popular source of material in the early 20th century. The museum also offers a display of railroad and logging pictures, tools and other period items. The D & M Caboose will be open.

Away at School

Kathryn R. Barkley of Hubbard Lake was named to the dean’s list for the spring term 2010 at Calvin College. She is the daughter of Scott and Mary Barkley and is a sophomore at Calvin College. To achieve dean’s list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Youth Art Class

Kids ages eight and up are invited to “Learn to Draw” with artist Shirley Glowski on Wednesday, July 14 at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Start by sketching circles, squares and triangles to ultimately create animals, trucks, flowers and buildings. It’s easy and fun. All materials provided, but registration required by calling (989) 724-6796.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday and by 9:30 a.m. on Friday.

- Monday, July 12—Lasagna, wax beans, tossed salad, garlic bread and fruit.
- Tuesday, July 13—Swiss steak, mashed potatoes, broccoli, pineapple cheddar salad and fruit.
- Wednesday, July 14—Chef’s salad with cold ham, turkey, eggs, cheese, carrot and celery sticks, and strawberry shortcake.
- Thursday, July 15—Baked chicken, stuffing and gravy, carrots, coleslaw and fruit.
- Friday, July 16—Hamburger on a bun, hash browns, green beans, tossed salad and fruit.

Mexican Dinner

A Mexican dinner will be held at the Ossineke Eagles on Wednesday, July 14 for members and guests. All proceeds will be going to the Yellow Brick Road project. This fundraiser is to help with the furnishing of a child friendly room for the evaluation of abused or suspected abuse of children. The room will be located at the Alcona Health Center in Lincoln and will be used by Alcona, Alpena and Iosco counties. Dinner will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at a cost of \$8. For more information call Betty at (989) 736-6232.

Grant Applications Due

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for the fourth

quarter of its 2010 fiscal year. The deadline for common grant applications is August 1. All 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies and organizations in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle are invited to apply. For more information, call Julie Wiesen at (989) 354-6881, (toll free) (877) 354-6881, or stop by the CFNEM office at 111 Water Street in downtown Alpena. Fillable application forms are also available online at www.cfnem.org.

Alcona Farmers Market

This week the market is hosting Kids’ Day on Saturday, July 10. There will be many activities for kids, including free balloons, face painting, games, clowns, and a coloring contest. The contest will have three age groups, and the pictures will be judged by the market customers. The winners will each receive a t-shirt with their winning picture on it. Available at the market this week: Raspberries, beets, celery, rainbow carrots, potatoes, sugar snap and English peas, asparagus, turnips, carrots, kohlrabi, sorrel, Swiss chard, kale, cut flowers, spinach, lettuce, coffee, honey, firewood, handmade rag rugs, paintings, vegetable books, grass fed meats and poultry, free range eggs, pizza by the slice, breads, cookies, and other bakery items, fudge, market bags and more including many spices. The Alcona Farmers Market is held on Wednesday from 3 – 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until noon.

On Saturday only there will be red currants, rhubarb, fresh trout, Adirondack furniture, plants, birdhouse gourds, belly button butter, lavender lotion, flavored lip balm, and other items including possibly green tomatoes. Red currants (*ribes rubrum*) are a member of the gooseberry family and were highly regarded in English cuisine by the middle of the 14th century. English settlers brought currants to the Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1693. Currant bushes can reach five to six feet in height and produce 10-12 pounds of berries in one season. Currants are winter hardy here and flourish in moist to wet well-drained soil and partial shade, unlike many other fruits. On Saturday Alcona County master gardener Janet Reins will be at the master gardeners’ booth with displays on autumn olive and some recipes using the fruit. Anyone with questions about ornamental plants, shrubs, trees, vegetables, insects, or any other aspect of gardening, is encouraged to stop at the master gardeners’ booth for assistance.

The market is located on US-23, one third of a mile south of the M-72 intersection in Harrisville. Park at the back of the market, or, with a handicap sticker, in the handicap parking near the building. In order to receive weekly updates of market offerings, send an e-mail to HarrisvilleMarket@gmail.com.

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rent year per-pupil funding. However, the \$165 was not restored, resulting in a net loss of \$154 per student and leaving the district about \$250,000 short of meeting next year's expenditures. Although an approximate \$276 million surplus exists in the State's School Aid Fund after 2011 increases, legislators continue to disagree on whether it should be left there

or used to address the state's general fund deficit. One month of expenditures in the coming year is about \$633,254, Shillair said, adding, "We will have a hard time meeting payroll and pay-ables" from the 3.5 percent fund balance. "We're fortunate that we collect 100 percent of taxes in the summertime," he added. Shillair said he believed the board would have suffi-

cient information to amend the budget prior to the beginning of the school year. In other business, the board accepted with regret the resignation of board member Eric Dunckel of Lincoln. Dunckel, a longtime board member, found that out-of-town employment made it impossible to attend meetings on a regular basis and he felt that was unfair to the board, Shillair said.

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"The result is a structure that ensures that MSU Extension will remain responsive to Michigan's needs and apply research-based education to contribute to a brighter future for all of Michigan residents," Coon said.

MSU Extension will be guided by the following principles:

- Focused and specialized programs
- Reduced administrative overhead
- Increased responsiveness
- Enhanced accountability
- Continued presence across the state
- Adoption of emerging technologies

In that vein, Coon said, MSU Extension programming will focus on four statewide program areas, each represented by an institute. Those areas are Greening Michigan: Leveraging Natural and Human Assets for Prosperity, Enhancing Michigan's First Green Industry: Agriculture and Agribusiness, Preparing Michigan's Children and Youth for the Future, and Improving the Health and Nutrition of Michigan residents.

"These are areas where we know we can make a difference. They align with our expertise and with the needs and opportunities that are appropriate for a land-grant

university, like Michigan State University, to address," Coon said.

Institute directors have been named and officially begin July 1, however, most have been working toward the transition. They include:

- Rick Foster, Greening Michigan
 - Wendy Powers, Agriculture and Agribusiness
 - Julie Chapin, Preparing Children and Youth for the Future
 - Dawn Contreras, Improving Health and Nutrition
- MSU Extension staff members, housed in county offices, are now organized into 13 multi-county districts, each overseen by a district coordinator. MSU Extension will also consolidate budget and personnel functions in one, on-campus business office for the entire organization.

Extension leadership has been meeting around the state with county commissioners to discuss their ideas and to seek their suggestions on how these changes can help meet needs of residents at the county level.

"For us, July 1 is another day on the calendar," Coon said. "We'll continue to offer the services that the people of Michigan have come to rely on. Our transition will

take place over the next year. At the same time, we remain steadfast to the goal of serving Michigan's needs."

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**LEGAL NOTICE of DECISION
USDA Forest Service
Huron-Manistee National Forests**

On June 29, 2010, Huron Shores District Ranger Sue Kocis signed a written decision to implement the 2010 Fuelbreak and Opening Maintenance Project. The project is located in both Iosco and Alcona counties (a list of specific Township, Range and Section locations are available at the Huron Shores Forest Service office located in Oscoda, MI). This decision includes maintenance on approximately sixty already existing fuel breaks and wildlife openings. The following activities may be used to maintain these existing openings; prescribed burning, roller-chopping, mastication, chainsaw use, brush-hogging and mowing.

This project was designed to; 1), provide beneficial habitat for wildlife species associated with early successional upland ecosystems and 2), to reduce accumulated fuels and the potential for catastrophic wildfire in the Wildland Urban Interface areas. This decision will move the project areas toward the desired future condition described in the Huron-Manistee National Forests' Land and Resource Management Plan.

The associated decision documentation is available upon request from District Ranger, Huron Shores Ranger Station, 5761 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda, MI 48750, (989) 739-0728, TTY (989)739-0806. For further information on the decision contact Paul Lyden at (989) 826-3252 ext. 3350. This decision, is not subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.12 (f). Implementation of this project may begin immediately.

Sign-placement rules set by MDOT

As campaign signs again begin appearing along state highways, the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) is reminding political candidates and property owners that political signs must conform to state regu-

lations for placement.

"The closer we get to elections, the more illegally-placed political signs we see along our state highways," said State Transportation Director Kirk T. Steudle. "Our primary concern is the safety of the motoring public, and we want to make sure these signs do not become safety hazards by impeding anyone's vision."

- Signs must be placed more than 30 feet from the edge of the roadway (or from the white line along the edge) on highways without barrier-type curbs.

- On highways with barrier curbs, the signs must be more than three feet from the back of the curb.

- Signs are not allowed within clear vision areas at intersections or commercial driveways, or within limited access rights of way.

- Any signs with either steel or wooden posts that do not meet MDOT safety standards

are not allowed in the right of way.

- Candidates are responsible for obtaining approval from adjacent property owners before placing signs. Signs must be removed within 10 days after the election.

- Campaign signs that do not meet these criteria will be removed. Candidates can pick up any removed signs at local MDOT offices and maintenance garages. Signs not claimed within seven days of their removal will be discarded.

Steudle added, "It's not just campaign signs that can pose a potential safety risk. Real estate companies and other sign users need to make sure they have proper sign placement and sign type along MDOT's right of way as well."

For more information on campaign sign placement standards, visit the MDOT Web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151-42456-147773-F,00.html>.

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Business Brief



The newest business in downtown Harrisville has gone straight to the dogs (and cats) and the owners are happy with that. Cater to Critters, owned by Ron and Brande Ellsworth, (above with T.J. and Esprit) opened May 15 and is located in the Harbortown Marketplace, 410 East Main Street, Harrisville. This pet boutique – which caters equally to dogs and cats – features all natural dog and cat foods and treats made in the United States and Canada. These food items are free of corn, wheat, gluten and soy and don't contain meat by-products. The store also features collars, leashes, harnesses, toys, bowls, pet beds (made of recycled materials), cat litter (made of corn) and all natural shampoos. "The cat litter doesn't have any smell – I didn't believe it when I heard about it – but it is true," said Gini Caldwell, who is helping her daughter and son-in-law with publicity. After Ron lost his design job at an engineering firm, the Ellsworths decided to open their businesses to fill a need in Alcona County. Brande, an English teacher at Alcona Community Schools, has researched each item in their store and is pleased to offer holistic food and earth friendly, durable pet accessories to residents and visitors. And, if they don't have it in their store, the Ellsworths will do everything they can to special order items. Free food samples are available for pets to try. Anyone who switches to one of the brands carried by Cater to Critters can drop off the unused "old" pet food and they will donate it to the Alcona Humane Society – of which Ron is a board member – and receive a 10 percent discount on the new food. "Our goal is to bring you products to make your dog or cat's life better," Brande said. For more information about Cater to Critters, call the store at (989) 724-6830. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday (through Labor Day weekend.) Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

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- Close blinds, shades and curtains to keep summer heat out.

- Keep the fireplace damper and doors tightly closed to prevent cooled air from escaping.

- Run the dishwasher in the cooler part of the day when the lower temperature can better offset the heat and humidity the appliance will produce.

Air conditioning

- Set the air conditioner thermostat at the highest comfortable setting. When leaving home for more than five hours, raise the thermostat five to 10 degrees. Raising the thermostat just a couple degrees can cut cooling costs by as much as five percent.

- Regular maintenance is important to operating air conditioners efficiently. Check filters at least once a month. Dirty filters cause air conditioners to work harder and use more energy. Many filters can be removed, washed and dried, and reinstalled. Check the owner's manual or contact the manufacturer for more information.

- Keep air conditioning units free of obstructions, inside and out, so air can flow freely. Outdoor units should be free of bushes, and leaf and grass debris. Indoors, move furniture and draperies to prevent blocking window units, vents and air returns.

- Position window air conditioners on the shaded side of the house, away from direct sunlight. Window units generally are not designed to cool more than one room. Close the doors leading to uncooled parts of the house for more efficient cooling.

- In homes with central air conditioning, leave room doors and air registers open so the system can operate effectively.

Fans

- Make sure ceiling fan blades rotate clockwise in the summer months to draw cooler air up from the floor.

- A window fan in an apartment or one-story home should be put in a window on the warmest side of the structure; in a two-story home, put it in an upstairs window. Fans draw cooler air inside

during the night and circulate air during the day. Make sure draperies are secured away from the fan for better air circulation and safety.

- Prevent heat buildup in the attic by opening attic vents and making sure any lower vents are not blocked. A cooler attic benefits the living area below. An exhaust fan or whole-house fan mounted in the attic will pull hot air out of the attic and living areas and draw cooler air in.

- Use an exhaust fan to blow hot air out of your kitchen while cooking. The savings in your cooling costs will far outweigh the fan's electricity use.

For more ideas on how to save energy this summer, visit DTE Energy's energy efficiency Web site, YourEnergySavings.com. Be sure to check out the site's interactive house that has how-to videos, seasonal energy savings tips, and information on energy efficiency programs and rebates available to DTE Energy customers.

The site also has new interactive calculators that allow customers to add up how much they can save by taking energy efficiency steps like switching from incandescent to CFL bulbs, using a programmable thermostat and installing energy efficient appliances.

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COMBINED NOTICE

Notice to Public of No Significant Impact on the Environment and Notice to Public of Request for Release of Funds

Date Published: July 7, 2010
Name of Applicant: Village of Lincoln, Michigan
Street, City, Zip Code: 117 W. Fiske Street, Lincoln, MI 48742
Telephone Number: (989) 736-8713

TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:

On or about July 26, 2010 the above named Village of Lincoln will request the state of Michigan to release federal funds under Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974 (P.L. 93-383) for the following project:

Project Title or Name:
Downtown Streetscape and Street Improvement Second Street

Purpose or Nature of the Project:
Street replacement and streetscape improvements

Location-City, County, State-of Project: Village of Lincoln-Second Street
Estimated Cost of Project: \$795,847

Finding of No Significant Impact

It has been determined that such request for release of funds will not constitute an action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment and accordingly the above-named Village of Lincoln has decided not to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (P.L. 91-190).

The reason for such decision not to prepare an EIS is:
Construction activities only replace existing roadway and sidewalk.

An Environmental Review Record respecting the proposed project has been made by the above-named Village of Lincoln which documents the environmental review of the project and more fully sets forth the reasons why an EIS is not required. This Environmental Review Record is on file at the above address and is available for public examination and copying upon request at the Lincoln branch of Alcona County Library between the hours of noon to 6 p.m. Monday-Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. No further environmental review of such project is proposed to be conducted prior to the request for release of federal funds.

Public Comments on Finding

All interested agencies, groups and persons disagreeing with this decision are invited to submit written comments for consideration by the Village of Lincoln to the Village of Lincoln Hall 117 W. Fiske Street on or before July 23, 2010. All such comments so received will be considered and the Village of Lincoln will not request the release of federal funds or take any administrative action on the proposed project prior to the date specified in the preceding sentence.

Release of Funds

The Village of Lincoln will undertake the project described above with Community Development Block Grant funds from the state of Michigan under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The Village of Lincoln is certifying to the State of Michigan that the Village of Lincoln and Phillip S. Jordan in his official capacity as Village President consent to accept the jurisdiction of the federal courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision-making, and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that upon its approval the Village of Lincoln may use the Block Grant funds and the state will have satisfied its responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

Objections to State Release of Funds

The State of Michigan will accept an objection to its approval only if it is on one of the following bases: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the certifying officer or other officer of applicant approved by the State of Michigan; or (b) that the applicant's environmental review record for the project indicated omission of a required decision finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process. Objections must be prepared and submitted to the State of Michigan, MEDC, 300 North Washington Square, Lansing, Michigan 48913.

Objections to the release of funds on bases other than those stated above will not be considered by the state. No objection received after August 11, 2010 will be considered by the state.

(Signature of Certifying Officer)

Phillip S. Jordan
Lincoln Village President
117 W. Fiske Street
Lincoln, Michigan 48742

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Retirement relocation: Tips and tools to help you make a smart move

Dear Savvy Senior,
 What tips or resources can you recommend for researching communities in the U.S.? My wife and I will both be retiring in a few years and are interested in relocating to a smaller house in a sunnier climate but could use some help. What can you tell us?
 Ready to Roll

Dear Ready,
 For many, retiring to a new location is an exciting adventure and a great way to start a new chapter in life. Here are some tips to help you find and research a new community that meets your budget, and satisfies your wants and needs.

While nine out of 10 U.S. retirees stay where they are when they retire, the other 10 percent choose to relocate. Whatever your dream retirement location may be, you need to do your homework and learn everything you can about the area you're interested in. Here are some things to consider in helping you get started:

• **The three Cs:** Also known as crime, climate and cost of living. For most retirees these are high priorities in choosing a retirement location. To research these areas go to bestplaces.net, a fantastic Web resource that offers climate profiles, crime statistics, a cost of living calculator

and more, and lets you compare cities side-by-side. You can also click on the "Cost of Living" tab, plug in your annual income, and find out how much you'll need to maintain your current standard of living. Also see homefair.com.

• **Taxes:** Some states are more tax friendly than others. If you're planning to move to another state when you retire, you'll want to research your prospective state's personal income taxes, sales taxes, taxes on retirement income, property taxes and inheritance and estate taxes, which you can do at retirementliving.com - click on "Taxes by State."

• **Healthcare:** Does the community you're considering have good medical facilities nearby? Hospitalcompare.hhs.gov and qualitycheck.org are two good Web sites to help you research this. Also, to search for doctors in your new location that accept Medicare, visit medicare.gov and click on "Facilities & Doctors" or call (800) 633-4227. Vitals.com is another good resource for researching new doctors. It's also important to keep in mind healthcare costs as they, too, can vary by market. Contact your insurer to research this.

• **Transportation:** If you plan to travel much, or ex-



pect frequent visits from your kids or grandkids, convenient access to an airport or train station is a nice advantage. Another consideration is public transportation. Since most retirees give up driving in their 80s, what services will be available? The area aging agency (call (800) 677-1116 to get the local number) can help you with this.

• **Recreation and work:** Depending on your hobbies and interests - golf, fishing, art, music, continuing education and more - your retirement destination should meet your needs. Or, if you're interested in occupying your time with full time or part time work or by volunteering, what kinds of opportunities are available?

Once you find a location you're interested in, it's wise to make multiple visits at different times of the year so you can get a feel for the seasonal weather changes. It's also prudent to rent for a year before buying a home or making a commitment to a

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The benefits of coffee

Senior News Line
 By Matilda Charles

For those of us who can't get started in the morning without our coffee (and maybe another cup at mid-afternoon for a little pickup), there's good news. There are benefits to drinking coffee.

The latest research indicates that coffee reduces the risk of diabetes. Granted, this study was done with mice, but many mice studies end up with human correlations. The way it apparently works is that coffee suppresses insulin sensitivity and affects glucose metabolism. Additionally, coffee improves fatty liver. The two seem to go hand in hand, as fatty liver "causes insulin resistance in the liver." Researchers initially believed caffeine was the reason, but now they wonder if the anti-diabetic compounds come from something other than the caffeine.

And that's not all. It seems that coffee helps to fight off advanced prostate cancer. According to the study, those men who drank the most coffee had a much lower risk of prostate cancer, especially the aggressive kind of the cancer.

There's more. The caffeine in coffee melted away the plaque in the brain caused by Alzheimer's disease.

Again, this was with mice, but it worked well enough that they tried it on humans. The dose, equivalent to five cups of coffee per day, is a bit much, but the results were promising enough that researchers are looking into using caffeine as a treatment for Alzheimer's.

If you have gout, you'll appreciate this: Coffee helps fight the disease by reducing the uric-acid levels in the blood. Tea, however, doesn't work. Therefore, scientists believe it's not the caffeine that does the trick, but some other component in the coffee itself.

For those of us who can't handle caffeine, we need to be aware. Even decaffeinated coffee contains some caffeine. It depends on how the beans were processed and how the coffee is made.

Matilda Charles regrets that she cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into her column whenever possible. Write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.

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Gap rebate provides new opportunity for scams

Many seniors have been confused about recent changes in healthcare law, making them targets, once again, for unscrupulous scammers looking to make a quick buck.

Medicare beneficiaries with Part D prescription plans may be eligible to receive a \$250 rebate, but not everyone qualifies for it, making this a perfect opportunity for scam artists.

The rebate is the first step in the Affordable Care Act to begin closing the gap in prescription coverage. Also known as the donut hole, most Medicare prescription plans have a built-in gap where the policy holder pays full cost for prescriptions once they and the plan have spent \$2,830 on drugs. The policy holder will then pay full price until his/her out of pocket expenses reach \$4,550.

"Not every person will end up in the donut hole," said Susan Eagling Bowen, Region 9 Area Agency on Aging Medicare/Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) Coordinator, "so it is extremely important that people with Medicare Part D plans un-

derstand if they will be eligible for the rebate.

"Only the people who are in the donut hole and aren't receiving any kind of low-income subsidy such as Extra Help or Medicaid will receive the \$250 rebate check," Bowen said.

According to Bowen, it depends on the plan the beneficiary selects and medications he or she is taking. Another aspect to consider is whether or not the person is already receiving Extra Help with prescription costs or Medicaid.

What makes this rebate an easy target for scammers is that it is new and many people aren't sure of what to expect, she said. However, if you qualify for the rebate, there is absolutely nothing for you to do to receive the check.

"Senior citizens and all Medicare beneficiaries need to be aware that there are no forms to fill out, there will be no phone calls from Medicare or drug companies and they shouldn't respond to any such requests for personal information," she said. "You don't need to provide your Medicare or Social Security numbers or banking infor-

mation to receive the rebate."

Each month Medicare beneficiaries with Part D plans receive a statement that details what the policy holder has spent, what the plan has spent and if or when the gap (donut hole) will come into play. This is the information used to send out the rebate checks. Medicare will not be sending out forms requesting information or making phone calls as the agency and its approved prescription plan companies have the necessary information already on file.

"If you receive any calls for information or letters regarding the rebate that you are unsure of, you should call the MMAP hotline and speak to a trained person who can answer your questions," Bowen said. "Never give out your personal information to someone who is soliciting it from you. It won't end well."

The MMAP hotline is (800) 803-7174. Any call from in-

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Clayton T. Jolley Sr. of Oscoda is donating seven inches of his newly cut hair to Children with Hairloss, Inc., an organization that helps children who suffer from hair loss. This is not the first time Jolley has donated his hair. three years ago he donated to Locks of Love. This donation is in honor of his niece who is a recovering cancer patient. Jolley is the newly elected commander of the American Legion Post No. 254 in Mikado. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

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retirement community. You may find that you like the area more as a vacation spot than as a year-round residence.

For more help researching a location, contact the prospective city's chamber of commerce. Also see epodunk.com, neighborhoodscout.com and relocate-america.com - all excellent resources for learning more about thousands of locations across the country.

If you aren't sure where you want to retire, visit findyourspot.com and take their interactive quiz that poses dozens of questions on

your preferences such as climate, recreation, community size and more. It then suggests possible destinations that match your preferences, and offers detailed reports on the suggested communities. Also, see greatplacestoretire.com, topretirements.com and consider getting a subscription to "Where to Retire" magazine (wheretoretire.com; (713) 974-6903).

(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.)

NOTICE

City of Harrisville seeking bids for new roof on pavilion (next to tennis court down hill from fire dept) and bell tower (next to fire dept.) Bids accepted till noon on July 12, 2010. Mail or drop off at City Office, P.O. 278, Harrisville, MI 48740. Questions (989) 724-6666.



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Second place - Dummy Hunt Club of Barton City
Youth
First place - Alcona 4-H Crafts and Critters Club
Second place - Dummy Hunt Club Jr. of Barton City
Most Patriotic - 1966 Vietnam Jeep
Grand Marshall Award - Mikado Goodfellows
Car Award - 1932 Chrysler
Tractor Award - 1949 John Deere B



Those attending the Barton City Fourth of July parade were treated to classic cars, floats of all kinds, a tractor contingent and everthing in between.



Photos by Cheryl Peterson.



Almost 2,800 plastic ducks were released in the annual Harrisville Lion's Duck Race on Saturday, July 3. The ducks were released in Mill Creek below the water wheel and collected at the Harrisville Harbor. Over 50 prizes were awarded to the winners. The first place prize of \$500 was won by a resident. *Photo by Willy Weber.*



Events in Harrisville focused on children -- the foremost event was the Kid's Parade. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

Youth 12 and under enjoy fishing at the Cedar Brook Trout Farm north of Harrisville. These youth were able to keep their first fish -- on the house thanks to the Harrisville Lions Club, which sponsored the event on July 3. *Photo by Lois Carey.*



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The Glennie Fourth of July parade held in the afternoon was complete with the Oscoda High School Band, unique floats, clowns and kids on bikes. *Photos by Cheryl Peterson.*

Parade Results

Glennie Parade
 Most Outstanding First place-Harger's Feed & Garden Supply;
 Second place-Caddy Shack;
 Third place-Roberts, Bonzy and Denny Family;
 Fourth place-Curtis Activity Committee.
Theme
 First place-Alcona Park;
 Second place-Sweet's Heating & Cooling and Dockside Marine;
 Third place-4-H Crafters & Critters;
 Fourth place-Sunrise Ice. **Judges Award**
 First place-Apple Tree Farms;
 Second place-Our Kids Bingo;
 Third place-Oscoda Band.
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The Region 9 Area Agency on Aging, a division of the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NMCSA)

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The Alcona County Economic Development Corporation (EDC) board's new purpose statement "to promote and facilitate economic development for the people of Alcona County" was established by members (from left) Gary Horn, Bill London, Sheila Phillips, Rich Gillies and Fran Whitney. Not pictured: Steve Ashford, Alan Fischer, Alan Shillair and Bonnie Wichtner-Zoia. Summer work sessions are planned which will culminate with a five-year plan. *Courtesy photo.*

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Chasing fire

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

"Knee deep in flying summer, reaching for a friend, little sister and I, chasing fire that must fly..."

~ Rob Rowe

A single firefly landed on the window screen the other night, reminding me of something that I had tucked away a while back to share here.

I was absolutely entranced, while reading Barbara Kingsolver's "Animal, Vegetable, Miracle," with her description of a field on a Midwestern farm, filled with fireflies. As her family watched in amazement, their host blinked his truck lights, causing the hundreds of fireflies

to blink back in perfect synchrony. "You can only fool them once a night or so," he told them.

Once for some things, I thought, would be enough to last a lifetime.

Firefly nights, to me, have always been quintessential summer, absolutely free and absolute freedom. I wasn't surprised then to discover that in this day and age, they've gained an agent and a marketing plan.

That happened recently when my friend Amy sent me a link to the What On Earth Web site, which offers -- among other things -- the Flickering Firefly Jar.

"Capture the memories of capturing fireflies," the copy

reads. "An old-fashioned glass jar with a wire handle contains realistic-looking fireflies with faux greenery to keep them company. Perfect for porches, picnic tables, night stands or wedding receptions, this little bit of summer will last and last. Six and a half inches high by three and a half inches deep. Requires two AA batteries (not included). Assorted lid covers and colors." It runs \$24.95, plus shipping and handling, of course.

Now, Amy told me she had one and that it reminded her of the firefly nights of her childhood. That's a good thing. We'll cut Amy some slack here, since she truly loves nature in any form, and

her scooter and power chair don't give her quite the speed and agility she needs to catch her own fireflies these days.

Otherwise, I was dumbfounded by this product. I shouldn't be. After all, I wrote in this space a few years back about the snowman kit (also \$24.95 as I recall) featuring buttons, a plastic carrot, branches and a stocking cap.

That's one of the ways I know I'm getting older. I find myself, more and more often, muttering "Sweet Pete, what are we coming to?" Because the point of a jar of fireflies - unless you have exemptions, like my friend Amy -- is in the hunt.

Fireflies, you see, don't come out 'til after dark. Or



maybe they do, but you don't notice them in the daylight. At any rate, they tended to just show up one especially warm evening, usually around the Fourth of July and very close to bedtime. When magic appears in your backyard, at least at my house, all bedtime bets are off.

There was always a jar or two, washed and dried and

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A forest discovery hike will be held at Lumberman's Monument at 11:30 a.m. Walks start at the visitor center and last about an hour. Come prepared to hike through the forest. The monument is located in Iosco County at the junction of Monument and River roads.

Harrisville State Park presents "My Michigan" at 10:30 a.m. and "Family Campfire Fun" at 8:30 p.m. Meet at the camp host site no. 2 for both programs. Motor vehicle permit required for entry. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (989) 724-5126.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

American Legion Post No. 254 of Mikado will serve a buffet breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$7 for adults and \$4 for kids.

The Antiques and Collectibles Show will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. under the "big tent" near the Harrisville Harbor. Admission is \$2.

The program "Swimming with Salmon" will be presented at 2 p.m. for children at Lumberman's Monument. The monument is located in Iosco County at the junction of Monument and River roads. For more information, call the visitor center at (989) 362-8961.

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MONDAY, JULY 12

Join Alcona County Great Start Parent Coalition for a BBQ and discussion with 106th State Representative candidates from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the Flights of Imagination Park in Lincoln. Complimentary child care and mileage reimbursement are available. RSVP to Angela at (989) 884-4276 or forsythea@amaesd.k12.mi.us.

Everyone is invited to play bunco, an easy to learn game, at the Lincoln Senior Center at 2:30 p.m. First-timers are always welcome. Questions, call (989) 739-7029.

The Weight Loss Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln United Methodist Church. Visitors are wel-

come and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

The Get Crafty program for adults will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bea Jay Paxton will teach origami. Cost is \$3 for supplies. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

TUESDAY, JULY 13

A story and craft project will be offered to children at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library from 1 to 2 p.m.

Crafts with Kay for children will be featured at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 3:30 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Kids are invited to the Mikado branch of the Alcona County Library from 3:30 to 5 p.m. to play games on the library's Wii system.

The Alcona County Democrats will hold their monthly breakfast at the Iron Skillet in Lincoln beginning at 9 a.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Questions, call (989) 736-6516.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 14

A beginning word processing class will be offered at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

VitalCare Hospice of the Sunrise Shore will have a grief support group meeting from 6 to 7 p.m. at 109 N. Second Ave., Suite 201 in Alpena. This is an educational, confidential, non-denominational,

free of charge, peer-support group where you will learn about the grief process and healthy coping skills. Everyone welcome.

The Harrisville Impromptu Art Show will be held under the "big tent" near the Harrisville Harbor from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Artwork done by area fifth-graders.

Enjoy a community barbecue pulled pork dinner sponsored by the Harrisville Lions under the "big tent" near the Harrisville Harbor from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost for food is \$6.50 per adult and \$2.50 per child 12 and under.

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Harrisville Harbor Nights Concert Series presents 3rd & Soul at 7 p.m. free to the public with donations appreciated. Seating is on the lawn.

THURSDAY, JULY 15

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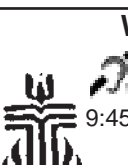
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Put Jesus In Your Heart


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thriftily tucked away, beneath my mother's sink. "Don't use the good Kerr jars," she instructed us. "Use the ones from the olives." And so, to me at least, summer magic tends to smell a little like pimento and brine.

From the perch of their lawn chairs, our folks reminded us to be careful. Had I announced that I intended to go wrap myself head to toe in cotton wool, my mother would have told me to be careful. But in this case, running with a glass jar, I suppose there was a reason. Nonetheless, I don't remem-

ber anyone ever getting hurt. Not once.

Not even the occasional firefly. It's not easy to swoop a tiny flying insect into an olive jar, but in those days we were fleet and light, rather like the fireflies themselves. Despite the dragging hems of pajamas, we caught up with the miniature pinpricks of light, filling our jars with a dozen or more.

While we hopped around, holding our hands or a paper plate atop the jar, Dad poked holes in its top with his pen knife or a nail and returned it to us. The fireflies didn't seem

anxious to escape. Maybe the clear glass jar, hundreds of times as big as they were, seemed like a new and different world to them. We tossed in a tiny bit of grass or some leaves, although I still don't know if that's what fireflies eat, or if anyone ever actually saw any evidence that they ate these.

And then we sat on the patio, in the shadows out of the beam of the porch light, and held our jar in our hands and watched them flick on and off. I remember holding my breath, counting the flicks, searching for patterns

and codes and messages in the infinitesimal beeps of light.

The moon rose and the wind came up a little in the branches and finally, at some hour rich and strange and well past when we were usually ushered off, our parents announced that bedtime could be delayed no longer. And in some funny way, we sensed that even the grown-ups were reluctant to go inside, this particular night.

The last task before entering the house was emptying the olive jar. We begged to take them to our bedroom

with us, but Mama said if we did, they would die during the night and she couldn't bear it. So we carried them back to the center of the lawn, unscrewing the lid and shaking them gently out into the grass.

I suppose we could have just taken the lid off and left the jar there, but it would have been too sad if they couldn't find their way out. Some things, you are honor bound to put back as you found them.

The memories of those firefly nights, as I write about them, are as clear and as real to me as if I were standing on the lawn right now, dusk ombre-ing from purple to black, the grass midsummer lush under my bare feet, the smell of night flowers and barbecue smoke and... well...summertime in the air.

The world was a magical place when fireflies were free. All they cost was an empty olive jar. Your ability to swoop and run at the speed of light, that was nothing, taken for granted by those who would always be young.

In my memory box of charms and spells and amazements, the memory of fireflies is filed under "enchantment" with subcategories of "astonishment" and "wonder."

And batteries are not included.

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Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Isolated T-storms
High: 78 Low: 66

THURSDAY
Scat'd T-storms
High: 75 Low: 62

FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 80 Low: 60

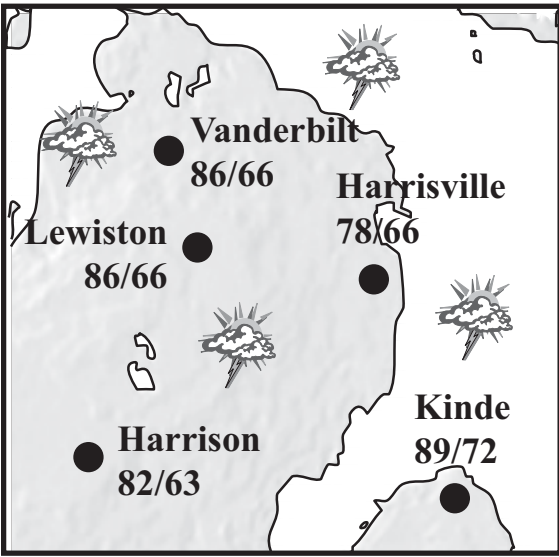
SATURDAY
Sunny
High: 78 Low: 59

SUNDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 80 Low: 59

MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 79 Low: 61

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 78 Low: 56

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 78°, humidity of 79% and an overnight low of 66°. The record high temperature for today is 100° set in 1988. The record low is 36° set in 1969. Thursday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 75°.

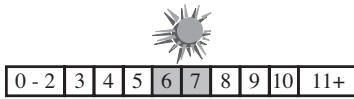
*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	78	55	77/52	0.40"
Tuesday	64	47	77/52	0.00"
Wednesday	69	45	77/52	0.00"
Thursday	74	45	78/53	0.00"
Friday	85	45	78/53	0.00"
Saturday	89	56	78/53	0.00"
Sunday	92	56	78/53	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week


	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 7/11	Wednesday	5:55 a.m.	9:21 p.m.	1:53 a.m.	5:30 p.m.	Full 7/25
	Thursday	5:56 a.m.	9:20 p.m.	2:32 a.m.	6:38 p.m.	
	Friday	5:57 a.m.	9:20 p.m.	3:23 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	
	Saturday	5:57 a.m.	9:19 p.m.	4:25 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	
	Sunday	5:58 a.m.	9:19 p.m.	5:37 a.m.	9:18 p.m.	
First 7/18	Monday	5:59 a.m.	9:18 p.m.	6:56 a.m.	9:54 p.m.	Last 8/2
	Tuesday	6:00 a.m.	9:18 p.m.	8:17 a.m.	10:25 p.m.	

Local UV Index



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

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today and Thursday, scattered thunderstorms Friday, with the highest temperature of 101° in Georgetown, Del. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 101° in Richmond, Va. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 98° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 109° in Needles, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:41 a.m.	10:08 p.m.
Venus	9:29 a.m.	11:29 p.m.
Mars	11:17 a.m.	12:12 a.m.
Jupiter	12:43 a.m.	12:47 p.m.
Saturn	12:18 p.m.	12:46 a.m.
Uranus	12:35 a.m.	12:36 p.m.

Weather History

July 7, 1915 - Severe winds and thunderstorms caused heavy damage and 38 deaths in and around Cincinnati, Ohio. Many old buildings were demolished. The steamship "Dick Fulton" was overturned.

Weather Trivia

Can a rainbow appear at night? ?

Answer: Yes. When the moon is extremely bright, it can produce a rainbow.

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Seeing Satellites from your Backyard

Summer is a great time to view the International Space Station or other satellites because the northern hemisphere is tilted towards the sun. This causes the sun's angular distance below the horizon to be at a minimum, allowing its light to catch satellites well into the night. In order to see the ISS, or for that matter, flares from Iridium satellite solar panels, or the Hubble Space Telescope, you'll need to be able to predict these events from the town or city in which you live. Enter heavens-above.com where these calculations can be made easily from literally any place on the globe. To log in, you can left click "from database" in the "Configuration" section at the top of the page. This will take you to a page where you can select a country. Click on the "U" in the alphabet listing; then click on "United States" when dropped down to that part of the page. In the "Search String" box, type the town in which you live. If your town is not unique, a listing of all towns in the US with that name will appear. Click on the appropriate one, and you will be taken back to the home page; but this time you will see your town listed right below "Configuration" as the "Current Observing Site." Keep in mind that your position on the Earth will affect what you see in the sky, especially for the glints coming from Iridium satellites. If you live in a large metropolitan area or far from any designated town, your precise location can be entered "manually" as a latitude or longitude position or through the use of a Google map. With Google, I can select the front yard of my property, to get a precise printout if I care to be that particular. Keep in mind that the time of these events, especially for Iridium flares, are extremely precise, so you should purchase an atomic clock, one that receives updated signals from the National Institute of Standards and Technology or log onto www.time.gov/ for precision time. www.astronomy.org

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For events, local info & much more!

top ten

Greatest SINGERS

1. Aretha Franklin
2. Ray Charles
3. Elvis Presley
4. Sam Cooke
5. John Lennon
6. Marvin Gaye
7. Bob Dylan
8. Otis Redding
9. Stevie Wonder
10. James Brown

Source: Rolling Stone

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TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. THEATER:** Who won the 1961 Oscar for Best Supporting Actress in "West Side Story"?
- 2. ANATOMY:** How long does it take blood to circulate throughout your body?
- 3. MUSIC:** Who is honored in the song "Candle in the Wind" by Elton John?
- 4. HISTORY:** Where was the first theater built in the American colonies?
- 5. SCIENCE:** What area of study is a lepidopterist concerned with?
- 6. LANGUAGE:** What is the meaning of the name Addis Ababa (capital of Ethiopia)?
- 7. MATH:** In geometry, what is a perfectly round ball called?
- 8. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** In "The Twelve Days of Christmas" carol, what was sent on the 11th day?
- 9. MOVIES:** What was the name of the submarine in the film "Operation Petticoat"?
- 10. GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital city of Australia?

Answers: 1. Rita Moreno; 2. About a minute; 3. Marilyn Monroe; 4. Williamsburg, 1716; 5. Butterflies and moths; 6. New Flower; 7. A sphere; 8. 11 pipers piping; 9. U.S.S. Sea Tiger; 10. Canberra. (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword RHYME TIME

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| ACROSS | 57 Misplace | 109 Golfer's gadget | 3 Fashion's Chanel | 45 "Petits —" | 99 Schubert song |
| 1 Covenant | 58 Vane letters | 110 Islamic ruler | 4 Platitude | 46 Kind of confection | 100 Carson's successor |
| 5 Come out of one's shell | 60 Ring championship | 111 Singer Guthrie | 5 Cool | 47 Blazing | 103 Haggard |
| 10 King or queen | 61 Caribbean isle | 112 Climb a trellis | 6 Fuss and feathers | 50 Youth org. | 105 Connecticut town |
| 14 Tracking tool | 63 Song-writers' org. | 114 "Uh-uh!" | 7 Savoir-faire | 51 "Siddhartha" author | 106 Extinct bird |
| 19 "— patriae" | 67 Idol's perch | 116 Extra | 8 Make butter | 54 Soprano Traubel | 108 "The Bristol —" ('61 hit) |
| 20 Moscow's locale | 69 Stiller's partner | 119 Jim Morrison, for one | 9 Biblical book | 56 Presidential nickname | 113 Christmas decoration |
| 21 Clarinet kin | 72 Mediocre | 120 Lost | 10 Amusing | 59 Ridges | 115 Criminal caper |
| 22 Cover story? | 73 Mohammed — Jinnah | 124 Tiny | 11 — Dhabi | 62 Ooh's partner | 117 Director Lubitsch |
| 23 Deception | 74 Rage | 126 Peter of "Casa-blanca" | 12 Frolic | 64 Military unit | 118 Dais covering |
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| 27 Detergent target | 77 Disorderly | 131 Disorganized | 14 Scott's "The — Quartet" | 66 Hearth hardware | 121 Lassie's father |
| 28 Roman fountain | 81 Marsh | 134 Weak | 15 Grad | 68 Forgo the fudge | 122 Jack of "Rio Lobo" |
| 30 British bar | 82 Circle section | 138 Spout like Cicero | 16 — novel | 70 San —, Italy | 123 Choir member |
| 31 Nut part | 83 Damage | 139 Close noisily | 17 Eban of Israel | 71 Consternation | 125 Poet Wilcox |
| 32 Achy | 84 Ibsen's "— Gynt" | 140 Richard's veep | 18 Disturbance | 75 Inner circle | 127 Give off |
| 35 Civil Rights org. | 85 Flight segment | 141 Austin or Garr | 24 Ashcan artist John | 76 Journalist Fallaci | 129 Hook's mate |
| 37 Baseball's Kluszewski | 87 Migration | 142 "The — Drop Kid" ('51 film) | 26 Too heavy | 78 Shock | 130 Steinbeck character |
| 39 "Moby-Dick" narrator | 90 Remove varnish | 143 Use the VCR | 29 Puncteons | 79 Author Jong | 132 Craving |
| 42 Canvas cover | 92 — stop | 144 Rocky Mountain range | 33 Rod's companion | 80 Prison pariah | 133 Drink like a dachshund |
| 44 Some are deviated | 95 Less available | 145 Pile | 34 Designer Fiorucci | 86 Taxing org. | 135 Street salutation |
| 48 — Locka, FL | 96 Pie ingredient? | DOWN | 36 Freighter front | 88 Withered | 136 Hither and — |
| 49 Equine exclamation | 98 Holler | 1 "Fie!" | 38 Al — (cooking term) | 89 Act like an egret | 137 Puppy protest |
| 52 — gin fizz | 101 Kenton or Getz | 2 Famous fellow? | 39 It comes before kappa | 91 Norm | |
| 53 Sufficient | 102 Hardened | | 40 Practice punching | 93 D-Day site | |
| 55 Actress Reid | 104 "— Indigo" ('31 song) | | 41 Reckless | 94 "... my banjo on my —" | |
| | 107 Sign of spring | | 43 Foreign correspondent? | 97 Mount —, FL | |

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STRANGE BUT TRUE By Samantha Weaver

• You might be surprised to learn that it was theoretical physicist Albert Einstein, one of the best-known scientists of all time, who made the following sage observation: "If you want your children to be intelligent, read them fairy tales. If you want them to be more intelligent, read them more fairy tales."

• On average, a man's beard grows about a half-inch every month.

• Do you suffer from coprolalia? I would hope not! If you're a word deconstructionist and up on your Greek, you might be able to figure out that coprolalia means an uncontrollable use of obscene language, since "copro" means "dung" and "lalia" means "chatter" or "babble."

• Marilyn Monroe's iconic film "Some Like It Hot" (which in 2000 was named the greatest American comedy film of all time by the American Film Institute) was originally titled "Not Tonight Josephine!"

• The next time you have jury duty and want to get out of it, you might want to keep this in mind: A judge in Liverpool, England, dismissed a man from the jury when fellow jurors complained about the fleas in his beard.

• At one time, the Catholic Church considered it sinful to eat a hot dog.

• If you're ever visiting Egypt and asking for directions, remember that in that country, "upstream" means south.

• It's probably fair to say that people have been enjoying mixed alcoholic beverages for hundreds of years, but the word "cocktail" wasn't in general use until 1888, when it was printed for the first time, in a bartender's manual.

• In Connecticut in the 17th century, it was illegal to smoke more than one cigarette a day, and that one had to be smoked at home.

Thought for the Day: "A society that gets rid of all its troublemakers goes downhill." — Robert A. Heinlein

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MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On July 22, 1598, William Shakespeare's play "The Merchant of Venice" is entered on the Stationers' Register. By decree of Queen Elizabeth, the Stationers' Register licensed printed works, giving the Crown tight control over all published material.

• On July 19, 1799, a black basalt slab inscribed with ancient writing is discovered in Egypt. The artifact, called the Rosetta Stone, held the key to solving the riddle of hieroglyphics, a written language that had been "dead" for nearly 2,000 years.

• On July 24, 1911, American archeologist Hiram Bingham gets his first look at Machu Picchu, an ancient Inca settlement in Peru. Machu Picchu is believed to have been a summer retreat for Inca leaders, whose civilization was wiped out by Spanish invaders in the 16th century.

• On July 21, 1925, schoolteacher John T. Scopes is convicted of violating Tennessee's new law against teaching evolution. The case was never really in doubt. On May 4, the American Civil Liberties Union had offered to help any Tennessee schoolteacher challenge the law. To gain publicity for the town of Dayton, Scopes, a local science teacher, agreed to fill the role since he wasn't planning to stay in Dayton anyway. No one was really concerned whether he had actually taught evolution to his students.

• On July 20, 1963, Jan and Dean's "Surf City" reaches the top of the charts. "Surf City" might be mistaken for a Beach Boys record, but the Beach Boys had yet to have a No. 1 hit at that time.

• On July 23, 1976, members of the American Legion gathered in Philadelphia begin suffering from a mysterious form of pneumonia. By Aug. 2, 22 people were dead and hundreds more were experiencing pneumonia-like symptoms. Their ailment would come to be known as Legionnaires disease.

• On July 25, 1985, Rock Hudson, a tall, dark and handsome Hollywood leading man of the 1950s and 1960s, announces through a press release that he is suffering from acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS). Hudson became the first major celebrity to go public with such a diagnosis.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

Consumers bailing on bailout program

Dollars And Sense
By David Uffington

The government's Making Home Affordable mortgage bailout programs haven't been as successful as was expected. The programs were designed to lower mortgage payments, allowing homeowners to keep their homes and avoid foreclosure. As it's turning out, the vast majority of homeowners who get a lowered mortgage end up defaulting on their mortgages anyway.

There are quite a few reasons for the failure of the programs.

—Banks weren't initially asking for proof of income, automatically putting homeowners into a trial program. Once paperwork was completed during the trial period, it was discovered that many homeowners had too much income to qualify and were taken out of the program. (This happened with nearly half a million homeowners.)

—Paperwork was lost or homeowners failed to send in required documents.

—Homeowners are giving up and selling their homes. (Those who agree to a short sale or just give the house back to the bank qualify for \$3,000 in moving expenses.)

—Homeowners haven't been able to get through the trial program successfully (payments have to be made on time) before the new modification deal is final.

— Even with mortgage modification, homeowners still have other debts to juggle. Not only did they have late mortgage payments, but other bills had stacked up as well before they applied for help. Those bills must still be paid.

The number of people applying to the programs has plunged, but a new one, starting in August, could encourage thousands to seek help: the Unemployment Program.

Some of the eligibility requirements include:

- Mortgage must have originated prior to Jan. 1, 2009.
- Home must be the principal residence.
- The mortgage wasn't already modified by one of the programs.
- Mortgage payments are late, but not more than three months.
- The payment is more than 31 percent of the homeowner's income.
- The homeowner can prove unemployment by receiving unemployment benefits.

At this point there are a number of programs available: Home Affordable Refinance Program (HARP), Home Affordable Modification Program (HAMP), Second Lien Modification Program (2MP), Home Affordable Unemployment Program (UP) and Home Affordable Foreclosure Alternatives Program (HAFA).

For more information, go to www.makinghomeaffordable.gov, click on Resources, then click Frequently Asked Questions by Borrowers, or call 1-888-995-HOPE (4673).

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Write to him in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.

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Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



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LEGAL NOTICE

Mortgage Sale

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

Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by Jerry P. Krone, a/k/a Jerry Krone and Phyllis Krone, a/k/a Phyllis C. Krone, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Huron Community Bank, mortgagee. The mortgage is dated July 25, 2003, and was recorded on August 14, 2003, in Liber 388 on page 77 of the Alcona County records. The balance owing on the mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$507,843.72, including interest at 8.875 percent per year. The mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at 10 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Alcona County Court Facility, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan, that being the place of holding Circuit Court for Alcona County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the township of Gustin, County of Alcona,

Michigan and is described as: Parcel 2 - Commencing at the intersection of the south right of way of Traverse Bay State Road and the west right of way of the Township Line Road, being the township boundary line north and south between Harrisville Township and Gustin Township, thence west along the southern right of way of the Traverse Bay State Road a distance of 495 feet, thence south 132 feet, thence east 495 feet, more or less to the westerly right of way of said Town Line Road, thence northerly along the west right of way of said Town Line Road 132 feet, more or less, to the intersection between the Town Line Road and Traverse Bay State Road, the same being the point of beginning. Said parcel being in the NE 1/4 of NE 1/4 of Section 1, T26N, R8E, being in the township of Gustin, village of Lincoln, county of Alcona and state of Michigan. Commonly known as 901 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln, MI

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale.

Smith, Martin, Powers & Knier, P.C.

Dated: June 25, 2010

By: Henry L. Knier Jr. (P46393)

Attorney for Huron Community Bank, Mortgagee

900 Washington Ave.,

P.O. Box 219

Bay City, MI 48707

(989) 892-4574

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venue, Circuit Court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on August 4, 2010.

Said premises are situated in township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The west one half of the east one half of the west one half of the southeast one quarter of Section 5, Town 25 North, Range 9 East, excepting therefrom the south 1,995.0 feet, further excepting any part thereof that may be used road right of way. Commonly known as 3820 E. F-30, Mikado MI 48745.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: July 7, 2010

The Bank of New York Mellon (fka The Bank of New York) as trustee on behalf of CIT Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Assignee of Mortgagee

Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.

811 South Blvd. Suite 100

Rochester Hills, MI 48307

(248) 844-5123

File No: 10-24392

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As a debt collector we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in military duty.

Annette M. Middleton, a single woman A/K/A Annette Marie Middleton A/K/A Annette Middleton has defaulted on a mortgage for the real property known as: 4601 Ottawa Street, Glennie, MI 48737. This notice is to inform you that you have the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. Margy Holzheuer has been designated by them as the person to contact who has authority to determine your eligibility for a mortgage modification.

Annette M. Middleton may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's (MSHDA) Web site at www.michigan.gov/mshda or by calling the Michigan State Housing Develop-

ment Authority at (866) 946-7432. That if Annette M. Middleton requests a meeting with the person designated above, within 14 days, foreclosure proceedings will not commence until 90 days after the date a notice was mailed to them.

That if Annette M. Middleton and the designated person reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if Annette M. Middleton abides by the terms of the agreement. Annette M. Middleton has the right to contact an attorney. You may contact the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer referral service (800) 968-0738.

Dated: July 7, 2010

By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)

Attorney for Weltman, Weinberg & Reis

Co., L.P.A.

2155 Butterfield Drive

Suite 200-S

Troy, MI 48084

WWR No. 10040337

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

The mortgage described below is in default:

Mortgage (the mortgage) made by Thomas Wayne Higerson and Sally Ann Higerson, husband and wife, of 1102 Southlawn, Flint, MI 48507, as mortgagor, to NPB Mortgage, L.L.C., a Michigan limited liability company, with its address at 770 Kenmoor Avenue, Suite 201, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49546-8621, as mortgagee, dated May 19, 2006, and recorded on May 30, 2006, in Liber 431, page 460, in Alcona County records, Alcona County, Michigan.

The balance owing on the mortgage is eighty three thousand one hundred eighty seven and 43/100 dollars (\$83,187.43) at the time of this notice. The mortgage contains a power of sale

and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage, or any part of the mortgage. Take notice that on July 14, 2010, at 10 a.m., local time, or any adjourned date thereafter, the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the west entrance of the Alcona County Courthouse, in Harrisville, Michigan (which is the building where the Circuit Court for Alcona County is held). The mortgagee will apply the sale proceeds to the debt secured by the mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at the rate of 9.95 percent per annum, all legal costs and expenses, including attorneys fees allowed by law, and also any amount paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property.

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Velma J. Lewis, a single person, to First Federal Savings and Loan Association nka First Federal of Northern Michigan, mortgagee, dated January 17, 2000 and recorded January 20, 2000 in Liber 337, page 964, Alcona County records, Michigan.

There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty-two thousand three hundred eighty-one and 18/100 dollars (\$32,381.18) including interest at 8.625 percent per annum. Under the

power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville in Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on July 14, 2010.

Said premises are located in the township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 23 and 24 of Birchwood Hills, a subdivision recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, page 5-6, Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which

dollars (\$89,571.85) including interest at 6.5 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the West entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville in Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on July 14, 2010.

Said premises are located in the township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 9 and 10, Block A of Hubbard Lake Highway Sites, a subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 86, Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which

dollars (\$32,381.18) including interest at 8.625 percent per annum. Under the

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 10-4849 DE

Estate of Dennis Bernard

Date of birth: November 9, 1942

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Dennis Bernard, who lived at 587 Kahn, Mikado, Michigan died April 23, 2010. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Greg N. Bernard, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, MI 48740 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 30, 2010

David H. Cook P40560

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Harrisville, MI 48740

(989) 724-5155

Greg N. Bernard

10561 Bianca

Granda Hill, CA 91344

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. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

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

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Theodore G. Sarna and Joan P. Sarna, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to CitiFinancial, Inc., mortgagee, dated May 23, 2008, and recorded on June 2, 2008 in Liber 453 on page 54, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty-six thousand seven hundred forty-seven and 78/100 dollars (\$46,747.78), including interest at 11.09 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on July 21, 2010.

Said premises are situated in township of Haynes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the northwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of

The property to be sold at foreclosure is all of that real estate and improvements situated in the township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, described as: The northeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 15, Township 25 North, Range 9 East. Common Address: V/L Cedar Lake Road, Greenbush, MI 48738. Tax Parcel Number: 01-040-015-300-005-00. The redemption period shall be twelve (12) months from the date of sale.

Dated: June 4, 2010

NPB Mortgage, L.L.C.

Plunkett Cooney

Michael E. Moore (P57315)

Attorneys for Mortgagee

333 Bridgewater Place,

Suite 530

Grand Rapids, MI 49504

(616) 752-4618

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case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: June 16, 2010

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ASAP No. 3610568

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dance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: June 16, 2010

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Section 19, Town 27 North, Range 8 East, described as follows: Commencing the northwest section corner of said Section 19, thence south 02 degrees 22 minutes 20 seconds west 660 feet, along the west section line and center line of North Barlow Road (F-41); to the point of beginning. Thence continuing south 02 degrees 22 minutes 20 seconds west 165 feet along said section line, thence south 88 degrees 53 minutes 43 seconds east 260 feet parallel to the west section line, thence north 86 degrees 53 minutes 43 seconds west 260 feet parallel to the north section line to the point of beginning. Subject to rights of the public in 33 feet of right of way along north Barlow Road for highway purposes according to survey recorded December 22, 1983 in Liber 193, pages 920-921, Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 23, 2010

For more information, please call: (248)

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Campers should follow state land use regulations

With the summer camping season in full swing, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) reminds campers that it is important to follow the state's land use regulations governing camping on state land.

"The DNRE wants camping to be a fun and safe activity for everyone," said DNRE forest recreation planner Brenda Curtis.

"Following the state land rules and land use orders allows campers to have the best experience possible, while also protecting our environment and natural resources for future generations to enjoy."

State land rules and land use orders that campers should be aware of include the following:

- Campers at a state park, state recreation area, public access site, or at state forest and state game area designated campgrounds may only camp at a designated campsite. Campers must register and pay a campsite fee for each night they occupy the campsite. Reservations and payment for state park and recreation area camping can be made online at <http://www.midnrreservations.com>.

- Campsites in state forest and game area campgrounds are on a first come, first served

basis, with payment made upon arrival.

- Occupancy at a campsite is limited to four unrelated individuals, or a single family of eight. Campsites with families are limited to a maximum of four adults.

- Dispersed camping is allowed on state forest land year-round, and within state game areas from September 11 to May 14, if the property is not posted closed to camping. Dispersed campsites on state forest land must be more than one mile from any designated state forest campground. A camp registration card, available for no charge, must be displayed at the dispersed

camping site. The registration cards can be obtained at any DNRE Operations Service Center.

- Dispersed campers may establish up to four campsites in one area. If more than 20 individuals are dispersed camping together, a DNRE event permit is required. Additionally, if there are five or more campsites, or more than 32 campers in an area, a temporary campground permit is required from the local county health department, a copy of which must be provided when applying for the DNRE event permit.

- A campsite may not be occupied for more than 15

consecutive nights.

- Campers who wish to continue camping after 15 consecutive nights must move their camp more than one-half mile from the previous campsite.

- Campsites may not be left unoccupied for more than 24 hours. At least one member of the camping party must remain at the site during nighttime hours, or the campsite will be considered abandoned.

A complete list of the state land rules and land use orders is available online at www.michigan.gov/dnre. Copies are also available at any DNRE Operations Service Center.

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