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County fair begins next Tuesday with new events

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The 41st annual Alcona County Fair will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 21 and offer a variety of events, exhibits and entertainment for residents and visitors alike -- with a few surprises this year.

New attractions will be included with this year's fair -- Cirque Amongus, The Great Lakes Timber Show and Logger's Day.

"We found Cirque Amongus at the Michigan Association of Fair Exhibitions (MAFE) convention in Grand Rapids in January. They did a kids showcase and (it) really struck us as fun," said Doug Travis, president of the Alcona County Fair Board. "They are a group of professional circus perform-

ers that ride unicycles and juggle and perform a lot of balancing acts and magic. They have no animals involved, just circus skills and they teach kids circus arts while they perform. They will have interactive shows at the fair. The performance was a lot of fun; they put us on a tricycle that fits six people, which was like riding a washing machine. We thought Jim Pyne (Alcona County Fair Board vice president) was going to fall off."

According to The Cirque Amongus website, the group offers hands-on programs designed to build self-esteem, develop motor skills and promote teamwork. Circus art such as juggling, movement and balance will be taught in a safe, fun-filled environment.

Cirque Amongus will perform shows three times a day at 1 p.m., 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. from Wednesday through Saturday during the fair.

The Great Lakes Timber Show brings lumberjacks back to northern Michigan with chainsaw carving, axe throwing, crosscut sawing, modified chain sawing, log rolling on water and audience participation.

The Great Lakes Timber Show, according to Bruce Belanger, producer of the show, originated in 1985 and has appeared at state fairs, county fairs, festivals, theme parks and sport shows across the United States.

The group will do three shows at 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. on Thursday and noon, 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. on Friday.

There will be four performances on Saturday at noon, 2 p.m., 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. Each family friendly performance lasts approximately 30 minutes.

"In addition to those attractions," Travis said, "We're excited (about) featuring Logger's Day on Saturday. Kevin Boyat, Terry Griffith, myself, Mary Harmon and DeLynn Lovelace with the United States Forest Service have all worked very hard on the project. We have a lot of logging equipment coming in -- which is separate from the timber show -- including a saw mill, a cedar shingle mill, the FFA will do demonstrations on tree tapping and the forest service will be demonstrating different things."

"Keith Wehoski from Posen

will be bringing in a bobsled with a team of horses to demonstrate how logs were put onto bobsleds during the logging era. We will also have a flap jack eating contest that day."

Travis explained the fair board worked hard to keep ticket prices reasonable and affordable and not increasing the price of admission. All day tickets for attendees 13 years and over are \$5, children 12 years and younger are free and a general public pass for the week is \$15. There is also Car Load Day on Thursday which is \$10 per car, no matter how many people are in it.

D & R Amusement Show and Rides will open at 2 p.m. every day during the fair. Ride all day arm bands will be available for \$5.

Every day fair visitors will be able to enjoy the fair sights and sounds by taking a free ride around the grounds in a Royal Carriage Company horse drawn carriage. The rides are paid for by the sponsors of the Alcona County Fair.

Some of the highlights and familiar events of the fair include:

• **Tuesday, Aug. 21** -- Fair kick off with farm, garden, home economics and the arts and crafts judging. New this year will be a competition for the best of category ribbon. From noon to 4 p.m. a child identification program will be offered. The FFA will hold its pancake and sausage dinner at 4 p.m. with the fair parade beginning at 5 p.m. This year's parade will make its way through downtown Lincoln with the theme of Decades of Logging. Free ice cream will be at the pavilion following the parade. From 6 to 8 p.m. those in attendance are welcome to join in and enjoy the jamboree.

• **Wednesday, Aug. 22** is Kids and Seniors day. All seniors 55 years and older will only pay a \$1 gate entry fee. Free kids rides will be offered from 2 to 4 p.m. Also available on Wednesday from noon to 4 p.m. will be free blood

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Dry weather good for summer road projects

The dry summer may have wreaked havoc on crops, but it has afforded crews at the Alcona County Road Commission an abundance of perfect days to work on the many summer road projects on their agenda.

While there were no major road reconstruction projects this year, there were a number of preventive maintenance and surface upgrade projects. Road improvement activity started in May and shows no sign of slowing until well into late fall.

According to Road Commission Managing Director Jesse Campbell, the reason is because townships are making good use of their voter-approved road millages. "Ten of the 11 townships in Alcona County currently have road millages," Campbell said. "That is a strong message that voters recognize the importance of good roads to the community."

"Under Michigan law, townships have no obligation to help pay for road improvements, but obviously the voters realize such projects would not be possible without local support."

In fact, Campbell voiced concern that the income the road commission receives from the Michigan Transportation Fund -- those funds collected from Michigan's 19 cent per gallon gas tax and 15 cent per gallon diesel tax, combined with vehicle registration and licensing fees and divided among the state, municipal and county road agencies in Michigan -- are stretched to the limit under the burden of operational and winter maintenance costs, making it difficult to keep up with the townships' spending power.

Still, motorists in Alcona County are likely to encounter road construction zones all over the county. Campbell



Alcona County Road Commission employees Linton Fowler Jr. (left) and Drew Milwrick work in sync with truck drivers to unload crushed stone into a spreader machine to cover fresh tar. All part of the sealcoat process strategy to extend the life expectancy of a road surface. *Courtesy photo.*

said as many of the projects as possible requested by township input are being done.

Most of the work being done is a process called sealcoating -- which is generally a preventive maintenance technique used to prolong the life expectancy of an existing hard-surfaced road. The process, however, has become a highly requested one by townships to improve gravel roads as an alternative to a more costly asphalt surface.

In Alcona and Hawes Townships, for example, the process is being used for both purposes. A portion of Hubbard Lake Road, in those townships, was reconstructed in 1999 and was beginning to show early signs of distress. Before the condition of the surface deteriorates any more, officials in both townships agreed to the preventive maintenance application of a coat of tar followed by stone. And as the name sealcoating implies, the emerging cracks and weaknesses in the surface are sealed by this process. Also, in a new venture for road

commission crews, a process referred to as fog sealing will be used. A very thin layer of liquid asphalt material will be applied to secure the stone and further seal the road surface.

Haynes and Mikado townships joined Alcona and Hawes in opting to upgrade gravel surfaced roads with the sealcoating process. When used in this capacity, it is usually done on roads that don't generally carry heavy or large volumes of traffic as it is not a strong surface, but more of a dust control method.

In Caledonia Township, in an effort to breathe new life into a section of Roe Road without doing a total reconstruction project, hot mix asphalt material was applied to level and reshape the road surface. Later, a protective layer of sealcoating will be applied.

Other projects include the preventive application of sealcoat and gravel surface and drainage improvements in Curtis, Greenbush, Gustin

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The Webers of Mikado had a visit from a Blanding's turtle recently. The adult carapace (shell) length is typically six to 10.5 inches. This one was nearly nine inches in length. Blanding's turtles are fairly common in parts of the Lower Peninsula. They can live for 50 years and are protected by Michigan Department of Natural Resources regulations and they may not be killed or removed from the wild. Most Blanding's are frequent road victims as the females seeking nest sites may travel considerable distances. This turtle was most cooperative for the camera. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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Obituaries

Sports Writer Needed

The Alcona County Review is looking for a person to write stories about the Alcona High School varsity football team. Must be able to attend home football games and gather stats and information about away games and then write stories for publication. Must have own transportation and be able to meet weekly deadline. Knowledge of the game imperative. Previous writing experience is helpful, but not required. Please call Cheryl Peterson at (989) 724-6384 for more information.

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Photographer Needed for Varsity Sports

The Alcona County Review is looking for a person or persons to attend Alcona High School sporting events this fall and winter to take photographs for publication. Please call Cheryl Peterson at (989) 724-6384 for more information including payment, sporting schedules and other details. Must have own transportation and photographic equipment.

This is a good opportunity to fine tune photography skills, meet members of the community and provide images of athletes for publication. Other photographic assignments can come from this experience if the interest is there.

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David L. Swank

David L. Swank, 71, of Harrisville died on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 2012 at home.

He was born June 27, 1941 to Chris and Margaret (Addison) Swank in Battle Creek, Mich., where he was raised.

Mr. Swank spent many years in Lansing, Mich. where

he was a realtor recognized for sales reaching \$1 million. He also owned a car wash there.

He moved to Florida in 2007 and recently moved to Harrisville.

Mr. Swank is survived by one son, Randy Swank of Lansing, Mich.; and one sis-

ter, Deanna (Edward) Foster of Harrisville.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Aug. 16 at 1 p.m. at Mt. Hope Church, 202 S. Creyts Road, Lansing, Mich.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Ernest J. Gillard

Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Gillard is survived by one daughter, Gretchen Rudy of Detroit, Mich.; two sons, Scott (Susan) Gillard of Belfast, Ireland and Roger (Clara) Gillard of Lincoln Park, Mich.; five grandchildren, Dana Marie Rudy and Meilana, Maria, Alan John and Ernest Peter Gillard; three great-grandchildren, Devon, Marcella and Clara Gillard; one sister-in-law, Lucille Gillard; and two nieces, Lisa Blanchard and Amy Gillard; and one nephew, Peter Gillard.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Nancy, on June 29, 2011; and his brother, Donald Gillard.

Visitation is Thursday, Aug. 16, from noon until the funeral service at 1 p.m. at the Spruce Presbyterian Church. The Rev. Tom

Ernest John Gillard, 91, of Spruce died on Friday, Aug. 10, 2012 at Oakwood Hospital in Dearborn, Mich.

He was born December 4, 1920 to Ernest and Velma (Freer) Gillard in Alpena. He was raised in Spruce. He graduated from Alpena High School and Alma College in 1941.

He was a lieutenant in the U.S. Army during World War II, serving in England and France where he was involved in D-Day plus one.

On April 9, 1947, he married Nancy Wauchek in Gobles, Mich. They were residents of Midland, Mich. where Mr. Gillard was employed as a superintendent at Dow Chemical.

He retired from Dow after 39 years in 1978. In 1979 he moved to Spruce where he was a member of the Spruce



Welscott will officiate. Burial will be in Pleasant View Cemetery, Spruce.

Memorial donations may be made to the Spruce Presbyterian Church Scholarship Fund. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Writing Letters to the Editor

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

Letters to the editor must be signed with a first and last name and include an address, also a phone number where the author can be reached for confirmation or questions during regular business hours. Unsigned letters will not be published.

Letters must address the editor -- not government, the community, organizations or the authors of previously published letters.

Letters should be no longer than 300 words. Inappropriate content will be deleted and letters will run on a space available basis.

This forum is not intended as a thank you section for groups and organizations. Thank yous are considered personal messages and therefore advertising.

Drop off letters to the Alcona County Review office at 111 Lake Street, Harrisville; mail to P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; or e-mail using plain text format to editor@alconareview.com.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2011-2012

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Aug. 5	84	58	0.00	3.3	25	W
Aug. 6	87	51	0.00	2.8	24	SSW
Aug. 7	85	58	0.11	2.6	17	NNE
Aug. 8	74	58	0.00	5.9	22	NNE
Aug. 9	68	63	0.26	12.2	31	NE
Aug. 10	66	61	1.04	21.9	39	NNE
Aug. 11	65	60	0.43	8.1	36	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2012	2011	Normal
Weekly Total	1.84	0.10	0.81
August to Date	1.87	0.66	1.25
Year/Season to Date	15.19	20.49	17.16

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.)

Projects

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and Millen townships. Crews will also be erecting and installing a timber bridge on Sucker Creek Road crossing Black River between US- 23 and McGregor Road due to begin sometime in October.

"All in all, we have had a successful, although very busy, season," Campbell said. "We're trying to be creative and responsive and use the best mix of fixes we can to provide the best driving surfaces we can afford for motorists in Alcona County."

Questions or concerns about this season's projects or other road issues, should be directed to the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake Street, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, Michigan 48742, by phone at 989-736-8168 or by e-mail at roads@alcona-crc.com.

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

Spruce Lutheran Emergency Food Pantry, 1246 E. Spruce Rd., will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Clients must be present to receive food and bring identification. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

Alcona County needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 2 to 4 p.m. All items will be donated to local organizations. Bring your knitting needles, looms, yarn and patterns. Beginning crafters are welcome. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Foot clinic with Connie Cosbett, R.N. from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. Cost is \$25 and an appointment is required. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 12 to 6 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 S. Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Drop in craft and Wii from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St.

Kindle set-up and download class from 9:15 to 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St. Call, (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

Alcona retirees meet at noon for a potluck lunch at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

A free Zumba dance class will be held at noon in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 736-6045.

The Northeast Michigan Genealogical Society will meet at the Wilson Township Cemetery on King Settlement Rd. (across from the township office) at 7 p.m. for a tour of the cemetery grounds. A business meeting with refresh-

ments will take place after the tour in the meeting room of the Wilson Township Fire Department. For more information, contact nemgs-@charter.net

Community Walking Club for everyone meets at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St., at 8:30 a.m.

Storytime for children with Mary Beth McCormack at the Caledonia branch of the Alcona County Library, 1499 Hubert Rd., Hubbard Lake from noon to 12:30 p.m. For more information, call (989) 727-3105.

Storytime and craft for children at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library, 330 Traverse Bay Rd., from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-3388.

Family movie matinee at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St., at 2 p.m. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

The Alcona Athletic Department will be hosting a fall parent meeting for athletes at 7 p.m. in the old gymnasium. Parents of athletes who will participate in jv or varsity football, jv or varsity volleyball, varsity soccer, or middle school girls' basketball are encouraged to attend to obtain key information about the coming season and meet the members of the coaching staff. For more information, call (989) 736-8534.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

There will be a Swiss steak dinner at the Alcona Masonic Lodge No. 292, 316 Traverse Bay State Rd., Lincoln from 4:30 to 7 p.m. or until the steak is sold out. Take-out is available. For more information, call (989) 736-8781.

Popcorn and a movie at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Harrisville United Methodist Church is hosting the Pony Baldwin Praise concert at 7 p.m. at the Alcona Community School Auditorium. Free will donations of money or canned goods will be accepted as admission. All proceeds will go to the Alcona Food Pantry.

Hawaii Day storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St. Hawaiian attire encouraged.

The Barton City Eagles Aerie 4141, 671 Sanborn Rd., will have a barbecued chicken and ribs dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Adults \$9, children age six to 12 \$4, under age six free. Take out available by calling (989) 736-3050.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds in

Lincoln (across from Kris Mart). For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Kayakers and canoeists of all abilities are invited to participate in circumnavigating Hubbard Lake. The day will start at East Bay DNR launch at 9 a.m. with an estimated finish around 6:30 p.m. There will be an "afterglow" barbeque at Smokey's Tavern for participants and their guests. For more information, contact Vicki (989) 255-1588.

The Harrisville Institute for Cultural Learning, 307 and 309 US-23 South, Harrisville will be open for visitors from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Alcona Volleyball Program is putting on a 5k run or walk fundraiser beginning at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville Harbor. Registration forms and more information can be found at www.alconaschools.net. Pre-registration will guarantee a t-shirt. Proceeds will go toward the purchase of equipment and warm-ups.

Hobo dinner at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 E. Spruce Rd. (three and a half miles west of F-41 and US-23), from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children ages five through 12, four and under free. Take out will be available.


SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

The Harrisville Institute for Cultural Learning, 307 and 309 US-23 South, Harrisville will be open for visitors from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Harrisville United Methodist Church is celebrating its 150th anniversary with a worship service and potluck picnic on the lawn beginning at 10 a.m. The community is invited to attend.

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place by calling (989) 736-8879 or (989) 735-5191 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Monday, August 20—Herb chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, stewed tomatoes, coleslaw and fruit.

- Tuesday, August 21—Cold ham, spaghetti salad, baby carrots and dip, cucumber salad and melon.

- Wednesday, August 22—Sweet and sour meatballs over rice, green beans, raspberry applesauce salad and fruit crisp.

- Thursday, August 23—Fish, parsley red potato, mixed vegetables, tossed salad and fruit.

- Friday, August 24—Barbecued chicken, Spudsters, baked beans, Jell-O salad and fruit.

(Friday meals in Lincoln only—Greenbush closed until September.)

and The Old Place Inn. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Birds of Prey

Local falconer Jennifer Schroeder and co-presenter Karen Young of Bird Rescue of Huron Valley share their love and respect for birds of prey with an exhibit of live birds on Thursday, Aug. 23 at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Hawks, falcons and owls illustrate the importance of the Great Lakes watershed and healthy rural habitats. This free program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Region 19-Kirtland Community College Foundation. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Seeking Input with Survey

The Yellow Jug Old Drugs program is looking for individuals to complete a survey as part of the requirement for the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) grant just received by the organization. The Yellow Jug Old Drugs program was started by Great Lakes Clean Water, a non-profit organization in May 2009 and is a program that works in partnership with local pharmacies to collect and properly dispose of unwanted/unused drugs in a safe and approved manner to help keep our water clean. "The Survey takes just five minutes to complete and the information we gather will be very helpful to our project," said Chris Angel, president of Great Lakes Clean Water Organization. The survey is available at the Great Lakes Clean Water website www.greatlakescleanwater.org or by calling (989) 736-8179.

The DEQ recently awarded the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program a \$77,125 grant. A total of \$250,000 in funding was awarded through the Michigan Community Pollution Prevention (P2) Grant Program for the development of ongoing household drug collection programs.

New Arrival

Emmett Dennis Ostrander is the new son of Hillary and Eric Ostrander of Oscoda. He was born February 10, 2012 at Tawas St. Joseph Hospital. He weighed eight pounds, nine ounces and was 20.5 inches long. He is the grandson of Lindon and Vicki Metheringham of Lincoln and Lewis and Connie Ostrander of Au Gres, Mich. He is the great-grandson of Joyce Metheringham of Lincoln and Sharee Smith of Jackson, Mich.

Adult Summer Reading

Adults are reminded to turn Adult Summer Reading book review forms into any branch of the Alcona County Library before 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 21. The grand prize drawing for two tickets to the Alpena Shipwreck Tour will be held after the Alcona Book Club, which meets at noon to have lunch and discuss "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett. All adults are invited to lunch (provided) and the book discussion. Other summer reading prizes include gift certificates for Tait's Bill of Fare

Hawaii Day

Wear a Hawaiian shirt or hula skirt and come to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Friday, Aug. 17 at 10:15 a.m. for Hawaii Day at the Library. Kids of all ages are invited to participate in story, craft and a new tropical game. There will be special island treats for all attendees. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a

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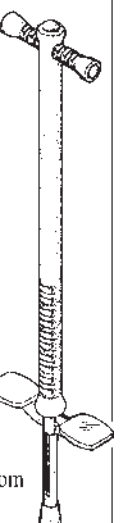
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Sparks celebrate 71th wedding anniversary

Albert "Swede" and Verena Sparks of Glennie celebrated their 71th wedding anniversary on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2012.

They were married on August 2, 1941 in Mesick, Mich. They moved to Glennie after Albert's retirement in 1974.

Albert served as a gunner on a Liberty ship in the U.S. Navy during World War II.



He worked at GM for 32 years as a machine press setup expert and a master welder while Verena kept their home running smoothly.

They have three sons, Gary



Albert and Verena Sparks enjoy riding their 4-wheeler and (left) on their wedding day.

(Jan) Sparks of Alpena, Keith (Sandy) Sparks of Fenton, Mich. and Roy (Vickie) Sparks of Rockport, Mich.; seven grandchildren and; 12 great-grandchildren.

Albert and Verena are each charter members of the Glennie Lions and Lioness clubs.

Both have served as president -- 1986-87 and 1988-89, respectively.

Albert and Verena, who are in their 90s, have a garden and harvest their own wood for their wood stove. They enjoy four-wheeling, deer hunting and snowmobiling.

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pressure and health information for seniors. The first Cirque Amongus show will be at 1 p.m. D & R amusement park rides open at 2 p.m. From 2 to 3 p.m. seniors can enjoy making crafts. At 5:30 p.m. the annual Fair Board Steak Fry will be held. tickets for the steak fry may be purchased at the ticket office. The draft horse pull will begin at 7 p.m.

• **Thursday, Aug. 23** is Car Load Day with a \$10 gate entry for each car load of people. The Cirque Amongus, D & R amusement park rides continue throughout the day. The Great Lakes Timber Shows will have its first performance at 2 p.m. At 5 p.m. the 4-H and Fair Awards Ceremony will be held. Six o'clock marks the opening of the Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale.

• **Friday, Aug. 24** is Family Fun Day. A youth horse show will begin at 10 a.m. The Great Lakes Timber Show, Cirque Amongus and D & R amusement park rides continue throughout the day. From 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. join in on a pie eating contest and kid's games offered by the Alcona FFA. At 6 p.m. a youth speed show and the local competition tractor and truck show and pull which will be followed by the pro tractor and truck pull.

• **Saturday, Aug. 25** is Logger's Day which will begin with an open horse show at 10:30 a.m. Dirt Inc. will begin motocross racing at 11 a.m. The annual "Dress your vegetable contest will also begin at 11 a.m. Logging demonstrations and displays will begin at noon along with The Great Lakes Timber Show followed by a flap jack eating contest for all ages. Wee showmanship for small tots begins at 1 p.m. Cirque Amongus, D & R amusement rides and the Great Lakes Timber Show will continue

throughout the day. A musical kerr/fun show will begin at 2 p.m. as well as a spelling bee for all ages. An open horse speed show will take place at 6 p.m. and the Bump and Run will begin at 7 p.m.

"We are hoping for good weather during the fair, but regardless of the weather we really want everyone to have a good time with their family. We couldn't put on this fair without the many active community sponsors and raffle patrons. We are excited and looking forward to a great week," Travis said.

Support for the fair can be shown by frequenting the fair board refreshment stand and by purchasing the daily raffle tickets and/or by purchasing tickets for the larger raffle.

The refreshment booth is open Tuesday through Saturday from 8 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. with a selection of donuts, coffee and juice. Hot dogs, brats, chips and water will be sold from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All proceeds from the sale will go to the fair board which will be used towards next year's fair projects.

The 2012 fair raffle includes a gas grill with utensils, a six foot picnic table, cooler with meat package, picnic basket with supplies and two cases of pop for first prize. Second place is a \$30 certificate to Cordes and Company Northwoods Grill,

\$30 certificate to Iron Skillet Restaurant and a \$30 certificate to The Caddy Shack Restaurant. Third place prize is nine holes of golf with cart at Back Nine Golf Course, Greenbush Golf Course and 18 holes with cart at Eagle Ridge Golf Club. Fourth place is a four person AuSable River Canoe trip with Hunts Canoe and Miniature Golf. Fifth place is a detail carwash from Waterworks. The drawing for the raffle will be held Saturday at the Bump and Run. Raffle tickets may be purchased at the fair board office or from any fair board member.

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Four Alcona students recently attended a week-long summer aviation camp sponsored by the Alpena Montmorency Alcona Educational Service District (AMAESD). (From left) Mindy Mendyka, Zackery Faszczewski, Hannah Canute and Kendra LaFave were able to engage in hands-on learning of the principles of flight including Newton's laws, Bernoulli's laws, lift, drag and angle of attack. *Courtesy photo.*



TO THE RESIDENTS OF GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP

I had the pleasure of meeting a great many of you during my campaign for Township Clerk and look forward to our continued dialogue. It was a very enlightening and rewarding experience, thank you for welcoming me into your homes and I will consider your thoughts and concerns while in office. To those that took the time to be part of the election process I am very grateful. To my many supporters, please accept my heartfelt thanks. Finally I would be remiss if I did not recognize the eighteen years of Art and Sharon Winter. It is my sincere wish that I will exceed your expectations as Township Clerk and continue to serve my neighbors in an honest and professional manner.

Sincerely, Dave Dailey

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District Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in July by the Honorable Allen C. Yenior and the Honorable Laura A. Frawley.

- Matthew Paul Montgomery, 20, of Harrisville was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$165 for minor purchase/consume/possess alcohol.
- Lee Sinclair Beckham, 66, of Lincoln was sentenced to three months of probation and fines and court costs of \$565 for attempted sex offender - failure to comply.
- Chris Daniel Scully, 52 of Lincoln was sentenced to one day in jail, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,255 for operating while visibly impaired.
- William James Holsworth, 33, of Ossineke was sentenced to two days in jail, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,645 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Joshua Alan Crow, 22, of Alpena was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,395 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Brian Edward Eckert, 41, of Temperance, Mich. was sentenced to six months of probation and \$1,270 in fines and court costs for permitting an unlicensed person to drive.
- Kevin Vern Fettes, 46, of Greenbush was sentenced to 10 days in jail, one year of probation and \$1,535 in fines and court costs for possession of marijuana/spice/salvia.
- Joseph Roy Shobe, 32, of Curran was sentenced to 30 days in jail, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$2,380 for use of a controlled substance and operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.
- George Holtzman Jr., 62, of Barton City was sentenced to \$620 in fines and court costs for no valid license in possession.
- Christopher Daniel Handy, 26, of Oscoda was sentenced to seven days in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,895 for operating with the presence of drugs.
- Alfred James Windsor, 40, of Lincoln was sentenced to two days in jail, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,255 for operating with the presence of drugs.
- Michael Patrick Gibbons, 25, of Drummond Island, Mich. was sentenced to two days in jail, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,245 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Marvin Willoughby Hart, 66, of Lincoln was sentenced to one day in jail, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,595 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Louisa Blichfeldt Sjogren, 58, of Harrisville was sentenced to one day in jail, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,245 for operating while intoxicated.
- Robert Paul Szuber, 53, of Black River was sentenced to \$205 in fines and court costs for trespassing.
- Gerald Adam Orman, 49, of Alpena was sentenced to seven days in jail, six months of probation and \$870 in fines and court costs for operator's license suspended, denied, revoked.
- Dell Ray Barnes, 35, of Barton City was sentenced to five days in jail, six months of probation and \$985 in fines and court costs for controlled substance - use of marijuana.
- Edward Leon Mason, 25, of Belding, Mich. was sentenced to 10 days in jail, one year of probation and \$1,530 in fines and court costs for domestic violence.
- Charles Dean Wilson Jr., 48, of Greenbush was sentenced to 10 days in jail, six months of probation and \$995 in fines and court costs for operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.
- William Gordon Curley, 27, of Oscoda was sentenced to 35 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,230 for domestic violence.
- Anthony Mark Hubble II, 23, of Davison, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,245 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Ronald Gregory Newland, 46, of Buffalo, N.Y. was sentenced to one day in jail and \$1,030 in fines and court costs for operating while visibly impaired.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF THE VILLAGE OF LINCOLN CONCERNING SECOND STREET STREETScape AND TRAVERSE BAY STREETScape

A public hearing will be held on Tuesday September 4th, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Village Hall meeting room at 117 W. Fiske St. to obtain the views of the citizens of the Village of Lincoln including those of low to moderate income regarding the recently completed streetscape projects which included local funds and Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds as follows:

1. Second Street Streetscape Project - CDBG Grant NSC 209131 - CDI funds of \$742,203 and Village and Downtown Development (DDA) funds of \$245,908.71
2. Traverse Bay Streetscape Project - CDBG Grant MSC 209174-ICE funds of \$313,310 and Village and Downtown Development (DDA) funds of \$147,104.25

The public hearing will include comments from the public regarding both streetscapes as outlined above - Second Street Streetscape, and Traverse Bay Streetscape. The hearing will be conducted by the Village President, Phil Jordan and may include remarks by members of the Lincoln Village Council and the Lincoln Downtown Development Authority (DDA). Topics will include both streetscapes and how they relate to community needs including community development and housing needs. Citizens including those of low to moderate income are encouraged to attend and express their opinions regarding both of these streetscape projects including the expenditure of funds by the Village of Lincoln, the Lincoln DDA, and the Michigan Economic Development Corporation CDBG funds. Questions and/or comments regarding these two grants can also be directed verbally or in writing to Linda K. Somers, Village Clerk at 315 E. Main St. Lincoln Mi 48742 or by phone at 989-736-6522 or to Phillip S. Jordan, Village President at 110 N.W. Jordan Street, Lincoln, Mi 48742 or by phone at 989-736-7583.

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Resources to help seniors with low vision

Dear Savvy Senior,
What resources can you recommend to help seniors with incurable vision impairment? My wife has macular degeneration and has become very discouraged.

Looking for Help

Dear Looking,

Unfortunately, there are nearly two million Americans, like your wife, living with macular degeneration today, making everyday tasks like cooking dinner, reading the newspaper or watching television extremely challenging. Here are some resources that can help.

The best place to get help living and coping with macular degeneration is at a vision rehabilitation agency. Typically run by state or non-profit organizations, there are around 1,500 of these agencies scattered across the country that provide free or low-cost services to help seniors and their families who

are living with all types of incurable vision impairments.

While vision rehabilitation does not restore lost sight, it does help people maximize their existing sight, or, if they have no vision, it can equip them with techniques and tools to help them maintain an independent lifestyle.

Services include counseling, along with training on how to perform daily living tasks with low vision, and how to use visual and adaptive devices and assistive technologies that can help improve quality of life.

They also offer guidance for adapting your home that will make it safer and easier for your wife to maneuver, and can help her locate low-vision support groups in your area which is very helpful. Some agencies will even send their specialist out to work with her in the comfort of your own home.

To find a vision rehabilita-

tion agency in your area, call the American Foundation for the Blind referral line at (800) 232-5463.

If, however, you don't live near a vision rehabilitation agency, you can also get help from an occupational therapist, or OT, who can provide low vision training in your home. Ask your ophthalmologist or doctor for a referral to an OT in your area. Your Area Agency on Aging (call (800) 677-1116 for contact information) can also help you find nearby therapists. Many health insurance providers, including Medicare, will pay for low vision training by an OT if prescribed by your eye doctor or health-care provider.

Another convenient place to find help for your wife is online at a terrific new website called VisionAware (visionaware.org). Created by the American Foundation for the Blind and the Reader's Digest Partners for Sight

Foundation, this site provides free information on eye conditions, along with dozens of practical tips and instructional videos on living with vision loss, including concepts for adapting your home to make it easier to navigate, techniques for traveling safely outside the home, and various tips on how to manage things like finances, medications, and other tasks like cooking, cleaning, grooming, reading, writing and more.

It also offers a comprehensive list of low vision products and technologies that can help your wife stay active and independent, including product reviews that are published in their online magazine called "AccessWorld."

Two other good resources that can help you and your wife are the Ears for Eyes program and the MD Support website.

Ears for Eyes (earsforeyes.-

Savvy Senior

info, (800) 843-6816) is a nonprofit public charity that provides free audio lessons on cassette tapes, CDs and Internet downloads that teach adaptive daily living skills to the vision impaired and their caregivers.

And mdsupport.org, which is a public service website for seniors living with macular degeneration that provides information and links to support groups across the country, and links to low-vision products, services and other resources that can help with many different needs.

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Trust Fund boosts community outdoor recreation projects

Most outdoor enthusiasts in the state are familiar with the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund and the role it plays in making outdoor recreation opportunities more plentiful and accessible for everyone.

The Trust Fund (which is funded from the interest earned on a \$500 million investment derived from royalties from oil and gas development on state-managed land) is used to buy property and develop projects that have recreational or natural resources value to Michigan citizens.

The principle is simple. Michigan's natural resources belong to all current and future citizens. When those re-

sources are used or leveraged for financial gain, that effort should also yield benefits for all current and future citizens.

But there's much more to the Trust Fund story.

The vast majority of projects awarded by the Trust Fund are grants to local units of government that want to develop or improve recreation facilities.

The money is made available to cities, counties, townships and villages through an application process. An applicant is required to secure at least 25 percent of a project's cost and then submit a proposal to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

DNR staff evaluates each proposal based on several criteria. A scored list is provided to the Trust Fund board, which then recommends the projects that should be funded.

we put in new tennis courts, a basketball court, a baseball field, an archery range and a toboggan hill."

Aldrich said the \$424,000 Trust Fund grant was matched with \$150,000

Cruises - has become almost synonymous with the city.

"There are thousands of people out there every week in the summertime," Bovin said. "Really, that's what Munising is known for."



The busy Munising Marina has undergone improvements made possible by a Trust Fund grant. The marina is home to Pictured Rocks Cruises, which brings thousands of tourists to the docks each week. *Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

Each year, applications for projects large and small come into the Trust Fund for consideration. The board works hard to ensure that every dollar granted will help make outdoor recreation a reality for an ever wider population of Michigan residents. Trust Fund-supported projects and resources can be found in every county of the state, and that means more outdoor opportunities for the people who call Michigan home.

In the Upper Peninsula, Trust Fund seed dollars are helping local officials realize gains, both recreationally and economically.

One such grant helped to pay for a community park in Manistique, Mich. that, according to city manager Sheila Aldrich, "turned an area that was an eyesore into a jewel."

"We took an old quarry that was grown up in weeds and had a barbed-wire fence around it and we turned it into an area with a swimming beach and two fishing piers," Aldrich said. "We have a walking path around it and

raised by the community, along with plenty of "sweat equity" from local groups. Without the grant, she said, it would "never have happened in a thousand years."

Residents are so pleased with the community park's success, Aldrich said the city of Manistique has also applied for a Trust Fund land-acquisition grant for waterfront property. Plans include "a boardwalk area along the river and a campground right on Lake Michigan - all within the city limits," Aldrich said.

Move a little to the northwest and there are two Munising, Mich. projects funded by Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grants - projects that city manager Doug Bovin said have made a world of difference.

The city's Tourist Park Campground on Lake Superior badly needed an upgrade, Bovin explained, and a \$227,000 Trust Fund grant helped the city build a new pavilion, restrooms and modern campsites with sewer, water and electrical hookups.

The ambitious project also included construction of a footbridge, creating access to an undeveloped section of the park and allowing the creation of a dozen rustic campsites along the Lake Superior shoreline.

The new facilities are an undeniable hit. In the two years since the project was completed, revenue generated to city coffers has quadrupled, Bovin said.

"That's the only source of money we really have to improve our other parks in the city," he said. "We have three small parks, and the tourist park is the only way we have to generate funds for those facilities."

A little more than 10 years ago, the city of Munising used Trust Fund grant money to develop its marina. One of its tenants - Pictured Rocks

Bovin said the city is currently seeking another grant to further improve the campground.

"It's absolutely the right way to go," he said. "It takes time and effort, but without it, our whole recreational aspect here in Munising would have never been accomplished. And it's not only the project, but all the other residual benefits that come along with the project."

Bob Garner, a former member of the Natural Resources Commission, is the chairperson of the board that oversees Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund expenditures. Garner said it is a responsibility the board takes very seriously.

"Recreational development cannot exceed 25 percent of what the fund has to spend every year," Garner said. "That's constitutional. But we have far more requests for the development dollars than we do the acquisition dollars."

"It's a very competitive process to get development dollars and it has been for many, many years," he continued. "We've, in fact, responded to that because we used to have a half-million-dollar limit on projects and we've reduced down so that we could fund more projects."

"We've done all kinds of projects," Garner said. "From fishing piers and trail developments and boat launch facilities to athletic fields."

Sometimes it takes several years for a municipality to get a project approved, Garner said.

Projects are scored on how well they speak to accessibility, demonstrated need, emphasis on resources and other things. Grant coordinators visit all the sites and give preliminary scores, which are returned to applicants - who have an oppor-

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tunity to provide more information that may help their score. Then, projects are given final scores and rankings.

"I always tell them, as chairman, the old adage, 'If at first you don't succeed ...,'" Garner said.

"Some years, we have more money," he said. "Some years, projects that were funded are withdrawn - the municipality doesn't have the match or they had a change in board members or commissioners and decided to go in a different direction; so

that money becomes available."

Whether hiking a well-developed trail, exploring a natural area or sleeping under the stars at a scenic campground, it's easy to spot the results of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund grant.

It's often the everyday amenities and conveniences that go unnoticed, however. Things like safe playground equipment, modern restrooms and accessible walkways at city parks and community centers - these are

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



With the help of a Trust Fund grant, Munising's Tourist Park Campground recently added more modern campsites with electrical, sewer and water hook-ups along the Lake Superior shore.

Nolans claim silver cup in annual sailing regatta

In one of the fastest races in its history, it was sunny skies and fast winds for the 10th annual Alcona Historical Society's Sailing Regatta which was held in Sanctuary Bay north of Sturgeon Point Lighthouse on August 4.

The winds held at steady 18 to 20 knots out of the south. Amongst the various sailboats racing of different classes and types, Scott Nolan and his brother, Jeff Nolan, who flew in from New York were successful in a 16 foot Prindle catamaran.

Second place went to Jim Anderson and Paul Sanders in a CL16, a boat that is built in Canada. Third place went to Stan Dobry and Ky Killmaster in a CL16.


The Portsmouth Handicap Rules were used to even the different sailing characteristics since there was a wide variety of boats.

Since 1985, on the first Saturday of August, a Sanctuary Bay group has held sailing regattas amongst neighbors and friends. Ten years

ago when the lighthouse was being threatened by action of the federal government through the U.S. Coast Guard to shut it down, the Sanctuary Bay residents joined the historical society in obtaining over 6,000 signatures petitioning the United States government in Washington D.C. to reverse the decision and keep the lighthouse operating.

Since then Sanctuary Bay residents have held a race -- approximately eight to 16 miles long depending on the weather -- in the bay immediately north of Sturgeon Point Lighthouse. In this effort, donations are received from people who participate in the race as well as attend the beach party afterwards. Over \$23,000 has been raised in the past 10 years that has been donated to the historical society for the preservation of Sturgeon Point Lighthouse and museum. A silver cup will be engraved, as it has for every winner and will be on display at the lighthouse.

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K	Unlimited	<i>The mission of Alcona Community Schools in partnership with our community, is to educate and empower each student to become a caring, responsible, competent world citizen.</i>
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2	9 Seats	
3	3 Seats	
4	1 Seat	
5	1 Seat	
6	6 Seats	
7	5 Seats	
8	4 Seats	
9	Unlimited	
10	1 Seat	
11	1 Seat	
12	1 Seat	

Applications for limited seats available for the 2012-2013 school year will be accepted from **August 8, 2012 to August 22, 2012**. Applications received after August 15 cannot be accepted. Successful applicants will be notified by mail between August 24 and August 31, 2012. For further information or an application, call or write the Alcona Community Schools' District Office at (989) 736-6212.

The plight of the piping plovers

By Mary Weber
Columnist

There are times when being amateur and curious birders entices Wil and I away from our normal bird watching station -- just outside our dining room -- to visit other areas near and around Alcona County.

This was just such a summer as Wil and I ventured out to see a family of mute swans in Oscoda -- Trump and Terr No. 2 and their five cygnets -- swimming on the AuSable River; then back into Alcona County for our very first sighting of the famous Kirtland's warbler.

The experience of seeing these birds was breathtaking and one that we hope everyone is able to see in their lifetime.

With having such great birding experiences, we thought nothing about volunteering to help protect the piping plovers that were nesting at Tawas Point. The request for volunteers came from Peggy Ridgway of the AuSable Valley Audubon.

I figured how bad could the assignment be? All we had to do is sit on a beautiful beach for a few hours and hand out fliers to people informing them to not walk through the plovers' nest area. We've certainly had rougher volunteer duties, and perhaps, if we were lucky, we might actually see a piping plover for the first time.

I was excited as I got my beach gear ready; water to drink, shorts, tank top, beach shoes, suntan lotion, sunglasses, a nice wide brim hat, binoculars and my camera. My husband wasn't quite as excited about the venture as I was.

Willy loves the north woods, but he's not much of a beach person and rarely, if at all, ventures near the water. His attire looked more like he was going to a lumberjack convention than the beach -- long jeans, T-shirt, and leather boots. He had on his reading glasses, sunglasses and hearing aids and had a book to read under his favorite folding chair -- complete with a sun canopy.

We arrived at Tawas Point not really knowing where the plovers' nest site was and started walking along the beach. I chose to walk on the

water's edge and enjoyed every wave that splashed me ever so softly. Wil looked for flatter pieces of beach as his boots sunk in the sand with each step.

"Where is this place?" Wil shouted questioning my judgment in volunteering us for something he wasn't all that keen on doing. "Peggy said it would be a walk, I did tell you that," I reminded him.

We finally found the display boards in the sand marking the area of the plovers' nest site. We set up our chairs -- mine nearly in the water and Wil's as far back from the water as he could get.

We gazed at the nearly empty beach. "I don't think we'll have to persuade many to stay away," I told Wil as he gave me a "humph" sounding noise and opened his book.

It was a beautiful sunny Monday. The water lapping at my feet was warm and the wind off the water cooled the air to an almost perfect 80 degrees.

Alcona's Backyard

Increased development and recreational use of beaches since the end of World War II has dwindled the population which was once 600 to 800 breeding pairs down to just 12 to 32 pairs.

In the Great Lakes area the piping plovers are listed as endangered species -- meaning it could become extinct if not protected under the Endangered Species Act. The act provides penalties for taking, harassing or harming the birds and some protection of its habitat.

This year three pairs of piping plovers have nested along the Lake Huron coastline in the area. One pair have already fledged with their offspring in Oscoda. The



This piping plover is one half of a pair that has a nest at Tawas Point. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

At first all we saw were sea gulls and a few wind surfers who rode the waves with reckless abandonment, their colorful sails billowing in the breeze. I envied their youthful energy and wondered if it was as easy as they made it look.

There were a few people who walked down to the sign board. I was eager to explain the nest site and how we were trying to do what we could to discourage people from treading near the endangered species.

The piping plover gets its name from its call, plaintive bell-like whistles that are often heard before the birds are seen. It's a small, sand-colored bird somewhat resembling a killdeer. The adults are quite striking with a black ring around the base of their neck and a black band across the forehead from eye to eye. Piping plovers are fairly good at blending into their surroundings on open, sandy beaches, making them very difficult to see. Like other plovers, they run in short starts and stops.

The piper plovers nest on the beaches of northern Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and Lake Superior in Michigan and Wisconsin during the summer months. They winter primarily on the Atlantic and Gulf Coast from Virginia to Texas with some migrating further.

other two pair were among the birds Wil and I volunteered to protect and explain the scope of their survival to people wandering by.

As I sat on the sand listening to the gulls chatter, I did hear another bird with a far off whistle. I studied the ground searching the sand for the slightest movement. Sure enough, as if to say thank you for standing guard, a piper plover shot into my line of sight. Then its mate came into view as well.

I grabbed my camera. They were still a long way off, but I hoped my zoom lens could capture the moment. I didn't dare step a foot closer to them. Their chicks had not yet hatched and I knew every chick's life was an imperative step to keep these lovely, fragile birds from leaving our world all together. No photograph is that important, so I took what photos I could of the pair and left it at that.

Eventually, the beach traffic got a bit busier. Wil and I did a good job at persuading everyone who came by us from venturing any further. Once we explained the situation, people understood and had no problem with leaving the area.

We stayed for a few more hours, then packed up and began the long journey back. This time we located the gravel path near the light-

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Calendar of Events

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Trinity Lutheran Church will hold their Sunday service in the Barton City Park at 11:15 a.m. There will be special music by Tom Miks. Everyone is invited.

MONDAY, AUGUST 20

All ladies are invited to play bunco at 2:30 p.m. at Barb Taylor's home. Bunco is an easy game to learn, first-timers are always welcome. For more information, call (989) 739-7029.

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 12 to 5:45 p.m. at Curtis Twp. Hall, 4932 F-30, Glennie. For more information visit redcross.org.

White Pine Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Hollyhock Quilt Shoppe, 301 E. Main St., Harrisville. For more information, call C. Pizer (989) 724-6403.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 21

Weight Loss Support group will meet at the Lincoln United Methodist Church, 101 E. Main St. at 4 p.m. Visitors are welcome and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

Kids day at Lumberman's Monument starting at 1 p.m. Let's Go Green: Come learn how you can help save our beautiful planet for everyone to enjoy. Everyone's actions make the difference. Watch for Woodsy Owl! Lumberman's Monument is located in the Huron-Manistee National Forest, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Rd., at the junction with Monument Rd. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

The Pine River VanEtten Lake Watershed Coalition will be giving a PowerPoint presentation at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 2 p.m. This presentation will highlight the need for conservation efforts within the watershed and introduce people to the existing programs open for volunteers.

Drop in craft and Wii for children at the Hubbard Lake Community Center from 10:30 a.m. to noon. For more information. Call (989) 727-3105.

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St. The selection for August is "State of Wonder" by Ann Patchett. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 22

"Birds of Prey" with Jenny Schroeder and Karen Young will be at the Curtis Township Library, Bamfield Rd., Glennie at 2 p.m. Learn about the behavior and habitats of the red tail hawk, American kestrel, peregrine falcon and much more. For more information, call (989) 735-2601.

Alcona County needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 2 to 4 p.m. All items will be donated to local organizations. Bring your knitting needles, looms, yarn and patterns. Beginning crafters are welcome. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Foot clinic with Connie Cosbett, R.N. from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. Cost is \$25 and an appointment is required. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Drop in craft and Wii from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St.

Basic Excel class from 9:15 to 10 a.m. at the Harrisville

branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St. To reserve a space, call (989) 724-6796.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 23

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 736-6045.

Community Walking Club for everyone meets at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St., at 8:30 a.m.

Storytime and craft for children at the Lincoln branch of

the Alcona County Library, 330 Traverse Bay Rd., from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-3388.

Falconer Jenny Schroeder presents Birds of Prey at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

Popcorn and a movie at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

My Brother's Hope Potluck Café 2 will serve a free meal and offer free haircuts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. For more information, contact Susan Armstrong (989) 724-6365.


Friends of the Library will hold a book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

Spruce Lutheran Emergency Food Pantry, 1246 E. Spruce Rd., will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Clients must be present to receive food and bring identification. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.


Come and help tag the monarch butterflies as they head to Mexico at Harrisville State Park, hostess lot no. 2 at 5 p.m. A program for children. They will have an opportunity to launch a tagged monarch from their finger. A state park passport is required.


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Linda Klemens, president of the Alcona Historical Society (middle) and representatives from the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary Jason Swain, Marilyn Penne and John Penne, along with David DeKett and Kay Travis, representatives of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources hold a short ceremony at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse during Historical Day on August 4. The ceremony involved turning off the Fresnel lens and lighting the newly mounted LED lantern on the railing of the tower. The DNR and Alcona Historical Society are the recipients of the new lighting device. According to Klemens, this is the next step in the process of transferring ownership of the tower/lens to the DNR, which will then give the historical society a long term lease so it can apply for matching grant funds to make repairs to the historic building. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*





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house that led us back to our car. Still a long walk, but at least Wil wasn't sinking in the hot sand.

Alcona Review Weather Report Aug. 15, 2012

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 91 Low: 77

THURSDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 93 Low: 77

FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 91 Low: 76

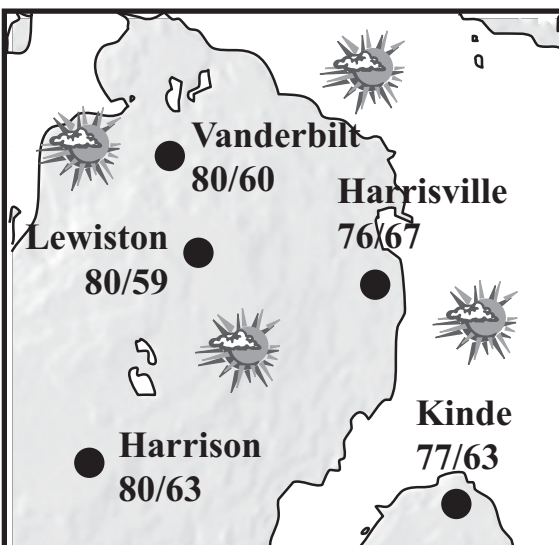
SATURDAY
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High: 90 Low: 77

SUNDAY
Isolated T-storms
High: 91 Low: 79

MONDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 93 Low: 79

TUESDAY
Isolated T-storms
High: 89 Low: 78

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a near record high temperature of 91°, humidity of 69%. Light winds. The record high temperature for today is 94° set in 1991. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 77°. South southeast wind 9 to 16 mph. The record low for tonight is 36° set in 1968.


*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	85	50	78/55	0.00"
Tuesday	86	61	78/54	0.00"
Wednesday	78	55	78/54	0.00"
Thursday	71	58	78/54	0.18"
Friday	66	59	77/54	0.88"
Saturday	63	60	77/54	0.51"
Sunday	79	58	77/54	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week


	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 8/17	Wednesday	6:36 a.m.	8:38 p.m.	4:30 a.m.	7:12 p.m.	Full 8/31
	Thursday	6:37 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	5:35 a.m.	7:44 p.m.	
	Friday	6:38 a.m.	8:35 p.m.	6:43 a.m.	8:13 p.m.	
	Saturday	6:39 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	7:52 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	
First 8/24	Sunday	6:41 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	9:02 a.m.	9:10 p.m.	Last 9/8
	Monday	6:42 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	10:14 a.m.	9:39 p.m.	
	Tuesday	6:43 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	11:27 a.m.	10:12 p.m.	

Local UV Index



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

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 90° in Carbondale, Ill. The Southeast will see scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 95° in Valdosta, Ga. The Northwest will see isolated showers today, mostly clear skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 103° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today and Thursday, isolated thunderstorms Friday, with the highest temperature of 111° in Bullhead City, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:04 a.m.	7:40 p.m.
Venus	2:59 a.m.	5:55 p.m.
Mars	12:04 p.m.	10:49 p.m.
Jupiter	1:06 a.m.	4:15 p.m.
Saturn	11:57 a.m.	11:03 p.m.
Uranus	10:11 p.m.	10:40 a.m.

Weather History


Aug. 15, 1967 - Lightning started the "sundance fire" in northern Idaho. Winds of 50 mph carried firebrands as much as ten miles away to ignite new fires. As a result, the forest fire spread 20 miles across the Selkirk Mountains in just 12 hours, burning 56,000 acres.

Weather Trivia

What storm lasted the longest in the Atlantic? ?

Answer: In 1971, a storm called Ginger lasted for 28 days.

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Mars on Earth



It rained on Mars today, a virtual downpour, complete with lightning, thunder, and huge, cold drops that turned the red Utah desert into a myriad of dendritic rivulets which fused into muddy brown streams that had to be traversed by my Saturn "rover." By the time that Boyertown School Dist. Planetarium Director, Peter Deterline, and I had reached the Mars Desert Research Station (MDRS) near Hanksville, Utah, my Bridgestone tires were rimmed by an inch or more of smooth, pebbly mud. Mars had abundant water 3-1/2 billion years ago, and the five miles of sludge that we plodded through to get to the Mars Habitat may have been a common occurrence to those simple microbes which many exobiologists believe populated the watery basins of Mars so long ago. Now the real Martian landscape looks desert dry, its water either frozen on the polar caps, hidden near its surface, or liquid at depth. Unlike NASA's Curiosity minivan, just beginning its two year journey of discovery on the Martian surface, the MDRS, is a two-story tuna can-shaped habitat which was constructed by the non-profit Mars Society in late 2001. It has been a cost effective alternative for exploring a Mars-like region of the Earth in a similar fashion as to how astronauts might survey Mars sometime in the future. Another scientific facility, the Flashline Mars Arctic Research Station (FMARS), was constructed in 2000 and is located on Devon Island in Canada's Baffin Bay. It has been in operation since 2001. Staring at my vision of Mars, the Utah badlands, from the second floor crew quarters of the MDRS, I can see an undulating landscape of red, white, and brown striated hills. There is no vegetation in sight. Albeit the blue, cloud-specked sky, I am witness to a similar terrain that will be greeting the first human explorers of the Red Planet. I am on Mars. More information is online. www.astronomy.org.

Before leaving the Tawas area we made a quick trip into Wal-Mart as we always do. It wasn't until we got back in the car I noticed one of my husband's hearing aids laying loosely on the car seat. "I hope the other one is still in your ear," I said as I handed him the tiny wire attached to a unit about the size of a shelled peanut.

Unfortunately, it was not. Wil called the hearing aid office to see if it was still covered under warranty. Naturally, it wasn't. So, we began the arduous journey of back stepping all the places we had been since he last had it at the beach, including the long walk back down the beach, scouring the sand. The wind was not in our favor that day, kicking up just enough sand to cover most of our tracks.

It was like searching for the proverbial needle in the haystack. We searched and searched and never did find it. All in all, a costly day for the Weber's pocket book.

We did find out later in the week four piping plover chicks had hatched and were running along the shore with their parents -- which to me, no matter what it cost the Webers, was well worth it. Wil, however, is still grumbling just a bit.

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

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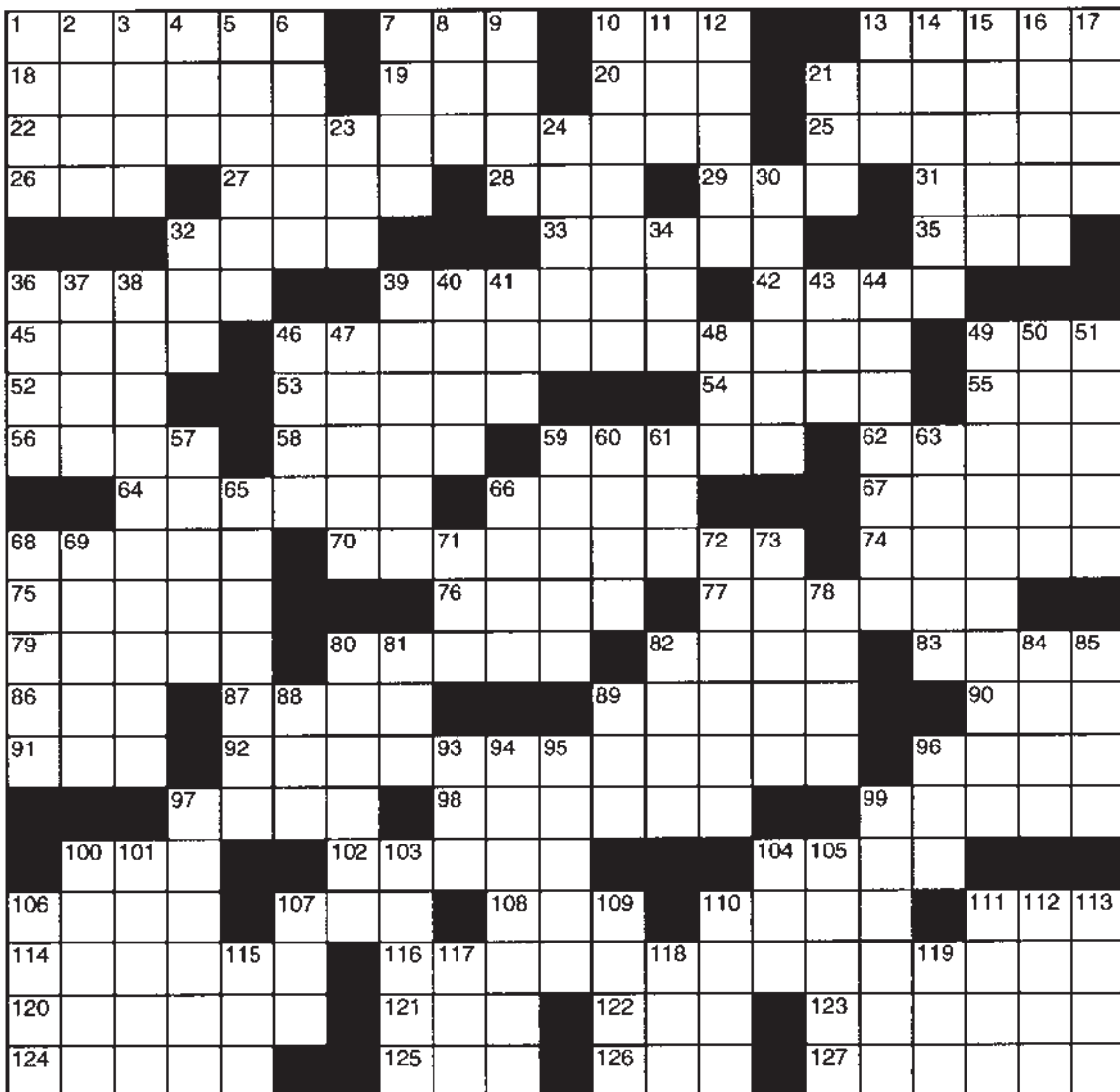
TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- LANGUAGE:** In English slang, what is a jumper?
- LITERATURE:** What author used the pen name Ellis Bell?
- SUPERHEROES:** Who was the Green Hornet's sidekick?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of Laos?
- MUSIC:** The film "Rhapsody in Blue" was a biographical movie about what composer?
- MOVIES:** Who wrote the music score to the movie "Jaws"?
- AD SLOGANS:** "You can trust your car to the man who wears the star" was an advertising slogan of what company?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What was the original name of the island that is home to the Statue of Liberty?
- TELEVISION:** What sport is featured in the series "Friday Night Lights"?
- RELIGION:** What is the color of the skullcaps worn by Catholic bishops?

Answers: 1. A sweater; 2. Emily Bronte; 3. Kato; 4. Vientiane; 5. George Gershwin; 6. John Williams; 7. Texaco; 8. Bedloe's Island; 9. High school football; 10. Purple. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword SOFT TOUCH

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| ACROSS | 52 West's "Diamond —" | 96 "Uptown Girl" singer | 3 Director Preminger | 40 Olympic hawk | 84 Scheme |
| 1 Picker-uppers | 53 Presses | 97 Screenwriter James | 4 "— generis" | 41 "Kidnapped" monogram | 85 Relate |
| 7 Mr. Ziegfeld | 54 Help in a heist | 98 Big-billed bird | 5 Award | 43 Sugary suffix | 88 Salty spread |
| 10 Bread spread | 55 Cry of discovery | 99 Power a trike | 6 Sanchez or Braga | 44 Flabbergast | 89 RIN's specialty |
| 13 Actress Laurie | 56 Blend | 100 On the — (fleeing) | 7 — dance | 46 Iranian city | 93 Ike's domain |
| 18 Conductor Toscanini | 58 — -chef | 102 Composer Telemann | 8 Actress Ullmann | 47 Moves like a Morgan | 94 Connecticut city |
| 19 Word with corn or snake | 59 "Die Fledermaus" maid | 104 Moira Shearer, for one | 9 First name in fashion | 48 "— de mer" | 95 "Tempus —" |
| 20 Mr. Baba | 62 Word form for "bone" | 106 Mrs. Zeus | 10 Field event | 49 Certain poplar | 96 Gush |
| 21 Scavullo's equipment | 64 Fancy | 107 Sniggler's quarry | 11 Flagon filler | 50 Arabian chieftain | 97 Explosive mixture |
| 22 Elizabeth Taylor movie | 66 Sailing | 108 Humor | 12 Actress Gaynor | 51 Hoes and hammers | 99 Considerate |
| 25 Hudson River city | 67 "Wait — Dark" ('67 film) | 110 Actress Arlene | 13 Crony | 57 Produces prunes | 100 Paul of "American Graffiti" |
| 26 Day- — | 68 Comic Mandel | 111 Salon request | 14 Permeated | 59 Wan | 101 Lunch-eonette lure |
| 27 Rock's — Floyd | 70 Bribe-to-be | 114 Hammed up "Hamlet" | 15 Pole star? | 60 Adroit | 103 Wee |
| 28 "Holy cow!" | 74 Recesses | 116 Some boxers | 16 Banks of baseball | 61 — Claire, WI | 104 Shorten a slat |
| 29 Use the microwave | 75 Pays to play | 120 Helen Hunt Jackson novel | 17 Sunshine, slangily | 63 A nose that shows | 105 Karpov's game |
| 31 "Topaz" author | 76 Manuscript imperative | 121 Unwell | 21 Mushroom part | 65 IRA, e.g. | 106 Towel word |
| 32 Gab | 77 Peter's partner | 122 Hosp. area | 23 Farm animal | 66 Concerning | 107 Author LeShan |
| 33 Football's Matson | 79 Smallest | 123 Layers | 24 Tea of "Deep Impact" | 68 Bisect | 109 Svelte |
| 35 Pupil's place | 80 Fiery felony | 124 Musty | 30 Certain bacterium | 69 Hoopster Shaquille | 110 Grass' "The Tin —" |
| 36 Energetic | 82 Atmosphere | 125 Relative of -ist | 32 Numbers man? | 71 Nav. designation — Van | 111 Kind of carpet |
| 39 '64 Hitchcock film | 83 Ridicule | 126 — de plume | 34 Part of a triangle | 72 Vietnam's — Thieu | 112 Major conclusion |
| 42 Way | 86 Bisoglio or Kilmer | 127 Tailor's apparatus | 36 Reading matter? | 73 Column style | 113 Obsolete title |
| 45 Steber solo | 87 Perry's creator | | 37 Part of HOMES | 78 Figure of interest? | 115 Chemical ending |
| 46 English racer | 89 "—, you'll like it!" | | 38 Doris Day movie | 80 Accuse tentatively | 117 Ivy Leaguer |
| 49 Arkansas hrs. | 90 Laudatory verse | | 39 Writer de Cervantes | 81 Florid | 118 Author Umberto |
| | 91 Wapiti | DOWN | | 82 Length X width | 119 Kennel threat |
| | 92 Jason's quest | 1 Din from dynamite | | | |
| | | 2 Articulated | | | |



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STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

• It was British-American poet T.S. Eliot who made the following sage observation: "Immature poets imitate; mature poets steal."

• Each fingernail on the Statue of Liberty is nearly a foot long.

• Filmmaker George Lucas is arguably best known for his "Star Wars" franchise, but he also directed "American Graffiti." During the making of that earlier film, he designated each reel of film with an R before the reel's number, and each instance of dialog was prefixed with a D. At one point during the sound mixing, the sound designer needed to use Reel 2, Dialog 2, and so asked for "R2D2." Lucas liked the sound of it so much that he used it for the name of a robot character in his later work.

• You can tell a cranberry is ripe when it can be dribbled like a basketball.

• Those who study such things (and seemingly have too much time on their hands) say that a quarter has 119 grooves around the outside edge, while dimes have 118.

• Have you ever heard of a woman named Thelma Pickles? Unless you're a somewhat obsessive fan of the Beatles, probably not. She was John Lennon's first girlfriend.

• Among those who play basketball professionally, the men average 6 feet, 7 inches tall, while the women average an even 6 feet.

• If you're a vegetarian, you're part of the 3 percent of American adults who shun meat. In India, though, you'd be part of a much larger minority; nearly a third of the population of that country is vegetarian.

• You may be surprised to learn that the pound sign is officially known as an octothorpe.

Thought for the Day: "A pessimist is a person who has listened to too many optimists." — Don Marquis
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MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On Aug. 28, 1774, Elizabeth Ann Bayley is born in New York City. She went on to found the first Catholic school and the first female apostolic community in the United States. She also was the first American-born saint beatified by the Roman Catholic Church.

• On Sept. 1, 1850, circus entrepreneur P.T. Barnum brings to the United States Jenny Lind, the greatest opera performer in the world in the mid-19th century. Lind — "The Swedish Nightingale" — was a sensation. Her tour is believed to have netted Barnum close to a half-million dollars, an astonishing sum in 1850.

• On Aug. 27, 1883, the most powerful volcanic eruption in recorded history occurs on Krakatau (also called Krakatoa), a small island located in Indonesia. Heard 3,000 miles away, the explosions threw 5 cubic miles of earth 50 miles into the air and created 120-foot tsunamis.

• On Aug. 29, 1942, the Red Cross reveals that Japan has refused free passage of ships carrying food, medicine and other necessities for American POWs held by Japan. Japan allowed just one-tenth of what POWs elsewhere received to reach prisoners in their territories.

• On Aug. 31, 1959, Brooklyn Dodgers left-hander Sandy Koufax strikes out 18 batters, setting a new National League record for most strikeouts in a single game. Koufax retired after the 1966 season at just 30 years old because of arthritis in his elbow. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1972.

• On Aug. 30, 1967, Thurgood Marshall becomes the first black American to be confirmed as a Supreme Court justice. He would remain on the Supreme Court for 24 years before retiring for health reasons, leaving a legacy of upholding the rights of the individual.

• On Sept. 2, 1987, the trial of Mathias Rust, the 19-year-old German pilot who flew his Cessna plane into Red Square in May 1987, begins in Moscow. Rust had become an international celebrity after he flew completely undetected through Soviet airspace. At his trial, Rust claimed he was merely trying to promote world peace.
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 Independent Bank,
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 Plaintiff,
 Case No. 04-1229- CK
 v
 Norwood Products Co.,
 a Michigan corporation,
 a/k/a Norwood Products, Inc. and
 a/k/a
 Norwood Products Company;
 Melford L. Wassmann;
 and Rorbert L. Wassmann, jointly
 and severally,
 Defendants,
 Smith, Martin, Powers & Knier,
 P.C.
 By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
 Attorney for Plaintiff
 900 Washington Ave.,

P.O. Box 219
 Bay City, Mich. 48707
 (989) 892-4574

 James A. Bacarella (P46198)
 Attorney for Melford Wassmann
 1228 E. US-23
 East Tawas, Mich. 48730
 (989) 362-1364

Gary S. Price (P29414)
 Attorney for the Estate of Robert
 Wassmann
 P.O. Box 525, 335 S. State Street,
 Ste. A
 Oscoda, Mich. 48750
 (989) 739-9680

**Notice of Sale of
 Real Estate Under
 Order to Seize Property**
 The Iosco County Circuit Court
 has issued an Order to Seize

Property in favor of Independent Bank and against the property of Melford Wassmann, a/k/a Melford Wassman.
 Accordingly, on March 3, 2009, I levied the Order to Seize Property and took all rights, title, and interests of Melford Wassmann, a/k/a Melford Wassman, in the following described real property: The N half of the SW 1/4 of Section 22, T25N, R6E, Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan.
 The Notice of Levy of Real Estate is recorded March 5, 2009, at Liber 459, page 513 of the records of the Alcona County Register of Deeds. This levy of execution is made pursuant to MCL 600.6051 et seq. Possessory rights and redemption rights are as set forth by Michigan statutes, including

MCL 600.6062 and MCL 600.6063.
 I will auction this property as the law directs on August 24, 2012, at 10 a.m., at 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan, this being the location of the circuit court for the county in which the property is located.
 More information regarding this sale may be obtained by contacting Edward Van't Hof, Jr., at (989) 329-4443, or contacting the attorney for Independent Bank, Henry L. Knier, Jr., at (989) 892-4574.
 Dated: June 27, 2012
 Edward Van't Hof, Jr.,
 Iosco County Deputy Sheriff
 7-4, 7-11, 7-18, 7-25, 8-1, 8-8, 8-15

Notice of Foreclosure Sale
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 Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made on the 1st day of April, 2008 by Frank Kapsa, a single man, of 5617 Body Road, Glennie, Mich. 48737, as mortgagor to county of Alcona Housing Commission/Committee, P.O. Box 272, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, mortgagee said mortgage given by the mort-

gagor and recorded on the 5th day of May, 2008 in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan in Liber 452, pages 135-137 inclusive and on which mortgage there is a claimed to be due and owing on the date of this notice the sum of seven thousand three hundred ninety five and 12/100 (\$7,395.12) plus interest, costs and attorney fees incurred from April 17, 2012 as provided by said mortgage note. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises or some part of them at a public vendue at the west entrance to the Alcona County Courthouse in Harrisville, Michigan at 10 a.m. on Septem-

ber 12, 2012. Said premises are situated in the township of Curtis, county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Lot 37 of Shady Rest Subdivision, a recorded plat as found in Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
 Dated this 23rd day of March, 2012.
 For more information, please call David H. Cook
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This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. 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 Deann M. Adkins and David M. Adkins, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, mortgagee,

dated January 17, 2004, and recorded on January 22, 2004 in Liber 396 on Page 229, in Alcona County records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to The Bank of New York Mellon fka The Bank of New York as trustee for the benefit of the certificate holders of the CWABS Inc., asset backed certificates, series 2004-2 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred forty-eight thousand nine hundred thirty-six and 02/100 dollars (\$148,936.02). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the

place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on September 12, 2012. Said premises are situated in township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The east 1/2 of the northwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 6, Township 25 North, Range 8 East.
 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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 Dated: August 15, 2012
 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302
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2011 as provided by said mortgage note.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises or some part of them at a public vendue at the west entrance to the Alcona County courthouse in Harrisville, Mich. at 10 a.m. on October 3, 2012.

Said premises are described as follows to wit: Lots 27 and 28 of Hubbard View Estates, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 2 of Plats, page 65, Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated this 8th day of August, 2012.

For more information, please call.

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8-15, 8-22, 8-29, 9-5

Legal Notice of Annual Meeting and Election of Directors Alcona Conservation District August 13, 2012

To all residents of the Alcona Conservation District, notice is hereby given that on the 25th day of October, 2012, between the hours of 7 and 8 p.m., in the conference room of the Alcona ANR Building, 320 S. State Street, Harrisville, Mich. an annual meeting and director's election will be held.

Notice is also hereby given to all residents who desire to run for Conservation District Director in this election: petitions signed by at least five residents of the conservation district must be filed at the Conservation District office before close of business on the 27th day of August,

2012, being 60 days prior to the annual meeting. There is one position to be elected for a four-year term of office.

On the 10th of September, 2012, being 45 days prior to the date of the annual meeting, absentee ballots are available for voting in this election by writing to the Alcona Conservation District office located at 320 S. State Street, P.O. Box 291, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 or calling (989) 724-5272. Regular business hours of the Alcona ANR Building are 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Residents are individuals of legal age who can demonstrate residency in the Alcona Conservation District via one piece of identification.

Randy Thompson, Chairman
Alcona Conservation District

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brown with pledge to the flag at 7 p.m. Present on the board: Brown, Thornton, Timm, Ott and Scott. Absent: Nancy Beck, zoning administrator. Also in attendance six citizens. Motion to accept the agenda with additions. Motion to approve the minutes of July 11, 2012. Correspondence: Brian Harger, attorney contract. Motion to pay the bills. Motion to place treasurer's report on file.

Planning commission: Tri-township meeting here at Caledonia. Gerry Kraft spoke about the low levels of oxygen in Hubbard Lake and suggested we might want to look into a boat wash at the Northend Park ramp to help alleviate the phosphorous levels developing. He was also concerned about oil brine spraying for dust control and that calcium chloride would be better. Planning commission meeting included a public hearing on the "definition of a fence" with 30 citizens in attendance. It was decided to review and re-work the definition. NEMCOG will be doing the updates on our zoning maps. Motion to complete the paperwork for the FEMA Floodplain Management. Motion to reimburse Ken Timm for the spray for the Russian olive trees in the undeveloped part of the cemetery, with no charge for labor.

Northend Park: Thornton reported the bids have been re-written to DNR specifications and Phase I hopefully will be complete by fall. Phase II grant will be going before the Trust Fund Committee in Lansing, Mich. and Thornton will be speaking on our behalf to this board. Citizen comments: Gary Grove asked if anyone knows what the gray box at the boat launch is? It looks like a bee house with a fence around it. No one knows who put it there and this board has not given anyone permission. Thornton will check on this. Pat Kollien asking if they can

have a second reimbursement from the township for chloride on their road as there has been heavy truck traffic. The board does not want to show favoritism to any residents so the answer is no. You may have it done on your own. Don Gieb, from Churchill Pointe, wanting to know why he has been notified to remove two of his signs in the township. He is a seasonal business and really needs to have some signage in the area. Tabled until next month when zoning administrator will be here.

Motion to sign contract with NEMCOG for township color zoning maps at a cost not to exceed \$375.

More discussion on the FEMA addressing floodplain management. We will do some study work this month and be ready with the papers and ordinance in September.

Motion to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Helen Timm, Clerk

ALCONA ROAD COMMISSION

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held on July 25, 2012 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to approve the minutes of the July 11, 2012 meeting; pay \$118,890.18 on accounts; to re-bill the AMA ESD for snowplowing at Sprinkler Lake and discontinue the contract for such services; to accept bids for timber pile and timber cap installation on the Sucker Creek Road crossing the Black River bridge project; to authorize submittal of the annual Act 51 report; to deny a request for retirement; approve road improvement agreements with Gustin Township to pulverize and re-gravel Lincoln Lake Drive and add a single application sealcoat on Tait Road. This synopsis of the minutes published prior to board review and approval.

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included: President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers, deputy clerk/treasurer Stutzman and council members Gauthier, Healy, Lask, Naylor, Somers and Stutzman. Several guests were also present. Attorney Cook was absent.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved on a motion from Healy, with support from Somers. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Healy, with support from Lask. Treasurer Kossa stated that she would like to obtain a software protection plan from Pontem. It will take care of backing up her computer on a daily basis and it will be a way of protecting our tax information. Mary also stated that she is interested in putting the tax information for individual property owners online. This particular program would cost approximately \$1,200 to get the program going and an additional \$200 for upkeep per year. Currently, Caledonia, Hawes and Alcona townships are using this. A motion was made by Lask, with support from Gauthier, to have Mary Kossa get the Pontem system on the website and to also have the backups take place from that company.

Leroy Hall introduced James Nolan to the council. His background check has been done and he has been working with the group for a few months now. Healy asked about the status of a signed commitment that had been discussed in the past that would protect the investment we are making in new fire fighters. This was something that was discussed several months ago and the group would like to have something that states upfront the individual intentions. There will be an "out" depending on each case, if necessary, but council members asked Leroy to bring something back for approval at the next meeting. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to allow Nolan to join the fire department. Carried.

The brush rig is finally on site. The department is currently awaiting the title coming back from the state. There are a few final touches to be made. Special thanks to Danny Stewart for all the work and time he has put into getting the rig ready. Hall stated that he is waiting for an approval of a pump test on the big fire truck. Damage was done to one of the garage doors on the fire hall during a power outage. The truck received slight paint damage and the door possibly needs to be replaced or have panel repair. Hall will get with Phil once he has estimates.

In public comment time, Connie Stutzman reminded us that the next planning and zoning meeting will be held on August 16 at 6 p.m. Richard Somers stated that the sewer system is operating fairly well. He said there is possibly a problem with the main line. He will be marking all the tanks as soon as the ground softens to allow it. Some of the businesses on the system have their tanks pumped twice per year and most others are on a five year schedule for pumping.

President Jordan stated that he got a call about septic problems from a business owner over the weekend. On initial inspection it appeared that the line between the business and the main line was plugged. However, that turned out to not be the case. If it happens again we will have to dig it up and repair it further. Jordan asked that all the tanks be identified with a marker – a plastic pipe in the ground with cement to hold it in place and then a number painted on the side. Jordan stated that all tanks need to be identified as soon as possible. In the Street Report, Dick stated that he would like to do some work on a few of the streets. He would like to work on Hawley Street from 1st to 2nd streets and Fiske from Lake to 2nd streets. He will be meeting with the paving company to get specifications and will report back at the next meeting. Dick stated that he hopes to

pick up the dirt for the ball fields yet this week.

A quote was presented for restriping the parking lot by the post office and crosswalks. Jordan stated that we will hold off until next spring and everything will be resealed and then the restriping will take place. He is currently getting equipment ready for the winter season and he feels the dump truck and tractor are in good shape. President Jordan presented a Civil Rights Resolution that is necessary in order to move forward with numerous grants. He explained that following a meeting with members of the MEDC it was decided that the resolution needs to be approved. A motion was made by Healy, with support from Stutzman to approve the following resolution: Civil Rights Policy/Resolution General Public Policy. It is hereby declared to be contrary to the public policy of the Village of Lincoln for any persons to be discriminated against in employment, housing or participation in publicly funded programs because of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age, or handicap.

Employment. The opportunity to obtain employment without discrimination because of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age, or handicap is hereby recognized and declared to be a civil right. Further, it shall be contrary to the public policy of the Village of Lincoln for any employer to discriminate, in hire, promotion, tenure, terms or conditions of employment because of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age, or handicap.

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Publicly Funded Programs. The opportunity to participate in federal, state, and locally funded programs without discrimination because of race, religion, national origin, color, sex, marital status, age, or handicap is hereby recognized and declared to be a civil right.

Signed: Phillip S. Jordan, Village President
Roll call vote: Gauthier, Healy, Lask, Naylor, Somers, Stutzman. All ayes. No nays. Resolution adopted.

A letter was received from 211 emergency services. Information needs to be reviewed to include the village on this system. A motion was made by Lask with support from Naylor to update the information and submit it to the contacting agency. Mary will take care of sending the information in.

In old business, Stutzman said he has been carrying water to take care of the trees and plants at the playground area. He has been checking the restrooms daily and said things are looking good. Jordan said he still wants to see a committee formed to take care of the Flights of Imagination. He asked to include plans in next year's planning as there are a lot of things to be resealed and repainted. Council members would like to have someone step forward and "adopt" the playground. John Stutzman will look at fixing or replacing the picnic tables at the playground. Mary Kossa suggested that a reunion be held to bring back people who had worked on the playground when it was first developed.

Stutzman stated he has been looking at what needs to be done at the boat launch. He felt moving it northward eight feet to allow people to tie-up and get their trucks in and out easier. Jordan asked that someone contact the DEQ for its help in fixing the boat launch. Preliminary plans need to be turned in to the DEQ by December and we will possibly get some grant applications. Bonny Gauthier stated that she resubmitted the grant application for help with the funding items for the new ball field. If we are able to get the funding we will be notified by September 12. She said that the most we can obtain is \$3,000. Jordan stated that

anything we get will be a huge bonus. Members of the Little League are also trying to help in raising funds. Jordan said since we already have the playground and restroom facilities the next step would be a pavilion. Dick stated next spring we need to make plans to put in some new sidewalks. Jordan said that he needs to get quotes and turn them in for consideration at the budget meetings.

In new business, Healy reminded everyone that the Alcona County Fair is taking place August 21-25. Also, the Lincoln Lions Car Show will take place on August 25 in downtown Lincoln. The fire fighters will be putting on a breakfast and also having a Jaws of Life demonstration. A soapbox derby will be held following the car show. Gauthier asked about the status of the transportation company that is interested in coming here. Jordan will get her the contact information. President Jordan gave his report. He said the village maintenance truck needs to be replaced. Bid specifications will be put together this week and opened at the next regular meeting. All members were in agreement on moving forward with the bid process. The new flag pole will be placed in Railroad Park. A public meeting needs to be held in order to close out the grants for Second Street and Traverse Bay Street. The meeting will be held prior to the September meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. Minutes will be sent along to the MEDC following the publication of that meeting. Thanks to Dick Somers, Pat Nelson and Josh Pagels for all their work on the ball fields.

A letter was received by Joan Gonyea regarding the FEMA grant for the fire department. The letter stated the grant is now considered closed out and finalized. Records will need to be maintained by the fire department and the village. Jordan stated that a meeting held with officials of the MEDC and village officials was very productive. The two ladies that met with us were very helpful. Jordan stated the reason he is telling everyone about this is because we are in the preliminary stages of the façade grant pre-application. Although we are a long way away from receiving that particular grant, he warned that it will be extremely hard to administer this one. He said if we are fortunate enough to get this grant we will set the stage for reshaping Lincoln. He thanked John and Reta Vecchione for their efforts in developing the new flower business, Garden Delight. Additionally, he thanked Kris and Mark Fitzpatrick for their efforts in reopening the hardware. The Methodist church is repainting the building, Wilhite Insurance has also redone the outside of its business. Jordan thanked all those who have taken such great pride in their businesses. He said he is told frequently how good things are looking.

The Downtown Development Authority meeting next week will address the purchase of snow removal equipment and its plans to help purchase a new truck following the bid process. Jordan stated that he would like to form a committee to address the possibility of not allowing any overhead wires within the village. He also spoke regarding the removal of 44 test wells from contamination on Second Street. The wells have been monitored for several years and it was discovered there hasn't been any additional problems so they were removed.

A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Stutzman, with support from Lask. Motion carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Stutzman, with support from Healy. Motion carried.

Linda K. Somers
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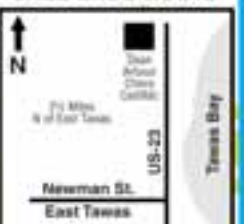
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It takes dedication to put on Alcona County Fair

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Hard work, yearlong planning and a large commitment of time and energy are just a few qualities found in the members of the Alcona County Fair Board.

"It takes a lot of dedicated commitment and hours and hours of time for everyone involved," said **Doug Travis**, Alcona County Fair Board president.

The fair board meets once a month all year, and sometimes more as the fair gets closer. Members are planning, preparing, scheduling and cleaning. "We all try to go to the Michigan Association of Fair Exhibition (MAFE) convention in January and we vote on what we think would make the fair interesting, keeping in mind our budget," Travis said.

This is Travis' second year as board president, however, he has been a fair board member for 12 years. Travis lives in Mikado and has been employed with Alcona Motors for 28 years. He's also bingo chairman, bingo treasurer and a life member of the Mikado Goodfellows. Prior to joining the fair board, Travis was a 4-H leader of the Rabbits R Us Club and is a volunteer of the Bird Brains Woodworking 4-H Club.

Travis' duties include making sure everything gets done and collecting sponsorships, planning advertising, planning commercial exhibits, sitting on the logger day committee, planning the parade and special events, setting

schedules, purchasing supplies, trophies and even renting the port-a-jons.

"There isn't much the president isn't involved with," **Jim Pyne** said. Pyne is vice president and was in the president's seat for nine years prior to Travis taking the helm a few years ago. "Vice president is a much more relaxed position... whatever I don't like doing is Doug's job," Pyne said smiling.

Pyne was born in Flint, Mich. and was raised in Fenton, Mich. He and his wife, Judy, moved to the Alcona area in 1997. Pyne began working on the fair board in 2000. "I was selling woodstoves at the fair and wanted to help build up fair attendance, so I asked to be a part of the board," Pyne said.

"I've gotten to know more people than I ever have in my whole life through working on the fairs and have had a great time doing it," Pyne added. He enjoys seeing the kids smile and likes watching people enjoying the fair. "I'm excited about the whole fair this year, but what I'm really hoping for is to make a full pull with my Farmall B," Pyne said.

Kathy Nelson is the fair board secretary and has volunteered for the fair since 2002. "My husband, Bob, was on the fair board and when he started getting sick, I stepped in to help," Nelson said.

Nelson also runs the Home Arts building with the assistance of Judy Pyne. "We don't



Alcona County Fair Board members meet more often as the fair approaches -- August 21-25). (Back row, from left) Kevin Boyat, Terry Terpstra, Tom LaBeau, Terry Griffith, (middle row) Jim Pyne, Ann McCoy, Kathy Nelson, (front row) Matt Strickland and Doug Travis. Not pictured: Joanna Griffin and David Cook. *Photo by Willy Weber.*

judge the articles brought in; we find judges that know more about the articles to do the actual judging. It's up to the judge to place the ribbon," Nelson explained.

Nelson enjoys the camaraderie of the other fair board members. "It's a good group; we all like to kid and make it fun all year. It's not something you can work on just sometimes, you have to be committed and dedicated to giving it your full attention," she said.

Nelson is a retired nurse who enjoys living in Alcona County with her mom. She

takes painting lessons and is active with several women's groups at church and is a Lady Lion. Nelson became a grandma for the first time this past May, so she's been making a lot of additional visits to Warren, Mich. to see her grandson. "I can't wait until he's old enough to go to the fair," Nelson said.

One of Nelson's favorite parts of the fair is watching the items and animals brought in the day before the fair begins. "The empty Home Arts Building and barns start to fill up and

suddenly the fair becomes alive," she said.

Ann McCoy has been the fair board treasurer since 1996. Her duties are to manage accounts and receivables. "It's not a bad job, you have certain time frames for doing things and when checks are written."

McCoy takes a week off from her full time job of working as Alcona County treasurer to enjoy the fair and help things go smoothly. "Since the fair stopped paying premiums to winning en-

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tries the fair treasurer's job has gotten easier. The state of Michigan used to reimburse 60 percent of premiums to fair winners, but when they discontinued doing that a few years ago our county fair had to discontinue the practice as well. Now only the winners of the bump and run, horse pull and the homemaker of the year are paid winners," McCoy said.

"My favorite part about the fair is just seeing the kids having a good time. It's all about the kids. I've watched different kids, over the years, entering their animals and exhibits and now those kids have their (own) children entering exhibits. I think the grandparents have as much fun as the kids do," McCoy said.

McCoy added that fair week was a nice week to get away from business and relax. "We get a lot of people that stop by our fair -- congressmen on the campaign trail and a variety of state inspectors, which is great. We love seeing familiar faces as well as people who may have never been to our fair before. We encourage everyone to stop by the office at the fairgrounds and say hi."

"Some of my favorite fair memories include watching

my daughter work with her animals and show them at the fair. Also enjoyable is all the good food at the fair. You always have to get an elephant ear and a caramel apple. The delicious (fair board) steak dinners are never disappointing," McCoy said.

Matt Strickland, a fair board trustee, has been a board member for five years and is in charge of the horse and poultry area.

Strickland grew up in Hillman and is celebrating his 50th year raising horses. "It's hard to imagine I've had horses for that long, sometimes as many as 30 at a time," Strickland said.

For Strickland watching the kids learn things that will help them later down life's road is one of his favorite parts of the fair experience. "I watch out for those kids like they are my very own," Strickland said. He said it's very important that no one goes anywhere alone. They should be in pairs or more for safety reasons.

"There are times when I have to get on them a bit and chew somebody out, but it's part of my job to be strict about the rules for safety reasons. I'm a stickler for following the rules. The few kids

I've had to get mad at always come back the next year, they are all pretty good," Strickland said.

"I'm really excited this year to watch the log rolling and a sled being loaded with logs using a team of horses -- that's something new that I've never seen before. It's just going to be such a great fair this year," Strickland said.

Terry Griffith is also a fair board trustee and has been on the board about five years. "I'm the grunt," Griffith said laughing. He is in charge of the sheep and goat barn and helps with security.

"I grew up downstate, but I was a 4-H kid and always enjoyed showing rabbits," Griffith said.

He is mostly hoping that everyone enjoys the fair this year and, like Nelson, enjoys watching the fair all come together.

Joanna Griffin has been a fair board member since 2006. She resides in Mikado and has lived in Alcona County all her life.

Griffin helps the fair as a clerk for the animal showings and a little of everything else that is needed.

Griffin was also a 4-H member, a member of the FFA and showed rabbits

when she was young.

"I especially enjoy when my niece and nephew come to our fair from Traverse City, it's nice to have visitors from outside the Alcona community enjoy our fair so much. My favorite fair memories include getting together at night for a barbecue and just sitting back to reflect on the day's activities," Griffin said.

This year Griffin is looking forward to taking her one year old daughter, Addison, on her first amusement ride.

David Cook is a fair board member that has many fond memories of years spent at the Alcona County Fair including when the fair was held in Harrisville. "I've lived here all my life," Cook said, "I wasn't a 4-H kid, but I remember always going to the fair."

Cook has been on the fair board for six or more years. "I've always been civic minded and like to help the community and this is a good cause," he said.

As an attorney in Alcona County, Cook helps out if the fair has any legal issues, but admits issues like that don't arise often. "Mostly I cook at the barbecue steak dinner and sell raffle and 50/50 tickets," Cook said.

"My favorite part of the fair

is the livestock auction and watching the kids be rewarded for all their hard work. I'm looking forward to all the fair standards like the bump and run and the dirt bike (motocross) races. It's just so great to see the parents working with their kids at the fair and watching all the people enjoying it," Cook said.

Terry Terpstra is a fair board member that most of the kids who attend Alcona County Schools know, as he teaches social studies in both Alcona high and middle school.

Terpstra grew up in Missouri and was a member of the 4-H there as a kid, raising pigs and cows.

Terpstra said, with a laugh, that his duties include driving the tractor to pick up garbage and (clean up) the pig barn.

"I really enjoy watching my girls Allissa, 14, and Hannah, 16, show their pigs, turkeys, bunnies and horses. I'm hoping this year all the kids do well with their showings and that the market sale is productive for everyone," he said.

Tom LaBeau has been a fair volunteer but this is his first year sitting on the fair

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board. His duties will include supervising and upkeep of the rabbit and chicken barn.

Both Tom and his wife, Sandy, have been active in 4-H and enjoy watching their kids, Victoria, 14, and Bruce, 12, compete in 4-H activities.

"When I was young I showed animals. I've always enjoyed working in the pig pen and being around the kids and the pigs," LaBeau said.

"Everyone on the fair board really puts in a lot of effort cleaning and getting things ready for the fair. The fair is a great time for the whole county and a good way to say thank you to its citizens," LaBeau said.

Kevin Boyat, an ex-officio member and Alcona County Board of Commissioners chairman, has been involved with the fair for 24 years. "His whole family is heavily involved and we couldn't put on a fair without people like Kevin Boyat and Rich Gillies," Travis said.

Boyat said his duties are to just have fun. "I've had all kinds of great times at the fairs and have done all kinds of dumb things including riding a camel and being in the dunk tank," Boyat said.

Rich Gillies and his family have also put in many

volunteer hours. Gillies has been in charge of the fair gate since 1990 and year after year has managed to find people willing to donate time to help. The fair board has dedicated this year's fair to Gillies for his efforts.

The entire fair board and its volunteers are what make the Alcona County Fair the Best Little Fair in the North, according to Travis. "It's a lot of hard work but we are hopeful this will be one of the best years ever. We have a great community that really shows a lot of support. If it were not for the support of the sponsors and people purchasing raffle tickets we probably would not be able to put on such a great fair and still keep entry prices reasonable.

"We were able to up the winning amounts for the Bump and Run and the horse pull this year without raising gate prices. We're also very proud that many items for the fair have been purchased locally, even the steak for the steak dinner.

"The community has been phenomenal with attendance over the past few years. This year we have the highest number of exhibitors, 252 on record so far. We've already started working on making next year's fair just as good or better," Travis said.

Market sale helps develop youth work ethic

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

In a time when television, computer games, tweeting and phone messaging have taken over the waking hours of today's youth, strong work ethics have not been lost among many youth who are members of 4-H and the National FFA organization.

This year's county fair will have nine different 4-H groups represented at the fair along with FFA students who have been working diligently to finish their projects in time.

Head, Heart, Hands and Health -- the 4-Hs -- are the largest youth development in Michigan with nearly 200,000 youth between the ages of five and 19 participating, according to the Michigan State University Extension website.

The National FFA Organization website explained how the FFA was founded by a group of young farmers in 1928. Their mission was to prepare future generations for the challenges of feeding a growing population. The founders taught that agriculture is more than planting and harvesting, it's a science, it's a business and it's an art.

The FFA continues to help generations rise up to meet challenges by helping members to develop their own talents and explore their inter-

ests in a broad range of career pathways. Today, FFA members have also become the future biologists, chemists, veterinarians, engineers and entrepreneurs of America too.

Together the groups in Alcona County from the Alcona Junior Livestock Club has mostly one thing on their minds this time of year -- the Alcona County Fair and market sale day.

Local youth have spent months preparing for the annual county fair by honing their expertise in the areas of agriculture, gardening, craftsmanship and food. They have been taught by leaders and mentors throughout the year and are now almost ready for the event in which their knowledge will be judged and evaluated.

Candace Fulsher, market advisor for the fair said the process is a great learning experience. "I've been involved with 4-H and the fair for nearly 11 years. I started when my son was nine and he's 20 now. The kids learn a lot about responsibility. They must care and feed their market animal. They need to learn the different cuts of meat their animal will provide and may have to answer judges' questions such as what type of food they are feeding the animal and what

the feed consists of. They also need to be able to talk to the community about their animals as well as incorporate some marketing skills to entice community members to purchase their market sale animal," Fulsher said.

"You must be either a 4-H or FFA member to have an entry in the market sale. Generally, our members are age nine to 19. The younger children market smaller animals, the older kids may market either small or larger animals," she said.

"We really encourage the kids to go out to the public prior to market day to tell people and businesses about their animals and why they should purchase them. The community has been extremely supportive of these kids' efforts in the past; often paying more for the meat than they would if it were purchased at a store.


"The values the kids are learning from the experience are so important to help prepare them for future life endeavors and the community supports and understands that," Fulsher said.

The Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale will take place at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 23 in the Joslin Arena at the Alcona County

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Fair on Barlow Road in Lincoln.

Something new was announced at the market meeting held August 8 -- the FFA now has the equipment and members to butcher poultry at reasonable prices.

Gloria McGuire was at the meeting to support her granddaughter, Jenny McGuire, who will be marketing a steer and a pig this year. "I just like watching and helping the

kids. I stay in the beef barn and keep an eye on things," she said.

Morgan Stewart brought his Californian doe rabbit "D Day" to have a special play date with Nelson Quintel's New Zealand buck rabbit "Ned." The boys will have rabbits at the market sale including six of the doe rabbit's offspring; Shish, Ka, Bob, and Bar, Bea and Que.



Sign creator P.J. Carriveau, (from left) and market club members Zach Stephenson, Brock Franklin and Alex Stephenson. Photo by Mary Weber.

4-H projects are a family affair

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The Stephenson family of Barton City is one of many local families who are looking forward to the Alcona County Fair -- just to enjoy the many, varied events, but because they have been working steadily to participate again this year.

Scott and Lisa Stephenson and their two sons, 12 year-old Alex and 9-year-old Zach live with a dog, a cat, assorted goldfish and a crayfish, which Zach caught, in a rural setting complete with cows, a large food garden and a very full chicken and turkey pen.

Lisa is a nurse and practice coordinator at Oscoda Health Park. Scott, a sergeant, has been with the Alcona County Sheriff's Department since 1997.

The boys are active in sports. They play soccer, football, basketball and baseball and enjoy fishing, hunting, and archery. They also enjoy working on 4-H projects year 'round. They are also in the 4-H archery club.

They are in the 4-H Apple Hill Variety Club led by Jaci Fitzgerald and John MacMaster.

"The boys started with chickens at the fair in 2008, they were with the 4-H Born in a Barn group led by Hope Smith. She was really instru-



Lisa and Scott Stephenson and their sons, Alex and Zach. Photo by Mary Weber.

mental in getting the boys started in 4-H and helped a lot," Lisa said.

"It's Zach's first year showing at the fair," Scott said. "He's helped his brother show though."

"You have to be at least nine to show an animal at the fair... I've showed for 4-H before," Zach said.

"This will be the boys fifth year in 4-H they have won some trophies for grand champion and showmanship as part of 4-H. They have fancy birds we order from Texas and get shipped here in April and those take longer

to raise than market birds," Lisa said.

The boys were eager to explain their poultry mix. "Market birds only take eight weeks, but turkeys and fancy birds take a lot longer," Alex said.

"We have Frizzles and a Silver Lace Coach and Bantam," Zach chimed in.

In the past the boys have also raised Polish chickens, Silkies and Turken chicken which look like a turkey because it has a naked neck. "Everybody thought that

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chicken was sick," Zach said. Alex enjoys the profit of the market sale while Zach likes the showmanship and competition. "Turkeys are a lot of work, you have to get up early every day and feed and clean them," Zach said.

Scott laughed and said, "I wouldn't exactly say getting up at 10 a.m. is early."

Still, the boys do take their work seriously. In the past they have made crafts, posters, painted pictures, taken photographs and entered vegetables.

"This is a family that consistently raises fine poultry projects," said Jaci Fitzgerald. "The boys are knowledgeable about their birds, handle them well, and are very helpful to the other exhibitors as well. They demonstrate excellent sportsmanship. Scott and Lisa do a great job with them."

Being a part of 4-H has offered the boys opportunities and experiences they would never have been able to enjoy without the 4-H program. They have been to Halloween parties and have gone to Michigan State University basketball games. They have even met some of the players and had their picture taken with Draymond Green and "Sparty" the Spartan mascot.

"The money earned from the market animals goes to help pay for college. The boys have learned a lot, how to care for the animals how to look for different things. They really focus on that quite a bit at the (4-H) meetings," Lisa said. "We've learned a lot more about chickens than we ever thought we would. We've had different animal games that we've hosted here at our house, like a quiz bowl to help the kids get ready for the fair and different crafts



Zach and Alex Stephenson with some of their market turkeys.

Photo by Mary Weber.

that they've done here." Part of showmanship is not only showing the animal but their general knowledge about the animal. They need to know where the birds come from and what they feed them. A judge may ask them how old the animals are. The Stephensons quiz the kids quite a bit about the different parts of the bird. A judge may also ask them how long it takes the egg to hatch.

"The judges also watch how they handle the animals, there is a very precise way of doing things and the boys have to practice those things so they stand out from the kids that don't. There is a lot more to it than meets the eye," Scott said.

"The kids all help each other which helps teach teamwork. They also have to learn how to talk to buyers. The boys have talked to almost 30 potential bidders.

We always make sure the boys talk to them, we don't. They have to know how to talk to adults and not be shy.

"Last year Alex emceed the school Christmas show in front of all the parents for the county and he was up there telling jokes and introducing the next acts. I really think this experience with 4-H has helped him to be able to have good communication skills. I think that's one of the biggest things they've learned through all of this is good communication skills, they get nervous but they do a good job," Lisa said.

"When we went to fairs in the past, we really didn't know all the hard work that went into showing the animals. Now we look at it a lot differently. It's exciting to see them show their birds and we enjoy seeing them in the spotlight," Scott said.

"I just want to keep doing it because it's fun," Zach said.

Spears/Hall pledge vows

Brittnie D. Spears of St. Augustine, Fla. and Pvt. Gabriel L. Hall of Lincoln were married on Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at Wormsloe Plantation, Savannah, Ga. by Pastor Dorothy Gundling.

The bride is the daughter of Angela Chardonnay of St. Augustine, Fla.

The groom is the son of Leroy and Melissa Hall of Lincoln and the grandson of Ray and Delores Chase of Lincoln. He is a 2010 graduate of Alcona High School.

The bride was attended by Jamie Hall of Lincoln, sister of the groom.

Gabriel is stationed at U.S. Army base, Ft. Stewart, in Georgia and the couple reside in Richmond Hill, Ga.



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What makes Johnny shoot?

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

In light of recent events, I suppose those who view me as a wild-eyed, bleeding-heart liberal have just been waiting for a column on gun control.

This isn't it.

As regular readers know, I grew up in a family and a community of responsible hunters and learned early to respect firearms. There was a time when I knew how to load and shoot a hunting rifle and, if pressed, I could probably do it now, although I suspect the resulting recoil might put me on my back.

On the other hand, I firmly believe that unless or until the deer start shooting back, no one really needs a semi-automatic weapon. As for me, the only guns I want around me are my hot glue gun and my staple gun for major projects. But that's neither here nor there.

And despite that lead-in, there's precious little humor in the gun violence situation in this country today. Since July 20, we've experienced two major mass shootings - one in the theater in Aurora, Colo., one at a Sikh Temple in Oak Creek, Wisc. - resulting in 19 deaths, 61 injuries and who knows how many seriously, emotionally scarred.

According to timelines compiled by CNN and Newsmax, beginning with the shooting at Columbine High School in April of 1999 and ending with the most recent in Wisconsin, more than 150 people have been the victims of mass shootings, another 100-plus injured. The victims have ranged from young children to former Congresswoman Gabby Gifford. Every one of them was somebody's something.

My generation was the assassination generation. For a period of time, it seemed the best and brightest of our leaders were picked off, one by one. Still, while no less heart-wrenching, it was an insignificantly smaller numbers with significantly less sophisticated weaponry. This gen-

eration has the misfortune to be the mass murder generation.

In the 13-year period since Columbine, we've become somewhat inured to mass murder. "Another shooting," we shake our heads, "Twelve dead this time." And always, once the damage has been done, once the dead and the shooter(s) are identified, we talk about new laws and new requirements in gun control and more security. We overlook what Timothy McVee and the Taliban have already shown us, that it's possible to kill an inordinate number of people despite security and without using a gun at all.

What we haven't done, it seems to me, is to study the issue and the perpetrators at the level that perhaps we should. Not just as individuals with emotional or mental problems that would lead them to violence, but as a full-blown syndrome.

In many of the incidents mentioned above, the shooter didn't know his victims on a personal level. In many of these incidents, the victims were total strangers. The question, it seems to me, is what is it that leads some individuals to believe that the murder of strangers will somehow right their world and calm their angst?

I can understand the violent act of passion. The situation where, feeling horrendously wronged by a friend or a family member or a neighbor, someone might pick up a weapon. I can even understand the hate crime to the extent that at least there is an object to the bigotry, anger or fear that sparks the violence. But what, in our society, has created the relatively passion-less carnage we've witnessed again and again over the last decade-and-a-half?

In 2000, author Robert Putnam, a professor of public policy at Harvard, wrote a book called "Bowling Alone." In it, he discussed the loss of "social capital" in our society- the reduction in organizational memberships, inter-

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action with neighbors and friends and even extended family.

Since Putnam's book was published, technology has impacted this situation even more so. Young people interact with "friends" - some of whom they have never met - through social media, listen to music and entertain themselves in the relative silence of their laptop or iPad ear-phones. And those who plan mayhem inevitably are described as isolated, somewhat disenfranchised individuals.

Right now, it seems to me we have an unprecedented opportunity. Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, the shooters at Columbine, committed suicide during their massacre. So, ultimately, did Seung-Hui Cho at Virginia Tech. Many perpetrators of mass violence were shot and killed at the scene or thereafter.

But recently, for the first time, we have three living shooters in custody. James Holmes of Aurora, Colo., Jared Loughner of Tucson, Ariz. and Nidal Hassan of Fort Hood, Texas. It is not enough to merely try and punish these individuals, to characterize them as mentally ill or "deranged." I think we need to treat them with the same security, care and horrified respect that we would grant an incredibly virulent virus captured from an enemy by the CIA. We need to isolate them, protect others from them and study them in depth, hoping to find even one small link that would grant us even the tiniest bit of knowledge as to how their minds work and what has led them to where they are today.

That, more than any law or regulation, more than the

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Yellow Drug Program continues to remove addictive drugs from the area

The Yellow Drug Program, introduced into the Alpena area a few years ago, continues to provide a service to the community.

In 2009, the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) recognized a growing problem in Alpena and its surrounding communities regarding prescription narcotics. According to Michigan State Police Community Service Trooper Scott Wood, prescription narcotics abuse in northeastern Michigan was climbing at an alarming rate, and some of the prescription narcotics on the streets had been stolen from local residences.

"HUNT learned many residents were accumulating a large amount of old or un-

used scheduled narcotics because they had no way to safely dispose of them," he said. "With the help of several local pharmacies and law enforcement agencies, locations were developed for citizens to safely dispose of scheduled narcotics."

Since its development, the Yellow Drug Program has safely removed 65,712 units of scheduled narcotics from the Alpena, Alcona, and Presque Isle counties. Wood explained these numbers represent narcotics listed as Schedule 2,3,4 or 5. It doesn't represent the total number of unscheduled narcotics turned in. In adding unscheduled narcotics, the total number would be in excesses of 100,000 pills.

"This program has been a huge success in efforts towards keeping our community safe and providing residents with a safe and easy way to dispose of scheduled narcotics. It also should be pointed out that the high level of success we have had with the Yellow Drug Program wouldn't have been possible without help from our local pharmacies," stated Lt. Mike Hahn, commander of the Michigan State Police, Alpena post.

"Prescription narcotics abuse continues to be a big problem in communities today and Alpena is no exception. We have witnessed a dramatic increase in prescription narcotics investigations, overdoses and overdose deaths in the last five years.

"We have also witnessed an increase in crimes associated with prescription narcotics. This is because people are becoming addicted to prescription narcotics and are going to great lengths to feed those addictions. The Yellow Drug Program has removed a tremendous amount of
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The Boyle family is gearing up for the fourth year of a family tradition born of a father's love for the game of golf. John Emerson Boyle's love of golf began when he was 65 years old after he retired from the parts depot of General Motors. Even though he never took formal lessons, he shot a hole-in-one two years after he began playing. Boyle, who is a veteran of World War II, served in the infantry in the European Theater and was honored by the French government for his service. Four years ago, Boyle (middle), of the South Lyons, Mich. area, and his sons, Richard Boyle (right) of Oscoda, and Robert Boyle (left) of Mt. Dora, Fla. came to the area to golf for a week and the tradition began. Every year since, during the last week of August, they get together to golf at Lakewood Shores Golf Resort and Greenbush Golf Course, usually playing 18 holes and 9 holes, respectively, all week long. Last year, John Boyle, who will be 94 at the end of August, received a letter of recognition for his contribution to the game of golf from Arnold Palmer. This year, he again received a letter from Mr. Palmer, wishing him a wonderful time golfing with his sons, and advised them to, "hit 'em straight!" He also wished John, a happy 94th birthday. John Boyle and his wife, Jean, have been married for 66 years. "The Boys of Summer," as they have been dubbed by their family, are holding a book written by Arnold Palmer. *Courtesy photo.*

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censure of any type of weapon or ammunition and certainly more than the mere warehousing of these individuals for the balance of their lives, has the potential to at least begin the process of understanding the modus operandi of their murder and mayhem.

Knowledge is power and in this matter, even the slightest knowledge has power infinitely greater than a semi-automatic weapon.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 30 years. She has published fiction, non-fiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville. The couple has one daughter, Katrina - "the Princess," two dogs, Lady and Henry, and grand-dog, Bastian, all of whom are frequent victims of her column.)

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scheduled narcotics from our communities," Hahn said.

While the Yellow Drug Program has enjoyed success in the area, there is still some confusion as to what can be turned in for disposal. Wood said, the biggest problem encountered with prescription medications is often people don't know what is or isn't a scheduled narcotic.

He explained all medications are classified as scheduled or non-scheduled. Scheduled narcotics are those that have been classified as having some level of potential for abuse that can lead to different levels of

physical and/or psychological dependence. A Schedule 1 narcotic is illegal to use or possess and would include heroin, LSD, et cetera. Narcotics scheduled 2 thru 5 are those prescribed by a physician and have some medical use.

"A quick search of the Internet will advise what schedule a particular narcotic is. Websites such as the U.S. Department of Justice Office of Diversion Control and the Pill Identifier at Drugs.com all have websites to help answer your questions. Your local pharmacist will also be able to provide answers for

you," Wood said.

There are several locations involved with the Yellow Drug Program. These include the Michigan State Police in Alpena, the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, the Presque Isle County Sheriff's Department, LeFave Pharmacy, Neiman's, and The Drug Store.

"The messages we want to relay to our citizens is where they can take their prescription narcotics to dispose of them safely, and when they should do so," stated Chris LeFave, of LeFave Pharmacy. LeFave explained people regularly come into his phar-

macy with scheduled narcotics thinking he can accept them because he participates in the Yellow Drug Program. "This is not the case, pharmacies can only accept non-scheduled narcotics, scheduled narcotics have to go to the Michigan State Police for disposal."

The other important thing to consider is when to dispose of your medications. "When your pain is gone, you should be disposing of your medicine. Just because there is leftover medication doesn't mean you have to take it," LeFave said.


"We have nice and rela-

tively safe communities in northeastern Michigan and we intend to keep it that way," Hahn said. "This community banded together to fight synthetic narcotics when they hit our area and we are going show the same diligence in the fight against the abuse and illegal sale of prescription narcotics. The Yellow Drug Program is a great community program and I encourage people to use it."

For more information, contact Wood at the Alpena post (989) 354-4101.

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NASCAR REPORT

Gordon, Kahne eye wild-card spots

NASCAR This Week

By Monte Dutton

To win the Sprint Cup championship, it's hardly necessary to lead the point standings at the end of the regular season. In fact, Jimmie Johnson won five straight titles (2006-10) without once leading the standings at the beginning of The Chase for the Sprint Cup.

In other words, the driver at the top of the board now, Dale Earnhardt Jr., is far from home free. Twelve drivers will be cordoned off, their points almost equalized, for the final 10 races of the season.

Until Jeff Gordon won Sunday's Pennsylvania 400, he seemed a long shot. Now he and Hendrick Motorsports teammate Kasey Kahne are in position, albeit tenuous, to make the Chase and compete for the championship.

Should Carl Edwards win a race, everything could change. The same is true should Ryan Newman, Kyle Busch or Ryan Newman win a second race.

At the moment, five regu-

lar-season events remain. What's important now is making the Chase. The top 10 get in and are seeded on the basis of victories. Two more are added on the basis of victories and ranking in the top 20.

"In my opinion, this only puts more pressure on us over these next several weeks, but we're ready for the challenge," Gordon said. "This is a great moment for our team because I think we're really fired up for the next race, and the coming weeks, to legitimately have a come-from-behind season and get ourselves in there, and live up to the pressure of our boss."

Gordon was referring to Rick Hendrick, who said before the season that he expected all four of his drivers to make the Chase. If Kahne and Gordon make it, his wish will come true. Earnhardt and Jimmie Johnson are virtual shoo-ins.

For the second time in his career, Gordon won a rain-shortened race at Pocono Raceway. He was running

fifth when Johnson and Matt Kenseth, racing for the lead, touched off a crash that Gordon managed to get through. A violent rainstorm followed, and because more than half of the race's scheduled 160-lap distance had been completed, he won.

"I don't believe that's luck, good or bad," Gordon said. "I don't think it was bad luck on Jimmie (Johnson's) part. The car got loose. I don't think it was good luck on our part. We were in the right place at the right time. Some people might call that luck. I call that, you know, a hard day's work of getting into that position for something to go your way and go right."

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With his rain-shortened win at Pocono, Jeff Gordon, at right, has a chance to make The Chase for the Sprint Cup. Gordon and teammate Kasey Kahne are both in a position to take wild-card spots. (John Clark/NASCAR This Week photo)

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Ocqueoc Falls, near Onaway in northeastern Michigan's picturesque Presque Isle County, is one of those places.

Ocqueoc Falls Bicentennial Pathway is a Michigan Department of Natural Resources state forest hiking trail that takes hikers to the only publicly owned waterfall in Michigan's Lower Pen-

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Six Lake Erie water samples test positive for Asian carp eDNA

Federal and state wildlife officials working in conjunction with academic researchers recently reported six water samples taken from Sandusky and north Maumee bays tested positive for the presence of Asian carp environmental DNA in Michigan and Ohio waters.

The positive samples were among 417 taken from Lake Erie in August 2011, and more than 2,000 samples taken from the Great Lakes Basin since 2010. The Lake Erie batch was recently analyzed and test results were confirmed by eDNA researchers. The six positive samples represent less than 1.5 percent of the Lake Erie samples.

Four samples from Sandusky Bay, in Ohio waters, tested positive for big-head carp eDNA, while two samples from north Maumee Bay, in Michigan waters, were positive for silver carp eDNA.

In response to these findings, electro-shocking and netting began in Sandusky Bay with no evidence of Asian carp found. However, additional testing and monitoring are planned by the Ohio and Michigan Departments of Natural Resources in conjunction with partner agencies.

The findings indicate the presence of genetic material left behind by the species, such as scales, excrement or mucous, but not the estab-

lishment of Asian carp in Lake Erie. Positive eDNA tests are regarded by the scientific community as an indicator of the species' recent presence, however, positive results can occur whether the organism was alive or dead.

While the eDNA findings suggest the possible presence of the invasive species, officials have no physical evidence the fish have migrated to the Great Lakes. Prior to 2003, three individual big-head carp were collected in Lake Erie. No additional observations have been reported during the past decade.

"The results from these water samples are certainly concerning, as this marks the first time Asian carp eDNA has been detected in water samples from Lake Erie, or any of the Michigan waters intensively surveyed for the presence of invasive carp," said Michigan DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. "Protecting the Great Lakes from the threat of Asian carp is critical to the health of our sport and commercial fisheries and to the quality of life in Michigan. We are actively engaged in Asian carp surveillance programs throughout the Great Lakes, including Lake St. Clair and Lake Erie, and the Department stands ready to take the necessary and appropriate actions to investigate and respond to these test results."

In response to the positive test results, officials from the Michigan and Ohio DNRs, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and White House Council on Environmental Quality are developing a plan of action in collaboration with the eDNA research team to obtain follow-up samples and test results as quickly as possible. Test results from future water samples will dictate the nature of further response methods.

"This lake is Ohio's greatest resource and our main objective is to keep it healthy," said Rich Carter, Ohio DNR's Executive Fish Management and Research administrator. "The DNA findings have put Ohio fish and wildlife officers

on high alert and marshaled our immediate action. In response to these findings, electro-shocking and netting in the identified areas of Sandusky Bay have already been completed and no Asian carp were found. Testing and monitoring will continue and we will work with Michigan and our other management partners to develop a coordinated approach to defining the status of Asian carp in Lake Erie."

Since 2010, the Michigan DNR, Ohio DNR, USFWS, University of Notre Dame, Central Michigan University and the Nature Conservancy have partnered to collect water samples from Great Lakes basin waters, including the Chicago Area Waterway System, southern Lake Michigan, western Lake Erie and tributary streams of lakes Michigan and Erie. The collaborative early-detection Asian carp surveillance program is funded by the USFWS with a federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant, administered under the Asian Carp Control Strategy Framework.

Asian carp, including big-head and silver carp, pose a significant threat to the Great Lakes ecosystem and economy. Anglers are urged to become familiar with the identification of Asian carp, including both adults and juveniles, as the spread of juvenile Asian carp through the use of live bait buckets has been identified as a potential point of entry into Great Lakes waters.

A video demonstrating how to identify bighead and silver carp can be viewed on the USFWS YouTube channel at <http://youtu.be/B49OWrCRs38>. Identification guides, frequently asked questions, management plans and an online reporting form are available online at www.michigan.gov/asiancarp and www.wild-ohio.com, or call 800-WILD-LIFE.

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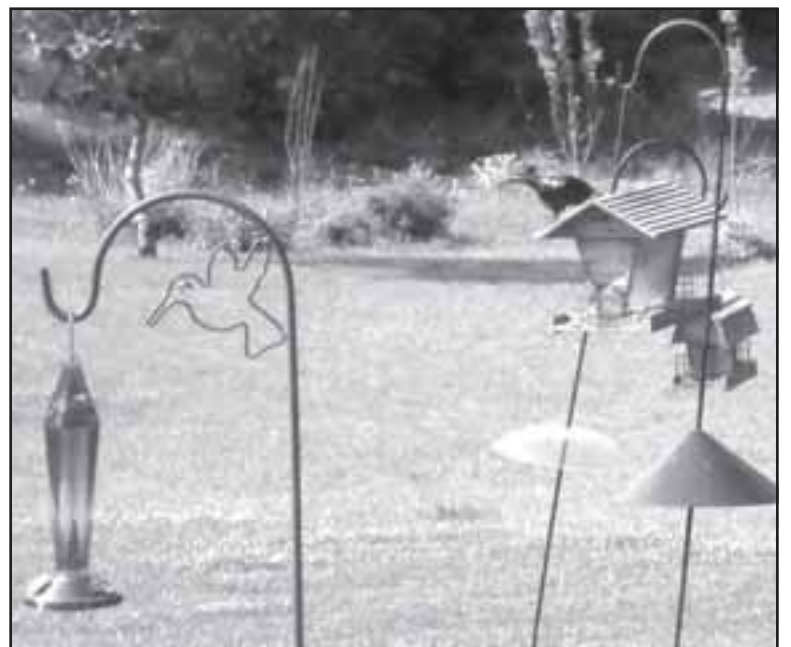
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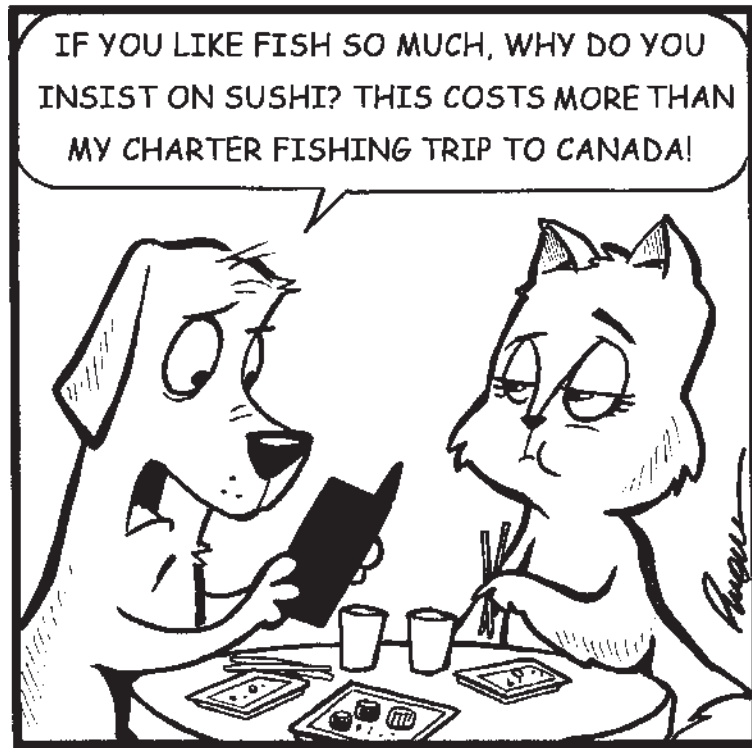
seated. For people of all abilities, including C.J., who enjoy a climbing challenge, tiered rocks along the bluff have been arranged at heights of 4 inches to 8 inches and are smooth and large enough to allow movement between tiers while seated or crawling. Steeper inclines and smaller tread surfaces increase the climbing challenge on two other routes. "We designed a universally accessible opportunity for people to enjoy every element of the falls," said Olson. "The tiered climbing rocks and transfer stations allow anyone to enjoy the climbing experience and have armored the bluff to reduce erosion. Ocqueoc Falls will be acces-

sible to everyone for many generations to come." Ocqueoc Falls makes a day-trip from an area hotel or state park. Nearby state parks with modern camping facilities include: Hoefft State Park in Rogers City, Mich.; Burt Lake State Park in Indian River, Mich.; Onaway State Park in Onaway, Mich.; and Clear Lake State Park in Atlanta, Mich. Also nearby are rustic camping opportunities in State Forest Campgrounds: Black Lake near Onaway, Jackson Lake, Shoepac, Tomahawk Lake and Tomahawk Creek near Atlanta. (Check the DNR's parks and trails listing at www.michigan.gov/state-parks for accessibility prior to arrival.)

Additionally, several cities' travel and tourism agencies offer information about accessible accommodations and restaurants in the area: Indian River (www.irtourism.com); Rogers City (www.rogerscity.com/visitor_info); Onaway (www.onawaychamber.com); and Alpena (www.alpenacvb.com). With its accompanying state forest campground and Ocqueoc Falls Bicentennial Pathway (www.michigan.gov/ocqueocfalls) — consisting of four loops of scenic trails ranging from 2.85 miles to six miles long, perfect for hiking and biking — Ocqueoc Falls is becoming a popular vacation destination. For more information on the hiking trails, visit www.michigantrailsmaps.com/PresqueIsle/OcqueocFalls/OcqueocPathway.html. All visitors to Ocqueoc Falls Bicentennial Pathway will need a Recreation Passport

to enter the park. Michigan residents can purchase the Recreation Passport when renewing their license plate tabs through the Secretary of State's office. For out-of-state visitors or residents who didn't buy the Passport through Secretary of State, Recreation Passports are on sale at the campground. Learn more about the \$10 Recreation Passport at www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport.

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of August 6-12, 2012

70 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 4 Arrests; 1 Warrant; 1 Operating While Intoxicated; 2 Drug Offenses.

Complaint Statistic			
Mal. Destruction of Prop.	2	Traffic	7
Car/Deer	4	Property Damage	4
Trespassing	1	False Alarm	3
Burglary	3	Operating While Intoxicated	1
911 Hang Up	3	Domestic	5
Animal/Dog	4	Neighbor Trouble	2
Civil Assist	1	Fire	1
Marine	1	Miscellaneous	4
Threats/Harassment	2	Larceny	5
Dog Bite	1	Identity Theft	1
Warrants	1	Found Property	1
Well Being Check	1	Gunshots Heard	1
Suspicious Events/Person	7	Drug Offenses	2
Abandoned Vehicle	1	Open Door	1
Complaints taken by City, Township or Village			
Alcona	8	Caledonia	5
Greenbush	7	Gustin	7
Hawes	3	Haynes	3
Millen	2	Mitchell	4
Harrisville City	7	Village of Lincoln	3
		Curtis	7
		Harrisville	12
		Mikado	2

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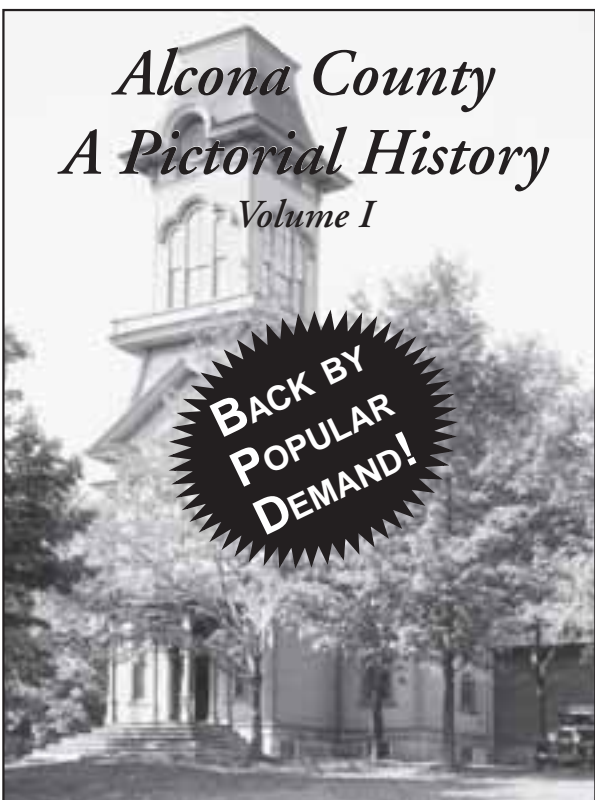
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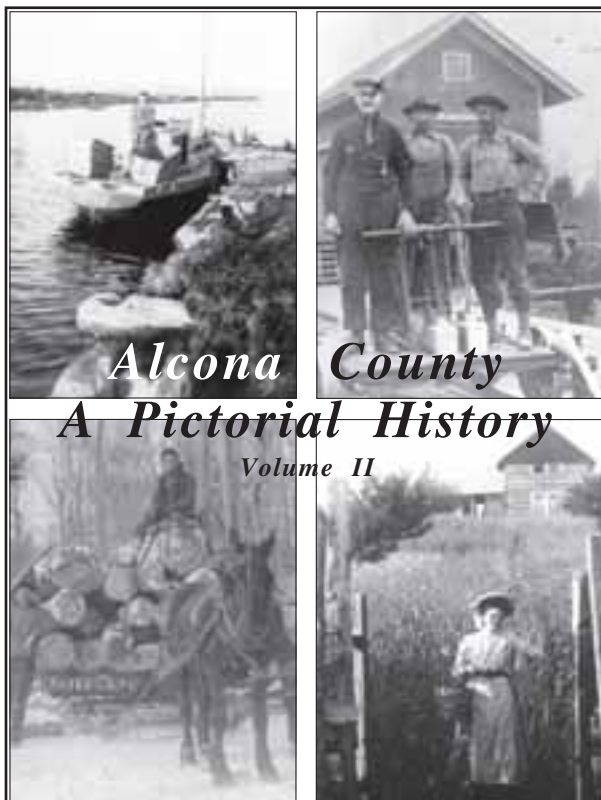
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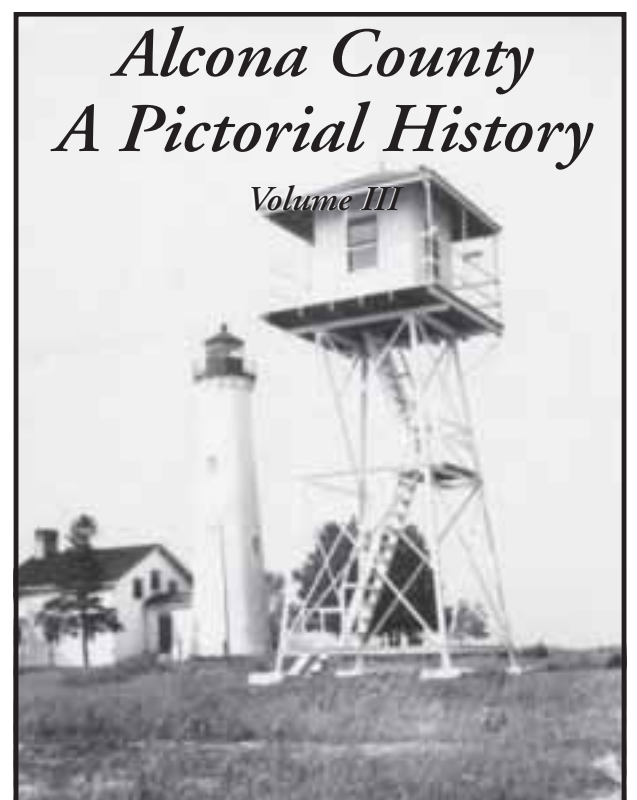
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We are getting ready for another great year at Alcona Community Schools. School will begin for students with a full day on **Thursday, September 6, 2012**. Building schedules follow:

Building Schedules

Alcona Elementary School (Grades K-6): The daily schedule is from 8:10 a.m. to 3:05 p.m.
Alcona Community Middle & High School (Grades 7-12): The daily schedule is from 8:00 a.m. to 2:55 p.m.

Early Release Days

Alcona Community Schools will release students two (2) hours early for teacher professional development on the following dates: October 24, December 12, January 23, February 27, April 17, and May 15. Secondary students will be dismissed at 12:55 p.m. and elementary students will be dismissed at 1:05 p.m.

New Students

Alcona Community Schools welcome new students! Students who are new to the district should register with their parent at the school building they will attend. Building offices will be open from the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Open House

Alcona Elementary School and Alcona Community Middle & High School invite parents, students and community members to attend our annual fall Open House in all buildings. **Alcona Elementary School** will host its building Open House on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. **Alcona Community Middle & High School** will host their Open House on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Student Handbook Information:

Student/parent handbooks are available this school year on the district website. Go to www.alconaschools.net and select the school building your child attends to view an electronic copy of the handbook. The handbook contains important information regarding district policies, discipline, computer usage agreement, and more. Parents should review the handbook in detail with their child. Contact your school office if you need to make arrangements to use a school computer to view or download a hard copy of the handbook.

IMPORTANT Student Dress Code, Electronic Communication Device Usage and Parking Information:

While fashion changes rather regularly, the reason for being in school does not. Students are in school to learn. Updated and revised student dress code rules and regulations are published in student and family handbooks. Student dress code rules and regulations will be strictly enforced.

The use of electronic communication devices will be strictly enforced. The use of such devices will not be allowed during the school day between the first bell and the last bell. Students who choose to bring electronic communication devices to school will be expected to turn the devices off during the school day and store the devices in their lockers during the school day to minimize distraction to the educational environment. The school cannot be responsible for the loss or theft of electronic communication devices so students who choose to bring these electronic tools to school must do so at their own risk.

Student parking will be strictly enforced. ALL student drivers will be required to register their vehicles in the high school office. ALL student drivers will be expected to comply with rules and regulations regarding student parking and to display their school issued student parking pass at all times. Students who park in unauthorized spaces on school property will be towed at the owner's expense.

IMPORTANT Information Concerning Student Wellness and Nutrition

The Board of Education has established a District Wellness policy that addresses nutrition, physical activity and the physical education of our students. To support this focus on student wellness, students and staff will be expected to follow all rules and regulations outlined in the District Wellness policy regarding food and beverages brought onto school grounds.

Beverage Policy

Students are not permitted to bring carbonated beverages (soda pop) to school or consume carbonated beverages in the school lunchrooms. No beverages may be brought into the building that are larger than 20 ounces and all authorized beverages must be in the original sealed containers.

Food Policy

Food brought into classrooms for student celebrations and/or classroom activities must be approved by the classroom teacher and building principal in advance. Student celebrations or parties not authorized by the building principal will not be permitted during the school lunch periods. Students may purchase breakfast and lunch in the school cafeterias or pack a breakfast or lunch to bring from home. Students will not be allowed to have food or beverages delivered to the school cafeterias during school lunch times (Subway, pizza, etc.).

Pinnacle Global Scholar Online Parent Portal

Parents and students will once again be able to access student academic progress and attendance reports 24/7 online via the Pinnacle Global Scholar online reporting system. All student and parent users will need to re-register with the school this year to access student information. If you have not already done so this summer, please contact Technology Director, Todd Kruger, at krugert@alconaschools.net to update your user information. You should provide Mr. Kruger with the name and 2012/2013 grade level information for every student you have enrolled at Alcona Community Schools along with a preferred screen name and email address for the parent wishing to access the information. For more information, email Todd Kruger at krugert@alconaschools.net.

Notice of Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment & Education Opportunity

Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy-Title IX Specifics for Compliance

1. No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training or any other educational program or activity.
2. All educational agencies or activities receiving federal funds must comply with the employment provision of Title IX regulations which include but are not limited to recruitment, pre-employment inquiries, employment procedures assignment, salaries, fringe benefits and any other term, condition or privilege of employment.
3. Equal Opportunity for members of both sexes must be provided in interscholastic, intercollegiate, club or intramural athletics operated or sponsored by a recipient.
4. No person shall, on the basis of sex, be denied admission or be subject in discrimination in admission by any recipient subject to the admissions provisions of the Title IX.

The Board of Education has resolved that:

1. The Superintendent will act to coordinate efforts to comply with Title IX.
2. The Superintendent will notify students, parents and employees of the specifics for compliance.
3. A grievance procedure has been established for resolution of student and employee complaints.

Pesticides

Public Act 131 of 1993 requires that school officials notify parents and guardians of children attending that school of their right to be informed prior to application of pesticides at that school. MCL26.536d. From time to time, the school's contracted pest control company or school employees will apply substances to deal with weed control, ants, bees, wasps, etc. Notice of such application will be provided to parents in advance by posting notice on main school building entrance doors and by posting notice on the district website. If you would like to be notified prior to the application of these substances, please notify the school office in writing. We will then notify you prior to applying any type of pesticide control substance.

Annual AHERA Notification

Asbestos Management Plan Available for Review by Parents, Teachers and Employees.

Alcona Community Schools conducted a three-year mandatory re-inspection for the presence of viable asbestos in our schools. Based on the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan was updated. This plan details the response action the district will take regarding any asbestos containing material.

The AHERA Management Plan is located at the Board of Education Office and the Director of Transportation/Facilities office and is available for inspection without cost or restriction during normal business hours. All new construction and renovation projects contain written specifications stating that no asbestos containing materials will be used.

Our procedures for dealing with asbestos in our schools reflect our desire to make our schools a safe place in which students learn. If you have further questions, please call the school superintendent.

GED Testing

The GED Test is a test that, upon passage, will enable a person to receive a GED Certificate. Persons desiring to take the test should contact the high school office (989-736-8534).

Alcona Community Schools Endowment Fund

Alcona Community Schools offers an Endowment Fund through the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan. The purpose of the fund is to create a principal investment fund to support innovative student activities and programming through investment earnings. Charitable contributions made to the fund may qualify contributors for *Federal Tax Savings*. Call Alcona Community Schools at (989) 736-6212 or the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan at (989) 354-6881 to learn more about how you can give and gain. To make a contribution to the Alcona Community Schools Endowment Fund, please send a check payable to Alcona Community Schools to:

Alcona Community Schools
 Office of the Superintendent
 51 N. Barlow Road, PO Box 249
 Lincoln, MI 48742
 ATTN: Endowment Fund

A charitable contribution confirmation letter will be sent to you for your tax records.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents and students who are 18 or emancipated minors certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom the respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:

1. Any protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
 3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
- Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:**
1. Protected information surveys of students;
 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

Alcona Community Schools has adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Alcona Community Schools will directly notify parents and eligible students of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Alcona Community Schools will also directly notify parents and eligible students at least annually at the start of each school year of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in:

- § Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
- § Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by the Department of Education.
- § Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents and eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with: *Family Policy Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20202-4605.*

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

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1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate. Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the School principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible students, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the Schools as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.
4. Michigan Revised School Code Section 1135 requires that a school record include a student's disciplinary record, including any suspension or expulsion action against the student.
5. The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Alcona Community Schools to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are: *Family Policy Compliance Office, US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, DC 20202-4605.*

Annual Education Report (AER)

Annual report public presentations for the 2011/2012 school year will be held at the following times and locations:

- § **Alcona Elementary School:** September 5, 3:45 p.m., HS/MS Media Center;
- § **Alcona Community Middle & High School:** September 5, 4:00 p.m., HS/MS Media Center.
- § **District Annual Report:** September 6, 3:30 p.m., Board of Education Conference Room.

P.A. 226 Reproductive Health Advisory Committee Annual Meeting

The district PA 226 Reproductive Health Advisory Committee will hold its annual meeting on September 18, 2012 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

District & Elementary School Parent Involvement Meeting

Alcona Elementary School will host the annual parent involvement meeting on September 26 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. The District parent involvement meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m. The purpose of this annual meeting is to discuss opportunities for parent involvement in the schools. All parents and community members are welcome. Both meetings will be held at Alcona Elementary School.

Drug Free Schools

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute, or substance that could be considered a "look-a-like" controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by State law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials. The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which s/he receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

Directory Information for Students

The following student directory information will be made available for publication in directories, sports programs, and other publications: student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight, dates of attendance, date of graduation, awards received, honor rolls, and scholarships. Parents and eligible students may refuse to allow the District to disclose any or all of such "directory information" upon written notification to the District within forty-five (45) calendar days after receipt of the District's public notice.

Right to Inspect Instructional Materials

Parents have the right to inspect, upon request, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum. Parents will have access to the instructional material within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal. Instructional materials do not include academic tests or assessments.

School Visitors

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages visits to school by parents, community members and interested educators. In order to protect the education program of the schools from undue disturbance, the Board of Education has established visitor guidelines. Please contact the building principal for a copy of the guidelines.

Bloodborne Pathogen Notification

Federal government and OSHA regulations require that the District take steps to restrict the spread of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immune deficiency virus (HIV). Because of the very serious consequences of contracting HBV or HIV, the District is committed to taking the necessary precautions to protect both students and staff from its spread in the school environment. Part of the federally mandated procedures include a requirement that the District request consent for HBV and HIV testing if an injury occurs with blood exposure. The law does not require parents or guardians to consent to the examination, but it does require the District to request the consent. We expect that incidents of exposure will be few and that with this advance notification, parents will understand the District's request for consent should it be necessary.

Comprehensive Health Education

The District, in compliance with state law, implements a comprehensive program of health, reproductive health, and AIDS education. The District will notify parents, in advance of the instruction, and provide parents with an opportunity to review the materials and to opt out their child from instruction.

USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call 800-795-3272 or 02-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

2012/2013 Athletic Gate Prices

Varsity Games, Students & Adults	\$ 5.00
Seniors (60 and older)	\$ 3.00
Sub Varsity Games, Adults & Students	\$ 4.00
Family of 4 or more – Varsity	\$ 16.00
Family of 4 or more – Sub Varsity	\$ 10.00
Season Athletic Pass – Adult	\$ 65.00
Season Athletic Pass – Senior (60+)	\$ 45.00
Season Athletic Pass – Student	\$ 45.00
Season Athletic Pass – Family	\$125.00
Yearly Athletic Pass – Adult	\$100.00
Yearly Athletic Pass – Senior (60+)	\$ 75.00
Yearly Athletic Pass – Student	\$ 75.00
Yearly Athletic Pass – Family	\$ 225.00

Annual District Improvement Plan Meeting

The annual meeting to review the District Improvement Plan is scheduled for September 10, 3:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. All parents and community members are welcome.

2012/2013 School Calendar

Teachers Start	Tuesday, September 4
Students Start	Thursday, September 6
Early Release	Wednesday, October 24
End of 1 st Marking Period	Friday, November 2
Professional Development	Monday, November 5
Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences	Tuesday, November 13
Safety Day	Thursday, November 15
No School	Friday, November 16
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 22
	Friday, November 23
Early Release	Wednesday, December 12
Winter Break	Friday, December 21 First Day of Break
Classes Resume	Wednesday, January 2
End of 1 st Semester	Thursday, January 17
Records Day	Friday, January 18
Early Release	Wednesday, January 23
Evening Parent Teacher Conferences	Thursday, January 31
Morning Parent Teacher Conferences	Friday, February 1
Professional Development	Monday, February 4
Early Release	Wednesday, February 27
End of 3 rd Marking Period	Friday, March 22
Spring Break	Friday, March 22 Last Day of Classes
Classes Resume	Wednesday, April 3
Evening Parent Conferences	Thursday, April 11
Early Release	Wednesday, April 17
Early Release	Wednesday, May 15
Memorial Day	Monday, May 27
Last Day for Students	Tuesday, June 4
Last Day for Teachers	Wednesday, June 5

***Early Release:**

Students will be released 2 hours early. Teachers will participate in 2 hours of Professional Development.

District and Building Newsletters

Alcona Community Schools is going green! This school year, all building and district newsletters will be sent home and published on our website. Publications come out quarterly. Please check out www.alconaschools.net for news you can use!

District Facility Use Policy

Alcona Community Schools District Facility Use Policy and Request Forms can be found on our website at www.alconaschools.net. Electronically completed facility use request forms may be emailed to leeseberg@alconaschools.net or returned to Alcona Community Schools' District Office.

School Cancellation Information & Simple Blast Instant Notification System

Instant school closing alerts are available again! School closings will be announced this year via local media sources and by Simple Blast instant telephone alerts. Please check your student's handbook for radio and television station information. To sign up for our instant alert emergency contact system, please contact Technology Director, Todd Kruger, via e-mail at alcschool@alconaschools.net. Our instant alert system will allow for one (1) registered telephone number for instant alert purposes per family this year.

Annual Notice of Educational Services For Homeless Children and Youth

Our school district provides equal access and comparable services to all students regardless of their home living situation. Homeless students are not required to attend a separate school for homeless youth and have the right to benefit from programs for which they are eligible. Some examples of these programs are for students who are disabled, gifted, limited-English proficient, or participate in vocational education and preschool programs.

You also have the right to be enrolled immediately in school and to participate in and benefit from such programs as: free or reduced price school lunch program; Title I services; transportation services.

If you are a homeless student, please contact your school building main office for assistance or the district homeless liaison, Mrs. Jacqueline Kelly, at (989) 736-8534.

School Breakfast Program

Alcona Community Schools offer a complete, nutritious school breakfast daily for students in grades K-12. If you would like more information about the school breakfast program, cost of meals, or menus, please contact Jan Faulman at (989) 358-5021.

Board of Education Meetings

Alcona Community Schools welcome community attendance at Board of Education meetings. The Board of Education meets on the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month in the Board of Education Conference Room located in Alcona Middle School. All meetings begin at 5:00 p.m.