

Fourth of July Happenings

Harrisville Events Saturday, July 3

From 8 a.m. to noon -- Free fishing for kids from at Cedarbrook Trout Farm. One fish per child.

9 a.m. -- Sidewalk chalk art contest. Sign up in front of Huron Community Bank on Main Street. The judging is at noon and the prizes are awarded after the parade at the VFW club. Sponsored by the Harrisville Arts Council.

9 a.m. to 5 p.m. -- The 15th annual Fourth of July Weekend Arts & Crafts Show will be held on the grounds of the Craftmakers' Cabin in Harrisville.

1 p.m. -- Kid's Annual Fourth of July Parade. Entrants will meet at Richard's Pharmacy's west lot. The parade will travel down Main Street to the VFW post on Lake Street for refreshments. Kids of all ages are invited to participate by decorating bikes, their pets, themselves, all to celebrate Independence Day. VFW Post No. 6466 of Harrisville will be providing Kool-Aid and hot dogs to all parade participants after the parade.

4 p.m. -- Harrisville Lions Duck Race at the Mill Pond.

7 p.m. -- Music at the harbor, provided by Rex Manning, Prestige Productions and Soundafex by Rex DJ Services.

10:15 p.m. -- Fireworks at the Harrisville Harbor
(In case of snow or other extreme weather conditions the fireworks will be held on Sunday, July 4.)

Sunday, July 4

10 a.m.- 4 p.m. -- The 15th annual Fourth of July Weekend Arts & Crafts Show will be held on the grounds of the Craftmakers' Cabin in Harrisville

Barton City Events Saturday, July 3rd

8 a.m. -- Breakfast in the Park, sponsored by the Barton City Volunteer Fire Department.

10:30 a.m. -- Horseshoe Qualifying (must be qualified by noon to play in the tournament)

1 p.m. -- Horseshoe Tournament (trophies and cash prizes)

1 p.m. -- Traditional archery equipment and demo (homemade bow display by Joe Miller)

Cook Shack Opens

4 p.m. -- Beer Tent Open

6 p.m. -- Teen Dance

8 p.m. -- Adult Music (Beer Tent)

Sunday, July 4

10 a.m. -- Parade line up at the VFW Post

11 a.m. -- Barton City parade

Following the parade (in the park) hot dogs and brats, strawberry shortcake, barbecue by Smokin' Dan, inflatables for kids, beer tent (opens at noon), cook shack by Olivia's, vendors and concessions are available.

1 p.m. -- Kids' races

2 p.m. -- Sawdust pile and grease pole

4-8 p.m. -- Music by Reeling in the Years

At dusk -- Fireworks

Glennie Events Sunday, July 4

9 a.m. - 1 p.m. -- Boy Scout pancake breakfast at the Curtis Township Hall (former Glennie Elementary school)

10 a.m.-5 p.m. -- Library book sale at the Curtis Township Library

11 a.m. -- Craft show and chainsaw carving at the Warren Mervyn Ball Field

11 a.m. -- Pony Rides at the Warren Mervyn Ball Field

Noon-7 p.m. -- Carnival games at the Warren Mervyn Ball Field

1 p.m. -- Birds of Prey program at the Warren Mervyn Ball Field

3 p.m. -- Parade on Main Street (M-65), starts at Wissmiller Road

After parade -- Cake walk at the Warren Mervyn Ball Field

4 p.m. -- Birds of Prey program at the Warren Mervyn Ball Field

4-4:30 p.m.-- Sawdust pile for 2-5 year olds at the Warren Mervyn Ball Field

4:45-5:15 p.m. -- Sawdust pile for 6-10 year olds at the Warren Mervyn Ball Field

5:30-6 p.m. -- Sawdust pile for 11-14 year olds at the Warren Mervyn Ball Field

5 p.m. -- Lawnmower Race at the Warren Mervyn Ball Field

Dusk -- Fireworks at the Warren Mervyn Ball Field

Alcona County v. Robson Accounting

Jury awards \$1 million to county

By Kathryn F. Kniep
Special to the Review

After deliberating just four hours, a jury of five women and three men concluded last Wednesday that Robson Accounting, Inc., the Saginaw, Mich. firm responsible for auditing financial records during the time that \$1.2 million in county funds were embezzled was negligent, and a "proximate cause" of the loss.

They awarded the county damages in the amount of one million dollars.

In his instructions to the jury, 23rd Circuit Court Judge Ronald M. Bergeron explained proximate cause was "not the last cause, not the only cause, and may have resulted in conjunction with other causes" of damages to the plaintiff.

The decision followed two and a half days of testimony, during which plaintiff's attorney L. Neal Kennedy of Feikens Stevens Kennedy & Galbraith, a Detroit, Mich. firm, led the jury through a foot-and-a-half high stack of auditing docu-

ments and used a dozen large visual aids to underscore areas within audits dating from 1999 forward.

In his closing statement, Kennedy described the testimony and exhibits as "not the easiest subject matter to sit through for several days".

"In a nutshell," Kennedy said, "negligent malpractice means nothing more than a violation of what a reasonable certified public accountant (CPA) should do or shouldn't do." In that light, he said, Robson "failed to consider the increased risks that were intendant to the county financial system because in 1998 Katona (the former county treasurer convicted of embezzlement of the \$1.2 million) had been convicted of a financial crime. They were not skeptical enough. Their awareness of his criminal history should have stimulated them to do more investigation."

He referenced a note in the 1998 audit which referred to

the matter. "Mr. Katona pled guilty to uttering, publishing and forgery. Upon further review, this was based on bad judgement and doesn't raise any concerns regarding his ability to perform this function."

Kennedy also pointed out that during testimony, county treasurer Ann McCoy, at that time deputy treasurer, expressed some concerns in 1999 regarding Katona's changes in the handling of accounting procedures. Former County Clerk Gail Simmons also testified that she had told the auditors in 2004 "The treasurer has too much control."

In both instances, the auditors addressed these concerns, Kennedy pointed out in annual audits, by asking Katona if there were any problems or potential for fraud.

In 2005, when \$149,000 had already been wired out of the county by Katona through

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Harrisville couple keeps annual fireworks display going

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Watching the brilliance of exploding fireworks in the summer sky, each display better than the last with the shimmering waters of Lake Huron reflecting the continually surging colors while surrounded by the murmured appreciation of hundreds of people gazing upward has become a tradition for many residents and visitors to Harrisville for the last 25 years.

This tradition has been kept alive and improved on each year by two individuals, and their supporters, since 1985 - however, because of their humility, they would be the last ones to take credit for the continued success of



Carol and Richard Sella, with grandson Ziggy Villalobos, have been officially involved with the Harrisville Fourth of July fireworks display since 1985. *Courtesy photo.*

the Fourth of July fireworks in Harrisville.

Richard and Carol Sella have been the driving force behind the Fourth of July fireworks since lack of funding put the Independence Day celebration of airborne colorful explosives at risk.

To really appreciate the pyrotechnics display residents and visitors will see over the Harrisville Harbor this year on Saturday, July 3, the history of those humble beginnings should be shared.

The fireworks came to Harrisville sometime in the early to mid 1970s and for several years were "shot off" at the recreation area at the end of Lake Street - now the Ki Ki

Cuyler baseball fields. Then, for several years, there weren't any fireworks displays in Harrisville for the Fourth of July.

In 1978 the fledgling Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce brought them back to the community. The chamber was officially incorporated in January of 1976 and was focused on the Greenbush-Harrisville area of US-23 and worked to promote sport fishing. The chamber paid for the fireworks for several years - until 1983 when funding wasn't available.

That's when Carol Sella thought of sending a few letters to area businesses ask-

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Obituaries

Jean Sitzman

Jean Sitzman, 94, of Lincoln died on Tuesday, June 22, 2010 at Tendercare in Alpena.

She was born April 23, 1916 in Detroit, Mich. to Stanley and Frances (Gniatkowska) Wisniewski.

On August 7, 1937 she married Raymond J. Sitzman. They were residents of Detroit, Mich. moving to Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich. in 1950 and to Lost Lake Woods Club in 1980, where they had been members since 1951.

She was a member of St. Catherine Catholic Church of Ossineke, the Detroit Yacht Club and was a 30 year member of the auxiliary to the Ossineke Eagles Aerie No. 3762. She was an avid bridge player.

Mrs. Sitzman is survived by one daughter, Kathleen A. Sitzman of Lincoln; one sister, Lottie (Walter) Jaremski of Westland, Mich.; two brothers, Eddie Wisniewski of Southfield, Mich. and Leo Wisniewski of Trenton, Mich.; several nieces and nephews; and her cat, Molly.



She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, on April 30, 1996; and two sisters, Connie Wisniewski and Stella Obert.

Visitation is at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, June 30 at St. Catherine Catholic Church, Nicholson Hill Road, Ossineke. The funeral liturgy will be at 11 a.m. and the Rev. Stan Bereda will officiate.

Burial will be in St. Catherine Cemetery, Ossineke.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Catherine Catholic Church or the Alcona Humane Society.

Betty Lou Ranger, 83, of Barton City died on Saturday, June 26, 2010 at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

She was born July 16, 1926 in Moose Lake, Minn. to Knute and Pheba (Fetters) Thoen.

She was raised in Moose Lake, Minn. and Flint, Mich. On October 17, 1948 she married Theodore Gene Ranger in Moose Lake, Minn. and then moved to Barton City.

She was a teacher's aide in the Alcona elementary schools from 1974 until 1984. She worked as a postal clerk at the Barton City Post Office and operated Jewell Wood Products of Barton City with

Betty Lou Ranger

her husband for several years.

Mrs. Ranger was known for her baking and skills as a seamstress.

She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Mikado. She was a member and past secretary of the Burger Wiedbrauk VFW Post No. 8135 Ladies Auxiliary of Barton City.

Mrs. Ranger is survived by five sons, Kent (Gaye) Ranger of Oscoda, Stephen (Tatsiana) Ranger of Wasilla, Alaska, Timothy (Misti) Ranger of Anchorage, Alaska, James Ranger of Kenai, Alaska and Wade (Stephanie) Ranger of Anchorage, Alaska; six daughters, Rebecca (Roger) Crelley of Anchorage, Alaska,

Kristine Ranger of Dewitt, Mich., Jayne (Alan) Deissinger of Sandia Park, N.M., Carole Ranger of Pinckney, Mich., Tamrya Ranger of Lincoln and Andrea (Doug) Hatt of Manchester, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; and one sister, Marybelle Varner of Swartz Creek, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Theodore, on January 11, 2005; and one sister, Dorothy Sanborn on November 3, 2008.

Cremation services were handled through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

A memorial service will be announced in a future edition of the Alcona County Review.

Memorials may be made to the Calvary Baptist Church or the Burger Wiedbrauk VFW Post No. 8135 of Barton City.

Elmer Deller

Elmer L. Deller, 96, of Harrisville, died on Sunday, June 27, 2010 at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

He was born February 15, 1914 to William R. and Mabel (Brown) Deller in Harrisville. He was a lifelong resident of Gustin Township.

On March 5, 1938, he married Susie Crevier in Lincoln.

He worked as a carpenter and owned and operated his own farm. He also enjoyed hunting.

He was one of the first commissioners for Alcona County, was a former Gustin Township supervisor, as well as a zoning administrator.

Mr. Elmer is survived by three daughters, Janet (Fred) Thompson of Harrisville, Carol Thompson of Harrison, Mich. and Louella (Robert) Shellenbarger of Harrisville; five sons, Connie (Carolyn) Deller of Harrisville, Clifford (Linda) Deller of Mikado, Ronnie (Priscilla) Deller of Harrisville, Paul (Sherie) Deller of Harrisville and Jim



(Diane) Deller of Harrisville; 25 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; and one brother, William (Anne) Deller of Hubbard Lake.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Susie, on January 17, 2001; two grandsons, David Seymour and Jim Fettes; two sisters, Dorothea LaLonde and Elizabeth Deller; and two brothers, Clifford Deller and Kenneth Deller.

A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Cremation arrangements were handled through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

For Father's Day the Soling Singles group went to Spencer Park in Greenbush for a Father's Day picnic. The weather was good but the park was great. We enjoyed the pavilion with its many tables, the one half mile nature trail, the horseshoe pits, the clean outhouses and the groomed baseball diamonds. I am happy to say another group came out that afternoon and played volleyball on the volleyball court.

I'd like to thank Greenbush for beautifully maintaining this park and I would like to encourage others to visit beautiful Spencer Park, just over the railroad tracks on Ridley Road.

Barbara Taylor
Greenbush

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2000/2010

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
June 20	70	57	0.00	3.3	15	NNE
June 21	72	55	0.00	3.3	10	SSW
June 22	80	61	0.13	3.2	18	SSW
June 23	77	60	0.15	3.3	19	WSW
June 24	78	55	0.06	2.8	19	N
June 25	73	51	0.00	4.8	19	SSW
June 26	67	56	0.44	3.8	17	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	2010	2009	Normal
Weekly Total	0.78	0.69	0.63
June to Date	4.39	4.62	2.17
Year/Season to Date	10.73	14.61	12.33

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)

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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, JUNE 30

A laptop question and answer workshop 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.

Alcona MSU Extension master gardener volunteers are available to answer horticultural and gardening questions from 1 to 4:30 p.m. at the office in Harrisville or over the phone at (989) 724-6478.

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their regular monthly luncheon with spouses and guests at 11:30 a.m. at the Alpena Holiday Inn. Guest speaker Michelle Taliaferro will speak about supplies and equipment for elderly and handicapped persons. All GM division retirees are welcome. Reservations and payment in advance by calling Chuck at (989) 727-3350 or Frank at (989) 595-2789.

Harrisville State Park presents the program "Wildflowers" at 10:30 a.m. Meet at the pavilion. A pass is required to enter park with a motor vehicle obtainable at gate.

THURSDAY, JULY 1

The senior center in Lincoln will host a potluck luncheon for retirees at noon. \$1 luncheon donation, bring a dish to pass. Yearly dues are \$1.25.

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.

Harrisville State Park presents the program "What Do You Know About Trees?" at 10:30 a.m. Meet at the pavilion. A pass is required to enter park with a motor vehicle obtainable at gate.

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.

FRIDAY, JULY 2

There will be a fish fry at the American Legion Post No.

254 in Mikado from 5 to 7 p.m. for members and guests. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children 6-12 and free for under five.

Harrisville State Park presents the program "The Mighty, Mighty Insects" at 10:30 a.m. Meet at the pavilion. A pass is required to enter park with a motor vehicle obtainable at gate.

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.

SATURDAY, JULY 3

Trinity Lutheran of Barton City will have a service at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome, come as you are. No service on July 4.

Harrisville State Park presents the program "Smoky Bear" at 10:30 a.m. Meet at the camp host site. A pass is required to enter park with a motor vehicle obtainable at gate.

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.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

The Alpena City Band will perform a concert at the Bay View Park band shell in Alpena at 5:30 p.m. free to the public.

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.

MONDAY, JULY 5

The Weight Loss Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln United Methodist Church. Visitors are welcome and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

TUESDAY, JULY 6

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.

The program "Life of a Wildland Firefighter" will be presented at 1 p.m. for children at Lumberman's Monument. Smokey Bear will visit. 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.

There will be a drop in craft project for children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

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.

THURSDAY, JULY 8

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Corrections

- The American Legion Post in Mikado is post number 254.
- Melissa Cammack's husband's name is Edward.

- Former Alcona County Treasurer Thomas Katona embezzled \$1.2 million in county funds, not \$2.1 million.

The Review apologizes for these errors and any inconveniences they may have caused.

Giving Life

An American Red Cross blood drive was held in Lincoln on June 16 with a goal of collecting 60 units of blood. Seventy people came with the intention of giving - four of which were first time donors. A total of 63 units were col-

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lected. The drive was sponsored by the Lincoln Lions. The next blood drive will be August 18. Anyone who makes an appointment for that blood drive should call if they have to cancel.

Balloon Meister Program

All ages are invited to "Make a Splash" at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Wednesday, July 7 at 10:30 a.m. with the Balloon Meister - storyteller, humorist and balloon artist extraordinaire. The Balloon Meister twists and ties balloons into sassy and colorful creatures of the sea, including lobsters, whales, dolphins, mermaids and more. Later that afternoon at 2 p.m., the Balloon Meister will host a balloon twisting workshop for ages eight and up with all materials provided. Registration is required for the afternoon workshop, call (989) 724-6796. This program is provided in part by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Kirtland Community College Foundation.

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 9:30 a.m. on Friday.

- Monday, July 5—All centers closed, no services.
- Tuesday, July 6—Pork roast and kraut, red potatoes, peas, tossed salad and fruit.
- Wednesday, July 7—Swedish meatballs over noodles, cauliflower, three bean salad, fruit and pudding.
- Thursday, July 8—Chicken salad on croissant, cucumber salad, macaroni salad, carrot sticks and ranch and fruit.
- Friday, July 9—Spanish rice with hamburger, corn, flavored applesauce and fruit. (Glennie center only.)

is always something to learn about art... it's the process, the development of the painting as I am working on it that's exciting." Bachelor winters in Alabama and had a one-person showing of her work at the Kennedy-Douglass Art Center in Florence, Ala. in 2004. She had a personal show at the Jesse Besser Museum in Alpena during the summer of 2008. She participates in art fairs in Michigan, Alabama and Florida and has received many awards including the Best of Michigan in Tawas in 2009 and a Best of Show at The Villages, Florida in 2010. She has won over 20 ribbons, been a judge for art shows, studied with famous teachers and has taken over 60 workshops. The gallery, located at the Harbortown Marketplace in Harrisville, is open every day from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Farmers Market

New potatoes, sugar snap peas, asparagus, strawberries, turnips, radishes, sorrel, chard, carrots, kale, kohlrabi, cut flowers, garlic, spinach, onions, lettuce, beets, coffee, honey, firewood, handmade rag rugs, dill and other herbs, grass-fed meats and poultry, free-range eggs, pizza by the slice, breads, cookies, croutons, and more bakery items, and other items are available at the Alcona Farmers' Market on Wednesday from 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon.

On Saturday only, there will be rhubarb, possibly English peas, birdhouse gourds ready for painting, lip balm, air fresheners, body care items, room scents, candles, insect spray, veggie wash, hand-made greeting cards and Fourth of July items - in addition to the items above.

Peas are the only food that can claim a role in Mendel's discovery of genetics. Between Burma and Thailand, evidence of wild pea consumption dates to 9750 BC. At that time, peas were dried before cooking and would last for a long time. By the Middle Ages, dried peas were considered to be food for the poor, while fresh peas were considered to be a delicacy for the rich. In the 1800s, there were over 50 varieties of cultivated peas, most of which have been lost.

On Saturday, Alcona County master gardener Ruth Merrick will be at the master gardeners' booth relating the history of rhubarb and providing recipes. 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 Alcona Farmers Market is located on US-23, one third of a mile south of the M-72 intersection. 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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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

This is in response to the mostly one-sided views and comments in this newspaper lately regarding Arizona's new immigration law. A law passed because our government has shirked its responsibility to protect our borders, as it is constitutionally required to do.

According to some, the people of Arizona should not have this right and should they lawfully inquire as to an individual's legal status they are accused of racial profiling. The only time law enforcement is checking one's legal status is when a person has broken a law or is dealing

with the authorities in some capacity. They are not stopping every car and people on the street and questioning them.

Some have said "we are a nation of immigrants." While this is true, they have missed the point. Throughout our history people wishing to come here have come through legal points of entry and had to meet certain conditions and quotas. They respected our laws and were willing to meet the conditions mandated.

Over the past years especially, our county has been flooded with illegal immigrants. In the southwest

mainly, people entering our country illegally everyday with no respect for our borders. Try that in Mexico you'll get 10 years. We've all heard what happened to the students in Iran and the news people in North Korea who were locked up and threatened with long prison terms for unintentionally just stepping across those borders.

I can see why people would want to come here given the opportunities and freedoms we enjoy, and I feel for them, but they have the obligation to meet the conditions and respect our laws.

Theron Franklin
Waterford, Mich.

To the Editor,

Last week we celebrated the one year anniversary of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, which gave the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) regulatory authority over the manufacturing, sale and marketing of tobacco products.

Prior to this landmark law, tobacco products were virtually the only consumable goods not regulated in the United States. With an estimated 440,000 people in America dying from smoking-related illnesses each year, this law is necessary to rein in an industry that for decades has used fraudulent and deceptive tactics to ad-

dict children and adults to its deadly products.

As we commemorate the anniversary of this law, tough, new restrictions on tobacco marketing and sales to kids take effect. As of June 22, new restrictions prohibit tobacco manufacturers from using misleading labels such as "light," "low" and "mild," which falsely imply that some cigarettes are safer than others and discourage smokers from quitting.

In addition, larger and more effective warning labels are required on packaging and in the advertising of smokeless tobacco products - which are becoming increasingly popular among teenagers. Similar warnings

will eventually appear on cigarette packs and advertising. The law has already banned candy and fruit-flavored cigarettes, which are especially appealing to children. With effective implementation, these new regulations will have a huge impact in ensuring that fewer children and adults start to smoke.

Smoking-related diseases remain the most preventable cause of death in this country. The new law will help save lives, making this an anniversary worth celebrating.

Karen Brun
American Cancer Society
Cancer Action Network
Volunteer
Oscoda

To the Editor,

In response to Mike Wnuk's inquiry about the natural gas, oil and other fossil fuel mining possibly endangering our local water supplies -- I'm not a scientist but I just watched a documentary on HBO titled "GasLand." It's about the new ways natural gas is mined. It is very disturbing.

Seems that when congress passed the Energy Policy Act (during the Bush administration,) then-Vice President Dick Cheney (Halliburton) pushed for, and was granted, "immunity" from several environmental acts passed during the Nixon administration.

These new mining methods inject over 500 chemicals (plus millions of gallons of water) into the ground to free the natural gas. These chemicals include many known carcinogenics including glycol (antifreeze). They

are shooting this stuff into the earth to expedite the harvesting of natural gas. The result...contamination of well water.

Watch the film.

The EPA is powerless -- our congress passed the legislation. This is not a Republicans vs. Democrats issue. This is corporate profit in control of my government vs. public health and well being.

By the very nature of what a corporation is -- they have no interest in protecting the environment. The purpose of a corporation is to make money. Period. They have no conscience, no sense of environmental responsibility. No morals. No ethics.

A corporation has all the legal rights of an individual without the conscience. That is why we need regulation -- a check on the free market system. Because of the less government/less regulation

sentiment, our government no longer protects the citizenry from corporate exploitation. They rape the land, then leave the mess to us. Big money speaks and wins. I fear it might be too late. Where is the outrage?

Dave Morey
Harrisville

(Editor's Note: This response was put in the Letters to the Editor section rather than as a response to the Ask Your Neighbor question from last week because it did not answer the question posed and contains the writer's opinion. Opinions are always welcome in any form, however they are considered a Letter to the Editor.)

Police Report

On June 24 at 11:48 p.m. deputies of the Alcona County Sheriff's Department were notified that a larceny of lawn furniture had just occurred at Northern Accents, a gift store, on US-23 in Harrisville. Deputies were given a description of the vehicle -- a pick-up truck and trailer -- and the suspects.

At 11:54 p.m. deputies were able to locate the suspect vehicle northbound on US-23 near Alcona Road. The vehicle was stopped and the alleged stolen items from Northern Accents were located in the rear bed of the vehicle and the trailer.

After a preliminary investigation it was determined that the driver, Robert Anthony Franzel Jr., 51, of Ypsilanti, Mich. and his 15-year-old grandson were the suspects seen allegedly taking the furniture. Franzel was arrested and arraigned in 81st District court. His bond was set at \$1,000 cash or surety. He is set to appear in court on July 21 for a pre-trial hearing. The 15-year-old has been petitioned to juvenile court. All of the items stolen were able to be returned to the owner.

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HARRISVILLE-Gustin Twp., Stockton Rd. Beautiful newer 3 bedroom, 2 bath ranch on 15.57 acres. Central air, wood burner, full walkout basement, 2 car attached garage, deck overlooking rolling terrain. Second detached frame garage 36x48x14 with three 12 ft. doors. Numerous add'l amenities. **\$179,900** #297

HUBBARD LAKE-Vacant. Nice wooded 2 acre building site on the east side of Bennett Rd. Has well, septic, electric and natural gas on property. Gravel drive. Well maintained. **\$17,900 REDUCED** #208

SPRUCE-E. Spruce Rd. 3 bedroom, 1.75 bath chalet on 3+ acres. Semi-finished walkout basement. Several out structures. House needs some TLC. **\$59,900** #291 Bank owned.

Organization Notes

Alcona Little League

Another season of Little League baseball is almost history. This week will consist of a few regular season games, and the start of district play for two local teams.

Manager Tim Hutchinson will take a minor boys baseball team to Lewiston, Mich. with the first game on Wednesday, June 30 at 3:30 p.m. Manager Terry Franklin will take a major boys team to Hillman, Mich. with the first game taking place on Friday, July 2 at approximately 6 p.m. This tourna-

ment is very competitive as well as a great learning experience for young players.

The banquet will take place at KiKi Cuyler fields on Wednesday, July 7 at 6 p.m. All players along with their families, coaches, volunteers and all team sponsors are welcome.

According to Alcona Little League President Marla Oliver, there are several board positions needing to be filled for next year, including the president.

"I would like to thank all of

the volunteers in this program who have made it a success," Oliver said. "I would also like to thank the community for supporting our cookie dough fund raiser, which helped our league purchase new equipment, awards and pay for various tournament expenses.

"I hope that Alcona Little League can continue to grow in the future. Lastly, I hope that everyone will learn to truly appreciate the time, effort and sacrifices volunteers make," Oliver said.

Alcona Local Foods



Volunteers begin work on a hoop house installation at the Harrisville Recreation Site on June 11. The hoop house, one of eight funded by a Michigan Department of Agriculture grant to Alcona Local Foods (ALFA), measures 30 feet by 48 feet and will be used as a community garden by Harrisville area residents. Volunteers working on the project are (back row): Bryan Bossert, Ryan Brittain, Robert Brittain, Rick Steiman, Walt McCurdy, Theresa McCurdy, Pamela Burt, Marcia Simmons (middle row), Les Thomas (Alcona 4-H agent), Brian Bishop, (front row) Jay Bishop, Adam Montrai (outreach specialist Michigan State University), Ruth Merrick, Jerry Merrick and Liz McNichols. Volunteers not pictured: Kim Brittain, Megan Brittain, Kim Pompa and Meg Nesbitt. *Photos by Art Kniep.*



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bank wire transfer, the audit stated that there was "no known fraud or defalcation or embezzlement" occurring in the county.

Kennedy commended County Commissioner Carolyn Brummund who, he said, "did a real yeoman's job" in documenting the wire transfer history. During her testimony, Brummund said that on one occasion when she asked the treasurer a question, he told her to "get the (expletive deleted) out of his office." She informed the commissioners of that at the time, she said.

During testimony, expert witness Gary Leeman, a CPA with 40 years of forensic financial experience, testified that there were several violations by Robson of standard auditing procedure. He concluded that it was "more likely than not that those violations were the cause of losses received by the county."

Within his closing statement, defendant's attorney Craig Horn of Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner told the jury "Auditors are supposed to be smart. Auditors are supposed to be honest. But auditors are not supposed to be mind readers." He argued that "not a whisper" of the alleged exchange between Brummund and Katona was ever reported to the auditors and that deputy treasurer answered a form regarding any weakness in procedure that would allow fraud with "No, I would report anything I thought could lead to fraud."

"No one told (the auditors) these things," he said. "People kept telling them, 'don't worry, be happy.'" The auditors were somehow supposed to divine that inappropriate actions were occurring".

As evidence of that, he pointed out that "Even Mr. Leeland said that if he had not known of Mr. Katona's theft, he would not have known it

was occurring" (by examining the books). "All of us," he said, "are Monday morning quarterbacks."

In his instructions prior to deliberation, Judge Bergeron instructed the jury that should it determine that the accounting firm had contributed to the county's loss, it should "determine an amount of dollars which adequately and fairly compensates, taking into account the nature and size of the injury. You should remember that the award is solely to compensate the plaintiff, not to punish the defendants."

Alcona County Board of Commissioners Chairman Kevin Boyat was pleased with the jury's findings. "I thought it turned out really well for us," he said, "The jury had a ton of stuff to look at. I don't think they hurried with their deliberations. I think they came out with the right verdict. We were told already that it will be appealed and it's going to take another year and a half to two years to get through that. I guess it's a good start at getting everybody's money back. I appreciate people having patience with us as we try to do this."

At press time, no paperwork regarding an appeal had been filed.

Former Alcona County Treasurer Thomas Katona is serving a 10 to 14-year prison sentence for embezzlement and forgery. To date, approximately \$450,000 of the \$1.2 million he embezzled has been recovered, as restitution from Katona's personal holdings.

A final lawsuit brought by the county against the Michigan Municipal League in an attempt to access Katona's retirement funds remains with the Michigan Court of Appeals as a cross-appeal (in which both parties have filed an appeal) and has not been docketed for hearing.

American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

Equipment. I like to paint and draw, and I own enough art supplies to start my own store. And for every hobby there are lots of supplies that seem essential. In this poem we get a whole tackle box full of equipment from Michael Sowder, who lives and fishes in Utah.

Fishing, His Birthday

With adams, caddis, tricos, light cahills,
blue-wing olives, royal coachmen, chartreuse
trudes,
green drakes, blue duns, black gnats, Nancy quills,
Joe's hoppers, yellow humpies, purple chutes,
prince nymphs, pheasant tails, Eileen's hare's ears,
telicos, flashbacks, Jennifer's muddlers,
Frank bugs, sow bugs, zug bugs, autumn splen-
dors,
woolly worms, black buggers, Kay's gold zuddlers,
clippers, tippet, floatant, spools of leader,
tin shot, lead shot, hemostats, needle nose,
rod, reel, vest, net, boots, cap, shades and waders,
gortex shell and one bent Macanudo—
I wade in a swirl of May-colored water,
cast a fine gray quill, the last tie of my father.

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CUSTOM HOME - 20 acres with 2 bedroom, 2 bath home with finished walk-out basement. **\$289,000** 09-0080

ACROSS FROM LAKE HURON - Nice 2 bed, 1½ bath home with large sun room. **\$124,900** 09-0103

JEWELL LAKE ACCESS - One or 2 bedroom, 1 bath home with garage on 2 lots across road from lake. **\$39,900** 09-0135

DIAMOND IN THE ROUGH - Two bedroom, 1 bath home with unfinished basement. **\$16,099** 09-0139

LAKE HURON ACCESS - Two bedroom, 1 bath remodeled cottage. **\$39,900** 10-0028

MOTIVATED!! - Five acres comes with 3 bedroom, 2 bath remodeled home with 2 car garage & pole barn. **\$110,000** 10-0035

A REAL BARGAIN - Two bedroom, 1 bath home north of town on 2 acres. **\$49,000** 10-0042

"UP NORTH GET-A-WAY" - Two bedroom, 1½ bath home located down private dead end road. **\$39,900** 10-0044

IN TOWN - Two bedroom, 1 bath home with finished basement within walking distance to town, harbor, shopping. **\$69,000** 10-0045

NEXT TO GREENBUSH GOLF COURSE - Three bedroom, 2 bath home on 200 x 200 lot. **\$49,900** 10-0051

LOST LAKE WOODS CLUB - Three bedroom, 2 baths, 1½ story home remodeled in 2007. Includes 3 lots. **\$135,000** 10-0053

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July 7

Wild Hair

Wild Hair is well known in northern Michigan for the tight vocal harmonies and the party atmosphere they bring to the stage. Their music includes original material as well as numerous cover tunes from artists including Eric Clapton, Billy Joel, Jackson Brown, The Beatles, Elton John and much more.

July 14

3rd & Soul

3rd & Soul is a three-piece variety band from the Tri-Cities area of Michigan. Nominated for best variety band in 2008 by Mid-Michigan's Review Magazine. Playing a variety of music rooted in Motown, R & B and Funk. They'll provide an exhilarating experience using a variety of sequences and a stunning light show.

July 21

Gunsmoke Express

I started the band Gunsmoke back in the year 1980. We played many of the clubs in the Detroit area for many years until I moved up north to the Sand Lake area in 1988. I put another band together to play at the Sand Lake Bar for a Special Olympics Benefit and have been playing in the Oscoda, Hale, Omer, Tawas, AuGres, West Branch, Whittemore, South Branch, Greenbush and Harrisville areas ever since. Recently I went off on my own and I call myself Gunsmoke Express. I have discovered a new venue of entertainment where I have been singing, playing my guitar and piano, backing tracks using my laptop computer. I have received many warm and welcoming reviews. I am looking forward to coming back to the Harrisville Harbor and seeing all of my friends again this year.

July 28

Da Bourbon Boyz, Jeff Miller have been performing for over two years now. They have as "variety" as they jump from Tull to Johnny Cash as Jeff has been singing professionally. Jeff has sung with many of the legendary band "Fros" for three years and enjoys it. Bill has also judged for several years.



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It was a very good year

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

"When I was 17, it was a very good year, it was a very good year for small town girls and soft summer nights we'd hide from the lights, on the village green when I was 17..."

~ Ervin Drake

The Princess is right when she teases that I suffer from a social disease. It's not that I don't like parties. I do. I almost always have a good time when I get there. It's only during the pre-party period that I find myself considering what I'd give to just stay home.

Such was the case, this past week, as my 41st high school reunion edged ever closer. To begin with, it was a hectic week filled with company, assignments and to-do lists. So hectic, in fact, that it would find me leaving one event early to hurry home, shower and dress for the reunion. I purely hate weeks like that.

Then there was the fact that I'd dyed my hair for another event we were attending, resulting in such an amazing shade of red that I ended up doing it a second time in a "browner" color. By Saturday, I was sporting a mane best described as a bizarrely unnatural color and wishing I'd just left the silver shining there. "It grows on you," my best friend since grade school assured me loyally. (When it comes to hair, that's a universally true statement). It didn't matter. I might have to wear a bag on my head, but I had to go.

There's a lot to be said for class reunions, once you get passed the tenth and maybe the 20th. In those days, getting ready for the reunion took up most of the summer, what with dieting and choosing a dress and a hairstyle, shoes and a handbag and an appropriate escort to best set those things off.

Last week, I checked on Thursday to see if my best pair of capri pants were clean and that pretty much covered fashion. About halfway through the day, in fact, I realized that in my haste to get ready, I'd neglected to put on lipstick.

In those early days, the reunion usually involved reserving a restaurant or decorating a hall for an evening filled with speeches, awards and dancing into the wee hours of the night. This one was held at the truly lovely home of a dear and gracious class member and her spouse. The menu consisted of steaks barbecued to perfection and "bring a dish to pass" and the program, if there was one, was a boat ride, lawn games and lots and lots of talk. Although dancing broke out from time to time among certain individuals, it was highly informal. And it was wonderful.

For the most part, my class went to school together from kindergarten through 12th grade. We started out as smaller groups in different elementary schools throughout the county and came together in junior high. And for the next six years, we spent eight hours a day, five days a week and then some together.

We still comprise a big, noisy, dysfunctional family of sorts. I don't think anyone in the crowd has a PhD, but there are a handful of master's degrees and a couple of certificates, with honors, from the school of hard knocks. As a group, we're equally proud of both. And that's the thing. While none of us keep in touch the way we should, there's a warmth and a camaraderie there that means so much to me. In a sort of "through the grapevine" way, we keep tabs on one another.

We still mourn the seven members of the class we've lost over the years. And if we didn't send a card or pick up a phone, we were aware of each others triumphs and losses. When marriages dissolved or romances kindled or new jobs led to brilliant careers, we were there in spirit. When one pair of high school sweethearts lost their beloved son, our hearts collectively broke with theirs.

In my pre-party agoraphobia, I'd worried that I might be the oldest looking, chubbiest, least accomplished one there. I very well may have been, but it didn't matter. Not if they were seeing the way I was.

Because while the world might note the increasing wrinkles around the eyes and the increasing rolls above the belt line, I looked around the room and saw the kids of '69. We have, between us, about six heart stents, a bunch of bad knees and bad backs, a pretty massive collective cholesterol number and a world-class collection of reading glasses. And yet...and yet, that wasn't what I saw.

I saw the cute, skinny, male lead from the class production of "Lil Abner" and the dark haired, dark-eyed radiant homecoming queen. The

Puttin' On The Fritz

voice of '69, ready and willing to argue any point long and loud had mellowed a bit, but that voice was still in there. The class clown had quieted some, the shy one had opened up a bit, though not entirely, and the prettiest girl was still the prettiest girl (darn it).

Every single one of us was totally delighted to have one class member, one we'd lost track of after graduation and worried about on those late nights when sleep eludes you for the past 40 years, attend. He was one of us. It was so good to have him back at last.

At one point, I realized that I was sitting talking to a group of friends, Main Street Kids, who I had literally known since about the time we were born and that they have always been a very, very important part of my life -- then and now. These were the girls of the soft summer nights referenced in the song above, summoned from an innocent time when we only thought we were behaving badly, a time when we knew everything and more. These were the girls, for heaven sake, who remembered when any one of us could stop traffic in a two-piece bathing suit. You have to take very special care of friends with memories like that.

On their way home, they may have turned to one another and said, "Dear God, what did Katy do to her hair? And wouldn't you think she could have put on some lipstick?"

That's okay, as long as they thought, "Katy seems happy," too. That's what I thought, as I wished blessings for each of them.

We are great. We are fine. We're the class of '69. Boomers who grew up believing that breakfast was the most important meal of the day, achievement was expected and rules were made to be stretched, if not broken.

I looked around me and thought that in some fundamental, familial way, despite how our individual paths have diverged, more than anyone else, these are my people.

All in all, I can't tell you how glad I am I made that dash into the shower, donned my capris and went, funny hair, lipstickless and all. And as my mother always instructed me, I just wanted to make my manners, thank you guys, for inviting me to your party. I had a really, really, really good time.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 27 years. A *Voices of Michigan 2002* author, she has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville. The couple has one daughter, Katrina - "the Princess," two dogs, Lady and Henry, and grand-dog, Bastian.)

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Calendar of Events

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kado. 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.

FRIDAY, JULY 9

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.

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.

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.

My Brother's hope will be open from 10 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served. Volunteers are always needed.

The program "Backyard Bugs" 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.

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.

SUNDAY, JULY 11

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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

forsythe@amaesd.k12.mi.us.

Everyone is invited to play buncu, 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 welcome and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.




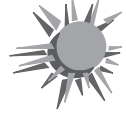







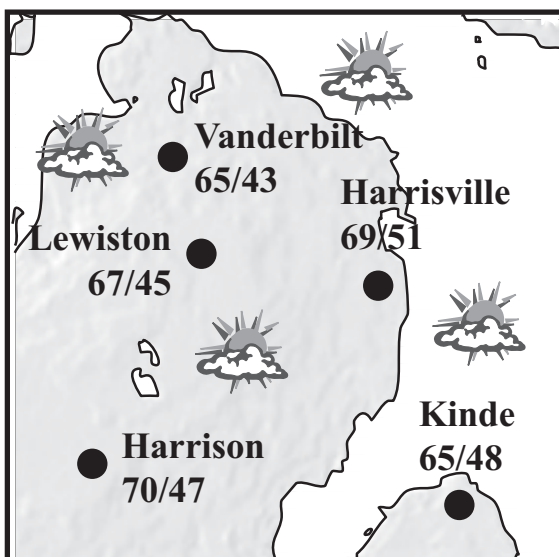
Alcona Review Weather Report

June 30, 2010

Seven Day Forecast

-  **WEDNESDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 69 Low: 51
-  **THURSDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 71 Low: 52
-  **FRIDAY**
Sunny
High: 81 Low: 60
-  **SATURDAY**
Sunny
High: 85 Low: 64
-  **SUNDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 86 Low: 65
-  **MONDAY**
Sunny
High: 87 Low: 61
-  **TUESDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 84 Low: 62

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 69°, humidity of 46% and an overnight low of 51°. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1964. The record low is 38° set in 1992. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 71°, humidity of 53% and an overnight low of 52°.

***Last Week's Almanac**

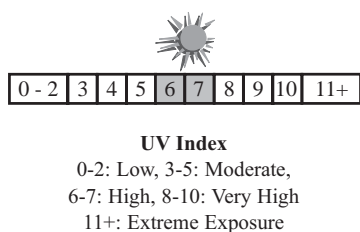
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Monday	78	53	75/50	0.00"
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Thursday	77	59	76/51	0.02"
Friday	74	48	76/51	0.03"
Saturday	68	57	76/51	0.15"
Sunday	68	52	77/52	0.06"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	5:51 a.m.	9:23 p.m.	11:33 p.m.	10:01 a.m.
Thursday	5:51 a.m.	9:23 p.m.	11:53 p.m.	11:03 a.m.
Friday	5:52 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	No Rise	12:04 p.m.
Saturday	5:53 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	12:13 a.m.	1:06 p.m.
Sunday	5:53 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	12:33 a.m.	2:09 p.m.
Monday	5:54 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	12:55 a.m.	3:14 p.m.
Tuesday	5:54 a.m.	9:21 p.m.	1:21 a.m.	4:22 p.m.

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 95° in Lockbourne, Ohio. The Southeast will see scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 100° in Fredericksburg, Va. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 96° in Miles City, Mont. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 112° in Gila Bend, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:57 a.m.	9:41 p.m.
Venus	9:13 a.m.	11:39 p.m.
Mars	11:23 a.m.	12:31 a.m.
Jupiter	1:09 a.m.	1:13 p.m.
Saturn	12:43 p.m.	1:13 a.m.
Uranus	1:02 a.m.	1:03 p.m.

Weather History

June 30, 1972 - The entire state of Pennsylvania was declared a disaster area as a result of the catastrophic flooding caused by Hurricane Agnes, which claimed 48 lives and caused 2.1 billion dollars in damage.


Weather Trivia

Are tornadoes unique to the United States? 

Answer: No, but three out of every four tornadoes are spawned in the United States.

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Follow the Drinking Gourd

 High in the northwest, right after dark is the familiar star pattern of the Big Dipper. Three stars arc upward to form the handle, Alkaid, Mizar, and Alioth, while the lower four stars, Phecda, Megrez, Merak, and Dubhe make up the cup. Astronomically speaking, the Big Dipper is as American as apple pie even though professionals do not recognize it as an official constellation. To the slaves of the antebellum South, the Dipper or Drinking Gourd, was the north-bound marker along the ephemeral Underground Railroad, and the best beacon to freedom for slaves kept ignorant by their owners. Follow the Drinking Gourd was a song taught to them by itinerant carpenter and abolitionist, Peg Leg Joe. Its lyrics gave slaves in Mississippi and Alabama, where Joe worked, a coded message to follow the Tombigbee and Tennessee rivers to the Ohio River and across to freedom. The song begins with, "When the sun comes back," which meant start your journey in the spring. It told slaves, "The riverbank makes a very good road," and that dead trees along the route with markings of Joe's "left foot, peg foot," told them that they were on the correct route. Every verse ended with "Follow the drinking Gourd," which kept those journeying always moving northbound. At the headwaters of the Tombigbee, "between two hills, / There's another river on the other side," the Tennessee, so "Follow the Drinking Gourd." And "When the great big river (Ohio) meets the little river (Tennessee), / Follow the Drinking Gourd." The dangerous trip along the 800 miles of snaking riverbanks from Mobile AL, took escapees about a year to traverse, bringing them to the Ohio, hopefully, when it was still frozen and easier to cross. Most slaves did not know how to swim. "For the old man (Peg Leg Joe) is a-waiting for to carry you to freedom, / If you follow the Drinking Gourd," our Big Dipper. www.astronomy.org

TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE:** In which of Shakespeare's plays does the character Titania appear?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What was Edmond Hoyle's relationship with games?
- MEDICAL:** In human beings, what does a lack of iodine cause?
- HISTORY:** What was the first country to allow women to vote?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the adjective used to describe horses?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the largest World Heritage Area in the world?
- LANGUAGE:** What is sonography more often known as?
- MOVIES:** What was the name of the princess in the animated classic "Sleeping Beauty"?
- LEGAL:** What is an inquest?
- MUSIC:** In what 1960s song was the character "Little Jackie Paper" featured?

Answers: 1. "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; 2. Hoyle (1672-1769) was an expert on card games and their rules.; 3. Goiter, enlargement of the thyroid gland; 4. New Zealand; 5. Equine; 6. The Great Barrier Reef; 7. Ultrasound; 8. Princess Aurora; 9. An inquiry into the cause of an unexpected death; 10. "Puff the Magic Dragon". (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

UPLIFTING STORY

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| ACROSS | 62 "— Be Me" ('60 hit) | 112 Rudy Vallee, for one | 4 "It — far, far better . . ." | 43 Lifesaver flavor | 93 Theater sign |
| 1 Yacht spot | 63 Designer Simpson | 113 Show-stopper | 5 With 124 Across, "Air Music" composer | 44 Caveat — | 95 London district |
| 7 Label | 66 Baseball's Berg | 114 Tibetan monk | 6 Leisurely, to Liszt | 45 One following another | 97 Per se |
| 10 Country singer Hank | 67 "— is for Heroes" ('62 film) | 115 Word on a pump | 7 Judd Hirsch sitcom | 46 — Cob, CT | 100 Bear's lair |
| 14 Hopeless case | 68 Crude cartel | 116 Cotton clump | 8 Help a hood | 47 — | 101 Comic Carey |
| 19 Mistreated | 70 Gray or Moran | 118 Bit | 9 Holst or Mahler | 52 More mature | 104 Bk. convenience |
| 20 — Simbel | 71 Comics' noise | 121 Davis' dom. | 10 Hid | 53 Multipurpose vehicle | 105 Health club |
| 21 "I could — horsel!" | 72 Wedding gift, perhaps | 124 See 5 Down | 11 Slangy negative | 54 Semester | 106 Baltimore bird |
| 22 Madrid museum | 76 Electrician's device | 127 Prepare to be shot | 12 Publisher Chandler | 56 Musical composition | 107 Steamy |
| 23 Start of a remark by Gene Perret | 79 "You bet!" | 129 "— whiz!" | 13 Elk | 57 Card game | 108 Long curtains |
| 24 Makes one's mark | 81 Conductor Karl | 130 End of remark | 14 Scholastic abbr. | 58 Morning moisture | 109 Fire |
| 25 Fragment | 82 Puerto — | 133 Martini garnish | 15 Mythical monster | 60 PC key | 110 Starting point |
| 26 High points | 84 Piccadilly figure | 134 Depraved | 16 Jet of yore | 61 Commoners | 111 Homegrown |
| 27 Ben, to Hoss | 86 Mellow | 135 April initials | 17 Swimmer Gertrude | 64 Speak with a forked tongue | 112 Pool shot |
| 28 Sparkle | 87 Athenian arcades | 136 Paganini's instrument | 18 Riveting woman? | 65 Record | 117 Mourning — |
| 31 Tend a tot | 89 French impressionist | 137 Olympic award | 29 Soup type | 69 Winter warmer-upper | 119 Callao's country |
| 33 Actress Meyers | 92 Inclines | 138 Medieval menial | 30 Yalie | 73 Bon — | 120 Nuisance |
| 34 — gras | 94 Playwright Hart | 139 Squirrel's snack | 32 Heavenly hammerer | 74 "Hold your horses!" | 121 Fountain order |
| 36 One of the Waughs | 96 Fusilli's predecessor | 140 Graceland, e.g. | 34 Adversary | 75 Blake or Plummer | 122 Loretta of "M*A*S*H" heroine |
| 38 Prickly plant | 98 "— favor" | DOWN | 35 Approved port | 77 Neighbor of Hokkaido | 123 Melodious Murray |
| 41 Part 2 of remark | 99 Curious | 1 A sweeping success? | 37 Cretan port | 78 Distinctive period | 125 "Die Meister-singer" |
| 46 Managed | 102 Quisenberry or Quayle | 2 "— -Ca-Dabra" ('74 song) | 39 One — million | 79 Tasty tuber | 126 Gibson or Blanc |
| 47 Burton or Curry | 103 "I've — it!" | 3 Wished undone | 40 Prepare prunes | 80 Self-esteem | 128 Tynemouth title |
| 48 Doe in "Bambi" | 104 Texas athlete | | 41 Diner feature | 83 Mischief-maker | 131 "Whether — nobler in the mind . . ." |
| 49 Comic Charlotte | 106 Part 3 of remark | | 42 Acts the tyrant | 85 Hurling or curling | 132 Decimal point |
| 50 "Alley —" | | | | 88 Corset parts | |
| 51 Rash | | | | 90 List ender | |
| 55 Unrestrained | | | | 91 Learn to walk | |
| 59 Handbag part | | | | | |

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STRANGE BUT TRUE By Samantha Weaver

• It was U.S. President Dwight David Eisenhower who made the following comment: "I can think of nothing more boring for the American people than to have to sit in their living rooms for a whole half hour looking at my face on their television screens."

• What we call coffee beans are actually the pits of the coffee beans.

• The dew that accumulates on May Day was once thought to have near-miraculous qualities. The mother of a sick child might rub a blanket across the wet grass on May Day morning to coat it with dew, then wrap the child in the blanket. May Day dew gathered from a fennel plant was thought to cure maladies of the eye, and itchy skin was sometimes treated by rubbing it with the dew. Dew from under an oak tree supposedly made a woman beautiful for a year, and dew gathered before sunrise on May Day morning reputedly brought good luck.

• Despite numerous arrests and trials, famed 19th-century outlaw Frank James was never convicted of anything and never went to prison. He died in 1915, at the age of 72, of natural causes.

• If you're like the average American, you laugh 15 times every day.

• In Germany, Rice Krispies don't say "Snap, Crackle, Pop"; they say "Knisper, Knasper, Knusper."

• You may be surprised to learn that fast-food giant McDonald's has trademarked the following phrases: "Made for You," "Immunize for Healthy Lives," "Changing the Face of the World," "Gospelfest," "Lifting Kids to a Better Tomorrow" and, perhaps most bizarrely, "Hey, It Could Happen!"

• At one time in England, there was a unit of length called a nail. It measured 2.5 inches long.

Thought for the Day: "Hope is the feeling you have that the feeling you have isn't permanent." — Jean Kerr
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MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On July 15, 1606, the great Dutch master Rembrandt van Rijn is born in Leiden. Rembrandt completed more than 600 paintings, many of them portraits or self-portraits. By the age of 22, he was accomplished enough to take on his own students.

• On July 12, 1862, President Abraham Lincoln signs into law a measure calling for the awarding of a U.S. Army Medal of Honor. The first U.S. Army soldiers to receive the honor were six members of a Union raiding party who in penetrated deep into Tennessee and Georgia to destroy bridges and railroad tracks.

• On July 14, 1881, Sheriff Pat Garrett kills Henry McCarty, known as Billy the Kid. Garrett had been tracking the Kid for three months after the gunslinger had escaped from prison only days before his scheduled execution. At the trial, the judge had sentenced Billy the Kid to hang until "you are dead, dead, dead." Billy reportedly responded, "And you can go to hell, hell, hell."

• On July 17, 1938, glory-seeking flier Douglas Corrigan takes off from New York headed for California. Twenty-eight hours later, Corrigan landed his plane in Dublin, Ireland and exclaimed, "Just got in from New York. Where am I?" By the time "Wrong Way" Corrigan and his crated plane returned to New York by ship, he was a national celebrity.

• On July 18, 1940, Franklin Delano Roosevelt, who first took office in 1933 as America's 32nd president, is nominated for an unprecedented third term. Roosevelt would eventually be elected to a record four terms, the only U.S. president to serve more than two terms.

• On July 16, 1967, actor and comedian Will Ferrell is born in Irvine, Calif. After rising to fame on TV's "Saturday Night Live," Ferrell starred in a string of big-screen comedies, including "Anchorman," "Old School" and "Talladega Nights."

• On July 13, 1990, the romantic-thriller "Ghost," starring Demi Moore, Patrick Swayze and Whoopi Goldberg, opens in theaters across the United States. The film, about a woman who communicates with her murdered husband through a psychic, received multiple Academy Award nominations.
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

Agent Orange update

Veterans Post
By Freddy Groves

Sometimes there are mysteries we just don't understand, and this is one of them: Sen. Jim Webb of Virginia won Senate approval to halt the proposed Department of Veterans Affairs ruling that acknowledges three new illnesses caused by Agent Orange.

Those illnesses — Parkinson's disease, B-cell leukemia and ischemic heart disease — would have been presumptive, as requested by VA chief Eric Shinseki. He did, one has to assume, do his homework before he stated that there was evidence that linked Agent Orange with those illnesses.

If there is House approval, this move will put a minimum of a 60-day hold on paying any compensation or giving any benefits for those illnesses. During the 60 days, Congress will "study" the issue, likely using the same research reports that Shinseki used when he came to his decision.

All the while, the VA has been urging veterans to go

ahead and file pronto so claims for these presumptive illnesses can be fast-tracked.

Of all the senators who might have thrown a wrench in the works, Webb is a surprise. He grew up the son of an Air Force officer, is the father of a Marine, and served in the Marine Corps himself in Vietnam. He's the "Webb" in the new Webb GI Bill. He called for independent testing of body armor to make sure it's safe. Webb fought against replacing Norfolk as a homeport for the Navy's nuclear-powered aircraft carriers. It would seem, on the surface, that he's had his priorities straight.

Until now. Don't let this delay tactic stop you from filing. Get the paperwork in because back benefits will start from the date of filing, once they get this straightened out.

Write to Freddy Groves 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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Mid-year financial checkup

Dollars and Sense
By David Uffington

Summer is a good time to do a mid-year financial checkup. Rather than waiting until the end of the year and discovering that you should have made adjustments, take a look at your finances now and see how you're doing.

Taxes:

- Did you have to pay taxes on top of what was deducted from your pay in 2009? Or was too much deducted and you received a refund? The key is to do the math and get as close to your actual taxes due and have that amount taken out during the year.

- If you've added a baby to your household or if you've bought a house and will have a mortgage interest deduction, you can benefit from adding a deduction or two to your W-4 form for your employer. And if a child has grown and gone and is no longer a deduction for you, make an adjustment or you'll

- If you received a big refund for 2009, that's money you could have used during the year for any number of things, such as extra money to pay down credit cards or putting more cash into savings. Remember: The Internal Revenue Service doesn't pay you interest on the money it borrows from you during the year.

- If you have multiple jobs

or got married, your taxes will change. If you lost your job and received accumulated vacation or sick pay, that money is taxable. If you then received unemployment benefits, that money also is taxable. While the last thing you want to do the minute you find a new job is increase the amount of money deducted from your new check, it could keep you from owing taxes next spring.

To see if you have the right amount of withholding, check the IRS withholding calculator. Go online to irs.gov and put "withholding calculator" in the search box.

More Tips:

- Add up your expenses for the year so far. Look at your annual budget and compare all the categories to see if you're on track for savings, credit-card payments, clothing, food and utilities.

- If you'd planned to pay down loans faster by sending larger payments for mortgage and auto loans, have you done that? Even starting now would help in the long run.

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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HAWES TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE No. 2010.02

Hazardous Materials Incident Cost Recovery Ordinance Hawes Township, Alcona County Ordinance No. 2010.02

Section 1 - Purpose

This ordinance permits the contracted fire departments with Hawes Township and other township departments to obtain reimbursement for expenses incurred in response to incidents involving the release or threatened release of hazardous materials.

Section 2 - Definitions

Unless specifically defined below, words or phrases used in this ordinance shall be interpreted so as to give them the meaning they have in common usage and to give this ordinance its most reasonable application.

Emergency response: Providing, sending and/or utilizing of fire fighting, emergency medical and rescue services by Alcona Township or by a private industrial entity or corporation operating at the request or direction of the township or state of Michigan, for an incident resulting in a hazardous materials release or threatened release.

Hazardous material: Explosives, pyrotechnics, flammable compressed gas, flammable liquid, combustible liquid oxidizing material, poisonous gas, poisonous liquid, poisonous solid, irritating material, etiological material, radioactive material, corrosive material, liquefied petroleum gas, or any other hazardous material as defined in MCL 299.501.

Building: Any structure used or intended for supporting or sheltering any use or occupancy.

Premises: Any lot or parcel of land, exclusive of buildings, and including a parking lot, tourist camp, trailer camp, airport, stockyard, junk yard, wharf, pier, public roadway, and any other place or enclosure, however owned, used or occupied.

Owner: Any person having a vested or contingent interest in the property, premises, container, or vehicle involved in the hazardous materials including but not limited to any duly authorized agent or attorney, purchaser, devisee, or fiduciary of said person having said vested or contingent interest.

Vehicle: Any mode used as an instrument of conveyance, including but not limited to motor vehicles, railroads, boats, aircraft, etc.

Expenses of an Emergency Response: The direct and reasonable costs incurred by Hawes Township, or by a private person, corporation, or other assisting government agency, which is operating at the request or direction of the township, when making an emergency response to the hazardous materials incident, including the costs of providing fire fighting, rescue services, emergency medical services, containment, and abatement of all hazardous conditions at the scene of the incident. The costs further include all of the salaries and wages of Hawes Township personnel engaged in the investigation, supervision and report preparation regarding said incident, at the request or direction of Hawes Township, and all costs connected with the administration of the incident relating to any prosecution of the appearance of witnesses at any court proceedings in relation thereto. Costs shall also include, but not be limited to, such items as disposable materials and supplies used during the response to said incident, the rental or leasing of equipment used for the specific response, replacement of equipment which is special technical services and laboratory cost, services and reasonably associated with emergency services clean up.

Section 3 - Duty to Remove and Clean Up

It shall be the duty of the owner, operator, occupant or other person responsible for the operation, maintenance and/or condition of any building, premises, property or vehicle regarding which an incident arises which involves the release or threatened release of hazardous materials on or about said building,

premises, property and/or vehicles to immediately contain and control such hazardous material and undertake and complete a total cleanup of the area in such a manner as to insure that all leakage, spillage or other dissemination of hazardous material is fully removed and the area is fully restored to its condition prior to the placement, leakage, spillage, or other dissemination of such a hazardous material.

Section 4 - Failure to Remove and Clean Up

In the event the owner, operator, occupant, or other person responsible for the operation, maintenance and/or condition of any building, premises, property or vehicle regarding which an incident arises which involves the release or threatened release of hazardous material on or about said building, premises, property and/or vehicle, fails to remove in a timely manner, hazardous materials after an emergency response involving hazardous materials or comply completely with the above Section, Hawes Township shall have the right to enter onto said property and remove and conduct a cleanup of all such hazardous materials either by government employees or by contractors and agents of said government. Prior to engaging in such clean up, Hawes Township shall make diligent efforts to notify the owner of its duty to abate said emergency. All cost associated with such containment, control, removal, and cleanup are in addition to the costs associated in the following Sections are to be reimbursed in like manner.

Section 5 - Liability for Expense of an Emergency Response

A. Person(s) responsible: The owner, operator, occupant, or other person responsible for the operation, maintenance and/or condition of any building, premise, property or vehicle regarding which an incident arises which involves the release or threatened release of hazardous materials on or about said building, premise, property and/or vehicle shall be required to reimburse Hawes Township for all expenses of an emergency response to said hazardous materials incident.

B. Charge against person: The expense of an emergency response shall be a charge against the person or corporation liable for the expenses under this ordinance. The charge constitutes a debt of that person under contract, express or implied.

C. Cost recovery schedule: Hawes Township shall, by resolution, as soon as possible after an emergency response, adopt a schedule of the costs included within the expense of the emergency response. This schedule shall be available at the office of the township clerk for inspection by the public.

D. Billing: Hawes Township may, within ten (10) days of receiving itemized costs, or any part thereof, incurred for an emergency response, submit a bill for these costs by first class mail or personal service to the person or corporation liable for the expenses as enumerated under this ordinance. The bill(s) shall require full payment within thirty (30) days from the date of mailing or service of said bill upon the responsible person.

E. Failure to pay: Any failure by the person or corporation described in this ordinance as liable or responsible for expenses of an emergency response to pay said bill within thirty (30) days of mailing or service of the bill shall constitute a default on said bill. In the case of default, Hawes Township shall have the right and power to add all emergency response costs to tax and collection of real property taxes against said property or premises. Hawes Township shall also have the right to bring action in a court of competent jurisdiction to collect said costs if the township deems such action to be necessary.

Section 6 - Severability
 If any section, subsection, clause, paragraph or provision of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such adjudication shall

only apply to the said portion thereof adjudicated invalid, and the full remaining portions or parts of this ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7 - Publication

The township clerk shall publish this ordinance in the manner required by law, including notice that a complete copy of this ordinance is available at the office of the clerk for inspection by the public.

Section 8 - Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective one day after a published notice of approval by the Hawes Township Board of Trustees.

This ordinance passed by unanimous vote of the Hawes Township Board at the regular meeting on June 8, 2010.

Pam Idema,
 Hawes Township Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

State of Michigan
 Probate Court
 Alcona County

Circuit Court-Family Division
 Publication of Notice of Hearing
 File No. 10-1546 NC

In the matter of Patrick Louis Jean Pierre Levesque, a minor.

Take notice: A hearing will be held on July 22, 2010 at 9 a.m. at the courthouse, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. before Judge Laura Frawley P39644 for the following purpose: Legal name change of above named minor to Patrick Riley Eller.

Date: June 28, 2010
 Petitioner: Clinton R. Eller
 P.O. Box 142
 Harrisville, MI 48740
 (989) 724-7056

State of Michigan
 Probate Court
 County of Alcona
 Notice to Creditors
 Decedent's Estate
 File No. 104825 DE

Estate of Betty L. Smith
 Date of birth: May 3, 1931

To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Betty L. Smith, who lived at 3042 Brodie Road, South Branch, MI 48761 died January 10, 2010.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Joan M. Rattray, 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 25, 2010
 David H. Cook P40560
 5466 M-72
 P.O. Box 585
 Harrisville, MI 48740
 (989) 724-5155
 Joan M. Rattray
 407 Plum Street
 Wyandotte, MI 48192

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MITCHELL TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Mitchell Township Board June 14 meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Supervisor Murnock. Members present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, clerk Warren Cross, treasurer Kevin Small, trustees Linda Lay and Vito Soranno. Also present: Fire chief Mike Lay and planning commission chairman Tim London. Public presence: Wilbur Wildfong. Minutes of May 10 regular meeting were approved as presented. May financial reports approved as presented. Soranno/Murnock: To authorize the payment of \$1,077.86 to the Michigan Township Association for annual dues. Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Small/Murnock: To authorize the clerk to send \$276.09 to the United States Treasury for

a penalty regarding late payment of withholding taxes. Motion carried. Public comments: None. The next board of review meeting will be held at noon on July 19. Chief Lay reported three medical runs for May. A delivery date for the new pumper has not been established but is available for inspection by any interested parties. Truck 12-1 has been serviced and inspected. The chief is in the process of setting up CPR classes. The planning commission met on June 9 and reviewed the comments of the board regarding the draft of the proposed zoning ordinance. Changes to the ordinance were made where appropriate and the commission voted to send the revised document to the town-

ship board for adoption. Zoning administrator's monthly report was accepted as presented. The flag at the Curran Cemetery, donated by the VFW is missing. Murnock/Small: To direct the clerk to purchase 500 feet of 5/16 inch halyard for the cemetery and township hall flag poles. Motion carried. Supervisor Murnock reported the Trask Lake Road project has been put on hold until Millen Township sees the results of the road millage renewal proposal from the August 3 election. Supervisor Murnock reported that the barn quilt sign had been hung on the township hall. Lay/Soranno: To authorize the clerk to expend \$75 for test deck creation by KCPS for the August 3 primary election. Motion carried. In old business - Cross/Murnock: To adopt Resolution 2010-8 "revised zoning ordinances". Roll call vote. All ayes. Motion carried. Cross/Lay: To authorize the clerk to prepare, and have printed and folded, 1,000 brochures regarding the capital improvement millage for insertion in the summer tax bills. Motion carried. In new business - Cross/Lay: To accept the resignation of planning commission chairman Tim London with regret. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 8:39 p.m. The next regular meeting is August 9 at 7 p.m. Gregory C. Murnock Sr., Supervisor Warren Cross, Clerk

LEGAL NOTICE

Notice Pursuant to MCL 600.3205a(4)

Notice is hereby provided to Brian L. Mahalak and Debra Mahalak, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter borrower) regarding the property located at: 1391 M-72 W., Barton City, MI 48705-9733. The borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the mortgage servicer and/or mortgage holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1302. The borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Web site or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or at (866) 946-7432. If the borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated

above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from June 24, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after June 24, 2010. If the borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the borrower abides by the terms of the agreement. The borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Date: June 30, 2010 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 File No. 329920F01

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 active military duty. Albert Menter, a single man has defaulted on a mortgage for the real property known as: 3762 East F-30, Mikado, MI 48745. This notice is to inform you that you have the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. Paul Sharkady has been designated by them as the person to contact who has authority to determine your eligibility for a mortgage modification. Albert Menter 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 Hous-

ing Development Authority at (866) 946-7432. That if Albert Menter 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 Albert Menter and the designated person reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if Albert Menter abides by the terms of the agreement. Albert Menter has the right to contact an attorney. You may contact the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer referral service (800) 968-0738. Dated: June 30, 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. 10041286

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SALES

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July 2, 3, 4, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Hubbard Lake Road (two miles north of M-72) queen bed, books, household, clothes.

Garage sale 605 US-23 one mile north of Harrisville, Friday-Saturday 9 a.m.-4p.m. Household items, infant-adult clothing, bike carrier, toys, lots of miscellaneous.

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Barton City Eagles 4141 and Auxiliary Bingo - Saturday night. All paper, Michigan Progressive, quickies 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. No smoking room available.

Bingo - Every Wednesday in Mikado Civic Center. Early bird at 6:30 p.m., air conditioned. Mikado Area Development.

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. New members needed and always welcomed. All proceeds to charity.

A.C.C.O.A. Bingo - Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Senior Center. All paper games, Michigan Progressive, two jackpots, cookiejar. Non-smoking area provided. Proceeds to ACCOA senior programs. A239401C.

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BIDS WANTED

Invitation to Bid - North Country Community Mental Health is requesting bid proposals for professional auditing services for fiscal years ending September 30, 2010 through September 30, 2012. The request for proposal would include financial and compliance audits for North County Community Mental Health and its affiliates, AuSable Valley Community Mental Health and Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority. The bid packet will be published on the North Country Community Mental Health Web site at www.norcoomh.org after July 1, 2010 or can be requested by contacting Deanna Yockey, financial analyst at (231) 439-1279 after July 1, 2010. North Country Community Mental Health reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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Foreclosure Notice

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jeremiah T. Wolfrom and Nichole Van Doran Wolfrom, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., mortgagee, dated April 26, 2007, and recorded on May 4, 2007, in Liber 441, page 780, Alcona County records. Said mortgage was assigned to RWPO II, LLC by an assignment of mortgage which has been submitted to the Alcona County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred eighty-one thousand five hundred forty-three and 78/100 (\$181,543.78) including interest at the rate of 6.00000 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 vendue, at the place of holding the Circuit Court in said Alcona County, where the premises to be sold or some part of

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

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 vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on July 7, 2010. Said premises are situated in township of Alcona, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 6, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Block 81 of Lost Lake Woods, a subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 59-61 and 63, Alcona County records. Except all oil, gas and other minerals underlying the surface and the right to remove the same. 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 9, 2010 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 296045F01 6-6, 6-16, 6-23, 6-30

them are situated, at 10 a.m. on July 7, 2010. Said premises are situated in the township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Unit 9, White Pine Reserve Condominium, according to the master deed recorded in Liber 339, pages 1,415 through 1,459, both inclusive, and any amendments thereto; Alcona County records and designated as Alcona County Condominium Subdivision Plan No. 1, together with rights in common elements and limited common elements as set forth in the above master deed and as described in Act 59 of the Public Acts of 1978, as amended. Commonly known as: 190 Viola Lane. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: June 9, 2010 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for RWPO II, LLC 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Case No. 100MI00427-1 ASAP No. 3595310 6-9, 6-16, 6-23, 6-30

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,

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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

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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 Bonnie J. White aka Bonna J. White, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, mortgagee, dated June 6, 2007 and recorded June 12, 2007 in Liber 442, page 1,075, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-nine thousand five hundred seventy-one and 85/100 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 vendue at the West en-

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

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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.

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 vendue 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

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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 6-9, 6-16, 6-23, 6-30, 7-7

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 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 502-1400 File No. 550.0031 ASAP No. 3610568 6-16, 6-23, 6-30, 7-7

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 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 502-1400 File No. 310.7475 ASAP No. 3612217 6-16, 6-23, 6-30, 7-7

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) 593-1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 321155F01 6-23, 6-30 7-7 7-14

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ing for their help to pay for the fireworks display. In 1984 there were fireworks again and a tradition was born – asking the community to help raise money for the annual celebratory event.

In 1984, according to Carol's records, the fireworks cost \$1,478.20. In 1985, 38 businesses and individuals donated money for the show; in 1986 43 donated. And, the number of contributors and donations has grown each year from area businesses, local governmental entities and individuals from the area, downstate and out-of-state. So much so that the fireworks display this year costs \$18,000.

Harrisville's "Mom and Pop" of fireworks came to Harrisville via Mt. Clemens, Mich. before they purchased the former Spens Pharmacy on Main Street near the traf-

fic light on US-23. Their new business became Richard's Pharmacy and their first days as owners were over Labor Day weekend in 1974.

Richard received his degree from Ferris State University and had worked at various pharmacies prior to working for himself. Carol worked for seven years as a stenographer for Fisher Body before their children were born.

They have four children, Denise (Geoff) Pavay of Alto, Mich., Steve (Sarah) Sella of Gaylord, Mich., Adrienne Sella of Madison, Wisc. and Maureen (Rick) Villalobos of Harrisville. They also have seven grandchildren.

It wasn't long after they were in business for themselves that Richard became involved in the Harrisville Lions Club. He was also one of the founding members of the

Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce – the only founding member still on the membership rolls. During the first 10 or so years of the chamber's existence Richard was very active. He was also a member of the Harrisville Harbor Commission and its treasurer for 26 years.

While he was running the pharmacy and helping in the community, Carol was raising their young children. When they all got into school she began working at the pharmacy developing the gift portion of the business by purchasing items and setting up displays, and for awhile purchasing for other areas of the pharmacy as well. She also supported Richard in various community endeavors – many times working side-by-side with him.

"On Friday and Saturday nights – (in the late 1970s and 1980s) we'd get a babysitter and work the Lions chuck wagon down at the harbor," Richard said. "That was our night out." The chuck wagon was set up during the fall salmon season and members operated it 24 hours a day, seven days a week selling food to fishermen who flooded the harbor. At the time "it was the sole source of income for the Lions Club," Richard said.

One of his favorite past-times – one that he was hooked on early in his involvement in Harrisville – was shooting off the fireworks on the Fourth of July. According to Richard, he helped John Pridnia Jr. and a group of men the first July after purchasing the pharmacy. "It gets in your blood," Richard said. After the chamber took over the fireworks, they were moved from the recreation area to the harbor, where for years a group of volunteers would take the barge out to the break wall and shoot them off from there.

The group, Richard said, became very dedicated to the cause. "It was a loose knit group. I called them (each year) for awhile. Then they started calling me telling me they would be available."

In 2000 or so, the chamber decided to hire a professional pyrotechnics company to conduct the display, thus increasing the pressure to raise more money each year – due to the cost of professionals handling the "shooting."

Carol's job, as the fireworks committee, consists of handling the advertising and publicity for donations, collecting the donations for the chamber, keeping the records, writing personal thank you notes to donors and publishing the annual thank you which lists all the donors.

"I used to sit at the store at night after we closed and type letters," Carol said. Her committee of one has, for the last 10 years now, become a committee of two with the assistance of her daughter, Maureen Villalobos.

Richard likes to joke that



Richard and Carol Sella were married on July 10, 1965. They met at the Sheridan Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, Mich. during a party for the senior class in pharmacy school at Ferris State University. Carol's twin brother, who was in the class with Richard, introduced them. "We started writing letters to each other, then dated and a year and a half later, married," Carol said.



Richard and Carol Sella enjoying time on the beach in August 1983. *Courtesy photos.*

the annual tradition of their tandem efforts for the fireworks "was the only time in our marriage where she raised the money and I burned it up."

While Carol claims she just supported Richard in his involvement, she has been very involved in several projects that have interested her. She, along with Becky Stratton, Jackie Conklin and Ilona Breitmeyer founded the Sunrise Side Wine and Food Festival in 1994. Although, Carol is quick to point out that the other women were the driving force behind the event, she "just" decorated for the event each year.

"She loved that aspect of the wine fest," Diana Zografos, a former member of the Sunrise Side Wine and Food Festival said as she remembered Carol's involvement. "The decorations were always beautiful and classy. Carol is the type of person who, when she says she is going to do something, she

does it. It's done on time and done beautifully. She is very dependable and efficient."

Carol didn't leave her decorating talents to just one event either, she worked as hard outside Richard's Pharmacy as she did inside – during the summer she spent countless hours planting flowers and decorated the exterior of the store year 'round. That summertime effort continued for many years when she planted flowers in barrels along Main Street in Harrisville – a self appointed beautification person.

For 20 years she planted flowers at the harbor. "The harbor commission paid for the flowers and I planted them," she said. "I wanted the harbor to look nice. It is a focal point of our community." The hostas that surround the trees in the upper harbor parking lot came from the first home she and Richard shared when they moved to Harrisville.

Neither Carol nor Richard will take much credit for the time they've given to the community. "You see things that needed to be done and you did them," Richard said of his involvement with the chamber and the group of individuals he worked with in the community. "We had a lot of fun." Carol said the appreciation and compliments she's received over the years is what kept her going. "They appreciated what I did. That is enough for me."

The Sellas are settling into retirement from their business – their son-in-law, Rick Villalobos, purchased the business in February and Richard is working there part-time now. Carol has been easing out of the business for the last seven years, but has still been working on the projects that are dear to her heart – like the fireworks.

She is very quick to point out that none of their efforts in regard to the fireworks would be successful if it weren't for the "outpouring of support from the people that donate money. It wouldn't be what it is if it weren't for them."

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Harrisville State Park initiates new bicycle rental program

Harrisville State Park in Harrisville has initiated a new bicycle rental program for the 2010 season.

With the opening of the new Alcona County Heritage Route multi-use trail, park staff realized they could assist park visitors with exploring this trail if the park had a bicycle rental program.

The trail is a three-quarter mile, paved multi-use trail leading out of the park, which connects to the remainder of the trail leading into Harrisville. The program is designed to offer a service to both park campers and day users.

Children and adult bicycles are offered at \$15 each per day. A five percent discount will be offered for all rentals after the first day, up to seven days. All rentals for eight or more days will receive a 40 percent discount. Safety helmets are also available with each bicycle rental, or park visitors are welcome to bring their own helmets.

All proceeds will be used toward park improvements, events held at the park and other programs to make Harrisville State Park an enjoyable place to visit.

"We are hoping this service will allow our campers and park visitors the opportunity to 'GO-Get Outdoors', enjoy the park, enjoy the trail and the Harrisville area," explained Harrisville State Park supervisor Dan Mullen. "It will also allow our campers the availability of bicycles without having to pack their own, which will help save space while traveling."

Anyone interested in more information about the bicycle rental program at Harrisville

State Park, or would like to reserve bikes ahead of time, contact the park at (989) 724-5126, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Harrisville State Park is located one-half mile south of the M-72 and US-23 intersection in Harrisville. For more information about the park, events at the park, or accessibility, contact the park supervisor at (989) 724-5126 (TTY/TDD711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired), or visit www.michigan.gov/harrisville.

Camping reservations can be made online at www.midnrreservations.com, or by calling the central reservation system at (800) 447-2757.

"GO-Get Outdoors" is a series of continuous, special events designed to encourage all people, especially families, to take advantage of the many outdoor recreational opportunities that are available in this great state. For a list of events taking place at Michigan state parks, recreation areas and boating facilities, visit the Get Outdoor Calendar at www.michigan.gov/dnrgetoutdoors.

All motor vehicles entering a state park or recreation area must display a 2010 Motor Vehicle Permit, available for purchase at the park entrance or on-line through the Michigan E-Store at www.michigan.gov/estore. Cost is \$24 for a resident annual and \$6 for a resident daily. A non-resident annual is \$29 and a non-resident daily is \$8.



Despite the wet weather, volunteers and nature enthusiasts enjoyed a microscopic view of pond water at Sprinkler Lake's Passport to the Arts event "A Day at Sprinkler Lake." (From left) Kay Travis, Sandra Kindt, Don Krejcarek and Harriet and Charles Flanders. Photo by Willy Weber.

Residents can prevent nuisance bear problems

Each year in the late spring and early summer, wildlife officials in northern Michigan receive many calls about bears hanging around and even destroying man-made food sources such as bird feeders, trash cans and grills, and this year has been no exception according to officials from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE).

"At this time of year, bears are on the move and are looking for food," said DNRE wildlife technician Bill Rollo. "They are hungry after spending months hibernating, plus yearling bears are leaving their mothers and looking for

new territory as the adult bears prepare for the upcoming breeding season. Dispersing bears can travel long distances and may find themselves in unfamiliar areas where they have to look for food on their own for the first time."

When conditions are dry, as they have been throughout the northern Lower Peninsula and the entire Upper Peninsula in recent months, bears are more likely to resort to finding food in unnatural places, such as residential back yards.

"The majority of the complaints we receive about nuisance bears this time of year involve a food source," Rollo said. "Bears are very food-motivated and have a good sense of smell. Birdseed is easy for them to find and is a high-energy food. Once discovered, they will keep coming back to the bird feeder until the seed is gone or the feeder has been removed."

Hungry bears are also attracted to trash cans, burn barrels, livestock feed, pet food and outdoor grills. To reduce the potential for attracting bears and habituating them to humans, Rollo recommends that any potential attractants be removed until the bear has moved on.

"People are sometimes hesitant to take down their bird feeders, but bears that are rewarded with food each time they visit a yard may eventually become habituated," Rollo said. "Habituated bears are not necessarily dangerous, but they can become a nuisance by visiting the yard during the day or causing damage to private property."

With limited budgets and low staff numbers, wildlife division staff members are unable to respond to each nuisance bear complaint, and instead ask that everyone do their part to help reduce potential food sources in their yards first before calling for further assistance. The trapping of nuisance bears is only authorized by DNRE wildlife officials in cases of significant property damage or threats to human safety.

Anyone experiencing problems with nuisance bears, who has taken the appropriate action to remove food sources for a period of one to two weeks but has not seen results, should contact the nearest DNRE office and speak with a wildlife biologist or technician for further assistance. For more information, go to www.michigan.gov/wildlife.



Ken Schram (second from left) and John Stender (right) of the American Petroleum Institute presented a check for \$1,000 each to Hubbard Lake Fire Chief Wes Thiem (second from right) and Sanborn Fire Chief Dale Hart (left). The donation was to show appreciation for the fire departments protecting the personnel and equipment of the oil and gas industry in the area. The American Petroleum Institute (API) is the only national trade association that represents all aspects of oil and natural gas industry. The API is involved with a wide variety of outreach activities and causes from improving our local communities to supporting various charities.

The Garden Bug

1 tsp. liquid soap + **Soda** + **Beer**

Compost brew
Mix one 2-liter bottle of soda, one can of beer and one teaspoon liquid soap. Spray on your compost pile to help it feed beneficial bacteria and fungi in the pile.

Source: www.thegardenforums.org, www.hgtv.com/landscaping/composting

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Softball, baseball wrap up season with banquets

By Dan O'Connor
Sports Writer

On June 15 the Alcona softball program held its season ending banquet at the Harrisville Harbor.

The Lady Tigers ended the season by giving out several awards -- Tiger of the Year was given to Meaghan Olger; Offensive Player of the Year was awarded to Nicole Wilt; Defensive Player of the Year was given to Katie Buresh

and Coach's Award was given to Kaitlyn Dennett.

The Lady Tigers had three players recognized for all-district awards: Megan Miller, outfielder; Meaghan Olger, player at large; and Katie Buresh, pitcher. Alcona was also awarded the team sportsmanship designation for the district.

Also on June 15 the Alcona baseball program closed its season by hosting a sea-

son ending banquet at the Alcona High School Cafeteria.

Team members were given awards and certificates of participation. Academic All-District was awarded to Alex Cole, Michael Briseno and Jeremy Stoner. The most improved player on the team was Jeremy Stoner while the most valuable player was Jason Dellar.

The Tigers also had two players named to the all district team: Infielder Alex Cole and pitcher Jason Dellar.

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Organization Notes

VFW Post No. 6754

Ladies Auxiliary

The June 2010 meeting was held with 13 members in attendance. Sandy Light served as conductress in Verina Stevens' absence. The regular business meeting was conducted. The treasurer, Erma Wyers, advised that the auxiliary has 88 members and that 34 members have already paid their dues with nine still unpaid.

Nine residents of Lincoln Haven played bingo with assistance provided by Pat Eller, Erma Wyers, Cathy Carrievau, Bill Alstrom, Chuck Gauthier and Dale Stevens. President Kathy Vichunas will take a donation for the cancer booth at the state convention held at the Hyatt Regency at the end of the month.

Eleven members gathered at Rosa's Restaurant on May 13 for an enjoyable dinner and fellowship. On May 29, memorial services were held at the gravesites of Angeline Couture, Hazel LaBonte and Alma Tacia with six members in attendance.

On Memorial Day, 13 auxiliary members and 15 post members conducted services at the gravesites of post members in the Hubbard Lake Cemetery and Pleasant View Cemetery; followed by services in Barton City. The Barton City post provided the luncheon which was well attended.

President Vichunas gave an update on the Senior Awards Ceremony at Alcona High School held May 5. The auxiliary gave a scholarship to Brandon Scott as well as one to Maggie Nelson, granddaughter of Hazel LaBonte.

It was determined that the maps of the cemeteries showing the gravesites of our auxiliary sisters must be updated. Several members will work on this project later this summer. Francis Ziesman suggested that some practice is needed for carrying the color bearer flags at memorial services. Mary Ann Seymour gave a short history of the origin of "Taps."

The next meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, July 6.

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Senior Lifestyles

Financial assistance for Medicare Part D Beneficiaries

Dear Savvy Senior,

In one of your recent columns (what healthcare reform means for seniors) you wrote that seniors with a Medicare prescription drug plan could get a \$250 rebate check when they hit the donut hole. I've just hit it! What do I need to do to get my check and how long will I have to wait?

Need Help

Dear Need,

One of the key benefits for seniors in the new healthcare reform law is improved coverage for Medicare Part D beneficiaries.

This year, seniors who have a Medicare Part D prescrip-

tion drug plan are automatically eligible to receive a one-time \$250 rebate check if they hit the "donut-hole" coverage gap and are not already receiving Medicare "Extra Help." Medicare expects around four million Part D beneficiaries will actually hit the donut hole in 2010.

The donut hole begins after you reach \$2,830 in total prescription-drug spending and extends until your total drug costs for the year reach \$6,440. Within that gap, you generally have to pay the bills out-of-pocket. After that, your Part D plan usually covers 95 percent of your remaining drug costs for the year.

Again, you just need to reach the donut hole to qualify for the rebate. You don't have to spend \$250 within the coverage gap first. And you don't need to fill out any forms to get your check. Medicare will automatically send it when you reach the donut hole - you should receive it within 45 days. To make sure there are no delays, you may want to call your drug plan once you've hit the donut hole, to make sure they've notified Medicare of your eligibility. If you don't get your rebate check, call Medicare at (800) 633-4227.

The government also wants to warn seniors about possible con artists who may try to take advantage of the government rebate. If someone calls you claiming to need your personal information, like your Medicare or Social Security number, or bank account so they can process your Medicare rebate check, don't give it to them. It's a scam. Just hang

up the phone, and call 800-MEDICARE to report it.

You also need to know that starting in 2011, Medicare Part D beneficiaries that hit the donut hole will receive a 50 percent discount on brand-name drugs and a seven percent discount on generic prescriptions. After that, beneficiaries will pay a smaller portion of their drug costs in the donut hole each year until 2020, when they have to pay just 25 percent of those costs.

Also starting next year, individuals who earn more than \$85,000 (or \$170,000 if married filing jointly) will have to pay a high-income surcharge for Part D Premiums, as they do for Part B.

Another change to be aware of is Medicare's expanded prescription drug benefit to low income seniors (this is not part of healthcare reform). Changes in the law have now made it easier for about one million more seniors to qualify

Savvy Senior

for "Extra Help" in paying their Medicare drug coverage.

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Under the old law, applicants had to include the value of life insurance policies in calculating their assets. They also had to include as part of their income money received on a regular basis from relatives and friends to help pay household expenses. Under the new law, life insurance policies are no longer counted as assets and money received to help pay household expenses is not counted as income. To find out if you qualify call Social Security at (800) 772-1213 or see ssa.gov/prescriptionhelp.

(Send your senior questions to: SavvySenior, 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.)

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Complaint Statistics

Traffic	5	Car/Deer	7
Property Damage Accident	4	General Assistance	3
False Alarm	4	Burglary	1
Domestic	2	Animal	7
Patrol Check	1	Open Door	1
Found Property	2	911 Hang Up	1
Larceny	2	Malicious Destr. of Property	1
Fraud	2	Suspicious Person	2
Well Being Check	2	Suspicious Activity	1
Juvenile	3	Warrant Arrest	4
Assault	2	Civil	1
Loud Music/Party	2	Operate Under Infl. of Drugs	1
Treats	1	Attempted Burglary	1
Animal Bite	1	Harassment	1
Property Check	1	Miscellaneous	1
Fireworks	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	4	Caledonia	5	Curtis	6
Greenbush	9	Gustin	2	Harrisville	5
Hawes	5	Haynes	4	Mikado	5
Millen	4	Mitchell	2		
Harrisville City	15	Village of Lincoln	1		

Gardening safely with pets

By Mary Weber

When Carol Park of Harrisville saw her precious miniature eight pound poodle, Buddy, in the backyard eating her heirloom fern leaf

peony she was concerned. But when the dog started showing signs of sickness, her concerns turned into major fear and she headed immediately to the vet's office.

It's a good thing she did. Within two hours Buddy's heart rate was 180 and his liver enzymes were five times normal. The situation could have become fatal for the dog had she not gotten him to the vet quickly. Luckily, with the vet's care, Buddy lived through the ordeal.

This upsetting event sent Carol and I to the computer for answers and a more comprehensive list of toxic plants. What we gathered was a monumental amount of information.

Numerous Web sites gave lists of toxic plants, but we never found one all inclusive list. The ASPCA Web site alone lists over 400 toxic plants, many are perennial and annual favorites in Alcona County including:

Alcona's Backyard

azalea's, castor bean, clematis, daffodil, ivy, ferns, foxglove, honeysuckle, hyacinth, hydrangea, iris, lily of the valley, morning glory, narcissus, philodendron, tulip, water hemlock, wisteria, yucca and yews as well as many vegetable plants.

The peony Buddy ate was not listed on that site, even though it was incredibly toxic. This taught us an important lesson; just because a plant isn't listed as toxic doesn't mean it is safe for every pet.

The toxicity of a plant varies, it may be the whole plant that is toxic or as in the tulip and narcissus, it may be just the bulb that contains the most toxins. Tulip and nar

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Carol Park enjoys play time with her two dogs Happy (left) and Buddy. Photo by Willy Weber.

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Employability skills include such attributes as respect, responsibility, working independently, organization and following directions.

All Year Perfect Attendance

Hannah Kovachevich, second grade.

3rd Trimester Perfect Attendance

Kindergarten: Sarah Hodraj, Carter Kruse, Gabby Nedwash, Shane Nowiski, Lyzabeth Pike, Jade Stadler and Serenity Webster.

First grade: Alize Brown, Kayla Cleary, Owen Franklin, Justice Hale, Caleb Nagel and Cameron Skuse.

Second grade: Dylan Aquino, Robert Ball, Dustin Goff, Ashley Hardee, Kristian Hesling, Sabrina Hodroj, Robert Host, David Janis III, Matthew Johnson, Maxwell Kane, Hannah Kovachevich, Chance Kruse, Shelby Kuebler and Alyssa Pike.

Good Attendance

Kindergarten: Rhea Amrich, Lewis Axline, Delaney Ellis, Hunter Gerow, William Goff, Addyson Hesling, Hunter Kubik, Jonathan Langley, Shamus League, Megan Myles, Joseph Rizzotto, Gavin Sivrais, Rhiannon Sivrais, Timothy Trumble, Brooklyn Webster, Savannah Webster and Michael Wrona.

First grade: Andrea Bickel, Austin Birkenbach, Nakayla Daugherty, Madison Davis, Brooke Farlo, Cameron Fulton, Logan Gerow, Taylor Griggs, Emily Hanson, Sean Hardee, Dennis Harman III, Emma Przybylinski, Sophia Rayes, Alivia Rogers, Anna Roy, Wyatt Sturk and Kaitlyn Tebby.

Second grade: Tyler Amrich, Gabriel Beach, Adam Bowser, Lashay Bradford, James Bradford, Aaron Carter, Harmony Flanagan, Kaleb Foster, Joe Garrison, Justin Grant, Elias Gutierrez, Gabe Kellstrom, Lauren Langley, Harley Leeseberg, Sydney Lopez, Nicholas Miller, Natasha Morang, Alexis Odell, Connor Parsons, Michael Rohde, Deann Sands, Brody Story, Russell Yang, Anna Yates and Ian Yax.

All Year Great Employability Skills

Kindergarten: Alexis Anderson, Lewis Axline, Ashton Brown, Rylee Brown, William Davis, Kimberly Domerese, Colin Ellis, Delaney Ellis, Michael Gepfrey, Makenzi Gresham, Kaylin Griggs, Sarah Hodraj, Ashton Janis, Jonathan Langley, Olivia Leland, Olivia Lepine, Trevor Miller, Constance Novinski, Sydney Petty, Lyzabeth Pike, Rhiannon Sivrais, Michael Stepp, Lillian Taylor, Anna Tebedo, Kaleigh Thomas, Olivia Toppi, Hailey Watson,

Brooklyn Webster and Hanna Webster.

First grade: Andrea Bickel, Owen Franklin, Lauren Griggs, Taylor Griggs, Carson Harger, Isbel Hulverson, Nanette Kincaid, Taryn Nordin, Emma Przybylinski, Lauren Richards, Anna Roy and Joey Sexton.

Second grade: Dylan Aquino, Robert Ball, Jacob Barnes, Sarah Barnett, Katrina Behm, Tristann Bennawy, Holly Boulan, Chase Brabner, Breana Carroll, Katy Earegood, Harmony Flanagan, Joe Garrison, Dustin Goff, Justin Grant, Tristan Grommon, Kristian Hesling, Sabrina Hodroj, Raylee Hofacer, Matthew Johnson, Gabe Kellstrom, Hannah Kovachevich, Shelby Kuebler, Lauren Langley, Lena Lee, Kaleb Leech, Harley Leeseberg, Sydney Lopez, Angelica Loucks, Brayden Mallak, Devin Matthews, Michaela McLennon, Ryan Merrick, Natasha Morang, Connor Parsons, Alyssa Pike, Michael Rohde, Deann Sands, Lanie Stacy, Bryant Stecker, William Stecker, Avery Uller, Chawna Welch, Latonya Whitburn, Elijah Williams, Isaiah Williams, Russell Yang and Anna Yates.

3rd Trimester Great Employability Skills

Kindergarten: Rhea Amrich, Alexis Anderson, Lewis Axline, Andrew Benton, Ben Berenkowski, Ashton Brown, Rylee Brown, Yisrael Calderone, Melissa Cronkright, William Davis, Kimberly Domerese, Robby Earegood, Colin Ellis, Delaney Ellis, Brandon Ellison, Michael Gepfrey, Makenzi Gresham, Kaylin Griggs, Emma Hayden, Sarah Hodraj, Chelsey Holmes, Ashton Janis, Jonathan Langley, Anthony Leech, Olivia Leland, Olivia Lepine, Katlyn Martin, Trevor Miller, Megan Myles, Gabby Nedwash, Constance Novinski, Sydney Petty, Lyzabeth Pike, Aiden Post, Stacie Preston, Nicole Rohde, Maddie Schimmer, Arieiana Sivrais, Rhiannon Sivrais, Alex Shomo, Rhiann Soderquist, Jade Stadler, Nevaeh Stailey, Michael Stepp, Lillian Taylor, Anna Tebedo, Kaleigh Thomas, Oliva Toppi, Timothy Trumble, Hailey Watson, Hanna Webster, Brooklyn Webster, Serenity Webster, Austin Whisenant, Michael Wrona and Brooklyn Zastrow.

First grade: Ty Aron, Aiden Backstrom, Charles Beard, Andrea Bickel, Austin Bichenbach, Lola Booterbaugh, Lakita Bradford, Frankie Crowder, Jessica Fox, Logan Gerow, Taylor Griggs, Justice Hale, Emily Hanson, Isabel Hulverson, Macy Kellstrom, Gavin Lueck, Gavin Misiak, McKenna Mochty, Madelyn Nogle, Taryn Nordin, Alexis Post, Emma Przybylinski, Lauren Richards, Anna Roy, Sophia Rayes, Kaden Schlink, Dominic Shomo, Sarah Smith, Michael Stepp and Kaitlyn Tebby.

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Gardening

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Pets that chew on rhododendron, yews, peony and lily of the valley, could be in serious health trouble as ingestion could cause significant gastrointestinal irritation, cardiac failure and death.

In addition to watching out for toxic plants, it is extremely important to use caution when designing and caring for your landscape. Newer trends in landscaping include interesting mulches and water features. Many types of mulch have toxic chemicals added to them. Cocoa mulch can be fatal to dogs. Water features including small ponds may be beautiful, but they can become extremely dangerous to pets and children that play beside them. Be careful not to leave your dependent loved ones by themselves near any water feature -- it doesn't have to be deep to become deadly.

Even dogs that are great swimmers can succumb in a small amount of water. Algae growing in the water (includ-

ing lake water) can also be toxic to your pet. Always use caution with pesticides, weed killers and fertilizers that may have toxic components.

There are, in fact, so many plants and landscaping products that are harmful to pets, that when designing our yard my husband and I chose to have a yard within a yard to keep our three crazy canines happy and healthy.

A yard within a yard can be any area that incorporates a separate fenced section for pets or children to play in an environment that keeps them safe and away from the dangerous, but beautiful, plants that decorate and enhance our summer.

Fencing comes in all sizes, designs, colors and price -- it can be as elaborate as a stone

wall with iron railing or as simple as wood picket or wire farm fence or any combination, as long as it gets the job done. Remember the size, weight and persistence of your pet when picking out fencing. Many agile dogs are able to scale chain link fence or stretch it out to roll under.

I prefer fencing our dogs can see through so they can watch us, which doesn't make them feel isolated when we are busy working in the garden. Make sure the pet yard has plenty of shaded areas and that it has flooring that is cool and comfortable.

A yard within a yard provides countless other benefits for your pet and garden -- it keeps pets from digging or trampling delicate plants and your pets won't be def-

ecating in the garden. Most dogs are den loving animals and they will grow to love and appreciate their safe and secure area.

Gardening with pets can be tricky, but with common sense, a beautiful landscaped area for both can be achieved. Make every day of your summer beautiful and remember your pets are counting on you for protection. Keep everyone in your family happy and healthy for many summers to come.

(Mary Weber, born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit, moved to Alcona County in 2005 with her husband, Willy when he retired. Life in the north woods, away from city life, presents new experiences with nature on a daily basis...and they love every minute of it.)

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The members of the River Aux Sables chapter are involved with putting together a quilt for our wounded soldiers, as during transport to hospitals they are often placed on gurneys without

blankets.

Four of our ladies are assembling the quilt squares -- Ricki LaBounty of Tawas, Carley Klumpp of Pinconning, Mich., Betty Barringer of Standish, Mich. and Jaye Martz of Gladwin, Mich. Others were instrumental in purchasing material or donating for the purchase of material for this quilt, making it a chapter event. The squares were laid out for the ladies at the meeting so they could see how the project was progressing.

The National Society Daughters of the American Revolution is a nonprofit,

charitable organization, founded in 1890 and incorporated by an act of the United States Congress in 1889. Membership in the society is open to any woman 18 years or older, regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background, who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution. The DAR functions as a volunteer service organization and is dedicated to patriotism, education and historic preservation.

While DAR supports a strong national defense, it is not a political organization, nor does it lobby. Its mem-

bership includes women from Republican, Democratic and independent political parties; women from all races and ethnic backgrounds; and women from ages 18 to 100 plus.

DAR is often assumed to be primarily conservative because of its long-standing support for the U.S. armed forces. Since the Spanish-American War of 1898, the Daughters have sponsored projects and donated funds to help the military personnel on active duty through sending care packages to troops abroad to pensioning nurses who served in the first

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Because the DAR is a women's organization, we are equally as involved in women's issues, education, and the rights of children and women. In the early 1900s DAR members founded

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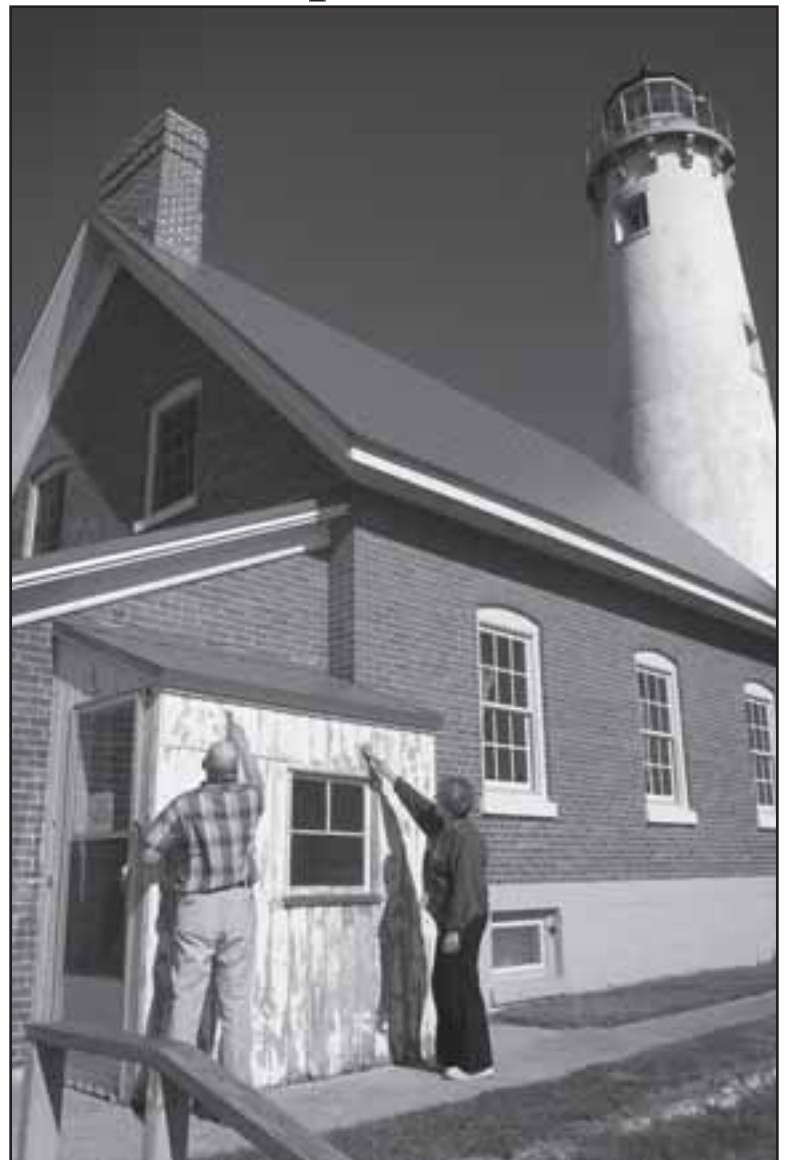
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Through the Tawas Point Keeper Program, regular folks apply to be a keeper for a week, usually Friday to Friday. Peggy Allen, a Michigan Department of Natural Resource and Environment (DNRE) historian at Tawas Point, coordinates the program. Allen welcomes and trains the keepers in everything from the history of the lighthouse to where to find the lawnmower. The keeper's primary responsibilities are to greet guests and tell the history of the light, but it often goes much further.

Keepers quickly adapt to wearing many hats, from tour guide to gardener to window washer.

"Some of our keepers are teachers on break for the summer," Allen said. "Others are retirees. We create the week's chore list to match their skills and interests."

The current light is the second lighthouse at Tawas Point. The first was built in



Mary Sue Turner Livingston and her husband, Bob, scrape the paint off the porch to the living quarters of the lighthouse.

1852, but because of prevailing northeast winds off Lake Huron, the point gradually stretched in a southwesterly

direction. By 1876, shifting sands had deposited nearly a mile of land between the light and the end of the hook, and a new lighthouse was built farther out onto the point.

During that time period, keepers had to refuel the light every four to six hours and perform nearly all their own maintenance on the light, tower, dwellings and the property. Keepers made sure that everything was clean and tidy; they kept journals indicating what chores were completed that day, notes about the weather and ships that had passed by. Among the keepers' journals from Tawas, Samuel C. Palmer wrote on May 23, 1898: "Washed kitchen and painted some — took me 'til half past six to do the job. Wife helped all day."

The last official lighthouse keeper closed the doors in 1953 when the light was automated. In 2001, the DNRE took ownership of the buildings and began restoring the 70-foot tower and dwelling. Two years later, the tower, with its 85 steps to the top, was opened to the public.

In 2008, the 2,100 square-foot keepers' dwelling was renovated. The first floor of the keepers' dwelling was furnished to show visitors what it would have looked like when official lighthouse keepers called it home. The second floor has modern conveniences for today's keepers, complete with a microwave and modern refrigerator.

Though keepers today don't maintain the actual light — that job is shouldered by the U.S. Coast Guard — keepers are typically busy all day. They, too, keep a journal of their days' activities, making it easy to draw parallels between keepers of the 1800s and keepers of the 2000s.

One keeper in 2008 wrote:

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Ricki LaBounty, regent for River Aux Sables Chapter and Jaye Martz, chairman of media and publicity committee, hold up squares made by all four ladies. *Courtesy photo.*

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schools for underprivileged children in rural areas of the Appalachian Mountains. The focus on education has grown and today, DAR provides funding for special schools for abused children, children with learning disabilities, and Native American children.

Historic preservation is one of the three major objectives of the society. People and events throughout America's history have been remembered with monuments, trails, memorials, etcetera from coast to coast by the Daughters of the American Revolution. Long before environmental issues were a concern, the Daughters spon-

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"Washed the insides of the windows and swept away spiderwebs — a never ending job I'm sure!" Other pages clearly show the duties have changed; an entry in 2009 reads: "We had approximately 140 visitors tour the lighthouse today, with the farthest guest coming from Germany."

It's certainly not all work and no play though. The lighthouse closes to tours at 6 p.m. and the keepers often head to town to treat themselves to a nice dinner, go for a walk along the trails, or just sit in the top of the tower and watch wildlife.

"One couple made sandwiches, brought them to the top of the tower and ate dinner while they watched a deer," Allen said.

Allen points out that there are two shipwrecks visible from the tower — the May Queen, wrecked in a snowstorm in 1859, and Table Rock, which ran aground or struck a sandbar during another storm in 1872. Visitors can wade into the water to get a closer look, but are not to touch or remove anything.

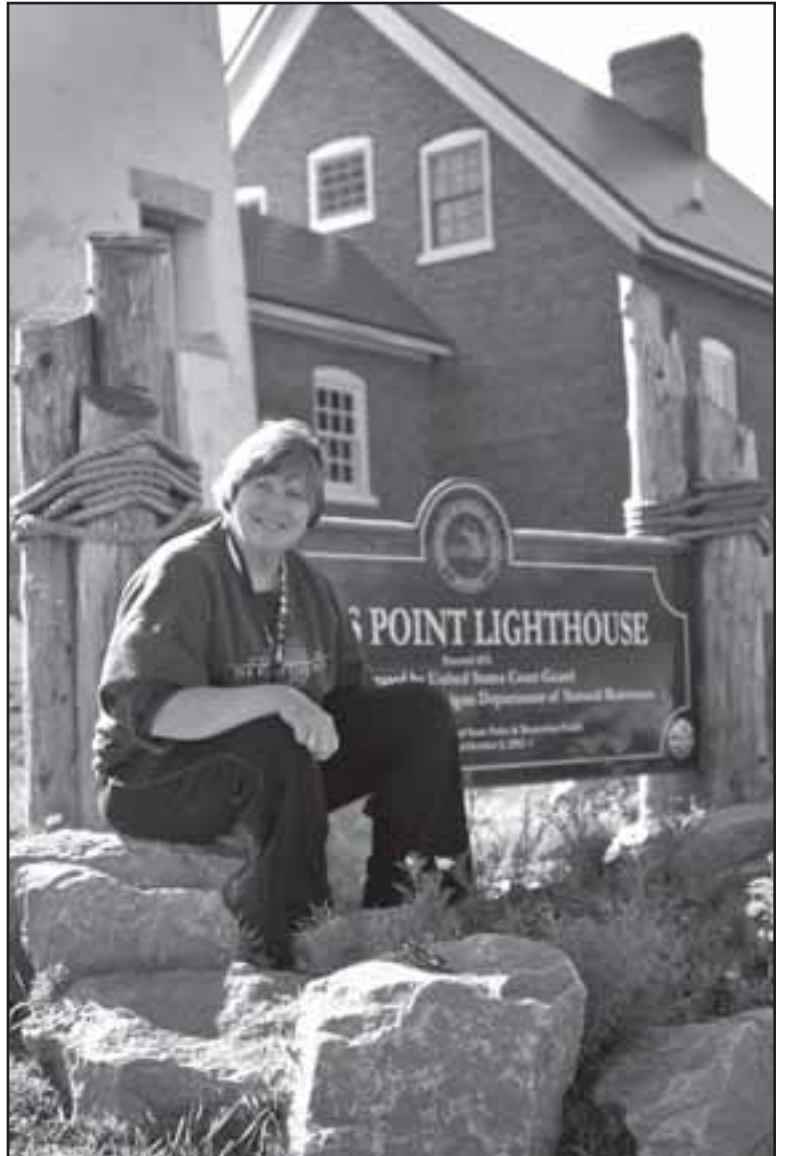
"It's one of the few places where you can see a shipwreck and all you really need are water shoes and a mask," Allen said.

(Editor's Note: This feature story was provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment as an aspect of "Showcasing the DNRE" program, which promotes the importance of conservation in Michigan.)

Mary Sue Turner Livingston weeds the flower bed near the lighthouse. She is a retired music teacher and her husband Bob is a retired Ford employee. They will celebrate their wedding anniversary soon.



Christopher Stanley, 7, and his brother Matthew, 4, get an up-close view of the Fresnel lens as light keeper Bob Livingston from Berkley, Mich. explains how the light assists ships navigating Lake Huron. Christopher and Matthew were staying in the campground with their grandparents while visiting them from Pinsonfork, Ky. *Photos by David Kenyon, Michigan DNRE.*



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The above are risk factors for CKD. If you checked off any of them, you may be at risk for CKD.

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Dr. Jim Weeks, a radiologist at Alpena Regional Medical Center, said the problem with kidney disease is that it is very common, yet there are often no warning signs and up to 50 percent of patients with significant renal insufficiency have no idea they have it.

"Risk factors for renal disease include age (over 70), hypertension, diabetes, non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications, diuretic use and nephrotoxic medications such as vancomycin and aminoglycosides," said Weeks. "What we offer for renal evaluation falls into structure, function and dialysis management."

Weeks, and his colleague, Dr. Brad VanAssche, use nuclear medicine, ultrasound technology, as well as CT and MRI, when necessary, to evaluate kidney function. They treat 86 patients on active dialysis.

According to the National Kidney Foundation, 26 million Americans have CKD, but many don't know it.

The leading causes of CKD are diabetes and high blood pressure. Diabetes increases pressure inside the kidney's filters. Over a period of time, this pressure damages the filters, which then leak protein into the urine. High blood pressure, or hypertension, means that the pressure of your blood against the walls of your blood vessels increases. If left untreated, hypertension can lead to CKD, heart attacks and strokes.

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