



It must be spring, the sightings of Baltimore orioles are taking place all over Alcona County and northeast Michigan. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

## State lawmaker welcomes legislative panel on Asian carp

Area residents can learn about the invasive species threatening the Great Lakes and share their opinions with state lawmakers at an aquatic invasive species town hall meeting hosted by State Representative Peter Pettalia on Friday, May 13.

Pettalia has invited House Natural Resources, Tourism, and Outdoor Recreation Committee Chair Representative Frank Foster of Pellston, Mich. and other legislators on the committee to listen to public comment during the program at NOAA's Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center (500 W. Fletcher Street, Alpena) from 6 to 8 p.m.

"The Asian carp advance into the Great Lakes seemed to have stalled in Chicago, Ill. according to testing last summer and while that is good news, those of us in Michigan who rely on the Great Lakes for jobs and recreation shouldn't rest easy that will be the case again this year," said Pettalia, (R-Presque Isle).

"I'm pleased that my colleagues will be coming to Alpena to gather local comments and opinions to include in their discussions at the capitol. I invite everyone to come out to listen to what is being done about invasive species and provide their input for consideration."

The program also includes presentations from the Michi-

gan State University Extension, Michigan Sea Grant and Michigan Department of Natural Resources for an overview of the Asian carp species and to present prevention, detection, assessment and management tools currently under consideration.

"Many people in Michigan have a lot at risk if the Asian carp take hold in the Great Lakes, from residents enjoying a day at the beach or holding a fishing pole to businesses and industries that rely on the diversity of the resource for their livelihood," Foster said. "It's important that we listen to all those concerns and ideas to develop the most effective approach to protecting the lakes."

Both Pettalia and Foster sponsored resolution measures that were approved in the state house earlier this year that called on the federal government to take quicker action on the Asian carp threat.

The Alpena meeting is one of several tours and town halls scheduled for May. Other Michigan stops include Linwood, Traverse City and Muskegon.

For more information about the town hall contact Pettalia's office toll-free at (877) 737-4106 or by e-mail at [peterpettalia@house.mi.gov](mailto:peterpettalia@house.mi.gov).

## Michigan DNR supports federal proposal to remove wolves from endangered species list

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has voiced its support for a federal proposal to remove wolves in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota from the endangered species list and return wolf management to the state.

"Returning wolves to state management will allow us to manage this recovered species under Michigan's highly-regarded Wolf Management Plan, which was created through a roundtable process involving stakeholders from all sides of the wolf issue," said DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason. "State management will give us greater flexibility in how we can respond to problem wolves on the landscape, while maintaining sound management practices and increasing social acceptance of the species as a whole."

Wolves were added to the federal endangered species list in 1973, after nearly disappearing from the state in the early 1960s. Natural emigration of wolves from Minnesota and Ontario to

Michigan's Upper Peninsula was documented in the 1980s, and the most recent estimate of Michigan's minimum winter wolf population completed in April indicates a new high of 687 animals – a number that far exceeds federal recovery goals.

"Maintaining endangered species status for a recovered species like wolves is not beneficial to the animals, and erodes public support for the Endangered Species Act," said DNR Endangered Species Coordinator Chris Hoving. "Delisting is a positive step for wolves, and will help free up time and funding essential to the recovery of other species that are truly endangered or threatened."

The proposed rule to delist wolves in the western Great Lakes states was published by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) recently in the Federal Register, opening a 60-day public comment period and putting the delisting process into action. Instructions for submitting public comment can be found at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov), using docket number FWS-R3-ES-2011-0029.

In addition to the public comment period, the USFWS will host a public meeting and hearing in Ashland, Wis., on May 18. Other public meetings may be scheduled in the future by the USFWS for locations in Michigan and Minnesota. Following the close of the comment period, the USFWS will consider all available information and make a final decision on the proposal.

If the proposed rule is approved and finalized, management of wolves in Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota could return to state authority before the end of the year. After the transition from endangered to recovered status, the USFWS will

continue to monitor population numbers for five years to ensure recovery is stable.

In accordance with the Wolf Management Plan, wolves in Michigan will be classified as a nongame protected species. Any future decision to reclassify wolves as a game species would be at the discretion of the state legislature.

In addition to proposing the delisting of wolves in the western Great Lakes states, the USFWS has announced that scientific evidence shows the Great Lakes region is home to two separate species

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As birders from all over the state and surrounding states gather for the sixth annual Tawas Point Birding Festival which will be held Friday, May 13 through Sunday, May 15 residents can also watch their yards and feeders for migrating birds like this rosebreasted grosbeak. For more information about the Tawas birding festival, see the website [www.tawasbird-fest.com](http://www.tawasbird-fest.com). Registration is required. Kirtland Community College's campus in Roscommon will also be the location of the Kirtland's Warbler Wildlife Festival which will be held on Saturday, May 21. For more information and pre-registration, Preregistration is required. For more information or a complete festival schedule, visit online at [warbler.kirtland.edu](http://warbler.kirtland.edu). *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,  
On May 4 Alcona High School held an awards night for our graduating seniors. I have attended this awards night before, but I am continually surprised what generous support our community gives to our students. Thirty-six different organizations and individual endowments presented more than 75 separate scholarships and awards totaling over \$128,000 for future education.

Organizations included churches and church groups, clubs, teachers, associations, lodges, community foundations and memorial endowments.

I am so proud to live in a community that gives so much support to our young people's future education. A big thank you to our community for your continued support to education.

Elizabeth McNichols  
Harrisville

To the Editor,  
Right now, the Michigan Legislature is drawing new political district lines. This process happens only once every 10 years. That's why we need to be sure that it's done in a way that accurately reflects our communities.

Unfortunately, that's usually not the case. Instead, the political party in power draws districts that will benefit them the most. This is not a Republican or Democratic issue -- both parties do it all the time.

This year, let's make a stand against political redistricting. Contact your state legislator and tell them that

you want a transparent redistricting process -- that means plenty of opportunity to understand the proposed districts, ask questions and provide input.

If you want to learn more about how redistricting works, visit the website of the Michigan Redistricting Collaborative (MRC) at [www.drawthelinemichigan.org](http://www.drawthelinemichigan.org). The MRC is a coalition of organizations dedicated to cleaning up the redistricting process in our state.

Pauline Buchner  
and Sue Lawson  
Co-Presidents  
League of Women Voters  
of Alpena County

To the Editor,  
I'm writing to make the residents of northeast Michigan aware of misleading statements by the Alpena Community College administration pertaining to the closure of the concrete technology program. The reasons Dr. Joyton gives for closing the program are low numbers, low enrollment for fall and lack of jobs. It's important to know that the numbers being used pertain to the number when the grant allowed

four instructors. The numbers of students currently attending are where they've always been for two instructors.

As far as low enrollment for the fall semester, high school seniors aren't even out of school and there are five signed up and 14 students who've applied. This is enough for an instructor. Normally, the majority of students sign up during the month of August. I can't imagine

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## Obituaries

### Juanita M. Schulz

Juanita M. Schulz, 88, of Harrisville, died on Thursday, May 5, at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville, surrounded by her family.

She was born May 6, 1922 to John and Emily (Epperson) Fawbush in Louisville Ky.

She married Roger Schulz on February 28, 1945.

Juanita had a song in her heart and a dance in her step and was a wonderful caregiver to many in the numerous positions she worked through the years.

Mrs. Schulz is survived by four sons, Roger Schulz Jr., Gerald (Pam Luchow) Schulz, David (Sue) Schulz and Paul Schulz; three daughters, Debbie (Al) Stevens, Brenda (Kurt) Renner and Carolyn (Brian Moriarity) Schulz; 12 grandchildren; six step grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Gene Fawbush and John Fawbush; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger, on October 31, 1996; and one son, Lawrence Schulz, on June 25, 2001.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Private services have been held.

### Jayne M. Peterson

Jayne Marie Peterson, 73, of Oscoda died on Friday, May 6, 2011 at home.

She was born August 5, 1937 in Owosso, Mich. the daughter of Fredrick William and Arlene Janette (Parmenter) Strawsine.

From 1951 to 1959 the Strawsine family spent summers on the Great Lakes with their homeport in East Tawas. She started deer hunting in 1953 at the age of 16 in the Curran area and enjoyed that tradition with her family through last year.

She graduated from Corunna High School in 1955 and attended Michigan State University for one year. She graduated from Ferris State College in 1957 with an associate degree in business.

She married Steve Peterson in 1956 at St. Paul Episcopal Church in Corunna, Mich. They resided in Big Rapids, Mich., and moved to East Tawas in 1957.

After moving to Iosco County Mrs. Peterson worked as a bookkeeper for many businesses over the years including Huron Supply, Jerry's Marina, Jefferson Trucking, Capitol Business Service and Straits Aggregate.

In 1966 the couple moved to Oscoda and started Resort Advertising, a commercial printing business.

In 1980 she formed JMP Bookkeeping and was a bookkeeper for area businesses, including the Alcona County Review, until retiring in 2003.

Mrs. Peterson was the first woman to solo a single engine airplane out of the Iosco County Airport in 1965. She owned several American Quarter Horses and showed them across the state, including the Breeder's Cup, in Detroit, Mich. for approximately four years in the early 1970s. She served as treasurer on the board of directors for the Michigan Council of Cooperative Preschools for four years and for the International Council of Cooperative Preschools for two years.

She served as the treasurer



for St. John Episcopal Church in Oscoda for 17 years. She had been a member of the Oscoda Yacht Club since 1981 and served as treasurer of the club's auxiliary for eight years. She was the treasurer for the board of directors, manager and employee supervisor of the Huron Forest Community Greenhouse in AuSable Township from 1984 to 1990.

Mrs. Peterson is survived by one daughter, Cheryl (John Boufford) Peterson of Harrisville; one son, William (Susan) Peterson of Sheridan, Mont.; one sister, Sally Janssen of Oscoda; one nephew, Mason (Debbie) Hall of Clarksville, Tenn.; one niece, Phyllis Zimmer of Traverse City, Mich.; two great-nephews, Calvin and Branden Hall; two great-nieces, Natalie and Alecia Zimmer; and two cousins, Sharon Brehmer of Bath, Mich. and Charles (Kristi) Robins of Freeland, Mich.

A memorial service will be held on Thursday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m. at Hope St. John Episcopal Church, 223 E. Mill Street, Oscoda. The Rev. G. John MacDonald will officiate. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Humane Society (457 W. Traverse Bay/State Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742) or Hope St. John Church (P.O. Box 338, Oscoda, Mich. 48750).

### top ten

## ASTHMA TRIGGERS

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2. Dust Mites
3. Pets
4. Mold
5. Pest infestations
6. Weather
7. Exercise
8. Certain Foods
9. Pollen
10. Stress

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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
	May 1	69		41	0.00	9.0
May 2	49	40	0.00	3.3	19	NE
May 3	43	36	0.00	2.4	14	N
May 4	53	36	0.00	2.0	19	N
May 5	57	39	0.00	2.8	18	SSW
May 6	62	42	0.15	1.6	22	SW
May 7	50	37	0.00	0.5	9	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	2011	2010	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.15	0.78	0.56
May to Date	0.15	0.78	0.56
Year/Season to Date	10.27	3.43	8.11

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.)



## Letters to the Editor

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ine they want to turn away 19 students from an education. What about the future generations?

Concerning the lack of jobs -- I'm a concrete tech. graduate and in the last month I've had 10 offers ranging from 16 to 25 dollars an hour. While searching I've found countless jobs around the country that I didn't apply for because they were entry level positions or in areas I didn't want to live. What's sad is that none of the people pushing for the closure of this incredible program, which is responsible for so many careers, are from around here. This program is so unique because it's the only program at ACC that provides a graduate so many choices. Admixture sales, aggregate, cement, engineering, precast, Ready Mix, and DOT are a few areas and industries open to graduates.

Fix the budget by cuts. Why doesn't the administration propose an across the board pay cut to everyone including themselves? It's about the students; don't deprive them of this program.

Gregg Schefferly  
Lincoln  
Past Instructor of WCCT

*(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, MAY 11

A beginning word processing 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 4 p.m.

The Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce will hold a public general meeting at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

The Barton City Improvement Association will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW hall on W. Trask Lake Road. All Barton City residents are encouraged to attend and help plan the Biggest 4<sup>th</sup> in the North.

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

### THURSDAY, MAY 12

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.

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

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) 734-9922 or (989) 739-4483.

### FRIDAY, MAY 13

The sixth annual Tawas Point Birding Festival will run today through Sunday, May 15. Registration is required and more information can be found at [www.tawasbirdfest.com](http://www.tawasbirdfest.com). Registration fee online is \$20, at the door is \$25.

Knights of Columbus 4235 will hold a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and free for five and under. Everyone is welcome. Takeout available.

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

There will be a spring bonnet craft project for girls ages 7-12 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 2 to 4 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to register. Bring a grown-up helper.

Area residents can learn about Great Lakes invasive species and share opinions with state lawmakers at a town hall meeting hosted by Rep. Peter Pettalia from 6 to 8 p.m. at NOAA's Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 W. Fletcher St., Alpena. For more information, call 877-737-4106 or e-mail [peterpettalia@house.mi.gov](mailto:peterpettalia@house.mi.gov).

### SATURDAY, MAY 14

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-6546. The Alcona varsity track team will hold a can and bottle drive during the recycle event.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville United Methodist Church.

The Huron Shores Genealogical Society will present "Immortalized in Death" at

the Robert Parks Public Library from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Follow the paper trail created when one dies. Call (989) 739-9581 to register.

A reception for artist Kathryn M. Cubalo will be held at the East Shore Art Guild Inc. & Gallery, 410 E. Main Street, Suite 4, from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

The ARA Farm Market is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with fresh local produce, baked goods and more across from Kris Mart in Lincoln.

### SUNDAY, MAY 15

The Thunder Bay Arts Council's Community Chorus will present "Songs of the U.S.A." at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of Alpena High School. Admission is free with donations appreciated. For more information, call Thunder Bay Arts Council at (989) 356-6678.

### MONDAY, MAY 16

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.

All ladies are invited to play bunco, an easy-to-learn game, at the Greenbush Township Hall at 2:30 p.m. First timers are always welcome.

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# GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP RESIDENT'S CLEANUP

## Saturday, May 14 ~ 8 a.m. - 2 p.m.

*Please separate your load such as tires, scrap metal, white goods, junk, etc.*

### At North End of State Street Behind the Moose Club

#### ITEMS NOT ACCEPTED:

Broken Concrete  
Whole Junk Cars  
Hazardous Waste  
Yard Waste  
Commercial Building Material  
Household Garbage  
Gas or Fuel Oil Tanks

There will be no limit on tires, but there will be a minimal charge of \$2 per tire for regular tires. Oversize tires will be charged accordingly.

#### Any Questions Contact:

Supervisor  
Ed Roddy 739-2159  
or  
Clerk  
Art Winter 724-6771

Residents from other parts of Alcona County will be charged according to the size of their vehicle's load.

**Residents or Property Owners Must Show Proof of Residency or Tax Bill. There Will be no Charge to Greenbush Residents, Other Than for Tires.**

Residents from outside of Greenbush or Alcona County will be able to use this site at a higher fee.

*Any and all Donations accepted.*



## Local Notes

### Correction

The location of the Cherkian residence was incorrect in the May 4 issue. The Cherkian family lives on Hubert Road in Hubbard Lake. The Review apologizes for this error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

### Spring Bonnet Craft

Girls ages seven to 12 are invited to decorate a spring bonnet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Friday, May 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to register. All materials provided, but bring a grown-up helper.

### 4-H Golf Club

The 4-H Golf club is accepting new members for the spring season. The club is open to youth ages nine to 13 of all abilities to learn the basics of golf, or help fine tune their game. Member fees of \$10 annually, plus a small weekly fee will cover driving range costs. The club will meet six times and be done by June 2. Call Ruth for more details at (989) 724-6356.

### Ladies Golf League

The Springport Hills Thursday morning ladies league will begin Thursday, May 19. There will be a short meeting at 9 a.m. with golf to

follow. New members are welcome. For additional information, contact Sue at (989) 724-6885 or the golf course at (989) 724-5611.

### Away at School

- Nikole Hampton was named to the dean's list at University of Michigan for the winter semester. She is the daughter of Grant and KC Hampton of Harrisville.

- Ryan Hampton was named to the dean's list at University of Michigan for the winter semester. He is the son of Grant and KC Hampton of Harrisville.

### Financial Safety Seminar

On Wednesday, May 18 community service Trooper Randy Servia is hosting a power point presentation at the Curtis Township Library (4884 Bamfield Road) in Glennie. Topics to be covered are the definition of identity theft versus fraud, fraudulent checks and indications, preventative measures, different scams in Alcona County, use of lost or stolen credit cards, skimming credit cards, computer and document security. Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call (989) 735-2601.

### State Police Canine Demo

Troopers from the Michigan State Police will hold a canine demonstration on Saturday, May 21 from 1-3 p.m. at the East Campus Youth & Family Center (Johnson Road) in Alpena. The public is invited to watch five canine handlers and six dogs demonstrate tracking, narcotics and explosives detection, cadaver search and aggression demonstrations throughout the afternoon. Meet troopers Kris Mikowski and Jett from Traverse City, Mich.; Jason Nemecek and Mako from Gaylord, Mich.; Harold Terry and Valor from Houghton Lake, Mich.; David Yount, with Ergo and Lightning, from Lansing, Mich. and, Jamie Bullis and Vadas from the Lincoln Detachment office. Each trooper will talk about the training and abilities of canine troopers and answer questions. This family event is free of charge. For more information, contact the Michigan State Police, Alpena post (989) 354-4101.

### 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 16—Lasagna, mixed vegetables, garlic bread, coleslaw and fruit.

- Tuesday, May 17—Chicken pot pie with stew vegetables, raspberry applesauce salad and blueberry crisp.

- Wednesday, May 18—Smoked sausage on a bun with sauerkraut, spudsters, broccoli, fruit salad and fruit.

- Thursday, May 19—Baked fish, rice pilaf, corn and stewed tomatoes, pineapple orange salad and fruit.

- Friday, May 20—Beef roast, parsley red potato, squash, fruited Jell-O and fruit. *(Friday meal served in Lincoln only.)*

### ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be open Saturday, May 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the ARA site across from Kris Mart in Lincoln. Visit the market for herb plants, specialty, red, Romaine and mesclun mix lettuces, kale, Swiss chard, spinach, shallots, radishes, chives, yellow and red patio tomato plants, hanging baskets, perennial and annual flowers, breads, pizza, fruit pies and other baked goods, strawberry-blueberry jam, dried herbs, black bean and other flours, soup and salsa mixes, cornbread and pancake mixes, salt-free dip and dressing mixes and seasonings,

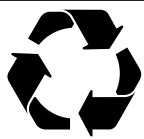
dried apples, rag rugs, homemade laundry soap, and handmade wooden items and more. Free coffee and doughnuts will be available.

### Civil War Ancestor Search

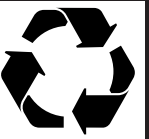
Do you have a Civil War ancestor? The answer to this question will be the focus of a workshop sponsored by the Northeast Michigan Genealogical Society. at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 19 at the Alpena public library. Marcia Simmons of the Daughters of Union Soldiers of the Civil War will be a presenter. Representatives from Besser Museum, Alpena County Library, Sons of the Union Veterans of the Civil War, the Family History Center of the LDS Church, and members of the genealogical society will round out the program. The workshop will be a hands-on experience to find your Civil War ancestor through a number of diverse web sites and other information.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own laptops (a few will be available at the library). Bring your family history for this workshop. However, if you do not have information about a potential Civil War ancestor, members of the genealogical society are ready to assist with a family search. This workshop is offered free of charge and is open to the

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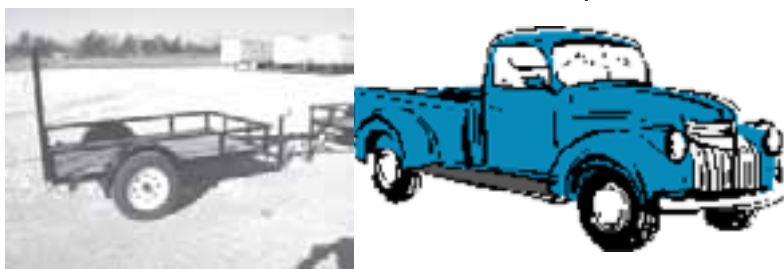
# COUNTY-WIDE CLEANUP

## Saturday, May 21, 2011 • 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

### Lincoln ARA Site (Alcona County Fairgrounds)

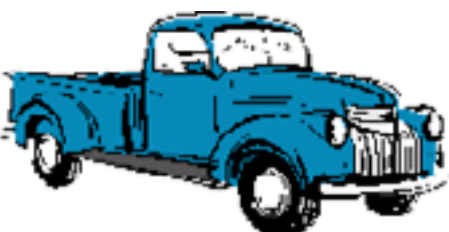
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Any Pickup  
with trailer \$15



Any Pickup with  
Farm or Gooseneck  
Trailer Load \$20

**Pickup Load  
\$10**



PLEASE...

Separate your load into tires, scrap metal, water heaters, air conditioners, white goods, junk, etc.

Residents/property owners must show proof of residency or tax bill.

#### ITEMS ACCEPTED

- Passenger/light truck tires up to 20" are \$2 each
- Truck & implement tires \$5 each
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- Propane tanks
- DRIED paint ONLY
- Shingles (additional fee)

#### Items NOT Accepted

- Concrete
- Whole Junk Cars
- Hazardous Waster/Materials
- Yard Waste
- Commercial Building Materials
- Gas or Fuel Oil Tanks

**Absolutely  
NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE**

*Coordinated by Recycle Alcona County Inc.*



# Local Notes

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public with guidance to the participants, no registration is required. For more information, contact Bill at (989) 358-9323 or see the website [www.nemgs.com](http://www.nemgs.com).

## Eagle Scout Presentation

Eric M. Parent, 18, of Greenbush, has earned the highest advancement award the Boy Scouts of America offers to scouts — the Eagle Scout award. Parent, a member of Boy Scout Troop 959, will be recognized in ceremonies on Friday, May 20 at the Oscoda United Methodist Church. The Oscoda United Methodist Church has held an active Boy Scout troop for more than 50 years and Parent is the first scout from this troop to obtain this rank in more than 10 years and is one of approximately four percent of all Boy Scouts who begin scouting that attain the Eagle rank.



Eric M. Parent

Each candidate must earn 21 merit badges and successfully complete a community, or church service project to earn his Eagle; Parent chose to hold a boater safety class for area youth in conjunction with the Alcona County Sheriff's Department last spring. He has served as senior patrol leader, order of the arrow representative and den chief for the Cub Scout Pack 3900. Parent is a member of Oscoda Assembly of God and is a junior at Oscoda High School. He is the son of Mark and Amanda Parent of Greenbush.

Parent joins other outstanding American citizens who have become Eagle Scouts, among them former President Gerald R. Ford Jr., astronaut Neil A. Armstrong, cinematographer Steven Spielberg, and former head of the F.B.I., William Sessions.

## US-23 Project Public Comment

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT), in partnership with Oscoda and Au Sable townships, is inviting public comment on a proposed US-23 project in 2012 that will improve safety in Iosco County. Residents and/or property owners and business owners have the opportunity to comment by the deadline — Friday, May 20, 2011. They may contact: Michigan Department of Transportation, Bureau of Transportation Planning, Robert H. Parsons, public involvement and hearings officer, P.O. Box 30050, Lansing, Mich. 48909; Fax: (517)

373-9255; E-mail: [parsonsb@michigan.gov](mailto:parsonsb@michigan.gov).

The proposed project on US-23, from Cameron Street to F-41 in Oscoda, involves totally reconstructing the roadway, plus new curb and gutter, sidewalks and storm sewers. Work includes widening toward Furtaw Field along Lake and Evergreen streets and is expected to make turning easier and safer for commercial traffic. Upon completion, the planned posted detour will be repaved with new sidewalk ramps included.

At a January 2011 open house, the public was informed that a small portion of Furtaw Field would be needed to accommodate the Lake Street detour. At the time, Oscoda Township officials agreed this would be temporary and would be restored upon conclusion of the project. However, Oscoda Township has now requested that the detour pavement at Furtaw Field be permanently left in place for safety reasons.

To review a copy of the proposed project plans, contact Robert Parsons or visit the Oscoda Township offices at 110 South State Street in Oscoda. All comments received by the May 20 deadline will be recorded and forwarded to the Federal Highway Administration for review.

## 4-H to Hold Summer Camp

4-H will host its annual 4-H summer camp June 15, 16, and 17 at Camp Timbers in the Clear Lake area, just north of West Branch, Mich. on Piper Lake. Camp is open for youth ages eight to 12 as of January 1, 2011. Youth need to be registered by May 20 to attend this year's camp. The fee for Iosco County 4-H members is \$85 and includes a 4-H Leaders' Council scholarship. The fee for non-members is \$105. Youth do not need to be an Iosco County resident to attend camp, all youth are welcome. 4-H has been holding this camp for at least 30 years. "Many parents of campers attended this same camp as a child. It is great to be able to serve our 4-H alumni," stated Linda Stemen, Extension Educator. "This shows they value the camp program and want the same experience they had for their child."

Evaluations from campers last year stated that camp helped them make new friends, learn new skills, feel more independent, take better care of themselves, become more responsible, learn about new and different things and to do something they did not think they could do. The camp will be coordinated by MSU Extension 4-H staff from five counties: Arenac, Iosco, Ogemaw, Roscommon and Wexford. Camp will offer fishing, canoeing or kayaking, swimming, archery, crafts, hiking, games, pottery, and a climbing wall. Youth will get to experience group camp

living in cabins with a counselor, camp fires and songs in the evening -- all in the great outdoors.

Regrettably camp dates conflict with the Oscoda and Tawas Area Schools, school year ending dates. This could not be avoided due to scheduling and counselor availability at Camp Timbers. The YMCA staff partners with 4-H to provide some of their counselors to serve as water front lifeguards, food service, and activity staff. For a registration packet or more information, call the Iosco County MSU Extension office at (989) 362-3449.

## Wolves

Continued from page 1

of wolves: the gray wolf and the eastern wolf. This determination was made through DNA analysis, and historical specimens indicate both species were present in Michigan prior to European settlement.

The two species appear very similar and usually cannot be differentiated except on the genetic level. When the USFWS proposal to delist wolves is finalized, all provisions of the Wolf Management Plan will apply to both gray and eastern wolves in Michigan.

For more information regarding the federal proposal to remove wolves from the endangered species list, contact Chris Hoving at (517) 373-3337. Questions regarding management of wolves in Michigan can be referred to DNR wolf specialist Brian Roell at (906) 228-6561.

To learn more about the history of wolves in Michigan and view the Wolf Management Plan, go online to [www.michigan.gov/wolves](http://www.michigan.gov/wolves).

## Super Crossword

Answers

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Subject to Permit Number 11-01-0003-P, issued April 18, 2011 to the City of Harrisville, by the State of Michigan, Department of Environmental Quality Water Resources Division, a drawdown of water in the Harrisville Mill Pond, Alcona County, Section 12, Town 26N, Range 9E, City of Harrisville, will take place starting on or following May 31, 2011, to allow repair of the concrete of the spillway by-pass of the Mill Pond dam. (Above normal flows shall be taken into consideration when drawing down the impoundment. A minimum amount of stream flow shall be provided to the stream downstream from the dam.)

**Horseshoe League**

**Northern  
May 5**

Glennie I	21
BC I	19
Mikado Legion I	18
Swamp I	14
Mikado Legion II	13
BC II	12
Eagles II	8
Eagles I	6
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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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**Spring oak tree pruning can cause oak wilt disease**

Spring is not a good time to prune an oak tree. This is a reminder to some who already know this - but for others -it's "new news." The reason why is because of the danger of oak wilt infecting a pruned tree. Oak wilt is a fungal disease that kills oaks. The highest risk for infection is during the spring and first half of summer. During the growing season, any wound (injury) to an oak can be an entry point for this disease.

Oak wilt is having a growing impact in Michigan forests. Oak wilt occurs across both peninsulas of Michigan. It is becoming very common to find in all areas of Alcona County due to the predominance of red oaks in this area. Pruning, construction damage, and other wounding (including naturally occurring wounds) all are potential entry points. Arborists, loggers, foresters, and other professionals should be aware of this disease and take voluntary measures whenever possible to

help prevent the spread. However, county road crews and other maintenance crews can inadvertently spread this disease to oaks as well.

Michigan State University Extension representatives encourage residents to help spread the word to friends and neighbors in areas where oak is common. Prevention is the best treatment. Don't prune oaks during the growing season if at all possible. Schedule tree work for Labor Day and beyond to be on the safe side.

This is definitely a disease that residents do not want in their yard. Once trees become infected, the disease can move underground through the roots of the trees to infect and kill other oaks growing nearby - thus compounding the problem. Oak wilt in infected oaks cannot be stopped by simply removing a tree. Root systems must be isolated or removed (this is not cheap or always feasible).

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**Smoke free law helps reduce exposure to secondhand smoke**

A Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) bar employees study and air monitoring shows that the Smoke Free Law has successfully reduced the public's and employee's exposure to secondhand smoke.

The study, conducted four to six weeks before and six to 10 weeks after the smoke-free law, shows how the level of secondhand smoke exposure decreased significantly among bar employees after the law went into effect.

"The law was passed to protect Michigan residents, employees, and visitors from the dangerous health effects secondhand smoke and our studies show that the law is doing its job," said Dr. Greg Holzman, state chief medical executive. "The Surgeon General's report released in December 2010 warned that even short-term exposure to secondhand smoke can have serious health implications for those who suffer from heart disease and respiratory conditions."

Forty bar employees from 13 counties throughout the state participated in the study. Researchers measured the participants' levels of cotinine and NNAL - chemicals found in urine that indicates a person's level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Each participant also completed a respiratory and general health questionnaire.

The results demonstrate a significant decrease in cotinine levels among employees working in the same bars from an average of 35.92 nanograms per milliliters before the law to zero nanograms per milliliters after the smoke-free law went into effect. There was also a significant decrease in NNAL levels among participants working in the same bar from an average of .086 picomoles per milliliter before the law to

.034 picomoles per milliliter after the smoke-free law was implemented.

Bar employees also reported general health status and respiratory health, including wheezing, allergy symptoms, and coughing, after the law took effect.

Results of air monitoring studies were also conducted before and after the smoke-free law in the state's six major regions including the southeast, west, Upper Peninsula, northern Lower Peninsula, Thumb and central. Prior to passage of the law, air quality was tested in a sample of restaurants throughout Michigan where smoking was allowed.

After the law passed, the air quality was rechecked in those same establishments to determine if levels of matter found in secondhand smoke had decreased. Preliminary results of the air monitoring studies demonstrate a significant decrease in exposure to secondhand smoke in restaurants of all participating areas to date.

"We now have results from two studies that clearly show that the law is working and doing as it was intended to do and that is protect restaurant employees and patrons from exposure to secondhand smoke," Holzman said.

MDCH is collecting data from local health departments to report the number of complaints that have been filed and resolved since passage of the law. To view the nicotine level and air monitoring studies, log onto [www.michigan.gov/smokefreelaw](http://www.michigan.gov/smokefreelaw) and scroll to Evaluation Study Results. For more information, call MDCH researchers Teri Wilson, (517) 335-9124 (office) or (248) 231-2007 (cell); or Farid Shamo (517) 335-8021 (office) or (586) 873-0100 (cell).



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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## Gravesite care when you can't get there

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Do you know of any services or organizations that provide gravesite care and decorating? My 82-year-old mother cannot take care of dad's grave anymore, and I don't live nearby to do it either.

Need Help

Dear Need,  
Depending on where your dad is buried, there's actually a hodgepodge of places you can turn to for gravesite grooming, decorating and special care when you can't get there.

As a general rule, most cemeteries only provide basic grounds maintenance like mowing the grass and trash pickup. Special gravesite care is almost always up to the family. But for elderly seniors who have trouble getting around, or for families who live a distance from their loved one's burial place and can't get back very often, what options are available? Here are several to check into.

A good starting point is to call a friend or family member in the area, or contact your parent's church or religious affiliation to see if they would be willing to help you. If that's not a possibility, contact some local funeral homes or the cemetery staff where your dad is buried to see if they offer any gravesite services or know of anyone who does.

If you don't have any luck there, another option is to hire a gravesite care company. These are small individually owned businesses that provide services like plot maintenance including grass trimming and weeding, headstone cleaning and restoration, flower and wreath deliveries and more. And, so you know the work was completed or the flowers were delivered, many companies will take pictures of the gravesite and e-mail or mail them to you.

There are literally dozens of small businesses that provides gravesite care services in communities or regions across the U.S. To find them, try contacting your nearby memorial society or local funeral consumer alliance program (see [www.funerals.org/affiliates-directory](http://www.funerals.org/affiliates-directory) or call 802-865-8300 for contact information).

These are volunteer groups that offer a wide range of information on local funeral and cremation providers, cemeteries and more. They may be able to refer you to a local service - if one exists. You can also do a search online. To do this, go to any Internet search engine and type in "grave care services" plus your city or state.

If you can't find a local service to help you, check into some national companies like Grave Groomers



(gravegroomers.com), which has 22 different businesses in 12 states. Or Gravesite Masters ([gravesitemasters.com](http://gravesitemasters.com), 877-476-6687), which provides a wide array of services nationwide through its nearly 200 subcontractors around the U.S.

The cost for most gravesite care services can range from \$30 to \$50 for flower and wreath deliveries, \$20 to \$60 for plot grooming, and \$40 to \$150 for headstone cleaning and memorial restoration. Special discounts for multiple gravesite services and visits may also exist.

Savvy Tip: If you're looking to decorate your dad's grave with fresh cut flowers or live plants, another option is to call a local florist to see if they can make a delivery directly to his grave site. Many florists will accommodate this request if you provide them the cemetery location and plot number, but you probably won't get a photo verifying the delivery.

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

## Detecting Alzheimer's in earliest stage

Senior News Line  
By Matilda Charles

Researchers are moving ahead in their quest for a treatment for Alzheimer's disease. For the first time since 1984, they've come out with a new set of guidelines.

It used to be that there was no diagnosis of Alzheimer's until the patient experienced complete dementia. Two years ago, researchers from around the world came together to pool all their information and to rethink how they've approached the care of those with Alzheimer's, as well as learn new ways to diagnose it sooner.

From those efforts, researchers have been able to identify three specific stages of the disease: preclinical (brain changes that can show up as much as 10 years in advance), mild cognitive impairment (some mental declines that the patient and others can notice) and Alzheimer's dementia. Mild cognitive impairment doesn't always become Alzheimer's.

The new guidelines allow for a diagnosis much earlier, before there are even symptoms, when treatment might still be effective. The earlier diagnoses can make use of physical changes (biomarkers) seen in brain scans, spinal fluids and blood proteins.

This doesn't mean they've found a cure for Alzheimer's, but it does mean that researchers can use the new information to help find a cure, or at least a treatment. At this point, researchers will focus, in clinical trials, on the "pre-clinical" biomarkers to try to determine which are specific to the development of Alzheimer's and how they change.

By learning just how early the first steps of Alzheimer's show up, researchers can develop drugs that will slow the progress of the disease at a much earlier point.

For more information on Alzheimer's disease and a close look at the new guidelines, go to the Alzheimer's Association website at [www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org) or call them at 800-272-3900.

(Editor's Note: 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](mailto:columnreply@gmail.com).)

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**NOTICE**

A public hearing will be held at the Lincoln Village Hall on Tuesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to present details on the upcoming Streetscape project. Members of the DDA board and Village Council will be present and look forward to meeting with Village Residents. Any questions or concerns can be addressed at this meeting. We look forward to sharing with Village Residents the details of the Streetscape project.  
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**Footloose**

**By Kathryn Fritz Kniep Columnist**

I'm a little late in sharing a new holiday I discovered while looking up something else on the web. Actually, Lost Sock Day was Monday, May 9. But I figure if I tell you all about it now, we can all be ready to properly celebrate it next year.

Lost Sock Day is a day set aside to honor (or at least to deal with) the single socks in your life. You know, the ones that head into the dryer in pairs like the animals onto the ark, but come out alone. Most people, when faced with a single sock, do what I do. They attribute it to a lost weekend (on the sock's part) and tuck the single sock back into the drawer in the hopes that eventually, the pair will reconcile.

Sometimes they do. Sometimes, it's just something as trivial as that Mr. Sock said something that made Mrs. Sock feel like he thought she was getting a little baggy around the heel, or she yelled at him for sitting around on the foot stool all day Sunday, watching the football game. Sometimes, the separation is the result of her attraction to a big, static-y wool pullover or his brief entanglement with a nylon nightie.

In that case, the lost mate usually tends to show up in the next load, looking a little the worse for wear, perhaps, but ready to resume their couplehood, and most often it works out just fine. There are occasions, however, when it's a more serious separation.

Some socks (and I find it tends to be the more patterned, more expensive kind) are just born to be wild. During the week, they just pretty much go with the flow, except for occasionally crawling down your leg into your shoe to annoy you. But on laundry day, they wait until the dryer door clicks closed and then they whip a little length of rope and a hook out of their socky little pockets and do their best to make their escape.

These are the socks you find stuck to the top of the drier, or worse, lying limp in the backyard near the drier vent. The ones that tried for freedom and failed, they

spend the rest of their useful existence lying limp and despondent in the sock drawer, sighing little socky sighs.

In some cases, when it's clear that their fellow sock won't be returning, it's possible to match up two single socks and create a new pair. Sometimes it works just fine, especially with your everyday white tube socks. Sometimes, as in the case of a pair of footies I created, they never quite mesh.

You'd think the footies would do just fine. They're exactly the same size and shape, and made of the same fabric. Admittedly, one has a blue pattern with touches of orange while the other has an orange pattern with touches of blue, but you wouldn't think a thing like that would make them so...uncomfortable -- with both each other and my feet. So while I also have a pair of slipper socks that totally don't match (one's short, one's tall, they're two completely different colors and they work just fine) the footies in question just never feel quite "right."

Recently, I confirmed a law of missing socks that I guess I'd always known, but that I rarely apply. I had a pair of "Wol" socks, Wol being the owl from the Winnie the Pooh series. My friend Jan (aka "Rabbit") dubbed me "Wol" a long time ago and she'd tucked them in with a Christmas gift. I really liked them and didn't wear them often since I was saving them for "good." (Which tells you something about my wardrobe, in general).

The second time I washed them, one of them escaped. Sadly, I tucked the remaining sock into my drawer and waited for the first to reappear. And waited. I wasn't willing to give up on this particular pair. Until last week, when, well after the statute of limitations on missing socks had expired, I gave up and threw the first sock away. This week, the second Wol sock turned up in the laundry room, cuddled comfortably atop the drier. I swear it was purring.

Single socks are just one of those rare phenomenons that everybody encounters. There are, of course, some extremely Marthasque folks

**Puttin' On The Fritz**

out there who actually snap their socks together with little clips created especially for the job before washing them, but there aren't very many of them, I suspect.

And so they sit in the sock drawer, and Missing Sock Day was created as the day to do something about them. One blog I recently read offered a number of suggestions of what to do with the single sock.

Some of them were oldies, like using them to dust window blinds or putting them over the legs of furniture when moving it to prevent scratches. Some of them struck me as faintly unsavory, like pulling them over the baby's bottle to keep it warm, squeezing lemons through them to keep the seeds out of the juice, or storing your onions in them. And of course, there were two of my old stand-bys; sock monkeys and sock puppets.

But there were one or two new ideas I liked, too. Fill an old sock with some soil and grass seed and rubber band the top closed. Draw on a face, drop into a plastic cup and water every few days. Presto - a homemade Chia plant! Or cut them into thin horizontal strips and use them to tie up plants in the garden.

No one, in several sites I visited, had a solution to the single sock phenomenon. Several individuals said they celebrated Single Sock Day each year by throwing out all the single socks they'd collected. Others swore by keeping a box for single socks in the laundry room, on the basis that their mates, like Lassie, always come home eventually. But nobody had figured out a means to prevent them in the first place. They're just a fact of life, I guess.

And while I won't be filtering my lemonade through one any time soon, I do have a whole year to think of ways to make them into decorations for Single Sock Day.

In the meantime, I have a solution that works quite well. If I'm not going anywhere more exciting than the kitchen on any given day, I just wear two singles. Granted, they may feel a little funny at first, but who knows, maybe as we all get to know each other better, we'll all grow more comfortable. After a while, it's even possible we'll become sole-mates.

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**Just Like Cats & Dogs**

by Dave T. Phipps





# Anglers reminded of new lake trout limit in northern Lake Huron

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources reminds Lake Huron anglers that recreational fishing regulations for lake trout and splake have changed, effective Sunday, May 1.

Anglers fishing in MH- 1 – the northernmost management unit of Lake Huron – will be allowed to keep three

lake trout and/or splake daily with a minimum size limit of 10 inches and a maximum size limit of 24 inches, except that one of the three fish comprising the daily possession limit may be 32 inches or greater. Key MH-1 ports include Rogers City, Cheboygan, St. Ignace, Cedarville and Detour.

Previously, the maximum size limit was 27 inches.

The new lake trout and splake regulations supersede the regulations printed in the 2011 Michigan Fishing Guide.

For more information, go to [www.michigan.gov/dnr-fishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-fishing).

# Put away bird feeders, trash cans to prevent nuisance bear problems

Each spring as hibernating bears leave their winter dens and resume daily activity, wildlife officials in northern Michigan receive many calls about bears hanging around and even destroying man-made food sources such as bird feeders, trash cans and grills, and this year has been no exception, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

“At this time of year, bears are on the move and are looking for food,” said DNR bear specialist Adam Bump. “They

are hungry after spending months hibernating, and will often resort to finding food in unnatural places, such as residential back yards.”

Bird seed is especially attractive to bears because it is a high-energy food and relatively easy to find. Once bird feeders are discovered, bears will keep coming back until the seed is gone or the feeders have been removed.

“The majority of complaints we receive about nuisance bears this time of year involve a food source. The easi-

est thing people can do to avoid creating a problem is to temporarily take in their bird feeders, and store other attractants, like grills, trash cans and pet food, in a garage or storage shed,” Bump said. “Once the woods green up, bears tend to move on to find more natural sources of food, as long as they haven’t become habituated to the bird seed or garbage cans.”

Bears can become habituated to man-made food sources, which can create an unsafe situation for the bear, and a nuisance situation for landowners if they have a bear continuously visiting their yard during the day and repeatedly destroying private property in search of food.

DNR Wildlife Division staff members are unable to respond directly to each nuisance bear complaint, and instead ask that landowners do their part to help reduce potential food sources in their yards first before calling for further assistance. The trapping of nuisance bears is only authorized by DNR wildlife officials in cases of significant property damage or threats to human safety.

Anyone experiencing problems with nuisance bears, who has taken the appropriate action to remove food sources for a period of two to three weeks but has not seen results, should contact the nearest DNR office and speak with a wildlife biologist or technician for further assistance.

For more information, go to [www.michigan.gov/bear](http://www.michigan.gov/bear).



Steve Arens shot his first turkey on April 30 at 10:30 a.m. in Haynes Township. It had an eight inch beard. *Courtesy photo.*

## The Garden Bug

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# Interpreters help enhance the experience at state parks and fish hatcheries

Most visitors to Michigan's state parks are content with what they see on the menu. They're happy to spend the day enjoying the natural features - beaches, waterfalls, forests or dunes, to list a few - or the accompanying amenities.

But for many others, that's just scratching the surface of what state parks have to offer. State parks and recreation areas are living laboratories of the natural world that can lead people to more knowledge or a better understanding of that world. And a number of state parks, recreational areas and even state fish hatcheries take that mission to another level with special displays and educational programs designed to make the learning experience more accessible.

The job of designing and implementing these educational programs belongs to a handful of individuals at some of the more spectacular or best-attended parks. They're called "interpreters" - teachers, as it were - who have been trained in natural resources and specialize in sharing that knowledge with others.

"If you go to a park like Porcupines Mountain Wilderness State Park or Ludington State Park and look around, hopefully, you find the natural resources inspiring," said John Spieles, a 20-year veteran of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment who was the naturalist at Tahquamenon Falls State Park for 10 years before becoming the agency's interpretive manager. "We try to relate to you how those resources fit in with other resources - including those that are right in your own back yard."

It's a task that has become more important - and more difficult - in recent years, Spieles said, because increasing numbers of people lack the built-in connection to the natural world that was more commonplace in the past.

"This is something new," he said. "Now we have folks who were never exposed to the outdoors having children. All of a sudden we have two generations - the one that moved away from that outdoor connection and their offspring. How do you get kids to go fishing if their parents don't know how?"

Theresa Neal, the interpreter at Tahquamenon State Park says she leads one-to-three-mile hikes weekly throughout the summer months (as well as snowshoe hikes in the winter) that may include looking at an abandoned bear den or even an

hour of blueberry picking. "The idea is to expose visitors to things they may not see or do on their own," Neal said. "It's an excuse to get people out in the middle of nowhere." Although Neal said she has a lot of visitors that return to

the park for additional learning experiences - or even to take the same hike again in a subsequent year - "the majority of them have never been on an interpretive hike or even to Tahquamenon Falls be-

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Beth Tillman at P.J. Hoffmaster State Park conducts an ecology workshop on the dunes. Photos by Dave Kenyon, Michigan DNR.

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fore. Or, if they had, they were little and now they're bringing their own children."

The aptly named Bob Wild, who heads up the program at Porcupine Mountain, said he gets as much enjoyment out of leading park visitors on exploratory missions as the visitors get from taking them.

"On paper, my job is to be

in charge of educational materials and messages," Wild explained, "but in reality, what interpreters do is create resource stewards. We help people explore the very reasons why these areas were set aside.

"I love sharing my knowledge and passion for the outdoors with people," he con-

tinued. "Park visitors are a receptive audience for it - they want to be here - so we have a lot in common."

Wild leads a variety of hikes in the area - to an abandoned copper mining town, through wolf habitat, or to a historic observation point - that attract some 5,000 people annually.

"It's through these programs that we teach people about the resources at the park," he said. "Our user group at this park is adventurous; that's the reason they come here."

In contrast to Wild and Neal, who work out in the middle of nowhere, Shana Ramsay is the interpreter at Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery at Mattawan in southwest Michigan. Ramsay's clientele is more likely to travel a relatively shorter distance to arrive at the facility than those visiting U.P. state parks, and none of them camp out over night.

But Ramsay said she sees her job as very similar; to provide visitors an opportunity to learn about natural resources and outdoor recreation in Michigan and con-

verting people into "active, informed stewards of those natural resources."

The single most popular program at Wolf Lake is the catch-and-release fishing program that runs every Saturday from Memorial Day through Labor Day. There's a one-half acre pond that's stocked with all the species of fish that are raised at the facility. The program is basically designed for youngsters six through 16 years of age (there's also a "Little Minnow" program for three- to five-year-olds) and all bait, tackle, and instruction is included.

"Some of these kids have fished," Ramsay said. "But a lot of them never have, so here's an opportunity for them to find out what it's about. And it fills up almost every Saturday."

Besides the hands-on fishing opportunities, Ramsay conducts hatchery tours (March through November) and puts on programs for school groups, which usually combine the hatchery tour with a nature hike. The nature hike focuses on the flora and fauna of wetlands;

a nesting pair of trumpeter swans lives at Wolf Lake.

Although you might assume fish would be the main focus at Wolf Lake, Ramsey has designed a number of programs that include other aspects of outdoor recreation. Throughout January and February, she conducts weekly snowshoe hikes on the grounds and she holds an annual winter bird walk in conjunction with the Audubon Society's Winter Bird Count. There are ice fishing seminars and fly-tying workshops during winter, too.

To hear Ramsey talk, you'd conclude that she gets as much out her programs as the visitors.

"I think nature's awesome and it's pretty cool that I get to share it with people," she said. "I love it. People get excited and it's great to be a part of it."

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Interpreter Theresa Neal at Tahquamenon Falls State Park, conducts a workshop for youngsters.

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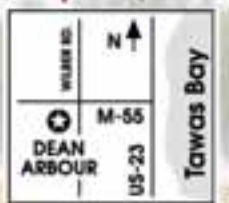
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# Alcona High School spring sports teams

## Varsity Softball

(Front row, from left) Emily Wojcik, Jessica Purcell, (second row) Kayla Norton, Rebecca Reichard, Karsen Smith, Ashley Whitford, Kelsey Fowler, (back row) Coach Tiffany Wilson, Rachel Hefferon, Katie Buresh, Nicole Wilt, Melissa Lindsay, amber Schrader, Marisa Hirschfelt, Coach Abbie Ferris and Coach Ashlie O'Connor.



## Varsity Baseball

(Front row, from left) Manager Trenton LaVerne, Austin Cole, Jared Steiner, Nathan Fettes, Cody Franklin, Kevin Pagels, Manager Brock Franklin, (second row) Coach Seth Coffing, Austin Scott, Nick Garner, Jacob Lofdahl, Kris Kubbe, Bryan Layton, Alex Cole. The following junior varsity players also play on the varsity team: Ernie Brockwell, Clayton O'Neal, Dillon Dahn and Greg LaVigne.

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**Golf Team**  
 (Front row, from left) Coach Jim Bouchard, Adam Neveu, Adam Weidner, Josh Mead, Walker Kelly, (back row) Aaron Hoeft, Brock LaVergne, Braden Yokom and Jeff Haneckow. Missing from photo: Trey Breitmeyer.



**Boys Track**  
 (Front row, from left) Co-captains Austin Gerard, Andrew Chamberlain and Brandon Gibson, (second row) Coach Hope Smith, Brian Finn, Garrette Norling, William Bates, Coach Larry Spare, (third row) Tyler Good, Tanner Gerard, Nick Bouchard, (fourth row) Keegan Kruttlin, Tyler Peterson, Sean Barkley, (fifth row) Deven Higgins, Aaron Ritchie, (back row) Eric Hampton and Schuyler Bates. Missing from photo: Ryley Mancine and Adam Neveu.



**Girls Track**  
 (Front row, from left) Co-captains Betsy Smith, Ashley Smith and Julia Rice, (second row) Coach Hope Smith, Denelle Havercroft, Megan Quick, Nicole Quick, Coach Larry Spare, (third row) Jenna Escareno, Nicole Smith, Miranda Ankner, (back row) Katelyne Wilson and Karina Cole. Missing from photo: Samantha Armstrong and Elin Loyer.

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Junior Varsity Baseball  
 (Front row, from left) Tony Dubay, Chad Cole, Joe Carrasco, Chad Haneckow, (back row) Greg LaVigne, Corey McLaughlin, Nick Garner, Clayton O'Neal, Dillon Dahn, Joe Hudgins, and coach Jeremy Hagan. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*



Junior Varsity Softball  
 (Front row, from left) Lindsey Kennedy, Cass McNeill, Hannah Mikazes, Erica Kennedy, (second row) Coach Roxanne Hanner, Nicole Pawloski, Karisa Dupuie, Cassie Pinder, Megan Ridgewell, Hannah Terpstra, (back row) Turner Somers, Shasta Rhodes, Taryn Durfee, Lilly Manning and Kim Lindsay. Missing from photo: Managers Caycee Ouillet and Lizzie Wheaton. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

## Birdscaping focus of workshop May 20

Learn how to increase the number and variety of birds in area yards by growing native plants offering natural habitat and a yearlong smorgasbord of berries, nuts, and seeds, as author Mariette Nowak presents a workshop, "Birdscaping," at the Kirtland's Warbler Wildlife Festival's workshop on Friday, May 20, on Kirtland Community College's (KCC) main campus near Roscommon, Mich.

"We think this presentation will be of great interest - and enjoyment - to people in the area, as they seek new ways to improve their properties over the summer months," said Jim Enger, festival chairman and director of marketing at KCC. "That's why we're so excited to bring Mariette to the festival this year. People won't want to miss out on this workshop."

Nowak is the author of the book, "Birdscaping in the Midwest." She is also the past director of the Wehr Nature

Center in Milwaukee County, Wisc. where she served for 18 years. An avid birder, Nowak is a board member of the Wisconsin Society of Ornithology.

This year's Friday workshop starts at 9:30 a.m. on May 20, breaking for lunch from noon to 1 p.m. There will then be an afternoon portion from 1-3 p.m. This is a day prior to the Kirtland's Warbler Wildlife Festival on Saturday, May 21, which is also held on the Roscommon campus.

According to Nowak, gardeners can play a vital role by restoring and preserving native communities, which support not only birds but other wildlife, including butterflies, bees and bats.

There will be a afternoon PowerPoint presentation on "Your Yard Can Make a Difference" in the afternoon. This will include points such as:

- Increasing biodiversity (birds, butterflies, and the

abundance of all wildlings);

- Heal your piece of the earth;
- Improve the health of you and your family; and
- Add to the quality of your life.

The afternoon talk will discuss the research that proves people can accomplish all of the above, through natural landscaping with native plants.

Cost of the workshop is \$25 and includes lunch, as well as festival button for entrance to the KWWF the following day. Preregistration is required. For more information or to register, contact Lynn Taylor at the Kirtland House conference center via e-mail [lynn.taylor@kirtland.edu](mailto:lynn.taylor@kirtland.edu) or call (989) 275-5000, extension 418.

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# Check vendors out with BBB to avoid wedding nightmares

The Better Business Bureau (BBB) is available to help protect brides who spend months and thousands of dollars planning for that perfect wedding.

In order to avoid disap-

pointment, brides should read contracts carefully and check vendors out with the BBB.

"We receive complaints regularly about wedding misadventures, from the bride's

dress being ruined by a dirty limo to not receiving photos of that special day," said Patrick Bennett, BBB Director of Community Relations. "It's important to carefully plan and screen vendors in order to avoid these mishaps."

Unfortunately, complaints about bridal vendors are all too common. Last year, more than 300 complaints were filed with the BBB about bridal shops, wedding photographers, wedding planners and other suppliers. That doesn't count the 108 complaints about disc jockeys, banquet facilities and transportation companies.

Beware of one-day specials, discounts for advance payment and hidden costs as you meet potential vendors. Read contracts and ask questions before you sign anything. Be wary of vendors that ask you to pay most of the fees in advance. Ask about refund policies on deposits or prepayments.

Some common problems that brides encounter include:

- Extra fees. Some caterers, hotels or reception venues try to charge extra for "plate splitting," "cake-cutting" or "corkage" fees, especially if you bring in a cake or liquor purchased from another source. Ask whether any fees apply beyond the cost per person, gratuities or room rental, if applicable. Find out whether there are extra charges for champagne toasts, special linens, chair covers, a raised head table or

display stand for the cake.

- Dresses that don't measure up. Brides have complained to the BBB about bridal shops ordering the wrong sizes and colors of gowns as well as dresses that arrive too late for timely alterations. Others complain that stores cut designers' labels out of sample gowns to make it difficult for brides to compare shops, an unfair and deceptive practice. Make sure your order specifies new merchandise, sized to fit you and your bridesmaids. Call the shop to remind the staff of your schedule if you don't hear by the promised time.

- Wedding transportation problems. Complaints about limousine service include poor customer service and rigid cancellation policies. Don't rely on brochures when you hire a limo company. Ask whether the company actually owns the vehicle you want. Get details in writing. Ask how the company handles problems if you aren't satisfied and what they will charge if you need the vehicle longer on your wedding night. Don't pay the entire amount in advance.

- Musician switch. Brides shouldn't rely on a website, demo tape or phone conversation when hiring a band or other music service. Find out where you can hear the musicians play before you hire them. Ask who will actually perform at the reception and get a written commitment from the band or musician, including the amount of time they will play and what it will

cost to extend the time the night of the event.

- Photographer issues. A common complaint from brides is that the photographer they hired doesn't show up for the wedding. Rather, he or she sends someone you've never met before, and the substitute doesn't take the shots you had expected. Find out when and how pictures will be delivered, whether you will have the option of getting all the images on a DVD or CD, how much time you will have to choose the pictures and whether other members of your family or wedding party will have access to the pictures.

Many brides complain of long waits for delivery of pictures or albums. Customers of two photography companies in Missouri and Illinois had to wait a year or more for pictures. While customers of a company in Michigan received no pictures at all after they paid several thousand dollars for a photography package.

- Floral changes. Fresh flowers are a perishable commodity and the final bouquet or arrangements may need to change depending on what's available on the wedding day. Make sure you spell out a minimum size or number of stems in each bouquet or arrangement. Ask how the florist will handle any last-minute substitutions and charges, especially if the value of the flowers actually used is

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# The frogs' spring chorus

**By Mary Weber**  
*Columnist*

Somewhere around sevenish every evening, I ask my husband to turn up the television. His answer is always the same, "it is up." I then ask him if all the windows are shut. The response is "yep." I strain to hear the hockey game broadcasting in the background.

I ask again, "Are you sure that volume is all the way up? I can hardly hear the announcer." His response, "The volume is all the way up, it won't go any higher." Then I get up and check to see if all the windows are shut, which they are.

The raucous thrum outside is deafening. I equate the noise level to a loud warm August evening when I was a small child and lived near the railroad tracks just a few blocks from the state fair grounds. The difference now is this noise is not man-made and doesn't subside after 10 p.m. This noise just gets louder as the night goes on.

Such is life amid the forested marsh in Alcona County where the peepers and chorus frogs sing. It's a sym-

phony of herpetological wonder that begins in April and extends throughout the summer.

The northern spring peepers are the first to make their presence known by their short, high pitched "peep" which is repeated once every

few seconds beginning in April. They are usually brown to reddish in color with an X-like mark on their back. Spring peepers eat ticks, mites, ants, spiders and caterpillars. Like most sounds in the night, you can hear them much easier than you

can see them. These one to one and a half inch frogs gather in huge numbers; but they hide well in trees and brush, clinging and climbing with padded, sticky toes. The minute you get close to a peeper they will stop calling, leaving you wondering just where that little frog is.

Chorus frogs join the spring peepers at about the same time. Like the peepers, they are also one to one and a half inch frogs but they have a distinct dark stripe running from their snout over their eye and down their sides. Chorus frogs congregate near vernal pools, shallow marshes and ditches. In April or May you might see them peeking out of the water just along the pond's edge all at once (a mass of creepy looking froggy eyeballs). They have a raspy sounding "creeeek," a noise similarly close to the sound made by running a finger along the teeth of a comb.

Wood frogs are a one to two inch brown frog. They have a dark brown or black band that runs back from their eye to their front limb which is usually bordered by



One to two inch gray tree frogs cling to whatever they want (including picture frames and backyard furniture). Their sweet summer call is a short musical trill, usually heard at night in wooded marshy areas. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

## Alcona's Backyard

a white or cream colored strip near their mouth. They feed on worms, insects and small prey and can be heard in vernal pools and marshes by a duck-like "quack." A large group of wood frogs can actually sound like a group of people chuckling.

Blanchard cricket frogs are the smallest frog in Michigan with adults measuring about an inch. Cricket frogs can be gray or bright green. They get their name from their cricket like size and jump. These frogs can be found in ponds, bogs, marshes, lakes, floodplains, and streams with slow moving waters. Cricket frogs breed in May and continue through to July. The quietest of all the backyard frogs, this frog has a quiet cricket-like sound similar to two small pebbles tapping together.

The larger two to five inch

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# Area Church Directory

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.,  
Harrisville • 724-5160  
9:30 a.m. Sunday service

## GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

## Family Heritage Baptist Church

4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)  
Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org  
Sunday Worship Services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
• Sunday School 10 a.m.  
Wed. 6:30 p.m. Patch the Pirate Club  
Wed. 7 p.m. Midweek Service (Bible Study & Prayer Service)

## New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)



Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Hubbard Lake Rd.,  
¾ mile south of White Pine National Golf Course  
Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)



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

## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH



6891 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747  
Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
Sunday School & Adult Bible Class at 11 a.m.  
Pastor Robert L. Mikkelsen • (989) 727-2496

## Our Savior Lutheran Church



3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan  
Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. Worship Service  
Rev. Carlo Sgambelluri, Pastor

## ALCONA COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

St. Anne, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.  
St. Raphael, Mikado, Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
St. Gabriel, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

## Haynes Community Church

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

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217 North State Street  
(1 block N. of light on US-23)  
Pastor Tracy Brooks  
Worship 10:45 a.m. ~ Church ~ 724-5450

## 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

## First Baptist Church of Lincoln



Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.  
AWANA Program Monday at 3:30 p.m.  
Pastor Dr. Rev. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796

## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

2902 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745 • (989) 736-8345  
Pastor Tim Steiner, Pastor Emeritus Larry Richmond  
Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Monday: 6:30 p.m. \*Teen Program (Grades 7-12)  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & \*Youth Programs (Grades K-6<sup>th</sup>)  
\*Fall-Spring programs • Website: www.cbcmikado.com

## Spruce Presbyterian Church



Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids  
6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464  
Worship 9 a.m.  
Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor Wednesday office hours 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF GOD

158 N. Barlow Road., Harrisville • (989) 736-6350  
Pastor Edward Morrison • Full Gospel  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday

## Wedding

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markedly different from what you had agreed upon.

• Bridal gown preservation. Some bridal shops or other businesses sell bridal gown preservation packages, including cleaning and a box, for \$250 or more. Many of these packages are no more than regular dry-cleaning and a cardboard box. Check with a reputable cleaner on the cost of cleaning your gown after the wedding. The cleaner or another supplier may offer an acid-free box and tissue at a more reasonable price.

• Wedding memorabilia. Monogrammed napkins, decorations, swizzle sticks, pens or other souvenirs are often marketed as a way to enhance the event or remember the wedding. Resist the temptation to buy stuff that may be overpriced, of poor quality or that adds needlessly to the total bill.

For more information or a report on an individual business, go to www.bbb.org or call (248) 223-9400.



### Under Cover

A birdbath placed low to the ground and at the edge of a bush will invite small birds like wrens, cardinals, finches, buntings and sparrows into your yard. The foliage makes birds feel safe and provides extra cover (and a quick escape) from predators like hawks.

E-mail: birdlingbits@cflrr.com  
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# Calendar of Events

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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.

A townhall meeting will be held with Representative Peter Pettalia at 7 p.m. at the senior center in Lincoln.

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.

There will be glaucoma testing with Dr. Currier at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall.

The Alcona Republicans will meet at Ki Cuyler's Restaurant in Harrisville at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

**TUESDAY, MAY 17**

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

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for May is "Packing for Mars" by Mary Roach. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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 Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All levels welcome.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**

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

A 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.

There will be glaucoma testing with Dr. Currier at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall.

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

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will meet at the lower level of the county building in Harrisville at 7 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MAY 19**

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 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.

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) 734-9922 or (989) 739-4483.

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

A soup and pie supper will be served at the United Methodist Church in Harrisville from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

**FRIDAY, MAY 20**

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.

The Barton City Eagles Auxiliary 4141 will have a BBQ ribs and chicken dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Menu includes ribs, chicken, potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children six to 12 and free for five and under.

**SATURDAY, MAY 21**

The Alcona High School boys' basketball program is having a nine pin-no tap bowling tournament from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Village Lanes in

Harrisville for kids under 18 and from 7 to 9 p.m. for adults. Cost is \$20 per person and each team needs four members to compete. Questions, call Seth Coffing at (989) 736-8534.

The Michigan State Police will hold a canine demonstration from 1 to 3 p.m. at the East Campus Youth & Family Center, Johnson St., Alpena. Six officers of the K-9 Unit will be showcased. This is a family event and free of charge. For more information, contact the Michigan State Police Alpena Post at (989) 354-4101.

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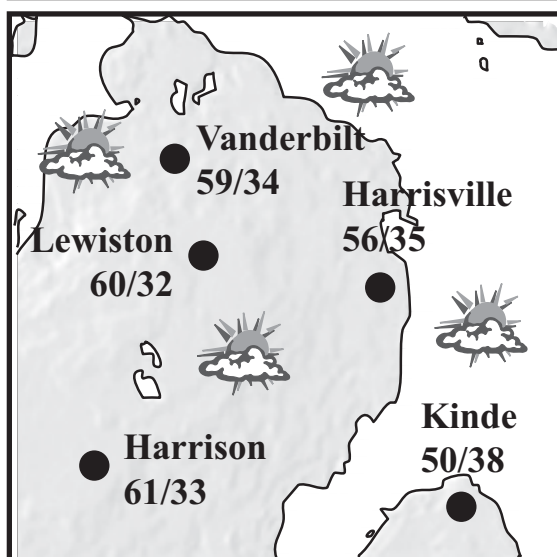
## Alcona Review Weather Report

May 4, 2011

**Seven Day Forecast**

	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 56 Low: 35
	<b>THURSDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 54 Low: 40
	<b>FRIDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 54 Low: 41
	<b>SATURDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 53 Low: 41
	<b>SUNDAY</b> Cloudy High: 54 Low: 45
	<b>MONDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 58 Low: 44
	<b>TUESDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 57 Low: 41

**Today's Regional Map**



**In-Depth Local Forecast**

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 56°, humidity of 41%. North wind 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 88° set in 1949. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 35°. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 22° set in 1967.

**\*Last Week's Almanac**

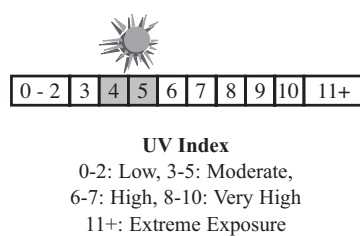
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	58	31	55/34	0.00"
Tuesday	48	36	55/34	1.19"
Wednesday	53	37	56/34	1.35"
Thursday	53	35	56/34	0.34"
Friday	60	35	57/35	0.03"
Saturday	59	28	57/35	0.00"
Sunday	77	47	58/35	0.00"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

**Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week**

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Last
<b>First 5/10</b>	Wednesday 6:19 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	6:48 a.m.	10:30 p.m.	
Thursday 6:18 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	7:32 a.m.	11:26 p.m.		
Friday 6:16 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	8:24 a.m.	Next Day		
Saturday 6:15 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	9:23 a.m.	12:16 a.m.		
Sunday 6:14 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	10:29 a.m.	1:00 a.m.		
Monday 6:12 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	11:38 a.m.	1:37 a.m.		
Tuesday 6:11 a.m.	8:49 p.m.	12:50 p.m.	2:09 a.m.	<b>New 6/1</b>	

**Local UV Index**



**National Weather Summary This Week**

The Northeast will see scattered showers today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 69° in Hartford, Conn. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 92° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 77° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 101° in Gila Bend, Ariz.

**Tonight's Planets**

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:34 a.m.	6:14 p.m.
Venus	5:25 a.m.	6:10 p.m.
Mars	5:39 a.m.	6:57 p.m.
Jupiter	5:37 a.m.	6:46 p.m.
Saturn	5:36 p.m.	5:27 a.m.
Uranus	4:52 a.m.	5:01 p.m.

**Weather History**

**May 4, 1977** - A tornado 500 yards in width struck Pleasant Hill, Mo. severely damaging the high school and grade school. Only minor injuries were reported among the more than 1,000 teachers and students, due to excellent warnings and prior tornado drills.

**Weather Trivia**

What U.S. city has the most number of rainy days per year?

**Answer:** Hilo, Hawaii averages 278 rainy days in a year.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

**StarWatch By Gary Becker - NEAF: Shop Until You Drop**

Last week, I spoke about the Meteorite Men and how I was nearly tempted into bankruptcy by an attractive woman touting rocks from outer space. What I didn't tell you was that in addition to that attraction, there were nearly 150 other dealers selling astronomical gear at this year's Northeast Astronomical Forum, the biggest vendor convocation in the US. Sponsored by the Rockland Astronomy Club and held in the spacious Rockland Community College gym in Suffern, NY, this year marked NEAF's 20th anniversary. Last year was my first experience, a real jaw-dropper. I honestly felt like a kid in a candy shop, so much "stuff" and so little time. I wandered aimlessly from booth to booth until it was time to leave. I didn't buy anything, but I spent a great deal of energy, time, and some money putting into motion the ideas that I had garnered from this event. One of those concepts was to refurbish and upgrade several different telescopes that I own so that they would all work with one mount. That project continues into 2011 and has met with much success. A great benefit in participating at NEAF is that there is no junk being sold. There are no K-Mart Specials or Wal-Mart telescopes being marketed that were recently mass produced in China and most likely will break upon first contact with a human. That doesn't mean a consumer can't find bargains. Many of the vendors have a reduced price structure because this is the ultimate telescope and gear competition anywhere in America. What will happen if you spend a thousand dollars on a telescope, mount, and a few additional eyepieces, is that you will walk away with genuine astronomical equipment capable of producing great views of the universe. NEAF is an event truly worth considering if you are thinking about making astronomy a serious hobby and purchasing the gear that will produce memories to last a lifetime. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)



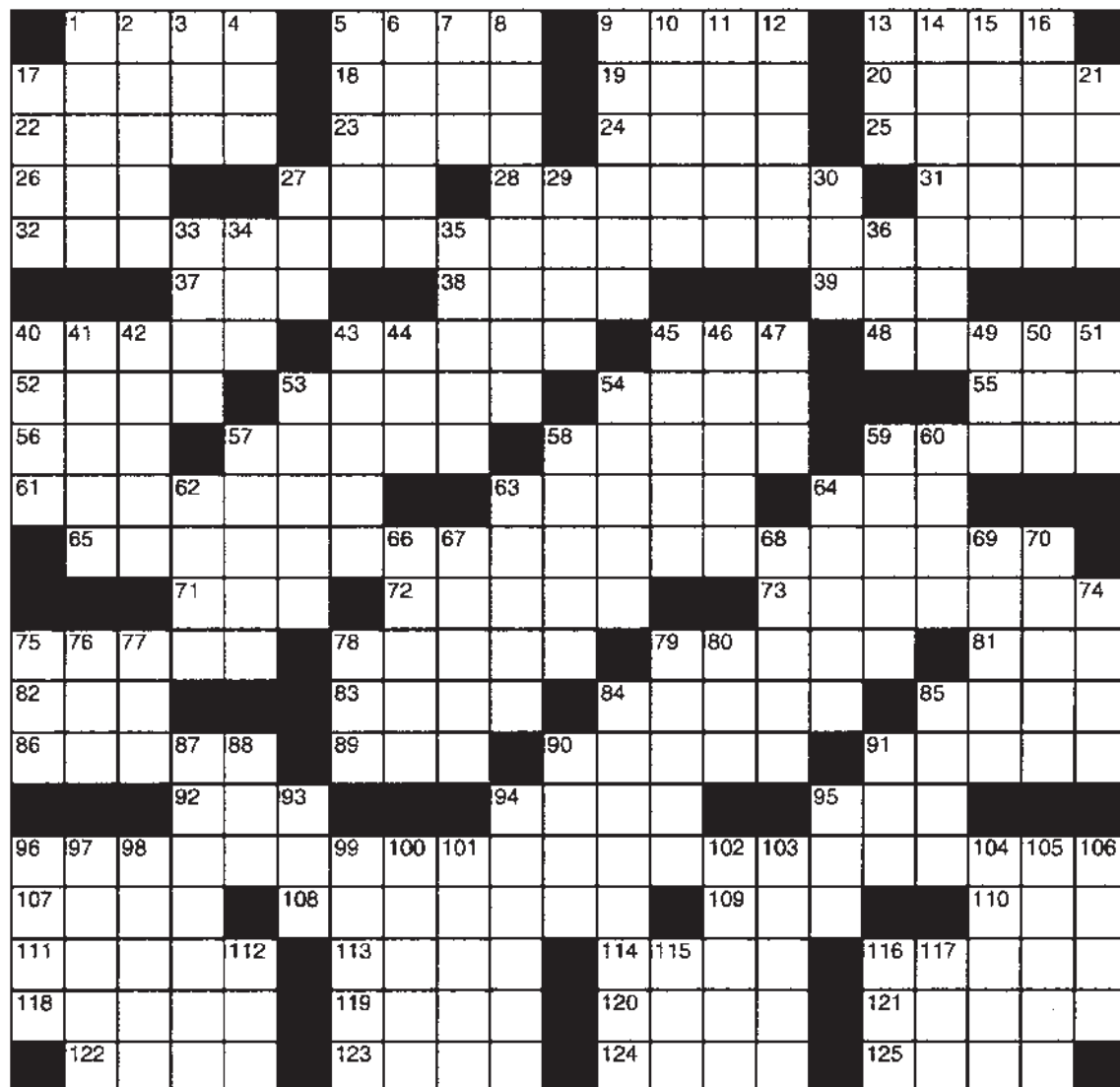
**TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez**

1. **GOVERNMENT:** What do FICA taxes pay for?
2. **LANGUAGE:** What is a wunderkind?
3. **HISTORY:** To what royal house did England's King Henry VIII belong?
4. **U.S. STATES:** What is Hawaii's state flower?
5. **ANATOMY:** In what part of the body is the sternum located?
6. **MEASUREMENTS:** On what type of scale are wind forces measured?
7. **ROYAL TITLES:** How should one address a duke in greeting?
8. **GEOGRAPHY:** What U.S. city is known as the "City of Brotherly Love"?
9. **LITERATURE:** What is doggerel?
10. **MEDICINE:** Who is credited with discovering the polio vaccine?

Answers: 1. Social Security; 2. A prodigy; 3. Tudor; 4. Yellow hibiscus; 5. Chest; 6. Beaufort Scale; 7. Your grace; 8. Philadelphia; 9. Crudely written poetry; 10. Albert Sabin. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

**Super Crossword** LIFE LINE

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|---|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                                     | Post's confidant                  | <b>92</b> Actor Cariou              | stuffing                                   | <b>46</b> Broadcast in July          | shark                                 |
| <b>1</b> Interrogate                              | <b>55</b> Curly poker?            | <b>94</b> Downs a donut             | <b>6</b> Ire                               | <b>47</b> Bustle                     | <b>87</b> Stretchy                    |
| <b>5</b> Took a dip                               | <b>56</b> Crony                   | <b>95</b> Antlered animal           | <b>7</b> Pitch in                          | <b>49</b> One of the Marches         | <b>88</b> Gun the engine              |
| <b>9</b> Engineering course                       | <b>57</b> Eisenhower, for one     | <b>96</b> End of remark             | <b>8</b> Peak                              | <b>50</b> Finished first             | <b>90</b> Mirror image?               |
| <b>13</b> Theater collection                      | <b>58</b> African capital         | <b>107</b> Aphrodite's son          | <b>9</b> Kind of swallow                   | <b>51</b> Born                       | <b>91</b> Crafty                      |
| <b>17</b> Government group                        | <b>59</b> Mansfield or Meadows    | <b>108</b> Jeeves' master           | <b>10</b> Once more                        | <b>53</b> Perry's secretary          | <b>93</b> Contemporary                |
| <b>18</b> The Fates, e.g.                         | <b>61</b> Author France           | <b>109</b> Say please too often?    | <b>11</b> Treat alternative                | <b>54</b> Swamp                      | <b>94</b> Hold out                    |
| <b>19</b> Akbar's city                            | <b>63</b> It comes from the heart | <b>110</b> Buddy                    | <b>12</b> Hot spot?                        | <b>57</b> Reggae's — and the Maytals | <b>95</b> Word with good or bad       |
| <b>20</b> Madonna role                            | <b>64</b> Weep                    | <b>111</b> "The Full —" ('96 film)  | <b>13</b> Mo                               | <b>59</b> Pop Art pioneer            | <b>96</b> Clears one's throat         |
| <b>22</b> Moral man?                              | <b>65</b> Middle of remark        | <b>113</b> Guitar kin               | <b>14</b> First name in boxing             | <b>60</b> Blind as —                 | <b>97</b> Forster's "— With a View"   |
| <b>23</b> Pianist Lupu                            | <b>71</b> "Make — double!"        | <b>114</b> Author Dinesen           | <b>15</b> Shinbone                         | <b>62</b> Relief initials?           | <b>98</b> Singer Summer               |
| <b>24</b> Unwelcome visit?                        | <b>72</b> Crack up                | <b>116</b> "What — Bob?" ('91 film) | <b>16</b> Berle sidekick                   | <b>63</b> Tickle                     | <b>99</b> Parts                       |
| <b>25</b> Plot                                    | <b>73</b> "Evil Ways" group       | <b>118</b> Poet Sanchez             | <b>17</b> Pinkett of "The Nutty Professor" | <b>64</b> Gawk                       | <b>100</b> "— Got a Friend" ('71 hit) |
| <b>26</b> Narcs' org.                             | <b>75</b> — salad                 | <b>119</b> Level                    | <b>21</b> Nautical adverb                  | <b>66</b> Violinist Mischa           | <b>101</b> Cosmetician Lauder         |
| <b>27</b> Roberts or Robertson                    | <b>78</b> Pennsylvania sect       | <b>120</b> Mall event               | <b>27</b> Favorite                         | <b>67</b> Inexperienced              | <b>102</b> Everything considered      |
| <b>28</b> Took in                                 | <b>79</b> Rock's Tears for —      | <b>121</b> Quiet partner?           | <b>29</b> Kentucky neighbor                | <b>68</b> Inedible fruit             | <b>103</b> Bare                       |
| <b>31</b> Dress size                              | <b>81</b> Squash shot             | <b>122</b> Singer Lonnie            | <b>30</b> Westminster winner               | <b>69</b> Sound                      | <b>104</b> Kapitan's command          |
| <b>32</b> Start of a remark by Marguerite Whitely | <b>82</b> Garage supply           | <b>123</b> Start a crop             | <b>33</b> Roman poet                       | <b>70</b> "— Gay"                    | <b>105</b> Armistice                  |
| <b>37</b> Malamute medic                          | <b>83</b> — in (yield)            | <b>124</b> Blabbed                  | <b>34</b> Aerialist's fallback             | <b>74</b> Facilitate a felony        | <b>106</b> Table d'—                  |
| <b>38</b> Eaves dropper?                          | <b>84</b> Beetle                  | <b>125</b> Conductor Jeffrey        | <b>35</b> Senator Hatch                    | <b>75</b> Fare for a fry             | <b>112</b> Flap one's gums            |
| <b>39</b> "— whiz!"                               | <b>85</b> 1,760 yards             | <b>DOWN</b>                         | <b>36</b> Spear-headed                     | <b>76</b> Hurry                      | <b>115</b> — Tome                     |
| <b>40</b> Assumption                              | <b>86</b> Put on hold             | <b>1</b> Chess piece                | <b>40</b> Mama's boy?                      | <b>77</b> Sprite                     | <b>116</b> Prone                      |
| <b>43</b> "Tosca" tenor                           | <b>89</b> Vane letters            | <b>2</b> Retract                    | <b>41</b> Muscat native                    | <b>78</b> Mr. Lucky's card           | <b>117</b> Arthur or Benaderet        |
| <b>45</b> "Veronica's Closet" item                | <b>90</b> Composer Gabriel        | <b>3</b> Skater                     | <b>42</b> Mamer or Lapham                  | <b>79</b> Gounod opera               |                                       |
| <b>48</b> Haggard                                 | <b>91</b> '78 Peace Nobel         | <b>4</b> Use a phaser               | <b>43</b> Diverse                          | <b>80</b> Drop a brick               |                                       |
| <b>52</b> Surrounded by                           |                                   | <b>5</b> Scarecrow                  | <b>44</b> Khan                             | <b>84</b> Juvenal or Swift           |                                       |
| <b>53</b> Cook's cry                              |                                   |                                     | <b>45</b> Actress Ekland                   | <b>85</b> Certain                    |                                       |
| <b>54</b> Wilbur                                  |                                   |                                     |  |                                      |                                       |



**STRANGE BUT TRUE**  
By Samantha Weaver

• It was British author Douglas Adams, best known for his "Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" novels, who made the following sage observation: "Anyone who is capable of getting themselves made President should on no account be allowed to do the job."

• In the African nation of Sudan, a traditional wedding includes a ceremony known as "sungkem," in which the bride and groom kiss the knees of their parents.

• "Casablanca," starring Humphrey Bogart and Ingrid Bergman, is one of the most beloved movies of all time, frequently being listed at or near the top of lists of the best films ever made. However, shortly after its release in November 1942, The New Yorker rated it only "pretty tolerable."

• Connoisseurs of frog legs claim that you should leave the toes on when frying — they're good for picking your teeth after eating.

• The deepest hole ever drilled by humans reached a whopping depth of 7.62 miles. The project, known as the Kola Superdeep Borehole, was undertaken in Russia for the purpose of scientific research.

• At any given time, about two-thirds of the earth's surface is covered by clouds.

• American author, abolitionist, naturalist, historian and philosopher Henry David Thoreau died on May 6, 1862, of complications of tuberculosis. Those who were with him during his final moments say his last words were "moose" and "Indian."

• The tiny nation of San Marino, which is entirely encircled by Italy, is the world's oldest surviving sovereign state and constitutional republic. It was founded by a stonecutter in the year 301, and the constitution was enacted in 1600 — the world's oldest still in effect.

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Thought for the Day: "There's no secret about success. Did you ever know a successful man who didn't tell you about it?" — Kin Hubbard

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**MOMENTS IN TIME**  
The History Channel

• On May 23, 1701, at London's Execution Dock, British privateer William Kidd, popularly known as Captain Kidd, is hanged for five charges of piracy and one charge of murdering a crewman. A colorful Kidd legend included reports of lost buried treasure that fortune seekers have pursued for centuries.

• On May 24, 1883, after 14 years and 27 deaths while being constructed, the Brooklyn Bridge in New York is opened, the largest suspension bridge ever built to that date.

• On May 27, 1894, Dashiell Hammett, author of "The Maltese Falcon," is born in Maryland. He worked as a Pinkerton detective for eight years and turned his experiences into fiction. The novel was filmed three times: once in 1931; again in 1936 under the title "Satan Met a Lady," starring Bette Davis; and finally in 1941, starring Humphrey Bogart.

• On May 26, 1927, the final and 15 millionth Model T Ford rolls out of the factory, on the official last day of production. Introduced in October 1908, the Model T — also known as the "Tin Lizzie" — got about 13 to 21 miles per gallon of gasoline and could travel up to 45 mph.

• On May 29, 1953, Edmund Hillary of New Zealand and Tenzing Norgay, a Sherpa of Nepal, become the first explorers to reach the summit of Mount Everest, the highest point on earth. At 29,035 feet above sea level, the low-oxygen summit of Everest reaches two-thirds of the way through the air of earth's atmosphere — at about the cruising altitude of jet airliners.

• On May 25, 1977, George Lucas' blockbuster movie "Star Wars" opens in American theaters. With its groundbreaking special effects, "Star Wars" was soon a bona-fide pop culture phenomenon, spawning five more feature films, five TV series and an entire industry's worth of comic books, toys and video games.

• On May 28, 1983, Irene Cara's song "Flashdance (What a Feeling)," from the "Flashdance" movie soundtrack, goes to the top of the U.S. pop charts. The song helped propel the relatively low-budget film to the No. 3 spot on the total box-office revenue list for the year.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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# Mortgage scam targets desperate homeowners

DOLLARS AND SENSE  
BY David Uffington

Leave it to the scammers to find a way around the law. In this case, they've discovered a way to separate desperate homeowners from their money in a new wrinkle on mortgage scams.

Homeowners across the country have been receiving letters in the mail about mortgage "mass joinder" lawsuits. These letters promise to bring mortgage companies to their knees in courts of law and to get mortgages modified, bringing relief to the homeowners who are on the verge of foreclosure. These letters are personalized with the name of the homeowner and the mortgage company, as well as the amount of the loan. They claim to be able to stop foreclosures, get payments reduced and even get compensation.

Naturally, huge upfront fees are demanded — \$5,000 in most cases.

Last fall, the Federal Trade Commission tried to address consumer mortgage scams with the Mortgage Assistance Relief Services Rule. The new ruling says that 1) companies cannot demand fees until the homeowner has in hand a document from the lender that outlines an acceptable written offer; 2) the company must tell the homeowner what happens if they stop paying the mortgage; 3) consumers must be told that they don't have to accept any offers (and don't have to pay the fees if they reject any

offer the company has negotiated); 4) the fee has to be disclosed, and 5) the company must disclose that it's not part of the government.

Attorneys are exempt from the rule if they practice law, have a license in the state where the consumer lives or the property is, and comply with their state laws. Additionally, they have to put fees paid to them in a special client account.

The scammers' workaround of the new ruling? They're not actually offering mortgage modification help. They're only offering to sue, using attorneys, and they're doing it on an hourly basis.

If you're finding it hard to pay your mortgage, contact your lender first. They don't want your house back. Most of them want only to help you find a way to pay the debt and will try to work something out.

If you receive one of those mass joinder letters, let your local Better Business Bureau and the FTC know so they're aware that the companies are working in your area.

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

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# VA cracks down on scammers

VETERANS POST  
by Freddy Groves

A percentage of government contracts are set aside for service-disabled veteran-owned small businesses. The Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization was set up to support, guide and counsel those small businesses, and there are many requirements: the veteran must own 51 percent of the business and be the highest officer in the company, to name just two. Additionally the veteran must have a letter from the Department of Veterans Affairs stating that there is a service-connected disability, as well as a DD-214 or its equivalent.

In other words, there's a paper trail. Theoretically, someone reviews the documentation.

How then did a guy in New York make \$16 million on VA service-disabled veteran-owned contracts when he wasn't 1) disabled or 2) a veteran? A recent court case found the guy guilty of the scheming, as well as making false statements and witness tampering. I'm pleased to report that he could get up to

75 years in prison for it.

I'm also pleased to report that last October, the Veterans Small Business Verification Act was signed, and new levels of scrutiny in the awarding of contracts were developed.

Additionally there's a Vendor Information Page area online where each approved business was told in January to provide documentation within 90 days to verify that their business is indeed owned by a veteran. Failing to do so would mean that vendor wouldn't have a profile in the VIP database and the application would be considered incomplete. In other words, no contracts.

It looks like the VA plugged the hole through which untold millions of dollars were leaking due to non-verification. But we may never know just how many dollars have been lost this way.

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### VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, May 2 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited and the following were in attendance: President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Lask, Naylor, Somers and Stutzman. Also present was deputy clerk/treasurer Stutzman and guests.

The minutes of the April meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier, with support from Stutzman. Note that we need to include Constance Stutzman's name in minutes of April meeting. Also need to change agenda month name on tonight's roster to April rather than March. The treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier, with support from Somers.

In public comment time Debbie Shaneour, Cathy Putsky and Joan Toombs, members of the beautification committee and streetscape committee talked about their work in the various areas. Jordan thanked the group for their efforts and work in the community. Pat Nelson stated baseball season is behind schedule due to the weather. He said replacement sod will be put in place on Thursday and should be looking good in a few weeks. There are ball tournaments scheduled for the area 11 and 12 year olds the end of this month. He thanked Dick Somers for his work on the diamonds. Pat stated that all the players, parents and coaches will participate in cleaning up the fields at a picnic/cleanup day in the near future. He stated that they are looking for help funding the necessary items that would help to finish the project.

Leroy Hall, fire chief, approached the council with a recommendation for approval for Penny Cholewa to join the village fire department. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Somers, to approve Penny for the department. Motion carried. Leroy and assistant fire chief Scott DuBay attended a meeting in Alpena regarding issues that could affect the local fire departments. He stated that they received a lot of valuable information for consideration. He said they are looking into options for pager/radios for possible purchase by the departments. Tony Escareno, Mike Serafin and Keith Thompson all passed their fire fighter classes recently and will be graduating on Saturday. Two of them are now enrolled in EMT classes. Council members would like to congratulate the trio and say thank you for their efforts. President Jordan asked about working with Leroy to implement a plan for residents of the community in case of emergency. He also asked about getting

the siren fixed that is to be used in such cases.

In old business Healy stated that she will be happy to work with Lask on the LAMP trail project. Gauthier will continue working on the dedication of the Everett Schram memorial. Stutzman stated that the Easter egg hunt went very well in the village this year. Jordan stated that over 220 children participated and every child was given a prize. Thanks go out to Teresa Hart and Naomi Potter for their hard work on this endeavor. Thanks also go out to Eileen Oposnow for her wonderful photo coverage and the slide show she created for the village website.

Stutzman stated that he needs good black dirt for work on the flower bed he is going to put in at the Flight's of Imagination this year. Healy and Gauthier offered to work with Leroy Hall to begin the process of implementing an emergency plan for the village.

Somers stated that we need to consider doing something about the village's dump truck as it is in need of several repairs. He will be getting estimates for repairs on the vehicle and coming back to the council for approval. It is possible that we may need to consider purchasing a different vehicle. He will report back at the next meeting. Naylor expressed concern about empty lots that need to be leveled and reseeded. Jordan stated that as the weather improves we can look at taking care of it.

Somers said that there has been some vandalism of property again, tables have been broken etc. President Jordan said there is a zero tolerance plan and we will follow through as necessary. Lask gave a follow up report regarding a flood plan she looked at for the village. Stutzman asked to remove individual reports from the agenda. All were in agreement to remove it.

President Jordan gave his report. He received a call from our insurance provider, Lappan Insurance. He stated that he can give a three year guarantee on our insurance and will be attending the next meeting to answer questions regarding our policy and coverages. Council members will make a decision after hearing his presentation in June. Jordan asked council members to attend a meeting on Wednesday with a representative from the MEDC to close out the demolition grant. The meeting will be held at the hall at 11 a.m. He stated that work will begin on the streetscape project very soon. Work is scheduled to start with removal of existing power poles from 2<sup>nd</sup> Street and Church Street to the south end of the easements. Work is expected to begin very soon. Gauthier asked about holding a town meeting so that

residents can see what is planned for the community and give them a timeline of what is expected. Jordan asked that all council members attend any meeting that is held. Gauthier will work with president Jordan to set something up for the meeting.

He said the facade grant project is going very well. The application is nearing completion and ready to be submitted to the MEDC for approval. Drawings have been made of planned changes and upgrades for the businesses and are very attractive.

Thanks go out to Jack Robinson of Sunrise Welding & Fabrication for work on our pontoon/swim platform in getting it ready for the upcoming season. Thanks also go out to John Bernard of JB's Auto/Marine for allowing use of his pontoon trailer to bring the swim platform out of storage and taking it for pressure testing on the pontoons. Jordan would like to see about obtaining a blinking light stop sign for the corner of 2<sup>nd</sup> and Traverse Bay Street. He further stated that he would like to go with a four way stop at Main and 2<sup>nd</sup> streets and use a flashing stop sign there also. Memorial Day service will be held on May 30 at the railroad park beside the village hall beginning at 2 p.m. Mary Kossa will be writing letters of invitation for those who participated last year to come back again this year. Jordan expressed concern about the old grain elevator building. There are notices that need to be prepared by zoning administrator Troy Somers for the owner to take immediate action. President Jordan thanked Connie Stutzman for taking on the role as planning committee chairperson. She has done an outstanding job and he lauded her work along with that of Tina Healey for her work as the secretary to the group. There is still a need for another person to work on the planning commission. Anyone interested should contact Jordan.

Marcia Simmons contacted Mary Kossa about a ceremony for the 150 year anniversary of the Civil War and also a dedication of a headstone of the last Civil War casualty buried in Twin lakes Cemetery. The group would like to camp at Barlow Road Park in September. Council members offered their support for the group to come to the Village. Connie Stutzman presented copies of the village's master plan that was recently adopted. Work will now begin on rewriting the village ordinances. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Stutzman with support from Gauthier. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Healy with support from Gauthier. Carried.

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Part time bookshelver at Alcona County Library, Harrisville, summer months only. Applications and job description available at any branch. Students 16 and older are encouraged to apply. Applications accepted until 5 p.m. May 18.

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This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the military, please contact our office at the number listed below. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Edwin Peterson, single man, as his sole and separate property to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated January 10, 2006 and recorded January 23, 2006 in Liber 427 page 344 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: CitiMortgage, Inc., by assignment dated December 31, 2010 and recorded January 11, 2011 in Liber 476, page 195, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-nine thousand five hundred fifty-one dollars and thirty-three cents (\$69,551.33) including interest 6 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, circuit court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on May 18, 2011. Said premises are situated in township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan, and

said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on June 8, 2011.

Said premises are situated in township of Haynes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 27 of Alcona Harbor, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 52 and 53 of Alcona County records.

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

Dated: May 11, 2011  
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway,  
Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan  
48334-2525  
File No. 369000F01  
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mises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on June 8, 2011.

Said premises are situated in township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The south half of a parcel of land west of D&M Railroad right of way and east of US-23, described as follows: Commencing 200 feet south of the northwest corner of Government Lot 3, Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, thence south 85 degrees east to Lake Huron; thence south 4 degrees west 300 feet; thence north 85 degrees west to west line of Lot 3, thence north 4 degrees east 300 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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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 thae 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

#### 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

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Mortgage sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Stephen Lovelace, mortgagor, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS) as nominee for Flagstar Bank, FSB, mortgagee, dated the 23rd day of September, 2005 and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 29th day of September, 2005 in Liber 423 of Alcona County records, page 881, said mortgage having been assigned to Resi Whole Loan V LLC on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of twenty seven thousand nine hundred seventy one and 17/100 (\$27,971.17), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

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  
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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

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 8th day of June, 2011 at 10 a.m. local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich. (that being the building where the circuit court for the county of Alcona is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 3.500 percent per annum and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land, including any and all structures, and homes, manufactured or otherwise, located thereon, situated in the township

of Greenbush, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Lot 353 and 354, Huron-Cedar Lakes Subdivision No. 2, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 91 of Alcona County records. And Lot 2 of Timberlakes Estates, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 8-9, Alcona County records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: May 11, 2011  
Resi Whole Loan V LLC Mortgagee  
Fabrizio & Brook, P.C.  
Attorney for Resi Whole Loan V LLC  
888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800  
Troy, MI 48084  
(248) 362-2600  
AHMS Lovelace  
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of Greenbush, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Lot 353 and 354, Huron-Cedar Lakes Subdivision No. 2, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 91 of Alcona County records. And Lot 2 of Timberlakes Estates, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 8-9, Alcona County records.

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Dated: April 20, 2011  
By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)  
Attorney for Plaintiff  
2155 Butterfield Drive Suite 200-S  
Troy, MI 48084  
WWR No. 10047639  
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of Greenbush, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Lot 353 and 354, Huron-Cedar Lakes Subdivision No. 2, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 91 of Alcona County records. And Lot 2 of Timberlakes Estates, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 8-9, Alcona County records.

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# ALCONA HEALTH CENTER

Harrisville Clinic is having an  
**OPEN HOUSE**  
Wednesday, May 18<sup>th</sup>  
from 3-6 p.m.

- INFORMATIVE SPEAKERS
- FINGER PRINTING BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPT.
- MEET OUR PROVIDERS
- ALCONA ANIMAL CLINIC  
(Discussion on tick born illness)
- BRING YOUR EXPIRED PRESCRIPTIONS FOR DISPOSAL
- BRING YOUR HOUSHOLD EXPIRED BATTERIES FOR RECYLING

205 N. State Street, Harrisville

FREE SAMPLES

DRAWINGS FOR PRIZES

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KID'S ACTIVITES

leopard, picerel, green and the three to eight inch bullfrog also lend their harmonious voices to the blend throughout the spring and summer combining noises of bungs, croaks, snores, crucks, vrums and jug-a-rums.

Above all, my favorite frog has to be the lovely gray tree frogs. This sweet little one to two inch summer frog has a wide variety of colors and patterns from gray to bright green, the underside of their legs are usually yellowish. They are happy little frogs that call a short musical trill lasting for two to three seconds. Their sticky toe pads allow them to climb and roam into all kinds of areas including window screens, sills and even, once, inside our house.

I first became associated with the gray tree frog just after we bought our mosquito farm. I had just finished decorating our guest bathroom with a multitude of frog items...frog shower curtain, froggy towels, frog soap dispenser, frog toothbrush holder, frog night light and even a large rubber frog that sits on the floor with a motion detector and croons "Sitting By the Dock of the Bay" when-

ever anyone enters the room.

Just after decorating the room, my sister-in-law visited us. I couldn't wait to show her my frog mania bath decor. She loved it as much as I did (or at least she was kind enough to say she liked it). After she left, I noticed that I still had a few old duck pictures on the wall of that bathroom. I looked at the pictures disgustedly and decided the old ducks had to go. That's when I noticed perched on top of one of the duck pictures was a small one inch greenish blob.

I had to put on my glasses for a better look. Sure enough it was a tree frog perched at the top of the picture frame. When I called my husband to look at my discovery, he just said "Very, funny, where'd you get something so real looking?" I had to point out to

Wil that our new house guest was real, his little throat moving in and out and he was looking around the room seemingly with great approval.

To this day, I'm not sure if he inched his way through our house to take a peek at our frog bathroom or if my sister-in-law set us up with some décor of her own.

It's no wonder the frogs tend to drown out all other sound...they literally climb through the walls to be a part of our family.

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



Green frogs (above and below) are the most common species of frog in Michigan. These two to five inch frogs are usually brown, bronze or green in color with a very bright green face. They produce a banjo like "bung" sound that is typically heard in June and July. *Photos by Mary Weber.*



# COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

## PARTICIPANTS WANTED

Participants for the Annual Community Garage to be held on **Saturday, June 11**, beginning at 8 a.m. in Harrisville and surrounding area.

Registration will include a map listing or detailed directions, plus newspaper advertising the date of the sale.

**Cost is only \$3!**

Please complete and return the attached form with your \$3 registration fee **no later than June 3!**

Mail or drop off registration information and \$3 to  
Alcona County Review, 111 Lake St. • P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

## Registration Form

Annual Community Wide Garage

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTIONS (If necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

### Harrisville



Harrisville and surrounding area residents -- mark your home on the map with a star. Due to limited space, we are unable to show township residents living outside the city/village -- please give brief directions to your sale.

**You must be registered by June 3! Thank you!**

Return by Mail with \$3 fee to:  
**Alcona County Review**  
P.O. Box 548, Harrisville,  
Michigan 48740

*Please Make checks payable to the*  
**Alcona County Review**  
*Or drop off at the Review Office at*  
**111 Lake St., Harrisville**

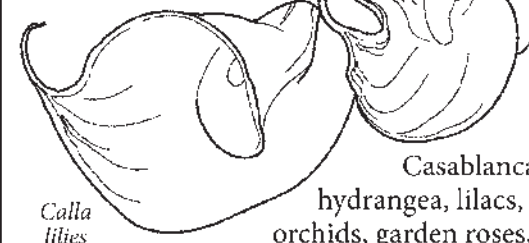
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Calla lilies

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