

Downstate couple saves boater on Hubbard Lake

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

An outing on Hubbard Lake last week proved to be a little more exciting than one boater bargained for, and will be quite memorable for a family who has summered on the lake for more than 50 years.

The Grisham/Feher family spent last Tuesday afternoon relaxing on their deck which overlooks the south shore of Hubbard Lake. They had been at the family cottage, built by Frank Feher in 1972, for several days and the flurry of activity resulting from this annual visit was winding down.

It was while Larry and Sandy Grisham of Saline, Mich. were chatting and taking in the view of the choppy, white-capped lake, when Sandy noticed a boat coming toward them from the northeast. "It was way out there," she said. She watched it moving slowly through the four-foot waves.

After a while, when Sandy didn't see it any more, she went into the house for a pair of binoculars.

Sandy thought she found it, but wasn't sure "I saw something odd in the waves," she said. When Larry looked through the binoculars, he saw the bow of the boat jutting two to three feet out of the water. The rest of the boat was submerged. "I could see someone floating outside of the boat," Larry said.

After realizing the boater was out there with no help in the vicinity, Larry said he knew what needed to be done. "I assessed the situation and decided it was in my capability to go get him...I knew the boat could handle it."

After asking Sandy's mother, Betty Feher, 81, to call 911, they went to put their 14-foot Runabout, with a 70 horse power motor, into

the water. "The waves were so big they kept pushing the boat back into the cradle of the boat lift," Larry said.

Once they were launched, they had a difficult time getting to the boat in distress - the waves were very high, sweeping over the gunwale periodically. Once they located the boat again, Larry set out toward it at an angle in an attempt not to swamp their boat.

"We saw the boat first," Larry said. "Then we saw him about 30-40 yards past the boat about a half mile off of shore. We circled around to him, but he couldn't grab on to the side of the boat...He was hanging on to a spare tire (inflated, with the rim) with a gas can and oil can stacked on it. He was also

holding an oar and a life jacket. He later told us that he used the spare tire in the front of his boat as weight to keep the bow down."

The Grishams circled the boater again. He was able to grab hold during the second pass. "We were taking on water," Larry said. And, because of the waves it was difficult to get the boater into their boat. "Luckily he was a little guy and I could haul him in."

Getting the boat back into the lift at the Grisham cabin was a challenge. Larry said he and the boater, who had regained some strength after being in the cold water, jumped in the water to help "wrestle" their boat into the

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Sandy and Larry Grisham of Saline, Mich. saw a boater in distress on Hubbard Lake last week and brought him to safety. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

Hart assumes full-time duties at sheriff's department

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The newest full-time deputy with the Alcona County Sheriff's Department has been a member of the community since he was a sophomore in high school.

Kevin Hart, who had been a part-time deputy since February 2011, officially became a full time deputy on July 2. He was raised in Trenton, Mich. until 2006 when he moved to Alcona County with his father Greg (Teresa) Hart. His mother, Karey Hart, lives in Allen Park, Mich.

After graduating from Alcona High School in 2008, he attended Central Michigan University for one year. He received an associate degree in criminal justice the following year from Alpena Community College. Hart graduated from the Delta Police Academy in December 2010 and began working with the sheriff's department shortly afterward.



Kevin Hart

Hart said he enjoys the unpredictability of the job because "you don't know what is going to happen on each shift. It's different and nothing is repetitious."

Working at the state park in Harrisville during the summer is what sparked Hart's

interest in law enforcement. He had the opportunity to work with park rangers who "do a bit of law enforcement" at the park.

One of the challenges of the position, Hart said, is working in a small community. "When you grow up here you know a lot of people... sometimes you have to deal with friends (in certain situations) and still have to do your job. It can be rough." Then again, sometimes it's not. "Some people are more comfortable talking to me rather than someone else because we might have a history and a good rapport with them."

However, the support Hart receives from fellow law enforcement officers and his superiors is a welcome aspect of his position. "I like working here a lot," he said. "The bosses are awesome. It's really a good group of guys. We work well together and

we are learning a lot from each other."

Hart said he is still working on what strengths he brings to the multi-faceted position and what he likes to do in the different areas of the job - so he hasn't decided to pursue any additional training to specialize in a specific area.

Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison said he is pleased to have Hart as a full time deputy - one of 13 full time members of the staff. "I think he is a respectable and enthusiastic young man who is just getting into law enforcement," Atchison said. "It makes me proud any time I can give a local young person an opportunity to get started in law enforcement."

When he isn't working, Hart enjoys various pursuits that living in northern Michigan lend - hunting, fishing, boating and snowmobiling. "I enjoy the area," Hart said.

Friends of MSU Extension seek millage

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Friends of the Michigan State University Extension Services (FOX) are seeking support for a millage to continue operating the MSU Extension office in Alcona County.

The millage request will be on the August 7 ballot and, if approved, would impose a tax increase to property owners in Alcona County by .14 mills (equal to \$0.14 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for a period of four years -- 2012

through 2015.

The millage, if approved, would provide a little less than \$106,000 per year which would pay for a full time 4-H program coordinator and a part-time clerical support person for the Alcona County office.

Currently, the 4-H program coordinator spends half of a week working in Alcona County and the other half working in Iosco County. As a result, hours of operation for the Alcona County office have dwindled.

According to Becky Stoddard, a member of FOX, supporting MSU Extension makes a lot of sense because the service helps people improve their lives through education, applying knowledge to critical issues, needs and opportunities.

The purpose of the MSU Extension is to build better

communities with educational and support services for children and adults by bringing committed citizens together to help raise healthy

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Hidden among the flowers, this frog looks like he has a secret and he does. He knows where all the gardens are located in the annual Sunrise Garden Club's garden walk Saturday. For more details see page B1. Photo by Mary Weber.

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Memorial

Aubrey "Al" Fox

There will be a memorial service for Aubrey "Al" Fox on Saturday, July 28 at the Mikado Civic Center. Family will receive friends at 10 a.m. followed by the memorial service at 11 a.m. A luncheon will follow. Mr. Fox passed away June 9, 2012 at his home.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

I wish to make the residents of Caledonia Township aware of an amendment that is being proposed by the township planning committee to the Section 202 Definition of a Fence. If this amendment is passed your right to where you plant trees on your property will be affected.

On Monday, Aug. 6 at 7 p.m. attend the regularly scheduled meeting at the Caledonia Township Hall, Gillard Road, Spruce and express your thoughts on this proposal.

Barbara Mouthaan
Hubbard Lake

To the Editor,

I want to take the opportunity to thank all of the planning committee members for their hard work and assistance on planning Mikado Days 2012 and making it again another success.

I want to thank the participants in the 5K walk/run for melanoma, the sheriff's department, road commission, Mikado American Legion honor guard, all the parade participants, businesses and individuals that advertised in our program, all the crafters and flea marketers, those who helped sell and those who purchased raffle tickets, horseshoe players, Order of

the Eastern Star Lincoln Chapter No. 184, Alcona Lodge No. 292 F & AM, volunteers who created the kid's carnival games, the drivers who brought their cars and donated over one hundred food items to the Alcona St. Vincent de Paul food pantry, the Mikado Clubbers and the Midland River Hogs 1860s baseball game, Alcona County Review, the Alpena News and the Good Life for their coverage.

Thanks to each one of you for attending and hope you all enjoyed yourselves.

Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas
Mikado Township
Supervisor

To the Editor;

In her last column, Katherine Fritz defends the Review's controversial decision to publish an extremely detailed and graphic report of a rape trial recently held in Alcona County. Her justification for publishing this material? The public has a right to know all the evidence presented at trial in order to protect itself (and particularly its "young daughters") from becoming future victims of violent sexual predators.

But Fritz's argument, however appealing, completely overlooks one critical feature of this case. The defendant hasn't been convicted; the jury could not reach the required unanimous verdict and the case remains open.

If, as seems likely, he is retried, how can local jurors be found who haven't formed an opinion of his guilt or innocence given that anyone can read every last detail of the prosecution's case right here in the Review?

A criminal defendant's right to a presumption of innocence is a keystone of our judicial system and a fundamental due process right. Any responsible journalist reporting on a criminal trial must always respect it, especially in cases like this where guilt or innocence has yet to be determined. The Society of Professional Journalists' "Code of Ethics" puts it this way — "Journalists should minimize harm" and "Balance a criminal suspect's fair trial

rights with the public's right to be informed."

While Fritz is correct that the public does have the right to know about important events in Alcona County, including unpleasant and shocking ones, this right must be balanced with the rights of a still-presumed-innocent defendant.

Was there any legitimate reason for rushing this article into publication while the case is still pending? The paper, without compromising the public's right to know, could have reported the basic facts of the trial and held the lurid details for later. Unfortunately, it did not.

Judith Riley
Harrisville



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Police Report

Emergency response personnel were called to the scene of a boat explosion Sunday afternoon on Hubbard Lake.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, Paul Borke, 36, of Hubbard Lake was running his ventilation blower for several minutes after launching from the North Bay public launch around 3:10 p.m.

When he started his boat it exploded with him inside and the boat became fully engulfed in flames. Borke was

taken to Alpena Regional Medical Center by Alcona County EMS to be treated for burns on his legs.

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department Marine Unit responded to the incident. The Hubbard Lake Fire Department extinguished the fire and the Alpena CRTC spill unit contained the fuel from the boat.

Also assisting at the scene were Hubbard Lake First Responders and a member of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2011-2012

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
July 15	80	68	0.04	2.0	16	SSW
July 16	83	65	0.00	3.1	19	SSW
July 17	92	71	0.00	5.9	26	NNE
July 18	77	63	0.00	4.5	13	ENE
July 19	73	62	0.02	8.6	20	ENE
July 20	75	56	0.00	9.0	19	NE
July 21	83	54	0.16	3.3	17	W

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2012	2011	Normal
Weekly Total	0.22	0.46	0.72
July to Date	0.78	0.80	2.07
Year/Season to Date	12.93	18.50	14.81

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

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

Campfire Program-Leave No Trace: Do you know how to select the best location to pitch a tent? What to do with your trash or how to build a campfire that is safe? Meet with Ranger Pine at 6 p.m. at Round Lake Campground, 2180 Latham Rd., National City, to learn to leave no trace. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

Two computers and WIFI will be available for seniors over 60 for use at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Music and sing-a-long at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., at 4 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Sewing with Jennie Anderson at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. from 2 to 4 p.m. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

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 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. Cost is \$25. Call for an appointment, (989) 736-8879.

Kindle setup and download class from 9:15 to 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

Drop in craft and Wii for children from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library. For more information, call (989) 736-3388.

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

Ming Louie teaches the basics of Chinese cooking and etiquette to teens and adults at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 to register for this free program.

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their regular monthly luncheon meeting at the Holiday Inn,

1000 US-23 North, Alpena at 11:30 a.m. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Griffin (989) 727-3350, Frank Baranski (989) 595-2789 or Don Cattleberry (989) 354-5504 for more information.

THURSDAY, JULY 26

Dynamic West will be at the Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Rd., Glennie at 6 p.m. with an exotic presentation on the importance of preserving the rain forest environment. Live animals will be introduced throughout the show. For more information, call (989) 735-2601.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m., meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. Call, (989) 739-4483 or (989) 736-8022 for more information.

Take a tour of Michigan's nocturnal wildlife at Lumberman's Monument at 1 p.m. Learn the many different species of bats in Michigan and basic general physical characteristics, eating habits, nesting locations and movement. 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 info., call (989) 362-8961.

The Alpena City Band will perform at the Fine Arts Bandshell at Bay View Park in Alpena at 7:30 p.m. The concert will last approximately one hour. For more information, call (765) 631-1167.

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Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn.

Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

Pine River Van Etten Lake watershed meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Greenbush Township hall, 3029 Campbell Rd.

VitalCare Hospice of the Sunrise Shore, affiliated with McLaren Northern Michigan will hold an open house celebration and ribbon cutting at their new location, 2078 M-32, Alpena from 3 to 5 p.m. Tour the facility plus learn about community grief support, educational outreach and all end-of-life services. For more information, call (989) 358-1156.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

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Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

My Brother's Hope Potluck Café-Take 2 will serve a free meal, plus 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.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

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.

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

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Local Notes

The Past in Person

Michael Deren, musician, songwriter, and storyteller, takes attendees on a musical journey down the Erie Canal in 1840 from Albany, N.Y. to the Michigan wilderness on Tuesday, July 31 at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. "The Canal Boat Captain" plays the banjo, concertina and penny whistle and shares stories about the canal and the beginnings of the state of Michigan. For more information, call (989) 724-6796. This activity supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Region 19-Kirtland Community Foundation.

Teen Summer Reading

Teenagers are encouraged to finish their "Wild About Reading" Summer Reading book logs before the Teen Prize Drawing on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 2:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Prizes will be awarded, including an e-book reader, pizza coupons and a complete set of "The Hunger Games." Need not be present to win. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Lincoln, Glennie and

Greenbush. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 or (989) 735-5191 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Monday, July 30—Beef pot roast with red potatoes and baby carrots, applesauce and fruit.

- Tuesday, July 31—Barbecued chicken on a bun, sweet potato puffs, green beans, pickled beets and fruit.

- Wednesday, Aug. 1—Bourbon pork chops, scalloped potatoes, Brussels sprouts, pea salad and fruit.

- Thursday, Aug. 2—Fish almandine, Spudsters, mixed vegetables, coleslaw, fruit and pudding.

- Friday, Aug. 3—Baked chicken, baked potato, broccoli, tossed salad and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Away at School

- Heather N. Rudnick of Barton City was named to the 2012 spring honors list at Central Michigan University. To achieve honors list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Matthew M. Byce of Lincoln was named to the 2012 spring honors list at Central Michigan University. To achieve honors list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Shelby J. Kubbe of Spruce

was named to the 2012 spring honors list at Central Michigan University. To achieve honors list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Melissa Upper of Harrisville graduated from Central Michigan University in spring of 2012 with a Master of Science degree in Administration.

Facebook Grant Contest

One nonprofit in northeast Michigan could receive a \$500 grant, with the help of community members on Facebook. The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is launching its second community-driven grant contest with Facebook users, which began July 23. CFNEM has put aside up to \$500 to be used toward a grant during this promotion. Facebook users and local nonprofit organizations are encouraged to help spread the word about the contest and drive their friends and supporters to the Community Foundation's Facebook page to place their vote as well.

For every new person who "likes" CFNEM on Facebook by the last day of the contest on August 6, \$1 will go toward a matching grant. Those who like CFNEM's Facebook page can cast their vote any time during those two weeks. After the contest closes on August 6, CFNEM staff will

tally the votes. However many new "likes" (worth \$1 each) have been added during the contest, CFNEM will match with an additional \$1 for a maximum grant of \$500. The grant will be awarded to the nonprofit with the most votes.

Facebook users who "like" the Community Foundation's Facebook page will be allowed one vote for their favorite nonprofit, as long as that organization holds a 501(c)(3) IRS determination, and is located in one of the nine counties served by CFNEM in northeast Michigan. Those counties include Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda and Presque Isle. The contest will run for two weeks, ending on August 6, and the winning grantee will be announced on August 8.

Heat Causes Fish Kills

There have been numerous fish kills recently reported from around the state, and staff from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Fisheries Division is tracking and monitoring these events. "We appreciate the public letting us know where they are seeing unusual fish kill events," said Jim Dexter, DNR Fisheries Division chief. "This can be done by e-mailing reports to DNR-FISH-Report-Fish-Kills@michigan.gov."

The combination of very high water temperatures and drought flow conditions have made conditions very stressful for fish and, in many cases, these conditions are beyond lethal temperatures for fish. Additionally, high water temperatures also often result in low oxygen values, particularly where there is a lot of vegetation.

The overall fisheries effects of such events are often very local in nature and may not significantly change overall population numbers. However, population level effects are not known at this time and will take some time to fully evaluate.

"We recommend anglers be extra careful in handling and unhooking fish that are to be released to keep stress to a minimum. It is also best for our fish if anglers refrain from fishing during the hottest parts of the day and not keep fish to be released in live wells for very long," continued Whelan. "Fishing in the early morning period is least stressful for fish, as it has the coolest water temperatures."

For more information on fish kills in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/fishing. Anyone who suspects a fish kill is caused by non-natural causes is asked to please call the nearest DNR office or Michigan's Pollution Emergency Alert System at (800) 292-4706.

ALCONA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING (ACCOA) IS ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT (WITH A YES VOTE) IN THE AUGUST 7th ELECTION

Your Yes Vote will RENEW our current millage

ACCOA provides the following services and programs to senior citizens, of Alcona County, age 60 and over and their spouses.

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lift. Once the two of them got it in the lift, they still needed someone to work the crank since Sandy couldn't get out of the boat due to the rough conditions. "Betty came running down the dock to the rescue and cranked the boat up until it was just out of the water...it was a real team effort all the way," Larry said.

By the time the Grishams landed, rescue personnel were arriving and the boater, who did not want to be interviewed, was examined by medical responders.

Larry estimated their time on the water during the rescue to be about 20 minutes "to get out and back, but it seemed longer than that."

Sometime while the Grishams were recovering the floating boater, the father-son team of Tim and Mike Munro, of Hubbard Lake, had launched their 19-foot Ebbtide in an effort to recover the swamped boat.

"Four foot waves on Hubbard Lake never happens," said Mike Munro, 20, who has lived on the lake his entire life. He explained that by the time they reached the 10 foot john boat "it was flipped over. We attempted to flip it back over, but that wasn't going to happen there."

Mike swam around the boat to look for items from the boat and then tied it off so it could be towed to shore. "We slowly pulled it in," Mike said, which took more than a half hour.

"He's just really lucky that we were sitting on the deck and we saw him," Sandy said. "There wasn't anyone around."

"It all worked out and he got to go home to his wife," Larry said. "He was very grateful. When we got to shore he repeatedly asked if he could do something for us. We said, 'no, just return the favor.'"

Larry, who is a retired air traffic controller, said he is used to making snap decisions. "As a citizen, I think it is your duty to help - if you can. But, also get help from professionals too," he said.

Responding to the 911 call made by Betty, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Warren MacNeill said he is appreciative of the help given by the Grishams and Munros. "There are times when you (law enforcement and rescue personnel) can't be everywhere...When people can help out - when it is safe for them - it is appreciated." MacNeill, who regularly patrols Hubbard Lake, said he had not seen waves that size on the inland lake. He reminded all boaters to make sure they have personal floatation devices (PFDs) on their boats. "A floatation device is what kept him alive," MacNeill said. "Remember, they float, you don't."

ACCOA looking for millage renewal

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Voters of Alcona County will be asked to decide on an operational millage renewal for the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) on the August 7 ballot.

The millage of .125 mills (\$.125 per \$1,000 of taxable value) approved five years ago is due to expire in December.

This renewal, if approved, will expand the millage for another five years from 2013 through 2017 for the sole purpose of providing funding to the ACCOA to operate, maintain and expand programs and services and maintain the centers.

Suzan Krey, executive director of the ACCOA said, "The millage supports half of all expenses for the senior centers. Only 25 percent of costs are covered by federal and state funding and the other 25 percent comes from donations and fund-raising."

The ACCOA makes and distributes 3,500 to 4,000 home delivered and congre-

gate meals a month through three sites in Glennie, Lincoln and Greenbush. Seniors are asked to make a \$2.50 donation toward the meal, but the actual cost of each meal runs \$7.50. "Millage funds pay for the extra money needed to provide the food desperately needed," Krey said.

In addition to meals, the millage funding is also used for operational costs, such as building maintenance, rent, salary and administrative costs as well as healthy living programs, computer classes, dance classes and numerous in-home services such as home respite, personal care and homemaking services.

Last year the ACCOA served 13,185 congregate meals at its three sites and 30,236 home delivered meals were served throughout the county. "We cover the county border to border for the home delivered meals and no (senior) is turned down who needs a meal delivered. We also serve immediate meals

when necessary," Krey said. In 2011, ACCOA home-makers served 41 clients and spent 1,986 hours providing services. Personal caregivers, who assist seniors with bathing and grooming, served 27 clients and spent 1,064 hours performing their duties. Respite care, which helps families care for ill residents while the family takes a break to run errands or have some time off, served 30 clients and spent over 2,485 hours in those duties.

Krey explained the numbers for these services have gone up considerably this year as the need for these services continue to be in high demand. "We won't be able to continue these services without the passage of the millage. It's vital the community continues their support," Krey said.

For more information about the Alcona County Commission on Aging and the services it provides, call (989) 736-8879.

The family of Jim Hamather invites good friends, old dock hands and nice neighbors to share memories of him at a backyard gathering.
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Barton City Baseball Reunion

Former baseball players from Barton City will be hosting a get-together at the Barton City Community Park, **Saturday, August 4th, 2012 starting at 1 p.m. until dusk.** For ball players that played baseball in Barton City in the past. This will include players from Lincoln, Mikado, Harrisville. Come enjoy a hot dog and good company. Memorabilia and stories are welcome. For further information call Jim Burger (989) 736-3401. Please RSVP by August 3rd, 2012. Possible pick-up softball game included.

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Ouillet/Goodemoot plan nuptials

Richard and Barbara Ouillet of Harrisville announce the engagement of their daughter, Chelsea Nicole Ouillet to Thomas Dale Goodemoot, son of Ken and Cindy Goodemoot of Barton City.

The bride-to-be will be attending college at Central Texas College in Killeen, Texas.

The future groom is enlisted in the U.S. Army and is stationed at Ft. Hood, Texas.

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children through 4-H, to preserve the environment, to raise safe foods and to build an economic and sustainable community. Participants of MSU Extension programs learn new skills to improve their lives.

The MSU Extension office has participated in numerous developments and initiatives in Alcona County including: The Human Service Coordinating Council, Alcona Baby Pantry, Craftmakers' Cabin, ARA Home Arts Building, BMX Moto Cross Track, AYSO Soccer, Alcona farmers market(s), Recycle Alcona, Alcona County master gardener programs, Glennie signage, a garden at Hubbard Lake Sportsman's Club entry, Extension study clubs, the Alcona Quilt Trail, Hubbard Lake Communicators, Negwegon State Park projects, Alcona Leadership Program, Alcona Fall Color Tour, fish preservation, Ladies Extension clubs, oil and gas educational programming, soil testing, a guide for coastal tourism operators, Northeast Michigan Great Lake Stewardship Initiative, Eating Right and Cooking Matters programs, assistance with school butterfly and youth gardens, Detroit day trip, Development of Lincoln vision statement, 4-H camps, small

town design initiatives (Hubbard lake and Harrisville), Annie's Project - a leadership program for farm women, farm emergency management assistance team and additional involvement in a large variety of clubs and organizations.

"The extension is the first place many people go to after moving to the Alcona area, and it's the place farmers count on for agricultural advice," Stoddard said. "A lot of people attend the fall color tour."

"MSU Extension was my go-to place whenever I was having difficulty growing something. They were always able to help me identify the problem. I attended the master gardener program and worked on the small town initiative. They really have so much to offer. The leadership class that MSU Extension offered has really improved our community. The new Art Retreat to increase tourism in our area was a result of the MSU leadership class," Stoddard said.

"It is very unlikely that we will have a 4-H program if this millage does not pass," said Lois Marshall, president of the 4-H Advisory Council. "It would be a huge loss to our community. There is a limited amount of things for

youths to do in our area; 4-H provides a lot of exposure for them to learn and get to know other communities and people. Many get their first exposure of a college campus during the 4-H Exploration Days at MSU.

"They are exposed to training opportunities and family outings as well. Things our young people may not be able to experience without the 4-H such as a bus trip down to see a (Detroit Tiger) baseball game and visit the Henry Ford Museum. The 4-H does charge small amounts for these trips, but they also have scholarship funds for families which may not be able to afford to send their kids to camp," she said.

According to literature provided by 4-H, 66 percent of Michigan's 18 to 24-year-olds who participated in 4-H pre-college programs were enrolled in college in 2007, compared to 37 percent of non 4-H youth. The 4-H program aims to help young people become self-directing, productive and contributing members of society.

"Our community would really be impoverished if the 4-H programs were gone. What else is there for the kids to do? They truly have great exposure through 4-H programs and they are learning some amazing things," Marshall added.

"The millage would raise most Alcona County home owner's taxes just \$7 to \$14 a year. A small price to pay for so much necessary community help," Stoddard said.

Les Thomas, MSU Extension 4-H program coordinator said, "In addition to what MSU Extension provides for the community through its many services, the MSU Extension also provides numerous types of insurance for its participants. Accident insurance for all of the members and adult volunteers while they are participating in 4-H activities and liability insurance for volunteers and their property where they are hosting club meetings and other 4-H events.

"Barring negligence, the university and (its) legal team stands behind the staff and volunteers when acting on their behalf. Our 4-H Advisory Council purchases the accident coverage annually for all members and leaders while the liability insurance is covered by the university. We even have special event coverage for events like the Detroit day trip where non-members or the public are attending," he said.

"If this millage fails, MSU probably will pull out of the county," Stoddard said, "MSU Extension touches quite a bit of our county through (its) efforts. We need the agricultural portion (it) offers and we need the office in Alcona County to remain open.

"If we don't vote this millage through we would be making a statement to Michigan State University that we didn't want an MSU Extension office here. It's very important for people who care about our community to get out and vote on August 7 and show support for the MSU Extension," Stoddard said.

Do you know an outstanding retiree, community volunteer or an interesting group/organization that deserves special recognition? Consider suggesting them for a feature article in the Alcona County Review in either our Volunteer Spotlight or Lifestyles Highlight column. Please submit individual, couple or group name, contact phone number, how they are impacting our community, their accomplishments or other interesting information to: Alcona County Review, P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich., phone (989) 724-6384 or email editor@alconareview.com.

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Helpful Son

Dear Helpful,
There are actually a number of golfing gadgets and accessories on the market today that can help older golfers who struggle with arthritis, injuries or loss of mobility.

Here are some possible solutions that can help keep your dad on the golf course.

Gripping a golf club is a very common problem for seniors with arthritis or those who have hand or elbow injuries, or any condition that affects their hand strength. To help alleviate this problem there are specially designed golf gloves and grips that can make a big difference.

Depending on the severity of your dad's problem, an inexpensive option to check out is the Bionic Golf Gloves (bionicgloves.com, (877) 524-6642) which are ergonomi-

cally designed to improve grip with less effort. Or the Power Glove (powerglove.com, (800) 836-3760) that uses a Velcro strap to secure the club to your hand. These gloves run between \$20 and \$30.

Another option to consider is to get oversized grips installed on your dad's clubs. These can make gripping the club easier and more comfortable, and are also very good at absorbing shock. Oversized grips are usually either one-sixteenth-inch or one-eighth-inch larger in diameter than a standard grip, and cost around \$5 to \$10 per grip. Your local golf pro can help with this.

Or, for a grip-and-glove combination fix, check out the new Quantum Grip (quantumgrip.com, (855) 692-3784) that incorporates hook Velcro golf grips and companion golf gloves that have mating loop Velcro material in the palm. This insures gripping power and prevents the club from slipping in your hand. The price:

\$30 per grip or \$189 for a set of seven, plus \$40 per glove.

If back, hip or knee problems or lack of flexibility is also hampering your dad on the golf course, there are a number of innovative gadgets that can eliminate the bending and stooping that comes with teeing up the ball, repairing divots, marking the ball on the green, retrieving a ball or tee on the ground, and picking a club, sand rake or flag stick up off the ground.

These stoop-proof devices run anywhere from a few dollars up to \$70 and can be found at sites like Kool Tee (kool-tee.com, (800) 324-6205), Tee Pal (teepalpro.com), and the Upright Golf company (uprightgolf.com, (319) 268-0939).

There are also a number of great ergonomic golf carts that can help older golfers who still like to walk the course. These are three or four-wheeled, light-weight push carts that provide great stability, can be adjusted to fit your body size, and fold



into a compact size in a matter of seconds for easy transport. Sun Mountain Sports (sunmountain.com), Bag Boy (bagboycompany.com) and Caddytek (caddytek.com) are three companies that make these type of carts at prices ranging anywhere from \$130 to around \$200.

Or, for seniors with severe mobility loss or who are disabled, there's the SoloRider golf cart (solorider.com, (800) 898-3353) that provides the ability to play from a seated position. Retailing for \$9,450, this cart is lightweight and precisely balanced so it can be driven on tee boxes and greens without causing any damage. And federal ADA laws require that all publicly owned golf courses allow them.

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Two candidates running for clerk position in Greenbush Township

By Cheryl Peterson
 Editor

Greenbush voters are being asked to decide between two candidates for the position of township clerk in the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 7. David W. Dailey and Arthur G. Winter are both running for the position on the Republican ticket.

The other elected positions of supervisor, treasurer and two trustee positions are uncontested by incumbent candidates Edward D. Roddy, Patricia B. Dailey, Gary T. Abraham and Sara J. Olin, respectively. The position for constable is officially vacant on the ballot, however incumbent Drew Milwrick has registered as a write-in candidate for that position.

Incumbent clerk candidate **Arthur G. Winter** was born and raised in Detroit, Mich. He graduated from Osborn High School in 1962 and served in the U.S. Marine Corps, including a tour in Vietnam. He was a salesman for AAA Insurance for 15 years before moving to northeastern Michigan in search of a less stressful lifestyle.

He and his wife, Sharon, purchased Blue Haven Resort in Greenbush and on July 2, 1982 began their lives as business owners. Winter said he got involved with the Greenbush Fire Department "soon after taking over the resort" and was involved for 15 years, eventually resigning at the level of assistant chief. He also became a medical first responder at the township level and eventually worked as an EMT with the county for several years.

Winter was appointed to the position of township clerk in 1994 after the resignation of Sally Dorr. He was elected to the position in the following election and has held the position since. His involvement with the township also includes serving on the zoning board of appeals and the parks and recreation committee. He is currently a member of the planning commission.

He is a member of the Greenbush Chamber of Commerce, the Alcona County

Chamber of Commerce, Alcona VFW Post 6466, American Legion Post in Mikado and the Ossineke Eagles Aerrie.

He and Sharon have been married for 45 years. They have two children and one grandchild.

Winter said he decided to run for re-election because "I have a good board and it's a pleasure being the clerk." If he is re-elected Winter plans to continue working to make improvements to the township hall, "I just ordered new flooring for the hall," he said. "I will continue to work toward improving roads in the township as part of the township board."

Winter said he "cares about and feels for township residents...I work for them - Greenbush residents. I want to thank voters for their past support. I appreciate all of the support I've had from Greenbush Township residents in the past. I hope I can continue to have their support in the August 7 primary election. It is important that they vote in this election, because it will decide the clerk's race now, not in November.

David W. Dailey was born and raised in Chillicothe, Ohio and graduated from Chillicothe High School in 1971. He lived there until he was 24 and began working for J.C. Penney and traveled to locations where a new store was being constructed. As the administrative clerk he handled all of the financial aspects for that J.C. Penney store through completion of construction. In that position he traveled throughout the country and lived in the communities where the stores were built including two locations in Michigan - Ann Arbor and Munroe.

Six years later, he was hired at Ford Motor Company and moved to Dearborn, Mich. Dailey started his 17-year career there as an experimental mechanic in research and development working his way up to section supervisor.

He started visiting Greenbush in 1989, after meeting his wife, Patricia. Her mother had a cottage in Greenbush. They married in 1990 and rebuilt her family's cottage. They moved to Greenbush in 1993 and purchased Oscoda Home Center, a hardware store in Oscoda, which they still own and operate.

Dailey is a member of the dive and rescue team and a fireman on the Oscoda Township Fire Department. He is a lieutenant on the Greenbush Fire Department and is a medical first responder. An avid pilot, he is a member of the Iosco Fly-in Club, and has been the president and vice president over the years. He has also been involved with the AuSable River Canoe Marathon committee in various capacities in past years and is still a supporter of the event.



He decided to run for the position of clerk "for a lot of reasons" including being asked by several members of the community. "Instead of complaining about things I decided to get involved," Dailey said. "I thought long and hard about which position (to run for), and decided the clerk position is the best position and needed the most help."

If he is elected, Dailey said he wants "township business more open...there is a lot of information people have a right to know. (Township government) needs to be more transparent. I understand that some things cannot be discussed, but people should know how money is being spent, how bid processes are handled...The old boy's club shouldn't be happening any more. It's not the way to run a business in today's society.

"We should be open with the people and willing to help them. Right now it doesn't feel like there is a willingness to help people and that needs to change. If I'm elected I will be there to serve the people - not (myself)," Dailey said. "I've been going door-to-door to meet people. I've been telling them that I may not always tell you what you want to hear, but I will tell you the truth."

Dailey said he has heard some concern expressed regarding the issue of two people living in the same household that have control of the township funds (if he is elected, he will be the clerk and his wife, Patricia, is the township treasurer). "Anyone who has that concern doesn't know how the clerk position works in terms of financial aspects," Dailey said. "It is the clerk's responsibility to receive and document each bill, fill out a check, then take the bills, documentation and checks to the township board meeting to have it reviewed by the board. If approval is given (to pay the bills) they are given to the treasurer and she sends them out. It's not the clerk's job to pay the bills - the board as an entity approves or disapproves. No bill should be paid without the board's approval."

Dailey said he has been in hundreds of homes of Greenbush residents as a medical first responder over the years and hopes the trust he's built in that position will be forwarded to that of clerk. "I think I'm qualified and will do a good job. Residents have trusted me with their lives and I hope they will trust me with their money," Dailey said. "Please vote in the August 7 election."

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Are there locavores lurking in Alcona County?

By Judy MacNeill
Health Writer

Growing up in Seattle, Wash. Kathleen Dunckel used to help in her mother's garden, but it wasn't until moving to Alcona County that she became a serious locavore.

"After I married and we moved here (with husband Eric), we finally had the space to garden. I wanted to grow vegetables so that our kids could see where their food comes from," Kathleen said. To introduce her daughters, Abigail and Elena, to the joys of reaping what you sow, she decided to create a sunflower house for the girls. Sunflowers were planted in a small square with a space for a door; as the sunflowers grew, they became the walls of the girl's house. "This was a great way to have them see that you can plant something and watch it grow," she said.

Gardening, hunting, freezing and canning became a way of life in the Dunckel household, because as Kathleen noted, "knowing how and where our food is produced is important to us." Even though the girls are now grown and on their own, Kathleen continues to utilize as many locally grown foods as possible.

"We would get excited when we would have a meal that basically all came from our land or nearby. With the exception of flour or sugar, everything else was harvested by us or purchased from nearby farms" she said.

As a family physician at Alcona Health Center, Kathleen encourages her patients to eat plenty of produce, so seeing firsthand the increased interest in the locally grown movement has Kathleen energized. "I think growing or supporting our local farmers is vitally important for our own health, as well as the economic health of our community."

Although Kathleen does not use the term locavore when referring to herself and her family, she seems to fit the definition.

According to the Alcona Food Trail website (<http://www.alconafoodtrail.com>), the term Locavore (or Localvore) was coined in 2005 by a group of four women in San Francisco, Calif. who proposed that local residents should try to eat only food grown or produced within a 100-mile radius.

The locavore movement encourages purchasing produce from farmers' markets or to grow or pick their own food, promoting fresh, local products that are more nutritious, taste better, and are environmentally friendly, since shipping food over long distances requires more fuel for transportation.

Although many around Alcona County may not hunt or have a vegetable garden, all is not lost when it comes to eating locally and improving health. Luckily, opportunities are available right here to enjoy the bounties of lo-

cally grown produce at Alcona's area farmers markets.

Saturday mornings provide two local farmers markets -- one at the ARA Site (Alcona County Fairgrounds) in Lincoln from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and one at the Harrisville Train Depot on Dock Street in Harrisville from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Frequenting these markets will help our residents meet the recommendations made by nutrition experts who have long touted the health benefits of eating more produce. They note that consuming five to nine servings per day (the equivalent of 2.5 - 4.5 cups of a variety of fruits and/or vegetables) can reduce the risk of everything from heart disease to cancer. In addition, the low calorie value of this food group has health professionals referring to it as the ideal tool to help fight the obesity crisis.

In fact, living in Alcona County has lots to offer when it comes to leading a healthy lifestyle. And although the community provides many opportunities to stay active and eat healthy, there are still concerns about the health of our citizens. Like other communities, obesity levels are still on the rise here. Sedentary lifestyles, poor food choices and large portion sizes are leading to an increase in chronic diseases... mostly preventable through better nutrition and increased physical activity.

Alcona County has many wonderful opportunities for residents to lead healthy, active lives. My dream is that Alcona County will be that healthy community that others look at and say: "Alcona? Wow, what a great place... they are so in to health and wellness there."

What does a healthy community look like? It's where opportunities to choose healthy foods are both easy and affordable. It's a place that has a multitude of ways to enjoy being physically active for both young and old, no matter what corner of the county one might reside in.

It's people that "walk the talk," and as a result, feel better both physically and mentally... and it shows. They are stronger, more self-confident, happy. A community that others are attracted to, whether to start a business here, vacation here, just because they want to be around healthy, vibrant people.

So, that's the genesis of this column. Each month we will highlight wonderful opportunities that are happening in Alcona County whether it's a neighborhood restaurant featuring a nutritious dish, a local organization putting together a 5K walk/run, a cooking class featuring great food choices, a wellness program for the school, or a local grocery store featuring a line of healthy food choices.

My hope is to make this column interactive: Let me

know what wellness opportunities are happening in and around Alcona County that you want others to know about. There are only two rules: It must be happening in Alcona County and it must have to do with improving our health.

Together, let's make Alcona county a haven for wellness.

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Huron Pines hosts hands-on seminar for preventing invasive plants

Residents and visitors alike are encouraged to join Huron Pines and the U.S. Forest Service to learn how to identify, control and remove common invasive plants in North-

east Michigan in order to restore land to its previous state.

Huron Pines is hosting a seminar from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday, July 27 beginning

at the Robert J. Parks Library in Oscoda and ending at Tuttle Marsh. Lunch and transportation between sites will be included. Pre-registration (\$10) is required and

space is limited. RSVP to Jill at (989) 448-2293 ext. 21 or jill@huronpines.org. There will be light herbicide use in the afternoon.

In the morning, attendees will have the chance to interact with Huron Pines staff and the AmeriCorps members comprising the Invasive Species SWAT Team, all of whom will talk about identification and characteristics of common invasive plants in the area and why early detection and rapid response prevent permanent alteration of Michigan's special wetlands, forests and shorelines.

Sierra Patterson from the U.S. Forest Service will discuss rare and endangered plants. Attendees will have a hands-on opportunity to see and touch samples of buckthorn, garlic mustard, phragmites, narrow-leaved cattails and purple loosestrife, all non-native and invasive to

northeast Michigan.

In the afternoon, attendees will be transported to Tuttle Marsh to treat a phragmites stand with herbicides through several different techniques including backpack spraying, hand-swiping and stem injection. Safety procedures will be reviewed and safety gear will be provided.

Huron Pines is a nonprofit conservation organization that works to conserve the forests, lakes and streams of northeast Michigan. This event is part of the Invasive Species Removal Program, an ongoing effort to detect invasive plants early and remove them before extensive destruction of habitat.

For more information on Huron Pines and Invasive Species Removal Program, please visit www.huronpines.org.



Volunteers treat invasive phragmites, an invasive reed that thrives in coastal and wetland environments. Its tall, dense stands make it very difficult for humans and wildlife to access the water bodies it surrounds and leads to a decline in native species and habitat and a loss of bird and mammal populations. In addition, a chemical released through the root system, called saponin, can kill fish. Learn to identify and treat this invasive plant on July 27. *Courtesy photo.*



If you feel thirsty, you're already dehydrated. It's best to drink on a schedule when outside. Avoid drinks containing caffeine or alcohol while in the sun or heat. Best to drink are water or sports drinks, which replace electrolytes lost through sweat and provide carbohydrate energy to working muscles.

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Michigan blazes trail on outdoor recreation pathways

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~ Charles Blood, who helped construct New Hampshire's White Mountain trail system, 1930.

Fortunately for Michigan, there have been and continue to be a great many folks who consider themselves to be, above all else, trail men and women – people who understand how biking, hiking, snowmobiling and riding trails and pathways can clear the mind, recharge the soul and just make life a whole lot better.

Michigan is home to one of the largest interconnected trail systems in the country, serving the explorer's spirit of snowmobilers, hikers, cyclists, off-road vehicle users, kayakers and horseback riders.

At more than 11,000 miles, this trail network (and the outdoor recreation, health and economic benefits it brings to nearby communities) may soon have Michigan known nationally not only as the Great Lakes State,

but also as the Trail State.

Jim Radabaugh, state recreation trails unit manager for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Parks and Recreation Division, thinks that would be just fine, but is quick to point out that creating a complex, successful trail system like Michigan's doesn't happen without a lot of help at the local, regional and state level.

"Partners are essential," Radabaugh said. "If we didn't have partners, we simply would not have this trail network."

"Local communities and friends groups help out over the long term with maintenance and management and development," he explained. "It's important to have those relationships because to succeed, we need to have people locally invested and feeling proud about making the trails great."

According to Eric Oberg, manager of trail development for the Midwest regional office of the Rails to Trails Conservancy, the pride of place and sense of ownership that Michigan residents feel for its trails are evident in communities large and small, rural and urban.

In fact, Oberg said he be-

lieves many other states may be suffering from a serious case of "trail envy."

"It's not just Michigan's sheer volume of trails, it's that you're blessed with lots of long-distance trails, too," he said. "There are so many options; 20, 30 and 40-mile-plus corridors ... that's very

special and unique."

Oberg's conservancy recently recognized Michigan for having the most rail-trail miles of any state in the nation, edging out Minnesota and Pennsylvania. He said that Michigan has "been at the forefront of rail-trail development, from the very be-

ginning."

Local communities are seeing real recreation, economic and health benefits snowballing off Michigan's growing trail system.

Jim Conboy, an avid Michigan trail user and member of the Top of Michigan Trails

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Horse back riders enjoy a relaxing ride along Horseman's Trail near Grayling, Mich. Photo courtesy of the Michigan DNR.

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Kids' day at Lumberman's Monument starting at 1 p.m. Child Versus Wild: Do you enjoy the great outdoors? Learn to hike safely and what to bring on your hiking adventures. Forest Discovery Hike after program, please wear proper footwear. 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.

MONDAY, JULY 30
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Vacation Bible School will be held at Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 W. Nicholson Hill Rd., Hubbard Lake from 9 a.m. to noon for children, preschool to fifth grade. For more information, call (989) 727-3206.

TUESDAY, JULY 31
 Michael Deren, musician, songwriter and storyteller will present "The Past in Person" at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Carol Luck (989) 724-6796.

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.

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Music and sing-a-long at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., at 4 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Free beginning computer class for mature adults over 60 years of age at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center,

207 Church St. If you have a laptop or iPad feel free to bring to class with you, several laptops will be available for use. For more information or to register, call (989) 736-8879.

Good nutrition, exercise and an active lifestyle contribute to the enjoyment of life for everyone but are most important among people age 60 and older. Recognizing the need, MSU Extension has developed a program "Nutrition for the Young at Heart." This program is available to seniors in Glennie at the Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Rd. from 3 to 4 p.m. "Cooking for one or two" and "Treat yourself like company" will be the topics of discussion. For more information, call (989) 735-2601.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 1
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Pastor Schwartz is a 2012 graduate of Wisconsin Evangelical Lutheran Synod's (WELS) Wisconsin Lutheran Seminary in Mequon, Minn. having completed the four-year pastor training requirements of the synod. He is also a graduate of the four-year preparatory schooling at Martin Luther College in New Ulm, Minn.

He will be responsible for congregations in both Lincoln and Mio.

Schwartz is originally from Waterloo, Wisc. and will be joined in leading the two congregations by his wife, Jamie, their two-year-old daughter, Peyton, and newborn son, Josiah.

Pastor Schwartz said he is looking forward to meeting and getting to know not only the members of his congregations, but members of the communities where he will be serving, as well.

"We are delighted to be able to welcome this young man and his family to our church and community. I am sure I speak for the entire congregation in saying we feel fortunate that Pastor Schwartz accepted our call for a new pastor, when so many churches in our synod are without pastoral leadership," said Lary Schlaack, Trinity Church vice-president.

All are welcome for this installation ceremony, which will be followed by a dinner. Both the ceremony and dinner will be at the Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church, 301 Church Street, Lincoln. All



Pastor Jacob Schwartz

are also welcome to attend regular Sunday services at 9 a.m. in Lincoln and 11:30 a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church, 75 N. Mt. Tom Road (M-72), Mio.

Call Lary and Jean Schlaack at (989) 736-6917 for more information about the installation or church services, or after July 29, call Pastor Schwartz at (989) 736-6701. Find information about WELS on the Web at wels.net.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of July 16-22, 2012

87 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 5 Arrests; 2 Warrants; 2 Operating While Intoxicated; 1 Sex Offender Violation.

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Civil Assist	1	Fire	1
Miscellaneous	12	Threats/Harassment	5
Larceny	5	Missing Person	1
Assault & Battery	1	Littering	1
Warrants	2	Unwanted Individual	1
Well Being Check	4	Gunshots Heard	1
Suspicious Events/Person	4	Noise Complaint	1
Sex Offender Violation	1	Medical	3
Abandoned Vehicle	1	Open Door	1

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NASCAR REPORT

Tough road for Gordon

NASCAR THIS WEEK

By Monte Dutton

Never has four-time champion Jeff Gordon gone through a season like this one.

Gordon, who turns 41 on Aug. 4, failed to make the Chase, NASCAR's version of what other sports call playoffs, in 2005, but that year he finished 11th in the final point standings. At present he is 17th, winless and 89 points out of the top 10.

In a span of seven races, the chance of Gordon reaching the top 10 (by regular season's end) is almost nil. He could make the Chase as a wild card, but that almost certainly would require a pair of victories.

Gordon finished sixth in the Lenox 301 at New Hampshire Motor Speedway, but at this point, it makes little difference. Gordon must win and knows it.

Indianapolis Motor Speedway is next up on the schedule July 29. Gordon is the only NASCAR driver with four Brickyard victories. He can ill afford to let this one pass without winning a fifth.

"We've made some gains this year, and the speed has shown many times, just the results haven't," Gordon said. "But I think back to last year at Indianapolis and how good we were, and that's what memory I'm going to have going in there this year; how can we be that good, and improve on our performance versus our competition in these next several weeks."

Gordon finished second to upset winner Paul Menard at Indianapolis last year.

"The urgency to win starts in Daytona in February, so we're not doing anything different than we have all year long," Gordon said. "We're just trying to cross our T's

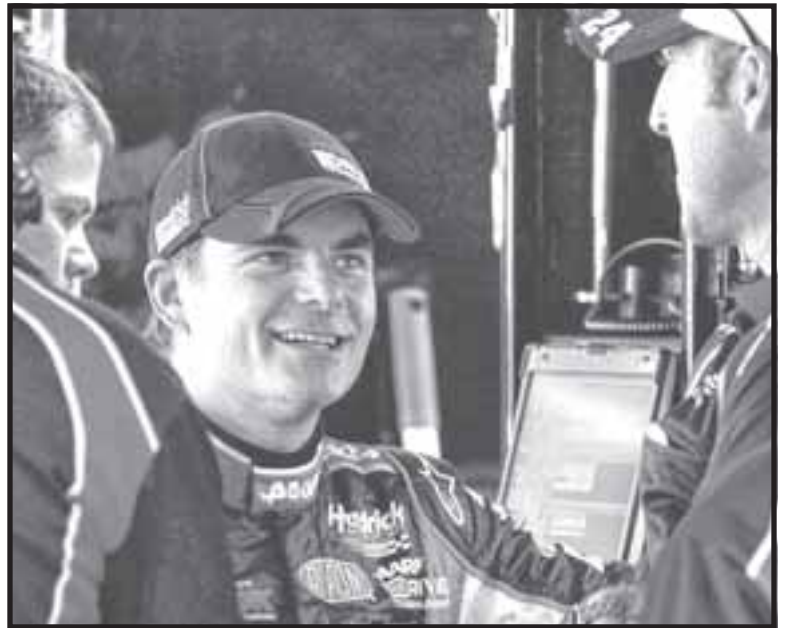
and dot our I's and just do everything right. We know how hard it is to win, and we also know how easy it can be when you do things right and have a fast race car.

"Is there urgency? Yeah, absolutely. One win is going to be great, but it's still not going to get us into the Chase, I don't believe. We know we've got to put a string of races together here to get ourselves in that opportunity to win more than one race."

It's quite a challenge, even for one of NASCAR's all-time greats, and the regular season is winding down.

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Former NASCAR Cup champion Jeff Gordon knows that with seven races before the Chase, he's going to have to win more than once to get into the so-called playoffs. (John Clark/NASCAR This Week photo)

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Council, has long been involved with advocating for the North Central State Trail – a 62-mile rail trail that stretches from Gaylord to Mackinaw City.

“The North Central State Trail has brought nearby communities together like nothing else has,” Conboy said. “They are pulling together to promote the trail, and that initial face-to-face contact is spreading to other collaborative approaches.

“Michigan trails have given me some great times with my children and now grandchildren,” he added. “And the trails have brought me into contact with nature like never before.”

Bob Ulrich has a similar story. He retired in 2000, moved to Cheboygan County, and immediately “got bit” by the snowmobile bug and – as a member of the Inland Lakes Snowmobile Club – has been enjoying the sport ever since.

Ulrich believes the network of snowmobile trails in Michigan is “outstanding, because of the care that went into the planning and, now, the grooming by the clubs.” That strong network means more riders come to Michigan, and that’s great for local business.

“Snowmobilers need three things besides the snow. First, they need gas; second, they need to eat; and, finally, a place to stay while on their trip. Local businesses reap the financial benefits from snowmobiling,” he said. “In fact, many depend on us during the winter months to keep their businesses in the black.”

With an amazing variety of trails to choose from, Michigan residents can utilize the network as an easy and inviting way to keep themselves physically “in the black,” too.

Nancy Krupiarz, executive director of the Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance, has seen many instances of trail-related health turnarounds.

She shared one story about a couple of young women who joined a walking program held on the Kalamazoo River Valley Trail and, through persistent effort, lost a substantial amount of weight. The two felt so empowered, she said, that they sought out other ways to make personal improvements and eventually each enrolled in college for the first time.

Dr. Joshua Meyerson, medical director for the Health Department of Northwest Michigan, is himself a trails convert.

Dr. Meyerson said he had always driven to and from work and just decided one day to start biking, using the trail near his house to make the 19-mile trek. Once mostly sedentary, the doctor said



Trail riders take a break on their ORVs on a beautiful day in Mackinac County. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

his trail use led to his being “very much in shape” and eating better, too.

“Trails are an excellent way to promote healthy living through recreation,” he said. “They offer an alternative way of commuting to work or school, and I see lots of people riding bikes and pushing strollers ... and just families being out on the trails.”

No matter what the recreational pursuit, the DNR has worked hard to anticipate and meet the needs of all trail enthusiasts – hikers, cyclists, equestrians, ORV riders, joggers, snowmobilers, paddlers and others. It’s an effort that takes careful planning, tremendous support and proper funding, but the return on investment is clear.

“One thing that we love to see is the fact that Michigan has, as a state government, taken the initiative to have many of its trails designated as state parks,” said Oberg.

He said that from a management standpoint, it shows the dedication of the public sector, and “you can’t put a value on what that projects to the public and to visitors. Administering these trails as linear parks through the DNR is a true testament to Michigan.”

Oberg said the people of Michigan aren’t fair-weather trail fans, either. “Michiganers are out using the trails, every day of every season. We use Michigan as an example to other states of what can be done in creating an entire new economy.”

People in Michigan “just get it,” he said. “It’s a good trail-system model that works from the ground up and from a policy perspective.”

To learn more about the many trail-going opportunities available throughout the state or to plan the next trail adventure, visit the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/dnrtrails, the Travel Michigan website at www.michigan.org or the Michigan Trails & Greenways Alliance website at www.michigantrails.org.

(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.)

Super Crossword Answers



I would like to give a special thanks to Jim and Sally Smith and the rest of the staff at Jamieson Nursing Home for making the picnic on Sunday, July 22 such a fun time for the residents, their families and friends.
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Calendar of Events

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Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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.

Sewing with Jennie Anderson at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. from 2 to 4 p.m. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Music and sing-a-long at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road, at 4 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena at 11 a.m. Lunch will be

served. Bring a can of food for the needy. For reservations, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-3553.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 2
The Alpena City Band will perform a polka concert composed of polkas and marches from their music archive at the Fine Arts Bandshell at Bay View Park in Alpena at 7:30 p.m. The concert will last approximately one hour. For more information, call (765) 631-1167.

Vacation Bible School will be held at Hope Lutheran

Church, 5462 W. Nicholson Hill Rd., Hubbard Lake from 9 a.m. to noon for children, preschool to fifth grade. For more information, call (989) 727-3206.

Two computers and WIFI will be available for seniors over 60 for use at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

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.

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

There will be an American Red Cross Blood Drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Lincoln Haven Rehabilitation Center, 950 Barlow Rd. For more information visit redcross.org.

All-you-can-eat fish fry at the Mikado American Legion, 2205 N. Alger from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age six to 12, age five and under free.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 4

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.

The Sanctuary Bay Regatta will be held, with viewing from the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse, north of Harrisville at 1 p.m. This is a fundraising event for Sturgeon Point Lighthouse sponsored by the Alcona Historical Society. For more information, or to participate, contact Bob Bunting (248) 515-6812.

Historical Day at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse is a family event complete with tower climb, historic displays, refreshments, entertainment and nearby Bailey School, a one-room log school. All activities are located on the grounds of the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse, just north of Harrisville on Lake Huron. For more information, contact Linda Klemens (989) 727-4703.

The Brownlee Lake Association will hold its annual boat parade at 7 p.m. on Brownlee Lake located in Lincoln. The parade is made up of boats that are decorated and lighted by their owners.



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Seven Day Forecast

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High: 79 Low: 68

THURSDAY
Showers Likely
High: 79 Low: 67

FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 76 Low: 65

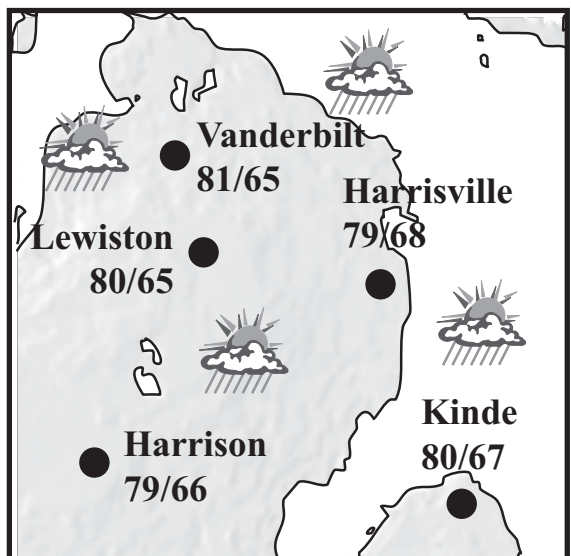
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SUNDAY
Sunny
High: 80 Low: 67

MONDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 78 Low: 67

TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 81 Low: 65

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers, high temperature of 79°, humidity of 61%. Light winds. The record high temperature for today is 95° set in 1966. Expect cloudy skies tonight with an 80% chance of rain, overnight low of 68°. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 41° set in 1953.

*Last Week's Almanac

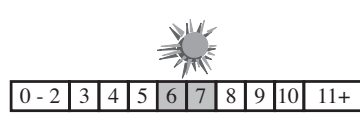
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	89	65	79/55	0.00"
Tuesday	88	69	79/55	0.00"
Wednesday	79	60	80/55	0.00"
Thursday	74	55	80/55	0.00"
Friday	79	50	80/55	0.00"
Saturday	88	49	80/55	0.00"
Sunday	88	55	80/55	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week


Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:12 a.m.	9:07 p.m.	1:36 p.m.	Next Day
Thursday	6:13 a.m.	9:06 p.m.	2:49 p.m.	12:08 a.m.
Friday	6:14 a.m.	9:05 p.m.	4:00 p.m.	12:47 a.m.
Saturday	6:15 a.m.	9:03 p.m.	5:08 p.m.	1:33 a.m.
Sunday	6:16 a.m.	9:02 p.m.	6:10 p.m.	2:27 a.m.
Monday	6:17 a.m.	9:01 p.m.	7:02 p.m.	3:29 a.m.
Tuesday	6:19 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	7:47 p.m.	4:38 a.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 and Thursday, scattered thunderstorms Friday, with the highest temperature of 103° in Quincy, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 100° in Union City, Tenn. The Northwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 96° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 112° in Bullhead City, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:00 a.m.	8:52 p.m.
Venus	3:13 a.m.	5:55 p.m.
Mars	12:19 p.m.	11:46 p.m.
Jupiter	2:17 a.m.	5:21 p.m.
Saturn	1:13 p.m.	12:27 a.m.
Uranus	11:35 p.m.	12:04 p.m.


Weather History

July 25, 1956 - The Andrea Dora sank in dense fog near Nantucket Lightship, Mass. The Swedish-American liner, Stockholm, rammed the ship 45 miles off the coast of Massachusetts. Fifty-two people lost their lives.

Weather Trivia

What weather disaster causes the most deaths?
Answer: Flooding.

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Mars and Saturn Draw Near



Two weeks ago, I spoke about getting up at dawn to view Venus and Jupiter. They are still a beautiful sight in the eastern sky, playing brightly against the backdrop of Aldebaran and the Pleiades, but their separation continues to increase, 12 degrees by week's end. If getting up at 4 a.m. is not part of your pressing agenda, then try another conjunction which is not quite as spectacular, but more suitable to normal waking hours. This gathering is unfolding at dusk in the western heavens near the horizon, and it involves Mars, Saturn, the star Spica, and this week, the moon. For many months Mars marched slowly in the constellation of Leo the Lion near Regulus, its brightest star, and Saturn in Virgo the Virgin near its principal luminary, Spica. Saturn, the slowpoke among the traditional planets as witnessed by the ancients, is still "hanging" above Spica, but Mars completed its retrograde (backwards) loop some time ago and has begun its normal rapid movement towards the east. This motion is bringing it closer and closer to Saturn and Spica. To make this conjunction even sweeter, the crescent moon enters the scene from July 23 through the 26th. On the 23rd, a horned moon will be below the pair; the 24th, nearer to Mars; the 25th, nearer to Saturn, and on the 26th, a slightly gibbous moon resides above the pair. Afterwards, Mars and Saturn keep approaching one another. By the first day in August, 45 minutes after sundown, the two planets are barely eight degrees apart. August 13 through the 15th finds them stacking like pancakes in the WSW at 9:00 p.m.—Saturn (top), Mars, and Spica (bottom). On these three nights, the separation between Saturn and Spica will be less than four and one half degrees, making them an ideal target to view through binoculars. By August 21st a thin crescent moon joins the triad for another very close encounter visible in the WSW during late twilight.

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TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ADVERTISEMENTS:** What product was advertised in TV ads featuring a cartoon character named Charlie the Tuna?
2. **BIBLE:** How old was David when he become king of Israel?
3. **LANGUAGE:** What dance and music style from the Portugese language means "new trend"?
4. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the name of the airport in Atlanta?
5. **MUSIC:** What was the theme song of country/western singer Gene Autry?
6. **MYTHOLOGY:** In Greek mythology, what was Pegasus' unique characteristic?
7. **GOVERNMENT:** What U.S. government agency's motto is, "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free"?
8. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the name of the island where Nassau is located in the Bahamas?
9. **MATH:** What is the distance around a polygon?
10. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of Angus MacGyver's employer in the "MacGyver" drama series?

Answers: 1. StarKist tuna; 2. 30 years old; 3. Bossa nova; 4. Hartsfield International; 5. "Back in the Saddle Again"; 6. Pegasus was a winged horse; 7. Central Intelligence Agency; 8. New Providence; 9. Perimeter; 10. Phoenix Foundation. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword STRIKE ONE!

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| 1 Resembling | 58 Gardener's delight | 90 Spirit | 3 Come around | 46 Mans the bar | 84 Exercises the arms |
| 6 Lowdown lit | 59 So out it's in | 91 — Lanka | 4 Look at | 47 Met men | 85 "— is said and done" |
| 10 Small shot | 60 Bow | 92 Mutt of mystery | 5 Sent out | 48 Rossini's "Le Comte —" | 86 A real butte |
| 13 Ellipse | 61 Playground game | 93 — -relief | 6 Like some milk | 49 Some trimmings | 88 Expert |
| 17 Prompts | 62 Uncool ones | 95 End of remark | 7 Jungle bird | 50 Bungle | 89 Tennis legend |
| 18 Sheet of stamps | 63 Who stoops to conquer | 106 Corner a cat | 8 Top numero | 51 Gnus center? | 91 Playground feature |
| 19 — League | 64 Middle of remark | 107 Indy 500 figure | 9 "In Memoriam" poet | 53 Seek out a school? | 92 Reach |
| 21 Send payment | 72 Snaky swimmer | 108 Actress Freeman | 10 Hefty grass | 54 Conifer coverings | 93 Prohibition |
| 23 Buens — | 73 Actor Lorenzo | 109 Fury's food | 11 Witch wheels? | 55 Really rain | 94 Woman warrior |
| 24 Computer image | 74 Logical letters | 110 Destined to diet | 12 Low-octane joe? | 57 Sleek swimmer | 95 Subway station |
| 25 Non-stereo | 75 "Knots Landing" character | 112 Lost | 13 Sphere | 58 Some kind of a nut | 96 Papal name |
| 26 Praise for Pavarotti | 76 Yankee Derek | 113 Ultimate whale watcher? | 14 Prove | 59 — Island | 97 "Superman" star |
| 27 "Norma —" ('79 film) | 77 Nickel creature | 115 Former African nation | 15 Famed figure in fiddles | 62 "In Search of . . ." host | 98 Coup d'— |
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STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

• It was beloved American comedian and film star Groucho Marx who made the following sage observation: "There's one way to find out if a man is honest — ask him. If he says 'Yes,' you know he is a crook."

• The ancient Egyptians were known to use crocodile dung as a contraceptive.

• You may be surprised to learn that when the hit 1950s TV show "I Love Lucy" had its premiere, Lucille Ball was already 40 years old.

• Talk about sneaky: In order to get a photo of Bing Crosby in his coffin, The National Enquirer tabloid had a reporter dress as a priest and sneak into the private funeral service. To top it off, on his way out of the service, the disguised journalist told ABC reporter Geraldo Rivera not to pester the family at such a sensitive moment.

• Every year, about \$500 million is spent on beads for Mardi Gras.

• Ever wonder how the statuette taken home by winners of the Academy Awards got its nickname? Evidently, in 1931 a secretary at the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences saw the statuette for the first time and exclaimed, "Why, he reminds me of my Uncle Oscar!" The comment struck the fancy of a reporter who was present, and he put it in a story about the awards, and the name stuck.

• Are you acersecomic? If your hair has never been cut, you are.

• Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee was not himself a slave owner. He reportedly did not believe in the institution of slavery.

• If this is an average week, three manmade artifacts hurtling into the atmosphere from space will crash into the Earth.

Thought for the Day: "The world is round; it has no point." — Adrienne E. Gusoff (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On Aug. 9, 1936, at the 1936 Berlin Olympics, black American track star Jesse Owens wins his fourth gold medal of the Games in the 4-by-100-meter relay. His relay team set a new world record of 39.8 seconds, which stood for 20 years.

• On Aug. 6, 1945, an American B-29 bomber, the Enola Gay, drops the world's first atom bomb over the city of Hiroshima, Japan. Some 80,000 people are killed as a result of the blast, and another 35,000 are injured. At least 60,000 more would be dead by the end of the year from the effects of the radioactive fallout.

• On Aug. 7, 1959, the U.S. unmanned spacecraft Explorer 6 is launched into an orbit around the Earth. The spacecraft featured a scanner that transmitted a crude picture of the Earth's surface from a distance of 17,000 miles. The photo, received in Hawaii, took nearly 40 minutes to transmit.

• On Aug. 11, 1965, in the Watts neighborhood of Los Angeles, a riot began that eventually ranged over a 50-square-mile area. With the assistance of thousands of National Guardsmen, order was restored five days later. The violence left 34 dead, 1,032 injured, nearly 4,000 arrested and \$40 million worth of property destroyed.

• On Aug. 8, 1974, President Richard Nixon announces his intention to become the first president in American history to resign. With impeachment proceedings under way against him for his involvement in the Watergate affair, Nixon finally bowed to pressure from the public and Congress to leave the White House.

• On Aug. 10, 1981, Pete Rose of the Philadelphia Phillies gets the 3,631st hit of his baseball career, breaking Stan Musial's record for most hits by a National Leaguer. It was only Rose's 2,886th game; it had taken Musial 3,026 games to set the mark.

• On Aug. 12, 1990, fossil hunter Susan Hendrickson discovers three huge bones jutting out of a cliff in South Dakota. They turned out to be part of the largest Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton ever discovered, a 65 million-year-old specimen. Amazingly, the skeleton was more than 90 percent complete. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Mortgage sale - Default has been
 made in the conditions of a mort-
 gage made by Joseph A.
 Higgison, a single person, origi-
 nal mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo
 Bank, N.A., mortgagee, dated
 June 24, 2009, and recorded on
 July 14, 2009 in Liber 463 on
 page 1,162, in Alcona County
 records, Michigan, on which mort-
 gage there is claimed to be due at
 the date hereof the sum of ninety
 thousand two hundred seven and
 56/100 dollars (\$90,207.56).

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 August 8,
 2012.

Said premises are situated in
 township of Gustin, Alcona
 County, Michigan, and are de-
 scribed as: Beginning at the east
 1/4 corner of Section 13, Town-

has issued an Order to Seize
 Property in favor of Indepen-
 dent Bank and against the prop-
 erty of Melford Wassmann, a/k/
 a Melford Wassman.

Accordingly, on March 3, 2009,
 I levied the Order to Seize Prop-
 erty and took all rights, title, and
 interests of Melford Wassmann,
 a/k/a Melford Wassman, in the
 following described real prop-
 erty: The N half of the SW 1/4 of
 Section 22, T25N, R6E, Mikado
 Township, Alcona County,
 Michigan.

The Notice of Levy of Real Es-
 tate 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. Posses-
 sory rights and redemption
 rights are as set forth by Michi-
 gan 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 prop-
 erty is located.

More information regarding this
 sale may be obtained by con-
 tacting 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

ship 26 North Range 8 East;
 thence south 00 degrees 49 min-
 utes 01 seconds west along the
 east line of said section and the
 centerline of Barlow Road,
 1,322.14 feet; thence north 89
 degrees 41 minutes 08 seconds
 west along the south 1/8 line of
 said section, 1,336.01 feet;
 thence north 01 degrees 08 min-
 utes 40 seconds east along the
 east 1/8 line of said section and
 the centerline of Clark Road,
 1,328.42 feet to the point of
 beginning. Said parcel being the
 northeast 1/4 of the southeast
 1/4 of said Section 13.

The redemption period shall be
 six months from the date of such
 sale, unless determined aban-
 doned in accordance with MCLA
 600.3241a, in which case the
 redemption period shall be 30
 days from the date of such sale.
 If the property is sold at fore-
 closure sale under Chapter 32 of
 the Revised Judicature Act of
 1961, pursuant to MCL
 600.3278 the borrower will be
 held responsible to the person
 who buys the property at the
 mortgage foreclosure sale or to
 the mortgage holder for damag-
 ing the property during the re-
 demption period.

Dated: July 11, 2012
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ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona
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 with the remaining \$2,457 to be
 paid pending final approval by the
 building inspector; approve the
 June 27 meeting minutes; pay
 \$172,805.91 on accounts and au-
 thorize payment of the remaining
 \$2,457 for the salt storage facility
 when appropriate; that the voting
 delegate at the MCRCSIP busi-
 ness meeting cast a vote in favor
 of members needing to be present
 to vote on issues; to accept a bid
 of \$175,944.83 from Krenn Bridge
 for the Sucker Creek Road bridge
 over Black River project with the
 award contingent upon favorable
 review by staff; to authorize ad-
 vertising for bids for installation
 of timber piles and timber cap for
 the Sucker Creek Road bridge
 over Black River project; to ap-
 prove road improvement agree-
 ments with Gustin Township for
 single application sealcoat on Mill
 Street; with Mikado Township for
 single application sealcoat on
 Stout Road, Tait Road, Kimberlin
 Road, Goddard Road, and for
 gravel and double application
 sealcoat on Hamilton Street, Cut-
 ting Street, Forsythe Drive, Pine
 River Trail, Woods Road, and
 Lovelace Road; with Millen Town-
 ship for single application sealcoat
 on Bean Hill Road and Stout
 Road; to sign a retirement plan
 consulting agreement; to author-
 ize staff to advertise for a labor
 attorney on an as-needed, per-
 hour basis; to approve an em-
 ployee's request to make a
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 4276.

It's time for mid-year financial review

Dollars And Sense
By David Uffington

Have you done a mid-year financial review? A summer day when it's just too hot to go outside is the perfect time to check your progress on your financial goals for the year.

Start with your 2011 tax return and check the taxes you paid on your income. Did you get a large refund? Or did you have to pay more with your return? Neither is desirable. If your refund was large (more than a few hundred dollars), you're giving the government an interest-free loan of your money through the year. If you ended up having to pay more than a few hundred dollars, your calculations for tax withdrawals through your place of employment need some adjustments.

Flag Thief Identified

Veterans Post
By Freddy Groves

When I first heard the news item, I was outraged: Over the course of three days, 75 American flags were stolen from a veterans cemetery. Upon further investigation, I was chuckling ... almost.

In New York, in the Civil War section of the Cedar Park Cemetery in Hudson, flags had gone missing, and people were justifiably angry. Only the flag portions were missing, not the wooden poles, which remained pushed into the ground.

The latest theft was discovered just hours after a meeting of local officials, veterans and police to address the topic of stolen flags — because it had happened before at the same cemetery. Something had to be done.

Upon learning of the new damage, police set up cameras to attempt to nail the culprit in the flag thefts. What they found on the video had them scratching their heads: A woodchuck, also known as a groundhog, was seen pulling down the flags and hauling them away, minus the wooden pole. Extending the investigation, police used a special camera to go down into the burrows and tunnels the woodchucks had dug, and sure enough, there were remnants of the flags, used as bedding.

A look around the Internet reveals that woodchucks have been notorious for stealing flags (and flower arrangements) in cemeteries. In Bernville, Pa., woodchucks stole 40 flags — in 2005. So it's been going on for a long time.

It's suspected that there's a chemical put into the flags that attracts the woodchucks. While the loss of the flags is good news for flag manufacturers, who will no doubt benefit from additional flag orders, they need to do the patriotic thing and change that chemical. Perhaps the addition of mint or another scent will deter the varmints from snatching flags.

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Go online to the IRS site (irs.gov) and search for "2012 withholding calculator" and click on IRS Withholding Calculator. Have your pay stubs ready and follow the steps. If you see that you need to make adjustments at work to the amount withheld from your paycheck, give your employer an updated W-4 form. Look on the IRS site for Publication 919, which is the step-by-step instruction for adjusting withholding.

If you have personal-finance computer software but haven't kept it up, bring it up to date so you can use the sorting features to assess your spending. Most of the software will let you categorize by spending and income types, allowing you to pinpoint areas where you might not be on track. For example, if your overall 2012 budget allowed for a certain amount of discretionary spending per month (generally called "miscellaneous") and you find you've gone over that amount, you'll be able to make adjustments. If you need to buy personal-finance software, get a brand that keeps all the information on your computer, not the type that "stores" all your financial information at a site on the Internet.

Check your savings interest rate. Are you on target? Search online for "best savings interest rates" in your area to determine the best place to keep your long-term money for maximum growth. Remember that in the case of an emergency, you'll need fast access to your cash, but don't forfeit interest if you can help it. Short-term Certificates of Deposit with staggered due dates will still allow you to get to your money quickly without compromising your interest with penalties for early withdrawal.

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ALCONA TWP. MINUTES

Alcona Township's July board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carlin at 7 p.m. with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: Carlin, Gauthier, Mead and MacNeill. Absent LaLonde. Clerk's minutes and treasurer's report were filed. Motions to pay bills, to approve four-year land division contract and to purchase rack storage system for the tables and chairs at the township hall.

This synopsis published prior to board

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Garden walk features the gardens of Greenbush

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Sunrise Gardening Club will feature seven gardens all located in the township of Greenbush on Saturday, July 28 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. during its annual garden walk.

Many of the gardens feature views of either Lake Huron or Cedar Lake and each garden has unique features of sun and shade plants and hidden surprises around every turn.

"It's been a struggle this year with the hot, dry weather. Everyone has been working extremely hard to keep their gardens alive and

things green," said Becky Bean, president of the Sunrise Gardening Club. "All the gardens are new to the club's garden walks except one that was featured a few years ago," Bean said.

This is the ninth garden walk for the club and each of its garden walks has yielded a bounty of fresh beauty from one yard to the next throughout the history of the walks.

Many of this year's gardens are flavored with whimsical touches and hidden novelties including unique irrigation systems, landscaping to hide water sources, compost bins, pathways and even a few antiques.

One garden features hidden spirit trees to add humor and delight. Hopefully, the spirit trees will help with favorable weather for the event, but despite whatever weather the spirits provide, the walk will go on, rain or shine.

"There will be musicians at two gardens, a dulcimer player and a violinist. Artists will also be at various gardens as well to capture their beauty on canvass," Bean said. "Water will be available at most gardens and the garden of Kathy and Joe Olah will serve punch and cookies."

The Olahs, who celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary



Some of the gardens have a sense of whimsy like the one above with a dance hall for birds or dose of structure (below).

in June, have been creating their garden oasis on Cedar Lake since 1970. "When we first bought the spot it was mostly swamp," Joe Olah said noting that it took 2,000 yards of fill dirt to create the gardens that now abound today. "We love eating the vegetables we grow," added Kathy Olah.

Norma Ewart, a garden club member whose garden is also featured on the walk, said, "Gardening keeps me young. I had shoulder problems this year but I knew I had to have my garden ready for the walk so I just worked through the pain. Now it doesn't hurt much at all."

Tickets for this year's garden walk are \$10 and are available at Alcona Coffee, Coming Attractions and Craftmakers' Cabin in Harrisville as well as Enchanted Blooms in Oscoda. Tickets will be available to purchase the day of the walk at the booth next to Craftmakers'

Cabin near the corner of US-23 and M-72 in Harrisville.

For further information about the garden walk or information about the Sunrise Gardening Club, contact Becky Bean at (989) 724-6569.



Keeping gardens lush and full has been a challenge for gardeners all over the county this season -- especially those who are participating in the garden walk on Saturday. Photos by Mary Weber.

Alconite returns to her roots and more peaceful way of life

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Sharon (Webb) Ziske grew up in Haynes Township and it was her intention when she left for college to never return to small town life again.

However, her husband, Tom, who grew up on the west side of Detroit, Mich. liked Alcona County and its simpler way of life and thought it would be the perfect place to retire.

Sharon Webb was born two months premature in her aunt's home to Owen and Loretta Webb. "No one went to the hospital back then, it was too expensive," Sharon said. She weighed just four pounds and was one of Dr. Constantine's first patients to use his new incubator.

Her father was a farmer and her mother was a hard-working farmer's wife; they lived on Shaw Road. Sharon and her younger sister, Leona, worked on the farm as well. "We all worked really hard. My dad operated our farm and my aunt's farm. I drove tractor, milked cows, loaded bails -- my dad did most the lifting, but we helped arrange things. It was very hard work and I looked forward to leaving that," Sharon

said.

Back then John Cook had a store not far from where the Webbs lived and he had a pedal wagon that would take groceries around the county. For fun Sharon and her sister would get on the wagon with Mr. Cook's kids, John and Carol, and ride to Black River. "We considered that

fun and exciting, the wagon was just like a miniature grocery store, on different days they went different places," Sharon said as she reflected on the childhood memory.

Sharon noted the exposure in 4-H groups helped make her aware of other possibilities beyond farm life. The girls took sewing, cooking and

flower gardening after school and throughout the summer. They liked the experience because they were able to go different places; they had cooking lesson at Helga Cook's house and sewing at Mrs. Milligan's.

Their mother taught gardening for 4-H and even though they didn't go any-

place special to learn that, they enjoyed it. "Lizzie Ritchie was an older lady that was very, very instrumental in organizing the My-T-Fine 4-H club. She would drive us kids around and we would put on demonstrations. They displayed sewing and cooking projects and we got ribbons. If you won a ribbon you would be picked to go to Michigan State. I loved that. When I was 12 years old I got picked to go to Michigan State and take my muffins. By the time I got there they were molded, but they got a white ribbon. A huge blow having moldy muffins, but it was still fun," Sharon said.

In the summer the Webb sisters attended 4-H camp in West Branch, Mich. and the girls were also active in the Presbyterian church in Haynes Township which is now the Stone Church. "We performed ... my dad and mom performed and they pushed us to perform too. We sang everywhere and we were always in every talent show. I didn't always want to be, but my dad pushed it, my sister liked it and I just did it," she stated.

Sharon noted it wasn't a
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Sharon and Tom Ziske enjoy a quieter life in retirement. Photo by Mary Weber.



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Magic and miracles and shooting stars

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

As the last, tiniest sparks of the Fourth of July fireworks in Harrisville floated slowly down, the woman smiled to herself, nodded, and whispered, "Done."

And then slowly, one finger at a time, she began to loosen her grip on the lines holding her to the earth that up until now had always been her home...

Carol Sella was my friend. Not the sort of friend you have lunch or go shopping with. More the "My husband can tell when Carol's there, because it takes me an hour to go to the drugstore" kind of friend.

She never came to my home for dinner, but there were countless evenings when we chatted from adjoining restaurant tables as she and Richard ended a long day in the store. We talked about everything on those occasions, from our kids to our communities to our world, our health, our husbands, our beliefs and philosophies and our thoughts on all of the above. I always thought of her as a dear friend, and I hope she viewed me in the same way.

You may have known Carol, or not, but the odds are very good that if you spend the summer months in Harrisville, she touched your life. And it's equally possible that you didn't realize her role in it.

Carol was the sort of person who volunteered for jobs and got them done. No one had to remind her, or check to see if she was making progress. She was a self-contained committee of one (later expanded to two as her daughter, Maureen, joined in the efforts) dedicated to and providing a good deal of the beauty and magic that touches our little city each summer.

I can't quite remember when Carol began raising the funds for the fireworks - it was at least 25 years ago, but it may have been longer. I do know that over those years she raised thousands and thousands of dollars to purchase the amazing, magical finale to the nation's birthday that steadily grew in size and quality each year.

In her own quiet way, she sent out letters and donation forms, kept meticulous records and for many years she also sent hand written thank you notes to each donor. Despite the fact that fireworks are noisy and sparkly and attention-grabbing, Carol did all of it quietly, in night-sky background as it were. I was surprised, in fact, when she mentioned the display one year a few days after the Fourth of July. I guess I'd never thought about her actually attending them.

The same was true of her efforts for the chamber of commerce's annual Sunrise Side Wine and Food Festival. Carol was one of the founders of the annual wine fest. She took on and maintained up until a year or so ago, the job of providing the decorations. It was Carol who designed the big purple and green bunches of balloon grapes that have become the festival's hallmark and developed the overall am-

bience and grace of the event's venue.

Again, she did it largely on her own, showing up the morning of the festival armed with supplies, directing the men up ladders to hang her "grapes," setting out her centerpieces and tasteful touches throughout the tent. No one ever wondered if it would get done. Carol had it under control. She made it happen - no fuss or drama. And again, she never took any credit for her efforts.

As the rest of us were struggling to remember just how many festivals there had been, Carol opened one of several carefully maintained scrapbooks, containing every newspaper clipping, poster, program and the collected photos from each year's festival. While the others were overwhelmed with just getting the event on, Carol recognized the importance of recording its history.

For many, many years, she and Richard were the city's one-couple beautification committee, planting the half-barrels up and down Main Street and then hauling water in their pickup truck after work each night to water the plants. That included the scenic overlook at the harbor, which they planted, weeded, watered, deadheaded and generally maintained.

During all of these activities, it should be noted, Carol was a working partner in the pharmacy, beside the guy her twin brother brought home from college one weekend. In the process, she transformed more than half of the business space into a collection of lovely gifts, craft items and necessities for both townspeople and visitors.

At the same time, she was raising a son and three daughters - tiny kids when she and Richard took over the store, the parents of kids themselves now. Her pride and rueful humor regarding her children was one of the things we often shared.

In the years when her teen-aged middle daughter was fighting cancer, Carol turned that same quiet tenacity into

Puttin' On The Fritz

becoming a one-mom support team. She flew with her child to the Mayo Clinic on a regular basis, drove countless miles to other appointments, learned all she could and put her unflinching faith to work. If you asked if there was anything you could do, she simply told you, "Pray."

The past few years, she often told me about what her kids and grandkids were up to, and the gleam of pride and love stood out in her eyes like fireworks. Denise, Steve, Maureen, Adrienne, your mom's life was about faith and family and love and beauty and doing what needed to be done. I can't think of a better way to be remembered.

I will miss our conversations, punctuated on occasion by laughter or tears. I will miss her as I've missed her the last year or so, as she waged her own cancer battle.

I like to think that the paragraph that begins this piece has some tiny basis in reality.

And I like to think, too, that after a suitable rest, God will send Saint Peter to talk with her about the things he plans to put under her charge -- shooting stars and rainbows and the whole of the northern lights to start with, I would suspect. Thunderstorms... Some work in the celestial gardens and once a year or so, a heavenly fireworks display to entertain the angels. Magic and miracles and beauty and the occasional blue moon, just like here on earth.

I would think, just like here on earth, her experience and expertise will make all of our lives a better place to be.

(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.)

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boring childhood and they attended school with 20 to 25 kids in a classroom. At that time there were some children who lived too far from school that went to the one room school houses, but Sharon and her sister lived close enough to attend Lincoln Elementary.

"When I graduated high school at 17 and went off to Eastern College I had a roommate. I was quite young but I thought it was really strange that she didn't have people coming to her house all the time. People didn't seem to communicate much to each other in the city where at home when I was growing up people were coming and going all the time. Farmers shared equipment and we had relatives that lived near us. There would never be a day when someone didn't visit. I thought city life would be busier. It was busy but not with people coming to your house and that really surprised me," Sharon said.

"My dad was almost 49 years old when I was born. My parents were older and

they were very traditional. It was always understood that my sister and I would attend college. We were not rich. My parents worked hard to scrape every bit of money they could to send us to college. We never had to worry about not having enough food and my mother was a good seamstress, so we always had nice clothes, but we had no extra money for shopping or going to the movies.

"We didn't travel, except with 4-H; we were dairy farmers so vacations never happened. We didn't even go out to eat. That's how my parents made it. My dad saved his money. His dream was that we would go to college and when it was time to go, he made sure the money was there," she said.

After graduating from Eastern, Sharon began teaching in Wayne, Mich. She met her husband, Tom, in college and after they got married they moved to Kalamazoo, Mich. Sharon taught there and in Muskegon, Mich. She taught for 38 years. The couple has two children, one in Califor-

nia and the other in New York and they have six grandchildren.

Tom worked in the mental health field as a psychologist. When he retired he thought spending six months summering in Alcona County would best meet his active interests -- playing tennis, kayaking and golf. Sharon also enjoys golf and likes the area's courses.

"I didn't want to come back, it was really Tom's idea to spend six months here and six months in California," Sharon said. However, she was glad he wanted to be here. "I like it here. I like the people. I have a lot of connections with people that I knew as a child. I don't always recognize them and they don't recognize me, but it's been good getting to know them again."

Sharon has many other interests that fill up her retirement days in Harrisville. She reads and plays the hammered dulcimer and she still sings and performs sometimes. She also quilts, knits and enjoys working in her garden. "I love creating things... my mother was an artist," Sharon said as she relaxed in her tranquil lake cottage home. The many years of watching her mother garden and learning the lessons she taught now surrounds the Ziske home in beauty and was featured last summer in the Sunrise Gardening Club's garden walk.

"Things here haven't really changed all that much. We used to have two theaters, one in Harrisville and one in Lincoln, we don't have that anymore. A lot of the houses have been fixed up. The perspective I had at 16 of the community and what I have at 60 is much different. The one thing that has really changed is that back then there were a lot more people around. We used to sit on my aunt's porch and just watch kids ride by all day. There are not as many kids here now," Sharon said.

Tom and Sharon have been married for 45 years. Tom said the secret of a happy marriage was "patience." "We're as different as night and day, total opposites," Sharon said, "He's into boats and water, I'm not."

Sharon would be the first to say she is no one special, but her life growing up in the Alcona area, moving away and then coming back gives perspective to what life was like growing up as a child in the 1950s and '60s in Alcona County.

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Alpena Post Commander Lt. Mike Hahn, reported that the sweep in Sanborn Township resulted in the arrests of five fugitives, one drunk driver, two persons for possession of marijuana and two persons for driving without a valid operator's license, both of whom were determined to be illegal aliens living in the area. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) was notified of their arrests.

The sweep continued on Tuesday in Ossineke Township resulting in the arrests of four fugitives, three suspended drivers, one for parole violation, another for probation violation and three for driving on a suspended license. Two others were cited

for having open alcohol containers in their vehicles and two others for driving with no insurance.

Hahn said he and Alpena County Sheriff Steven Kieliszewski considered the joint sweep after a review of the county's warrant list revealed a high number of outstanding warrants for those areas.

Sanborn Township Supervisor Kenneth Gauthier and Ossineke Township Supervisor Kenneth Lobert were notified in advance and both gave their support of the initiative.

Troopers from the Michigan State Police 7th District Homeland Security Team, the 7th District Fugitive Apprehension Team and probation/parole agents from the Michigan Department of Corrections were recruited so that fugitives and parolees could be contacted without advance warning.

Hahn said he and Kieliszewski were pleased

with the results and that citizens can expect more sweeps in the future. "Initiatives that incorporate teamwork, community involvement and the deployment of resources to areas in need of stepped up enforcement reflect Michigan's new regional policing plan. This sweep is done for now, but patrols will continue and more sweeps will be conducted as needed," he said.

Hahn explained public safety is a community responsibility and successful law enforcement depends on community involvement. The Alpena County Sheriff's Department has developed a community program called "Crime Prevention through Environmental Design," which educated the public about how it can contribute to public safety as a community.



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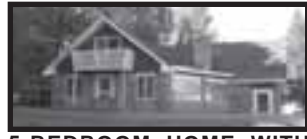
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MAINTENANCE FREE BRICK HOME: This maintenance free brick home is located across the road from state land and is very well maintained with 2 bedrooms, 1 bath and newer carpet in living room and bedrooms, plus newer linoleum flooring in the kitchen and dining area. Two car attached garage with an extra 17 x 20 detached garage. This 1.16 +/- acre parcel offers you fencing on three sides, plenty of trees and several different kinds of perennials (\$95,000.00). #2330



CLOSE TO STATE PARK & GOLF COURSE: This home is conveniently located south of Harrisville on US-23, close to town, state park, and golf course. Home is in great shape and has a 24 x 24 upstairs family room and another 14½ x 25 family room in the partially finished basement that walks out into wonderfully landscaped backyard of 4 lots. Pole barn 34 x 40 x 12 with workshop and loft has 12' sidewalls. Whole house generator automatically starts on power outage (\$86,900.00). #2412



2-BEDROOM, 1-BATH, 1-STORY HOME WITH CRAWL SPACE: Beautiful, quiet country location with many amazing views. Home has been fantastically cared for and is in great condition. Nice size detached garage with an additional storage shed. Blacktop driveway and very attractive yard and grounds. Sellers are very motivated to sell (\$49,900.00)! #2525



HARBOR VIEW: Very desirable Lake Huron Waterfront located between the harbor and state park in Harrisville. Beach is sugar sand and second to none. Just a short walk to town in a quiet location at the end of a dead-end road. Well-kept home with a finished and heated garage. This older home would make a wonderful retirement destination in a quaint northeast Michigan town (\$249,900.00). #2563 MOORE EST.



4-BEDROOM, 2½ BATH, 1ST CLASS QUALITY CUSTOM BUILT HOME ON 14½ ACRES: This custom built home is first class quality and workmanship. It has features too numerous to mention. Come see it and fall in love with the Lake Huron views from every room. Beautiful décor inside and out and a landscaped yard to die for. Yard also includes a lawn sprinkler system, blacktop drive, a 36 x 60 foot pole barn/man cave, large garden area, 2 ponds, all on 14 + acres with beautiful hardwoods and abundant wildlife (\$399,900.00). #2549



CLASSY 3-BEDROOM, 1¼ BATH RANCH HOME ON 80 ACRES: Classy 3 bedroom brick ranch, 2,150 square feet of modern décor located on 80 acres of prime deer and turkey hunting. Property borders thousands of acres of federal land and just walking distance from groomed snowmobile trails. Home features a beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances, breakfast nook, and island. Master bedroom with panned ceilings and private bath. Spacious den includes gas log fireplace. Home includes large living room, formal dining room, full basement with 9 foot ceilings, and ground level laundry room (299,900.00). #2571



BROWNLEE LAKE ACCESS: Cute 2 bedroom, 1 bath manufactured home in the village of Lincoln on 2 corner lots. Close to clinics, churches, schools, library, and Brownlee Lake. Seller is very motivated (\$49,900.00). #2574



3-BEDROOM, 1¼ BATHROOM, BI-LEVEL HOME ON 4.4 ACRES: Sportsman's dream on 4.4 acres that borders 100s of acres of federal land. 400 feet on the Black River meanders right through the lawn. This very well maintained home, attached garage, and pole barn is very attractive. Wildlife of all kinds frequents the area (\$164,900.00). #2567



3-BEDROOM, 1½ BATH, RANCH WITH CRAWL SPACE: Well-maintained 3 bedroom, 1½ bath ranch on 2 lots just outside village limits. Home boasts care and craftsmanship throughout with hardwood floors in kitchen and dining room. Unique arched recesses in the walls of the hallway. The dining room has double skylights and there is a large laundry room. The 2 car attached garage has an upstairs workshop. Features are sure to please the homemaker and handyman alike (\$95,000.00). #2312



GREAT HOME IN A GREAT LOCATION: Summer home or year-long residence located on a large lot that is only minutes from downtown Harrisville and the Harrisville State Park and harbor. This home has been newly remodeled both on the inside and on the outside with low maintenance vinyl siding and windows. This is a great home in a great area (\$54,900.00). #2551



1½ STORY, 3-BEDROOM, 1¼ BATH HOME BORDERING FEDERAL FOREST: Very attractive recently remodeled 1½ story home. Laminate floors throughout the main level. Newer stainless steel appliances. Borders 100s of acres of federal forest and close to Jewel Lake (\$49,900.00). #2564



CANAL SLIP: Very nice newer Ranch home across the Rd from the canal on Hubbard Lake. Own your own boat slip, (#45), included with the home. Enjoy the waterfront amenities without the waterfront taxes. Nice size lot, nice size rooms, and two large decks for enjoying barbecues, family get-togethers, or just relaxing. (\$139,900.00). #2555



INTERIOR BOASTS A 2-STORY ATRIUM: Three bedrooms, 2 baths, on 7½ acres, northeast Michigan setting located at the end of a county maintained road. Unique interior design boasts a 2-story atrium with 16 foot tall trees and misc. plantings. The split level floor plan offers comfortable living on both the upper and lower levels. Upper level offers views of surrounding outdoors and abundant wildlife that are second to none (149,900.00). Additional acreage up to 40 acres is available for 179,900.00. #2426



WELL KEPT HOME IN CONVENIENT LOCATION: Close to schools, clinics and only about 6 miles from Lake Huron. Full dry basement. Home has newer furnace, AC, soffit, gutters, deck on back, and motor in jetted tub in master bath. Basement walls have been waterproofed. Basement windows replaced in Aug. 2011. Wood floors have been refinished. Would make a great starter home or retirement home. It will be replaced. Seller is VERY motivated (\$59,500.00)! #2550



12 X 12 BREEZEWAY: Great starter home! Two bedroom, 1½ bath home with attached garage and breezeway. Located just minutes from Lake Huron and Harrisville. Home has newer vinyl windows, cable TV, built in hutch, and several wall cabinets. Home sits on 2 lots and also has a 26 x 30 detached garage for extra toys! Detached garage has a wood burning stove (\$75,900.00). #2502



LOG SIDED/WRAP AROUND DECK: Very attractive log sided home only a stone's throw from Lake Huron. Wrap around deck for outside fun. Interior décor including stone fireplace, loft, cathedral ceiling, hickory cupboards, laminate floors, are all to die for. Priced fair for the current market (\$142,900.00). #2461



3-BEDROOM, 2-BATH, RECENTLY UPDATED HOME: This home has been recently updated and the interior décor is fresh and up-to-date. The attached garage and additional 24 x 32 pole barn has room for all the boy toys. All mechanics and utilities in great condition (\$95,900.00). #2542



GREAT QUALITY HOME IN THE WOODS: This 3 bedroom, 1¼ bath home includes the refrigerator, stove, washer, dryer, and some furniture and also window air units. This quality built modular home is ideally suited for the sportsman. Home is nestled into a picturesque setting amongst the beautiful mature hardwood trees. Seller has drastically reduced price to nearly 30% below list price and will still look at all offers. This great buy could be yours (\$99,900.00)! #2311



PRICE REDUCED! SELLER'S HIGHLY MOTIVATED TO MOVE THIS ESTATE PROPERTY: Perfect country setting with mature beautiful trees surrounding home and pole barn. Wildlife abound with many, many fruit trees. Attached garage and 36 x 64 pole building with heat. Move-in and enjoy the wild life in your yard (\$99,500.00). #2468



Alcona High School Class of 1962 celebrates 50 years at Lost Lake Woods Club on Friday, July 13 with a hayride and cookout. On Saturday, July 14 dinner was served at the clubhouse auditorium. Those in attendance (front row, from left) Kathy (Horne) Henke, Jean (Rasmussen) Karaba, Mary (Skuse) Somers, Betty (Timm) Anderson, Pat (George) Green, Sherry MacNeill, Laurene (Toth) Moore, Sharon (Gauthier) Somers, (second row) Eva (LaLonde) Lewis, Delores (Sharboneau) Schlicker, Ron Green, Carol (Woolmer) Dekett, Rosemary (Truman) Reames, Cliff Deller, (third row) Joyce (Dewar) Bisanz, Ardith (Carter) Josephson, Ann McCoy, Sharon (Douville) Leeseburg, Tom Freeman, (back row) Gary Yerman, Elaine (Hammermeister) Pearcey, Leslie Anderson, Roddy Forsythe, Ray Ritchie, Bill Josephson, Gary Good, Dennis Forsythe, Steve Paszek and Jim Potter. *Courtesy photo.*

CFNEM Grant Awards

In June, the Board of Trustees of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan approved the following grants from the Kellogg Youth Fund as recommended by the Youth Advisory Council.

- Alcona County**
- Alcona Community Schools Softball Program was awarded \$200 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the Swing Batter Batter, Swing Phase II project.
 - Harrisville Arts Council/East Shore Art Guild was awarded \$1,423 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the ICE - Imagine, Create, Excel Program.
 - Alcona Community Schools was awarded \$250 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the speaking and listening online in French and Spanish project.
 - MSU Extension/Alcona County 4-H was awarded \$500 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the Detroit day trip project.
 - MSU Extension/Alcona County 4-H was awarded \$200 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the 2013 4-H Rabbit/Cavy Expo.

- Alpena County**
- Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona ESD was awarded \$1,000 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the Achievement in Action Project.
 - City of Alpena was awarded \$1,479 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the Alpena Regional Trailhead project.
 - St. Mary's Church was awarded \$2,500 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the National Relief Network Mission trip.
 - APS/Sanborn School was awarded \$1,500 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the Thunder Run program in October.
 - Alpena Community College/Volunteer Center was

awarded \$500 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the Spotlight Series "Peter and the Wolf" program in November.

- Lions Visually Impaired Youth Camp, Inc. was awarded \$500 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the Bear Lake Residential Summer Camp Program.

Montmorency County

- Hillman Community Schools was awarded \$700 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for special education field trips.

- Hillman Community Schools was awarded \$1,000 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the junior high broadcasting class.

- Hillman Community Schools was awarded \$219 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the news writing class digital cameras.

Presque Isle County

- Village of Millersburg/Summer Rec. Program was

awarded \$2,126 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for Summer Recreation Program expenses.

- St. Ignatius School was awarded \$500 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the Accessing Accelerated Reader through computers project.

- Posen Consolidated Schools was awarded \$250 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the IXL Math Membership project.

- Village of Posen was awarded \$250 from the Kellogg Youth Fund for the portable bathroom at Posen Village playground.

Additional funding for Youth Advisory Council grants benefitting Rogers City residents is available from the Eugene J. & Helen T. McLean Fund.

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

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US-23 Heritage Route tour visits Sturgeon Point Lighthouse

State of Michigan dignitaries recently visited Sturgeon Point Lighthouse where they were welcomed by Alcona Historical Society President Linda Klemens, Eric Ostrander, of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and local members of the US-23 Heritage Route group.

Those visiting the historical location north of Harrisville included State Senator John Moolenaar, DNR Director Keith Craigh, State Rep-

resentative Peter Pettalia, Lydia Murray of the Michigan Economic Development Council, Kelly Bartlett and Scott Thayer from Michigan Department Of Transportation, Richard Duell with Northeast Michigan Council of Governments and Denise Cline, US-23 Heritage Route coordinator and many of their staff members.

Klemens showed an artist's concept of the complex when it was fully operational in the early 1900s and gave a brief

history of the life saving station. She explained ownership of the property is divided between the U.S. Coast Guard and the state of Michigan.

"The goal of the society is to get a long term lease in place, transfer the tower and Fresnel lens from the U.S. Coast Guard to the DNR, implement a lens maintenance plan and qualify for matching grant funds to make

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Alcona Historical Society President Linda Klemens (left) talks to visiting state officials about the group's plans for Sturgeon Point Lighthouse. *Courtesy photo.*



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Glennie Lioness Club disbands after 31 years

After a successful journey of service over the last 31 years (1981-2012), the Glennie Lionesses have decided to discontinue the club.

According to Florence Kelpinski, this was a decision that was not reached without very serious discussions at meetings during the past year. The club has operated with only 17 members (three of whom were original charter members) and, even with articles in the newspaper asking for volunteers to join, it was unable to garner any interest in recruiting new members.

Kelpinski said age was a serious consideration in the decision, and "although we have a few members who are able to carry the load, a club cannot depend on the same people."

"Over the years, members have lived up to our motto, 'We Serve, Too.' During the

31 years of providing service to the community, we have joined with the Glennie Lions on many of their projects. It has been our pleasure to help them from time to time," she said.

The Glennie Lioness July 4 activities, most notably the strawberry shortcake sale, became synonymous with who and what the club was about. There have been fund raisers such as pancake breakfasts, hunters' breakfasts, senior Christmas/dinner parties, bake sales, benefit dinners, the car shows, preparing funeral dinners and a host of other events.

"Although we will miss doing all of these things as Lionesses, I am sure most of us will find other avenues of service within our community. Thanks to all of you who have given us your loyalty and support during the last 31 years."



Glennie Lioness members (from left) Reta Bridges, Ann Burton, Vivian Trecha, Beverly Zorn, Margo Lowery, Verena Sparks, Janet Clement, Lea Neruda, Florence Kelpinski, Dianne Schultz and Leora Karpp. Verena Sparks and Leora Karpp are charter members of the club and have been active members throughout the last 31 years. *Courtesy photo.*

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Mikado Legion II	61
B.C. Eagles I	46
B.C. Eagles II	40
Glennie II	38

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badly needed repairs to the tower and lighthouse."

Eric Ostrander, DNR Unit Supervisor, talked about the three projects the DNR and historical society are collaborating on -- a long term lease, replacement of the lighthouse roof and a study of the Emerald Ash borer disease in the trees on site. He said the tower/lens transfer process is moving forward.

Karen Sanderson of the heritage route group talked about Harrisville and what the sunrise coast has to offer and gave an overview of points of interest in and about Alcona County.

As the visitors left the point, Sanderson gave them a quick driving tour of Harrisville.

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Organization Notes



The 2012-2013 Alcona FFA Officer team (front row, from left) Erica Kennedy, reporter; Shannon Oliver, secretary, Hannah Mikazes, president; (back row) Andy Cammack, sentinel; Morgan Stewart, vice president; Taylor O'Dell, historian; and Brandon Sweet, treasurer. *Courtesy photo.*

Alcona FFA

On June 25 and 26 the newly elected Alcona FFA officer team went to Lost Lake Woods for the annual Region VI FFA Leadership Camp.

Officers had the opportunity to meet members from different chapters from all over northern Michigan. This camp taught the officers how to interact with others that they are not familiar with and how to work together as a team.

The officers made new friends and participated in activities that could improve the Alcona FFA chapter during the 2012-2013 school year. The Regional Leadership Camp gave officers an

opportunity to see the different things that other chapters do for fund-raisers and chapter activities. It also provided the officers an opportunity to develop new ideas for the Alcona FFA Chapter.

A major component of the camp is the election of the new Region VI FFA officer team. Chapter officers who attend the camp each year elect new regional officers.

One of Alcona's own Hannah Mikazes was elected to a regional officer position. She is now serving as the Region VI FFA secretary. Some of the duties as regional officer will include representing the Region VI FFA organization, planning the Decathlon

competition and planning the 2013 Regional Leadership Camp.

On July 11 and 12 seven Alcona FFA officers also attended the State Leadership Conference for Chapter Officers in Lansing, Mich. Our Michigan FFA State Officer Team put on this conference and participants included officer teams from across the state. Chapter officers developed leadership skills and planned their chapters' Program of Activities (POA). The POA will serve as a road map of activities for the upcoming year for the Alcona FFA chapter.

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Alcona FFA

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This camp was a great bonding time for the Alcona FFA Chapter. It taught us that teamwork is the key and communication is very important in being a part of a team. It was also an opportunity for Alcona FFA members to network with FFA members from chapters all across Michigan.

Submitted by Erica Kennedy, Alcona FFA reporter.

DAR, River Aux Sables Chapter

This year marks the 151st anniversary of the beginning of the Civil War and in keeping, the River Aux Sables Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution is planning a meeting in Lincoln in September on Civil War quilts.

We plan to be finished with the two quilts our chapter sends to the Citizen Sam project for distribution to our wounded warriors overseas in hospitals or on the field where unheated transport planes airlift them for treatment, to thank them for their service to our country.

This is one of the many special service projects our chapter has proudly participated in annually.

September also marks the 225th year commemorating the signing of the Constitution of the United States. We have several items that are distributed to local fifth-graders in our chapter areas. This year will include a session at the Gladwin Historic Village Schoolhouse for the first time. The October meeting will be held in Gladwin, Mich. and the key subject will be following the Appalachian Trail, which was the highway from

the East Coast to the Middle States after the Revolutionary War as our forefathers moved their families westward to settle in free but unexplored, dangerous, territory.

November will include a program explaining the DAR Insignia and the history it stands for which stems from a statement by Abigail Adams. This program will be given in Oscoda.

This is the 200th anniversary of the "Second War for Independence" as the War of 1812 was called. This program will cap off our fall and

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Women who are over 18 and interested in finding out more about the DAR and how they qualify to join can contact <http://www.riverauxsables.michdar.net>.

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Getting back to nature, one child at a time

It used to be that all it took to get youngsters engaged in outdoor recreation was opening the door. Kids were eager to stay outside until dark, playing marathon games of hide-and-seek or kick the can; hunkering down with pals at the local fishing hole; or stretching their imaginations in the woods and fields behind their homes.

Today? After years of witnessing a trend that saw increasingly more kids interested in indoor "activities" like video games, television and online surfing, the Michigan No Child Left Inside Coalition is taking the battle to reconnect kids with the natural world to Michigan's state capital. It's just one step in the important journey to help children and their families better grasp the good things that come with an immersion in "all things outdoors."

"The benefits of outdoor recreation have been heavily documented," said Raymond Rustem, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' lead coordinator for the state's No Child Left Inside effort.

"Research shows that children who regularly get opportunities to play freely in the outdoors demonstrate greater levels of creativity, cooperation, conflict resolution and leadership," Rustem



Michigan's No Child Left Inside movement aims to reconnect kids to the natural world around them, even through the simple joy of playing.

(televisions, computers, handheld games, et cetera.), yet only 30 minutes per week in unstructured play outdoors.

Rustem said research points out that, within one generation, the percentage of people who indicated that the outdoors was the most influential environment of their childhood dropped from 96 percent to 46 percent.

"If this trend continues, it will have major implications - nationally and here at home - for outdoor recreation and conservation in the future," Rustem said.

Books like "Last Child in the Woods" and "Nature Principle" by Richard Louv put

mation and ideas on getting kids outdoors, and the creation of a butterfly garden.

• Many outdoors clubs and groups are using social media to research, promote and plan their events and trips - everything from biking and hiking to boating and camping.

• Several Michigan state parks offer the First-Time Camper program, which - for just \$20 - gives novice campers the use of a tent and other equipment, plus guidance from a park employee during two nights of camping. This program includes everything from instruction on how to build a campfire to the supplies for making s'mores.

• In partnership with local youth organizations in Michigan urban areas like Detroit, Flint and Muskegon, the DNR's Stepping Stones program helps youngsters explore the outdoors through activities (like map-reading, camping, fishing and archery) at state parks. Last year, 4,000 plus urban children got familiar with the outdoor world through this program.

As parks and recreation agencies make it easier for people of all ages to explore and strengthen their outdoor skills, the outdoor tradition will be strengthened, too.

The movement to help young people forge a connection with outdoor recreation and the natural world has been building for years, and it's picking up steam. The DNR continues to be right in the thick of it.

"The Department of Natural Resources has a long history of promoting outdoor recreation," said Maia Stephens, recreation programmer for the DNR's Parks and

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Michigan's woods and waters are filled with all kinds of plants and wildlife, just waiting to be discovered on a family outing.

said. "Kids who get outdoors are less likely to be obese and generally exhibit fewer symptoms of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder."

Often, Rustem said, even just having a view of green spaces decreases stress and improves test scores among students.

With all of that good information, it might seem that parents, educators, administrators and others would have an easier time of getting kids outdoors, right?

Not so. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), recreation agencies and others have been fighting the good fight against a steady and growing stream of electronic and other entertainment sources that are competing mightily for young people's attention. The results, according to Rustem, have been "startling."

A 2007 study conducted by the University of Illinois found that outdoor-based recreation had declined 18 percent to 25 percent since the early 1980s. More striking was the suggestion from another study that children spend an average of six hours a day with electronic devices

into words what many people knew or suspected: Kids just aren't interacting with the outdoors the way that previous generations did.

Consider the following developments:

• Aided by a Kellogg Foundation community action grant, Kalamazoo Nature Center created the "Outside in Our Schoolyard" program. In two years, it has grown to include four schools and 150 students, all sharing infor-



Even the youngest of children can be intrigued by the colors, hum and whirr of electronics, but these don't offer the best means of learning about Michigan's great outdoors. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

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Osprey flourish in southern Michigan: A story of success

Nearly wiped out in southern Michigan at one time, osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*) are now recovering within the state due in large part to the concentrated efforts of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Huron Clinton Metroparks, Detroit Zoological Society (DZS), DTE Energy and more than 100 volunteers.

The use of DDT and other pesticides, which caused the thinning of the birds' eggshells, caused osprey populations to decline. Once commonplace in the Great Lakes region, osprey became mostly a bird of remote northern lakes and ponds. After the use of DDT was banned and the osprey population became more productive, state wildlife officials seized the opportunity to re-establish ospreys.

In 1998, the DNR initiated a program of relocating or "hacking" the raptors to southern Michigan. The program, which was supported by donations to Michigan's Nongame Wildlife Fund, removed chicks from active nests in northern Michigan and placed them in parks around southern Michigan. The movement of ospreys occurred over a span of 10 years.

In 2012, the DNR identified at least 49 active nests in southern Michigan - a substantial increase from the one active nest reported in 1999.

"This is a true wildlife success story," said Julie Oakes, DNR wildlife biologist. "Each year we have new nests, and we have already exceeded our original goal of 30 active nests by 2020. We have been able to remove osprey from the threatened species list and



Julie Oakes of the Michigan DNR and Tom Schneider of the Detroit Zoological Society band an osprey chick as part of the continued effort to monitor osprey in southern Michigan. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

restore their numbers in Michigan."

During reintroduction efforts, DNR staffers removed male osprey chicks from their nests and placed them in hacking boxes, where they were fed and cared for daily by volunteers. A male will build a nest close to the location where he learned to fly, and the female chooses her mate based on the quality of his nest. Once paired, ospreys typically maintain their partner for life.

Reintroduction efforts have been so successful that the DNR is no longer planning future hacking activities. However, banding of the chicks will continue each year. A federal bird identification band is placed on one leg as part of a national effort to monitor birds. A second, colored band is placed on the other leg to indicate the osprey's birth year.

This labor-intensive monitoring effort is a cooperative venture conducted by the DNR, Huron Clinton Metroparks, DZS and staff from the cell phone tower companies American Tower Corporation, Verizon Wireless, McFarlin Tower, Skyline Services, LLC, Earthcom, Hydaker-Wheatlake Inc, and Clearlink Wireless Solutions.

Since osprey often nest on cell phone towers, the tower companies have volunteered staff time to climb the towers and lower the chicks to the ground safely in special buckets. The DNR, Huron Clinton Metroparks and DZS staff then proceed with banding and measuring the chicks and collecting biological data before they are returned to the nest.

Cell tower companies have cooperated with the DNR by

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Recreation programmer for the DNR's Parks and Recreation Division. "For more than 90 years, Michigan state parks have provided plenty of opportunities for people to gather with family and friends to enjoy many recreational pursuits."

With more than 100 state parks and recreation areas dotting the map, Stephens said Michigan has something for everyone. She cited the DNR's 10 interpretive centers - eight of them with fully developed visitors' centers - to help spread the word about

the fun and fitness of just getting outdoors.

Taking that thought even further, the DNR created Recreation 101, a hands-on program at state parks, designed to help people learn the basics about a variety of recreation skills (from geocaching and biking to windsurfing and outdoor cooking).

Stephens explained more than 400 such learning opportunities are available this summer, and each is a chance to introduce outdoor traditions to more kids, through parents, aunts and uncles

and family friends.

This year, the DNR is getting a boost from the Michigan Recreation and Park Association, which is helping to promote Recreation 101 through its membership.

"The Michigan Recreation and Park Association (MRPA) is thrilled to partner with the DNR to promote outdoor recreation opportunities in Michigan," said MRPA Chief Operating Officer Ann Conklin. "It's crucial that all levels of parks and recreation providers, including municipal, county, regional and state departments, work together to expose residents to the wonderful natural resources and recreation opportunities available throughout our state."

For information on the No Child Left Inside movement at www.mncli.org. Learn more about Michigan's state parks and the popular Recreation 101 events at www.michigan.gov/stateparks.

(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.)

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not only reporting nests, but also agreeing to schedule maintenance work around the active season so as not to disturb the nesting pair and their chicks.

"Each year we are seeing osprey from previous years return and nest," Oakes said. "The hard work of so many organizations is really paying off, and by continuing our extensive monitoring efforts we will ensure that the osprey population remains strong and healthy."

Anyone who observes a nesting pair of osprey is asked to contact Osprey Watch of Southeast Michigan on the Web at www.owsem.org or by e-mail at osprey@owsem.org.



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'10 Ford Fusion Sport #P3507 FWD, 3.5L V-6 33,274 Miles \$22,995	'11 Ford Fusion Sport #U3513 FWD, 3.5L V-6 22,481 Miles \$23,995	'07 Ford Mustang #U3559 RWD, 4.8L V-6 47,268 Miles \$14,500	'12 Ford Mustang #P3450 RWD, 3.7L V-6 Automatic \$23,896	'11 Ford Taurus Limited #P3424 FWD, 3.5L V-6 6-Sp. Auto \$23,995	'08 Ford Taurus X Limited #U3437 FWD, 3.5L V-6 6-Sp. Auto \$16,895
'10 GMC Acadia SLT-2 #U3547 AWD, 3.6L V-6 LOADED! \$28,500	2000 GMC SIERRA 1500 #U3543 4WD, 5.3L V-8 Automatic \$6,995	'08 Jeep Commander Sport #U3497 4WD, 3.7L V-6 Automatic \$19,995	MANY FRESH TRADES NOT PICTURED! For more info, go to deanarbourfm.com. ALL PAYMENTS ARE PLUS DOC, TAXES AND TRANSFER FEES. NOT ALL BUYERS WILL QUALIFY FOR RATES AND TERMS.		
'02 Jeep Grand Cherokee #P3390 LAREDO 4WD, 4.0L I-6 \$6,995	'07 Jeep Grand Cherokee #U3516 LAREDO 4WD, Leather \$16,995	'08 Jeep Liberty Sport #P3480 4WD, 3.7L V-6 Automatic \$16,500	Dean Arbour Ford of Tawas invites boys and girls ages 8 through 13 to The Ford Escape Soccer Skills Challenge. Families are encouraged to join us in the FREE event being held at the Tawas Soccer Complex on Saturday, August 4th, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Have your kids show off their soccer skills. Parents can automatically enter for a chance to win a two- year lease of a 2013 Ford Escape (no purchase necessary - complete rules at www.fordescapesoccerskillschallenge.com/findevent/)! Register today at www.fordescapeoccerskillschallenge.com/register/ or registration forms can be picked up at Dean Arbour Ford . Boys and girls can practice the 6 soccer skills in advance of our event by visiting www.isoccer.org/fessc . Winners in each age group will be eligible to win a trophy. We look forward to seeing you on August 4th.		
'09 Lincoln MKZ #P3466 FWD, 3.5L V-6 6-Sp. Auto \$22,995	'10 Mercury Mariner #U3501 PREMIER 4WD, Leather \$23,995	'09 Mercury Mariner #U3502 PREMIER 4WD, 3.0L V-6 \$19,995	 		
'06 Pontiac Vibe #U3470 AWD, 1.8L I-4 Low Miles! \$10,995	'11 Dodge Ram 1500 Sport #U3476 4WD, 5.7L V-8 26,790 Miles \$28,995	'10 Toyota Corolla #P3506 FWD, 1.8L I-4 31,900 Miles \$17,995			