

Ask Your Neighbor

Joan Crick of Harrisville has a question for readers: "In the late 1940s and early 1950s, the Village of Lincoln held drawings on Saturday nights. I remember what the tickets looked like and know that you received them when you purchased something at a store in Lincoln. (I was a kid then.)"

"Anyway, my parents, Paul and Agnes Boucher, won money twice which was a very big deal at our house. I think there may have been gifts or gift certificates given as well. I am curious to know how the prize money was funded and whether the amount of tickets you received was tied to how much you spent. I do know downtown Lincoln was pretty exciting on Saturday night. I'd appreciate any information."

This is an interactive column. Questions and answers come in written form from readers. To submit a question or answer, send it to the Alcona County Review at P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; via e-mail to: editor@alconareview.com; by fax: (989) 724-6655 or drop it at the 111 Lake Street, Harrisville office. The name, address and telephone number of the person who is submitting the item is required in order for it to be considered for publication and possible follow up.

No questions asked during prescription drug drop off

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Residents will have an opportunity to do a little spring cleaning of their medicine cabinets this weekend.

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department will be "taking back" unwanted, left-over and expired prescription drugs on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison explained this is an opportunity for folks to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding their homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused and unwanted prescription drugs.

"This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue," Atchison said. "Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse and abuse. The rate of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. is alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs. Studies show that a majority of abused prescription drugs are obtained from family and friends, including from home medicine cabinets."

There is also the potential danger of homes being targeted because of prescription drug use by people residing there. "We've arrested people who have broken into homes specifically to steal prescription drugs," Atchison said. "This is a free service we are providing that is also anonymous - no questions asked. Folks can come in, open their pill containers and dump the pills into the box. We will not have any personal information because they take the containers with them when they leave."

Atchison explained the program is sponsored by the

sheriff's department and the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and it was something he found being utilized by surrounding counties. Last September, Americans turned in 242,000 pounds - 121 tons - of prescription drugs at nearly 4,100 sites operated by the DEA and more than 3,000 state and local law enforcement partners.

The sheriff's department is located at 214 W. Main Street, Harrisville. For more information about the program, contact the Alcona County Sheriff's Department at (989) 724-6271.

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Four candidates on ballot for May 3 school election

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Alcona County voters have a selection of four individuals vying for two four-year term seats on the May 3 Alcona Community Schools Election ballot.

They will also be asked to fill one partial-term seat that is open to write-in votes.

Incumbents Mark Feldhiser and Kathleen Himick have each filed for re-election to the board. Steve Yokom and Matthew Mead are also seeking the four-year terms.

As of the filing deadline last Friday, three candidates had filed for the partial-term seat which ends on June 30, 2012. The write-in candidates are: Linda Kay Champagne

of Harrisville; Eric L. Dunckel of Harrisville and Velma M. Myers of Barton City.

Current board member Roger Wenzel is not seeking re-election.

The following is information about the candidates running for the two four-year seats:

Mark Feldhiser has lived in the county more than 30 years and resides in Spruce. His two children attend Alcona Community Schools. He has served both full and partial terms on the board and serves as its current president. He has also held various offices with the Lincoln Lions, served for many years as president of the Alcona County Baseball and Soft-

ball League and has coached youth basketball for several years.

Feldhiser decided to run for re-election to the board because, "As much as anything, (it is) just a feeling of duty and community responsibility. I have always been a community minded person, and serving on the board of education is the best way to serve our students and community," he said. "I want to help our board and school system through this period of transition. We have been through some tough times, with more likely to come. I think my experience and dedication will be an asset as we move forward to face these challenges. I definitely would like to continue my commitment to this cause."

If elected Feldhiser said he isn't interested in a particular issue. "I think that is where some people make mistakes. Seeking election to the board of education should not be based on wanting to address a specific issue or to serve a special interest. What I would like to do is continue to make decisions and policies that provide our students as a whole with the best opportunity to leave Alcona with a total educational experience that prepares them for whatever the next step may be.

"We need to do what is best for our total student population while maintaining fiscal responsibility. Given our current and upcoming financial status, this will not be easy, but it is the challenge that we need to face and manage. I think we have a very good system in place and need to work to maintain it the best we can.

"I think I have been a very dependable, focused and dedicated member of the board of education. I have served on many subcommittees and attended regional meetings. I fully intend to keep working hard for the students of Alcona Community Schools," Feldhiser said.

Kathleen Himick has lived in Alcona County for 29 years, most recently in Harrisville, and has served several terms on the board of education since 1999. Over the years she has served as the board's treasurer.

She has four children who graduated from Alcona Community Schools and has a grandson also attending the school district.

She decided to run for re-election to the board because "I am very happy with the group of people on the board and feel that we all work well together. "We definitely have a struggle ahead of us with the economy and declining

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Does often leave newborn fawns unattended for long periods of time to minimize scent in an attempt to keep predators away. Review file photo.

Leave wildlife in the wild

As spring brings the season for wildlife to give birth, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources reminds Michigan residents to resist the instinct to try to help seemingly abandoned fawns or other baby animals.

"The truth is, the animal doesn't need help - even if a fawn appears to be abandoned, its mother is almost always nearby," said DNR wildlife biologist Sherry MacKinnon. "We appreciate the good intentions of those who want to help, but the animals are better off left alone than removed from the wild."

MacKinnon said it's not uncommon for does to leave their young unattended for up to eight hours at a time, an anti-predator mechanism that minimizes scent left around the newborn animals. "The same holds true for rabbits, ground-dwelling birds and other wildlife," she said. "Even avian parents will continue to care for hatchlings that have fallen from a nest."

The DNR advises that:

- Many baby animals will die if removed from their

natural environment, and some have diseases or parasites that can be passed on to humans or pets.

- Some "rescued" animals that do survive become habituated to people and are unable to revert back to life in the wild. It is illegal to possess a wild deer in Michigan, and every day a deer spends with humans makes it that much less likely to be able to survive in the wild.

- Eventually, habituated animals pose additional problems as they mature and develop adult animal behaviors. Habituated deer, especially bucks, can become aggressive as they mature, and raccoons are well-known for this, too.

"If you know of a deer or other animal that has been orphaned, early in the year - for example, if a doe is dead nearby - please call your local DNR office, they can refer you to a licensed rehabilitator," said MacKinnon. "Licensed rehabilitators are trained to handle wild animals and know how to release them so that they can survive in the wild."

Obituaries

Patrick T. Stone

Patrick Thomas Stone, 70, of Port Huron, Mich. died on Sunday, April 17, 2011.

He was born August 18, 1940 in Harrisville to James and Pearl (McCullough) Stone.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1958-1960.

Mr. Stone is survived by two brothers, Paul Stone of Port St. Lucie, Fla. and James Emerson of Northville, Mich.; two sisters, Jacqueline Bogle of Ypsilanti, Mich. and Arvilla Michaud of Lansing, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has taken place and a private memorial was held.

Darrell P. Barlow

Darrell P. Barlow, 97, of Barton City, died on Friday, April 15, 2011.

He was born January 9, 1914 in Harrisville to John M. and Birdie (Quance) Barlow.

He attended Mt. Joy School. He learned the trade of carpentry and worked for 15 years at various jobs.

In 1937 he married Beulah M. Perkins.

In 1952 he was hired as a carpenter, first at Buick and then at Chevrolet in Flint, Mich. He retiring from Chevrolet at age 67.

In 1988 he married Doris K. VanZee Calhoun.

Mr. Barlow loved working the land and bringing in the crops on his family's farm on North Lakeshore Drive north of Harrisville. He was especially fond of his raspberries and apple orchard. He worked the land until he was 94 years old.

Mr. Barlow is survived by two sons, Richard (Cathi) of



Harrisville and Walter W. Jr. (Gayle) of Durand, Mich.; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and four step children.

He was preceded in death by both of his wives.

There will be no memorial served and cremation has taken place. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Raymonde Weber

Raymonde "Jackie" Weber, 87, of Mikado died on Tuesday, April 19, 2011 at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

She was born in Paris, France to Claude and Rose (Borghesi) Fenet on August 3, 1923.

She lived in France until she married Andrew Jay Weber on June 16, 1945 and moved to the United States. They bought a home in Warren, Mich. and lived there until 1963 when they moved to Fort Myers, Fla.

She returned to Michigan in June 2004 to live in Mikado.

Mrs. Weber is survived by one daughter, Donna (Dennis) Baker; two grandchildren, Dennis (Natalie) Baker Jr. and Jennifer (William) Johnson; three great-granddaughters, Reese Baker, Carlie Johnson and Allie Johnson; her best friend, Ethel Bryant; and special "nieces and nephews," Nancy Roll, Diana (Ken) Brashaw, Robert (Dorothy) Zizilman,

Rick (Bonnie) Zizilman, Jenny (Sean) Wheatly and Susan (Mike) Ostrander.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew, on August 20, 1985; and one nephew, John Roll, on September 20, 2010.

A private funeral will be announced at a later date.

Interment was in Ft. Myers Memorial Gardens in Ft. Myers, Fla. Funeral arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

On Tuesday, May 3, we have the opportunity to cast our vote to elect two members to the Alcona Community Schools Board of Education. There are four candidates for the two, four-year seats on the school board.

Regardless of your choice, it is vitally important that you vote. With the major cut-backs that are being projected and are already in place for our public schools in our state, we need the best and most creative minds at work

for us to continue to guarantee our children the best education we can give them.

As voters, we have an additional opportunity to renew two millage proposals, Proposition 1 and Proposition 2. These propositions are just that, a renewal of existing millage funding. As indicated in last week's article in the Alcona County Review (page one) concerning these propositions, Superintendent Shawn Thornton explained, "We are basically asking to continue doing what we're

doing. This is not an increase for non-homestead property owners."

The lyrics to an old song say, "you can't have one without the other," so both propositions must pass to be implemented. Without the passage of this renewal, our children will have a 60 day school year for 2011-2012.

We need to ask ourselves if this is the legacy we want our children to inherit? We that could... didn't.

Barbara Pierce
Harrisville

To the Editor,

Recently, a few patrons have criticized the Alcona County Library Board's decision to seek expert advice regarding what the board can and cannot do while a union organizing campaign by the Teamsters Union is going on. While these patrons want the library board to go without expert advice, the Teamsters have their own expert advice provided by their office.

Any person that is summoned into a legal proceeding like that should seek expert advice and it would be foolish not to.

While accused of passing out an "anti-union" handout, a "fact sheet" was authorized by the board to be made avail-

able to all employees for their own information. Library employees should have all of the facts as they decide how to vote on whether or not to join a union, especially in matters of contracts, pay raises, new benefits, et cetera.

As a matter of public record, library employees have received pay raises yearly which have kept them competitive with other library systems, and somewhat higher than local jobs. They remain capable and friendly to our patrons. Let it also be known that our director's salary is commensurate with other local professionals, notwithstanding requiring a master's degree in library science, and her accomplish-

ments during her tenure here have been many.

The library continues to serve its patrons with timely activities meeting the needs of both young and old.

We need to talk to one another and work together on making the library the best it can be, rather than create the kind of us vs. them atmosphere that seems to happen when an outside union gets involved. I hope that our employees and the community will understand that.

Regardless of the final vote, as chairman of the library board, I will encourage continued support for our staff.

Pam Kersten,
Chairman
Alcona County
Library Board

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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
	April 17	37		30	0.06	2.6
April 18	38	28	0.00	1.6	20	NE
April 19	39	27	0.35	10.9	27	ENE
April 20	37	32	0.61	10.9	39	NNE
April 21	47	31	0.01	2.4	17	NW
April 22	44	32	0.00	4.8	16	S
April 23	57	36	0.16	10.8	28	SE

	Precipitation Summary (Inches)		
	2010 - 2011		Normal
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Water Content
Weekly Total	1.19	2.3	0.56
April to Date	4.04	3.9	1.75
Year/Season to Date	6.48	69.0	6.99

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

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

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

Sewing with Jennie Anderson at the Alcona County Senior Center in Lincoln from 2 to 4 p.m.

Kindergarten round-up for the 2011-12 school year in Alcona Community Schools will take place at the elementary school building. Parents of children who will be five by December 1 should call the school at (989) 736-8146 to schedule an appointment.

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

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at the Greenbush Township Hall at 4 p.m.

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will meet at the Alpena Holiday Inn at 11:30 a.m. Speaker will be Wendy Servia from Lutheran Home Care. Reservations and payment in advance. Call Chuck at (989) 727-3350 or Frank at (989) 595-2789 for more information or reservations.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Scott Samotis will share his knowledge on renewable energy at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 4 to 5 p.m. Free and open to the public.

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

The 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.

The Pine River VanEtten Lake Watershed Coalition will meet at the Greenbush Township Hall at 10 a.m.

St. Joseph Health System is hosting a Women's Health Initiative event from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the East Tawas Community Center. Breakfast will be served. Attendees will have the opportunity to be pampered with massage therapy, hair care, facial waxing and more. Educational booths offering information

on a variety of health issues will be set up. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$15 which includes lunch. For more information, call (989) 362-9404.

The Alcona County Emergency Management and Amateur Radio Group are sponsoring a free Skywarn Training Severe Weather Program at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS/EOC building on M-72. Event is open to the public - refreshments served - no registration required. For more information, call Stan at (989) 724-5550.

The Alcona varsity track team is holding a spaghetti dinner/bake sale fundraiser from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Alcona Elementary. Cost is \$5 per person.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

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.

Spend an evening at the Shoreline Players Theater with the cast of "Catfish Moon", a heart-warming comedy. Ticket cost is \$10 or Dinner and a Show tickets are \$25 available at Tait's Bill of Fare. Curtains open at 7:30 p.m. The theater is located next to the Robert Parks Library on the former air force base in Oscoda and is handicapped accessible.

The Huron Shores Chorus will perform a tribute to the tenth anniversary of 9/11 at 7 p.m. at the Oscoda Methodist Church.

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

A benefit dinner and auction will be held for Candace Fulsher at the Mikado Civic Center. A dinner of all-you-can-eat spaghetti for \$5 per person will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. - live auction to follow. Donations may also be mailed for Candace in care of Kristin Hoffman, 2051 S. F-41, Mikado or may be picked up by calling Michelle at (989) 255-3098 or Sandy at (989) 335-5146.

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The Alcona County MSU Extension will sponsor the annual "Let's Get Growing" garden show at the APlex, 701 Woodward Ave., Alpena from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. For more information,

call (989) 354-9870.

The Alcona Farmers Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the garage at the US-23 site.

The Alcona Conservation District will hold its 2011 Spring Tree Sale from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the garage behind the building located at 320 S. State Street (US-23). Fruit trees, hardwoods, conifers and small fruits will be available.

The Twelfth Annual Family Fun Fair will be held at the Oscoda High School from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Families with young children are invited to attend free of charge. There will be crafts, activities, magic shows, face painting, door prizes, free lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and much more.

The Alpena Auxiliary of the United States Coast Guard will hold a class on personal watercraft safety at 9 a.m. at the Alpena Coast Guard station, 202 Park Street, Alpena. Pre-registration is required by calling (989) 356-1656. Leave name, date of birth and call back number if no answer. Registrants should go to www.boat-ed.com/mi/index.htm to study the course or may pick up a copy at the station.

Region 7B Consortium and MichiganWorks! will host the annual Oscoda-AuSable Community Showcase & Business Expo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oscoda Community Center. This event is free to the public.

SUNDAY, MAY 1

The Huron Shores Chorus will perform a tribute to the tenth anniversary of 9/11 at 3 p.m. at the Tawas Presbyterian Church.

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The AuSable Oscoda Historical Society's 12th annual fundraising dinner will begin at 4 p.m. at Wiltse's Family Restaurant in Oscoda. Ticket price is \$20 per person and

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NOTICE

Millen Township has contracted C & S of Alpena for dust control for their residents for the 2011 summer season. The township will pay 38¢ per ft, up to 300'. All paid receipts must be turned in to the clerk by Sept. 30, 2008 for reimbursement.
Gwen Cox
Millen Twp. Clerk

4-20 & 4-27



ACCEPTING BIDS

Alcona County Board of Commissions is accepting bids for the sale of the following vehicles:

2006 Chevrolet Impala/4door
VIN: 2G1WS551569361914
Mileage: 190,754
Minimum Bid: \$1,000

2006 Chevrolet Impala/4 door
VIN: 2G1WS551X69361035
Mileage: 210,047
Minimum Bid: \$1,000

Bids should be made individually on the vehicles. They will be sold "as is" by cash, certified check or money order. Vehicles must be picked up within 15 days of sale notification or a \$50/day storage fee will be assessed. Vehicles can be seen at the north parking lot of the Alcona County Building. Sealed bids will be accepted until 4 p.m. on Monday, May 16, 2011 at the Alcona County Clerk's Office, 106 5th St., Box 308, Harrisville, MI 48740.
The Alcona County Board of Commissioners reserves the right to accept, or reject, any or all bids.

We would like to take this time to thank all area businesses and private individual that donated and participated in the 3rd Annual DDA Village of Lincoln Easter Egg Hunt:

Lincoln Haven • Lincoln Pharmacy • Alcona Motors Inc. • Lincoln Outdoor Center • Fick & Sons Propane/Marathon • Gillies Funeral Home • Alcona Animal Clinic • Iron Skillet • Byce Realty • Huron Community Bank • The Backwoods Bistro • Our Place • Kohler's Flowers • Cole's Appliance • John's Home Maintenance • The Depot • Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union • Cozy Cabin • Curves • Phil the Barber • Ankner's Upholstery • Kris Mart • Alcona Humane Society • Coach Craft • Anonymous Donor • Jean Whitford • Hillman Extrusion Tool, Inc. and Alcona Tool Inc. • Northern Precision • Lincoln Precision • Rex Manning and his sound system • DDA • Viking Energy Plant • Lincoln Lions • Brian & Shayna Engelhard • Homes Septic Service • Alpena Health Center Dental • Oscoda Health Center Dental • Miller Office and Machine • National Junior Honor Society and their advisor Brande Ellsworth.

Because of you we had an incredible Easter Egg Hunt for the Children of Alcona County. We had a great turn out, and every child left with a gift.

As we have told you before, we are very proud to belong to such a caring and generous community, without you we would not have been able to put on such a successful event. Just the smiles on all of the children's faces said it all, they had a great time. A Thank you also goes to those individuals that volunteered their time to help out at this event; we couldn't have done it without all of you.

Thank you Again,
Teresa Hart, Activities Director
Naomi Potter, Assistant Co-chairman



Local Notes

Senior Menu

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

• Monday, May 2—Baked chicken, scalloped potatoes, green beans, cranberries and fruit.

• Tuesday, May 3—Pork roast with gravy, buttered parsley noodles, peas and carrots, pickled beets and fruit.

• Wednesday, May 4—Chicken Alfredo over fettuccini, Prince Charles blend vegetables, green fluff salad and fruit.

• Thursday, May 5—Beef enchiladas, Mexican rice, Santa Fe salad, tossed salad, fruit and ice cream.

• Friday, May 6—Fish almondine, hash browns, broccoli, coleslaw and peaches.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Business Expo

The annual Oscoda-AuSable Community Showcase & Business Expo will be held on Saturday, April 30 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Oscoda Community Center in Oscoda. The event is free to the public and is expected to showcase approximately 100 Iosco County businesses. Expo visitors will also have a chance to learn about Iosco

County's blend of service and retail businesses, as well as its non-profit groups and organizations. Many will vendors provide games and giveaways, and door prizes will be drawn throughout the day.

This event is sponsored by Region 7B Consortium and MichiganWorks!, in conjunction with the Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce. For information on participating at the expo, call the Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce at (989) 739-7322

Performers Come Home

Thunder Bay Arts Council presents "An Alpena Homecoming - A Showcase of Local Youth" on Saturday, May 7 beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Alpena High School Auditorium. Returning home are five talents local youths to perform in concert. These five young musicians hail from the Alpena area and have pursued extensive careers in the musical field.

• Brad Beyer is an alumnus of Alpena Public Schools, and he began his musical training in the sixth grade on trumpet. He was a fully active member of the band program all through middle school and high school performing in concert jazz, pep, marching and several honors bands as well as competing at district and state solo and ensemble festivals. He completed his studies at Cornerstone University and is in his second year of teaching band and elementary music at Freedom Christian Schools in Hudsonville, Mich. He is

pursuing a master's degree in instrumental conducting from the American Band College of Sam Houston State University.

• Mary Bouchard, of Marquette, Mich., graduated last spring with a bachelor's degree in fine arts in musical theater from Roosevelt University Chicago College of Performing Arts. Some of her college credits include "Urinetown," "Starting here, Starting Now," "Jaque Breif is Alive and Well and Living in Paris," and many other showcases and performances.

• Ryan Fountain is a 2008 graduate of Alpena High School. He has performed in various honors ensembles. He spent two summers studying at Interlochen Art Camp in the All-State Orchestra. He has been a part of countless ensembles in the Alpena area. In the fall he will be starting his fourth year as a music education major at Michigan State University. At MSU he has performed in numerous ensembles which include: Concert band, symphony band, wind symphony, philharmonic orchestra, symphony orchestra and in The Planetears Brass Quintet - a scholarship brass quintet. He has also performed principal hornist with the Alma Symphony Orchestra.

• Chris Moors is a performer, teacher, and composer living in Champaign-Urbana, Ill. Moors has over 20 years of experience teaching students of all age levels throughout Michigan, Minnesota and Illinois. He has a bachelor's degree in music education from Central Michigan University, a master's degree in music from Michigan State University, and served as graduate assistant the University of Illinois while working on a doctorate degree in musical arts.

• Kaitlin Stark became very involved in dance, theatre, and music while growing up in Alpena. After graduating from Alpena High School in 2005, she attended Western Michigan University and obtained a bachelor's degree in choral music education. While at Western she sang with the WMU Chorale which gave her the chance to record with the professional choir Serophic Fire and tour in the Haydn Festival in Eisenstadt, Austria. At WMU she also studied classical music and opera, and taught for many community arts organizations. After graduating from WMU she taught elementary music in Parchment, Mich. and conducted children's choirs for the North American Choral Company in Grand Rapids, Mich. She is attending Oklahoma City University where she is working on a master's degree in music theatre performance.

Adult tickets for this concert are \$12 each and students are admitted free. Adult tickets may be purchased at Neiman's Family Market, LeFave Pharmacy, Alpena Alcona Credit Union, TBAC office and at the door that evening. For more information, call the TBAC office at (989) 356-6678.

Apiculture (from the Latin *apis*, "bee") is the maintenance of bee colonies by humans to collect honey and beeswax, to pollinate crops, or to produce bees for sale.

Hives have been kept by man since ancient times. Workers blowing smoke into hives to remove honeycombs are depicted on temple walls in Abusir near Cairo, Egypt, and inscriptions detailing honey production are found on the tomb of Pabasa in Deir-el-Medina. Sealed pots of honey were found in the tomb of Tutankhamun and other pharaohs.

8,000-year-old cave painting near Valencia, Spain

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number of student enrollment... "Until we know where the state is coming from - what they are going to give us and take from us - we can't really make any decisions... the teaching staff has done very well in helping (the board).

"We need to believe in this school system," Himick said. "We have a very good school system. We have an excellent teaching staff and administration. Kids keep coming here from other districts. I would put my kids through this school system again."

Steve Yokom has lived in Alcona County, in Harrisville, for 36 years. His three children attend Alcona schools. One of the original organizers of Recycle Alcona 18 years ago, he continues to serve on its board. He cofounded the Alcona Basketball Association seven years ago and recently stepped down as president. He has also coached AYSO soccer.

Yokom decided to run for a seat on the board of education because, "For quite a few years now our schools have been in financial trouble and I have watched as schools have tried to prioritize what is beneficial and necessary to developing our children and preparing them for college and work environment. In some cases, I feel that these priorities have not been aligned for the benefit of the children first. This is not necessarily the fault of specific individuals, but more of a culture change in our area and in our state. I just felt it was the right time for me to lend my support in trying to improve and maintain the quality of not only the education of the young people in our area but also the 'experience' that they have through their school years."

If elected to the position, Yokom does not have a specific agenda in mind. "My goal will be to study each and every aspect of the school budget and make motions and decisions based on one specific outcome - the absolute best education and experience we can provide to our students within the constraints that have been set upon us by financial situations. Some of these decisions may be quite out of the norm from previous years, but we must remember that in order for our community, our state and, ultimately, our nation to survive into the future, education absolutely must be the center of our decision making.

"In my opinion, the true definition of education cannot be based solely on numbers, percentages and grades. It must also be based on the character of our students that leave our school system and continue to college or enter the job market. Our society has put character behind too many other factors and being a manager of a local business for over 20 years, I can attest to the fact that character and work ethic play as big a role in the success of individuals as does numbers, percentages and grades. In some cases, even more than the aforemen-

tioned factors.

Yokom also added, "Whether I am elected or not, it is extremely important that individuals in the community, especially parents, become much more involved in the education of the children. This would definitely include attending school board meetings. I have been attending school board meetings as much as possible over the last couple of years and each time I am just amazed at the number of attendants who are not employed by the school. I would estimate that on average only about four individuals attend per meeting. If you have concerns, you must make an effort to attend. Consider it critical to your child's education and future.

"Lastly, I would like to say that as an Alcona Community Schools board member, I will commit to doing my very best to learn, ask questions, listen to the public and make the necessary decisions and actions to ensure this quality education and experience that we all want and deserve for our children," Yokom said.

Matthew Mead has been coming to the area for 41 years and has lived in Alcona County since 1992. He lives in Lincoln. He has a child and two stepchildren who attend Alcona Community Schools. He recently stepped down as the vice president of the Alcona Ath-

letic Association and has been involved with committees at Lost Lake Woods Club. Over the years he has coached youth football, soccer, baseball and basketball.

Mead said he is concerned that there isn't a counselor at the high school and decided to run for a seat on the board because he wants to ensure that students receive a quality education with the resources that are available. "It's tough with the present economy, but it is important that students get a well-rounded education. I also want to make sure the school district will continue to exist in the future," he said.

He said the school district "isn't going in the direction that it should and I think it's important to be involved - one of the people who are doing the hard work and making the decisions. I am pro kids, pro education and feel it's important to give our kids the best opportunity for their future."

With a sister and a sister-in-law who are teachers in other school districts, Mead understands the challenges that teachers face and how they are affected by the economy and the subsequent decisions made by a school board.

Mead said the most important thing voters can do in this election is vote. "There are a lot of important issues on this ballot. Please vote on May 3."

Writing Letters to the Editor

The Alcona County Review welcomes Letters to the Editor so readers can express their opinion or draw attention to issues.

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The City of Harrisville is accepting applications for summer help. The position is a 30-hour per week temporary position that involves mowing, trimming, and painting. A valid driver's license is required. Applications are available at the City Offices 200 5th St. 9 am-12 noon daily. Deadline for applying is noon Monday May 2 2011.

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April 20

Alcona Tool	133	77
Back Alley Bar	133	77
Ark Plumbing	113.5	96.5
Other Team	112.5	97.5
Stoney Acres	109.5	100.5
Cole's Appl.	106	104
Animal Clinic	106	104
JB's Auto	106	104
Alcona Abstract	98.5	111.5

High game: Tammy Hurt-Mendyka, 222.
High series: Mary Jackson, 554.
High handicap game and series: Tammy Hurt-Mendyka, 268 and 675.

Early Bloomers

April 19

Bluebells	219	165
Buttercups	215.5	168.5
Daffodils	202.5	181.5
Marigolds	201.5	201.5

Violets	182.5	185.5
Rosebuds	181.5	202.5
Tigerlilys	174.5	209.5
Mums	159	225

High game: Tammy Mendyka, 185.
High series: Linda Blumer, 518.
High team game and series: Tigerlilys, 490 and 1,354.

Women's high game: Jenny Buchner, 206.
Women's high series: Sue Weichel, 555.
Women's high handicap game: Kerry Armstrong, 260.
Women's high handicap series: Sue Weichel, 687.

He's & She's

April 15

Gamblers	132	78
Two and Too	126	84
Bluff or Bust	125	85
Hot N Spciey	119.5	90.5
An Attitude	108.5	101.5
Handicapped	82.5	127.5
Ballbangers	81.5	128.5
Bowler Up	65	145

Men's high game and series: Bob Goddard, 255 and 675.
Men's high handicap game and series: Bob Goddard, 270 and 720.

Sportsmans

April 21

Balls On Ya	23	130.5
Morgan Elec.	10.5	128.5
Top O' Mich.	17	126
Phil's Barber	19.5	125.5
Baymoor	28	119.5
Cole's Appl.	13	104.5
L.L.W. Club	7	79.5
Ghost Busters	2	26

High game: Dan Somers, 267.
High series: Harley Robinson, 695.
High handicap game and series: Dan Somers, 292 and 756.

How unsuspecting homeowners get scammed

The Better Business Bureau wants residents to be informed and protected against loan modification scammers with this information provided by Marietta Rodriguez, national director of Homeownership and Lending, NeighborWorks America.

Are you more likely to use a service recommended by a friend? Loan modification scammers bet you are. Word-of-mouth from friends or family is one way they connect with unsuspecting homeowners.

If you're a homeowner in the market for a loan modification, here are six signs you may be dealing with a scam artist:

- A company/person asks for a fee in advance to work with your lender to modify, refinance or reinstate your mortgage.
- A company/person guarantees they can stop a foreclosure on your home or facilitate a loan modification.
- A company/person advises you to stop paying your mortgage company and pay them instead.

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• A company pressures you to sign over the deed to your home or sign any paperwork that you haven't had a chance to read, and you don't fully understand.

• A company claims to offer "government-approved" or "official government" loan modifications.

• A company/person you don't know asks you to re-

lease personal financial information online or over the phone.

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INVITATION TO BID LAPTOP/DESKTOP CLASSROOM COMPUTER SETS

The Board of Education of the Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for laptop/desktop classroom computer sets. Sealed bids will be received until **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 19, 2011**. All bids will be opened and ready publicly at that time at:

Oscoda Area Schools
Board of Education Meeting Room
Oscoda Area High School
3550 East River Road
Oscoda, Michigan 48750

All bids must be sealed and clearly labeled on the outside of the envelope: **Laptop/Desktop Classroom Computer Sets Bid**. Bid specification packets are available at the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education Office located at 3550 East River Road, Oscoda, Michigan 48750, or by calling (989) 739-2033.

Bids received after 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 19, 2011 will not be accepted. Faxed proposals will not be accepted. Any questions should be directed to Susan Barnhart at (989) 739-2033.

Oscoda Area Schools reserves the right to waive any informalities in bidding, reject any or all bids, accept any bid when, in the opinion of the Oscoda Area Schools, such action will serve the best interest of the Oscoda Area Schools consistent with competitive bidding requirements.

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Five Generations

Great-great-grandfather Leroy Sands holds Rafe Sidaway during a family gathering with (middle, back row) Sharon Forsythe, great-grandmother, Sandy Sidaway, grandmother, and the baby's father, Travis Sidaway. *Courtesy photo.*

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Take notice that a Public Hearing will be held before the Village of Lincoln Planning Commission at the request of Ireta and John Vecchione Jr. for the rezoning of property located in the Village of Lincoln from residential to business, of the following description of said property.

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The purpose of request is for establishing a nursery business (the producing and selling of horticultural products and specialty items)

The Public Hearing will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Municipal Building (Fire Hall). Interested persons may appear and present objections to said change, or may speak in favor thereof at said meeting.

Tina Healey

Planning Commission Secretary

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to find adult day care

Dear Savvy Senior,
What can you tell me about adult day care for seniors? My 82-year-old father, who lives with us, has dementia and needs attention during the day while we're at work.
Looking for Care

Dear Looking,
Adult day care is a great and affordable option for caregivers who work, or those who just need a break during the day.

The business of adult day care has been growing by leaps and bounds in recent years. Just 30 years ago, there were only around 300 adult day care centers in the U.S. Today there are around 4,600 that serve an estimated 260,000 people.

As the name implies, "adult day care" provides care for elderly seniors who cannot care for themselves at home. While services will vary from center to center, they typically provide custodial care, meals, various activities and social interaction in a safe supportive environment. Additionally, many centers also provide health services such as medication management, various therapies, exercise and more.

Adult day care centers generally operate programs during normal business hours five days a week, although some centers may offer services in the evenings and on weekends, too.

Depending on where you live and the center you choose, adult day care costs anywhere from \$25 to \$150 per day (the national average is \$67/day), which is more affordable than hiring a home health aide which averages \$21 per hour nationally or \$168 for an eight-hour day. Unfortunately, Medicare does not currently pay for adult day care so your financial assistance options are either private long-term care insurance, or some states offer Medicaid waiver programs.

Your first step in shopping for an adult day center is to determine the kinds of services your father and you need, and can afford. After you do that, here are some tips to help you locate and choose a good provider:

- Finding a center: Start with your Area Agency on Aging (call (800) 677-1116 to get your local number), or local Alzheimer support groups (visit alz.org to search) for referrals. Or check your Yellow Pages under Adult Day Care or Seniors Services.

- Call: Once you have a list of a few centers, call them to find out their eligibility criteria, if they are accepting new clients, their hours of operation, if they're licensed and/or registered with a state agency (this is not required in all states), what they charge, and the types of services they provide.

- Visit: After you find a few

centers that can meet your father's needs and budget, go in for a visit. Find out about the staffing ratio (at least one staff member for every six participants is recommended) and what kind of training they have. While you're there, notice the cleanliness and smell of the facility. Is it homey and inviting? Does the staff seem friendly and knowledgeable? Also be sure to taste the food, and consider making an unannounced visit.

- Ask about transportation: Does the center provide transportation to and from the facility, or is transportation available through other sources, such as a local agency on aging.

- Inquire about discounts: Many centers also offer discounts if you prepay and register for multiple days per week.

- Ask for references: Talk to two or three families who have used the center you are considering.

Savvy Tip: The National Adult Day Services Association provides additional information on their website (nadsa.org) including links to state associations, a national database of adult day centers, and a seven-step guide to help you choose a day care provider.

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

Strength training is the real deal

Senior News Line
By Matilda Charles

A recent study at the University of Michigan has convinced me to get started at the gym again. It concluded that while muscle loss is to be expected with age, we don't have to accept it. Researchers even pinpointed exactly what we need to do to regain lost muscle tone and strength: resistance exercises, also known as strength training.

With strong muscles we can continue to climb stairs and mountains, dig in the garden and row a kayak into advanced years. With muscle loss we might experience shaky balance, falls and bone fractures — which can lead to loss of independence.

The study from UM's Physical Activity and Exercise Intervention Research Laboratory talks about how few seniors take part in strength training, and faults previous studies for not making it crystal clear just how great the benefit is. Maybe this is what has sent me back to the gym: the researchers' absolute certainty that resistance training can bring gains in

strength and development of lean muscle mass. They were even able to specify how much muscle we lose: nearly a half pound per year after the age of 50.

So, I made an appointment with a personal trainer at the gym. He was very young — but very smart: His first question was whether my doctor had approved my exercise plan. (Answer: yes.) Then he let me set my own initial weight levels on the machines and incorporated those into an overall plan of repetitions and sets for the next six weeks, at which time we'll review.

Even though many of us stop and restart exercise programs, the main thing is that we keep trying again, right?

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

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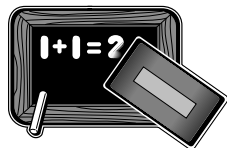
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- ✓ Alcona Community Schools Graduate
- ✓ Business manager 22 years in Alcona County
- ✓ Co-founder and President for seven years Alcona Basketball Association, Inc.
- ✓ Alcona youth soccer and basketball coach
- ✓ One of the original organizers and board member for nearly 20 years of Recycle Alcona County

"I would greatly appreciate your support and vote on Tuesday, May 3rd for Alcona Community Schools Board of Education"

Paid for by the candidate

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

There's a lot of debate these days as to whether Facebook is a good thing or a bad thing. Like most things, I suspect its a little of both.

In my case, it gives me a lot of joy - watching my great-nieces and nephews grow up, talking on a daily basis with friends I hadn't really seen since high school. And interestingly enough, sometimes getting to know folks who live just up the road.

That was the case with Candace Hall-Fulsher, a young woman I knew to say hello to, and not much else.

I knew she'd lost a daughter, a sentence that's almost unbearable even for me to type, and that despite that extraordinarily difficult time, she'd maintained her gentle sense of humor. I knew that because the first face-to-face conversation I had with Candy started with her saying "Hey! You stole my dog."

Turns out, Candy had been at the humane society the

day the police brought the dirty, tangled, big-eyed pup that would turn out to be my beloved Henri in. She was there when they had to shave him almost down to his skin and although she already had a dog at home, she told them "If no one takes that dog, call me. I'll come back and get him."

A day later, I met Henri and the rest is history.

So I knew she'd maintained her sense of humor, but what I didn't know, until I began reading her daily Facebook posts, was how she had retained her faith and her serenity. I found that admirable.

Plus, she makes me laugh. Because coffee beans are her favorite vegetable, for example. And she hates the snow and cold more than most of us. And she told wonderful stories of her goat, Nibbles, who somehow ended up with a broken leg and had to be taken to the vet on a regular basis for a while.

I discovered she homeschooled her youngest son and that her older boy was training to be a rescue diver. That she had a cadre of friends who obviously thought the world of her. That she cooked meals that made us all drool in the description. That she was the sort of friend who offered everything from a warm place when the power was out to the loan of her live trap.

I got to see when she painted her living room and when she adopted an adorable pug named Cooper to keep her older dog, Diesel, company. I discovered she was both a Baptist and a Republican - and who knew Baptist Republicans could be funny?

And her Facebook friends got to share her concerns when she started having some medical issues a couple months ago. As friends, both "real" and Facebook offered prayers and support, Candy went through a series of tests that ultimately resulted in a diagnosis of breast cancer.

All of that happened literally weeks after we'd sent our congratulations on her husband Mark's new job. A good thing, but one that resulted in their being between health insurance plans. His former employer has been generous enough to allow them to continue to purchase their existing coverage, but it's expensive.

Through the wonders of modern cell phones, we went along with Candy for her treatments at the Cancer Treatment Center in Chicago, Ill. where - in her usual upbeat, way - she sent pictures of the fish in the aquarium and the gardens outside and -- oh, by the way -- had surgery. She'll return there the

Puttin' On The Fritz

beginning of May for a second surgery and some radiation and chemo treatments.

So as I said, I've come to know Candy as one of those remarkable, incredibly strong, funny warm people who live within 10 miles of me and whom, without the Facebook account the young people in my life forced upon me, I'd probably never have known.

That's why I wanted to mention that this weekend (Saturday, April 30) Candy's friends will be holding a fund raising event to help defer her travel and medical costs at the Mikado Civic Center from 4 to 7 p.m. It will feature an all-you-can-eat spaghetti dinner (obviously, they don't know how much spaghetti Art can eat), a silent auction of some cool donated items, a dessert auction and a 50-50 drawing. And it will give those who know Candy a chance to wish her well in person. Donations can be made at (989) 370-7121.

I don't usually promote such things in this column, principally because in Alcona, where people help each other out on such a regular basis, I'd have one every week. But in this case, as I said, even though on a busy day I could probably walk right by her and not recognize the face, Candy's become a good friend.

A Facebook friend. And a courageous, funny, incredibly brave friend who deserves a long healthy life and a chance to enjoy her husband, her kids, her dogs and her silly goat (currently expecting a kid of her own). Just like all the rest of us.

So if you have a chance, stop by the spaghetti dinner. Or, if it's a bad weekend for you, send a check, or your prayers and good wishes by contacting the phone number above.

There are a lot of us out there in cyberspace who want Candy leaving us (laughing out loud) LOL for a long, long time.

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Super Crossword

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Study shows: Cost of owning and operating vehicle increased 3.4 percent

AAA released the results of its annual Your Driving Costs study recently revealing a 3.4 percent rise in the yearly costs to own and operate a sedan in the United States. The average costs rose 1.9 cents per mile to 58.5 cents per mile, or \$8,776 per year, based upon 15,000 miles of annual driving.

"There is an overall increase in the costs to own and operate a vehicle in the U.S. this year," said John Nielsen, AAA National Director of Auto Repair, Buying and Consumer Programs. "The 2011 rise in costs is due to relatively large increases in fuel, tire and depreciation costs as well as more moderate increases in other areas."

In-depth findings of this year's study, including a breakdown of specific costs for each category of vehicle and costs at different annual mileages may be downloaded at AAA.com/PublicAffairs.

The cost of tires had the largest percentage increase, rising 14.8 percent to 0.96 cents per mile on average for sedan owners. The rise in costs of raw materials, energy and transportation has led to notable tire price increases in recent years and 2011 is no exception. Also contributing to higher average tire costs is a trend by automakers to equip their sedans with premium grade tires as original equipment.

While several vehicles included in the Your Driving Costs study had increases in fuel economy, it was not enough to offset the rise in gas prices which caused fuel costs to increase 8.6 percent to 12.34 cents per mile on average for sedans.

The 2011 Your Driving Costs study began in December 2010 and calculated fuel costs when the national

average price for regular unleaded gasoline was \$2.88 per gallon at that time.

"The study is meant to provide an overview of the yearly costs involved in owning and operating a vehicle. Some of those costs can fluctuate greatly at different points during the year, such as what we have experienced since the middle of February with the price of fuel, however these figures can still be used to compare categories of vehicles," Nielsen said.

"AAA understands that higher fuel prices have many concerned, and consumers in the market for a new vehicle may want to be cautious and determine its operational costs based on higher fuel costs. To assist them, AAA provides a worksheet in the Your Driving Costs brochure that can be filled out to determine their personal costs for a specific vehicle," he said.

Depreciation continues to be the largest cost for vehicle owners, and yet it is frequently the most overlooked by consumers determining the cost of owning and operating a vehicle. The study found a 4.9 percent increase depreciation costs, averaging \$3,728 yearly for sedans driving 15,000 miles annually.

Both maintenance and insurance costs are lower in the study. Maintenance costs dropped 2.2 percent to 4.44 cents per mile on average for sedans, reflecting a trend by automakers to include some portion of scheduled maintenance in the purchase price and extending recommended maintenance intervals. All categories had lower costs for maintenance, but the minivan category had the largest drop with a 7.4 percent decline to 4.5 cents per mile.

Average insurance costs

for sedans fell 6.1 percent (or \$63) to \$968 yearly. Insurance rates vary widely with driver, driving habits, issuing company and geographical region. While all categories experienced declines, the large sedan and minivan categories had the largest cost savings.

Ownership costs factored into the study include the cost of insurance, license and registration fees, taxes, depreciation and finance charges. Operational costs in the study include fuel, maintenance and tires.

To conduct its study, AAA's auto buying and auto repair experts compiled detailed driving costs for small, medium, and large sedans. Driving costs in each category are based on the average costs for five top-selling models selected by AAA. By size category, they are:

- Small Sedan - Chevrolet Cobalt, Ford Focus, Honda Civic, Nissan Sentra and Toyota Corolla.
- Medium Sedan - Chevrolet Impala, Ford Fusion, Honda Accord, Nissan Altima and Toyota Camry.
- Large Sedan - Buick Lucerne, Chrysler 300, Ford Taurus, Nissan Maxima and Toyota Avalon.

Though not part of the AAA composite average, SUV and minivan information is also included to help buyers estimate operating costs for these types of vehicles. Selected models include:

- SUVs - Chevrolet Traverse, Ford Explorer, Jeep Grand Cherokee, Nissan Pathfinder and Toyota 4Runner.
- Minivans - Dodge Grand Caravan, Kia Sedona, Honda Odyssey and Toyota Sienna.

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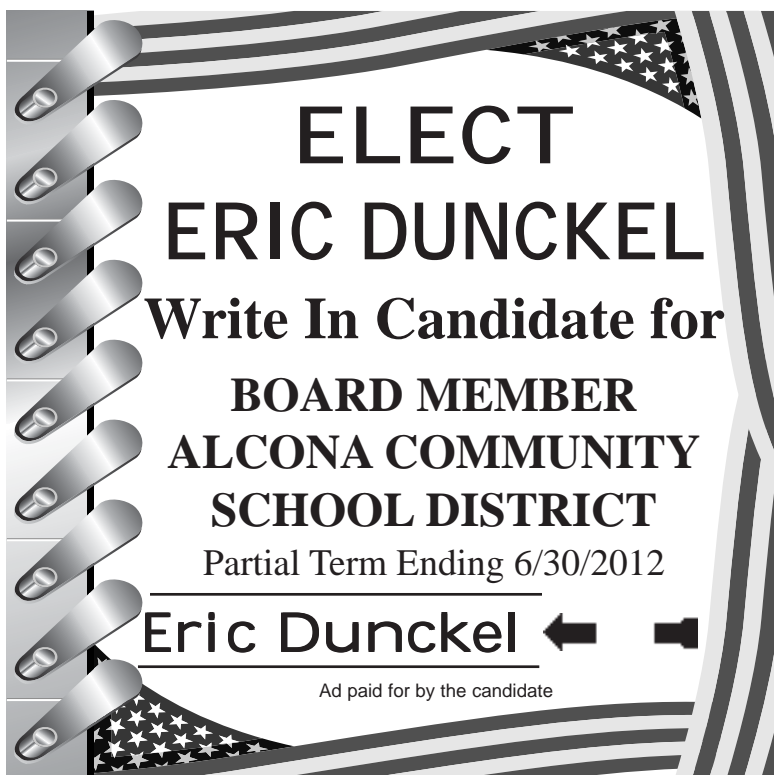
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Public encouraged to focus on prevention measures this spring

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is stressing the importance of preventing wildfire during the state's critical spring fire season.

"It is late April and early May when we usually experience our greatest threat of large and destructive fires," said Lynne Boyd, chief of the DNR Forest Management Division. "Many people don't realize that most of Michigan's wildfires occur during the spring and that more than 90 percent of Michigan's wildfires are human-caused."

"Increased outdoor activity and a forest overflowing with flammable leaves, needles and dead grass is a cause for everyone's concern each year," Boyd added. "Combine warm, windy days with more people engaging in activities outdoors and the risk of wildfire swells significantly."

As in past years, careless debris burning is the source of most wildfires across Michigan. It makes it all the more important to take the time to plan any burning activity before you light a match. Paul Kollmeyer, DNR fire

prevention specialist, reminds residents that burning brush legally in the state of Michigan requires a burn permit. In the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula burners can obtain a free DNR burn permit online at www.michigan.gov/burn-permit. Persons without Internet access can call toll-free at (866) 922-2876. In southern Michigan, burn permits and information on burning can be obtained from local fire departments and township offices.

Spring outdoor activities many times include cooking and campfires. Without proper precaution these fires can escape causing a wildfire. The following tips can help prevent a fire from escaping:

- Clear away flammable material surrounding the fire so it won't creep into dry vegetation.

- Keep campfires small, and do not leave before they are extinguished.

- Be sure and douse with plenty of water, stir, and add more water until everything is wet.

- Turn over unburned pieces and wet the underside.

- Do not just cover a campfire with soil, it may simply smolder before coming back to life.

- Consider composting or mulching yard debris rather than burning it.

"By considering these few simple tips, the public can do its part by exercising great caution when burning brush, leaves or enjoying a campfire this spring," Kollmeyer said.

For more information on wildfire prevention in Michigan, including information on how to be a "firewise" property owner, visit www.michigan.gov/dnr-fire.



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Grant Recipients

In March the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) approved the following grants:

- Curtis Township Library was awarded \$500 for the electronic audios and MP3 Players project.

- Alcona Historical Society was awarded \$1,510 for the Ghost Sites of Alcona County project.

- Brownlee Lake Association was awarded \$2,349 (\$1,500 from the Community Endowment Fund and \$849 from the Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Eustis Memorial Fund) toward the restoration of Brownlee Lake and its fishery.

- Curtis Township Library was awarded \$1,000 for the summer programming project.

- Briley Township/Park and Recreation Commission was awarded \$2,534 (\$2,149 from the Community Endowment Fund and \$385 from the Montmorency County General Fund) for the ski and hiking trails grooming equipment.

- Case Township was awarded \$2,250 from the Huron Shores Health Fund toward the fire department rescue training equipment.

- Rogers City Area Senior and Community Center was awarded \$3,000 (\$2,600 from the Community Endowment Fund and \$400 from the Presque Isle County General Fund) toward office and center updates.

- Faith Hope Hospitality House was awarded \$200 for the "House for a Quilt" project.

- Thunder Bay Arts Council was awarded \$500 for the Alpena Symphony Orchestra Summer Concert in the Park.

- Northeast Michigan Rehab. and Opportunity Center (NEMROC) was awarded \$500 toward renovations of employee educational facilities.

- Alpena MSU Extension was awarded \$500 for the computer upgrade project.

- Delta Kappa Gamma Society Int'l./Alpha Xi Chapter was awarded \$1,600 for the literacy for newborn babies and families project.

- 26th Circuit Court/Family Division was awarded \$2,560 toward the Alpena County Juvenile Drug Court Project.

- Wild Kitten Tumbling, Inc. was awarded \$2,500 for the uneven bars/SRS equipment project.

- NE Michigan Center for Fine Arts/dba Art in the Loft was awarded \$3,000 toward the creative community marketing Project.

- G.E.A.R. Youth in Action was awarded \$3,000 toward the Alpena Bike Park Expansion Project.

- NE Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) was awarded \$1,500 toward "The Coast that Built the Nation" project.

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM), established in 1974, awards nearly \$100,000 each year through its Common Grant Application. For granting purposes, the Community Endowment Fund consists of the General Endowment Fund, Genite Family Fund, Chuck and Kathy Ingle Fund, Lappan Fund, Neva Nelson Memorial Fund, Panel Processing Endowment Fund, Stevens Fund, Weinkauff Fund, and the Wilson Family Fund.

Additional funding through the Common Grant Application is available from the following restricted funds: Huron Shores Health Fund, Mr. and Mrs. O.B. Eustis Memorial Fund, Wayne Wire Cloth Fund, Alcona County General Fund, Montmorency County General Fund, Presque Isle County General Fund, Ann M. Kuntz Fund, and the Eugene J. & Helen T. McLean Fund.

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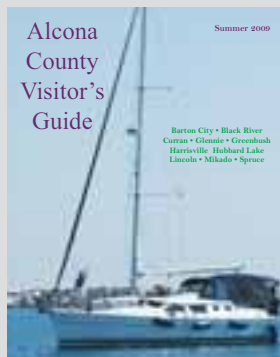
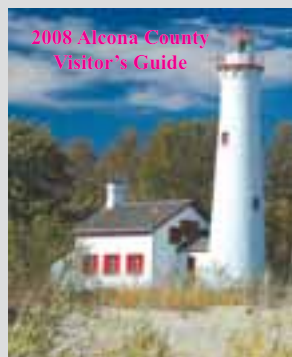


The Review is looking for photographs that depict what summer in Alcona County is all about.

We are looking for good quality, eye-catching, color photos that represent the best Alcona County has to offer in the way of summertime fun and/or scenic beauty. Some examples: Waterskiing on Hubbard Lake, canoeing on the Pine River, a bonfire at dusk, deer walking the shoreline at sunrise, etc.

All photos submitted will be posted on the Review's Web site: alconareview.com. People can vote to select the "People's Choice" winner. The People's Choice winner will receive \$50.

One of the photographs entered will be selected for the cover of the 2011 Alcona County Visitor's Guide.



See our Web site: www.alconareview.com for contest rules

Grant Recipients

In March, the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) approved the following grants from the Tobacco Settlement Fund:

- Faith Outreach, Inc.—awarded \$2,500 for “Free at Last—A Time to Live Without Nicotine.”
- Alcona County Library—awarded \$927 toward tobacco-related portions of the Happy Healthy Summer project.

The board of trustees also approved the following grants from the Kellogg Youth Fund as recommended by the Youth Advisory Council.

Alcona County

- Alcona MSU Extension/4-H was awarded \$270 toward the Rolling Hills Variety Club Expenses.
- Alcona Community Schools/Alcona Elementary was awarded \$400 for the third grade field trip in June.
- Alcona Community Schools/athletic department was awarded \$500 for seating for the scoring table.
- Alcona Community Schools/girls softball was awarded \$460 for Project Heads-up - Spring 2011.

Alpena County

- City of Alpena/Wildlife

Sanctuary Board was awarded \$1,000 for the River Rats summer science project.

- Muscular Dystrophy Association was awarded \$1,000 for the MDA Summer Camp 2011 program.
- Thunder Bay Theatre was awarded \$1,000 for Exploring the Method (method acting for teenagers).
- APS/Alpena High School/Masquer's Club was awarded \$1,500 for the "Wizard of Oz" production.
- NE Michigan Center for Fine Arts/Art in the Loft was awarded \$2,000 for the Youth Arts Festival and Young Artists Committee.

• G.E.A.R. Youth in Action was awarded \$875 for the Alpena Bike Park expansion project.

- Wild Kitten Tumbling, Inc. was awarded \$500 for the Uneven Bars/SRS Equipment project.

Montmorency County

No grant applications for this cycle.

Presque Isle County

- Onaway Area Schools/ kindergarten was awarded \$1,214 for the READY! for Kindergarten program.
- Village of Millersburg/ summer recreation program

was awarded \$1,000 toward supplies for the summer recreation program.

- Rogers City Schools/high school industrial arts was awarded \$1,214 for the equipment purchase/MITES contest.

• Posen Consolidated Schools/Posen High School was awarded \$500 for busing for the class trip in April.

For more information about submitting an application or starting a fund, call the CFNEM office at (989) 354-6881, toll free (877) 354-6881, or visit the CFNEM website at www.cfnem.org.






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While there is a hoax e-mail circulating about calls coming from area codes 809, 284 and 876, these area codes are the source for a large number of scams.

- 809-Dominican Republic
- 284-British Virgin Islands
- 876-Jamaica
- Canada

Scammers in these areas can make money two ways:

1. Consumers are tricked into dialing these international phone numbers, which would result in substantial long-distance charges. That is possible because there are several regions outside the U.S., which includes the Caribbean and Canada that can be dialed directly without the usual 011 international prefix.

2. The phone numbers appear to be in the United States, but of course, the same laws don't apply. This makes these areas ideal for scammers who wish to target U.S. citizens.

And since these numbers are outside the United States, the U.S. requirement to inform callers in advance of any special rates or fees doesn't apply. Scammers typically trick victims into dialing the numbers by leaving a message that claims that a relative has been injured or arrested, an unpaid account must be settled, or a cash prize can be claimed, etc. When the victim returns the call, they

are kept on the line for as long as possible to run up additional charges. The bill for such a call can be substantial.

AT&T advises that consumers always check the location of unfamiliar area codes before dialing. This can be done by visiting www.consumer.att.com or simply Googling the area code (e.g. area code 809) and viewing the top result.

AT&T offers the following information and tips:

- Only return calls to numbers that are familiar to you. As a general rule, return calls from numbers that contain familiar or recognizable area codes. You may call your directory assistance or long distance operator to check the area code location.

- Carefully read your telephone bill. Make sure that you only receive charges from your provider of choice. Ensure you thoroughly understand charges listed on your phone bill, have chosen to do business with all of the listed providers billing for those charges and have authorized additional fees invoiced. If you local service provider has changed, you will receive a final bill from the former provider and a notice of service disconnection.

If you believe that you have been scammed:

- Contact the carrier with whom the charge originated, whose name and toll free telephone number

should be printed on the same bill page as the charge in question. Often, the problem can be resolved with a single phone call.

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- You may file a complaint online with the Federal Communications Commission about this and/or related phone scams.

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For the Week of April 17-23, 2011

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Traffic	13	Car/Deer	8
Property Damage Accident	7	General Assistance	4
False Alarm	1	Burglary	1
Domestic	4	Animal	5
Open Door	1	Fraud	1
Suspicious Person	3	Well Being Check	1
Miscellaneous	3	Animal Bite	2
Family Dispute	1	Civil	1
Littering	1	Threats	1
Personal Injury Accident	1	Trespass	1
Witness Intimidation	1	No Operator's License	1

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	4	Caledonia	4	Curtis	6
Greenbush	9	Gustin	7	Harrisville	8
Hawes	6	Haynes	1	Mikado	6
Millen	5	Mitchell	1		
City of Harrisville 3		Village of Lincoln 2			

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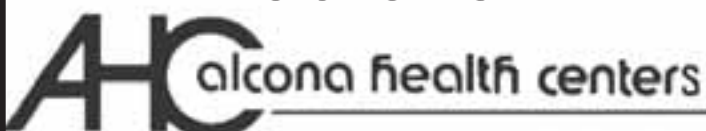
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DNR researches fawn predation in U. P.

If just the name of the study – “Role of Predators, Winter Weather and Habitat on White-Tailed Deer Fawn Survival” – seems like a mouthful, can you imagine how complex the study is?

Well, it is. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources, in collaboration with Mississippi State University, is in the midst of what might turn out to be a long-term study that is attempting to quantify which factors influence fawn survival. And there are a lot of questions.

“The big picture is, we know the factors that influence deer vary along a latitudinal gradient in Michigan,” explained Dean Beyer, an Upper Peninsula wildlife research biologist. “Michigan is a long state – more than 300 miles north to south. Winter weather is not that big a factor in southern Michigan, but it can be an important factor in the Upper Peninsula. In order to do a good job managing deer we need to understand how those factors vary across the landscape.”

Beyer said he’s seen studies in southern Michigan that show overwinter survival of up to 75 percent of fawns, yet by comparing fecundity rates of U.P. does with hunter sightings of fawns, the survival rate of fawns – from birth to hunting season – in the U.P. appears to be less than 50 percent.

“The fundamental question,” Beyer said, “is: ‘What the heck is going on here?’”

So is it predators? It’s not that simple. “Predator-prey relationships are really complex,” said Beyer, who is working with faculty and graduate students from Mississippi State University to try to get the bottom of the issue. “There is general agreement in the scientific community that you see predators limiting prey populations most often when there are multiple predator species in the system.”

“When you look at the U.P. we’ve got four predators that routinely target deer – bobcats, coyotes, wolves and bears.”

The study began in the southern Upper Peninsula in what Beyer calls “the low snowfall zone.” And the study is looking at a variety of fac-



Mississippi State University graduate student Jared Duquette releases a collared fawn as part of the predator-prey study. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

tors, including weather and habitat.

“We started this in 2009 when we began trapping deer in the winter time,” Beyer explained. “We’d catch does, determine whether they were pregnant (with an ultrasound) then, if they were pregnant, fit them with vaginal implant transmitters and standard radio collars.”

When the doe delivers a fawn, the transmitter drops, too. The temperature-sensitive transmitter begins sending out as different signal, alerting researchers to the birth.

“We can tell within a half hour of when the fawn was born,” Beyer said. “You want to get in on these fawns as quickly as possible – a lot of bad things can happen to fawns within their first few days of life.”

Essentially, crews go to the transmitter site and begin looking for fawns. Any fawns that are found are outfitted

with expandable-collar radio transmitters

“We monitor those fawns very frequently during their first three months of the life,” Beyer said. “If they die, we try to go in and determine what their cause of death was.”

That’s the prey part of the equation.

“We’re also coming at this from the predator perspective,” Beyer said. “We capture bears, wolves, bobcats and coyotes, fit them with GPS collars, and set them up to collect locations very frequently during fawn drop and early growth stages. We look for clusters of locations – places where a predator spent a significant amount of time – and search the clusters (often with a dog) for kill sites.”

“We’re trying to estimate the number of fawns that are killed by these different species of predator,” Beyer continued. “That’s hard to ac-

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DNR wildlife biologist Dean Beyer is heading up the study of predatory impact on whitetail deer fawns.

Fawn

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comply in the summer. These collars give us a tool to estimate what predation is in the summer months."

What researchers have found, so far, is not what you might think they'd find.

For instance, the first year, researchers searched 85 bear clusters and found one dead fawn. But searches of 57 bobcat clusters turned up seven fawns (and three adult deer).

So the researchers redoubled their efforts the following year and searched 121 bobcat clusters. They found 17 dead fawns and one adult deer.

"It's surprising to a lot of folks that bobcats are such an efficient predator on fawns," Beyer said. Oddly enough, a study in Minnesota found the same thing, Beyer added.

But knowing the rate that various predators kill fawns is only part of the equation; knowing the abundance of the predator species and the abundance of deer will clarify the picture.

In addition to checking the clusters, researchers are doing all sorts of vegetative studies at mortality sites, birth sites and cluster sites - to see if there's a habitat component to the predation - as well as doing diet analysis of predator scats.

Why? Researchers are trying to see if the availability of alternative prey species - (turkey, grouse, snowshoe hare, beaver, et cetera) - reduces predation on deer fawns. The project incorporates a number of methods for gauging the relative populations of alternative prey species to see if predation on those species increases as they become more available.

The first phase of the research project is scheduled to run for one more year, Beyer said. Then, depending on the availability of funding, Beyer hopes to conduct the same sort of research in medium snowfall locations (he's already scoping out potential study sites) and then high snowfall locations.

The research is being funded through a variety of sources. The Safari Club International (SCI) Foundation is a big player, as is its SCI's Michigan Involvement Committee and SCI's Northwoods Chapter. Donations have also come in from UP Whitetails of Menominee County and Wildlife Unlimited of Delta County. And, of course, federal funds that are matched with state funds are being used.

Michigan's Upper Peninsula deer population crashed hard after difficult winters in 1995 and 1996 and the population has not responded in the following 15 years in the way many had predicted it would. So is the culprit predation? Habitat? Weather?

Odds are it is some combination of the three. And that's what this research project is designed to find out.

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

Feral hogs raise problems for state, property owners

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds citizens that licensed hunters or concealed weapons permit holders may kill feral hogs during daylight hours at any time on public land. Anyone, regardless of permits or licenses, can kill feral pigs on private land with landowner permission.

Feral hogs - animals from hunting preserves or domestic swine that have escaped and are living in the wild - are a nuisance that can cause widespread environmental damage as well as spread disease to both domestic stock and other wild animals. They wreak havoc on a variety of wildlife species - especially ground-nesting birds - and cause millions of dollars of damage to agriculture nationally. They are potentially dangerous to humans.

Michigan has designated feral hogs as an invasive species, by DNR director's order, effective this summer, pending legislative action to regulate the hunting preserve industry.

Feral hogs have been documented in 30 Michigan counties and wildlife officials want to eliminate them before they overrun the state as they have elsewhere in the United States, particularly in the south. Once wild hog populations become established, they are almost impossible to control.

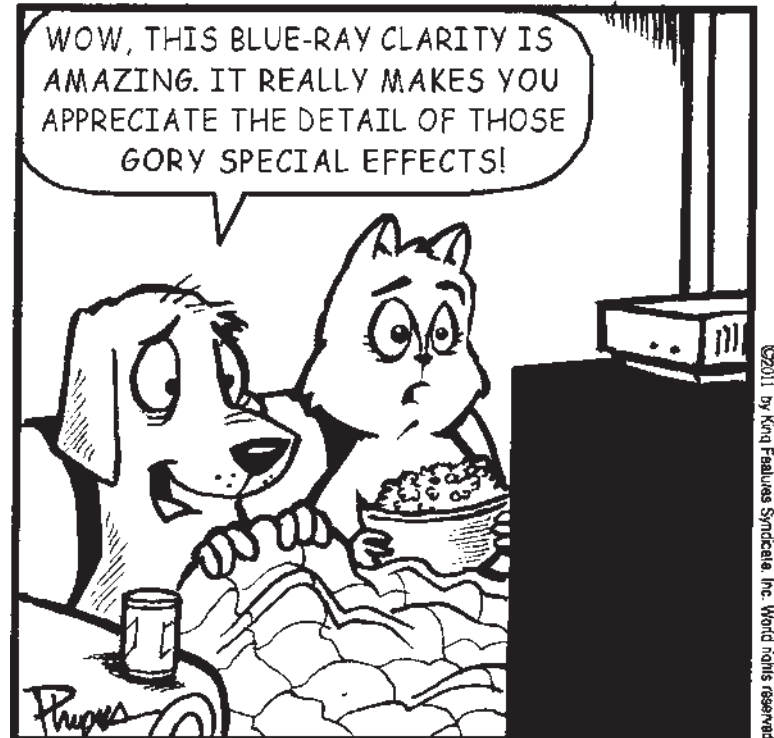
"Feral swine are a clear, present and growing danger to Michigan wildlife and agribusiness," said DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason. "They threaten deer, grouse, turkey, pheasant and waterfowl, as well as Michigan's ecosystems. Unless we take strong and meaningful steps immediately, whether

through a ban or meaningful regulation, Michigan will become just another invaded state where feral swine have a permanent presence and create another unending liability that cripples economic recovery."

The DNR maintains a web page about feral swine (www.michigan.gov/feralswine), including a new video produced by the Mississippi State Extension Service that outlines the various problems caused by feral hogs.


Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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 4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740
 Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
 989-724-6665 • 989-724-6578
 Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org

GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
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 Pastor Tracy Brooks
 Worship 10:45 a.m. ~ Church ~ 724-5450


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 Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,
 3/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816


Lincoln United Methodist Church

 101 E. Main Street
 Church School 9 a.m. ~ Worship 9 a.m.
 Pastor Tracy Brooks
 Parsonage 724-6266 ~ Church 736-6910

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)


 Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
 Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227
 Pastor Michael Sheppard ~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.


First Baptist Church of Lincoln

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 Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.
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Calendar of Events

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are limited to 100 seats. This year's theme is "The Great Fire of 1911 - 100th Anniversary." Ticket deadline is April 25. Contact Fred Glass at (989) 739-2782 for more information.

The Sunrise Ringers, a handbell group, will perform at Trinity Lutheran Church of Oscoda on US-23 beginning at 3 p.m. Music will be both classical and contemporary. Free will offerings accepted.

MONDAY, MAY 2

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.

Join the dice rollers at the senior center in Lincoln for \$3 and win prizes. For more

information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library will host a Baby Book Club session from 1 to 1:45 p.m. today and the following Mondays: May 9 and May 23. The Baby Book Club is a group of parents/caregivers that meets with their 0-5 year olds for interactive activities focused around great children's books. The program is free and each family receives a copy of the book. Registration required by calling Heather at (989) 354-3101 ext. 121.

A foot clinic will be offered at the senior center in Lincoln from 1 to 5 p.m. by Connie Cosbett, RN for \$20. Call for appointment, (989) 736-8879.

Get Crafty for Adults will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the

Alcona County Library. The project for May is art collage. There is a \$3 charge for supplies - call (989) 724-6796 to register.

MSU Extension master gardener volunteers will offer research-based recommendations and answer gardening questions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alcona County MSU Extension office on US-23 in Harrisville.

Commodities may be picked up at the senior center in Lincoln between 9 and 10 a.m. Questions, call (989) 736-8879.

TUESDAY, MAY 3

AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at 5 p.m. at Sprinkler Lake Education Center on Adams Road off F-30 for election of officers and finalizing plans for the birding festival. There will be a potluck dinner at 6 p.m. Membership is open to all person

interested in wildlife and environment. Annual dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per family payable by mail or at meetings. For more information, visit AuSableValley-Audubon.com.

Kids age five-12 are welcome to attend the Good News Club after school at 4:30 p.m. in the Alcona Elementary School cafeteria. Parents are welcome to attend with their children. This is a free, one-hour session including Bible lessons, learning activities, stories and songs.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness group will meet the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Enter library from rear entrance. For more information, call Judy at (989) 255-0735.

The Lincoln Depot Committee of the Alcona Histori-

cal Society will meet at 1 p.m. at the depot on Lake Street in Lincoln. Everyone is welcome.

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at the Alcona County Senior Center in Lincoln at 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at the Greenbush Township Hall at 4 p.m.

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

VitalCare Hospice of the Sunrise Shore's grief support group will meet at the Center Building, 109 N. Second Ave., Alpena from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Licensed social workers will facilitate an educational, confidential, non-denominational, free of charge meeting open to anyone in the community. Group will meet for three consecutive Wednesday evenings. Plan to attend all three nights. Registration is required, call 1-800-664-8587 to register or for more information.

Sewing with Jennie Anderson at the Alcona County Senior Center in Lincoln from 2 to 4 p.m.

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

There will be glaucoma testing with Dr. Currier at 4 p.m. at the senior center in Lincoln.

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 less fortunate.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Alcona County retirees are invited to a potluck luncheon and card games afterward at the Alcona County Senior Center in Lincoln at noon.

There will be tai chi exercise with Shawn at the Lincoln senior center at 4 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Alcona Humane Society will host a Mexican Fiesta benefit dinner at the Flour Garden restaurant in Harrisville from 4 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-7387.








Alcona and Alpena rural churches will gather at Hope Lutheran Church at 7 p.m. to celebrate National Day of Prayer. Everyone is invited. Refreshments will be served.

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.

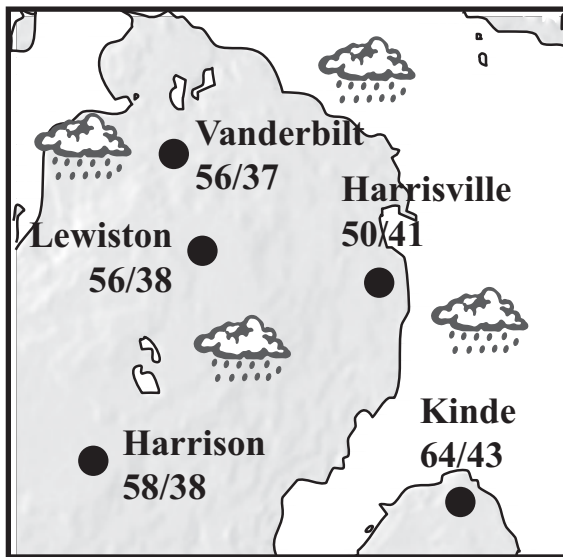
Alcona Review Weather Report

April 27, 2011

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Rain Likely High: 50 Low: 41
	THURSDAY Showers Likely High: 43 Low: 35
	FRIDAY Partly Cloudy High: 50 Low: 38
	SATURDAY Mostly Sunny High: 53 Low: 44
	SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 52 Low: 39
	MONDAY Partly Cloudy High: 49 Low: 35
	TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 51 Low: 35

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast



Today we will see cloudy skies with an 80% chance of rain, high temperature of 50°, humidity of 67%. East wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 88° set in 1990. Expect cloudy skies tonight with an 80% chance of rain, overnight low of 41°. North wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 19° set in 1958.

***Last Week's Almanac**

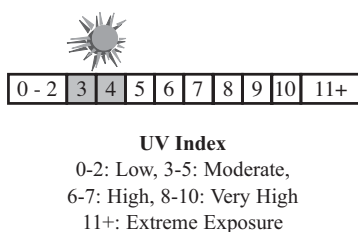
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Monday	43	27	51/31	0.00"
Tuesday	39	25	52/32	0.62"
Wednesday	36	32	52/32	0.07"
Thursday	46	30	53/32	0.01"
Friday	42	30	53/33	0.01"
Saturday	51	37	54/33	0.11"
Sunday	55	29	54/33	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 5/3	Wednesday	6:29 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	3:47 a.m.	3:22 p.m.	
	Thursday	6:28 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	4:08 a.m.	4:23 p.m.	
	Friday	6:26 a.m.	8:36 p.m.	4:30 a.m.	5:23 p.m.	
	Saturday	6:25 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	4:51 a.m.	6:24 p.m.	
	Sunday	6:23 a.m.	8:38 p.m.	5:15 a.m.	7:26 p.m.	
First 5/10	Monday	6:22 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	5:41 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	
	Tuesday	6:21 a.m.	8:40 p.m.	6:12 a.m.	9:30 p.m.	

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see widespread showers and thunderstorms today and Thursday, isolated showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 84° in Indiantown, Pa. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 93° in Tampa, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 66° in Pasco, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 97° in Yuma, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:49 a.m.	6:22 p.m.
Venus	5:34 a.m.	5:54 p.m.
Mars	5:55 a.m.	6:57 p.m.
Jupiter	6:01 a.m.	7:05 p.m.
Saturn	6:06 p.m.	5:56 a.m.
Uranus	5:19 a.m.	5:26 p.m.

Weather History

April 27, 1988 - Mount Washington, N.H. reported seven feet of snow in 10 days, pushing their snowfall total for the month past the previous record of 89.3 inches, which was set in 1975.

Weather Trivia

What is brontophobia?

Answer: It is the fear of thunder.

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Oh, Those Meteorite Men

When I entered the huge gymnasium of Rockland Community College about 25 miles NW of New York City, it was the Meteorite Men's booth that first caught my attention. There sitting on a folding chair munching fries was Steve Arnold of the Science Channel who has traveled the world with Geoff Notkin in search of the extraterrestrial. "They're too overpriced," I said to a beautiful assistant working the crowd. She opened one of the cases and handed me a sizeable chunk of a Sikhote-Alin, the biggest fall in recorded history. My fingers raced over this gorgeous baby of beautifully thumbprinted iron and nickel that had struck the Earth in eastern Russia in 1947. She smiled and asked me if I liked it. My head nodded even as I heard the \$2000 purchase price. I then moved along to an attractively oriented Gebel Kamil that was bargain priced at only \$1500. These space nomads had been discovered in the Egyptian Desert in 2009 and released for purchase last year. But the prize catch was a 180 gram Vaca Muerta full slice from the Atacama Desert in northern Chile. OMG, this beauty had caught my eye on eBay about a month earlier, as another overpriced Meteorite Men trinket, but there it was in its full splendor. Flecks of brightly glittering nickel-iron mixed with rock spoke of an unimaginably violent crash of an iron meteoroid with a stony meteoroid eons ago. It hit Earth well before Neanderthals had roamed Europe and has remained in the Atacama for perhaps as long as 800,000 years, only to be picked up by the MM, sliced and polished, and put on sale for a mere \$2700. By this point I must have been foaming at the mouth, and the dark-haired female with her attentive eyes fully expected me to reach for my MasterCard. I thought of my wife, Sue, and our pet rabbits staving for lack of sustenance over my petty greed, and I walked away shaking at the thought of what I had almost done. www.astronomy.org

TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- MUSIC:** How many strings does a ukulele have?
- HISTORY:** Who founded the Ottoman dynasty?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the traditional dividing line between Manhattan's east and west sides?
- U.S. STATES:** What state's motto is, "If you seek a pleasant peninsula, look about you"?
- MONEY:** What is the common currency of South Africa?
- LITERATURE:** What was the first land Gulliver encountered in the satirical novel "Gulliver's Travels"?
- MATH:** What is the Arabic equivalent of the Roman numeral D?
- PRESIDENTS:** Who was Dwight Eisenhower's vice president?
- COMMON KNOWLEDGE:** Who is the patron saint of physicians?
- LANGUAGE:** From what language are all the modern Romance languages directly derived?

Answers: 1. Four; 2. Osman I; 3. Fifth Avenue; 4. Michigan; 5. Rand; 6. Lilliput; 7. 500; 8. Richard Nixon; 9. St. Luke; 10. Latin. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

APRIL DILEMMA

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 57 "Love — the Ruins" ('75 film) | 101 Porgy and bass | 7 Disagreeable sort | 51 Skater Midori | 91 Klutz |
| 1 Lump | 58 Neon — | 104 Fast flier | 8 Hard to believe | 53 Publisher Conde | 92 Plastic — Band |
| 5 Showed sorrow | 60 Cap or dolman | 105 He gives a hoot | 9 Priam's wife | 55 At any time | 95 Bill of Rights grp. |
| 9 Anthony of "Boston Public" | 61 Bookstore section | 107 Cooke or Donaldson | 10 Cheer | 56 Brewer or Wright | 96 Interoffice communique |
| 14 Jambalaya ingredient | 62 Bog | 108 Male swan | 11 — Romeo | 57 Orion, for instance | 99 Honda competitor |
| 19 Hammett hound | 63 Precambrian — | 110 End of remark | 12 Mortgage, for one | 59 Part of Q.E.D. | 101 Wimsey's creator |
| 20 Where to find an onager | 65 In honor of | 121 Biblical city | 13 Actor Arnaz | 61 Tofu base | 102 From C to shining C? |
| 21 Songwriter Greenwich | 66 Snick and — | 122 "That's —" ('54 tune) | 14 Serenity | 62 Occupation | 64 Sail through |
| 22 Spine-tingling | 68 — above (somewhat superior) | 123 Actress Thompson | 15 Disgust | 64 Sail through | 65 Cozy cloth |
| 23 Fertile soil | 69 Part 3 of remark | 124 Gymnast Korbut | 16 Composer Khachaturian | 67 Tons of time | 69 Mild cigars |
| 24 Tumble | 75 Baseball family name | 125 "West Side Story" role | 17 Deep red | 70 Fermented tea | 71 Deplored |
| 25 Java joints | 76 Antitoxins | 126 Porsche propeller | 18 Volleyball divider | 72 Shock | 73 Word with baby or snake |
| 26 — garde | 77 Mouth piece? | 127 Tel — | 28 City on the Danube | 73 Word with baby or snake | 74 Inauguration Day event |
| 27 Start of a remark | 78 Long or Peeples | 128 Crucifix | 29 Kind of kiln | 75 Filled with wonder | 75 Filled with wonder |
| 31 Herriot title start | 79 Solidarity leader | 129 Texas' state tree | 30 Fenwick or Carter | 80 Instant, for short | 82 Coq au — |
| 32 Vigoda or Saperstein | 81 Forger's need | 130 Marvell marvels | 31 Snitches | 84 — polloi | 85 '87 Streisand film |
| 33 Slippery character? | 83 Cultural | 131 Coty or Clair | 35 Inland sea | 86 Egyptian deity | 87 "— la vie" |
| 34 Brit. fliers | 88 Wear away | 132 Dweeb | 36 Prix — | 88 Egyptian deity | 89 Supportive of |
| 37 Singer Manchester | 89 Carthaginian | DOWN | 38 Baton Rouge coll. | 89 Supportive of | 90 Princess bruiser |
| 41 Celt | 90 Part 4 of remark | 1 French Sudan, today | 39 Cloth finish | 90 Princess bruiser | 121 Weaken |
| 44 Faucet | 93 Comic Rickies | 2 From Fido | 40 — Mateo, CA | 91 Klutz | |
| 47 94 Across highlight | 94 Bizet opera | 3 Command to Mead's milieu | 41 Errs | 92 Plastic — Band | |
| 49 Pants part | 96 Nasty | 4 Mead's milieu | 42 It darkens your doorway | 95 Bill of Rights grp. | |
| 50 "The Jungle Book" boy | 97 "How sweet —!" | 5 Breakfast treat | 43 Bird-to-be | 96 Interoffice communique | |
| 52 Cask | 98 Cpl.'s superior | 6 Morales of "NYPD Blue" | 45 Join | 99 Honda competitor | |
| 54 Part 2 of remark | 100 Type of fuel | | 46 Follow | 101 Wimsey's creator | |

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was Austrian philosopher Ludwig Wittgenstein who made the following sage observation: "If people never did silly things, nothing intelligent would ever get done."
 • Much like farmers of today, ancient Egyptians who worked the land worried about a variety of animals that could destroy their crops: locusts, sparrows, mice and worms. Unlike the typical Midwesterner of today, though, they also had to worry about hippopotamuses.
 • The fierce Apache warrior we know today as Geronimo was not originally so named. His given name was Goyahkla, which means "one who yawns."

• We've all seen pictures of African women carrying heavy loads — up to 75 pounds in some cases — balanced securely on their heads. But you might not realize that these women can carry more, relative to body size, more efficiently than pack mules.

• As the end of the school year approaches, this might be a good time to remember that it was Americans who came up with the idea of summer camp.

• The name of the country of Iraq is derived from the Arabic word meaning "origin."

• If you've ever watched the closing credits of a film (and are not yourself involved in the movie industry), you might be wondering about some of the titles you've seen, so here's a quick rundown: The gaffer is the chief electrician on the project; the key grip puts together and takes down sets, as well as lighting and laying the track on which the cameras move; and the best boy assists the gaffer and the key grip.

Thought for the Day: "Anti-intellectualism has been a constant thread winding its way through our political and cultural life, nurtured by the false notion that democracy means that 'my ignorance is just as good as your knowledge.'" — Isaac Asimov
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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On May 9, 1671, Thomas Blood, an Irish adventurer better known as "Captain Blood," is captured attempting to steal the Crown Jewels from Charles II of England in the Tower of London. Charles was so impressed with Blood's audacity that, far from punishing him, he made him a member of his court with an annual pension.

• On May 14, 1914, Washington Senators pitcher Walter "Big Train" Johnson throws his 54th consecutive scoreless inning, against the St. Louis Browns in Sportsman Park III. Johnson broke a 53-inning record set in 1910 by Jack Coombs of the Philadelphia Athletics.

• On May 11, 1934, a massive dust storm sends 350 million tons of topsoil flying from across the parched Great Plains as far east as New York, Boston and Atlanta. Even ships some 300 miles offshore saw dust collect on their decks.

• On May 12, 1949, an early crisis of the Cold War comes to an end when the Soviet Union lifts its 11-month blockade against West Berlin. The blockade had been broken by a massive U.S.-British airlift of 278,288 relief missions to the city, resulting in the delivery of 2,326,406 tons of supplies.

• On May 15, 1963, Gordon Cooper is launched into space aboard Faith 7 on the longest American space mission to date. Cooper completed 22 orbits of the Earth and spent 34 hours in space.

• On May 13, 1981, Pope John Paul II is shot and wounded at St. Peter's Square in Rome. Turkish terrorist Mehmet Ali Agca, an escaped fugitive already convicted of a previous murder, fired several shots at the religious leader. Agca was immediately captured. After a two-day trial, he was sentenced to life in prison.

• On May 10, 1990, the government of the People's Republic of China announces that it is releasing 211 people arrested during the massive protests held in Tiananmen Square in Beijing in June 1989. Most observers viewed the prisoner release as an attempt by the communist government of China to dispel much of the terrible publicity it received for its brutal suppression of the 1989 protests.
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by Linda Thistle

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Sale

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gary D. Lee to Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, whose address is 1100 South Bagley Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707.

The mortgage is dated October 31, 2008 and recorded in Alcona County records on November 7, 2008 at Liber 456, page 1,369, Alcona County records.

There is claimed to be due on the mortgage at the date of this notice, for principal, interest, and other items paid as allowed by the mortgage, the sum of one hundred thirty-three thousand two hundred eighty-two and 03/100 (\$133,282.03) and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured thereby. The power of sale contained in the mortgage has now become operative.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the applicable foreclosure statute, the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below at public auction to the highest bidder at the Alcona County Courthouse located at 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 10 a.m. The property will be sold to pay the amount due on the mortgage with 5.875 percent interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays on or before the date of sale.

The property described in the mortgage and subject to sale is as follows: Parcel A of Certificate of Survey by NorthEast Land Surveys, W.O. No. B 060060-232508 dated May 23, 2006 and recorded July 11, 2008 in Liber 454, pages 122-123, described as: Part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of

Section 23, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the south quarter corner of Section 23, Town 25 North, Range 8 East; thence North 03° 14' 32" east along west line of southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of said section 602.04 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing north 03° 14' 32" east 716.17 feet; thence south 86° 52' 42" east along north line of said southwest quarter of the southeast quarter 1280.20 feet; thence south 02° 56' 25" west 33.00 feet; thence south 86° 52' 42" east 33.00 feet; thence south 02° 56' 25" west along east line of said southwest quarter of the southeast quarter 1286.19 feet; thence north 86° 50' 09" west along south line of said section and centerline of Goddard Road 920.15 feet; thence north 06° 48' 22" east 205.61 feet; thence north 30° 41' 40" east 117.07 feet; thence north 03° 14' 32" east 293.03 feet; thence north 86° 50' 09" west 466.75 feet to the point of beginning. Being subject to the rights of the public over the southerly 33 feet thereof for Goddard Road. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right-of-way purposes. Being in Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan.

The period of redemption will be one year from the date of sale, *unless abandoned* as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: April 1, 2011
Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union,
Mortgagee
Daniel W. White
Attorney for Mortgagee
313 North Second Avenue
Alpena, MI 49707
(989) 354-4104
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are described as: The southeast one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Town 26 North, Range 8 East; except beginning at the southwest corner of said southeast one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter; thence north 466.7 feet along the west line of said southeast one-quarter of the southwest one-quarter; thence east parallel to the south line of said Section 14, 466.7 feet; thence south 466.7 feet to the south line of said Section 14; thence west 466.7 feet along the south line of Section 14 to the point of beginning. Township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan. Commonly known as 2219 East Dewar Road, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: April 20, 2011
CitiMortgage, Inc., Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
File No: 10-33946
ASAP No. FNMA3971187
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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for this purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Steven M. Doucette, a single person, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, mortgagee, dated June 30, 2010, and recorded on July 1, 2010 in Liber 471 on Page 819, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-four thousand two hundred fifty-five and 39/100 dollars (\$84,255.39), including interest at 5.25 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby

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Foreclosure Notice (All Counties)

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.

Mortgage Sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jason Livingston and Linda Livingston, husband and wife of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. dated the 13th day of April, A.D. 2006, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 25th day of April, A.D. 2006, in Liber 430, page 251 of Alcona County records, which said mortgage was assigned to US Bank National Association, ND, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$79,632.99 (seventy-nine thousand six hundred thirty-two and 99/100) plus accrued interest at 8.99 percent (eight point nine nine) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover

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 May 18, 2011.

Said premises are situated in Township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the NW-1/4 of the NW-1/4 of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 9 East described as commencing at the northeast corner thereof: thence west on the north section line 132.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing west on said line 198.0 feet; thence south parallel with the north-south 1/4 line 330.0 feet; thence west parallel with the east-west 1/4 line 330.0 feet: thence south 330.0 feet parallel to the north-south 1/4 line; thence east parallel to the east-west 1/4 line 660.0 feet; thence north parallel to the north-south 1/4 line 430.0 feet; thence west parallel with the east-west section line 132.0 feet; thence north parallel with the north-south 1/4 line 230.0 feet to the point of beginning.

And commencing at the northeast cor-

ner of the south -1/2 of the northwest - 1/4 of the northwest - 1/4 of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 9 East; thence west 40 rods; thence south 20 rods; thence east 40 rods; thence north 20 rods to the point of beginning. And commencing at the northeast corner of Section 6, Town 26 North, Range 9 East; thence west 132 feet: thence south 230 feet: thence east 132 feet; thence north 230 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 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: April 20, 2011
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1309
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-2525
File No. 367202F01
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on which mortgage there is a claim to be due and owing on the date of this notice the sum of one hundred thirteen thousand two hundred forty and 42/100 (\$113,240.42) plus interest, costs and attorney fees incurred from January 5, 2011 as provided by said mortgage note. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises or some part of them at a public venue at the west entrance to the Alcona County Courthouse in Harrisville, Michigan at 10 a.m. on May 25, 2011.

Said premises are situated in the township of Harrisville, county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Parcel 1- Commencing at the intersection of the west line of the west half (W-1/2) of the east half (E-1/2) of the northeast quarter (NE-1/4) of Section 15, T26N, R9E and the southerly line of highway M-72; thence south 0 deg. 27' west along the east 1/8 line 175 feet; thence south 85 deg. 52' east 120 feet; thence north 0 deg. 27' east 175 feet to the southerly line of M-72; thence north 85 deg. 52' west along said southerly line 120 feet to the point of beginning. Except highway M-72 right of way. Being located in the township of Harrisville. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 MCL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated this 5th day of April, 2011
For more information, please call: David H. Cook
Attorney for Mortgagee
5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585
Harrisville, MI 48740
(989) 724-5155
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the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 18th day of May, A.D., 2011, at 10 a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich., Alcona County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Hawes, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the township of Hawes, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: Commencing at the southeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 28, Town 27 North, Range 8 East, thence north 18 rods; thence west 19 rods; thence south 18 rods; thence east 19 rods to the point of beginning. Subject to an easement over the above described property for ingress, egress and utility purposes over an existing roadway which commences off of

Ritchie Road and continues in a northerly direction to other property owned by the grantor. Said roadway is approximately 12 feet in width to benefit the balance of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter that is retained by the grantor. Said easement will be binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the parties.

Being the same property conveyed to Jason Livingston and Linda Livingston from Helen Marentette, a single woman by quit claim deed dated September 10, 2002 and recorded January 16, 2003 in Liber 375 page 898 in the office of the recorder of Alcona County. Commonly known as: 1461 E. Ritchie Road. Tax Parcel No.: 01-071-028-400-019-00.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: April 20, 2011
By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
Attorney for Plaintiff
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Troy, MI 48084
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Five keys to smooth sales and bargain buys in a slow housing market

Not everyone who relocates has the luxury of doing it when school is out and the yard looks beautiful. If you're forced to sell your house and/or buy a new one outside peak season, you might have to work a little harder and think creatively.

Anyone who has bought or sold a home has heard the standard advice: Find a good agent, be aware of local home values, fix up the house you're selling and research school districts and crime rates where you're buying.

"It's all good advice, but it's not always enough," said Rich Novak, assistant vice president of Home Solutions, with USAA, a full-service financial services provider serving military personnel and their families. "Families who need to move quickly during a tough real estate market may need to go the extra mile to close a sale."

Keep these five themes in mind from the moment you start planning your next move:

- **Dig deeper:** You probably already know to use neighboring home values as a comparison point for selling or buying. But in today's market, some additional homework can pay off. If you need to sell quickly, for example, keep a close eye on what other houses are selling for in your neighborhood and stay ahead of the market by pricing yours lower.

In the wake of the bursting real estate bubble, it's also important to have a heightened awareness of foreclosures, both where you're selling and buying. As unfair as it seems, any foreclosures on your street can put a dent in your home's market value. And if foreclosures are still prevalent in the neighborhood you're moving to, it could be a warning sign that values could continue to drop after you buy.

- **Be involved:** Just because you're working with a realtor doesn't mean you can't do some of your own legwork. "The first 10 days on the market are the most critical to selling a home because new listings tend to get the most attention from buyers," said Brenda Wall, relocation director with ERA Colonial Real Estate in San Antonio, Texas. "Anything a seller can do to get their home ready to sell before putting it on the market would be helpful, including de-cluttering, cleaning, painting if needed and making the home look spacious and bright."

The Internet and social media have opened limitless new strategies to sell your home and find your next one. Try Craigslist, Facebook, Flickr, and YouTube. And don't be shy, say real estate agents. When you're selling, post pictures that show your home at its best and upload

a narrated video tour - because that's what you'd want to see as a buyer. At some real estate agencies, a video tour is becoming the new requirement for sellers.

- **Accept a helping hand:** Take advantage of a wide range of services, beyond your local realtor's, that could help you streamline the buying and selling process. Some cost money, such as home "staging" services that can help whip your house into selling shape. Others are free, such as relocation benefits offered by some employers, or the military's Homeowners Assistance Program.

- **Get creative:** Sometimes it takes out-of-the-box ideas to seal a deal. If you know that a potential buyer is wavering on whether to make an offer on your house, buck convention by making a "reverse offer," where you try to win the sale with an attractive price. Sellers might also sweeten the pot with extra incentives. Money toward closing costs or prepaid homeowner's dues are common buyer incentives, but why not set yourself apart by offering a free trip to a beach resort?

If you're the one buying but can't find the perfect house, ask your agent to look up houses that were recently taken off the market. You might be able to request a "one-time showing" and get a bargain price on a house the



Selling a home can be challenging in the current real estate climate. *Courtesy photo.*

owners thought they couldn't sell.

- **Remain flexible:** According to the experts, buyers and sellers should keep their pride in check and be willing to make some concessions, especially in a tough market. That means not haggling over minor repairs or refusing to leave behind the chandelier your potential buyer loves. Factor in the cost of keeping up your home for several more months versus just accepting a lower selling price today.

"Always think in terms of the bigger picture. Don't lose a deal over \$500," said Jodi Van Wagner, a Coldwell Banker agent in the Pensacola, Fla., area.

Even in the most sluggish real estate market, an early

start and an open mind are two of the best strategies to make your next move go smoothly.

~ *Courtesy of ARAcontent*



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