

Alcona school budget down \$1 million from last year

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Special to the Review

The Alcona Community Schools' 2013-2014 budget leaves the district "living within its means" according to school superintendent Shawn Thornton, but without much money in "cash flow" dollars.

The budget estimates revenues for the upcoming school year at \$6,579,020. This is about \$1 million less than 2012-2013, largely due to a significant reduction in both state and federal funding.

Under current school funding laws, 18 mills of property taxes on non-homestead property collected by Alcona County townships (\$5,149,000 as of February) go directly to the school system. While six mills of non homestead and all homestead taxes (approximately \$3 million annually) go to the state to fund the school aid program in part.

In fiscal year 2014, five percent of Alcona's state aid "foundation grant" will come from that \$3 million which is what the state allocates to schools.

Per pupil allocations, which make up the bulk of the foundation grant, were increased by \$60 per student for the coming year, for a total foundation of \$7,026 per pupil. An additional one-time equity payment from the state of \$50 per full time student equivalency was also allocated.

With an estimated enrollment of 770 students at \$7,026 per student the total foundation grant is \$5,410,020. The onetime equity payment of \$50 per student for 770 students equals \$38,500.

However, with a change in the state's funding formula and the continued loss of enrollment (estimated as a loss of 30 students this year) state funding will be reduced by almost 30 percent.

According to a management analysis prepared and presented to the Alcona Community Schools Board of Education by Business Manager Alan Shillair on June 24, "Even if (the district) had the same student numbers this year as last year, we would still lose (the equivalent of) 22 students in the calculation."

Federal funding, largely "Titled" funds, such as Title I Elementary and Secondary Funding Act dollars, Title II and Title VI dollars have been estimated based on federal budget sequestering and are expected to be reduced by 43 percent. According to the management analysis, the figures show that the district "has a definite revenue rather than an expenditure problem."

The district has lost 29.3 percent of state revenue and

almost 43.3 percent of federal revenue, based on current estimates because neither entity has a balanced budget in place.

Reductions to expenditures include a 19.6 percent cut to basic educational program. However, expenses for special education students who require high maintenance programming increased the "added needs" line item by 76 percent to

more than \$760,500.

The "bottom line" issue, the excess of revenues or expenditures over budget (also known as the "fund balance") is expected to drop by close to half by the end of 2014, falling from \$880,671 in 2013 to \$516,353 or about the minimum amount needed for a single month's operational costs, Shillair said.

At present, auditors recommend maintaining a fund

balance of 17 percent.

Both Thornton and Shillair pointed out that state budget figures have not been finalized and changes should still occur in the district's foundation grant throughout the year. Despite the reductions in revenue, however, Thornton remains confident the district continues to provide a good education.

"I think that what Alcona

Schools is offering continues to be rigorous and high quality," she said. "We are trying to put program back whenever we are able. We would like a more equitable funding formula from the state, but we are living within our means and providing high quality services and programs for our students."

A day in the life... of a county sheriff's deputy

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Just what does a deputy for the Alcona County Sheriff's Department do during his shift? This is a first-hand account of a total of 14 hours spent during two afternoon shifts - June 20 and July 10 with Alcona County Deputy Scott McKenzie.

Thursday, June 20

• 1:45 p.m. — Deputy McKenzie introduced himself and showed me the office area where deputies and sergeants write reports, make telephone calls, et cetera when they are not on patrol. When coming on duty, deputies arrive roughly 20 minutes before their shift begins to go over pertinent information with deputies whose shifts are ending and the sergeant on duty.

This afternoon McKenzie is waiting for a citizen to turn

himself in to be arrested. The person arrived in the lobby area of the sheriff's department and McKenzie greeted him by name, patted him down, showed him a copy of the arrest warrant for a misdemeanor complaint and then turned him over to the county corrections officer.

I followed the corrections officer and McKenzie through the steel barred door - the entrance to the jail off of the lobby. Just inside the door is a small, narrow area where the Law Enforcement Management (LEM) system - a data base tracking system used by law enforcement officers, the booking area with a fingerprint machine (it's all digital -- ink stained fingertips are a thing of the past) and Datamaster - which is used to test the level of alcohol of individuals suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol - are located.



Deputy Scott McKenzie

After McKenzie explained how the Datamaster and fingerprint machines work, we walked through the central dispatch area and greeted deputies Nathanael Leeseberg and Mike London as they came off of their shift, and deputies Chas Neff and Leo

Franklin as they prepare to come on duty. McKenzie did a spark test on the Taser that goes on his duty belt and put an assault rifle in the patrol vehicle. He showed me the daily log he is required to

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Local paddlers ready for canoe



Matt Potvin (left) and Chris Scully before the Curley Memorial race last Saturday. They will be competing in the AuSable River Canoe Marathon next weekend. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Concentrating on their boat and paddling rhythm as the sun dances off tanned skin and rippling water, the two racers had only one goal -- to make it to the finish line.

Michigan is known as one of the premier places to practice skills and compete in the extreme sport of canoe racing. One of the ultimate races travels through parts of Alcona County this weekend in the 66th AuSable River Canoe Marathon -- a race that claims to be North America's toughest and richest canoe race.

Canoe racing takes endurance, power, and technique. Athletes of all age levels -- male and female -- compete in the sport. Some do it for the love of the water and family friendly competition; others do it for the exercise.

"In a one hour race the average canoe racer will lose five to six pounds through sweat," said seasoned racer Jon Webb of Hubbard Lake. Webb, who has been teaching at Alcona High School for 18 years, spends his fall and winter months teaching a variety of subjects and is a special education teacher.

This year will mark Webb's

nineteenth start at the AuSable River Canoe Marathon. Seventy-five teams will be starting the race this year. Events begin July 24 in Grayling, Mich. with sprinting time trials held Wednesday through Friday afternoon, which determine the lineup for the 9 p.m. LeMans-style start on Saturday, July 27.

The race spans the AuSable River from Grayling, Mich. to Oscoda sometime Sunday afternoon. Racers

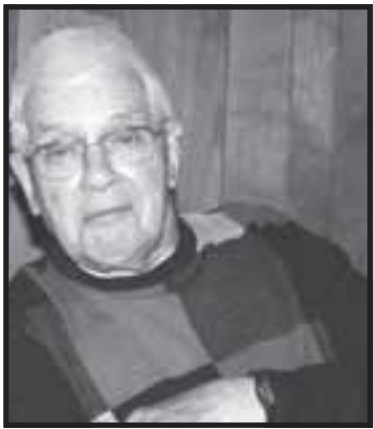
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Obituaries

Otto "Bud" Klein Jr.



Otto "Bud" Klein Jr., 92, of Harrisville, died on Saturday, July 13, 2013 at Brookridge Assisted Living Facility in Marquette, Mich.

He was born June 11, 1921 in Harrisville to Otto Sr. and Astrid (Moeller) Klein. He grew up on his parent's Springport Dairy Farm, which they established in 1920.

He graduated from Harrisville High School and briefly attended Michigan State University until enlisting in the U.S. Army to serve in World War II.

He served in the infantry overseas and was stationed in Germany. Upon returning to the United States, Mr. Klein remained in the military.

He married Vera Mae MacNeill of Lincoln on February 8, 1947 while stationed in California.

Due to a family illness he left the military in 1949 with the commission of lieutenant to assist running the Springport Dairy Farm. Later, he worked as a truck driver for Steadman Brothers in Harrisville before becoming the postmaster at the Harrisville Post Office.

Mr. Klein was a lifelong member of Harrisville United Methodist Church where he actively participated in the adult choir and the Methodist Men's Group for numerous years. He spent many years participating as an adult volunteer and troop leader for Harrisville area Cub Scout and Boy Scout troops.

One of his greatest joys was being a member of Al-

cona Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 6466, where he served several terms in leadership, and later became a lifetime member.

Mr. Klein is survived by two daughters, Sheila (Lon) Wilkinson and Susan Klein, both of Lansing, Mich.; one son, Kim Klein of Marquette, Mich.; two granddaughters, Beth Wilkinson and Julie Wilkinson, both from the Lansing, Mich. area, one sister-in-law, LaJean Klein of Harrisville; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Vera, on August 14, 2009; one brother; and one sister.

The funeral will be Wednesday, July 17 at 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. Visitation will begin at 10 a.m. until the time of the service. Interment will be in Springport Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Harrisville United Methodist Church or to Hospice of Michigan Northeastern Region.

Susan M. Cooper

Susan Mary Cooper, 75, of Barton City and Sarasota, Fla. died on Wednesday, July 10, 2013 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

She was born August 3, 1937 in Flint, Mich. to Clair and Angela (Blaine) Gunderson. She was raised in Flint, Mich., where she was a longtime resident.

Mrs. Cooper was employed for many years at Buick, retiring in 1993. Upon retirement, she moved to Barton City where she had owned a cabin for many years.

She competed in skeet shooting and won several awards. She also enjoyed bowling, golf and playing cards. She was a fan of the Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions.

She was a former member of the Burger Wiedbrauk VFW Post. No. 8135 Auxiliary and the Barton City Eagles Aerie No. 4141 Auxiliary.

Mrs. Cooper is survived by three sons, Richard (Debra) Thompson of Flint, Mich., Jason Cooper of Ft. Myers, Fla. and Joshua (Michelle) Thompson of Sterling Heights, Mich.; seven grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and her companion, Robert Wotring.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Orval Duane Cooper in 1997. He had been her companion for over 40 years.

A memorial service was July 14 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home.

Helen Halkoski



Helen Halkoski, 86, of Detroit, Mich. died on Thursday, July 11, 2013 in Detroit, Mich.

She was born April 29, 1927 in Detroit, Mich. to John and Jessie (Buczak) Pluta. The family moved to Harrisville when she was three years old, and she grew up on the family farm on Beaton Road.

After graduating from Harrisville High School, she went to work at the Lost Lake Woods Club, where she survived a fire which destroyed the club in 1946.

After moving to Detroit, Mich., she married Willard "Bud" Halkoski on August 9, 1952 at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville.

Mrs. Halkoski worked for Chrysler Corporation and retired in the mid 1970s at which time she began working in her community as a volunteer.

She always thought of Alcona County as home and was looking forward to the birth of her first great-grandchild at the end of this month.

Mrs. Halkoski is survived by one daughter, Jackie

Halkoski of Sterling Heights, Mich.; one granddaughter, Kara Frasier of Waterford, Mich.; one grandson, Teddy Halkoski of Waterford, Mich.; and one sister, Irene Novak of Livonia, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Willard, in 1978; and by one son, Ted.

A memorial service has taken place. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Detroit, Mich. Arrangements were handled by Wysocki Funeral Home.

Marlene E. Sack

Marlene E. Sack, 76, of Hubbard Lake, died on Tuesday, June 25, 2013 at home.

She was born May 17, 1937 to Clark and Marie (Logan) Somers in Taymouth Township, Mich. and was raised in Montrose, Mich.

On September 19, 1959 she married John J. Sack. They resided in Bloomfield Hills, Mich. for many years and Mrs. Sack was very active in school programs. In 1999 they retired to their home on Hubbard Lake.

Mrs. Sack is survived by her husband, John; two sons, David (Gabrielle) Sack of Farmington, Mich. and Steven (Jennifer) Sack of Bloomfield Hills, Mich.; one daughter, Julie Sack of Hubbard Lake; eight grandchildren, Matthew Sack, Katherine Sack, Alexander Sack, Adam Sack, Evan Sack, Megan Sack, John Sack and Jacob Sack; and one brother, Marvin (Donna) Somers of Montrose, Mich.

A memorial and life celebration service will be held at the Montrose United Methodist Church, Montrose, Mich. on Friday, Aug. 16 at 4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Cure Alzheimer's Fund (curealz.org) or Hospice of Michigan (hom.org).

Cremation arrangements are being handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2012-2013

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
July 7	76	66	0.00	1.5	13	SSW
July 8	74	66	2.55	0.7	11	SSW
July 9	71	66	0.01	0.5	10	SSW
July 10	82	59	0.00	2.0	20	W
July 11	69	54	0.00	5.2	20	NNE
July 12	72	50	0.00	0.9	5	NNE
July 13	76	54	0.00	1.6	9	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)		2012-2013	
	2013	2012	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	2.56	0.07	0.70
July to Date	2.65	0.56	1.25
Year to Date	18.97	12.71	13.94

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

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Obituaries

Marjorie J. Jordan

Marjorie J. Jordan, 82, of Hazel Park, Mich., formerly of Lincoln, died on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 in Fenton, Mich.

She was born -November 18, 1930 in Lincoln to Ted and Hazel (LaFleur) Gonyea.

She was an avid Detroit Red Wings fan and loved to bake for family and friends. She was a member of St. Justin Church in Hazel Park, Mich. and volunteered her time for church activities.

Mrs. Jordan is survived by two daughters, Shelly (Boyd) Wright and Jennifer Jordan; two sons, Ken (Sher) Jordan and Mike (Beth) Jordan; eight grandchildren, Jerry Finger, Sarah (Pete) Gogola, Erin (Rob) Augustine, Evan (Erika) Jordan, Chris Benincasa, Aimee Wright, Katelyn Jordan and Renee Jordan; three great-grandchildren, Alex and Jake Gogola and Hazel Augustine; one brother, Richard (Marilyn) Gonyea; and one sister, Madeline Jasmin.

She was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, McKinley Jordan; one granddaughter; and three brothers, Leonard Gonyea, Lloyd Gonyea and Ted Gonyea Jr.

A celebration of her life was held July 12 at Coats Village Funeral Home, Ortonville, Mich. Burial was July 13 at St. Anne Cemetery in Harrisville.

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keep, the ticket book and other mandatory items he uses during a shift. He also calibrated the radar unit once we were in the patrol car.

McKenzie graduated from Alcona High School in 2000. He began his law enforcement career with the Alcona County Sheriff's Department as a marine patrol officer during the summer (for three summers) and worked as a corrections officer during the winter months while he was attending Alpena Community College (ACC). He received an associate degree in applied science from ACC and intended on sending himself through a police academy, when he was sponsored by the sheriff's department to attend the Kirtland Regional Police Academy in Roscommon, Mich. where he received a degree in criminal justice.

"I'm pretty lucky," McKenzie said. "I was able to get a part time job (with the department) while I was going to ACC and then the department sponsored my attendance at Kirtland. That was a huge benefit. The department has been really good to me and I'm really thankful for that." McKenzie has been a deputy on road patrol for 10 years and also spent three and a half years on the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT).

"On my first day with HUNT there was a drug deal in the Taco Bell parking lot in Alpena... it was unreal. It's a whole other world... I learned a lot working on the drug team. I learned a lot about case management, different techniques of interviewing... time spent there was very valuable."

After a stop at the BP gas station in Harrisville, McKenzie headed north on US-23. He demonstrated how the radar system (a small black box attached to the steering wheel) worked.

• 3:55 p.m. - McKenzie made a traffic stop on US-23 near Fontaine Road. A black Dodge pickup truck in the southbound lane passed a car, but cut the pass short because of an oncoming vehicle - the patrol car. McKenzie hit the lights, did a U-turn and as he pulled in behind the truck said, "Let's stop and say 'hello.'" After

approaching the driver and getting his driver's license and registration, he called central dispatch to "run" the information on the Law Enforcement Information Network (LEIN). The information the driver provided is good and there are no outstanding warrants on the driver, who received a warning because he cut the pass "a little close."

After updating his log, McKenzie turned around and headed north on US-23 again. Upon reaching the Black Hills, he parked the patrol car and observed vehicles passing by, using the radar to check their speed.

After 10 years with the department, McKenzie said he has handled just about every type of case - from murder to criminal sexual assaults on children to a shooting during a drug deal. The cases involving assaults on children are the ones that get to him the most. "You have to physically detach yourself. You can't (let it) get personal," McKenzie said. "It's just a job and I have to focus on getting this guy off of the street. When I do that (make an arrest), I can go home knowing that I made a difference and that person is off the street." He said there were a couple of incidents where, after he returned to the office, he needed to "take about five minutes, go outside and clear my head." After that, he was ready to go again.

One incident in particular, did take longer to recover from. A routine traffic stop on a winter afternoon turned bad when the driver "turned out to have a mental problem and threatened me with a box cutter," McKenzie said. "Sgt. Jim McGuire was there on the stop and this guy backed me into a (snow packed) ditch..." McKenzie said it eventually turned out okay. However, it was a close call as to whether he would have had to shoot the man in self-defense. (This was before deputies were issued Tasers.)

• 4:40 p.m. - Dispatch contacted McKenzie regarding a complaint from a caller who witnessed a dump truck with its load spilling on the roadway on the east shore of Hubbard Lake. As he drove in that direction, McKenzie ex-

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

In response to a recent letter submitted by Carl Buchner (July 3) regarding flag etiquette at Harrisville Harbor, please be assured that the positioning of the various flags on the harbor's main mast is correct.

In a maritime setting where a mast (flag pole) has both a gaff and yard (the crossmembers on the mast), the American flag is flown at the gaff. The gaff is located lower than the top of the flag pole and is directed toward land.

Although this configuration puts the "club burgee" (harbor flag flown at the top) in a higher position physically, it is the tradition of the seas to regard the gaff as the highest place of honor - which is where the American Flag is flown at Harrisville Harbor.

Although this flag positioning often causes confusion, it nonetheless conforms with U.S. Flag Code provisions. (Reference: Chapman's Piloting: Seamanship and Small Boat Handling)

I hope this explanation serves to clarify any misunderstanding.

Steve Baksis
Harbormaster,
Harrisville Harbor

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Attendance was up and the weather was beautiful for the 18th Annual Antiques and Collectibles Show at the Harrisville Harbor. The show committee thanks the vendors, volunteers, customers and our sponsor the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce for another successful year. A special thank you to Jim Pyne and Dave and to White Barn Gardens for the lovely decorations and the plant that was won by Barbara Judge. See you next year!



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 17
 Drop in Craft and Wii for children from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Hubbard Lake Community Center, 1561 Hubert Road. This is a free program sponsored by the Alcona County Library. For more information, call (989) 727-3105.

Food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, Spruce. Clients must be present to receive food and identification is required. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

Harrisville City Summer Concert at 7 p.m. at the harbor. Sal Agnello and the Pool Boys playing rock-n-roll and retro top 40 music. Contact City Hall (989) 724-6666.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All items will be donated to local organizations. Bring your knitting needles, looms, yarn and patterns. Beginning crafters are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Alcona woodcarvers meet from 2 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Sing-a-long at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5307 Campbell Road, Greenbush. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Foot clinic with Connie Cosbett, R.N. from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Cost is \$25, bring your own towel. For an appointment, call (989) 736-8879.

THURSDAY, JULY 18
 Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch

of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

AMA-ESD and NEMCSA Head Start - Early Head Start registration for the 2013-2014 Early Childhood Education Programs at Alcona Head Start classroom, 51 North Barlow Road, Lincoln. To register for these free programs, parents or guardians need to bring: Proof of income (2012 tax form, check stubs, DHS statement, et cetera), child's birth certificate, immunization record, health insurance card and proof of residency. No appointments necessary. For more information, call Robyn Hart at (989) 358-4641.

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

Walk inside from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Twenty-three times around the hall equals one mile.

Free Zumba class with Paula at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch and games at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Newcomers are welcome to come and see what this group is about. Yearly dues are \$1.25.

A blood pressure clinic will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Curtis Township Hall, 4932 F-30, Glennie. For more information, call (989) 735-5191.

FRIDAY, JULY 19
 The Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road, will be having a barbecued dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children age six to 12, under six free. Carry-out available by calling (989) 736-3050.

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Become a junior forest ranger at Lumbermans Monument from 1 to 3 p.m.

Earn your junior forest ranger badge and help Smokey prevent wildfires! Registration required, call (989) 362-8961. Lumbermans Monument is located in the Huron Manistee National Forest, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road, at the junction with Monument Road.

Two computers and WiFi available for seniors over 60 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk inside from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Twenty-three times around the hall equals one mile.

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

An open house will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for Noel Skiba, artist-in-residence for July at Thunder Bay Art Gallery, 127 West Chisholm Street, Alpena. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (989) 356-6678.

An open house will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. for artist Patt Bacon at Dragonfly Art Gallery, 116 East Main Street, Harrisville. Refreshments will be served. Everyone is welcome.

Alcona County Relay for Life will be held beginning at 6 p.m. and continuing through tomorrow until noon at Alcona Community School track, 51 North Barlow Road. For more information call (989) 736-6739.

SATURDAY, JULY 20
 Fresh Air Fit PiYo and cardio strength intervals and abs class at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville State Park. All workouts are one hour long, cost is \$10 per class. All levels of fitness and ages are welcome. For more information, call (989) 724-5126.

Lumbermans Monument second annual local artist day starting at 11 a.m. All vendors are from within the surrounding area. All merchandise is made in Michigan. Lumbermans Monument is located in the Huron Manistee National Forest, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road, at the junction with Monument Road. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Sunrise Side Wine and Food Festival. Michigan vintners and breweries serve wine and beer; area restaurants serve food from noon to 6 p.m. at the Harrisville Harbor. Contact Alcona County

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Calendar of Events

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Chamber of Commerce (989) 724-5107.

See the stars, suns, moons, galaxies and planets during Astronomy 101 with John Heath at the Harrisville State Park at 9 p.m. For more information, call (989) 724-5126.

MONDAY, JULY 22

Printmaking with Kathleen Baker at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 1 to 3:30 p.m. This is a free program for teens and adults. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

Kids are invited to play Wii games at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library, 330 Traverse Bay Road from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-3388.

Vacation Bible School for children pre-school to fifth grade at Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information or to register, call (989) 727-3206.

Two computers and WiFi available for seniors over 60 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk inside from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Twenty-three times around the hall equals one mile.

The Alcona County Republican Party will meet at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

TUESDAY, JULY 23

The Harrisville Lady Lions will meet for their traditional picnic at noon at MacGregor field, near the ball diamond on the north end of Lake Street, Harrisville. Bring a dish to pass and your own table service. Beverages will be supplied.

Knitting Klub and Crochet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 10 a.m. to noon. All levels welcome. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Matt Emerick, storyteller and juggler will entertain all ages at 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Vacation Bible School for children pre-school to fifth grade at Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (989) 727-3206.

Kid's Day at Lumbermans Monument. Come learn how you can help save our beautiful planet for everyone to enjoy at 1 p.m. Lumbermans

Monument is located in the Huron Manistee National Forest, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road, at the junction with Monument Road. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

The Sunrise Gardening Club will meet at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Social time starts at 12:30 p.m. Guest speaker will be master gardener Peg Gutmann. For more information, contact Becky Bean at (989) 724-6569.

Weight loss support group will meet at the Lincoln United Methodist Church, 101 East Main Street, 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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equals one mile.

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

Alcona County Commission On Aging board meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. The public is welcome to attend.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

Ellen LaCross will teach paper bead making from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. This is a free program for teens and adults. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

Drop in Craft and Wii for children from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library, 330 Traverse Bay Road. For more information, call (989) 736-3388.

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

Vacation Bible School for children pre-school to fifth grade at Hope Lutheran

Church, 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (989) 727-3206.

Harrisville City Summer Concert at 7 p.m. at the harbor. Blue Water Ramblers singing a mixture of love songs, folk music and protest songs old and new. Contact City Hall (989) 724-6666.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. All items will be donated to local organizations. Bring your knitting needles, looms, yarn and patterns. Beginning crafters are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Alcona woodcarvers meet from 2 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Sing-a-long at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5307 Campbell Road, Greenbush. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Foot clinic with Connie Cosbett, R.N. from 10 a.m. to

4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Cost is \$25, bring your own towel. For an appointment, call (989) 736-8879.

THURSDAY, JULY 25

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

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

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Vacation Bible School for children pre-school to fifth grade at Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (989) 727-3206.

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Church Raffle Winners

The winner of the hand-stitched quilt at Barton City Lutheran Church was Fritz Knauf of St. Joseph, Mich. The winners of the hand painted pictures by local artist Dean Coombs were Al Stuve from Alaska, and Ernie Knauf of St. Joseph, Mich.

Away at School

Alexander Christopher LaLonde of Mikado recently graduated from Western Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in business administration marketing.

New Arrival

Jeannie Marie Kruttlin is the new daughter of John and Roberta (Kuhlman) Kruttlin of Howell, Mich. She was born Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich. She weighed nine pounds, nine ounces and was 21.25 inches long. She joins brother Joseph, 2. She is granddaughter of Virginia Kruttlin of Lincoln and Bob and Kathleen Kuhlman of West Bloomfield, Mich.

Entertainer Visits Library

Sing along with Mat Emerick on Tuesday, July 23 at 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library as he sings the story of a miner during the Gold Rush of 1849. It's a show filled with storytelling, juggling, mime and music. This free program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Region 19 — Kirtland Community College Foundation. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Drop in Craft & Wii Games

Kids are invited to the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library on Wednesday, July 24 from 1 to 3 p.m. to make a craft and play Wii games on the library's Wii system. For more information, call (989) 736-3388.

Making Paper Beads

Teenagers and adults are invited to create colorful and unique paper beads with Alpena artist Ellen LaCross on Wednesday, July 24 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All materials provided, participants must call to register at (989) 724-6796. This free program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Region 19 — Kirtland Community College Foundation.

Senior Menu

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

• Monday, July 22—Pork tips and gravy over tri-colored rotini, corn, tropical fruit salad and fruit.

• Tuesday, July 23—Sweet and sour chicken over rice, broccoli, pea salad and fruit pie.

• Wednesday, July 24—Cabbage rolls, red parsley potatoes, wax beans, orange pineapple salad and fruit.

• Thursday, July 25—Chicken bacon ranch pizza, carrot sticks, tossed salad and fruit.

• Friday, July 26—Pork roast, baked beans, prince Charles blend, applesauce and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market, located on the ARA Site in Lincoln, will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Saturday, July 20. Available this week: Sweet and tart cherries, raspberries, tomatoes, bell peppers, cucumbers, garlic, carrots, green and wax beans, Swiss chard, lettuce, kale, arugula, fresh herbs, honey, farm-fresh eggs, cupcakes, assorted breads, muffins, regular and sugar-free pies, quick breads, coffee cakes, cookies, all cuts of hormone and antibiotic-free grass and grain-fed beef, brats, beef jerky and beef sticks, dried herbs, jams and jellies, herb plants, perennials, annuals, cut flowers, plastic bag holders, homemade laundry detergent, handmade cards, tatted jewelry, crocheted dish cloths, market bags, candles, burlap bags, handmade signs and wooden items, including Adirondack chairs, rod racks, gun racks, walking sticks, pet dish holders, sawhorses, benches, hand-carved signs and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Alcona Relay for Life

The Alcona County Relay for Life will be held on Friday, July 19 from 6 p.m. until noon on Saturday, July 20 at the Alcona High School track. This is the 10th year for Alcona County Relay for Life and the 27th year for the national movement by the American Cancer Society.

According to Alcona County Relay for Life Chairperson Denise Powierski, the event is "a fun, emotional, exciting way to get together with our community to raise money and celebrate cancer survivors and their caregivers. Nine local teams have been raising money throughout the year by selling luminary bags, asking for donations, holding rummage sales, selling crafts, breakfasts and many other events. Each team member has a personal goal of raising at least \$100, which becomes a big commitment for those who have many members on their team," she said.

Powierski explained that during the Relay, at least one team member from each team will walk the track for the entire 18 hours. "We encourage and invite everyone in our community to join us in walking so we have many people walking every hour to show support to all of the survivors and help support us in finding a cure," Powierski said. "You do not need to be on a team to attend, but if you would like to be on a team, there are a few ways to do this. The website at relayforlife.org or the phone number (800) 227-2345 are easy ways to find or start a team, or you can contact any of our committee members at the relay. It's never too late to join or start a team and absolutely everyone is needed and appreciated when helping out."

Art on the Bay

The Thunder Bay Arts Council will present its 37th annual "Art on the Bay" Fine Art and Craft Show on July Saturday, 20 and Sunday, July 21. Artists and crafters will showcase their creations in this juried event. This art fair coincides with the first weekend of the Michigan Brown Trout Festival. Fine art includes oil, acrylic and watercolor paintings with a wide range of subject matter. There are potters who make their own clay and glazes creating high-fired stoneware. Hand-crafted jewelry, as well as clothing for dolls, children and adults will be available along with needle art, wall hangings, quilting and hand-knit items. Artisans who work with wood and metal will show their creations in signs, furniture and lawn art. A variety of authors are also represented.

Featured this year is "Empty Canvas," a live music and interactive painting on canvas performance on Saturday, July 20, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the band shell. The finished painting will be auctioned at "Wine at the Harbor" from 1 to 7 p.m. following the performance. Visit emptycanvaslive.com for more details about "Empty Canvas." "Kids Art Zone" will be available from noon to 4 p.m. on Saturday and 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sunday. A variety of food will be available on the grounds. For more information, call the Thunder Bay Arts Council at (989) 356-6678 or visit the website at www.alpenatbarts.org.

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Still Kicking

Dear Kicking,
Choosing an executor – the person or institution you put in charge of administering your estate and carrying out your final wishes – is one of the most important decisions in preparing a will.

Picking the right executor can help ensure the prompt, accurate distribution of your possessions with a minimum of family friction. Some of the duties required include:

- Filing court papers to start the probate process (this is generally required by law to determine the will's validity).
- Taking an inventory of

everything in the estate.

- Using your estate's funds to pay bills, including taxes, funeral costs, et cetera.

- Handling details like terminating credit cards, and notifying banks and government agencies like Social Security and the post office of the death.

- Preparing and filing final income tax returns.

- Distributing assets to the beneficiaries named in the will.

Given all the responsibility, the ideal candidate should be someone who is honest, dependable, well organized, good with paperwork and vigilant about meeting deadlines.

Most people think first of naming a family member, especially a spouse or child, as executor. If, however, you don't have an obvious family member to choose, you may want to ask a trusted friend, but be sure to choose some-

one in good health or younger than you who will likely be around after you're gone.

Also, if your executor of choice happens to live in another state, you'll need to check your state's law to see if it imposes any special requirements. Some states require an out-of-state executor to be a family member or a beneficiary, some require a bond to protect your heirs in case of mismanagement, and some require the appointment of an instate agent.

Also keep in mind that if the person you choose needs help settling your estate they can always call on an expert like an attorney or tax accountant to guide them through the process, with your estate picking up the cost.

If, however, you don't have a friend or relative you feel comfortable with, you could name a third party executor like a bank, trust company

or a professional who has experience dealing with estates. If you need help locating a pro, the National Association of Estate Planners and Councils (naepc.org) and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela.org) are great resources that provide directories on their websites to help you find someone.

Most family members and close friends (especially if they are a beneficiary) serve for free, but if you opt for a third party executor it will cost your estate. Executor fees are set by each state and typically run anywhere from one to five percent depending on the size of the estate.

Whoever you choose to serve as your executor, be sure you get their approval first before naming him or her in your will. And once you've made your choice, go over your financial details in your will with that person, and let him or her know

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For more information on the duties of an executor, get a copy of the book "The American Bar Association Guide to Wills and Estates" fourth edition for \$17 at ambar.org/wills or call (800) 285-2221.

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must complete the entire 120 miles within 19 hours.

Among the international participants is Webb, 53, who will be racing with the same partner he had last year, Yves Cartier from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. They will be in canoe No. 57. The pair did well last year coming in 21st overall to finish and second place in the senior (over 50) division. Their senior sprint times were among the 10 fastest in the race's history.

Webb said he's always loved being on the water and got interested in canoeing as a boy with scouts and church groups. He began racing with a good friend, Greg Kolka, who had relatives which were finishing well in the annual marathon race.

Webb's wife, Sarah, also races canoes as do both of his children. "Quite a few families get involved and it's nice to get together on the weekends and keep the family active. I entered the race with my daughter one year and we had one of the fastest father/daughter sprint times ever, even faster than an Olympian racer had with his daughter," Webb said.

Despite having a root canal a few days before the Curley Memorial Race in

Oscoda last weekend, Webb placed 11th out of 24 in a C-1 canoe (one man) race.

Lincoln resident, Chris Scully, competed in the C-2 (two man) Curley Memorial Race on Saturday with his partner and cousin, Matthew Potvin from Taylor, Mich. The pair plans on making Scully's 10th start in the marathon in canoe No. 77.

Other Alcona residents entering the 120 mile race are Carrie Montgomery from Mikado in canoe No. 34 and Malcomb McDougall of Glennie in canoe No. 65.

Scully said that synchronization is a key factor in racing a canoe with a partner and most participants in the AuSable River marathon will have a minimum of 150 hours together in a boat.

Scully races strictly for the exercise. "I've got a bad back, bad knees and bad shoulders, but I still feel better doing extreme workouts in the canoe. It doesn't take strength to do this sport, it takes endurance. You are sitting and paddling 60 to 70 strokes per minute for an average stroke rate. If you want to catch up to somebody, you're paddling faster.

"Imagine sitting in a chair and paddling, pulling water

at that speed for 19 hours. It's all about how fast you can get the paddle out of the water and back in," Scully said. He admitted that the extreme sport takes a little craziness to go along with the endurance.

Scully explained that canoe racing is a sport done in almost any kind of weather and that certain weather conditions can make the races even more grueling. "Wind and cold temperatures, especially in the middle of the night get extremely hard. Stormy weather with lightning can be life threatening racing on water. They don't tell you to leave the water but leave it up to your own choice. They've never stopped a race due to weather. I don't know that they've ever stopped a race for any reason," Scully said.

Some canoe racers practice all year 'round in Michigan. Scully said Van Etten Creek in Oscoda never freezes over in the winter neither does an area near the mouth of the AuSable in Grayling, Mich.

Scully's rule is if it drops below 20 degrees, it's a little too cold (to practice). He explained that ice forms on the paddle and on the boat, plus if a paddler falls in the water,



Jon Webb of Hubbard Lake in canoe No. 157 competes at the Harry Curley Memorial canoe race last Sunday. He came in 11th of 24 racers. Also in the race with Webb were Alcona County residents, Kevin Ornatowski of Glennie, Malcomb McDougall of Glennie and Carrie Montgomery of Mikado. Photo by Mary Weber.

there's a good chance for hypothermia. Even above 20 degrees there is a chance for hypothermia which is why Scully doesn't like practicing until the weather warms up.

Extreme heat can be equally detrimental. It causes exhaustion and dehydration. During a practice a few weeks ago Scully experienced sickness due to not keeping himself hydrated. "I changed my sports drink to something

others were using and it wasn't sweet enough. I didn't like the taste of it so I drank less and depleted my sugars. I could feel myself crash. I ended up with what I call the canoer's flu," Scully said.

During races medical technicians are on hand at certain bridges and check points for the racers' safety.

Also on hand are feeder

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 2010 Dodge Ram 2500 4WD, 5.7L V-8 cyl. • P3654 Was \$29,995 Only \$28,995	 2003 Ford Escape 4WD, 3.0L V-6 cyl., 4 speed automatic. • U3633 Was \$6,995 Only \$4,988	 2007 Buick LaCrosse CX FWD, 3.8L V-6 cyl., 4 Speed Automatic • U3408 Was \$10,999 Only \$7,995	 2006 Buick Lucerne CXL V6 FWD, 3.8L V-6 cyl., 4 speed automatic. • U3440 Was \$10,999 Only \$8,495	 2007 CADILLAC DTS FWD, 4.6L V-8 cyl., 4 speed automatic. • U3583 Was \$12,999 Only \$11,795
 2008 Ford Explorer 4WD, 4.0L V-6 cyl., 5 speed automatic • U3577 Was \$11,995 Only \$10,695	 2007 Chevrolet Equinox LS AWD, 3.4L V-6 cyl., 5 speed automatic • U3625 Was \$13,999 Only \$12,695	 2010 Chevrolet Impala LT FWD, 3.5L V-6 cyl., 4 speed automatic. • P3502 Was \$15,999 Only \$13,995	 2012 Chevrolet Impala LT FWD, 3.5L V-6 cyl., 6 speed automatic, 27,869 miles. • U3508 Was \$18,999 Only \$15,995	 2007 Chevrolet Impala LTZ FWD, 3.9L V-6 cyl., 4 speed automatic • P3468 Was \$16,999 Only \$12,995
 2000 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 RWD, 5.3L V-8 cyl., 3 speed automatic • U3541 Was \$5,995 Only \$3,995	 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD, 5.3L V-8 cyl., 4 speed automatic • U3485 Was \$11,999 Only \$10,895	 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT 4WD, 5.3L V-8 cyl., 4 speed automatic • U3599 Was \$12,999 Only \$9,995	 2008 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD, 5.3L V-8 cyl., 4 speed automatic • U3501 Was \$21,999 Only \$19,989	 2011 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 LT 4WD, 5.3L V-8 cyl., 4 speed automatic • U3568 Was \$21,999 Only \$20,695
 2005 Buick LeSabre Custom 3.8L V-6, 4-speed automatic • U3641 Was \$9,995 Only \$8,995	 1995 Chevrolet K1500 Cheyenne 4WD, automatic, 55,000 miles • U3644 Was \$5,999 Only \$4,989	 2003 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD, 5.3L V-8 cyl., 4 speed automatic • U3563 Was \$11,999 Only \$9,995	 2004 Chevrolet Trailblazer EXT 4WD, 5.3L V-8 cyl., 4 speed automatic • U3479 Was \$9,999 Only \$8,395	 2008 Chrysler Aspen Limited 4WD, 5.7L V-8 cyl., multi-speed automatic • U3594 Was \$17,995 Only \$14,995
 2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500LT 4WD, 5.3L V-8, 4-speed automatic • U3599 Was \$12,999 Only \$9,995	 2010 Chrysler Town & Country Touring FWD, 3.8L V-6 cyl., multi-speed automatic • U3519 Was \$16,995 Only \$15,969	 2010 Chrysler Town & Country Touring FWD, 3.8L V-6 cyl., multi-speed automatic, 34,404 miles • P3487 Was \$20,995 Only \$19,899	 2010 Dodge Journey SXT FWD, 3.5L V-6 cyl., multi-speed automatic, 28,555 miles • U3644 Was \$18,999 Only \$17,899	 2000 Ford E-150 Conversion Van FWD, 4.6L V-8 cyl., 4 speed automatic • P3493 Was \$7,999 Only \$4,995
 2007 Ford Edge SE FWD, 3.5L V-6 cyl., 6 speed automatic • U3503 Was \$14,999 Only \$13,989	 2002 Chrysler Town & Country LXi FWD, 3.8L V-6 cyl., Multi speed auto. • U3683 Was \$7,999 Only \$6,989	 2010 Chrysler Town & Country Touring Plus FWD, 3.8L V-6 cyl., Multi speed auto. • U3683 Was \$22,999 Only \$21,879	 2012 Dodge Durango Crew AWD, 3.6L V-6 cyl., 24491 miles • U3652 Was \$28,999 Only \$27,899	 2004 Dodge Ram 1500 4WD, 4.7L V-8 cyl. • U3673 Was \$24,495 Only \$23,566
 2011 Ford Escape XLT 4WD, 3.0L I-4 cyl., 6 speed automatic, 20,980 miles • U3602 Was \$22,999 Only \$20,995	 2012 Ford Escape XLT 4WD, 2.5L I-4 cyl., 6 speed automatic, 10,189 miles • U3525 Was \$23,995 Only \$22,495	 2008 Ford Escape XLT 3.0L 4WD, 3.0L V-6 cyl., 4 speed automatic • U3444 Was \$18,995 Only \$16,695	 2011 Ford Explorer XLT 4WD, 3.5L V-6 cyl., 6 speed automatic • U3451 Was \$31,999 Only \$28,995	 2005 Dodge Ram 1500 SLT/Laramie 4WD, 4.7L V-8 cyl. • P3677 Was \$11,495 Only \$10,675
 2008 Ford Explorer XLT V6 4WD, 4.0L V-6 cyl., 5 speed auto., 64,721 miles • U3443 Was \$15,995 Only \$14,995	 2003 Ford F-150 4WD, 4.6L V-8 cyl., 82,342 miles • U3605 Was \$10,995 Only \$8,995	 2007 Ford Escape 4WD, 3.0L V-6 cyl., 4 speed auto. • P3614 Was \$13,999 Only \$11,995	 2010 Ford Escape Limited 4WD, 3.0L V-6 cyl., 6 speed auto. • U3658 Was \$20,999 Only \$19,995	 2003 Ford Escape XLS Popular FWD, 3.0L V-6 cyl. • U3635 Was \$6,999 Only \$4,995

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teams. As canoes pass by going about seven to 10 miles per hour, feeder teams of people will wade into the water on foot to hand the racers Pepto Bismo or milk of magnesia to settle stomachs if needed. The feeders will



Donna and Al Scully, Chris' parents, watch the race at Cook Pond Saturday. They will be following the marathon to assist Scully and Potvin during the race.

also have candy bars or fruit -- something easy for the racers to grab and eat to replace lost sugars. Racers keep hydrated with sports drinks, sipping from a long tube which is connected to liters of sports drinks stationed behind their seat.

To better understand the extreme physical demands met by a canoe racer, Scully used the example of crossing Alcona Pond in a canoe at a leisurely pace, which will take about three hours to get from one side to the other. It only takes Scully 41 minutes.

During the AuSable marathon there are six hydroelectric dams to portage where racers must get out and carry the canoe. "It's a challenge because you're getting out of water. There can be some wave action that will throw you around. You have to use your legs to get back to the bottom of the dam and all you've been using is your upper body so it's a challenge to get your sea legs to move.

"Your circulation has been concentrating on moving your upper body and then you have to stop your synchronization. You and your partner are out of rhythm. It takes a toll on your energy. Cooke and Foot dams are up on a wall and descend steep hills. You can't run those steep hills or your body will pass you," Scully said.

Scully's canoe is an older model made of Kevlar, but most models now are made of carbon fiber. Webb said a new C-1 carbon fiber canoe can range from about \$3,700 up to about \$5,000 but the good thing about the investment is that the resale value of the canoe is high and if you take care of your equipment you can get close to what you paid for it to begin with.

Scully said he got lucky finding his canoe online and paid only \$400, noting that it is an extreme sport and not everyone who buys a racing canoe will stick with it, so occasionally you can find a



Scully and Potvin walk their canoe to the river before the race. Photos by Cheryl Peterson.

good deal on used equipment. Besides enjoying a great day racing on the water, another good thing about canoeing is that it's kind to the environment. Unlike other boats that use gasoline engines, the only engines on a

canoe is the bodies that are paddling.

For more information about the AuSable River Canoe Marathon and for a complete spectator guide visit ausablecanoeamarathon.org.

 2010 Ford F-150 FX4 5.4L V-8 cyl., 6 speed automatic • U3377 Was \$29,000 Only \$25,995	 2010 Ford F-150 5.4L V-8 cyl., 6 speed auto • U3400 Was \$28,000 Only \$25,995	 2007 Ford F-150 4WD, 5.4L V-8 cyl., 4 speed automatic • U3669 Only \$16,999	 2011 Ford F-150 5.0L V-8 cyl., 6 speed auto, 21,858 miles • U3640 Was \$30,999 Only \$29,746	 2007 Ford Taurus Limited FWD, 3.5L V-6 cyl., 6 speed auto • P3617 Was \$26,495 Only \$25,500	 2008 Ford Taurus SEL FWD, 3.5L V-6 cyl., 6 speed automatic • P3667 Was \$12,999 Only \$11,695	 2009 Ford Taurus X Eddie Bauer AWD, 3.5L V-6 cyl., 6 speed auto, 51,890 miles • U3655 Was \$19,999 Only \$18,895
 2012 Ford Flex 3.5L V-6 cyl., 6 speed automatic, 16,402 miles • P3646 Was \$35,999 Only \$34,899	 2010 Ford F-150 5.4L V-8 cyl., 6 speed automatic, 37,161 miles • U3610 Was \$33,999 Only \$31,989	 2011 Ford F-150 4WD, 5.4L V-8 cyl., 6 speed automatic, 14,357 miles • U3555 Was \$29,995 Only \$27,995	 2005 Land Rover LR3 SE 4WD, 4.4L V-8 cyl., 6 speed automatic • U3593 Was \$13,999 Only \$12,995	 2011 Ford F-150 4WD, 5.3L V-8 cyl., 6 speed automatic • U3580 Was \$28,999 Only \$27,895	 2009 Lincoln MKS FWD, 3.7L V-6 cyl., 6 speed automatic • U3627 Was \$22,999 Only \$21,409	 2007 Lincoln Town Car Signature RWD, 4.6L V-8 cyl., 4 speed auto, 37,025 miles • U3651 Was \$17,999 Only \$15,910
 2011 Ford F-150 Eco Boost 4WD, 3.5L V-6 cyl., 6 speed automatic, 19,418 miles • U3587 Was \$29,995 Only \$28,478	 2007 Ford F-150 SuperCrew 4WD, 5.4L V-8 cyl., 4 speed automatic • U3582 Was \$20,999 Only \$19,495	 2011 Ford Fusion SE FWD, 2.5L I-4 cyl., • U3622 Was \$17,999 Only \$16,832	 2009 Ford F-150 SuperCrew 4WD, 5.4L V-8 cyl., 6 speed automatic • P3558 Was \$27,695 Only \$26,295	 2009 Ford F-150 SuperCrew 4WD, 5.4 V-8 cyl., 6 speed automatic • U3629 Was \$22,999 Only \$21,396	 2007 Ford Fusion SE 14 FWD, 2.3L I-4 cyl., • U3665 Was \$7,999 Only \$5,995	 2008 Ford F-250 6.4 Diesel RWD, 3.8L V-8 cyl., 45,792 Miles • U3490 Was \$32,999 Only \$31,995
 2011 Ford F-250 4WD, 6.2L V-8 cyl., 6 speed automatic, 18,900 miles • U3574 Was \$33,995 Only \$30,995	 2003 Oldsmobile Silhouette FWD, 3.4L V-6 cyl., 4 speed automatic • U3428 Was \$7,999 Only \$4,995	 2009 Ford Focus SE FWD, 2.0L I-4 cyl., 5 speed manual • U3611 Was \$10,999 Only \$8,995	 2013 Ford Focus Titanium FWD, 2.0L I-4 cyl., 4 speed automatic, 4,246 miles • U3492 Was \$21,999 Only \$20,995	 2010 Ford 150 4WD, 5.4L V-8 cyl., automatic • U3628 Was \$26,999 Only \$25,898	 2012 Ford Fusion SE FWD, 2.5L I-4 cylinder, 25,470 Miles • P3615 Was \$20,995 Only \$18,995	 2013 Ford Mustang RWD, 3.7L V-7 cyl., 22,258 Miles • U3616 Was \$26,995 Only \$25,431
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 2008 Mercury Grand Marquis LS RWD, 4.6 L V-8 cyl., 4 speed automatic, 53,566 miles • U3494 Was \$16,995 Only \$14,995	 2010 Mercury Mariner Premier 4WD, 3.0L V-6 cyl., 6 speed auto., 37,721 miles • U3600 Was \$21,995 Only \$19,995	 2012 Nissan Altima 3.5 SR FWD, 3.5L V-6 cyl., continuously variable, 25,125 miles • U3521 Was \$23,995 Only \$21,995	 2011 Nissan Murano FWD, 3.5L V-6 cyl., Continuously Variable • U3634 Was \$21,999 Only \$19,995	 2000 Ford F-250 4WD, 5.4L V-8 cyl., 4 speed auto, 63,613 Was \$7,995 Only \$6,950	 2012 Ram 1500 ST 5.7L V-8 cyl., 6 speed automatic • U3584 Was \$28,995 Only \$27,695	 2007 Toyota Tacoma V-6 4WD, 4.0 V-6 cyl., 4 speed auto • U3603 Was \$19,999 Only \$18,695
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plained the importance of officer safety and how central dispatch plays an important role with regular status checks of deputies and the coordination of other aspects of county emergency response.

McKenzie located the driver of the dump truck at a gravel pit. The driver was surprised at the complaint and said his load was covered – per state law – however, it was very dry and some could be spilling out.

• 5:08 p.m. – While driving south on Hubbard Lake Road, McKenzie clocked a white minivan traveling north going 83 miles per hour. After a U-turn and a short, accelerated pursuit, the van pulled over and McKenzie collected the driver's license and registration. According to dispatch, the information was good and there were no outstanding warrants. However, he does issue a speeding ticket.

• 5:29 p.m. – Traffic stop on M-72 west of Hubbard Lake Road. A silver, four-door car is clocked at 70 miles per hour heading east. The male driver, in a military uniform, admitted he was in a hurry to get home to his family after being away. After running the information, McKenzie learned the driver had a permit to carry a concealed weapon. "Anyone with a CCW permit who has a weapon in the vehicle, must report it when they are pulled over. There can be pretty stiff fines



Deputy Scott McKenzie gives the driver of this minivan a speeding ticket. Photos by Cheryl Peterson.

if you don't," McKenzie said as he exited the patrol car to return the license and registration. He asked the driver if he had a concealed weapon in the car. He did, and apologized for not admitting it sooner. McKenzie gave him a warning about his speed and reminded him about the CCW regulation.

• 5:38 p.m. – Dispatch reported a complaint from a caller who witnessed a red pickup truck traveling on Trask Lake Road in Barton City with long objects sticking out of the passenger window. While heading toward

Barton City, McKenzie noticed a pickup truck hauling a trailer without a license plate.

• 5:41 p.m. – Traffic stop on the truck and trailer. After a discussion with the driver, who McKenzie has dealt with in the past, they found where the plate had been attached, but had been broken off. The driver was borrowing the trailer and didn't notice that it didn't have a license plate. "You could write me a ticket, but you won't. You are going to be a nice guy," the driver

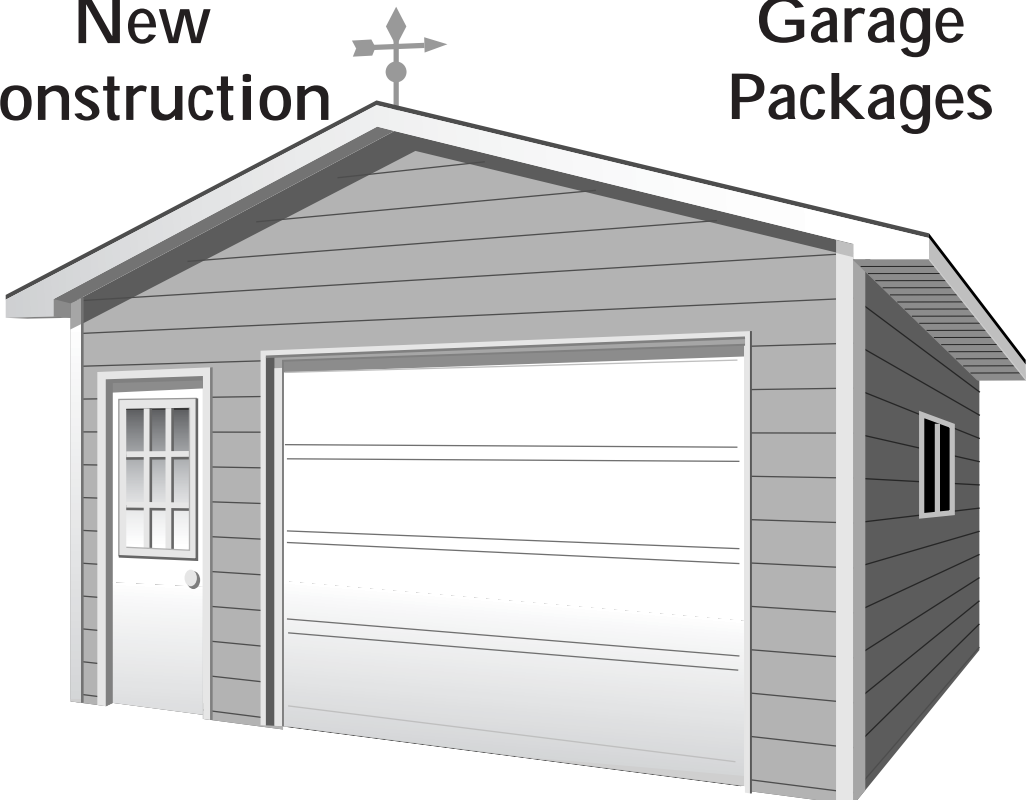
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AuSable River Canoe Marathon Spectator Guide

The AuSable River Canoe Marathon boasts that it is not only North America's toughest canoe race and one of the most epic endurance sport competitions on earth, but it is also the world's toughest spectator race, as spectators traverse the 120 mile river trek on land by car and foot.

The table below represents the times that the leading teams will reach sites along the race course. Between these sites are many places to observe and to meet fellow followers of the race.

The last few miles of the race from Cooke Dam to Oscoda offer the very best of observation points, because of the high banks.

- Burton's Landing - 9:40 p.m.
- Stephan Bridge - 10:15 p.m.
- Wakeley Bridge - 10:45 p.m.
- McMaster's Bridge - 11:45 p.m.
- Parmalee Bridge - 12:45 a.m.
- Camp 10 Bridge - 1:55 a.m.
- Mio Dam - 2 a.m.
- McKinley Bridge - 4 a.m.
- 4001 Bridge - 5 a.m.
- Alcona Dam - 5:30 a.m.
- Loud Dam - 7:20 a.m.
- Five Channels Dam - 7:45 a.m.
- Cooke Dam - 8:45 a.m.
- Foote Dam - 10 a.m.
- Oscoda (finish) - 11 a.m.

For a complete guide as to what spectators should bring with them, location sites and directions, visit ausablecanoeamarathon.org.

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said. "I am," McKenzie said and returned to the car.

He drove through Barton City and took Trask Lake Road into Lincoln looking for the red truck. He did not find it.

• 6:15-7 p.m. - Back at the sheriff's department, McKenzie took a break for dinner. Following the break he went to a residence on Poor Farm Road to deliver civil complaint paperwork. No one answered the door.

• 7:46 p.m. - Traffic stop on US-23 near Martel Road in Greenbush. The driver of a black pickup truck was not wearing a seatbelt. McKenzie gave a warning. He drove through Harrisville and headed west on M-72 checking the speed of vehicles.

• 8:53 p.m. - Fuel stop at the BP gas station in Harrisville. Then he returned to the sheriff's department to work on reports before the end of his shift at 10 p.m. He explained how to fill out a crash report while completing one on a car-deer accident on M-72. The State of Michigan Traffic Report is a standardized form and used by all law enforcement agencies. He completed his daily log and turned it in. "Everything we do is reviewed by a sergeant," McKenzie said. "There is a lot of checks and balances in this department. There has to be."

Wednesday, July 10

• 3:50 p.m. - Met McKenzie at the sheriff's department two hours into his shift. He was bringing an inmate from the jail back from a doctor's appointment in Lincoln. After he dropped off the inmate, he drove to Lincoln to pick up two prescriptions for the inmate.

Twenty days had passed since our first "ride-along" and quite a bit had transpired for deputy McKenzie. In that time he and deputy Neff had handled two incidents where children were killed - six days apart. Both incidents are under investigation, so details were not discussed. However, both incidents will have long-lasting affects for him, Neff - and the other emergency personnel who responded.

"Five minutes alone outside was not going to work this time," McKenzie said. "This was a time when I needed to hug my family." The close-knit relationship within the department and a couple of

group discussions that transpired during the incident review process has helped him. Additionally, there is professional help available, through the department, should he feel the need. "This is a very supportive department. That really helps," he said.

• 4:28 p.m. - Dispatch reported a call from Iosco County reporting a black S-10 pickup truck with light bars on top driving at a high rate of speed toward Alcona County. After heading south on US-23 from Harrisville, McKenzie reported that he was unable to locate the vehicle.

• 5:26 p.m. - Parked on F-41 just north of the Village of Lincoln, McKenzie checked the speed of vehicles as they entered the village limit. He updated his daily log and fielded questions.

In your time as a law enforcement officer, what have you learned to help you do your job?

"Communication plays a huge role in doing my job effectively," McKenzie said. "I feel it is important to treat people decently. My philosophy is to treat people with respect. Many people don't understand that it is my job to get information and facts. And, I can do that by being nice, talking to them and treating them with respect. Ten years later, I am a lot better off - the different experiences that I've had have helped me learn how to deal with people and have helped me learn how to help people as well... jail isn't always the answer with some people."

"When emotions come up - when people are upset - I know how to communicate with people so (I) can bring them back out of the emotion. It's hard to communicate with people when they are drunk, you can't really reason with them and it can be elevated. It is important, I think, to be nice to them, talk calmly... Anything we can do to get an upper hand."

After 10 years in the department, and seeing some of the things you've seen, how do you keep from becoming jaded?

"It is hard... I think the statistic is 10 percent of the population causes 80 percent of the problems," McKenzie said. "It is difficult when you have to deal with the same person over and over again. You have to think

that maybe something else needs to be done. However, I try not to be biased. I look at each incident as a separate incident. Everyone gets a clean slate. It's a new day."

• 5:41 p.m. - Traffic stop in Kris Mart parking lot. A red Chevy pickup truck was clocked at 50 miles per hour in a 35 mph zone. The driver said her record was clean, no speeding tickets. A call to dispatch proves she's telling the truth. "Honesty is a big thing with me," McKenzie said. "People lie a lot and if someone is honest with me, I appreciate it." He issued a warning.

• 6 - 6:45 p.m. - McKenzie took a dinner break at the sheriff's department.

• 6:46 p.m. - Well-being check on a resident in Spruce. A downstate family member called to express concern because the resident had been making statements about injuring herself. McKenzie and deputy Frank-lin respond to the call in separate vehicles. "Officer safety is the reason we are both going," McKenzie said.

When the deputies arrived, the resident was in the backyard of the residence, unharmed, but initially uncommunicative. Local family members arrived, and eventually, with the deputies using the communication skills McKenzie spoke about earlier in the day, the resident left with a family member for Alpena Regional Medical Center.

• 7:57 p.m. - McKenzie left the residence in Spruce, bound for the sheriff's department to call the downstate family member to report the outcome of the well-being check.

• 8:36 p.m. - McKenzie drove through Harrisville, to the Harrisville Harbor while the summer concert was going on and then drove through the Harrisville State Park.

• 9:15 p.m. - Returned to the sheriff's department to update daily log and finish paperwork before going off duty.

(Editor's note: Thank you to Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison for his willingness to open up his department for this writing assignment. Special thanks to Deputy Scott McKenzie for his willingness to participate, his honesty and professionalism.)

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Family Reunion

43rd Legree Reunion

With the cabin finally cleaned up from the fire in April, we had the 43rd Legree Reunion in Barton City on July 6 at the home of the late Dora Legree Randolph.

Again this year our thanks and thoughts go out to Danny Hiscock for his generous donation of KFC for our reunion's meal.

Our numbers in atten-

dance was lower this year due to the Fourth of July landing on a Thursday. Those who couldn't make it were thought of with loving spirit by all. The 40 of us played games and the little ones won prizes. The blind auction is always fun for all. The auctioneer was Rob Legree and was assisted by Lonny

Garvin. They did a great job. We had fun playing baseball too.

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Red Cross experiences blood donation shortage

The American Red Cross has issued an emergency request for platelet and blood donors of all blood types because many fewer donations than expected were received in June and the first week of July.

"We are counting on generous volunteer blood and platelet donors to step up and give now," said Todd

Kulman, communications program manager for the Red Cross Great Lakes Blood Services Region. "Every two seconds, someone in the U.S. needs blood. Each day donations come up short, less blood is available for these patients in need."

Nationwide, donations through the Red Cross were down approximately 10 percent in June, resulting in about 50,000 fewer donations than expected. The shortfall is similar to what the Red Cross experienced in June 2012.

June can be among the most challenging months of the year for blood and platelet donations as regular donors delay giving while they adjust to summer schedules. High school and college blood drives account for as much as 20 percent of Red Cross donations during the school year. Donations from those who usually give at these drives drop by more than 80 percent when school is out for the summer.

In addition, a midweek Independence Day holiday reduced the number of blood drives scheduled in early July. Many sponsors, especially businesses, were un-

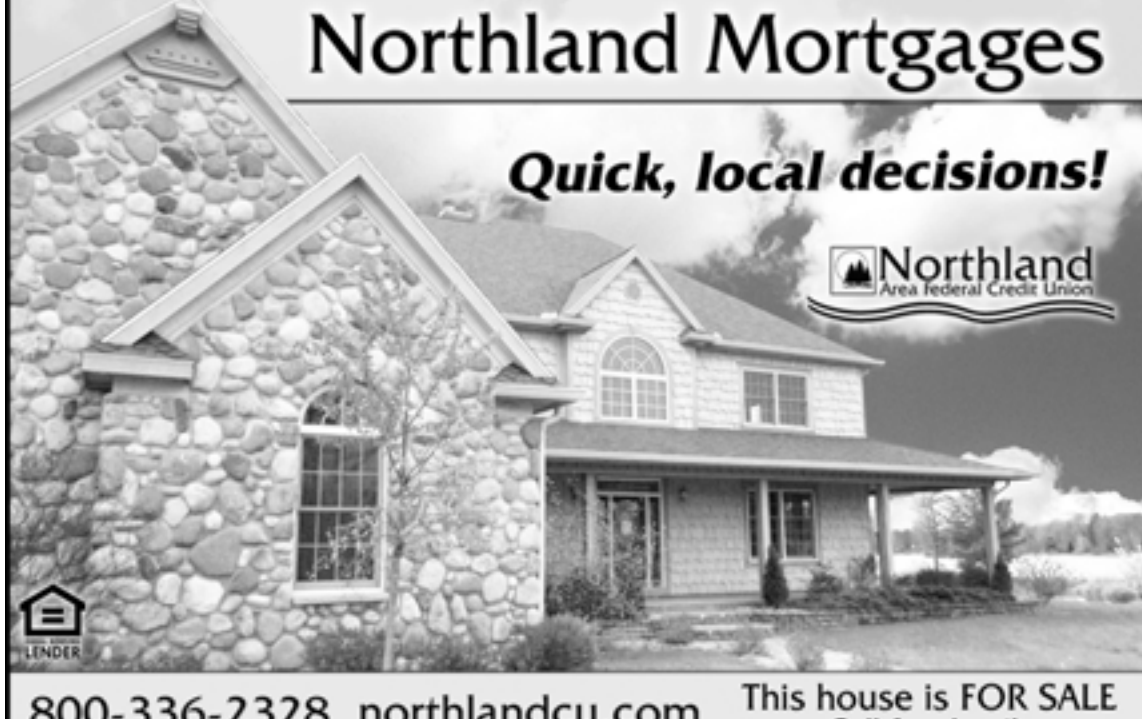
able to host drives because employees took extended vacations.

The Red Cross urgently needs donations to ensure an adequate blood supply is available for patients all summer long. Each day, the American Red Cross Great Lakes Blood Region needs approximately 650 donors to step forward and give blood. Eligible donors with types O negative, B negative and A negative blood are especially encouraged to give. Type O negative is the universal blood type and can be transfused to anyone who needs blood. Types A negative and B negative can be transfused to Rh positive or negative patients.

There is also an urgent need for platelet donations. Platelets - a key clotting component of blood often needed by cancer patients -- must be transfused within five days of donation, so it's important to have a steady supply of platelets on hand.

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Lake sturgeon stocked in northern Michigan inland waters

Approximately 18,500 young lake sturgeon from a streamside sturgeon-rearing facility were stocked in several inland lakes in northern Michigan on July 1.

The rearing facility, located on the banks of the Black River in Cheboygan County, is operated to facilitate lake sturgeon rehabilitation in the Cheboygan River watershed.

This facility is operated through cooperative efforts involving the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), the Black Lake Chapter of Sturgeon for Tomorrow, Michigan State University (MSU) and Tower-Kleber Limited Partnership.

Along with raising fish for sturgeon recovery, the rearing facility conducts research on lake sturgeon thanks to state, federal, Great Lakes Fishery Trust and Sturgeon for Tomorrow funds. Results provide guidance for managers involved in lake sturgeon recovery efforts, while improving the effectiveness of lake sturgeon culture and stocking efforts.

Each spring, MSU and DNR staff members collect and fertilize gametes (eggs and milt) from adult sturgeon returning to the Black River and rear the young at the streamside facility for approximately four months before releasing them as fall fingerlings in select waters. Black, Burt and Mullett lakes in Cheboygan County are priority stocking locations for those fall fingerlings.

"Survival of the eggs and fry exceeded expectations this year," said Dave Borgeson, Northern Lake Huron Management Unit Supervisor for the DNR's Fisheries Division. "Because the Black River location is a small streamside facility, it is not able to accommodate the large number of fry we had on hand. We stocked these young fish in

appropriate locations that help us achieve our management goals of rehabilitating lake sturgeon populations in these waters."

Selected and prioritized locations that were stocked with the small fingerlings last week were: Sturgeon River (a Burt Lake tributary), Pigeon River (a Mullett Lake tributary), Maple River (a Burt Lake tributary) and Otsego Lake.

In addition, the DNR will transfer 3,750 of the young sturgeon to another fish production facility near Pellston, Mich. which is owned and operated by the Little Traverse Bay Band of Odawa Indians. Fish will be reared there and stocked later this fall.

"It is important to reduce the densities of fish at the facility so we meet our target of healthy fall fingers later this summer," said Dr. Kim Scribner, an MSU professor and lead researcher at the streamside facility. "Holding too many fish at this point in the rearing process compromises the health of the young lake sturgeon and, ultimately, our chances of successful fall fingerling production."

"These circumstances [availability of fry] afforded us another opportunity for supplemental stocking of sturgeon as we work toward lake sturgeon recovery throughout the Cheboygan River watershed," said Brenda Archambo, president of the Black Lake Chapter of Sturgeon for Tomorrow. "We look forward to working with our partners, and we greatly appreciate and acknowledge the hard work of MSU and the DNR in their tremendous accomplishments in rearing lake sturgeon. Together, we are working to ensure our conservation legacy for future generations."

For more information on lake sturgeon in Michigan,

please visit www.michigan.gov/sturgeon.

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patients. A blood donor card or driver's license, or two other forms of identification are required at check-in.

Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental permission in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, visit redcross.org.

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New programs, exhibits illustrate attack on Fort Michilimackinac 250 years ago

Most Michigan school children have heard the story of when the Ojibwa tribe attacked Fort Michilimackinac. Now, 250 years later, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources is commemorating the attack with a new building and new programming at Fort Michilimackinac. A new rowhouse, which has been under construction since October 2011, has recently been completed and is now open to the public.

On June 2, 1763, more than 400 Ojibwa men had assembled outside the fort walls to play a game of baggatiway (a game similar to lacrosse) against visiting Sauk tribesmen. Upon hearing a prearranged signal, the players tossed the ball near the fort gates, which were open at the time. (While many have heard that the ball was tossed over the wall, the account from Capt. George Etherington stated that the ball was tossed near him, as

State Historic Parks, the organization responsible for the care of Colonial Michilimackinac and other historic sites in the Straits of Mackinac.

“Everything — from the archaeological and historical research, the architectural style of the building, the brand-new exhibits, concept and filming of the audiovisual program — has been executed to the smallest detail,” Porter said. “We’ve

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Artifacts at a new Colonial Michilimackinac exhibit illustrate the story of the French influence on the Straits of Mackinac. *Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

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he watched the game.)

As the players ran toward the ball, native women watching the game distributed weapons that they had hidden under their blanket robes. Now armed, the players rushed inside the gates, immediately taking the fort's commandant (Etherington) and another officer prisoner. Other soldiers, surprised by the speed of the attack, could not offer resistance. Many were quickly run down and killed.

When the attack ended a few minutes later, 15 soldiers were dead, the rest were prisoners, and the Ojibwa controlled Michilimackinac. Native people around the Great Lakes, inspired by the Odawa war leader Pontiac, made similar attacks on other British forts.

By the end of the summer of 1763, Forts Michilimackinac, Ouatennon, Miami, St. Joseph, Presque Isle, Venango, Le Boeuf and Sandusky had fallen. Only four British posts (Detroit, Ft. Niagara, Ft. Pitt, and Ft. Edward Augustus) remained in British hands as the uprising ended.

The largest reconstruction ever undertaken at the site — and the first in 23 years — the South Southwest Rowhouse represents more than just a year and a half of building. It is the result of archaeological excavations dating back to the 1960s and years of planning and research.

“Our staff has worked tirelessly at every level to make this a reality,” said Phil Porter, director for Mackinac

worked hard to make an authentic, memorable experience for our guests.”

One half of the reconstructed rowhouse features an audiovisual presentation of the attack at Michilimackinac. Principal photography took place in the summer, with some additional shots taken this past winter. Using a green screen and lighting effects, the actors look as if they are standing right inside the rowhouse in the finished product, a feat that seemed impossible during construction. Now complete, the immersive 15-minute experience shows not just the single attack at Fort Michilimackinac, but the events leading up to and following this and several other attacks throughout North America as part of Pontiac's uprising.

A new book, authored by Keith Widder and co-published by Michigan State University Press and Mackinac State Historic Parks, has been released to coincide with the 250th anniversary of the attack. “Beyond Pontiac's Shadow: Michilimackinac and the Anglo-Indian War of 1763” is a richly illustrated work. Painstakingly researched to feature the variety of causes and events that led to these orchestrated attacks of British military garrisons, the book details the attack at Fort Michilimackinac.

The opposite end of the new rowhouse is home to “France at Mackinac.” Detailing the French influence on the Straits of Mackinac, it

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features a number of artifacts excavated from the site and interactive displays describing the people of the region. Among the featured components of the new exhibit are the ruins of the fireplace from the original building, which was constructed more than 250 years ago. This particular fireplace is one of the few remaining structures left standing after British soldiers demolished the fort in 1780-81.

As part of one of the longest ongoing archaeological digs in North America, the remnants of the rowhouse and the fireplace were carefully excavated over a number of years from 1963 to 2007. Stone fireplaces such

as this one were found in nearly every house at Michilimackinac, but this is the only one that remains, as it was covered and preserved in a hill of sand soon after the demolition.

This fireplace ruin served as a model for the stone masons to create a similar fireplace on the east end of the building, showing how the stone hearth would have looked when originally built around 1750.

The South Southwest Rowhouse is only one of more than a dozen historically reconstructed buildings at Colonial Michilimackinac. Open seven days a week until mid-October, Colonial Michilimackinac features regular

daily programming including cannon and musket firing demonstrations, hearth cooking, crafts and an on-site archaeology excavation where explorers continue to pull centuries-old artifacts from the soil.

Admission is \$11 for adults, \$6.50 for youths age five to 17. Children four and under are free.

For more information, visit www.mackinacparks.com.

(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.)



Visitors to Colonial Michilimackinac gather outside the newly built rowhouse.

Input sought on new management plan for Tawas Point State Park

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is in the process of developing a management plan for Tawas Point State Park.

The DNR uses management plans to establish long-range planning and management strategy that will protect the natural resources of the park while addressing recreation needs and opportunities.

The public is invited to complete an online survey to provide valuable input to the planning team. This is the first of several opportunities for citizens to be part of the planning process, which will include availability of draft documents online for review

and comment, and a public open house to be announced in the fall.

The survey can be found online at <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TawasPoint> and will be available until August 16.

This management plan will assist the DNR Parks and Recreation Division in meeting its mission to protect and preserve the site's natural and cultural resources, and to provide access to land- and water-based public recreation and educational opportunities. Additional information on the DNR's management plan process is available at www.michigan.gov/parkmanagementplans.

For more information about this survey or the proposed plan, contact Debbie Jensen, DNR park management plan administrator, at (517) 335-4832 (TTY/TDD711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired).

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An immature bald eagle perches expectantly, and appropriately, on a picnic table waiting for his parents to bring some more fish.

Through a Lens

A fledgling house wren (right) perches on a limb as it spends it's first morning out of the nest.

Photos by Al Broadwood.



A fox squirrel steals grape jelly from an oriole feeder.



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Service to boaters comes first at Harrisville Harbor

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

A quaint refuge beckons boaters to one of Lake Huron's best kept secrets -- the Harrisville Harbor.

Located midway between the Straits of Mackinac and the Blue Water Bridge, Harrisville Harbor is a full service port and despite a few problematic areas that will be resolved with dredging in the near future, it has ample water depth to accommodate deep draft vessels.

Steven Baksis has been harbormaster for three years and feels lucky to have the position.

Baksis found Harrisville by water en route to the North Channel. He had cruised the Great Lakes for about 40 years and was impressed when he found the harbor 20 years ago. "It's probably the most New England type harbor on the Great Lakes and one of the nicest. When we found it I decided I'd like to retire here some day," Baksis said.

Baksis began spending weekends at the harbor about eight years ago. His background in marketing and working with young people, along with his many years of boating, have helped him with his duties as harbormaster. "In this current market we need marketing skills. I've been able to put some ideas together and create programs that are certain to enhance our boater population as well as the transient activity at the harbor," Baksis said. He explained that transient boaters are boaters who fuel up and just spend one or two nights at the harbor.

Baksis has five dockhands

which help him run the harbor. In previous years the harbor has employed as many as 10 or 12, but Baksis said the budget doesn't allow a large payroll. The result is the employees have to be more effective and efficient. Baksis explained the young people employed at the harbor work hard and are service oriented. He conducts training on boat handling and fueling operations and believes in keeping the harbor impeccably clean.

"The harbor is what it is because of the dockhands; they are the arms and legs of the operation. I hire young people who are energetic, have positive attitudes and great social skills. All of those skills are very important because we are in the catering business. We cater to boaters.

"The boaters are the dockhand's employers. Boaters are on vacation and they need to be treated as such. When you go to the Hyatt Regency, you want to be able to put your feet up on the coffee table and expect great service, it's no different here. The boaters are king," Baksis said.

Baksis said he believes the word is getting around as he gets compliments almost daily from boaters on the cleanliness of the facility, how nicely the grounds are maintained as well as the efficiency and friendliness of the dockhands.

This spring's cool, wet weather put a damper on early boating activity at the harbor and business is down about 15 percent overall, something Baksis is concerned about, however, sea-

sonal boater numbers are up from two years ago. In 2011 the harbor had 17 seasonal boaters, this year they have 24.

The dynamics of the harbor change all the time and Baksis and his crew are doing everything they can to keep boaters interested in coming back. "I've lowered rates from 15 to 40 percent to encourage seasonal boaters and have offered incentives on discounted fuel prices. There are gift bags for first time boaters and freebie coupon books which offer discounts at local restaurants and shops.

"The coupon books are given to every transient boater. I want every boater that spends the night in our harbor to get off their boat and walk into our town and see the community. That's the objective, so everybody wins. The boaters have something to do when they come here. The businesses reap the benefit of some additional sales and the harbor gets a good name for encouraging a unique program," Baksis said.

The Harrisville Harbor offers boaters free bicycle rental for use around town and also offers a courtesy van to take boaters where they need to go. The harbor building offers a welcoming lobby that includes a fireplace. Complimentary coffee is available. Showers, restrooms and laundry rooms with heated floors are always open and only steps away from the dock. Boaters also have accessibility to a 47 inch television, meeting rooms, computers and WiFi accessibility reaching to harbor docks and



Harrisville Harbor dockhands, (from left) Hannah Mikazes, Reid Wilson, Kathleen Kramer, Andy Cammack and Lexie Cook are available to assist boaters --seasonal and transient -- during their stay. *Courtesy photo.*

other amenities.

Baksis wants to turn the harbor into a boater's social community as opposed to just a place to fuel up a boat. Five different social events have been scheduled for the boaters this year including a boater Swap 'n' Sale which ran in conjunction with Harrisville's City Wide Garage Sale in June. Other

events include a harbor fish fry, a pirate's party and two cruises: Flotilla North where boaters are invited to join a five day cruise to Presque Isle, Rogers City and Hammond Bay and the end of season Blues Cruise to East Tawas for the Blues Festival. Baksis said all this helps to set the Harrisville Harbor apart from other harbors.

Bill Klienert who has been a seasonal boater at the harbor for four years agrees with Baksis. "It's a great harbor and it does look very much like a New England harbor. The staff here is outstanding and pleasant and they all work darn hard at keeping the harbor pretty and clean," Klienert said.

Klienert expressed how happy he was to have his boat here and how he and his wife, Sue, and their puppy, Tess, try to support local business when they are here.

Baksis said he gets calls every day with boaters asking if they can get their boat into the harbor and that they have had no problem accommodating any of the boats.

"We are very excited about this summer's program. Our slogan is 'We're rocking the Huron Shore.' I do feel very privileged to be here. It's a great job. I love talking to the boaters. It's just a great atmosphere and a fine facility. I hope, as harbormaster, I'm serving the community well." Baksis said.

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Harrisville Harbor's north dock. *Review file photo.*

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By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

Two voices spoke this past Friday. Two statements were made. And rather ironically, one helped me to determine how I felt about the other.

For a while now, I've been puzzling over the case of Edward Snowden, the former National Security Agency (NSA) contractor and CIA employee who leaked details of several top-secret government surveillance programs.

Normally, in a case like this, I would support the people's right to know (although, unlike some, I'm not certain of our right to know everything the government is doing). But something troubled me about this particular incidence of civil disobedience. Was Snowden the hero that some made him out to be, or the traitor that others labeled him?

After interviews in which he described the surveillance activities were published in the London Guardian, Snowden fled to Cuba, then moved on to China and, finally, to the airport in Russia where he has been holed up since June 23.

Last Friday, he called a press conference. In his speech to the media, he defended his decision not to come back to the United States and face the charges of espionage and theft of government property that have been leveled against him. "A little over one month ago, I had family, a home in paradise, and I lived in great com-

fort," he said, "...I have been made stateless and hounded for my act of political expression."

He also quoted the principles declared at the Nuremberg trial of Nazis in 1945 that "individual citizens have the duty to violate domestic laws to prevent crimes against peace and humanity from occurring," and stated that he was considering offers of asylum from Venezuela and other South American countries.

On the same day, Malala Yousafzai celebrated her 16th birthday by speaking to the United Nations General Assembly. The young woman, who survived a Taliban assassination attempt less than a year ago, is an outspoken advocate for the right to education for women around the world.

Malala began writing a blog on the importance of education for young women for the London Times at the age of 12, literally smuggling it out of her native Pakistan. In October of last year, a Taliban member boarded her school bus on its way home from school and shot her in the head, injuring two of her friends as well. She was air evacuated to a London hospital where she remained for some time, undergoing several surgeries for her injuries. This spring, she returned home.

In her speech, Malala said this: "Dear friends, on 9 October 2012, the Taliban shot me on the left side of my forehead. They shot my friends, too. They thought that the bullets would silence us, but they failed. And out of that silence came thousands of voices. The terrorists thought they would change my aims and stop my ambitions. But nothing changed in my life except this -- weakness, fear and hopelessness died. Strength, power and courage was born..."

"First world problems, third world problems," a friend characterized it as we discussed the two speeches. That's a pretty accurate description. Malala has never lived in paradise, or in great comfort. Pakistan has one of the highest poverty rates in the world. But it was more than that that struck me.

It's a question of conviction. Civil disobedience, whether it is carried out against a democracy such as the United States or a terrorist group such as the Taliban, requires the courage to stand in your truth.

Let me say here, that is infinitely easier to say than to do. Lord knows, I've never been called upon to meet a source in a parking garage or

Puttin' On
The Fritz

to face a man holding a high powered weapon. Edward Snowden has some real reasons to fear returning to his home country - not the least of which includes being simply swallowed up by a retaliatory system and "lost" in the federal prison system for the rest of his life.

Still, it seems to me that Malala is facing down even bigger fears - a terrorist community the stuff of which nightmares are made, who fear and loath her enough to wish her dead and aren't easily dissuaded.

Malala could have requested asylum in Great Britain or the United States or numerous other countries and, given her age and her admirable goals, would have undoubtedly received it. She chose to go back to Pakistan. Not to face her enemies so much as to continue her fight. She backs up her convictions with courage.

In her speech, she said this: "...we realise the importance of light when we see darkness. We realise the importance of our voice when we are silenced. In the same way, when we were in (Pakistan), we realised the importance of pens and books when we saw the guns."

She saw the guns. She felt the bullets, the pain, the blood and the resulting aftermath. And yet she stands her ground. Not from the lounge in a Moscow Airport, but in the schools where female students and teachers are routinely murdered. She knows it's possible. And yet, she stands her ground.

So while I may believe that Edward Snowden was right to tell the world what was happening in the name of security in our country, I find it hard to admire him. I'll save my admiration for the tiny 16-year-old dressed all in pink, who says her goal is not personal revenge but the right to an education for every child. And who's willing to put her feet on home soil to achieve it.

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

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Y-E-S I Can program brings fresh approach to mentoring youth

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Teenagers today face a number of challenges as the breakdown of family units continues to rise. These challenges -- abuse, homelessness, trouble with the legal system, mental or health issues, teenage pregnancy, literacy issues and suicide are taking a grim toll, but there is a new group helping families in Iosco and Alcona counties.

This group is working to combat the negative stigmas impacting area youth by introducing a new approach to the traditional mentor/mentee program.

According to organizers, this nonprofit organization, Y-E-S I CAN, aims to help young people rise to their full potential in literacy, learning and life through community partnerships and empowerment seminars for youth, parents and influential adults.

"The Y-E-S in Y-E-S I Can stands for You're Entitled to Succeed and that's just what we hope to instill through the use of workshops, being paired with a qualified mentor and through our literacy program," said founder Colleen Nieman.

Nieman said the difference

between the Y-E-S I Can program and other programs that have been tried in the counties is the ongoing support and training for mentors as well as the empowerment seminars and get-together activities geared for teenagers to teach good work ethics, learning skills, networking and empathy building workshops.

"This is not a court ordered mentorship where parents may be less receptive to be involved or not want their children involved," Nieman said.

She explained there were several components which need to be in place so all participants can succeed including:

- Helping teenagers and young adults look beyond the past and find a positive outlook on life and prepare for adult living.

- Helping parents by looking at the way they were raised and how their past affects their child's future; discuss with parents the power of words; parenting skills and meeting the needs of their children.

- Helping educators, mentors and youth leaders to understand what teenagers and kids need; understand the various types of abuse; how to be in their corner; gain their trust and more.

- Help all age groups through literacy programs with volunteer tutors for teenagers and adults.

The group has a lofty goal of helping 15 mentees in each county over the next year and is seeking mentors for at-risk youth and young adult single parents. Training and a background check of the mentor is mandatory.

Y-E-S I Can is also seeking financial support so they may provide necessary programs free of charge, train literacy tutors and purchase tutoring supplies. Currently, the group has a few fundraising events going:

- Change for a Change program where they are collecting loose change at the Chat N Chew in Glennie and Alcona Coffee Company in Harrisville and a number of businesses in Iosco County.

- A fundraiser where a Schwan's truck will be on site on Friday, July 19 from 2 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, July 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the north parking lot of Harrisville Lumber and Feed (on US-23, just south of the M-72 light in Harrisville) and in Oscoda at the new ACE Hardware parking lot just north of McDonalds on US-23.

Consumers can choose from over 350 Schwan's products for up to 20 percent profit being returned to Y-E-S I Can.

- The group is also seeking donations from individuals and organizations.

For more information about Y-E-S I Can or to find out when the next mentor orientation will be held, contact Colleen Nieman at (989) 569-4216 or visit www.y-e-s-ican.com.

Gypsy moth caterpillars make life challenging for Michigan residents

Michigan residents in northern parts of the state are noticing loss of leaves on oak, aspen and maple trees. The prime culprit contributing to this defoliation is the gypsy moth.

According to Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) forest health officials, while the most obvious defoliation is currently heaviest in Crawford, Oscoda, Otsego and Montmorency counties, it is likely that gypsy moth caterpillars are causing similar problems on a local scale in other areas of the Lower Peninsula.

"Gypsy moth caterpillars are nothing new to our state," said DNR forest health specialist Dr. Robert Heyd. "They're a recurring challenge. We most often see defoliation in the season following a particularly drought-heavy year like we experienced in 2012. Many forest pests tend to target trees that are weakened -- perhaps from drought -- or otherwise not in optimum health. The number one thing people can do to reduce the effects of pests like gypsy moth is promoting tree health."

Regular watering and avoiding damage to roots and bark go a long way in helping trees fend off the effects of defoliation. Likewise, periodically removing dead and dying trees in woodlots keeps remaining trees growing strong.

Heyd explained that gypsy moth populations surged across the state during the 1980s and 1990s, defoliating many woodland areas. At that time, the moth was fairly new to the state and, like any introduced species, its population grew rapidly without natural control from parasites, pathogens and predators.

During this period, the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development worked with local communities to conduct aerial spraying to reduce gypsy moth nuisance in areas with

high caterpillar numbers. When done properly, using biological insecticides, aerial treatment can help make life more tolerable during outbreaks, without affecting the natural enemies that eventually bring gypsy moth populations under control.

While these spray programs are no longer conducted by the state, natural enemies of the gypsy moth are now well-established across Michigan and are actively helping to reduce populations. Two pathogens in particular -- the nucleopolyhedrosis virus (NPV) and a fungus, *Entomophaga maimaiga* -- are killing gypsy moth caterpillars in large numbers across much of the Lower Peninsula. Wet spring weather in many areas has given these organisms the upper hand, helping them to develop and spread quickly.

Surviving gypsy moth caterpillars are currently spinning cocoons to transform into moths later in July. With the caterpillar stage nearing an end in most areas, it's too late for spraying to help.

The good news is that defoliated trees are already beginning to develop new leaves to replace those that were eaten. And even heavily defoliated trees will recover without serious long-term effects.

Heyd said gypsy moths rarely kill trees in Michigan.

"Historically, only trees already suffering from problems like drought, old age or root damage are at risk," he said.

To learn more about gypsy moth caterpillars, visit the Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) website at http://msue.anr.msu.edu/topic/info/pest_management. More detailed information is also available in a MSUE bulletin that covers the origins, lifecycle and other facts about the gypsy moth caterpillar.

For more information about the DNR's Forest Health Program, visit www.michigan.gov/foresthealth.

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Because it's the law

By Warren MacNeill

DNR Conservation Officer

I have always felt that the statement, "Because it's the law" was a weak statement. I have held to the feeling that if I have to say this in a conversation, I have lost.

It's like a parent saying, "Because I said so" to a child, it's not a reason, and children are smart enough to know that.

Most laws are made in good faith and for a reason. There are laws to protect people, to protect property, to protect people from people, to establish order or to make things fair. A civilized society needs order and understanding to survive.

If a reasonable person doesn't understand a law that regulates them, they have the right to ask questions to better understand that law. If it is safe and prudent to do so, the enforcing officer should explain why it is enforced. I think, part of compliance is the understanding of why, "it's the law."

The other day, I got a call from Cousin Eddie in Wisconsin. Now, just about everyone has a "National Lampoon's Vacation" Cousin Eddie somewhere. Mine has several similarities, with the addition of being a borderline mechanical genius.

Eddie was all fired up about being told how many people could ride in his boat and he had some questions. He told me he purchased a 26 foot pontoon boat on a trailer for \$100.

Generally, when I get a question that starts out with a story, a little red flag goes up in my brain that tells me I have to pay particular attention to the small details. Story questions are designed to stump the chump or trip me up, but not here, I am ready. (Well, not really, I was focused on the \$100 for a boat, motor and a trailer.)

Eddie asked me what he needs (according to the rules) on a large pontoon boat. Off the top of my head I run through a list of what he will need if he operates in Michigan waters -- registration, lights for after dark, life jackets for everyone on board, throw-able floatation device, and a (working) fire extinguisher. I also told him that a boat that size will need a horn.

He told me that he had all of the above. Then I asked, "So Eddie, what did you get in trouble for?" He said it was for allowing his grandchildren to ride on the front of

the boat. He was told that they had to be behind the "fence" and this didn't make any sense to him.

I say to myself, "This will be an easy one." Using my professional voice, I run through the explanation of how the boat is designed with a passenger compartment with seats and areas that keep the occupants safe. Anyone outside of that compartment, and up front, is called bow ridding.

Eddie interrupted to tell me there are seats up front. "Really, what kind of seats?" I ask. White plastic lawn chairs, similar to the chairs you get from the dollar store, he said.

Apparently, the \$100 pontoon boat with trailer and the (now) running motor is equipped (throughout) with plastic lawn chairs.

My concern level goes up, how much investment did he make to equip this vessel?

Taking a deep breath, I ask him why he doesn't have the grandchildren ride in the passenger compartment. He said, "Because it is full of other people."

He has pulled the old, "sneak up with the hidden second violation trick."

I ask if he has a life jacket for every passenger on board. "Yup, got a bunch at yard sales." I can figure out where the furniture came from too.

At this point in our conversation, Eddie's voice turned angry. He talked about how stupid laws are, that they over regulate people and that the government needs to mind its own business.

I start to get a little defensive and explain the physics of a moving boat. I talk about mass and velocity -- the mass being the grossly overloaded boat and velocity is however fast the (now running motor) will push the grossly overloaded boat. I talked about inertia as a force that resists change and a body in motion will stay in motion.

I even use the example of Eddie's young grandchildren sitting on the three-legged plastic lawn chairs on the fenceless front of a moving boat. A boat, that when attempting to stop, will pitch their little bodies over the fenceless front and momentum will cause them to be sucked through his motor's propeller. I told him it will be like throwing them into a mulcher.

"How about I build a fence with PVC pipe and binder twine?" Eddie asked.

Eastside Outside

Getting short with him, I explained that would not be an approved barrier and would still be illegal. Being a little argumentative, Eddie said it was stupid and he didn't understand why he couldn't let his grandchildren ride on the bow of his boat. It's his boat and they are his grandchildren.

I had heard enough. That's when I said, "It's the law, and if you put your grandchildren up there you are going to get a ticket."

There was a very long pause. I could hear a deep breath followed by, "Well, okay then. If I buy a junk pontoon and put the fence from it up front can I have the kids ride there?"

A junk pontoon? I wonder how much he will pay for a pontoon for parts to fix a \$100 boat, trailer and now running motor. Apparently, I need to go with him to rummage sales.

I am not sure if I lost the debate or not, but I hope I saved some poor Wisconsin marine officer a contact with Eddie and maybe, his grandchildren.

During a recent trip to Wisconsin I picked up a copy of the local newspaper. After reading an article about boating safety, I did a little research. Michigan is number three in the nation behind California and Florida with the number of registered boats. We show to be number five in fatalities. Not good -- but statistically ahead of things. We can still do better.

A story on page two also caught my attention. It read, "Wausau is enacting a law making drinking in public libraries illegal." It stated "books and booze don't mix." What happened to make some legislator make a stand and say, "that is it. I have had enough. We are not going to take this any more."

Laws are there for a reason. I really would like to know what started this one.

We have just come out of the Fourth of July weekend, which is considered the busiest boating weekend of the year. I know locally, we threw every resource we had available at marine safety.

While on duty that weekend, I addressed every safety violation I could get to. When people said, "Come on, it's the Fourth of July, lighten up." I pointed out that there was easily 10 times the normal number of boats on the water. I told them that no one was going to get hurt if I could help it. Not on my watch. Not because "it's the law," but because it's right.

(A native of Alcona County, Warren MacNeill has been a conservation officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for more than 20 years. He lives in Harrisville.)

The Garden Bug

Puddling

You'll often see butterflies drinking from shallow puddles in the earth.

This water has absorbed minerals from the soil beneath it, and butterflies need these minerals to supplement their diet. This is called "puddling." Sometimes, butterflies will fly away from a puddle and return to it a few seconds later; this may disturb the water, bringing more minerals to the surface.

Source: howstuffworks.com

Food for thought: Cutting back on salt may cause increase in appetite

(BPT) - The human body naturally craves salt, a necessary nutrient, and research shows that people gravitate to the amount needed to function properly. Salt deficiency has been linked to a host of health concerns, including insulin resistance, increased risk of heart attacks and reduced cognition.

But what if eating less salt also increases weight by making an individual eat more?

"Over the past 30 years, an interesting phenomenon has occurred: The rates of obesity have dramatically gone up but the amount of salt we consume has remained fairly stable," said Mort Satin of the Salt Institute. "Food producers have been lowering the amount of salt they use, under pressure from the government and consumer activists, so we are either eating a lot more food to get the salt we need or have drastically lowered our activity levels, or both."

In the U.S., research shows that people have been consuming about the same amount of salt on a daily basis for 50 years. And around the world most people eat about the same amount of salt - about 3,500 mg/day, according to the World Health Organization. It appears that, when free to choose, people eat enough to keep within a "safe range" between 2,300 mg/day and 4,600/mg a day, according to medical researcher Bjorn Folkow.

"It stands to reason that if the amount of salt in food is lowered, we will eat more to get to our safe range," Satin said. "More food equals more calories and that means more weight gain, unless we increased our physical activity to burn off the extra calories."

This isn't news to those who raise livestock. According to Dr. Rick Rasby, professor of animal science at the University of Nebraska, cattlemen intentionally control the amount of salt in cattle feed to either reduce the cost of feed or to fatten cows up before sale. If they add more salt to the feed, the cows naturally eat less. If they reduce the amount of salt, then the cows will eat more.

This instinct is driven by the body's physiology designed to maintain an efficient cardiovascular system, according to researchers at the Washington University School of Medicine. This vital life-sustaining system is found in fish, reptiles and all mammals. This system is so robust that it contains multiple failsafe mechanisms. The body will actually retain salt if an individual cuts back too much. Of course, any excess salt is simply washed away when they drink water through the natural process.

The irony is that for most people there is no need to reduce the amount of salt they consume Satin said. Years of scientific evidence, including recent research by Canadian scientists published in the Journal of the American Medical Association (JAMA), shows that eating the levels of salt recommended by the American Heart Association or the U.S. government would actually cause harm. Current recommendations from the American Heart Association are as low as 1,500 mg/day, an amount so low that European researchers, also writing in JAMA, found it would increase the risk of heart at-

tacks and early death. "The unintended consequence of the ongoing salt reduction experiment may be an increase in obesity," Satin said. "More research is needed, but meanwhile, individuals may want to focus on a balanced diet and regular exercise and remember that lowering the salt in food may make you want to eat more."



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American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

One of the most distinctive sounds in small-town America is the chiming of horseshoe pitching. A friend always carries a pair in the trunk of his car. He'll stop at a park in some little town and start pitching, and soon, he says, others will hear that ringing and suddenly appear as if out of thin air. In this poem, X.J. Kennedy captures the fellowship of horseshoe pitchers.

Old Men Pitching Horseshoes

Back in a yard where ringers groove a ditch,
These four in shirtsleeves congregate to pitch
Dirt-burnished iron. With appraising eye,
One sizes up a peg, hoists and lets fly—
A clang resounds as though a smith had struck
Fire from a forge. His first blow, out of luck,
Rattles in circles. Hitching up his face,
He swings, and weight once more inhabits space,
Tumbles as gently as a new-laid egg.
Extended iron arms surround their peg
Like one come home to greet a long-lost brother.
Shouts from one outpost. Mutters from the other.
Now changing sides, each withered pitcher moves
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3-Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath Chalet with Crawl Space Chalet with additional 575 sq. ft. “A” frame (guest quarters) with kitchenette and 3/4 bath for entertaining friends or accommodations for family members. There is also a 28' x 40' garage to house all the toys and hunting equipment. All this located 5 minutes from beautiful Hubbard Lake and White Pines National Golf Course. 10 acres with additional property available and is great deer, turkey and small game hunting.



2-Bedroom, 1-Bath, Ranch with Slab 2 lots in the Village of Lincoln. Home has been totally remodeled. Newer roof, well, siding, doors, windows, carpet, kitchen flooring and fresh paint. Yes still can put your own finishing touches on this one. Great view of all sports Brownlee Lake right from your living room window with access at the end of the road. Family room has an electric heater. (Reduced \$59,900) #2423



5-Bedroom, 2-Bath, 1 Story with Slab Spacious brick ranch home situated on 5 acres +/- at the end of a dead end road. An additional 35 acres available for \$45,500. Home has a new 30 year roof. This property could be used as a care/foster home and is handicap accessible. (#419,999) #2519



3-Bedroom, 1-Bath, Ranch with Crawl Space Great up-North location with a view of Brownlee Lake and access a stone's throw away. This home/cabin has many updates and is in move-in condition. 2 full lots with a 2 car garage and concrete driveway for outdoor enjoyment. As an additional bonus, the seller is including most of the furniture and fixtures. (\$59,900) #2536



3-Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, Ranch with Full Unfinished Basement This home has been recently updated to include hardwood floors, kitchen, roof, windows, and furnace. Great location within walking distance of town and Brownlee Lake view. Eleven acres allows plenty of elbow room and offers great recreation opportunities such as hunting, hiking, and cross country skiing. (#419,999) #2519



2 Bedroom, 1 Bath, Manufactured Home with 20 Acres Very well kept manufactured home conveniently located just north of M-72 on F-41. Multiple use acreage, some open pasture land and 1/2 wooded with a creek running thru. Great hunting area. (\$85,900) #2634



3-Bedroom, 2-Bath, 1 1/2 Story with Crawl Space 150' of Lake Huron Frontage with wonderful sunrise views. Cabin has very appealing “Up-North” feel and large lakeside deck, also detached 2-car garage. This comfortable vacation property is perfect for making unlimited family memories. (\$269,900) #2606



2-Bedroom, 1-Bath, 1 1/2 Story with Crawl Space Wonderful, quiet Northeast MI resort area. Only a stone's throw to Lake Huron. Chalet style home tucked into a desirable wooded subdivision setting with 4 lots. Property also includes a 20 x 20 workshop, and a 16 x 24 gambrel shed. (\$64,900) #2615



2-Bedroom, 1-Bath, 1 1/2 Story with Crawl Space This cabin/home is livable and would make a great “up-north” getaway or temporary living while you build that dream home. Property has beautiful mature trees with rolling hills and trails throughout. (\$113,900) #2617



2-Bedroom, 0-Bath, 1 Story with Full Unfinished Basement Property in great location, close to town but plenty of privacy. Short walk to Jewel Lake, boat access, and downtown Barton City. Adjacent to Huron National Forest with ATV, snowmobile and hiking trails nearby. There are a load of possibilities with this property/cabin. (\$42,900) #2621



2-Bedroom, 1 1/2 Bath, Ranch with Crawl Space Great starter home or up north getaway located in a peaceful country setting on 2 1/2 acres with woods, several fruit trees, and well maintained yard. Home offers large kitchen with plenty of cabinets and storage space, separate dining area, and cozy living room with wood burning stove. Two car garage, also has (8x24) extra storage area in back and nice lean to off south side of garage. (Reduced \$39,900) #2622



4-Bedroom, 2-Bath, 1 1/2 Story with Semi-finished Basement Very well maintained home and attached garage. Wonderful country setting with approximately half being wooded and half being tillable ground with a gorgeous view. Abundant deer, turkey, and small game. (\$188,900) #2592



2-Bedroom, 1-Bath, 1-Story with Slab Great potential! Nice size double lot, 132 x 132 with lots of yard space. Just a stone's throw away from the village boat launch for Brownlee Lake. Nice mature shade trees. Close to everything for your convenience, stores, clinics, pharmacy, library and churches. Great little home to retire, vacation to, or just starting out. (\$19,900) #2588



2-Bedroom, 1-Bath, Ranch with Crawl Space Recently replaced roof and remodeled kitchen are just two of the many amenities. Move-in condition with everything included right down to the silverware. The canal frontage is a great place to fish and dock your boat without the expensive lakefront taxes.



2-Bedroom, 1-Bath, 1 Story with Partial Basement 20+ acres with a spring fed pond and Backus Creek on the property. Very secluded. Home has knotty pine walls, wood floors under carpeting. The attached garage has been converted to a very large den/family room with a wood burner. Living room has a fireplace. There is an enclosed entry porch and an enclosed sunroom off the dining room. Wood furnace in the basement to heat with besides the propane gas furnace. Home is being sold with most of the furnishings and dishes. Just bring your cloths and move in! (\$94,500) #2593



2-Bedroom, 1-Bath, 1-Story with Crawl Space Great little cottage to vacation to or retire to! Lots of updates! New Furnace in 2009, new roof in July 2012. Interior is really nice. Not too rustic but yet very up-north feel. All sports year- round Hubbard Lake access at the bottom of the hill. (\$55,000) #2594



6-Bedroom, 1-Bath, 1 1/2 Story with Semi-finished Basement Wonderful Country Farm located just west of Curran, “Up-North” serenity with 1st class views in every direction. Older farmhouse with some nice updates. The package includes a 36 x 50 vintage barn and a 42 x 48 pole barn, both in excellent condition. Also included are a pond, small orchard, great 25 x 32 attached garage, semi-finished basement, 75-80% tillable 77 acres and the balance would make a great wooded hunting location. (\$169,900) #2603



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. Reduced (\$94,500). #2330



3-Bedroom, 3-Bath, Ranch with Full Unfinished Basement Home is in a great country location with deer, turkey and small game right in your back yard. Very spacious home with an interior that is in “Like new” condition. Home has many 1st class amenities including a 36 x 56 pole barn, a finished insulated 2-car garage, plus an extra large recently installed sunroom. Additionally, the home has had a new roof in 2009. Beautiful 10 acre parcel makes this a great value. (\$154,900) #2419



3-Bedroom, 1-Bath, 1 1/2 Story with Full Unfinished Basement Lake access log home in Hubbard Lake could also be used as commercial location for office or studio. Can be used as hunting lodge with hunting land available. (\$75,000) #2587



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5 bedroom, 4 bath, 2 Story with Crawl Space Beautiful 1st Class home with hardwood floors throughout, custom cabinetry, Corian countertops, Fireplace, Whole house generator, central vac, central air, finished heated garage, this home has it all and with 3,100 sq. ft. (\$289,900) #2633



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WELL KEPT QUALITY HOME: Wonderful well-kept quality home between Lincoln and Harrisville on M-72. Hardwood floors and very appealing décor. 36 x 48 x 14 pole building with workshop and wood stove, additional 16 x 20 storage building, blacktop driveway, central air, all on 9+ acres of beautiful mature woods. Reduced (\$134,900). #2462



4-BEDROOM, 2 1/2 BATH, 1ST CLASS QUALITY CUSTOM BUILT HOME ON 14 1/2 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). #2549



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. Reduced (\$134,900). #2461



3-BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH, 1-STORY WITH WALKOUT BASEMENT: This is a truly beautiful first class home with cedar log siding, split stone accents and retaining wall. Very bright and open floor plan with skylights and door walls in nearly every room in the house accessing the wonderful full wrap-around deck (\$229,900). #2248



5-BEDROOM HOME WITH VIEW OF HUBBARD LAKE AND DEEDED ACCESS: Great view of the East Bay of Hubbard Lake from this 5 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath year 'round home. Property has deeded lake access across the street for your dock and hoist (\$135,900). #2512



MODERN DESIGN-LOW MAINTENANCE: Quality built brick home provides low maintenance exterior and interior with open construction, modern design and appealing décor makes a very comfortable home, inside and out. Spacious wooded parcel includes fruit trees and numerous gardening areas for country feeling and privacy, all within walking distance to town (\$139,900). #2457



CLASSY 3-BEDROOM, 1 1/2 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). #2571



3-BEDROOM, 1 1/2 BATH, RANCH WITH CRAWL SPACE: Well-maintained 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 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. Reduced (\$77,900). #2312



12 X 12 BREEZEWAY: Great starter home! Two bedroom, 1 1/2 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. Reduced (\$69,900). #2502

Mikado Day Celebration



Mikado Day Parade Grand Marshals are William and Violet Bethuy. Both are veterans of the U.S. Air Force and both have been active with Mikado Township. William is a former member of the board of review and Violet was on the planning commission for 17 years. *Photos by Mary Weber.*



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Boardman River dam removal project moving forward

Like many rivers across Michigan – and the world, for that matter – the Boardman River in Traverse City, Mich., has been dammed at a number of places over the years. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has been working with other entities to remove or modify those dams to restore the Boardman, which flows through Grand Traverse and Kalkaska counties, to a more natural state. The Boardman River project is the most comprehensive dam-removal and watershed-restoration effort

“Over 30 years, the projected revenue from hydropower would be around \$8 million,” he said. “But the projected cost of repair and maintenance would have been \$16 million — twice as much.” The benefits of removal are well-documented, Kalish said. Not only would the removal allow fish passage up and down the system, but it would enhance the cold-water fish community in what had been a cold-water system. “Not just trout, but aquatic insects, sculpins,

to keep exotic invasive species out of the watershed, but we want the capacity to pass species that are beneficial. “Currently, it has a fish-passage structure, but it only allows fish with strong jumping ability – such as Chinook salmon and steelhead – to pass. But we’d like to have the capacity to pass other species as well – brown trout, walleye, sturgeon, Great Lakes muskie – as well as to limit other species. Right now we don’t have that capacity.” The removal of Boardman

Dam includes a bridge that crosses the river at the dam site. Currently, the river crossing is one lane, which restricts traffic on it. “We’re working with the road commission and the county to enhance that crossing,” Kalish said. The cost of removing the remaining two dams is estimated at around \$12.9 million. Funding will come from a variety of sources: The DNR’s dam management grant program, the Great

Lakes Restoration Initiative, the Great Lakes Fishery Trust, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Frey Foundation and other sources. “We don’t anticipate any major construction or de-construction to occur this year, but we expect both next year,” Kalish said. “We hope to finalize the plan specifications for bridge construction and Boardman Dam removal this year,” he said.



The Boardman River, above the old Brown Bridge Dam site, stands out against the snow-covered land. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

in Michigan’s history and represents a model for how diverse organizations can collaborate effectively to work through complex issues that span multiple jurisdictional boundaries. The project actively engages local, state, federal and tribal units of government, as well as non-profit environmental groups, educational institutions, stakeholders and the general public. Four dams, all within 20 miles of the mouth of the Boardman, where it empties into West Grand Traverse Bay, came into focus for this project. Union Street Dam is about a mile upstream from the river mouth. Five miles further upstream sits Sabin Dam. Another mile upstream is Boardman Dam. And 12 miles upstream from there used to be Brown Bridge Dam, built in 1921 and placed into service in 1922, which has been removed. “The project began in 2005, when the owners of the dams wanted to assess all of them for their environmental, social and economic pros and cons,” explained DNR Lake Michigan Basin coordinator Todd Kalish. “In 2009, the owners of the dams — Grand Traverse County, which owns Sabin and Boardman dams, and the city of Traverse City, which owns Union and Brown Bridge dams – decided to remove the dams for a variety of reasons.” Economics was a major factor. The dams were all in need of repair for safety reasons, and using the dams to generate hydropower was not economically feasible, Kalish said.

those sorts of things,” Kalish said. There are additional benefits, too, according to Kalish. The area that was previously under impounded water would provide wetland and upland habitat. And the impounded water supported warm water fish – bass, pike, et cetera, -- that predate trout. Dams prevent the natural movement of sediment and woody debris downstream and discharge unnaturally warm water into the river. And the zebra mussels that became established in the impounded water wouldn’t have been there without the dams. “The Brown Bridge Dam is completely gone,” Kalish said. “The cost of removal was about \$4.4 million. The 200-acre Brown Bridge impoundment now has a more diverse environment – high-quality river, fast-moving water, gravel and lots of insects. The benefits of the dam removal greatly exceed just fish.” The dam removal has resulted in restoring a mile and a half of trout stream and reconnected the stream to another 145 miles of streams. The project team is working to put in woody structure in the restored channel above the old Brown Bridge site and is monitoring the vegetation in the flood plain to make sure invasive species do not become established. The project is now in a period of study, Kalish said. Ultimately Boardman and Sabin dams will be removed and Union Street Dam will be modified. “Union Street Dam currently acts as lamprey barrier,” Kalish said. “We want

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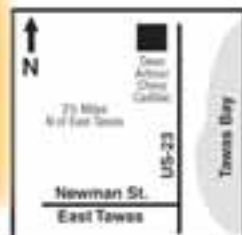
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Harrisville State Park: Still a destination after 92 years

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Brightly colored tents, beach towels drying on clothes lines, the glimmer of deep blue water through lush green foliage, the unmistakable smell of a smoldering campfire and muffled sounds of people chatting and children laughing greet each summer day at one of the oldest state parks in Michigan -- the Harrisville State Park.

For 92 years the park has been a desired vacation spot for generations of families. Nestled on the shore of Lake Huron, the park offers campsites on the beach and is one of the only parks in the state with nearly a mile of beach access on a Great Lake.

When the park originally opened in 1921, it covered only six acres. Today the park generously spans 107 acres. It has 195 campsites and three cabins. "It's also one of the quietest and safest parks there is," boasted Eric Ostrander, unit supervisor for the park.

The park offers more than just a clean safe place for overnight campers as day users are welcome to utilize many of the parks amenities. Like the two mile interpretive Cedar Run Nature Trail and the paved multiuse heritage bike and foot trail. Pavilion rental is available and the beach includes a pet friendly area.

Day users may enter the park for free on foot or in a vehicle with a Michigan Recreation Passport. Non Michigan vehicles may enter the park with the purchase of a yearly passport or a day passport. The park is open to day users between the hours of 8 a.m. and 10 p.m.

While the campground portion of the park is closed during winter, the cabins remain open and the park is available for cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Birding is also a popular activity at the park during

any season. A pair of merlins has built a nest atop a large jack pine tree at a camp site. This is the second year in a row for the merlins to nest at the park. They are not normally found nesting this far south and usually prefer to nest in the Upper Peninsula or Canada, according to Audubon instructor Frank Apsey who occasionally conducts free public bird walks at the park and a monarch tagging event at the park in August.

"One gentleman comes from Detroit and has put all three of his kids through the program. Parents are allowed to sit in on the program even if they already have certification," Ostrander said.

Last year Ostrander began a Halloween program at the park. Since annual October events have been popular in other parks, Ostrander is hoping to build Harrisville's more each year. There are activities for campers and Ostrander encourages com-

set.

Ostrander said about 35,000 day users visited the park last year and around 14,000 camp nights, where campers spent the night, were recorded last year. He expects about the same or more if the weather is good this year. "It's a busy park, but it doesn't feel like you're in a crowded area. We keep good occupancy especially in the dead of the summer... in July or August our occupancy rate can easily be 90

in the summer almost 24 hours a day, seven days a week," Ostrander said.

During the summer the park has 15 to 18 rangers on staff who do a little of everything to help the park run smoothly including maintenance. They also have three career rangers who are commissioned officers in addition to the unit supervisor and a secretary.

Campers Todd and Lindsay Witthuhn from Lindon, Mich. said it was their first



The Harrisville State Park offers a mile of white sandy beach along the Lake Huron shoreline for the enjoyment of campers or folks who want to use it just for the day. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

The park is also the site of hunter's safety education weekends which certifies youth and adults through the state hunter education program and the international bow education program.

munity businesses to set up a haunted scene at camp sites during this fall event. Last year the park staff decorated the heritage trail and participated in a scarier haunted theme for older children of all ages to walk through.

Events are planned throughout the summer at Harrisville State Park -- including an introduction to kayaking and introduction to stargazing. There was also a beach boot camp held in June.

A meteor and s'mores event on the beach will be held in August to give attendees a chance to explore the Perseids meteors in the sky over Lake Huron.

An explorer guide program is offered at the park. This is an interpretive program for campers and day users. This year's explorer guide is Samantha Allen. She does two programs a day from Memorial Day to Labor Day on Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays. The program is open to all ages but is usually geared toward the younger

to 95 percent every day of the week," Ostrander said.

He thinks the biggest draw for the park is the beach access, as well as all the amenities the location offers. "The proximity to state and federal land entices campers, along with the restaurants and shops within walking distance. Just the area of Harrisville is appealing and not too crowded. Everything here (moves) at a slower pace. In areas like Traverse City things are just as busy as the city the campers may be trying to get away from.

"Many people who come to this park had grandparents who brought them here when they were children. Some have had great grandparents who brought them here. This park has very few major problems or issues. It's not the kind of park where you will have to deal with a lot of problem people near you. I can't say we don't have any problem people, we do get them occasionally, but they are usually small scale and we take care of the problem right away. We have staff here

time camping on the east side of the state and they were very pleased they came to Harrisville. "The camp grounds are very quiet and we were amazed at the beach," Todd Witthuhn said. His wife, Lindsay, said the drive up was very nice and she enjoyed being able to see so much of the water. The Witthuhn said they visited the winery in town and planned to go back and purchase some additional bottles to take home. They both agreed they would like to come back again.

For more information about the Harrisville State Park, visit www.michigan.gov/harrisville or call (989) 724-5126.

Michigan Recreational Passports can be purchased yearly for \$11, through the Secretary of State when licensing a motor vehicle or through the state park office. The purchase of the Recreational Passport allows access to any of Michigan's state parks, recreation areas and state forest campgrounds.



Newly hired this year, rangers Alleigh Sexton from Black River and Keturah Ashford from Harrisville are enjoying working at the Harrisville State Park. Photo by Mary Weber.

Elementary secretary retires after 36 years

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Special to the Review

Sharon Schefferly won't be preparing for back to school this fall. That only seems fair, given that her retirement at the end of August comes after 36 years in the Alcona Community Schools elementary office.

Schefferly and her husband, Dick, were originally from the Detroit, Mich. area, but moved to Lincoln in 1965, when their first child was just six weeks old. The couple chose Alcona because Dick had spent his summers on a cousin's farm in the area.

In 1977, Schefferly began working as a playground aide at the former Lincoln Elementary School, helping out part-time in the office under then-school secretary Alexina Jack. When the elementary system consolidated into a new building next to the high school, Jack retired and Schefferly took on the position full-time.

School secretaries do a great deal that isn't on the average clerical worker's job description. Over the years, Schefferly has maintained attendance records, ensured that students' immunizations were up to date, overseen lunch hours, cared for sick children and overseen minor disciplinary matters, along with "other duties as assigned."

She's seen a good many changes, moving from handwritten to computerized reporting, mimeographs to a single district-wide copy machine - located at the high school where she drove a copy "order" each day - and the addition of the Alcona Tiger Clinic, which took over the tasks of providing health care and first aid to students.

Before the clinic was located in the school, and before school nurses were available on a full time basis, Schefferly said, she dealt with cuts, bruises, viruses, broken arms and collarbones, utilizing skills learned in first aid courses. Two of her more memorable incidents included a child who came to



Sharon Schefferly

the office complaining that she was ill and needed to go home. Knowing the student was a "frequent flyer" - her term for students who sometimes played sick in order to play hooky - Schefferly popped a thermometer into the girl's mouth.

While they waited, the child asked to use the bathroom. When she returned, her thermometer read 108 degrees. "I think we need to take this again," Schefferly told her.

On another occasion, she had to call the Poison Control Hotline one winter day when two children got down on their hands and knees and licked up the salt spread on school sidewalks.

In the past year, she's also dealt with a change she describes as "sad, but necessary," the addition of a buzzer system in the school's main entryway to identify visitors before they enter the building. "I don't really think we're in danger," she said, "But then you remember that Newtown (Connecticut) was a small, rural school, too."

When it comes to educating children, Schefferly said the biggest changes she's seen are the increases in what's expected of young children and their teachers. "It

used to be that kindergarten was a socialization time," she said. "Now, it's more like what we think of as first grade. They're expected to know a lot more when they arrive in the kindergarten program, which is why I'm glad we've been able to offer a preschool program. More is expected of all the students at a younger age."

When it comes to the success of schools, Schefferly said she would "like to see the state live up to its funding. I know they say it doesn't help just to throw money at the problem," she said, "but more funding wouldn't hurt, either." She specifically regrets the loss of the elementary music and art programs.

During her time with the district, Schefferly saw her three children pass through the elementary and her daughter, Donna Franklin, become a teacher there. This year, her youngest granddaughter moved to middle school in the high school building across the campus. She has worked under eight different principals and numerous superintendents, she said.

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Locally grown: Food and boys

By **Judy MacNeill**
Health Writer

I recently attended a state-wide dietitian's conference, and the hottest topic discussed was locally grown food --the importance of knowing where your food comes from.

I had to laugh, because in Alcona County we are the epicenter of locally grown/locally known.

Let me give you a little background on what made me come to this conclusion.

I have adopted Alcona County as my hometown. More accurately, it adopted me.

I was born in Detroit, Mich. and enjoyed all of the amenities that city life offered. I attended a large urban parochial school on the outskirts of Detroit's east side, had a cadre of friends, and was pretty content with how life was. But that came to a screeching halt when my father retired. He decreed that he would move his family "up north." I have to admit I did not go willingly.

As a teenager, I was sure my life had ended. Where were the malls? The fast food joints? Where would I hang out with friends? What do people even *do* here? And my top priority at the time: How will I ever meet *boys*? I was a fish out of water (or city in this case), and I was absolutely certain I was not going to like it here.

It took me only a couple of days to realize how wrong my initial skepticism was. A few trips to town on my bike helped me realize that the boys were just as cute (if not cuter) than their Detroit counterparts, the girls were actually more approachable than the stuck-up versions at my suburban school, and the opportunities to have fun were, although different than what I was accustomed to, still enough to keep me busy and happy.

It's been almost 40 years since that initial move, and I still find myself in love with Alcona County.

I have traded in the chance to work in large cities for the simpler life. I relish the ability to hop on my bike or walk to a Lake Huron beach whenever the mood hits me. I don't miss the ridiculous congestion, the noise that never ends, the nights that are never quite dark enough to see the stars. I relish that I can go to the local restaurant or grocery store or gas station and run into at least one person that I know. I like that lack of anonymity.

Some people find it claustrophobic to know everyone and have everyone know you. I find it reassuring and comforting. I appreciate that when I sit in Jill Rice's section at The Flour Garden, she remembers that I want black coffee... and lots of it. I like walking into Mr. Ed's IGA in Harrisville and being on a first name basis with the owner, Grant Hampton. I enjoy going to the weekly farmer's market in Lincoln and knowing most of the farmers that are selling their products. I love talking to people like Carrol at Huron View Tree & Berry Farm about the bumper crop of raspberries.

So when I hear the term "locally grown," I smile. In Alcona County we are a trendsetter without even realizing it. My food couldn't be any more local. I know just about every person that touches it. And that makes me want to come back for more.

And as for the locally grown boys -- I would like to report that I met a really cute local boy 30 years ago. We eventually married. I am happy to report that he is still cute.

Here is a recipe that utilizes locally grown food that are prolific during July and August in Alcona County: Raspberries and zucchini.

Raspberry Zucchini Quinoa Salad

- 1.5 cups quinoa, uncooked (uncooked bulgur, barley or whole wheat couscous can be substituted)
- 6oz fresh raspberries
- 1/2 cup basil, chiffonade
- 4oz crumbled feta
- 4 scallions, chopped
- 3 zucchini, cut on the diagonal
- 1/3 cup chopped almonds
- Zest of one lemon

Dressing

- 1 tablespoon red wine vinegar
- 1 tablespoon balsamic vinegar
- 4 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- Juice of one lemon
- 1. Cut zucchini in wide, diagonal slices. Lightly coat with bit of olive oil and salt and pepper; grill over medium heat for 5 minutes.
- 2. Toast almonds in a dry pan, watching closely to be sure they don't burn.
- 3. Cook quinoa (or other grain you chose) accordingly to given instructions.
- 4. Combine quinoa with cooked zucchini, raspberries, basil, feta, scallions, almond and lemon zest.

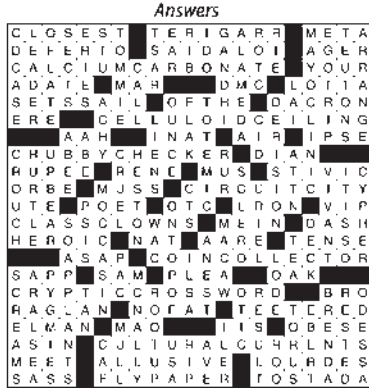
5. Whisk together dressing ingredients and toss with salad until well mixed.

Serve either as a stand alone meal. It is also excellent on greens or with grilled meat or fish.

(Recipe adapted from www.CareyonLovely.com.)

(Judy MacNeill is a registered dietitian, a wellness and nutrition consultant and a long-time resident of Alcona County. She resides in Harrisville with her husband, Warren, where they raised their two children, Megan and Scott.)

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American Life in Poetry

By **Ted Kooser**

U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

Lots of us find ourselves under the interested fingers of dermatologists, who prosper on the fun we once had out in the sun. Here George Bilgere of Ohio, one of our most amusing American poets, sits back in his skin doctor's chair and reminisces about a party that took place years ago.

Basal Cell

The sun is still burning in my skin even though it set half-an-hour ago, and Cindy and Bob and Bev and John are pulling on their sweatshirts and gathering around the fire pit.

John hands me a cold one and now Bev comes into my arms and I can feel the sun's heat, and taste the Pacific on her cheek.

I am not in Vietnam, nor is John or Bob, because our deferments came through, and we get to remain boys for at least another summer like this one in Santa Cruz, surfing the afternoons in a sweet blue dream I'm remembering now,

as the nurse puts my cheek to sleep, and the doctor begins to burn those summers away.

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Simple steps can reduce threat of dangerous heat-related illnesses

The Michigan Department of Community Health (MDCH) urges residents to protect themselves against the extreme heat forecast for the coming week with a few simple health precautions.

This is particularly important for older adults, infants and children, people with certain medical conditions, those who work in hot environments, and athletes.

Any time temperatures reach the high 80s and above, they can cause body temperature to rise. This can result in muscle cramps, dizziness, severe heat illness, and even death. Heat illness occurs when the body is unable to cool down.

The body normally cools down by sweating, but during extremely hot weather, sweating may not be enough to cool the body. That's when the risk of overheating to the point of becoming ill occurs.

"During the extreme heat that we're expecting this week, it's very important to take some key steps," said Dr. Matthew Davis, chief medical executive at the MDCH. "For ourselves, it's important to stay well hydrated, limit exposure to heat, and be vigilant for signs of heat-related illness."

"In addition, we should look out for our neighbors during these especially hot days, to see if we can help them stay safe from the heat," Davis said. "If you're looking for relief, your local emergency management program can help with information and - depending on the location - with cooling centers."

Tips to Avoid Heat Illness

- Use air conditioning or spend time in air-conditioned locations, when possible. Public authorities may set up cooling centers in your area to provide air-conditioned locations.

Call 211 or check with local authorities for more information, including city and county websites.

- Take a cool bath, shower, or swim.

- Minimize direct exposure to the sun.

- Limit time outdoors as much as possible, but take frequent breaks if you must be outside.

- Stay hydrated - drink water or nonalcoholic fluids; try to avoid fluids with caffeine, because they can dehydrate you.

- Wear loose fitting, light-colored clothes.

- Check on neighbors, friends and family members, especially those who are older, those with very young children, or those who have health problems.

- Never leave children, the elderly, or pets unattended in a vehicle. Even with the windows rolled down, or just

for a few minutes, it is never okay to leave anyone in a vehicle in extreme heat.

- Use a fan when the windows are open or the air conditioner is on when the weather begins to heat up. Once the temperature reaches the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat illness.

Understanding Heat Illness

- Dehydration is the first stage of heat-related illness. Dehydration occurs when body fluids are lost, and not replaced, by sweating. Symptoms include dry mouth, thirst, headache, dizziness, cramps, excessive fatigue and irritability.

Anyone who experiences dehydration should move to a shaded or air-conditioned area, replace fluids by drinking water, and consult a physician if symptoms persist or if there is an existing condition that could be compli-

cated by increased fluid intake.

- The next, more serious stage of heat-related illness is heat exhaustion. Heat exhaustion occurs when people exercise heavily or work in a warm, humid place where body fluid loss occurs greatly from sweating. This fluid loss can cause reduced blood flow to vital organs, which results in shock.

Signs of heat exhaustion include headache, moist and pale skin, nausea, dizziness, weakness and exhaustion. To treat exhaustion, seek shade or a cool place. Drink a half glass of cool water every 15 minutes, remove or loosen any tight clothing, and apply a cool, wet towel or compress. Heat exhaustion can develop into heat stroke, so if symptoms persist or worsen, seek emergency medical treatment.

- Heat stroke is the most severe stage of heat-related illness. A heat stroke, also called sunstroke, can be deadly. Symptoms include vomiting, decreased alertness level or complete loss of consciousness, high body temperature (sometimes as high as 105 degrees) or red, hot, and dry skin with a rapid, weak pulse.

Call 911 for immediate medical help and try to cool the person down. If possible, put them in a tub of cool water or shower them with a garden hose.

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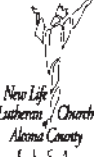
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Osprey in southern Michigan will wear backpacks this season

Once nearly absent from much of Michigan due to the effects of DDT and other pesticide use, Michigan's osprey population continues to rebound. In southern Michigan, monitoring efforts track the revitalization of this species.

"We are very excited to have the opportunity to place GPS tracking units on several osprey this year," said Julie Oakes, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife biologist. "This will provide the DNR with information on what migration routes the birds take, and also give us insight into what perils they must endure on their migration."

Historically, osprey chicks had been simply banded with aluminum leg bands as part of a national effort to monitor the species. Banding continues this year as a cooperative venture of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Huron Clinton Metroparks, Detroit Zoological Society and Osprey Watch of Southeast Michigan.

This year, in addition to banding, three osprey chicks from area nests will be out-

fitted with "backpack" satellite telemetry units. Funded by grants from DTE Energy and American Tower Corporation, these units will help scientists track the young birds' daily movements and seasonal migration patterns.

Because osprey often nest on cell phone towers, staff from American Tower Corporation, Verizon Wireless, McFarlin Tower, Skyline Services LLC, Earthcom, Hydaker-Wheatlake Inc., Clearlink Wireless Solutions and Crown Castle International are invaluable partners in osprey monitoring. The cell phone companies

alert the DNR to osprey nests, assist with the retrieval of chicks during the banding process and delay tower repair projects until after the nesting season.

The most exciting part of the new GPS tracking project is that anyone can follow along and find out where the birds are at any time just by looking on a website. The DNR is preparing information on the project so that schools can use this website for educating youth and bringing wildlife into the classroom.

"This is a true wildlife management success story," said

Oakes. "Each year there are new nests. 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 sustain their population in Michigan."

In 1998, DNR began to relocate hatchling osprey to southern Michigan from nests in the northern part of the state. The program, supported by donations to Michigan's Nongame Wildlife Fund, involved rearing the birds on man-made towers in southern Michigan, a process called "hacking." Relocation efforts occurred over

a span of 10 years. In 2013, the DNR identified at least 56 active nests in southern Michigan - a substantial increase from the single active nest reported in 2002.

Anyone who observes a nesting pair of osprey is asked to contact Osprey Watch of Southeast Michigan (OWSEM) on the Web at www.owsem.org or by email at osprey@owsem.org.

Other partners in this monitoring project include the Huron Valley Audubon Society, Newkirk Electric, volunteers from Osprey Watch and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services.

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Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Shawn Thornton, who began her time in the district as an elementary principal said, "It has been a tremendous effort to try to fill the position Sharon has served here for so many years. We wish her the best as she pursues new things in her life. She will be missed for her knowledge, experience and her caring for the members of our school family."

Schefferly commends teachers for the time and effort they put in -- beyond their contractual hours -- and the efforts they make on behalf of their students. "I've seen teachers at athletic events," she said, "correcting papers or doing other work while they're watching their own children play. I can't tell you how many times a teacher will see a student with a need -- a winter jacket, boots, whatever -- and will pay for that item out of their own pocket."

Schefferly particularly commends a group of retired teachers who have worked the past year and continue their efforts to keep the school library open in the absence of a full-time librarian.

Although she will continue in her second job as Haynes Township clerk, Schefferly's retirement plans call for more time spent with grandchildren, both locally and downstate, and doing some traveling. She'd also like to participate in local activities to a greater extent, she said.

Still, the sound of the school bell exerts a little pull, she admitted. "And maybe," she added, "I'll come in and do a little volunteering in my daughter's classroom."

Alcona Review Weather Report

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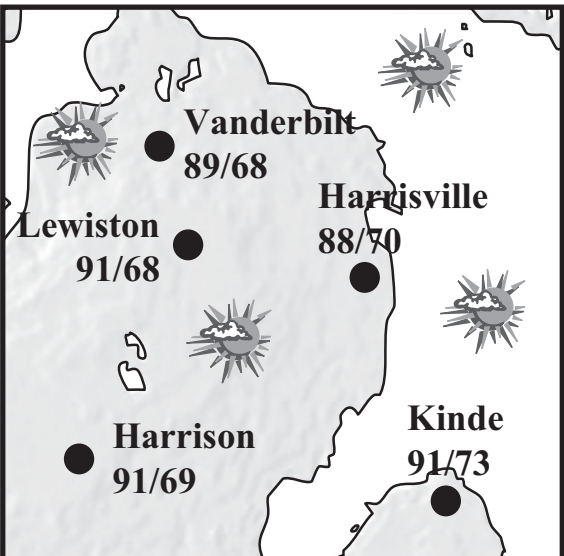
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Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 88°, humidity of 66%. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 94° set in 1964. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 70°. West wind 5 mph.

***Last Week's Almanac**

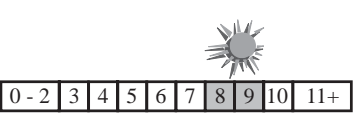
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	82	64	79/54	0.35"
Tuesday	80	66	79/54	0.00"
Wednesday	77	60	79/54	0.00"
Thursday	72	53	79/54	0.00"
Friday	77	46	79/55	0.00"
Saturday	83	47	79/55	0.00"
Sunday	86	52	79/55	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week


Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:04 a.m.	9:13 p.m.	3:58 p.m.	1:15 a.m.
Thursday	6:05 a.m.	9:13 p.m.	5:07 p.m.	1:57 a.m.
Friday	6:06 a.m.	9:12 p.m.	6:13 p.m.	2:47 a.m.
Saturday	6:07 a.m.	9:11 p.m.	7:13 p.m.	3:46 a.m.
Sunday	6:08 a.m.	9:10 p.m.	8:05 p.m.	4:54 a.m.
Monday	6:09 a.m.	9:09 p.m.	8:50 p.m.	6:07 a.m.
Tuesday	6:10 a.m.	9:08 p.m.	9:29 p.m.	7:23 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 through Friday, with the highest temperature of 99° in North Philadelphia, Pa. The Southeast will see scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 100° in Shannon, Va. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 106° in Boise, Idaho. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies and scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 108° in Bullhead City, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:31 a.m.	8:06 p.m.
Venus	8:33 a.m.	10:43 p.m.
Mars	4:15 a.m.	7:51 p.m.
Jupiter	4:29 a.m.	7:55 p.m.
Saturn	2:44 p.m.	1:26 a.m.
Uranus	12:19 a.m.	12:58 p.m.

Weather History

July 17, 1934 - One of the worst heat waves in the history of the nation commenced. During the last two weeks of the month, extreme heat claimed 679 lives in Michigan, including 300 in Detroit alone.

Weather Trivia


Can an earthquake create a tidal wave?

?

Answer: Yes, the majority of tidal waves are the result of earthquakes.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - One Small Step

 I think everybody has a hero or someone they admire or aspire to emulate. One of mine was Neil A. Armstrong, the first human to walk on the moon. Neil unfortunately passed away last August 25 at the age of 82. I just finished James R. Hansen's authorized biography of Armstrong, First Man, which filled in a number of gaps and some misinformation I had about the reluctant hero, whose first small step onto the lunar surface on July 20, 1969 forever changed his life and people's perspective of the cosmos. "That's one small step for (a) man, one giant leap for mankind." This soft spoken and controlled human being who paused to consider almost everything he said, forgot to say the "a" in that sentence. Without it, the words are redundant and make no sense, and although Armstrong insisted that the "a" was voiced, detailed audio analysis of that communication failed to reveal it. When were those words conceived in Armstrong's mind? Hansen gives a credible argument that it probably didn't happen until Armstrong had actually brought the Eagle safely down onto the lunar surface. There was no need to give it any serious consideration, according to Armstrong, until the landing had actually occurred, because Neil thought in his mind that the chances of accomplishing this feat were about 50/50. He gave the mission an overall 90 percent probability of successfully returning to Earth. Neil wasn't even concerned about whether he or his partner, Buzz Aldrin, would be the first to walk. It was all about successfully landing the Eagle. Buzz, on the other hand, lobbied hard for that first step, but in the end NASA administrators unanimously chose Armstrong as the better person to represent humanity's first explorer to set foot on another world. For Neil's sake, kindly remember the "a" in "...one small step..." That was something he really wanted the world to know. www.astronomy.org

St. Helen a hub for Off Road Vehicle recreation

The first thing Paul Hittie does, when he gets to his destination at the Motorsport Area near St. Helen, Mich. is let air out of his tires.

"To play on the rocks, I'll run it down to 10 pounds," he said, noting that he usually runs 44 pounds of pressure in his street-legal Jeep.

Playing on the rocks, as Hittie puts it, is one of the main attractions for hardcore, four-wheel-drive enthusiasts who come to the unofficial off-road vehicle capital of Michigan. On this day, he's going to try to climb one of the more difficult of the six rock-crawl courses in the area.

And so Hittie begins, slowly, climbing up a 100-foot stretch of boulders in an otherwise natural sand bowl at the area. He drives carefully, picking his way up for 10 minutes until, halfway up, he's lodged a tire between a couple of big rocks. At that point he has to get out of the vehicle and use the winch attached to the front of his truck to get out of his predicament.

By the time he's done, he's spent nearly an hour going

roughly 100 feet. Par for the course, he said.

Open since 2010, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Motorsports Area is the crown jewel of a treasure trove of off-roading opportunities around St. Helen, Mich. in Roscommon County. Between the rock crawl and trails, the St. Helen area offers just about everything a four-wheeler could want.

The rock courses range from doable by a good driver in a standard four-by-four pickup truck to darn near impossible for even veteran off-roaders in a custom-built ORV, said Pat Kinne, a 45-year-old self-employed metal fabricator and past president of the Great Lakes Four Wheel Drive Association (GLFWDA). Kinne, from Midland, Mich. sat on the advisory committee when the DNR first proposed, and then built, the area. He visits it a handful of times a year.

"I'd come up every weekend if it wasn't for graduations and weddings and stuff," Kinne said. "This whole area is pretty important; it's the first stop for guys from



Gary Greenway makes it to the top of a rock course at the St. Helen Motorsport Area.

southeastern Michigan who want to put it in four-wheel drive."

Gary Greenway, who climbed a course in his 2008 Jeep Rubicon recently, said he's a semi-reluctant rock crawl participant. He prefers to simply get on the trails and ride.

"There are different breeds of wheelers," said the 56-year-old retired auto worker from Fenton, Mich. "Some look for the biggest obstacle they can overcome. I'm past that. I've been out in the woods a long time - snowmobiles, motorcycles, quads - I just like to ride trails now. A lot of people

don't understand - we just like bad roads.

"But every now and then I'm goaded into doing something stupid."

And that's the allure of the St. Helen area. ORVers can make it as simple - or as difficult - as they like. En-

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enthusiasts with quads or off-road motorcycles can get on the trail system and go all the way to Harrison, Mich. or Prudenville, Mich. on DNR ORV trails. Or they can play on the rocks.

The scramble area and the trails are important to the local economy, said Bev VanMeter of the St. Helen Chamber of Commerce. "As a business owner and president of the chamber of commerce and as an ORV owner - I own a dune buggy - it's huge," she said. "Since we've allowed the ORVs to come to the St. Helen area, business is up for everybody. It's worked out well for our community."

Cheryl Lyttle, who - along with her husband, Jim, - owns St. Helen Powersports, a business that services ORVs, said ORVs are "pretty critical" to the St. Helen economy. "You need some tourism," she said. "Anything that gets people up in our area is important. I'd say having ORVs in this area is good for the entire community - the restaurants, gas stations, hotels and motels - even babysitters. It's the trickle-down effect - good for

everybody. Four-wheeling is a three-season - and sometimes even four-season - sport."

ORV enthusiasts account for the bulk of the campers at the Richfield Township Campgrounds, located just a short (but bumpy) drive from the Motorsports Area.

"When we started building a campground on our property about five years ago, the DNR turned part of their property into a joint snowmobile/ORV project to connect to the trails because probably 80 percent of the people who stay here are riders," said Dennis Shunk, who runs the campgrounds. "They can go directly from the campground to the trails and people stay here now because of that."

"As soon as the snow melts, people switch over to ORVs and they start calling about camping in February. Come May, it fills up for every holiday and major event. This is a recreation-oriented town; if it wasn't for outdoor recreation we wouldn't exist the way we do today."

Major events include the St. Helen ORV Jamboree, slated for Aug 9-11 this year. A festival designed for all ORV

enthusiasts, the annual event features a sand run, a mud bog, an obstacle course and an ORV/ATV pull as well as basic all-terrain vehicle training. It attracts more than just participants.

"We drew about 1,000 people to the mud bog event last year as spectators," said Jim Lyttle.

For Kinne, trail riding may be okay, but it's the challenge of rock crawling that gets him going. "I grew up trail riding with my grandpa and grandma in a two-wheel-drive truck," said Kinne, who has an on-board welder in his Jeep for emergency repairs. "But there's a certain romance to Jeeping. You can swap axles, you can swap engines, you can modify the suspensions - you can take ownership of it."

"It's almost a lifestyle - people plan their vacations around it."

Most of the money for the Motorsport Area came from a DNR grant from the Off-Road Vehicle Trail Improvement Fund, which is financed by the purchase of ORV stickers. But both ORVers and the St. Helen business community chipped in to help pay

for the rock crawl area, which has traffic every weekend, said Hittie, a member of the What Lies Beyond Jeep Club and vice-president of the GLFWDA.

"The association put in \$1,500 to help buy the rocks, and virtually every club donated," he said. "I think, all told, we put in \$8,000 above the original grant."

The St. Helen ORV area is a prime example of where the DNR wants to take its ORV

program. "This is an important component of our state trails management plan," said Steve Kubisiak, the DNR's Recreation and Trails Program coordinator. "Among the items in the plan was to develop trails and ORV opportunities that reach out to local communities. This is a very successful example of that."

For more information on Michigan ORV trails, visit www.michigan.gov/orvtrails.



Quad riders take a break on the trail near St. Helen on an autumn day. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

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Saving money on car maintenance

DOLLARS AND SENSE
BY David Uffington

It would be nice if we could just get in the car and go, but the truth is that cars need maintaining, and the more diligent you are about tackling car maintenance up front, the less it will cost you down the road. Here a few suggestions that will curb your maintenance costs over the long haul:

• **Oil changes** -- The 3,000-mile oil change is history for newer cars. You'll save money by changing it every 7,500 to 10,000 miles (check your owner's manual). Use an independent garage, since dealers tend to be expensive. If you're not sure you're going to a reputable one, mark your old oil filter and check to be sure it has been changed.

• **Change the fuel filter** every two years, or according to the manufacturer's schedule. You'll spend a lot more getting it replaced once it becomes clogged with grit.

• **Replace the air filter and wiper blades** yourself. You can buy them a lot cheaper at an auto-parts store. Replacement is simple for either part, and it should take no more than five minutes to do. Replace air filters at least once every 20,000 miles and wipers at least once a year.

• **Keep your tires properly inflated.** Check them once a month; otherwise, you're wasting gasoline or risking a blowout. Improper inflation also wears out tires faster, and buying new ones is expensive.

• **Rotate and realign your**

tires regularly. If your tires are wearing unevenly, your car may be out of alignment or your shocks or struts worn out. This can drastically reduce the life of your tires.

• **Follow the factory maintenance schedule.** Your dealer may want you to have a major tune-up every 30,000 miles, but you can stick to the manufacturer's schedule unless your car is not running well. As with oil changes, independent shops can do this work much cheaper. Dealers may tell you using outside garages violates the car's warranty, but this is not true.

• **Change your antifreeze** every two years. Also check for drips under the car and dried/cracked belts and hoses.

• **Have your brakes** checked once a year. It's much cheaper to adjust than replace them.

• **Use the right gas.** Your owner's manual might say you should buy premium, but that isn't necessarily true. Go for the cheapest gasoline that doesn't make your car engine knock; all octane does is prevent knock. A higher-grade gasoline isn't necessarily better for your car, just more expensive.

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Gaming the government contracts system

VETERANS POST
by Freddy Groves

If you really want to defraud the government, it helps to have friends in high places.

The House Committee on Oversight and Government Reform recently reviewed a situation wherein a man who never served in the military was given lucrative contracts with the IRS. Here are some facts that were revealed in the Committee's report:

The man (let's call him X) sought a contract to provide information technology (IT) to the IRS through its contract acquisitions arm. He had a close relationship with the IRS deputy director for IT Acquisition, and therefore got privileged information. Within six months he had a dozen contracts with the IRS, worth more than \$500 million.

The contracts X applied for were for small businesses: 1) owned by service-disabled veterans, and 2) in economically disadvantaged neighborhoods (called HUBZones). The report says X was able to "game the system" and get certification for both categories.

How did X pull this off?

He bought a small company that already had a top-secret security clearance. He rented an office in a Washington, D.C. HUBZone, even though he lived in a wealthy Virginia neighborhood.

To cover the Service-Disabled Veteran-Owned Small Business angle, X turned to an incident that happened 27 years ago: While a student at the U.S. Military Academy Prep School, he'd twisted his ankle playing football. It couldn't have been too bad because the next year he went

off to college and played football. Because of a glitch in the rules, he was able to do two things: 1) Get the Department of Veterans Affairs to start giving him benefits for service-related injury, and 2) parlay that twisted ankle into a lucrative government contract as a service-disabled veteran.

And he had lots of help from the IRS to get his contracts.

To read the 157-page report, go to <http://oversight.house.gov/> and search for Questionable Acquisitions: Problematic IT Contracting at the IRS.

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Citrus labels

COLLECTING
By Larry Cox

Q: I have collected citrus labels for at least 30 years. Most are from California. The artwork and bright, splashy colors first attracted me to this field of collecting. Since I have some duplicates, can you recommend a collector or group I can contact? -- Jim, Cedar City, Utah

A: Your labels were originally used to identify the contents of wooden crates being shipped to market. The colorful lithographs, especially those printed before 1950, have become extremely collectible. Most seem to be selling for less than \$10 each, but as I often have said about

collectibles, there are always exceptions. Noel Gilbert is secretary/treasurer of the Citrus Label Society, 131 Miramonte Drive, Fullerton, CA 92835; and www.citruslabelsociety.com.

Q: I have a glass plate that has been passed down through my family for several generations. It has an image of U.S. Grant with the text, "Let Us Have Peace." It is yellowish-green in color. -- Wilmer, Rio Rancho, N.M.

A: Commemorative and politically themed plates were especially popular during the Victorian era. One of my favorite references for such items is "Political Collectibles:

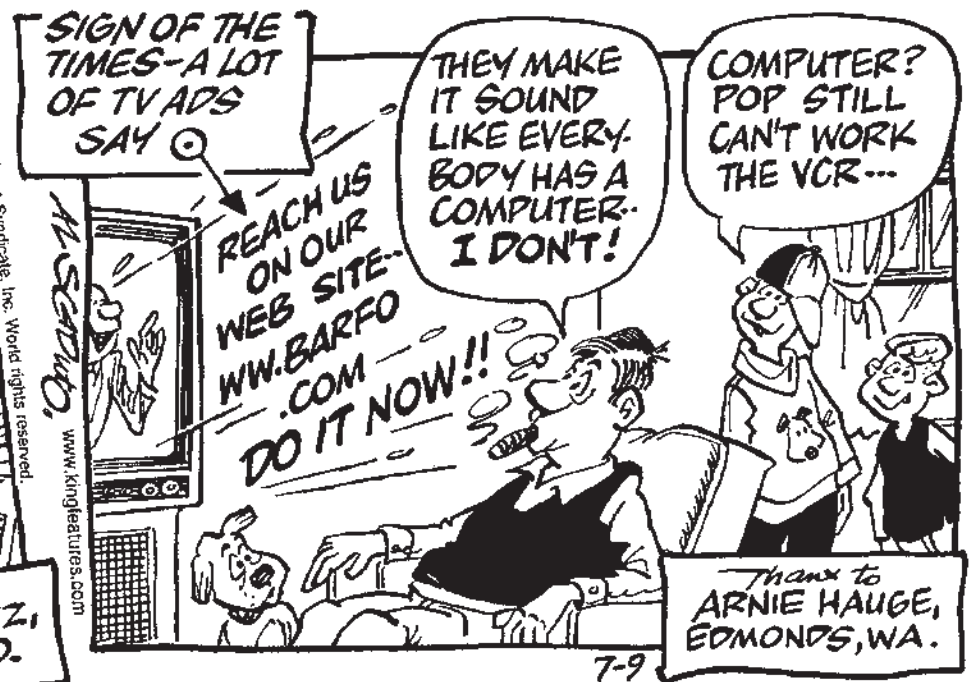
Identification and Price Guide" by Dr. Enoch L. Nappen. In addition to a U.S. Grant plate, I also found ones with images of Benjamin Harrison and James Garfield. These plates are valued in the \$75 to \$100 range.

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on July 8 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Dobis and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Dobis, treasurer Keerl, clerk Pierce and council members Tartaglia, Crick, Kaiser, Lemere, Baird and Sanderson, and city attorney Cook.

Motion by Lemere, support by Tartaglia, to approve the minutes of June 10 and to be amended to include Japanese knotweed as the invasive species to be addressed at a meeting to be announced. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Lemere, support by Crick, to pay the bills in the amount of \$21,987.23. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Dobis shared a letter of correspondence on the Future Economic Development of Alcona County invitation to public officials of the City of Harrisville, townships and Village of Lincoln. This meeting will take place at the Alcona EMS building on July 18 at 6 p.m. Council members were urged to attend. A letter submitted by Mary Peterson volunteering to touch up the "Welcome to Harrisville" signs at the north and south boundaries of the city was presented. Council in agreement to give permission to Mary Peterson to touch up the welcome signs.

A request by Mary Peterson to set up a table at 303 N. Lake Street, on the road right-of-way, the day of the wine and food festival to be an information booth for the Alcona Humane Society and to sell raffle tickets to help support the humane society. Motion by Baird, support by Sanderson, to give Mary Peterson, on behalf of the Alcona Humane Society, authorization to have a table on Lake Street on July 20 utilizing the road right-of-way to represent the humane society. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Dobis reported to council on Fourth of July activities. Positive comments were received by all. Mayor Dobis addressed a request from Jackie Trimmer of the beautification committee for an additional \$50 for replacement flowers for the city. Motion by Tartaglia, support by Sanderson, to allot an additional \$50 for beautification. Motion carried 6-0. Council offered a "thank you" to Jackie Trimmer and her group of volunteers for their continued effort in maintaining the city plantings along Main Street and other areas of the city. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

Mayor Dobis updated council as to the progress of the city wide utility mapping by Huron Engineering. The mapping is 80 percent complete and can be expected to have the project completed by August or September. Treasurer Keerl reported on the quarterly budget reports and adjustments. Will be completed for next council meeting. Alderman Lemere advised council on the roads and sidewalks projects. Jesse Campbell, Alcona County Road Commission, will be giving an update to alderman Lemere on the work to be done on Church Street. Lemere addressed current issues being considered for improvement. -- sidewalks on Huron Ave., steps at the fountain and sidewalks in front of the VFW are on the list for improvements. Council was asked to approve a hardship exemption application form for assessor Thompson's use. Motion to approve hardship exemption application form for assessors use by Crick, support by Sanderson. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Dobis addressed a letter from Rick Pender, president of Harbor Town Development, asking the city to consider the vacating of city streets included within the indicated properties addressed in his proposal to develop single family homes. This encompasses property between 2nd and 3rd streets, 4th Street and Jackson south to Spring Street. Adjoining property owners are to be notified of right-of-way implications to their property. Topic was tabled for 60-90 days. Clerk Pierce reported we are looking forward to a great Harbor Nights concert series this summer. Harbor commissioner Baird reported marina rentals are down approximately 15 percent state wide this season. Dredging permits are still being sorted out for the work at the harbor and the state money designated for this work is available to be used when needed.

Planning commission ex-officio Baird reported that a final draft of the zoning ordinances is being reviewed by commission members. The planning commission has copies of the draft available at the city office for public review. County commissioner Thompson encouraged public officials to attend the economic development meeting on July 18. Commissioner Thompson also distributed fliers for the Electronic Recycling Event which will take place at the ARA fairground site in Lincoln on Saturday, Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. This drop off is free to residents of Alcona, Iosco, and Oscoda counties. The fliers are available at the City Office. He also reminded council of the regular, monthly recycle program which takes the second Saturday of each month at the ARA fairground site. Glass, plastic (No.1-7), bundled and secured cardboard, Styrofoam (no building grade), newspaper and magazines are taken. No trash or garbage is accepted. There is a \$5 fee for this drop off. Comment cards: Lonnie Crampton addressed council about the redevelopment of fishing opportunities in the City of Harrisville. He sited several areas in the city where fishing took place over the years and the renewed interest in the development of these areas again. Motion to adjourn by Lemere. Adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

ALCONA ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held on July 10 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to approve: The minutes of the June 26 meeting; payment of open accounts in the amount of \$257,868.49; road improvement agreement with Greenbush Township; payment of bills due by July 24 and cancel the July 24 meeting. This synopsis of the minutes is published prior to board review and approval. Complete minutes are available upon request via e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly-scheduled meeting is August 14 at 4 p.m.

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Alcona Community Schools is seeking an after school band director for the 2013-2014 school year. The band director will be responsible for organizing and implementing an instrumental music program for interested sixth through twelfth-grade students. Performance expectations include select athletic, school and/or community events. Preferred candidate will possess a strong musical background and have experience working with students. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, resume and/or credentials to Shawn Thornton, Superintendent, Alcona Community Schools, P.O. Box 249, Lincoln, Michigan 48742 or thorntons@alconaschools.net. Deadline for application is July 26, 2013. Alcona Community Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

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Garage sale, 214 North Fifth, Harrisville, Friday 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Toys, children's bike and scooter, highchair, furniture, appliances, king electric mattress pad, linens, name brand men and women's clothes, Pandora, Brighton, purses, jewelry, household items and much more.

Group garage sale at the home of Bill and Edna Somers, 1237 North Barlow, Lincoln starting Wednesday, July 17 at 10 a.m., ending July 24. Horse saddle and tack, thirty inch microwave, Amana dishwasher, swimming pool and new cover, household items, lots of miscellaneous items.

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given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on July 24, 2013. Said premises are situated in township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 375 feet northerly along water edge of Hubbard Lake from a point where the southern boundary line of Section 16, T28N, R7E intersects with said westerly shore of Hubbard Lake to a P.O.B; thence north along said western shore of Hubbard Lake 50 feet; thence westerly by northwesterly a distance of approximately 300 feet to a stake that is 404 feet north of the south boundary of said Section 16 on the West Shore Road; thence southerly along the east boundary of the West Shore Road a distance of 48 feet; thence easterly by southeasterly in a line to a point of beginning and commencing at a point 425 feet northerly along water's edge of Hubbard Lake from a point where the southern boundary line of Section 16, T28N, R7E intersects with said westerly shore of Hubbard Lake; thence north along said western shore of Hubbard Lake 50 feet; thence westerly by north-

westerly a distance of approximately 300 feet to a stake that is 452 feet north of the south boundary of said Section 16 on the West Shore Road; thence southerly along the east boundary of the West Shore Road a distance of 48 feet; thence easterly by southeasterly in a line to a point of beginning. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure 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 damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: June 26, 2013 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334-5422 File No. 421615F01 6-26, 7-3, 7-10, 7-17

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by George H. French Jr., unmarried, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC successor by merger to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated July 25, 2003, and recorded on July 31, 2003 in Liber 387 on page 45, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-four thousand four hundred ninety and 02/100 dollars (\$54,490.02). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at

the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on August 14, 2013. Said premises are situated in township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 73 of Stuve Ranch Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 191, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure 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 damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: July 17, 2013 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File No. 297517F02 7-17, 7-23, 7-31, 8-7

Mortgage Sale Notice

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of the open-end mortgage dated September 24, 2007 (mortgage), made by DAACA, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, as mortgagor (mortgagor) to Fifth Third Bank, an Ohio banking corporation, successor by merger with Fifth Third Bank, a Michigan banking corporation with its main office in Cincinnati, Ohio (mortgagee), which mortgage was recorded on October 2, 2007, in Alcona County Register of Deeds, Liber 446, page 820, which mortgage was amended by first amendment to open-end mortgage dated June 28, 2012, made by mortgagor in favor of mortgagee and recorded on July 10, 2012 in Alcona County Register of Deeds, Liber 489, page 204. As of the date of this Mortgage Sale Notice, there is due a total of four hundred thirty-five thousand, seven hundred sixty-nine dollars and 77/100 (\$435,769.77) dollars, with interest continuing to accrue at the regular and additional default rates of interest as set forth

in the notes secured by the mortgage (indebtedness). No suit or proceedings at law have been instituted to recover the indebtedness secured by the mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the applicable statutes of the state of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, August 21, 2013 at 10 a.m., local time, the distinct parcel described in the mortgage as: Parcel 3: Lots 15 and 16 of the Third Addition to Backus Beach Subdivision, according to the recorded plat as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 120, Alcona County records. Commonly known as 710 W. Lake Street, Spruce, Mich. 48762, Tax I.D. Numbers 072-203-000-015-00 will be foreclosed by sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the indebtedness together with interest and default interest, fees, all charges and expenses, including attorneys' fees allowed by law,

and also any sum or sums that may be paid by mortgagee necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Please be advised that this is a sale of distinct parcels under the mortgage pursuant to MCL § 600.3224. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the foreclosure sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL § 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale. Pursuant to MCL § 600.3278, if the premises is sold at foreclosure, mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the premises at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to mortgagee for damaging the premises during the redemption period. Dated: July 9, 2013. Fifth Third Bank, Mortgagee By: Wolfson Bolton PLLC Anthony J. Kochis, Esq. (P72020) Attorneys for Mortgagee 3150 Livernois, Ste. 275 Troy, MI 48083 (248) 247-7105 7-17, 7-23, 7-31, 8-7, 8-14

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by David J. Talbot and Theresa L. Talbot, husband and wife as tenants by the entirety, original mortgagor(s), to Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, mortgagee, dated August 11, 2004, and recorded on August 19, 2004 in Liber 405 on page 733, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-nine thousand sixty-nine and 10/100 dollars (\$89,069.10). 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 14, 2013. Said premises are situated in township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 14 of Klein's Green Hills Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 161-162, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure 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 damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: July 17, 2013 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422 File No. 213972F02 7-17, 7-23, 7-31, 8-7

Notice of Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made on the 23rd day of August, 2010 by Thomas Holland and Lester Holland of 5014 Carroll Lake Road, Commerce Township, Mich. 48382 and 639 Lucille Drive, Walled Lake, Mich. 48390, as mortgagee to Deborah L. (Pifer) McCallum and Glen E. McCallum, of 3152 Maumee Trail, Clyde, Mich. 48049. Said mortgage given by the mortgagors and recorded on the 27th day of August, 2010 in the office of the Register of Deeds for Alcona County, Michigan in Liber 472, pages 1,216-1,217 inclusive and on which mortgage there is a claim to be due and owing on the date of this notice the sum of twenty thousand twenty five and 94/100 (\$20,025.94) dollars plus interest, costs and attorney fees incurred from December 23, 2012 as provided by said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved. Notice is hereby given that said mortgage and the statute in such case made and approved, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises or some part of them at a public vendue at the west entrance to the Alcona County

Courthouse in Harrisville, Mich. at 10 a.m. on August 21, 2013. Said premises are situated in the township of Hawes, County of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Part of the southwest quarter (SW-1/4) of Section 34, T27N, R6E, described as follows: Commencing at the south ¼ corner of Section 34; thence north 02 degrees 17 minutes 26 seconds east along the north and south ¼ line of said section 915.54 feet; thence south 83 degrees 54 minutes 51 seconds west 276.23 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing south 83 degrees 54 minutes 51 seconds west 345.27 feet; thence north 20 degrees 35 minutes 00 seconds west 656.54 feet; thence along the centerline of Lakeside Trail in the following two (2) courses: North 76 degrees 16 minutes 00 seconds east 185.70 feet and south 67 degrees 11 minutes 30 seconds east 242.91 feet; thence south

17 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds east 554.59 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241 (a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated July 9, 2013. For more information, please call. David H. Cook Attorney for Mortgagee 5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585 Harrisville, Michigan 48740 (989) 724-5155 7-17, 7-23, 7-31, 8-7

HARRISVILLE TWP. MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held July 9 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The full board and three guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Clerk's minutes approved as read. Treasurer's report accepted and reconciled with the clerk. Ordinance enforcer gave a detailed report on the three complaints he dealt with. Jamieson/Pyne: To approve the hardship exemption application to be used by the assessor. Motion carried unanimously. Other business discussed was the hoop house being used again, painting the bathhouse and harbor dredging being hauled on township roads. Young/Pyne: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m. Roger D. Jamieson, Township Clerk Published prior to board approval.


ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

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, LaLonde, Gauthier, MacNeill and Mead. Motion to pay bills, to adopt poverty guidelines set by the state of Michigan for 2013, and approve the use of the township's guidelines. All motions passed. Dawn LaLonde, Clerk This synopsis published prior to board approval.

CALEDONIA TWP. MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting on July 10, was called to order by Supervisor Ott with pledge to the flag at 7 p.m. Present on the board: Ott, Thornton, Timm, Scott and Hubbard. Also in attendance: Nancy Beck, zoning administrator and five citizens. Motions to approve the agenda with additions, approve the minutes of June 12, with corrections, to pay the bills and to place treasurer's report on file were made. Correspondence: MTA Chapter meeting, picnic at Mitchell Township, July 30, 6 p.m.; economic development meeting July 18, 6 p.m., Alcona EMS Building. Planning commission held a public hearing on July 1 for zoning ordinances. Listened to public comments and will begin reviewing what they heard at the meeting. Tri-township meeting at Caledonia Township Hall on July 25. Zoning administrator report: Worked with citizens concerning poll barns and septic approval forms. Citizen comments: Jim Farrar spoke about some of the history of Hickey Hill and wanted to know if a sign could be placed there. Unfinished business: Motion that Lloyd Daggett be allowed to cut dead wood on Hickey Hill for his own use. The new flagpole has been installed. Motion to obtain a solar powered light from Flag Poles Etc. to illumina-

nate the flag at a cost of \$150. Road commission should begin work on Hubbard Lake Road, from Spruce Road to Bennett Road, around August 12. Motion to allow planning commission one additional workshop between now and August 5 for review on zoning ordinances, and to purchase a disk of the ordinances that can be edited from Model Printing. New Business: Motion to remove winter 2012 delinquent tax for Spruce General Store from the tax role. Thank you notes will be written to Dan Anderson for removing Russian olives at Northend Park and to Mr. Butler for the wonderful fireworks display on Hubbard Lake. Motion to have Rock Island demolish the block entry and stairs to the basement on south wall of hall and to back fill for \$300. Motion to contract with Steve Holsworth to block up south wall of hall reinforcing and water proofing it for \$500. Board of review meets July 15, at 4 p.m. Motion to send Scott and Hubbard to EDC meeting July 18, with mileage and per diem paid. Motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m. All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next meeting is August 7 (one week early). Planning commission meets August 5. Helen Timm, Clerk

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