



State Rep. Peter Pettalia, (R-Presque Isle), gives testimony before the House Military and Veterans Affairs Committee in support of Science and Technology Academics Reinforcing Basic Aviation and Space Exploration (STARBASE), a U.S. Department of Defense youth program which assists fifth-grade and middle school students in the areas of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education. The program is offered through the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, one of three sites in Michigan. "This program helps local students better comprehend math and science subjects through hands-on learning, like robotics, and networking with local STEM initiatives and organizations," Pettalia said. "The changing workforce requires technology and global perspectives that STARBASE helps to provide and motivate students as they continue their education. It's important that we support this valuable program so our children can have this opportunity available to them." The MVA committee is considering House Resolution 85 that urges continuation of the program, a measure that will be transmitted to the U.S. Senate, U.S. House of Representatives, and members of the Michigan congressional delegation upon state House approval. *Courtesy photo.*

STARBASE program in jeopardy of closure

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

A program which just became available to northeast Michigan elementary students and has them fired up about learning math and science in a hands-on manner is in jeopardy due to sequester.

With a goal to decrease the dropout rate and increase student knowledge, Science and Technology Academics Reinforcing Basic Aviation and Space Exploration (STARBASE) began nationally 23 years ago. It is a partnership between community educators and the leadership of the U.S. Military. The focus is to engage rural students in challenging, hands-on activities which include science, technology, engineering and math (STEM skills) and related careers in those subjects.

STARBASE, located at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center, opened its doors last spring and had just begun to enhance student's academic endeavors.

According to Susan Prevo, director of the Alpena STARBASE, the founders of STARBASE realized exposure to the STEM curriculum tied

in with military applications. "They thought it would be a great approach to inspire youth and target kids who are in rural and usually low-income communities because of their limited access to this kind of experience," Prevo said. She explained rural children are not normally exposed to careers in engineering and may not know they can become a scientist or a chemist.

Prevo explained the program started by just serving fifth-grade students because research showed students that age internally, even though they don't realize it, know whether they are going to finish high school or drop out and STARBASE wanted to motivate them to continue their education.

There are 76 STARBASE locations within military bases across the United States. Each STARBASE program is staffed with certified teachers and students attend one day a week for five consecutive weeks for five hours a day receiving 25 hours of hands-on immersion in the field.

Students attending the Alpena STARBASE come from

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Hubbard Lake North End Park continues with improvements

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The Hubbard Lake North End Park improvement project is a little closer to being resolved this summer and Phase 1 is within weeks of being completed.

The restoration project -- the result of two grants and matching funds from Caledonia Township -- has been in various stages of planning and development since 2009.

A Michigan Waterways grant of \$95,467 and a matching grant from the

township brings the total to \$190,934 Phase 1 of the project which deals with boat-related renovations.

Phase 1 involves resurfacing and paving parking areas, expanding the docks to fit larger boats, installing a unisex pit toilet near the boat ramp, curing the erosion problem under the ramp, installing aluminum handicap accessible docks with lights, installing new lampposts and a yard light, planting shrubs to cover the fence and making landscaping improvements along paved areas to keep vehicles off the grass.

Much of the work for Phase 1 was complete last November but contractors waited to let the new gravel freeze and thaw before refinishing and paving over it. Now that warmer weather has returned, the committee is hopeful the work will be completed in the next few weeks.

Phase 1 was set to get underway in 2011 but, a delay arose when the park committee was informed the site may contain Native American artifacts.

"We had just gotten the first grant through and someone came along and said, 'wait a minute, we think there might be some Indian burial

grounds somewhere in that area.' An archeologist spent several days doing digs and finally gave us permission to move forward, said Gailen Thornton, president of the park improvement committee. "We decided to have the entire park looked at, not just where we were working, in case something came up in the future, we wouldn't have to go through that again."

Thornton explained the archeologist found nothing of significant historical value. The effort cost Caledonia Township nearly \$4,000, but without the archeologist's findings, North End Park would not have received the grant.

The second phase of the project will utilize a \$245,400 grant from the Michigan Trust Fund and additional matching funds of \$81,800 from Caledonia Township. Phase 2 will restore the picnic area, put in a new well, build two pavilions with cement floors and electricity, a volleyball court, walkways, new bathroom facilities, a changing room, barbecue grills, picnic tables, campfire pits and landscaping along the shoreline.

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The following local veterans organizations will conduct services to honor deceased veterans at the following locations on Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

The public is welcome to attend any or all of the services. All of the groups will participate in the county ceremony at noon on the courthouse lawn in Harrisville. There will also be another service at 2 p.m. in Lincoln at the village/fire hall.

Barton City VFW Cemetery Schedule

- Barton City Lutheran Church - 9 a.m.
- Maple Ridge Cemetery - 9:30 a.m.
- Curran 10:15 a.m.
- Lincoln 11 a.m.
- Harrisville (courthouse lawn) - noon

Wm. F. Moore VFW Post 6754 of Spruce

- Hope Cemetery, Ossineke - 10:15 a.m. (William O'Dell)
- Calvary Cemetery, Black River - 11 a.m. (Gerald Ludwiczak)

Mikado American Legion Post 254

- Indian Cemetery, Kings Corner Road - 9 a.m.
- Mikado Civic Center, Mikado - 9:45 a.m.
- Mikado Township Cemetery - 10:30 a.m.
- American Legion Post, Mikado - 11:15 a.m.
- The Village of Lincoln, fire hall -- 2 p.m.

Harrisville VFW Post 6466

- Mt. Joy Cemetery - 9 a.m.
- Springport Cemetery - 9:45 a.m.
- St. Anne's Cemetery - 10:15 a.m.
- Westlawn Cemetery - 10:45 a.m.
- Harrisville Harbor - 11:15 a.m.
- Courthouse Lawn - noon
- Luncheon at Post 6466 - 12:45 p.m.

Letters to the Editor

Obituaries

Catherine S. Dettling

Catherine "Cathy" Sue Dettling, 50, of Black River, died on Sunday, May 19, 2013 at home.

She was born July 13, 1962 in Ann Arbor, Mich. to Charles and Janet (MacDougall) Dettling. She was raised in Manchester, Mich. and moved to Alcona County in 1987.

She was a member of the Alcona Township Fire Department for 23 years. She held the rank of captain at Station 1 (in Black River) and was the medical officer for the department where she was responsible for all medical operations, supplies, policies and standard operating guidelines. She was a founding member of the Alcona

County Dive Team and was certified as an advanced diver. She was awarded the Thunder Bay Firefighter's Association Firefighter of the Year 2012.

She was a member of Alcona County Emergency Medical Service (EMS) for 18 years where she was certified as an emergency medical technician specialist. For the last eight years she was an instructor/coordinator who taught Medical First Responder and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification.

She was also a hot air balloon student pilot and enjoyed kayaking, riding her motorcycle, being outdoors, camping and traveling. Her



favorite hobby was spending time in her workshop tinkering.

Ms. Dettling is survived by her companion, Pamela "P.J." Wilson of Black River; one son, Keith Thompson of Harrisville; three brothers, Curt (Brenda) Dettling of Milan, Mich., Joe (Mary Ann) Dettling of Manchester, Mich. and Bruce (Michelle) Dettling of Manchester, Mich.; three sisters, Jill (Greg) Bondy of Manchester, Mich., Debra (Jim) Barth of Harrisville and Cheryl (David) Bauer of Tecumseh, Mich.; 16 nieces and nephews; 10 great-nieces and nephews; one aunt, Susan (Ed) Gardner of Interlochen, Mich.; and her canine companion, Shelby.

She was preceded in death by one son, Andy Thompson, on May 28, 2007.

Visitation will be held Thursday, May 23 from 10 a.m. until the funeral at 11 a.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. The Rev. Chrissy Bright will officiate. Burial will follow at Mt. Joy Cemetery, Haynes Township.

Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Township Fire Department Dive Team, Hospice of Michigan, or St. Jude's Children's Hospital.

To the Editor,
May is National Foster Care Month, a time to come together on behalf of the more than 380,000 American children under 18 who are in foster care because their own families are in crisis and unable to provide for their essential wellbeing. In the three counties of Alcona, Alpena and Montmorency there are currently over 90 children placed in foster care.

Through our work with these young people, I know how resilient they can be. Foster children have an extraordinary capacity to overcome many challenges — but only if they have the support of a caring adult in their lives.

National Foster Care Month offers an opportunity for informing policymakers, business leaders and others in Alcona, Alpena and Montmorency counties about the urgent need for many more

people to come forward and serve these young people.

Without permanent, nurturing relationships with adults, foster youth are far more likely than their peers in the general population to endure homelessness, poverty, compromised health, unemployment, incarceration and other adversities after they leave the foster care system.

No matter how much time you have to give, you have the power to do something positive that will change a lifetime for a young person in foster care. Visit www.fostercaremonth.org or call Marci Sample at (989) 395-0877 to find out about the many different ways to get involved.

John D. Keller,
Director
Alcona/ Alpena/
Montmorency County
Department of Human
Services

Robert H. Shepherd

Robert H. Shepherd, 87, of Harrisville, died on Friday, May 17, 2013 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 14, 1925 to Harry John and Helen Angeline (Walton) Shepherd in Flint, Mich. He was raised in Beaverton, Mich.

He served in the U.S. Navy Air Corps during World War II. On October 21, 1949, he married Mary Anne Ouimette in Flint, Mich. They were residents of Flint, Mich. where he worked as a mechanic for General Motors for 34 years. He retired in 1980 and they moved to Harrisville.

Mr. Shepherd was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville and the men's group.

He was an avid gardener, and loved to grow plants and flowers. He also enjoyed fishing, golfing and woodworking.

Mr. Shepherd is survived by his wife, Anne; two daughters, Cynthia A. (Michael) O'Dea of Flint, Mich. and Susan K. (Larry) Schultz-Miller of Pinconning, Mich.; one son, Robert F. Shepherd of Harrisville; five grandchildren, Michelle Harris, Christopher O'Dea, Carrie Beaulieu and Kyle and Robert Schultz; six-great grandchildren; one sister, Lois (Richard) Long of Harrisville; one brother, Charles Shepherd; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one daughter-in-law, Linda Shepherd; and two sisters; and one brother.

The funeral was held Tuesday, May 21 at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Harrisville. The Rev. Tom Welscott officiated. Burial was in Mikado Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church.

To the Editor,

I was on F-30 near Delap Lake when my dog threw up in my lap. I have no idea how fast I was going at that time. Officer Matthew Perkins passed me in the opposite direction, had to wait for an oncoming car, turned around and started pursuing me at a high rate of speed. It was not necessary to put the lives of our community at risk.

I acknowledged his car was behind me and pulled over. Officer Perkins drove at ridiculous speeds, 135 miles per hour to be exact, because he told me so. He had no radar report other than 60 miles per hour in a 55 mile per hour zone. I have been back where I met him on the road to calculate speeds and feet per second. My calculations will prove in court that by the time he turned around and waited for the car that was behind me to pass, that

it took 39 seconds to do so.

My calculations in court will prove that I was not going 100 miles per hour. Officer Perkins put everyone at risk. He came to the car and said, "Mike, I had to drive 135 miles per hour to catch you." Then he asked me how fast my car would go. I assumed 100 miles per hour.

Officer Perkins proceeded to write me a ticket for 100 miles per hour with no radar proof, just my presumption how fast my car may go. I will fight this ticket!

The worst thing is the embarrassment of the entire police force in Alcona County. I would like to see the police officer's driving records for all of Alcona County. Do any of them have tickets? Probably not, they are above the law.

Michael Kaiser
Flint, Mich.

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Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
May 12	49	29	0.03	3.5	34	N
May 13	51	33	0.00	3.9	16	WNW
May 14	48	37	0.07	8.7	25	S
May 15	77	44	0.00	4.3	28	S
May 16	71	43	0.00	5.3	27	NNE
May 17	55	41	0.00	1.2	10	S
May 18	54	47	0.00	1.2	10	NE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)		2012-2013	
	2013	2012	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.10	0.05	0.62
Month of May	1.42	1.79	1.50
Year to Date	11.88	7.91	9.05

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

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22

A soup and pie supper will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). A free will offering will be accepted with all proceeds going toward a new church roof.

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.

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

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.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Mikado branch, 2291 South F-41.

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.

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.

THURSDAY, MAY 23

The Alcona County Amateur Radio Group will meet at the EMS building, 260 East M-72 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in amateur radio, emergency and public service communications is invited to attend. Free refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550 or visit www.alconaradio.org.

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

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

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

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.

Lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender support group will meet from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Harrisville Holistic Center, 200 North State Street. For more information, call Kay at (989) 745-8199.

FRIDAY, MAY 24

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.

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.

SATURDAY, MAY 25

The Sunrise Side Gardening Club will be having a plant sale at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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 info., call (989) 724-5077.

New Life Lutheran Church, 25 Kirche In The Woods, Spruce will hold their annual Garden Festival from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. A luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be green plants, perennials and annuals for sale plus handcrafted items including wood craft, patio and garden, homemade baked goods, pantry items and much more. For more info., call (989) 736-7816.

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.

Lincoln Depot Bake Sale and Perennial Plant Sale sponsored by the Alcona Historical Society from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Contact Nick Williams (989) 727-4080, NSWilliams11@charter.net.

SUNDAY, MAY 26

The American Cancer Society Relay for Life Alcona County is hosting a pancake breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Cost is \$5 per person. Menu includes pancakes, scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, orange juice and coffee.

TUESDAY, MAY 28

The Alcona Democratic Party will meet at 7 p.m. at the Alcona EMS building on M-72. Everyone is welcome.

The Harrisville Lady Lions will meet at the Greenbush Golf Course at 5:30 p.m. for dinner. Nancy Laurette will speak about her teaching adventures in foreign countries. To reserve a place, call (989) 739-8735 or e-mail fbarber@charter.net.

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

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

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. For more information, contact Becky Bean at (989) 724-6569.

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Papercraft Collage

Create a three-dimensional papercraft collage at the adult "Get Crafty" class with local artist Armando Calles on Monday, June 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All materials are supplied for \$10 per person fee. A sample is on display at the library. Call to register at (989) 724-6796.

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, May 27—All centers closed in observance of Memorial Day.
- Tuesday, May 28—Chili cheese dogs, hash brown potatoes, Brussels sprouts, pea salad and fruit.
- Wednesday, May 29—Bourbon pork chops, baked potato, green beans, coleslaw, fruit and brownies.
- Thursday, May 30—Chicken bacon ranch pizza, broccoli with dip, tossed salad and fruit.
- Friday, May 31—Fish mandarine, wild rice, Prince Charles blend vegetables, Jell-O with fruit and fruit.
(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

In the Service

Navy Ensign Paul M. Harvey, son of Carla Harvey of Harrisville and Harry Harvey of Harrisville, has graduated from Navy Officer Candidate School (OCS) and has received a commission as an ensign in the United States Navy while assigned at officer training command, Newport, R. I.

The mission of OCS is to develop civilians, enlisted, and newly commissioned personnel morally, mentally, and physically and imbue with the highest ideals of honor, courage and commitment in order to prepare graduates for service in the fleet as Naval officers. Harvey joined the Navy in May 2013.

Away at School

- Adam Gregory Wilson graduated from Central Michigan University on May 4 with a Bachelor of Science in business administration degree in human resource management. His parents are Gregory and Debra Wilson of Spruce and he is a 2009 graduate of Alcona High School. Wilson has accepted a human resources position with Nestlé Purina and will be moving to Davenport, Iowa at the end of June.
- Colin Scott graduated Summa Cum Laude from the University of Detroit Mercy with a Bachelor of Science degree in computer and information systems. He has been accepted into the master's program and will continue his graduate work at UDM to pursue a master's degree in business and accounting. He is the son of Jack and Kerry Scott of Spruce and a graduate of Alcona High School.

- Jamie Smith of Ossineke, was named to the dean's list for spring 2013 at Western Michigan University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

- Emily McAnsh, of Ossineke, was named to the dean's list for spring 2013 at Western Michigan University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

ARA Farm Market

Stop by the ARA Farm Market Saturday, May 25 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Campbell Building at the ARA site in Lincoln. The 4-H will hold a sale of garden starter plants and provide demos and supplies for vermiculture, compost tea, and worm castings. The Sunrise Gardening Club will also hold a spring plant sale. Available this week: Asparagus, rhubarb, Swiss chard, spinach, radishes, lettuce, kale, arugula, turnips, wild leeks, farm-fresh eggs, a wide variety of baked goods, all cuts of hormone-and-antibiotic-free grass-and-grain-fed beef, dried herbs, assorted regular, sugar-free and all-fruit jams and jellies, soup and salsa mixes, baked goods mixes, salt-free dip and dressing mixes and seasonings, dried fruit, dried beans, tomato plants, herb plants, vegetable plants, perennials, hanging baskets, potholder rugs, lavender dryer packets, homemade laundry detergent, handmade cards, tatted lace, jewelry, bookmarks, and doilies, market bags, dishcloths, braided cord, plastic bag holders, candles, mini bales of straw and hay and wooden items, including Adirondack chairs, gun cases, pet food dishes, sawhorses, garden tools, antler coat racks, benches, hand-carved signs, and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.



Colin Scott (right) with Antoine M. Garibaldi, president of the University of Detroit Mercy.

- Alexander LaLonde, of Mikado, was named to the dean's list for spring 2013 at Western Michigan University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

- Theodore Budnick, of Oscoda was named to the dean's list for spring 2013 at Western Michigan University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

- Austin Scott, of Spruce, was named to the dean's list for spring 2013 at Western Michigan University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Sculpture Artist

Sculptor Mollie Oblinger will present an Alpena-linked work of art to the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary on Monday, June 3, 7 p.m., at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library. The presentation and following reception are free and open to the public.

The work, "from the thawing mass," is an abstract sculpture, conceived by Oblinger during her tenure as an Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Artist in Residence. In 2012, Oblinger spent three weeks exploring the Wildlife Sanctuary and surrounding areas, researching and observing its plants and animals in their natural setting. Working from detailed field notes and drawings, she created the sculpture in her workshop in Ripon, Wisc. In addition to the presentation, Oblinger will show slides of her other Alpena-inspired work.

Oblinger was the second artist in Alpena Wildlife
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Community gives over \$100,000 to graduates

Senior Awards Night was held at Alcona High School on May 8 and a total of \$127,100 was awarded to members of the Class of 2013.

The following organizations and individuals awarded scholarships to the following students:

- Alcona Teacher's Scholarship - Marisa Hirschfelt and Chad Haneckow.
- Alcona High School FFA Scholarship - Katelyn Sims.
- Athletic Association - Eric Hampton, Aaron Ritchie, Marisa Hirschfelt and Victoria Keerl.
- Harrisville Lady Lions - Rose Powierski and Joe Hudgins.
- Barton City Eagles Auxiliary - Samantha Mier.
- VFW William F. Moore Post 6754 Auxiliary - Victoria Keerl.
- VFW William F. Moore Post 6754 - Joe Hudgins and Tylar Campbell.
- VFW Alcona Post 6466 - Victoria Keerl.
- Eugene Nemeth - Victoria Keerl.
- Spruce Presbyterian Church - Nicole Smith, Karaline Sager, Marisa Hirschfelt and Joe Hudgins.
- Eastern Star (Lost Lake Woods) - Nicole Pawloski.
- Mikado Good Fellows - Marisa Hirschfelt and Jared Steiner.
- Harrisville Lions - Taylor Orefice and Chad Haneckow.
- Dirt Inc. - Jared Steiner.
- Lincoln Lions Club -

Karaline Sager and Nicole Pawloski.

- Francis and Robert Darnton - Chad Haneckow and Nicholas Bouchard.
- Pizer Family - Victoria Ankner and Nicholas Bouchard.
- Phillip and Keith Kruttlin Memorial - Eric Hampton and Chad Haneckow.
- William E. Williams - Allen VanDenBoom, Tylar Campbell and Eric Hampton.
- Raymond Oliver/Lincoln Methodist Church - Taylor Orefice, Nicole Pawloski and Allen VanDenBoom.
- Alcona Masonic - Tylar Campbell, Marisa Hirschfelt, Victoria Keerl and Karaline Sager.
- Knights of Columbus - Rose Powierski and Taylor Orefice.
- Michael S. Crick - Taylor Orefice.
- Dee Brown Perry - Austin Cole, Nicole Pawloski, Deven Higgins, Haley Gombos, Jared Steiner, Katelyn Sims, Brittany Joyce, Victoria Keerl, Taylor Orefice, Marisa Hirschfelt and Eric Hampton.
- Jamie Richardson Memorial - Taylor Orefice.
- Alvin B. Somers - Marisa Hirschfelt, Victoria Keerl and Taylor Orefice.
- Alcona County Michigan Township Association - Rose Powierski and Taylor Orefice.
- Harrisville Arts Council - Haley Gombos and Catherine MacNeill.

• Samuel and Marion Briggs Lilley Scholarship - Eric Hampton.

- Mark Jackson Memorial Scholarship - Taylor Orefice.
- Lily McDougall Memorial Scholarship - Taylor Orefice.
- St. Joseph Health System Foundation - Deven Higgins.
- William and Ida Farrow Scholarship - Haley Gombos.
- Rhonda Blohm Memorial Scholarship - Marisa Hirschfelt and Victoria Keerl.

Park

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Thornton explained that for many years people complained about North End Park and how nothing was being done and the property was deteriorating.

"These two phases will allow us to invest \$518,134 into this nice property which has over 500 feet of lake frontage and a gorgeous view all the way to the south end of Hubbard Lake. "We feel this will be vital to the area and will complement the existing Lion's Park. We felt it was important to not repeat what the Lions Park already has. The two parks should provide just about anything that a group or family would want to do outdoors. We want to take North End Park from an embarrassment to a destination and I think we are on our way," Thornton said.

Local Notes

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Sanctuary's Artist in Residence Program which began in 2011. The goal of the residency is to develop a museum-quality collection of freshwater themed art. The 2013 artist in residence selection will be announced soon.

Free Fishing Weekend

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) annual Summer Free Fishing Weekend is scheduled for Saturday, June 8 and Sunday, June 9. On that weekend, everyone - residents and nonresidents alike - can fish without a license, though all other fishing regulations still apply.

Michigan has been celebrating the Summer Free Fishing Weekend annually since 1986 as a way to promote awareness of the state's vast water resources. With more than 3,000 miles of Great Lakes shoreline, 36,000 miles of rivers and 11,000 inland lakes, fishing and Michigan go hand-in-hand.

"This summer's Free Fishing Weekend is a great way to get outdoors and experience some of the best freshwater fishing in the world," said DNR Director Keith Creagh. "There's an opportunity for everyone to get involved, as it's an inexpensive activity and readily accessible - so get out this June and try it yourself, for free."

To encourage involvement in Free Fishing Weekends, organized activities are being

scheduled in communities across the state. These activities are coordinated by a variety of individuals, organizations, constituent groups, schools, local and state parks, businesses and others. Visit www.michigan.gov/freefishing for all things related to this weekend, including help with event planning and promotion, a registration form for official events, and a chart identifying activities in areas throughout the state.

Volunteers Needed

The Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program (MMAP) needs volunteers to assist beneficiaries in understanding their Medicare options, enrolling in plans, and completing applications for Low-Income Subsidy through the SSA or Medicare Savings Program through the Department of Human Services.

There is an immediate need for people interested in helping others make sense of what can be a complicated system. Volunteers are able to have flexible schedules, but are required to volunteer at least 60 hours a year.

By recruiting more volunteers the number of beneficiaries receiving the free MMAP service will increase. MMAP volunteers must attend an initial six days of training, complete an open book review and log 18 hours of counseling time before they are certified. This is for anyone who likes solving puzzles, is proficient with Internet research and wants to help people. The next free six-day

training session will be held in July in Alpena. For more information about the application process, call Ann Weir, MMAP assistant, at (800) 219-2273 ext. 231, or Susan Bowen, MMAP Regional coordinator, at (800) 219-2273, ext. 212. The deadline to apply is June 5.

MMAP is a program of the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging (a division of Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency). Funding for volunteer training and mileage reimbursement is provided through a grant from the Michigan Office of Services to the Aging, through funding received from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services and a grant from the Administration on Aging.

BIDS WANTED

5/15 thru 5/29

Caledonia Township is looking for contractors to bid on the lawn mowing at five locations within the township. Must be licensed and insured. Each location is to be bid separately. For job description please call Ron Ott, Supervisor 727-3010. Bids need to be received by June 11, 2013. Please mail to Caledonia Township, P.O. Box 81, Spruce, MI 48762 or drop off at clerk's office at 1435 E. Spruce Rd., Spruce, MI 48762

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**Session I: Friday, May 31st 2 to 9 p.m.
Dinner provided at 5 p.m.**

Session II: Saturday, June 1st 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Room 213
5800 Skeel Ave., Oscoda
(989) 358-7295

Notice Of Public Hearing For Alcona County 2013 Community Development Block Grant Funds

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners and Alcona County Housing Commission will be holding a Public Hearing to review a grant application to the Michigan Community Development Block Grant Housing Program. The hearing will be held on June 7, 2013 at 2 p.m. at the Alcona County Housing Commission, 214 W. Main Street, Harrisville, MI 48740.

The purpose of the hearing is to gain citizen input prior to the submission of the application to continue the County Home Improvement Program & Targeted Placemaking Grant. The county is applying for a grant in the amount of \$150,000. These funds will be utilized to make housing rehabilitation funds available to low and very low-income households. 50% of funding will be spent throughout Alcona County and 50% of funding will be targeted in the new Placemaking area of the City and Township of Harrisville.



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Alcona students earn honors at regional and state competitions

Forty-eight students from Alcona High School entered projects into the Michigan Industrial Technology Society (MITES) regional project fair. Twenty-nine of them received first through fourth place awards, which qualified them for the state competition in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

According to Chuck Boyer, instructor, of those 29 qualifying entries, 21 placed in the top 10 at the state contest.

The following students received awards at regional and state competition:

- Norman Apsey: Honorable mention at regionals.
- Mykala Basner: First place at regionals; honorable mention at state.
- Schuyler Bates: First place at regionals; sixth place at state.
- Jacob Campbell: Sixth place at regionals.
- Austin Cole: Third place at regionals; honorable mention at state.
- Karisa DuPuie: Second place at regionals; honorable mention at state.
- Katie Edwards: First place at regionals; third place at state.
- Jacob Gombos: Honorable mention at regionals.
- Ethan Good: Sixth place at regionals.
- Kyle Good: Sixth place at regionals.
- Tristan Gorday: Honorable mention at regionals.
- Eric Hampton: Second place at regionals; second place at state.
- Chad Haneckow: Fifth place at regionals.
- Kyle Harmon: Fourth place at regionals; honorable mention at state.
- Mitchel Havercroft: First place at regionals; second place at state.
- George Hirschfeld: Fourth place at regionals; third place at state.
- Joe Hutchinson: Fourth place at regionals; fifth place at state.
- Trent Johnson: Fourth place at regionals; honorable mention at state.
- Devin LaFond: Fifth place at regionals.
- Nick Lamantia: Honorable mention at regionals.
- Madison Lane: Second place at regionals; fourth place at state.
- David Lindsey: Third



This saddle rack was made by Jacob Radermacher. It was awarded first prize in regional competition of the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Awards and second place in the state competition. *Photos by Mary Weber.*

- place at regionals; sixth place at state.
- Chase Matthews: Honorable mention at regionals.
- Corey McLaughlin: Third place at regionals; sixth place at state.
- Josh Mead: Fourth place at regionals; tenth place at state.
- Brendan Nelson: Second place at regionals; fourth place at state.
- Alec Neumann: First place at regionals; third place at state.
- Caycee Ouillet: First place at regionals; fourth place at state.
- Dresden Parkinson: First place at regionals; first place at state.
- Alan Pawloski: Second place at regionals; honorable mention at state.
- Alan Pawloski: Honorable mention at regionals.
- Jenna Peterson: Honorable mention at regionals.
- Savannah Peterson: Sixth place at regionals.
- Jake Radermacher: First place at regionals; second place at state.

- Jacob Riggs: Honorable mention at regionals.
- Aaron Ritchie: Second place at regionals; fifth place at state.
- Steve Rizzotto: Second place at regionals; first place at state.
- Trevor Schrader: Honorable mention at regionals.
- Jeff Schram: First place at regionals; fourth place at state.
- Jesse Schram: Second place at regionals; fourth place at state.
- Keegan Smith: Fifth place at regionals.
- Derek Stoinski: Second place at regionals; fifth place at state.
- Zach Stoner: Third place at regionals; honorable mention at state.
- Seth Tulgetske: Honorable mention at regionals.
- Allen VanDenBoom: First place at regionals; honorable mention at state.
- Dalton VanDenBoom: Third place at regionals; first place at state.

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This bar was built by Eric Hampton. It won second place in both regional and state competition.

Sunrise Gardening Club

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Friends Together Alcona is offered by Friends Together, a non-profit cancer support organization based in Alpena. The group is supported locally by grants from the Knights of Columbus and by Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan.

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing** during its regularly scheduled meeting on **July 1, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.**, Caledonia Township Hall, Gillard Road, Spruce, MI, regarding the **proposed Caledonia Township Zoning Ordinance which will repeal the current Rural Zoning Ordinance and replace it in its entirety.** The public is welcome and invited to attend. Call the chair, Kathleen E. Vichunas, at 727-2300, if more information is needed or send written comments to 6024 Cedar Drive, Hubbard Lake, MI 49747. The Caledonia Township Hall is handicap accessible. If additional accommodations are required, please contact the chair at least 2 days prior to the Public Hearing. Copies of the proposed draft Zoning Ordinance can be viewed at the Alcona County Library, Hubbard Lake Branch, Hubbard Lake, MI; on the www.caledoniatwp.net website or at the Caledonia Township Clerk's Office, 1435 E. Spruce Rd, Spruce, MI by phoning ahead for an appointment at 989-471-2390.

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(Top photo) The dresser was made by sophomore Dalton VanDenBoom (far right) and the bed was made by senior Allen VanDenBoom, with instructor Chuck Boyer (center). The bed took first prize in regional competition of the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Awards and the dresser took third place in same competition.



Art students display a variety of work (middle) in different mediums during the Alcona High School Student Showcase.



Steve Rizzotto's bedroom armoire/entertainment center won first place at the state competition of the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Awards and second place at the regional awards. The 10th-grader said it took him the entire school year to build the armoire. He plans to build a kitchen table and chairs next year. *Photos by Mary Weber.*

top ten

Most Popular Vegetables

1. Tomatoes
2. Onions
3. Lettuce
4. Green Beans
5. Corn
6. Carrots
7. Broccoli
8. Cucumbers
9. Peppers
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The Board of Education of the Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona counties, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for a student information management system. Sealed bids will be received until **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 30, 2013**. All bids will be opened and read publicly at 1:15 p.m. on May 30, 2013 at:

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

All bids must be sealed and clearly labeled on the outside of the envelope: **Student Information Management System Bid**. Bid specification packets are available at the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education Office located at 3550 East River Road, Oscoda, Michigan 48750, the Oscoda Area Schools website www.oscodaschoola.org, or by calling (989) 739-2033.

Bids received after 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 30, 2013 will not be accepted. Faxed proposals will not be accepted. Any questions should be directed to Technology Director Jana Stepp at (989) 739-2033 or steppj@oscodaschools.org.

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

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Alcona track finishes strong in regional meet

By Hope Smith
Track Writer

What started out to be a dark and gloomy morning blossomed into one of Alcona track team's best showings during regional competition in years.

On Saturday, May 18 the varsity team competed in the Michigan High School Athletic Association Track & Field Regional meet held in Breckenridge, Mich.

Although competition was fierce, the Alcona athletes were ready with their focus on qualifying for the state competition in Hudsonville, Mich. on June 1. In order to qualify for state competition,

individual athletes and relay teams must finish top two in each respected event.

This year Alcona will send three girls relay teams, two boys relay teams, and Megan Quick will also compete individually in both the 400m and 800m run.

The girls 4x800m relay team made up of Megan Quick, Nikki Smith, Torie Harmon and Karina Cole qualified for state and set a new school record of 10:13.40 with a second place finish.

The Alcona girls finished sixth overall out of 17 teams with 47 points. The boys came in eighth with 28 points.

This week Alcona will host

Haver-croft, Norling, 3:40.90

- Pole vault: Eighth place - Norling, 9 feet, 04.00 inches

- Long jump: Eighth place - Hampton, 17 feet, 11.50 inches.

The Alcona Track Invitational was held May 13 with athletes from Whittemore-Prescott, Tawas, Hillman, Oscoda and Hale high schools competing for top honors. Overall, Alcona girls finished in second place with 102 points and six first place finishes. Alcona boys took home third place with 108 points and four first places.

Girls Results

- 4x800m relay: First place - Quick, Harmon, Smith, Cole, 10:54.157

- High jump: First place - Pierce, four feet, 10 inches, (tie); second place - Harmon, 4 feet, 6 inches

- 100m dash: Fourth place - Pierce, 15.294; fifth place - Schalk, 15.722

- 4x200m relay: first place - Smith, Harmon, Cole, Schalk. 1:54.092

- 1600m run: Second place - Cole 6:14.107; fourth place - Harlie LaFond. 6:36. 859

- 400m dash: First place - Quick, 1:01.117

- 300m hurdles: Second place - Pierce, 54.623

- 800m run: First place - Quick, 2:45.173

- 200m dash: Sixth place - Smith, 30.876

- 3200m run: Third place - LaFond, 15:12.715

- 4x400m relay: First place - Quick, Smith, Harmon, Cole, 4:27.692

Alcona Boys Results

- 4x800m relay: Second place - Bouchard, Haneckow, Stelmachowske, Schram, 9:57.20

- Discus: Seventh place - Kyle Good, 85 feet, 4 inches

- Shot put: 10th place - Haneckow, 26 feet, 10 inches

- Long jump: Fourth place - Hampton, 16 feet, 8 inches; seventh place - Good, 15 feet, 9 inches; ninth place - Lamantia, 12 feet, 9 inches

- Pole vault: First place - Norling, 10 feet; second place - Steven Rizzotto, 9 feet.

- 110m Hurdles: fourth place - Bouchard, 19.347; fifth place - Good, 19.423

- 100m dash: First place - A. Ritchie, 12.32; fifth place - Lamantia, 12.89; eighth place - B. Ritchie, 13.30

- 4x200m relay: Second place - B. Ritchie, Hampton, Haver-croft, Norling, 1:39.27

- 1600m run: Fifth place - Bouchard, 5:28.288

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The girls 4x400m and 4x800m relay team qualifies for state competition -- Nikki Smith, Karina Cole, Megan Quick and Torie Harmon. Photo courtesy of Tammy Quick.

the Huron Shores Conference meet Wednesday starting at 3:30 p.m. Alcona will also host the Alpena News Invitational on May 28 at 4 p.m.

Girls Regional Results

- 4x800m relay: Second place - Quick, Harmon, Smith, Cole, 10:13.40. (New school record).

- 4x200m relay: Second place - Smith, Harmon, Cole, Miranda Schalk, 1:58.00

- 400m dash - First place: Quick, 59.00

- 800m dash - First place, Quick, 2:25.90

- 200m dash: Sixth place - Schalk, 30.51

- 4x400m relay: Second place - Quick, Smith, Harmon, Cole, 4:20.70

Boys Regional Results

- 4x800m relay: Eighth place - Bouchard, Haneckow, Stelmachoske, Schram, 9:33.40

- 4x200m relay: Fifth place - B. Ritchie, Hampton, Haver-croft, Norling, 1:38.01

- 4x100m relay: Second place - A. Ritchie, Hampton, Haver-croft, Norling, 45.90

- 200m dash: fourth place - A. Ritchie, 24.40

- 4x400m relay: Second place - A. Ritchie, Hampton,

Ki Cuyler's

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The boys 4 x400m and 4x100m relay team qualifies for state competition on June 1 -- Mitchell Havercroft, Garrette Norling, Aaron Ritchie and Eric Hampton. Photo courtesy of Tammy Quick.

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Alpena school district, and the Catholic, Lutheran and charter schools in Alpena, Posen, Rogers City, Hillman and Alcona school districts. They will serve any district that can get their students there. By the end of the year 34 classes -- more than 850 students -- will have attended the program.

Alcona Elementary fifth and sixth-grade classes took advantage of the STARBASE program this spring. Students were exposed to hands-on math where they did graphing, fractions, measurement and recorded temperatures. In physics they talked about Newton's three laws, in chemistry they learned about endothermic and exothermic reactions, physical and chemical reactions, molecules and space of matter.

"A big part of the program is learning the engineering design process, so kids actually get to work in the computer lab on an engineering program to create sketches which we show them how to make into three dimensional designs. It's an actual program that real engineers use which is huge in the career field and college.

"What college isn't going to want a kid who has had his hands on this program and has been exposed to it since fifth grade as opposed to someone who hasn't even touched it before?" Prevo said.

The entire math and science curriculum matches up with the common core standards of education, area students would normally learn in their own classroom, but not necessarily through the hands-on method they learn at STARBASE. Prevo explained that most science and math is taught from text books in the classroom, but at STARBASE the students are given kits with atoms and the students learn while they build and name molecules.

STARBASE also focuses on teamwork, exposing students to bonding strengths and teamwork attitudes. Anything students make at STARBASE they get to take home as a reminder about what they accomplished.

Hailee Gordy, a sixth-grader at Alcona Elementary, talked about STARBASE, "It was awesome. We learned a lot of new things, and they did it in a fun way. We got to make a robot."



Chromotography lesson: Alcona Elementary students, Matthew Rizzotto, Damion Stewart, Pierce Bilbey and Avory Lee.

"We launched rockets made out of straws with an eraser and we learned about mass and volume," Faith Wallenmaier said.

The class was excited about working on the 3-D molecules with the computer. Destiny Lacy held up a uniquely designed fob on a key chain which she created as a pretend life support module in the computer lab.

The program is funded through the Department of Defense (DOD) with an average cost estimate of \$350 per student to attend STARBASE. The \$350 covers all the supplies and instructors but does not cover transportation to the base or lunches. Schools are responsible to get the students to the location and students pack a lunch.

Right now STARBASE has been struck from the 2014 budget due to sequester. "We are encouraging parents, students and teachers who have visited or attended STARBASE programs to write letters to their congressmen. Starbase has only been in operation in Alpena for a year, it's something new in the community, the best kept secret," Prevo said. "We are encouraging letters to let our congress know the importance of STARBASE and the impact it has made here in just a year, let alone the nationwide impact STARBASE has had overall."

Prevo said Alcona fifth and sixth-graders submitted letters to give to her to send to Congress. Many of the letters said they (students) were not interested in science or math but after visiting STARBASE

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Alcona Elementary students, Hunter Cammack, William Cronkright, Jasmin Helig and Christina Peterson do fluid investigations. Photos courtesy of Sarah Prevo, Alpena STARBASE.

Track

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- 4x100m relay: First place - A. Ritchie, Hampton, Haver-croft, Norling, 46.46
- 400m dash: Fifth place - Lamantia, 1:00.20; eighth place - Rizzotto, 1:06.502
- 300m hurdles: Sixth place - Good, 49.939; seventh place - Bouchard, 50.369
- 800m run: Fifth place - Schram, 2:26.561; eighth place - Stelmachowske 2:35.873; ninth place - Haneckow, 2:35.873; 10th place - Rizzotto, 2:43.271
- 200m dash: First place - A. Ritchie, 24.405; fifth place - B. Ritchie, 26.431; seventh place - Lamantia, 26.711
- 3200m run: Sixth place - Kyle Thum, 12:15.968
- 4x400m relay: Second place - Norling, Hampton, Haver-croft, Ritchie, 3:39.189

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Tigers win conference title, sweep Roscommon in busy week of baseball

By Jared Steiner
Baseball Writer

It has been a year of firsts for the Alcona varsity baseball team by capturing, for the first time, a Tiger Invitational trophy and also clinching the first Huron Shores Conference title with two deciding wins over Tawas.

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math and science became their favorite subjects. They also mentioned that their grades had increased because they understand more about it.

Prevo also explained that teachers have reported to her that kids who have a high rate of absenteeism have shown up for school because they don't want to miss the bus on STARBASE days.

While on base, students are also exposed to new careers as they tour the grounds visiting the fire station as well as a C-130 cargo plane. Students also benefit by having pilots, guest speakers and engineers talk and answer their questions.

"It's a shame the funding is in jeopardy because schools now are so crunched for time to actually get this in depth with science or math is nearly impossible. This is such a great opportunity for them. We could travel to schools, but it wouldn't have the same effect," Prevo said. "Obviously, we couldn't pack our three dimensional printer. We could pack up all our laptops and all the robots, but it wouldn't be as meaningful or have the same impact. We think the kids here feel more comfortable as opposed to a school classroom where everyone sits in a row at their own desk."

In the Tiger's first twin bill of the week, they traveled to Standish-Sterling and lost both games -- 5-1 in the first game and 19-9 in the second game. Trenton LaVergne picked up two hits in the first game and Cody Franklin and Nathan Fettes went two-for-two at the plate in the second game to lead Alcona's bats.

Chad Cole pitched five innings in the first game and Carson Jamieson was on the mound in the nightcap.

The Tigers looked sloppy and a little tired after winning their tournament on Saturday but kept their heads up as they prepared to defend their home turf against the visiting Tawas Area Braves.

With the opportunity of a Huron Shores Conference championship on the line, the Tigers delivered. They swept the Braves by the scores of 11-1 and 7-0. Franklin was on the mound in the opener and threw a no hitter striking out seven batters. He also helped his own cause by hitting a three-run home run which ended the game by the mercy rule. Joe Hudgins went two-for-three and Jamieson, C. Cole and Austin Cole each picked up solid hits to help get the victory.

In the nightcap Fettes earned the win for Alcona hurling seven innings and

only allowing four hits with four strikeouts and four walks. Franklin went two-for-four at the plate and C. Cole and Hudgins each smacked two hits.

In the Tigers final double-header of the week they faced off against the visiting Roscommon Bucks and came away with another decisive sweep winning by scores of 7-4 and 12-3. LaVergne earned the win for the Tigers in the opener. He threw four innings and allowed four runs on five hits with four strikeouts and six walks. Jamieson allowed two hits, struck out two and walked one to earn the save.

Franklin led Alcona with three hits and two RBI. Jamieson also whacked three hits and one RBI. Fettes helped with two hits and C. Cole picked up an RBI double. Hudgins earned the win for Alcona in the nightcap, allowing two hits, fanning seven batters and only walking one batter. He also led Alcona at the plate with three hits. Jared Steiner and Fettes each added two hits.

Alcona's record is 20-7 and 11-1 in conference play. The Tigers played at AuGres on Tuesday, May 21, and will be at Atlanta High School on Thursday, May 23 and will host Mt. Morris on May 24 and May 25 for an invitational tournament at Alcona.

New program encourages use of libraries and enhance arts and cultural experiences

The Library Network, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Library of Michigan Foundation, and CultureSource are providing the "Michigan Activity Pass presented by The Library Network" which will debut on May 24.

The Michigan Activity Pass presented by The Library Network program is a partnership between Michigan's nearly 400 public libraries and 60 arts and cultural organizations. The program is designed to enhance the learning experience for people of all ages through books and other library materials, and to provide reduced cost or complimentary access to arts and cultural organizations across the state of Michigan, from Monroe to Mackinaw City to Marquette, and all points in between.

"The Library Network is thrilled with the response to the program from our cultural partners and we're pleased to be able to present this program in conjunction with the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Library of Michigan Foundation, and CultureSource," said Jim Flury, technical services manager and Michigan Activity Pass administrator at The Library Network in Novi, Mich.

"We're thankful to the many generous participants from the libraries and arts, cultural and historical organizations who have so warmly embraced this program. We encourage Michigan's public library patrons to 'Soar and Explore' all the unique opportunities that are available to them in the Michigan Activity Pass program."

Beginning May 24 "Michigan Activity Pass presented by The Library Network" will be available at all of Michigan's public libraries. Some of the participating cultural partners include the Detroit Institute of Arts, the Upper Peninsula Children's Museum in Marquette, the Monroe County Historical Museum, the Icebreaker Mackinaw Maritime Museum in Mackinaw City, and many others.

Beginning May 24 library users with a valid library card from one of Michigan's public libraries can print a pass, either from home or at the library, to one of the nearly 60 participating institutions at the <http://michiganactivitypass.info> website. Some cultural partners offer complimentary or reduced price admission; others, discounts in their gift shop or other exclusive offers for MAP pass holders only. Each Michigan Activity Pass expires within one week from the date it is printed.

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One more thing to do

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

I made the first macaroni salad of the season on Sunday. As I chopped onion and celery, boiled pasta and mixed in tuna and peas, it crossed my mind to wonder just how much of this particular go-to summertime dish I'd turned out since I first learned the recipe in 10th grade home economics class.

With some rough math, and factoring in graduation parties and picnics, I came up with, literally, about half a ton - enough to fill a couple of dump trucks. This particular salad has a lot going for it - it's made up entirely of ingredients I usually have on hand, and everybody likes it. Best of all, it's easy.

In a way, it's sort of like Memorial Day weekend. The first big weekend of the summer, it's an easy holiday. Sometime over the weekend (probably on Monday) we'll go watch the veterans service on the courthouse lawn, but otherwise there are no big events that we have to get to. No big parade, no fireworks, no art shows. Just a (hopefully) nice weekend to sit out on the deck and have some macaroni salad. Except this weekend, there's one more thing you may want to do.

I've been attending the veterans service since I was a kid, back when the vets shooting their volleys over the memorial stone were, in my opinion, old guys - from World War I and II. As I grew, some younger Korean vets were added to the mix, largely the fathers of my friends. A decade or two later I began to see classmate's faces above the uniforms, veterans of Vietnam. Eventually, we reached the point where some of the men carrying the rifles and flags were those I remembered as babies.

That 15 minutes or so each year points out a number of things to me. How little time our country has actually spent in peace, for one thing. How, when these men and women said they would not forget those who gave all, they meant that commitment. And how it's possible to be determinedly opposed to war and still respect and admire those who fight on all our behalves.

Which brings me back around to the one other thing you may want to do this weekend.

As you may be aware, the Veterans Benefit Administration (VBA) is currently dealing with a huge backlog of disability claims. Some 850,000 in all, of which 650,000 have been sitting in the system for more than 120 days. This is due, as I understand it, largely to a lack of computerization on the part of the VBA. Despite consistent funding of its budget and adequate staffing, applications for benefits are still being done on paper and supporting documentation is also submitted on a real-paper basis.

At present, the VBA is making the transition to a computerized system which VA Secretary Eric Shinseki expects to be fully functional, and caught up, by 2015. It

appears to be a legitimate effort, but even 120 days is a long time to deal with the expenses of treatment and medication for an illness, to say nothing of the illness itself. And two years is just untenable.

Interestingly, a good many of the claims flooding the system do not come from veterans of Iraq or Afghanistan as you might expect, but from Vietnam veterans. Changes to the list of illnesses presumed to be caused by Agent Orange and in the evidence required to establish post-traumatic stress disorder have resulted in some 260,000 additional claims. And as Vietnam vets reach their 60s and 70s, increased illness is rearing its head.

The decisions to add the diseases and make PTSD filings easier were good things - the right things to do for those who gave so much to our country -- but they've resulted in an explosive addition to claims filed and the process grinds slowly indeed. One reason for this is that the application normally waits 75 days for the Department of Defense to transfer complete service treatment records to the VBA.

So what's the one more thing do you need to do this weekend? Well, like my macaroni salad recipe, it's easy and it won't take long. Contact your representatives in Washington to urge continued funding and expediting of the VBA's efforts. You can do it by e-mail, which literally won't take as long as attending the veterans ceremony, or you can mail in a postcard on Tuesday. Addresses are available online or through your local officials.

Some other things you can do if you're so inclined are to donate time or money to local veterans service organizations, (DAV, American Legion, VFW) who are assisting veterans in submitting complete and correct applications, thus reducing those that must be sent back for corrective action.

Encourage veterans to file claims as quickly as possible, since benefits will normally be backdated to the date the claim was opened. Once filed, suggest they not add additional claims if at all possible, as this will often start the process over and move the application to the back of the line. And remind them that they may qualify for free or reduced-cost Veterans Health Administration care, even if they don't have a disability rating at this time.

It's not much to ask, is it? Certainly not compared to the enormous gift these men and women have given to you, me and our country. You can send your note, attend the ceremony and still have lots of time to open a can of baked beans, throw a couple of hot dogs on the grill and settle in to slurp down some macaroni salad and enjoy this easy holiday.

And for sure, the weekend and the world will be just a little bit better for your efforts.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Re-

Puttin' On The Fritz

view 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.)



Playful Ravens

Longtime Birding Bits fan Dave S. from Orlando, Fla., sent me a link about the playful behavior of the common raven. Did you know that juvenile ravens like to slide down snowbanks just for fun? I sure didn't. To read more, visit http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Common_Raven#Playful_behavior. Thanks Dave!

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New conservation partnership aims to boost Michigan's waterfowl legacy

Whether they duck hunt every year, sit on the back porch to watch the annual fall waterfowl migration, or get their drinking water from a groundwater stream purified by a wetlands, just about all Michigan residents – whether they know it or not – have a connection to the state's rich and diverse waterfowl and wetlands heritage.

A recently launched initiative called the Michigan Waterfowl Legacy seeks to strengthen this connection, bringing together hunters and non-hunters alike to restore, conserve and celebrate Michigan's waterfowl, wetlands and waterfowl hunting community.

A 10-year, cooperative partnership between various government agencies and non-government conservation organizations, waterfowl hunters and the public, the Michigan Waterfowl Legacy (MWL) aims to improve waterfowl populations and wetland habitat, increase waterfowl hunting participation

and promote the value of waterfowl hunting, and engage citizens to take positive action to conserve the state's waterfowl and wetlands.

"It's really exciting and encouraging that so many important partners are working together for the future of waterfowl and wetlands," said Barbara Avers, DNR waterfowl and wetland specialist and member of the MWL steering committee. "MWL partners believe consistent and focused efforts are needed to conserve these valuable resources."

MWL partners active on the steering committee include the Michigan departments of Natural Resources and Agriculture and Rural Development, the Citizens Waterfowl Advisory Committee, Ducks Unlimited, Michigan Association of Conservation Districts, Michigan Audubon Society, Michigan Duck Hunters Association, Michigan North American Waterfowl Management Plan Steering Committee, Michigan United Conservation

Clubs, The Nature Conservancy, Pheasants Forever, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Waterfowl USA.

"For waterfowlers, other hunters and anyone that enjoys the great outdoors, this partnership creates a call to action to honor yesterday, engage today and build for tomorrow," Avers said. "The MWL coalition plans to build a community of increasingly engaged hunters and non-hunters who enjoy and actively support waterfowl and wetlands conservation."

Judging by the response at several MWL kickoff events around the state in early September, there is plenty of interest in joining this community.

"The Sportsmen for Youth day in Muskegon was really exciting, just in sheer numbers," said Kristin Schrader of Ducks Unlimited. "It's hard to get someone out for a singular promotion, but there were 2,000 kids there by noon – kids who are interested in the outdoors!"

At the Clinton County



A beautiful sight, as dozens of mallards take flight at Fish Point State Wildlife Area in Tuscola County. Fish Point – offering nearly 2,500 acres of essential habitat – is home to many types of waterfowl. *Photos courtesy of the Michigan DNR.*

Pheasants Forever Youth Day, which coincided with the MWL kickoff, 69 kids and their parents built 20 wood duck boxes for use in state parks and state game areas. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service provided materials, which a local high school teacher and his family cut to size.

"From the experience of the past three years, approximately two-thirds of the boxes are used by wood ducks. Considering an average brood size of eight, this year's output of 20 boxes will account for more than 100 young wood ducks next June in Clinton County area wetlands," said Chuck Nelson, who represents the North American Waterfowl Management Plan steering committee for the MWL. "This is truly a great cooperative effort to improve Michigan's waterfowl legacy."

Roughly 8,000 people turned out for the 65th annual Pointe Mouillee Water-

fowl Festival in Rockwood, Mich.; over 100 people participated in the Ducks Unlimited project dedication and Greenwing events at Nayanquing Point State Game Area in Pinconning, Mich.; and 55 kids and adults learned about waterfowl identification, duck and goose calling, decoys and more at the Family Waterfowl Day in Escanaba, Mich.

The kickoff events began the MWL's "Year of the Duck" in 2012-2013, an appropriate time to celebrate Michigan's waterfowl and wetlands, as 2012 marks several significant anniversaries including 75 years of Ducks Unlimited, Michigan United Conservation Clubs and the Pittman-Robertson Act, and 25 years of the North American Waterfowl Management Plan.

Related events and activities will continue throughout

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Practicing his calls, this young waterfowl enthusiast is just one of the many attendees of Michigan Waterfowl Legacy kickoff events that took place throughout the state earlier this month.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of May 13-19, 2013

57 complaints were handled during the week. No arrests were made.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	5	Property Damage Accidents	1
Miscellaneous	5	Agency Assist	2
Dog/Animal	5	Traffic	8
Malicious Destr. of Property	1	Alarm	4
Be On The Lookout	1	Domestic	3
Harassment/Threats/Stalking	5	Civil	1
Neighbor Trouble	1	Breaking and Entering	3
Medical	1	Assault and Battery	1
Larceny	1	Fraud	3
Suspicious Events	1	Criminal Sexual Conduct	2
Open Door	2	Drug and Medicine Disposal	1

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	5	Caledonia	2	Curtis	3
Greenbush	10	Gustin	5	Harrisville	7
Hawes	4	Haynes	1	Mikado	5
Millen	4	Mitchell	3		
Harrisville City	6	Village of Lincoln	2		

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the upcoming year. As part of the MWL, DNR is highlighting its Managed Waterfowl Hunt Areas (MWA) by inviting the public to "Explore Michigan's Wetland Wonders." These seven 'Wetland Wonders' located throughout the southern Lower Peninsula offer first-class waterfowl hunting and viewing opportunities.

For more details about the Wetland Wonders Challenge and the Managed Waterfowl Hunt Areas, visit www.michigan.gov/wetlandwonders.

"Michigan's wetlands and waterfowl are important to Michigan's natural heritage," Avers said. "Waterfowl hunting is a cherished pastime for many Michiganders, and many others love to visit wetlands just to view these beautiful birds. Although the number and size of wetlands in Michigan have been greatly reduced, they are still wonderful natural areas that provide excellent habitat for wildlife and many benefits to society."

Michigan continues to be a national leader in wetland and waterfowl conservation. Avers explained numerous threats and issues continue to cause concern. For example:

- Invasive species and development threaten wetland habitat;

- Michigan's breeding mallard population has seen a long-term decline;

- There are increasing demands for food, fuel and space that threaten waterfowl habitat;

- The number of waterfowl hunters is declining; and

- Public funding for conservation continues to wane.

"As government funding for conservation continues to decrease, it is becoming increasingly important for the public to help fund efforts to conserve our wildlife," Avers added. "You don't have to be a hunter or work for a management agency to join in this important effort to protect our waterfowl and wetlands."

Some of the things anyone can do to help are:

- Buy a waterfowl hunting license and/or duck stamps, even if you don't hunt. Each license purchased helps fund waterfowl and wetland conservation.

- Connect or reconnect with a new or former waterfowl hunter. Take a youth hunting for the first time, or invite a "retired" waterfowl hunter to enjoy another hunt.

- Restore habitat on your property by yourself or with the help of partners. There are numerous programs and organizations that offer help to create a healthy wetland.

- Join a conservation organization that protects and restores wetlands.

- Ask legislators to support programs and legislation that protect and restore wetlands.

- Donate to a conservation project. Some organizations have limited funds, and any donation can help save a wetland.

- Volunteer on a public conservation project.

- Educate yourself and friends about waterfowl and wetlands. The more people who gain knowledge will help ensure that Michigan's resources are protected in the future.

To learn more about the Michigan Waterfowl Legacy and how to get involved, visit www.michigan.gov/mwl.

(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.)



Hunters return from a youth waterfowl hunting event at Pt. Mouillee State Game Area, on the western shores of Lake Erie in southeastern Michigan.

BIDS WANTED

Alcona Township is accepting bids for the installation of a 25' pole light in the front of the building. The pole should have three 400 watt fixtures with photo cells and glare shields. For site visit, contact Roger Carlin, supervisor (989) 471-5606. All sealed bids must be received by June 10, 2013 at Alcona Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River, MI 48721.

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- Minimum 2-years of Office Management Experience
- Successfully pass pre-employment references and criminal history checks.
- A job description is available at the Oscoda County Clerk's Office
- Resumes will be accepted until **May 31, 2013 by 4:00 p.m.**
- Interested Applicants may send resume to:
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Alcona County Chamber of Commerce

The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce held its general membership meeting May 8 at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Present: Jeanne Meskus, trustee; Christy Holmes, Treasurer; Karen Sanderson, secretary; Jim Pyne, trustee; and Ed Toombs, trustee; Judie Labadie, Coming Attractions, Paul Labadie, Country Cone; Edward Foster, Harrisville Lions; Pat Bushey, Alcona Coffee Co.; Judy Pyne, Harrisville Arts Council; Marcy and George Redlawsk, Seaver Country House B&B; Mark Larson and Tom Reif, Modern Craft Winery.

Jeanne called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Motion by Ed Foster, support by Ed Toombs, to approve minutes of the April 10 general membership minutes. Motion approved. Motion by Ed Foster, support by Ed Toombs, to approve the minutes of the executive board minutes of May 1, with the addition of a change to

Peter Pettalia's town hall meeting date. Motion approved.

Jeanne introduced Mark Larson and Tom Reif of Modern Craft Winery. Mark gave a brief synopsis of the opening of the Harrisville Modern Craft Winery tasting store June 1, 2012. Tom gave a cursory business plan and philosophy of the winery. This included the creation of the Wine and Hops Trail, a 200-mile trail through northeastern Michigan. They're working with other groups to promote northeastern Michigan -- US-23 Heritage Route, etc. They've conducted surveys, created a website and are in the process of applying for grants. We welcome this new business.

Christy Holmes presented the treasurer's report. There are 78 paid members. Jim Pyne picked up fencing and posts and received permission to pay for an ice trailer for the Wine and Food Festival. Fireworks donation checks are coming in. Wine and Food Festival commit-

tee met this afternoon (May 8), everything going well. Texas hold'em scheduled and still working on licensing but will be forthcoming.

A new date for town hall meeting has been set, as there was a conflict. It will be June 10 at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. An example of Tawas visitor's guide was presented by Judy Labadie. The company involved will handle the compilation of the brochure entirely. There will be absolutely no cost to the chamber. A contract proposal will be presented at the next executive board meeting and brought before the general membership for approval.

Jeanne reminded the membership of the election of officers in September. Notice of the election will be sent to the membership along with asking members to step forward to holding an office. Judy Labadie will look into having our next membership meeting (June 12) in Lincoln. Motion to adjourn at 7:15 p.m.



The River Aux Sables Chapter of Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met in Oscoda at the AuSable Inn on May 11 to hear annual reports and confirm new officers for the next two year terms. (From left) Ricki LaBounty, registrar; Mary Garland, treasurer; Pat Kramer, regent; Mary Densmore, corresponding secretary; and Ruth Danielson, chaplain. Not pictured: Jaye Martz, recording secretary; Denise Liebold, historian; and Margy Holzheur, librarian. The DAR was founded in 1890 and is headquartered in Washington, DC. It is a volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through better education for children. DAR currently boasts over 165,000 members in 3,000 chapters across the United States and internationally. The next meeting will be June 8 in East Tawas. To find out how to join, access the local website at www.riverauxsables.michdar.net. *Courtesy photo.*

Writing Letters to the Editor

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

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

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

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

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

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

Calendar of Events

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

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.

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.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 29

General Motors Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees of Northeast Michigan will hold their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1000 US-23 North, Alpena. Reservations and payment in advance. Call, Chuck Griffin at (989) 727-3350, Frank Baranski at (989) 595-2789 or Don Cantleberry at (989) 354-5504 for more information.

4-H Archery Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Sing-a-long at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road, Greenbush. 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.

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.

A free community family night will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake. Music and parenting sessions for adults. Lessons and crafts for youth of all age groups or outside activities (weather permitting). A light meal will be served from 5:30 to 6:15 p.m. Reservations requested for planning purposes, but not required. For more information, 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 info., call (989) 736-8879.

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THURSDAY, MAY 30

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

Community Walking Club for everyone 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.

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Lesbian, gay, bi-sexual and transgender support group will meet from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. at Harrisville Holistic Center, 200 North State Street. For more information, call Kay at (989) 745-8199.

The public is invited to attend a student recital at 7 p.m. at Family Heritage Baptist Church, 4260 M-72, Harrisville. Eighteen music students will perform patriotic songs. Refreshments will be served at 8 p.m. For more information, call Linda at (989) 820-9876.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 31

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

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

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.

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SATURDAY, JUNE 1

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.

MONDAY, JUNE 3

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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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.

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

There will be a meeting to discuss Mikado Day at 7 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. Scheduled events will be discussed. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information or to volunteer, call (989) 736-7721.

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.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold its membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena at the corner of Brooke and Connon near Diamonds Pointe. Bring a can of food for the needy. Lunch will be served. For reservations, call (989) 356-4956 or (989) 727-4080.

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.

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 <p>2003 Chevrolet Malibu \$5,995 \$179/mth 3 months</p>	 <p>2011 GMC Sierra Ext Cab SLE \$25,995* -\$1,500 (\$500 Down Payment Triple Play) \$24,495 \$359/mth 7 months</p>	 <p>2010 Chevrolet Silverado Ext Cab LTZ \$29,995* -\$1,500 (\$500 Down Payment Triple Play) \$28,495 \$419/mth 75 months</p>	 <p>2002 GMC Yukon XL \$6,995* \$246/mth 30 months</p>	 <p>2011 GMC Terrain FWD SLE2 \$21,995* -\$1,500 (\$500 Down Payment Triple Play) \$20,495 \$299/mth 7 months</p>	 <p>2008 Chevrolet Uplander LS \$10,995* -\$1,500 (\$500 Down Payment Triple Play) \$9,495 \$175/mth 60 months</p>	 <p>2003 Olds Silhouette \$7,995* \$149/mth 6 months</p>

Elementary club demonstrates kindness and compassion

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Making the world a better place with a little kindness and compassion is the goal for Alcona Elementary students who belong to the Kindness and Compassion (KC) Club. It's designed to teach children at an early age that they can change their own and other's lives.

The club celebrated its fifth month by giving jars of peanut butter members collected to the Harrisville United Methodist Church Alcona Food Pantry and Solid Rock Church of God Food Pantry in Lincoln.

Bonnie Gauthier, administrative assistant at Lincoln Haven Nursing Home, was also on hand during the peanut butter exchange to receive pictures the students had drawn for the residents at Lincoln Haven Nursing Home.

The KC Club was developed by elementary educators and counselors as an age-appropriate introduction to Rachel Scott and her challenge to reach out to others with deliberate acts of kindness.

Rachel's Challenge is based on the writings and life of Rachel Scott who was the first student killed at Columbine High School in 1999. Scott left a legacy of reaching out to those who were different, who were picked on by others, or who were new at her school. Shortly before her death Scott wrote: "I have this theory that if one person can go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same. People will never know how far a little kindness can go."

The KC Club program for Alcona Elementary School is under the direction of sixth-grade teacher Celeste Shiffer who follows lesson plans, DVDs and activities revolving around five challenges for elementary students: Influence, the power of both positive and negative influences. Goal setting, the importance of dreaming big. Journaling, the powerful impact of writing goals, thoughts, emotions and dreams. Acceptance, understanding, inclusion, respect, compassion...the first steps to eliminating prejudice. Kindness, simple, deliberate acts of kindness which positively impacts the recipient and the giver.

Shiffer explained, the elementary program is designed to keep things simple for younger students to understand. There is no mention of Columbine or Rachel's death in the KC Club program.

Nineteen students from kindergarten to sixth grade have been involved with the program since it was first brought to the school in January. Shiffer explained the students meet one to three times a month. The

meetings are set during school so students do not have to worry about after school transportation issues.

Earlier this year students had a toy drive for an Alcona family whose house was destroyed by fire. The family had children that attended Alcona Elementary and the students wanted to make sure they had toys to play with.

Sixth-grade KC Club members, Destiny Lacy, Krista

Breier, Hailee Gordy, Brianna Fogle, Trinity Keyser and Faith Wallenmaier were in agreement that many times it was younger students who had really good ideas on deliberate acts of kindness. "We decided to work on gathering peanut butter for the food pantry, our goal was three jars per class," Lacy said. The KC Club collected 83 jars of peanut butter to donate, well over their anticipated goal.

Gordy said the KC Club painted pretty pictures for the residents of Lincoln Haven since residents there don't always get to go outside to see how pretty spring is.

The sixth-graders were looking forward to transferring to the Rachel's Friends Club, the middle and high school version of the program, next year.

Both Shiffer and Assistant Principal Dan O'Connor hope to see the club meet next

year. "I would love to lead this great group of students again. In fact, I have been thinking of some new causes we could take on for the 2013-2014 school year. I certainly hope our efforts made a positive impact in the building and beyond. I know that the club members felt changed and positive about the contributions they were making and that is a great way to start a doing-good chain reaction," Shiffer said.



Alcona Elementary KC Club presents Harrisville United Methodist Church's Alcona Food Pantry representative, Shelly Dunn, and Solid Rock Church of God Food Pantry representative, Lorraine Crannie, peanut butter the students collected. (Front row, from left) Krista Breier, Devin McCracken, Destiny Lacy, Triston Robinson, Delylah Shelby, Bri Fogle, Trinity Keyser, (middle row) Shelly Dunn, Lorraine Crannie, Madison Donovan, Alyssa Dellar, Timothy Jamieson, Brady Pagels, Ryan Lee, Elise Klinger, Karen Sharboneau, (back row) Ashlyn Abend, Hailee Gordy and teacher Celeste Shiffer. Photos by Mary Weber.



Alcona Elementary KC Club presents Lincoln Haven Administrative Assistant Bonny Gauthier (back row, right) pictures they made to spread spring happiness to shut-ins. (Front row, from left) Krista Breier, Devin McCracken, Destiny Lacy, Delylah Shelby, Bri Fogle, Trinity Keyser, (middle row) Timothy Jamieson, Ryan Lee, Triston Robinson, Karen Sharboneau, (back row) Madison Donovan, Alyssa Dellar, Brady Pagels, Elise Klinger, Ashlyn Abend and Hailee Gordy.

NOTICE

Greenbush Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on June 4, 2013 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbush Township Hall. Lawrence Youngblood is requesting a square footage variance at 2190 South Poor Farm Road.

Pamela Milwrick
Greenbush Township ZBA Secretary

5/22 & 5/29

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Finding the water, promises and life jackets

By Warren MacNeill

DNR Conservation Officer

Memorial Day weekend is upon us and it is time for Michigan outdoor recreationists to summarize their winter toys and un-winterize their summer toys.

It is the time of year when a lot of boaters get the answer to the question, "what do raccoons do in the winter?"

I get many telephone calls asking me, "Why would they do that to my (fill in the blank)?"

I explain to the caller, using much empathy, that a raccoon is not an animal that has larceny or malice in its heart. They look at things as, threat or no threat, food or not food, good shelter or bad shelter.

An out of the way, covered boat provides them with warm shelter, good bedding - in the form of seat cushions and life jackets -- and plenty of toys for their new babies to play with and chew on. That is the answer to the fill in the blank question.

After the unexpected expenses of putting the boat back together and several attempts to get that smell out, the weekend beckons. As a wildlife officer and a people watcher, I compare the movement of the recreational boat from the backyard to the water, to a Chinook salmon's movement to the spawning grounds. This is filled with perils and traps that only allow the strong to survive.

Like salmon, the calendar triggers some ancient instinct to move to fresh water. This perilous journey begins with the raccoon issue, moves to deflated tires, dry wheel bearings and my personal pet peeve -- trailer lights. The journey then moves to the husband making the noble attempt to convince his wife and family that, this year will not be like last year's experience.

Promises and deals are made; everyone is pointed in the same direction. Plans, equipment, food and responsibilities are given out. Yup, this should go smoother than last year. The husband takes on the responsibility of purchasing new/un-chewed life jackets so the bill doesn't come through until after the weekend. (Good plan. I used this myself.)

Now comes my personal favorite time of the year -- the first holiday weekend boat launch experience. In the last 20 plus years I have worked almost every summer holiday. The one big payback I get from this is the opportunity to watch humans interact in the natural environment.

Notice I did not say "their" natural environment.

Like salmon in shallow water, this is outside of their norm. One thing you can count on with humans, when they are in their recreational mind set, there is generally a noticeable difference between their plan and their reality, especially when it relates to boating.

If you want a very interesting and very amusing time some holiday weekend, grab a lawn chair and some ice tea, sit in the shade at a public boat launch and watch people back their boats around and into each other.

Boat launches are usually designed for efficiency and ease of use. I have also noticed they are designed by people with an interesting sense of humor. If you put big rocks about trailer light height but below mirror visibility height -- like a beaver dam on a spawning stream, you can thin out some of the less hearty.

This is where I see the beginning of the break down in the promises and deals. This is also not a good time to learn new communication skills. I have noticed that it is imperative that hand and arm signals and backing procedures be worked out in a stress free and open environment, like a big parking lot, prior to coming to the boat launch.

It is a joy to watch a well-practiced family at a boat launch. Everyone has their job and does it with the precision of exhibition square dancers, or (contra dancers). There are no questions and no heated debate about where the new life jackets went. Loose life jackets in an open boat tend to have their own migration plan, more like Lemmings.

Boat launch etiquette is to prep your boat and load all your coolers and equipment before you get into the launch, this is called the staging area. This saves you from the badgering from other boaters waiting their turn.

Once the boat is on the water and finally running on the old fuel, the husband has apologized for the inappropriate language used during the backing process; the in-laws have made an unexpected appearance and are on board. (The upside to the in-laws joining in is, the "conversation" about the boat launch incident has been delayed and maybe she will forget.) It is time to head out into the open water.

Then bring on contact by the county marine deputy or the conservation officer. This officer is not like the bear in the shallow water waiting to snag the salmon for a snack. This officer is there to assure safety and to save lives.

When they ask to see a life jacket for everyone on board, keep in mind they have not been privy to the entire week's experiences; they did not know the in-laws were an unexpected addition; they did not know that when you left home you had a half dozen new life jackets on the floor of the boat; they did not know that you just crushed your new trailer lights on a rock; and they did not know you were one comment away from a domestic incident at the dock. So, the young marine deputy should not be used as a pressure release valve.

**Eastside
Outside**

What they do know is that life jackets float and you don't. They know that 80 percent of drowning accidents in the U.S. are due to people not wearing their life jackets.

Additionally, I have found the best time to buy a slightly used boat is on Tuesday after the holiday.

My friend Lt. Andrew Turner has other safe boating tips to keep in mind while out on the water. Here is what he advises during Safe Boating Week (May 18-24) and I would like to share this information:

- In Michigan, anyone six years of age or younger must wear a life jacket when on the open deck of any vessel. But wearing a personal flotation device (PFD) is recommended for everyone.

- Make sure your boat is properly equipped and your equipment is in good working order. In addition to all legally required equipment, such as life jackets and fire extinguishers, always carry a first-aid kit, nautical charts and an anchor. Make sure your navigation lights are working properly.

- Avoid drinking alcohol -- nearly half of all boating accidents involve alcohol. Studies show that passengers are 10 times more likely to fall overboard when they have consumed alcohol.

- File a float plan. Always let a family member or friend on shore know the who, what, when and where of your trip -- and when you are expected back. Give them phone numbers for the local sheriff or U.S. Coast Guard in the event you don't return when expected.

- Maintain a sharp lookout. Stay alert for other boats, swimmers, skiers and objects in the water. This is especially true when operating in crowded waterways, at night and during conditions of restricted visibility.

- Carry a marine radio or cell phone. Be prepared to call for help in case you are involved in an accident, your boat becomes disabled or you otherwise need assistance. Program the phone numbers for the county sheriff or U.S. Coast Guard in your cell phone. Make sure your cell phone is fully charged, but be aware that there are often gaps in coverage on the water.

For more information on safe boating, visit the U.S. Coast Guard's Boating Safety Resource Center at www.uscgboating.org.

(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.)



Representatives from Paws with a Cause, Ellen Herlache-Pritzer, with Cisco, (left) and Michael Waldo, with Windy, (right) share the abilities of assistance dogs, the foster program, training and how individuals who are differently abled gain independence during a Masonic Lodge program on Saturday hosted by Lincoln Chapter 184.



Spruce resident Amy Stevens (with Hassie) shared her experience with assistance dogs during the presentation. Diagnosed with limb-girdle muscular dystrophy at the age of 13, Stevens has been slowly losing muscle function. Unable to walk for the last eight years, she has had two assistance dogs -- a golden retriever, Abby Jo and a Labrador retriever, Hassie.

He is able to pick up items she may have dropped like a telephone (left), pen or even smaller items, pulls off slippers, opens and closes doors, gets help by getting Stevens' husband, Marshall, or bringing her the telephone.

Stevens told the 40 some attendees, that to some, Hassie's help might not seem significant, but to her it makes a huge difference in her life. "It's the little things that a healthy person takes for granted.. I don't know what I'd do without him... without his help, unconditional love and joy he brings to our lives."

More than \$400 was presented to the Paws representatives at the conclusion of the program, which will be used to help fund the national organization that breed and train assistance dogs in several areas -- hearing, sight and mobility assistance, seizure response and autism assistance.

For more information about Paws with a Cause, see pawswithacause.org or call (800) 253-7297.

Photos by Cheryl Peterson.



Super Crossword

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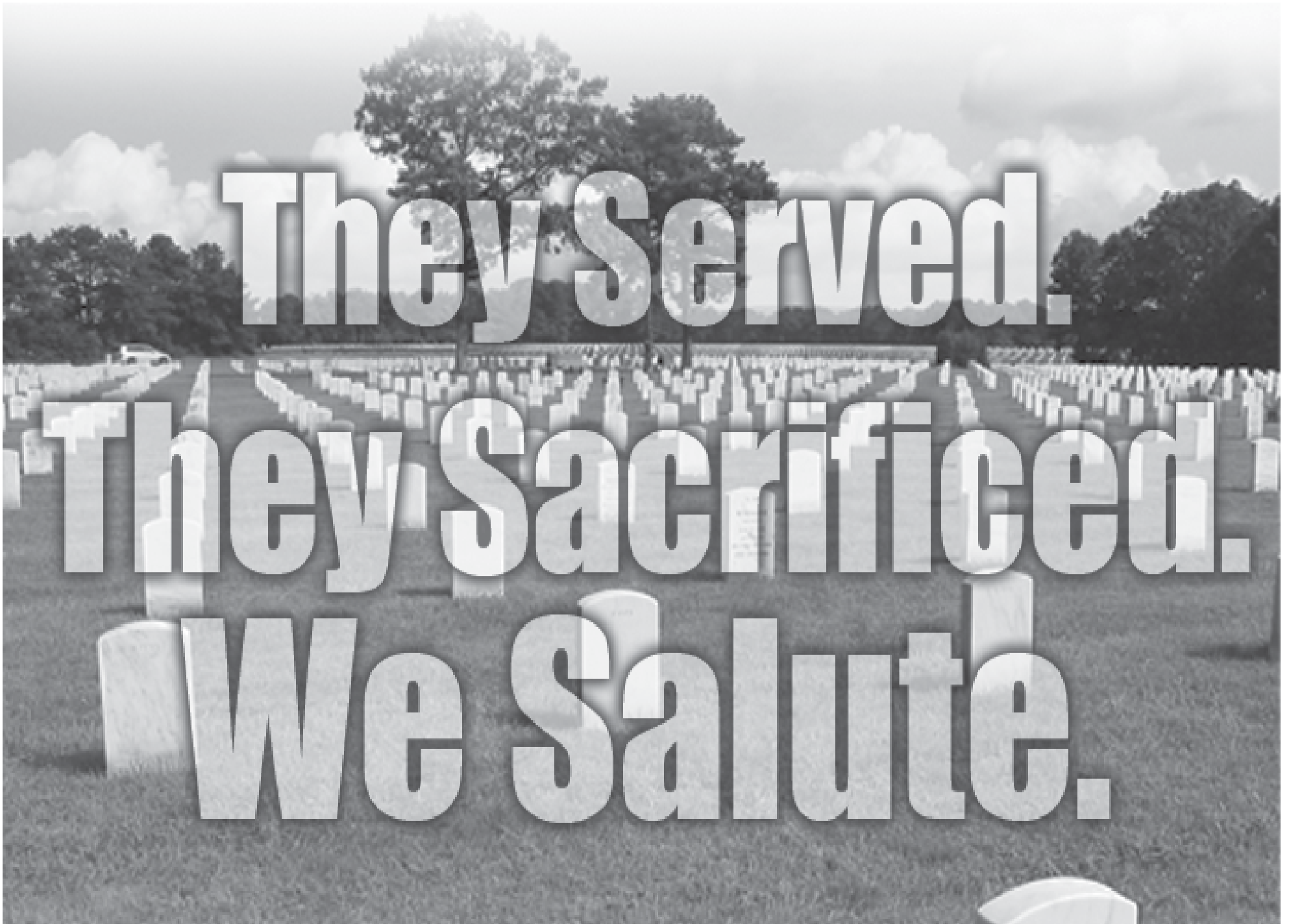
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How to use herbal supplements safely

Dear Savvy Senior,
Are herbal supplements safe for seniors who are taking other prescription medications? I have a friend who swears by them, but I want to be sure before I take anything new.

Cautious Carol

Dear Carol,
Herbal supplements have become increasingly popular in recent years as millions of Americans are looking for natural and more affordable ways to improve their health. But, it's important to know that many herbs can also cause side effects and can interact with prescription medications, especially if you have hypertension, diabetes, kidney disease or liver problems. While the Food and Drug Administration does regulate herbal supplements, they don't get the same scientific scrutiny that medications do. Herbal supplement manufacturers do not have to get FDA approval, and they don't have to prove a product's safety

and effectiveness before it's marketed.

So, before you start taking any new supplement, no matter how natural or harmless it may seem, you need to talk to your doctor or pharmacist to make sure it's safe for you.

In the meantime, here are a few popular herbs you should know about that can cause problems when taken with certain medications.

- **Aloe Vera:** Used on your skin, aloe vera is perfectly safe. But taken orally as a laxative, it may interact with blood sugar-lowering medicines used to treat diabetes.

- **Ginger:** A gram or so of powdered ginger can help ease nausea, but it can also interfere with anticoagulant (blood thinning) medications like warfarin and even aspirin. And, if taken in large quantities could interfere with cardiac, diabetes and blood pressure meds.

- **Garlic:** Marketed as a pill, capsule or powder to lower blood pressure and cholesterol, garlic acts as a blood

thinner. So, if you're taking an anticoagulant, use with caution because garlic can make your blood too thin increasing the risk of excessive bleeding.

- **Ginkgo:** Taken to help boost memory and prevent dementia, as well as treat a variety of other ailments, this popular supplement can also raise your risk of bleeding when combined with blood thinning medications. It can also counteract the blood pressure lowering effect of thiazide diuretic drugs and can interfere with anti-seizure medications and insulin used to treat diabetes.

- **Ginseng:** Taken primarily to improve overall health and boost the immune system, this herb can reduce concentrations of the anticoagulant drug warfarin and can interact with some antidepressant medications too. People with diabetes should also use extra caution with ginseng if they are taking medicine to lower blood sugar.

- **Kava:** Promoted as a treatment to curb anxiety and

stress, kava has been reported to cause liver damage, including hepatitis and liver failure. It can also interfere with antipsychotic and Parkinson's medications, can thin the blood and should not be taken with anticoagulants, and can cause drowsiness so it should not be taken in combination with any sedatives.

- **Licorice Root:** Taken for ulcers, bronchitis and sore throat, licorice root can cause high blood pressure and salt and water retention, raising the risk of heart problems. It can also thin the blood and should not be used with blood thinning drugs.

- **St. John's wort:** Marketed as an aid to treat depression, Saint John's wort can reduce the effectiveness of a number of prescription medications including anticoagulants, antidepressants, seizure-control drugs and certain cancer drugs.

- **Zinc:** Taken as a defense against colds, excess zinc can cause nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, stomach cramps,

Savvy Senior

diarrhea and headaches. It can also interact with a variety of prescription drugs, including antibiotics and hypertension meds.

To get more information on the safety, side effects and effectiveness of these and many other herbal remedies, visit the Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center site on herbs, botanicals and supplements at mskcc-herbs.org, and see the National Center for Complementary and Alternative Medicine "Herbs at a Glance" Webpage at nccam.nih.gov/health/herbsataglance.htm.

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Springtime brings nesting chores and honey-dos

By Mary Weber
Columnist

The marsh marigolds spreading their cheerful clumps of gold along river edges and fields of tender white trillium are sure signs that spring has finally sprung in Alcona County.

Warm weather breezes carrying the sweet scent of trees heavy with blooms has most of us giddy with the anticipation of summer.

Ahh... summer. The word alone conjures thoughts of lemonade and relaxation. Unfortunately, to reap the harvest of those long lazy summer days, most of us are putting in long hours of spring gardening and cleaning. If you listen closely you can almost hear the collected groan of sore muscles and aching backs of our aging-quickly community.

Many of us snow-bound folks who don't head south at the first sight of frost have complacently let our bodies lie dormant through the winter months. We cocoon in our nice warm houses only to turn slightly now and then to warm ourselves by a cozy fire. We pay dearly when our joints are stretched in the spring, after spending hours pulling weeds and pushing lawn mowers.

Taking a cue from the birds who visit our swampy mosquito farm, I like to call this time of year our nesting time. It's time to unfurl our feathers and start tending to the nest. Unfortunately, this year, due to the slow onset of warmer weather and my another-year-older body, I'm way behind schedule.

Typically the male goldfinch visiting our feeders tell us when we need to start thinking about getting back in shape. They told us this weeks and weeks ago, by changing their drab winter feathers to their brilliant yellow plumage. My husband, Willy, and I responded by thinking about getting out of the house, but settled on just opening a window instead.

The red-winged black birds and robins have also been very vocal for several weeks in letting us know spring was arriving. Still, when I saw snow on Mother's Day, I had to think twice about who was the smarter bird. I was glad I didn't listen to them and still had the snow scraper in the car and cocoa for a nice hot-chocolate on the counter.

It was the three deep blue indigo buntings, who sat busily munching away at fallen seeds under the feeders that finally coaxed me out of my cocoon and pushed me to grab a garden rake.

The addition of ruby-throated hummingbirds and the Baltimore orioles asking us to put out some sugar water and a bit of grape jelly a week ago finally convinced me spring is here and summer is on its way, whether I'm ready or not. It was time to get serious about the messiness of our nest.

Still, I'm not the only bird who hasn't quite got a handle on nesting chores yet. There are a few birds under our feeders, such as the white-

crowned sparrows that haven't even thought about nest making. The white-crowns, easily identifiable by their sporty broad white and black striped head which forms a white Christian cross at the back, are one of my favorite sparrows who visit in spring on their way to nest in the northern mountain ranges of Canada.

Of course, there are always those early-bird show offs like Mrs. Robin who not only has her nest made, but has been sitting on her clean blue eggs for a few weeks. She is now happily warbling to Mr. Robin that it's time to start bringing some food to their eyes-shut, mouth-open offspring.

Some young birds have even fledged their nests al-

adopted him as a pet. "We must be the wayward home for under-ducks."

Mr. Mallard struggled around and around the driveway, chasing to keep up with the brothers, but our snobby Pekins wanted nothing to do with a gimpy green headed duck. The brothers, having



An indigo bunting has been frequenting the Weber Mosquito Farm this spring. Photos by Mary Weber.

ready, making me feel like I'll never get caught up. Thankfully, others have only recently been bitten by the love bug. Their plaintive melodies echo in their search for a special someone to nest with.

This is the first spring Willy and I have had pet ducks and we didn't think much about springtime having any effect on our bachelor brother Pekin ducks until last week.

Our three large dogs, who lovingly named our ducks, Lunch and Supper, were barking like crazy at something outside. The dogs have long grown used to seeing Lunch and Supper roam freely on our property since their arrival last September. Rarely do the dogs even give the Pekins so much as a slight growl anymore, so when they started their nonstop barking we had to step away from our cleaning chores to see what all the excitement was about.

There on our driveway which encircles a small marsh pond was a handsome green headed mallard drake. Mr. Mallard was obviously looking to spend some time with boys and hang out. Our two ducks were about 20 feet away just glaring at the green headed male. With every step Mr. Mallard made closer to meet up with the brother ducks, Willy's and my heart sank just a little. Mr. Mallard hobbled and wobbled with a bum leg.

"Hmm....another lame duck," I said to Willy. Our own Mr. Lunch came to us with a crooked bill and a gimpy waddle, which is kind of why we thought he needed a reprieve from becoming someone's dinner and

several inches and pounds on Mr. Mallard, kept a clean 15 to 20 foot distance between them at all times. Finally, Mr. Mallard, obviously sore and frustrated that he couldn't have a beer with the boys, sat down in the middle of the driveway and refused to leave until Mrs. Mallard showed up.

Mrs. Mallard was blatantly unhappy that Mr. Mallard wanted to have some time alone to hang with the boys and chased him back toot-sweet into the mosquito farm swamps where we're sure he had lots of honey-do nesting chores waiting for him. "Poor guy," Willy snickered as he started cleaning another window.

The next morning Mrs. Mallard was waiting in the driveway. We let Lunch and Supper out of the duck house and thought for sure they would snub their beaks at the lesser brown duck. Instead the old geezers began pruning and strutting. They joined Mrs. Mallard and escorted her to the back yard where they showed her all their best places on the lawn to grab a meal.

She stayed with them for much of the day, basking in their constant clucks and cooing compliments. Our two bachelors were outdoing each other for the lady's attention. Mr. Mallard, looking some-

Alcona's Backyard

what heart broken, remained in the front pond waiting for his wife to return.

"Seems we have a bit of a reality show going on in our yard. I wonder how Mr. Mallard is going to feel when Mrs. Mallard shows up some day with a clutch of white ducklings with orange bills?" I asked Willy as he groaned slightly while pulling a 40 pound sack of dog food along with a 50 pound sack of sunflower seeds out of the trunk of our car.

"Hopefully Mr. Mallard won't mind, because I'm getting too tired to take care of another thing. I think it's about time for me to go have a beer with my buddy, Dave," Willy smirked.

Yep, spring has sprung.

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

Duck Lake fire: A year later

What a difference a year makes... In 2012, the snow was gone in March and Michigan was experiencing one of its most severe fire seasons in recent memory.

Early this May, much of the Upper Peninsula remained covered in snow.

A year ago, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) was monitoring extreme drought conditions throughout the state. These conditions increased wildfire risk - requiring only

a spark to ignite a flame, which in this case came from a lightning storm.

"While lightning-caused wildfires in May are not rare, they certainly aren't common either," said Paul Kollmeyer, resource protection manager for the DNR's Forest Resources Division. "Lightning fires occur more frequently in years with drought conditions, which is why we experienced more of them last fire season. On May 21, 2012, there were six lightning

strikes that developed into wildfires."

Because wildfire conditions were "very high" in the Upper Peninsula north of Newberry, one of the May 21 lightning strikes ignited the largest fire Michigan had seen in the past 32 years. The Duck Lake fire was discovered on May 23 by a DNR wildfire aircraft detection pilot. While it was still small, department crews worked

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Bracken fern, blueberry bushes and young jack pine are already naturally re-growing in the area that was impacted by the Duck Lake fire. Photos courtesy of the Michigan DNR.

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A crew works to plant a portion of the 1.2 million jack pine seedlings that will cover 1,290 acres. DNR staff will monitor the seedlings planted a year after the Duck Lake Fire to ensure they are successfully growing.

through the night and into the next day to contain and hold it against the wind that was forecasted.

On the afternoon of May 24, a then-small wildfire blew up and began its 11-mile run to Lake Superior. When it was finally contained, the Duck Lake fire had burned 21,069 acres. More than 230 residences, 161 outbuildings and nine commercial structures were threatened by the fire. Forty-nine residences, 58 outbuildings, two commercial structures and 26 campers were destroyed. The fire totaled more than \$3 million in suppression costs.

"Top-notch emergency responders from Luce County, the DNR and other state departments gave their all to suppress the Duck Lake fire and keep losses to a minimum," Kollmeyer said. "If it wasn't for the coordinated effort, damage could have been far greater."

Bill O'Neill, chief of the Forest Resources Division and state forester, said the

hard work didn't stop after the fire was suppressed.

While suppression efforts were ongoing, the DNR began plans for the salvage of the state-managed timber that was burned during the fire. It took one week for a team of 20 professionals to establish sale boundaries and estimate the timber volume on the scarred acres of state forest land.

O'Neill said it was a race against the elements. "Insects, like wood-boring beetles, moved into the area after the fire and began feeding on the dead trees," said Keith Magnusson, Forest Resources Division Newberry unit manager. "In order to get the most out of what was left after the fire, we had to move quickly before the timber was further deteriorated."

Before the end of the year, 9,784 acres at the Duck Lake fire site had been prepared for salvage, and 53,857 cords of wood within the area had

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been salvaged. "To date, 80 percent of the salvaged wood has been harvested," Magnusson said.

"Harvest activities had to stop during the winter due to the amount of snow we received, but we anticipate the remaining 20 percent to be harvested within the next few months." He added that it's all part of the reforestation plan for the area.

A year later, the forest is naturally recovering. Bracken fern, blueberry bushes, mushrooms and grasses have started to regrow. Pine seedlings are once again growing in the areas that were previously forested. Thanks to Mother Nature, the green is

returning. To give her a hand in the process, O'Neill explained the DNR has evaluated and prioritized areas that needed planting efforts.

"We have 1,290 acres that are scheduled to be planted with approximately 1.2 million jack pine seedlings during a two-week period that started early this month," he said. "The seedlings will come from the DNR-operated Wyman Nursery, and will be monitored after planting to ensure the planting will be successful."

In addition to its own resources, the DNR received a donation for 150,000 seedlings from the Arbor Day Foundation to reforest the

area impacted by the fire.

"Working with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, our members and sponsors will have the chance to support high-need replanting projects that protect wildlife habitat and restore woodland forests for the enjoyment of future generations," said Brad Brandt, reforestation manager at the Arbor Day Foundation.

Aside from the sprouts, seedlings and returning green, O'Neill did warn that visitors to the area will see some dead trees that were left behind.

"We salvaged timber in areas that have historically been managed for timber produc-

tion," he said. "We did not salvage timber in areas that were sensitive, such as the Two Hearted River corridor, the Little Two Hearted River corridor or areas near wetland complexes.

"The dead trees that were left in these areas will provide habitat for such wildlife as black-backed woodpecker and provide habitat for cavity nesters. As snags fall over, they will provide habitat for critters on the ground that will use them for shelter; as snags rot they provide structure and stability to the soil."

O'Neill added that the DNR planted some areas of the fire, but it is anticipated that many areas will naturally re-

generate, as pine is a species that has adapted to fire.

"As time goes on we will be continually monitoring the effects of this fire and making plans accordingly to ensure sustainability," he said. "It's all part of the plan."

To learn more about wild-fire management and the role that fire plays on the forest ecosystem, go to www.michigan.gov/firemanagement.


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

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ORV use in national forest

Visitors to northern Michigan who wish to ride off-road vehicles should be aware that the rules are different in the Huron-Manistee National Forests than on other public roads or lands.

On the Huron-Manistee National Forests, use of ORVs is restricted to designated trails and areas. It is the responsibility of the ORV rider to know whether they are riding in an authorized area or on an authorized trail. To help visitors locate safe and legal routes for the type of vehicle they drive, the U.S. Forest Service publishes a free Motor Vehicle Use Map that is updated each year.

During the past few years, several counties in Michigan's lower peninsula have passed ordinances that allow the use of ORVs on the right hand portion of county and township roads. Riders should be aware that these ordinances may vary between counties and even between townships within a single county. Also, these ordinances do not apply to forest service roads.

The Forest Service does not permit ORV use on its roads because of concerns over public safety and resource damage. The language of the state law that permits counties to adopt the new ordinances clearly states that ORVs may not be used on public lands contrary to their management policy.

An ORV rider may find that certain roads are part of the designated trail system. This limited mixed use is permitted to meet resource management objectives that protect sensitive ecosystems and/or critical wildlife habitats, and to provide a safe and legal ORV trail system. These designated segments are the only places where an ORV may travel on a Forest Service road.

For information on trails that are open to ORV use on the Huron-Manistee National Forests or to receive a Motor Vehicle Use Map, call, Huron National Forest:

• Mio Ranger District: (989) 826-3252.

• Huron Shores Ranger Station: (989) 739-0728.

New Alcona County 4-H Clubs give kids something to do this summer

By Les Thomas

Alcona 4-H Coordinator

We are excited to promote these new 4-H clubs being offered to Alcona County youth starting this spring.

New Activity Club

This new club will focus its energy on recreational learning, community service and lots of fun activities. The club plans to meet in Lincoln and explore art, play outdoor games, go on local field trips, volunteer with local charities, host educational meetings with local agencies and at the end of the day, roast s'mores over a campfire.

New club leader Judy French is looking for youth input to help name and design the activities and trips that youth will explore. The first meeting was May 18. Looking for up to 12 youth to be in the club. Call Judy for more information at (989) 335-1601.

Fishing Club

Long time fisherman Tom Keerl is looking for youth 10 and older that are interested in learning about (and going) fishing. Learn how to prepare your gear for spring, tune up old fishing equipment and learn about knots, rigging as well as fish species. No equipment needed- youth will take home light tackle as well as a reconditioned rod and reel if they do not already have one.

The club will meet every other Thursday starting in May and continuing through fall. Adults are encouraged to attend with youth (especially less experienced or younger youth). Youth over 16 years old will need a valid Michigan fishing license. The club is limited to the first 10 youth that sign up. Call Tom Keerl at (989) 724-6804.

Student Stewards Club

This environmental stewardship club will be focused on place-based education-learning and going out in the community - with community partners. Youth will be able to experience and participate in on-going community-based projects, field trips as well as design and imple-

ment their own service projects. Lots of recreational activities as well including camping, canoeing, kayaking and hiking. Due to the nature of this club, active participation would be a great addition to scholarship, job and awards applications. The club will be primarily for middle school-aged youth and up. Call Tracy for more details at (989) 724-9909.

Shotgun Club

(Trap Shooting)

In a joint effort with Iosco County 4-H, we are offering youth an opportunity to join the Iosco Trap Club. Meet-

ings started May 7 and will be held at the Iosco Sportsmen's Club in Oscoda. There is a \$23 sign up fee which covers the annual 4-H participation fee, use of equipment, targets/supplies and insurance. Guns are provided, if preferred youth may use own guns after instructor's safety inspection. The club will meet on Tuesdays from 5:30 -7 p.m. There is a weekly fee of \$12 for supplies. For youth ages 10-19 (as of January 1, 2013) to learn gun safety and basic marksmanship. Youth age 10-12 must have taken Hunter Safety course prior.

An adult must accompany youth to the first meeting to fill out forms and pay fee. Contact Kevin Friddle for more details (989) 362-2463.

Golf Skills Clinic

All skill and experience levels welcomed to this golf clinic held at the Greenbush Golf Course this summer for youth ages 10-14. This four week course, starting in late May will help new youth learn technique, skills and etiquette while helping the more experienced player correct bad habits and work on their overall game. Use the swing trainer and practice green

and even golf a few holes with Greenbush Golf Pro and instructor Ruth Golm. Call Ruth for more details at (989) 724-5679.

For more information on any of these opportunities, call the contact listed with the club or the Michigan State University Extension office at (989) 724-6478.

All clubs will collect the annual \$10 member fee from youth that are not already enrolled in a 4-H Club. Some clubs may charge additional dues to cover costs. Scholarships are available. You can follow us on Facebook at: Alcona MSU Extension.



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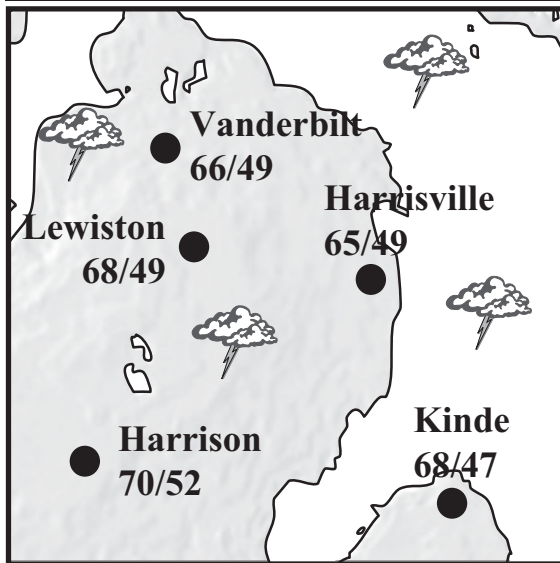
Alcona Review Weather Report

May 22, 2013

Seven Day Forecast

-  **WEDNESDAY**
T-storms Likely
High: 65 Low: 49
-  **THURSDAY**
Few Showers
High: 53 Low: 42
-  **FRIDAY**
Sunny
High: 54 Low: 41
-  **SATURDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 57 Low: 43
-  **SUNDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 58 Low: 44
-  **MONDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 60 Low: 42
-  **TUESDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 64 Low: 46

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 70% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 65°, humidity of 72%. Northeast wind 5 mph. The record high temperature for today is 91° set in 1964. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 60% chance of showers, overnight low of 49°. North wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 26° set in 1967.

*Last Week's Almanac

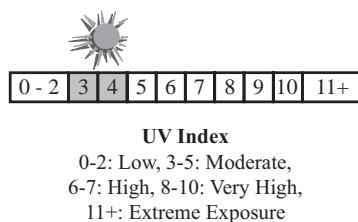
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Monday	53	31	63/39	0.00"
Tuesday	56	37	64/39	0.06"
Wednesday	74	42	64/40	0.00"
Thursday	71	45	65/40	0.00"
Friday	62	35	65/40	0.00"
Saturday	60	40	65/41	0.00"
Sunday	73	49	66/41	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
Wednesday	5:56 a.m.	9:02 p.m.	6:17 p.m.	4:08 a.m.	New 5/24
Thursday	5:56 a.m.	9:03 p.m.	7:31 p.m.	4:46 a.m.	
Friday	5:55 a.m.	9:04 p.m.	8:43 p.m.	5:30 a.m.	
Saturday	5:54 a.m.	9:05 p.m.	9:51 p.m.	6:22 a.m.	
Sunday	5:53 a.m.	9:06 p.m.	10:51 p.m.	7:24 a.m.	
Monday	5:53 a.m.	9:07 p.m.	11:42 p.m.	8:32 a.m.	First 5/31
Tuesday	5:52 a.m.	9:08 p.m.	No Rise	9:45 a.m.	

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 90° in Baltimore, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 91° in Crestview, Fla. The Northwest will see scattered showers today and Thursday, partly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms Friday, with the highest temperature of 78° in Rexburg, Idaho. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 105° in Gila Bend, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:32 a.m.	10:15 p.m.
Venus	6:46 a.m.	10:15 p.m.
Mars	5:36 a.m.	8:18 p.m.
Jupiter	7:15 a.m.	10:39 p.m.
Saturn	6:32 p.m.	5:11 a.m.
Uranus	3:57 a.m.	4:32 p.m.

Weather History

May 22, 1987 - A powerful tornado virtually wiped the small southwest Texas community of Saragosa off the map. The twister destroyed 85 percent of the structures in town, killing 30 people and injuring 121 others among the town's 183 residents.

Weather Trivia

How does the dew point relate to summer comfort?

Answer: A higher dewpoint means that the air is more humid.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Magnificent Planet Gathering

Throughout this week three planets will be moving into position for what will become, early next week, the most stunning planetary grouping of the year. The assemblage takes place low in the west during evening twilight. The triad includes Mercury and Venus becoming more prominent because of their increasing distance from the sun, and Jupiter, which because of its slow orbital motion, will be overtaken and in conjunction with the sun on June 19. The week commences with the most difficult planet to see, Mercury, only nine degrees from the sun and setting about 52 minutes after sundown; Venus reaches the horizon only 15 minutes later. Jupiter, because of its distance from Sol, will pose no problem in viewing. Forty minutes after sundown, Venus will still be four degrees above the horizon, and Jupiter will be 10 degrees in altitude. They should be easily seen if a good western horizon is available. Scan just above the horizon 30 minutes after sunset. Binoculars will help Venus and Jupiter stand out more easily against a bright horizon. By Saturday, May 25, the scene has changed completely. All three planets will be found in a tight little triangle about three degrees in diameter and six degrees above the horizon, 40 minutes after sundown. Binoculars will easily contain the three in the same field of view with ample space to spare. Venus will be brightest and lowest to the horizon, followed by Jupiter, which will be farthest to the left. Faintest and farthest to the right will be Mercury. All three members will be bright and easily visible to the unaided eye if sky conditions are transparent enough and the observing location unobscured enough to permit objects only a few degrees above the horizon to be seen. On May 26, the grouping is at its tightest with the largest separation among the three planets less than 2.5 degrees. The 27th finds Venus and Jupiter separated by just one degree. www.astronomy.org

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A message from AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB and BBB

Veterans claims still backlogged

Veterans Post
By **Freddy Groves**

Six months ago, we looked at the claims processing time for a number of small and large locations across the country. Given the Department of Veterans Affairs' efforts to reduce the time to process a claim to less than 125 days, let's check in with a few of the same locations and see how they're doing.

In November, White River Junction, Vt., had 969 veterans awaiting claims, with 510 waiting an average 239 days. Now they have 834 veterans waiting an average of 239 days. However, average wait time for first claims is now at 559 days.

Lincoln, Neb., had 4,476 veterans waiting, 1,678 of them over 125 days. Now they

have 2,560 veterans, with 695 over 125 days. Average wait time is 143 days. Clearly there's been some progress made.

Let's look at some of the more populated areas.

Last November, St. Petersburg, Fla., had 46,366 veterans waiting an average 207 days. Of those, 30,321 were past the 125-day mark. Now there are 50,492 veterans waiting an average of 319 days. Of those, 34,860 are over 125 days. As usual, the devil is in the details. The office receives 4,293 claims per month and only completes 3,687.

Baltimore, Md., had 19,662 claims waiting last November, with 16,472 past the 125-day mark. Average claim time was 343 days. Now

it has 18,421 veterans with 15,326 waiting over 125 days with an average claim time of 417 days. Here, too, the incoming exceeds the outgoing: 1,023 claims coming in each month, and only 880 completed.

To see how your local claims office is doing, go online to <http://cironline.org/> and click on Returning Home to Battle, then click on the backlog map.

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com.

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Money management for students

Dollars And Sense
By **David Uffington**

Parents who have a child going away to college have more to worry about than partying and failing grades. Two things are a given: 1) New students on campuses will be approached to sign up for credit cards, and 2) students need to know in advance how to handle the financial responsibility.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) has issued a special edition of its Consumer News to help young adults and teens manage their money and avoid financial scams. Here are a few places to start to get your student up to speed.

Credit cards: Teach your child everything you know about credit-card use, even your own mistakes. Show them how to read the fine print on the disclosure, to be aware of the card's limit (and how that limit can affect credit scores) and to pay off the full balance each month. Don't apply for multiple cards (especially if the applications are being handed around on campus by zealous recruiters) and to take advantage of alerts from credit-card companies about payment reminders. If there's any doubt about your child's ability to handle payments, aim him or her toward a pre-paid card or one with a very low credit availability.

Credit reports: Students need to know that potential employers will check their

credit history during the job-application process. Insurance companies will do the same, with monthly premiums partially determined by credit scores. At some point, a graduate will need a loan, perhaps for a first car. An initial credit history, although short, will help secure a lower interest rate.

Picking a bank: As a student, your child will likely only need the most basic of services. If he or she is going away to school, start shopping on the Internet. You'll need one close to campus that has the lowest possible fees. Check whether there are fees for falling below a minimum required balance, or for an excess number of ATM withdrawals or debit-card transactions. Plan to open an account at the same time you're moving your student into the dorms.

Guarding against fraud and scams: Your child needs to know to review bank and credit-card statements the minute they arrive, to keep personal information private, especially online, and to be suspicious of emails that appear to come from the bank.

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White House cookbook

By **Larry Cox**

Q: I have a copy of the White House cookbook that was published during the administration of President Grover Cleveland in 1887. It was issued by the F.I. Gillette Publishing Company and is quite interesting. -- Ella, Pembroke, Ontario, Canada

A: Most of the White House cookbooks have distinctive white covers and sell for about \$35 to \$50 each, depending on both condition and edition.

Q: While cleaning out my dad's desk, I discovered a stack of old stock certificates from the 1950s. Although I suspect they aren't worth anything, I hesitate to toss them. Is there a way I can see if any are still negotiable? -- Beth, Hammond, La.

A: Pierre Bonneau is the man to contact. He is CEO of Stock Research International, a business that researches stocks and conducts auctions of older certificates several times a year. A stock may be worthless as a stock, but if it is signed by a heavy hitter such as Thomas Edison or Henry Ford it can be quite valuable. To find out if your stocks have any value, contact Bonneau at P.O. Box 2359, Vineyard Haven, MA 02568; ssi@stocksearchintl.com; and 800-538-4523.

Q: My uncle worked at Coca-Cola throughout the 1940s and '50s. He saved promotional products, and they now fill six large boxes. I don't know what we should do with this collection. Any advice? -- Sue, Rio Rancho,

N.M.

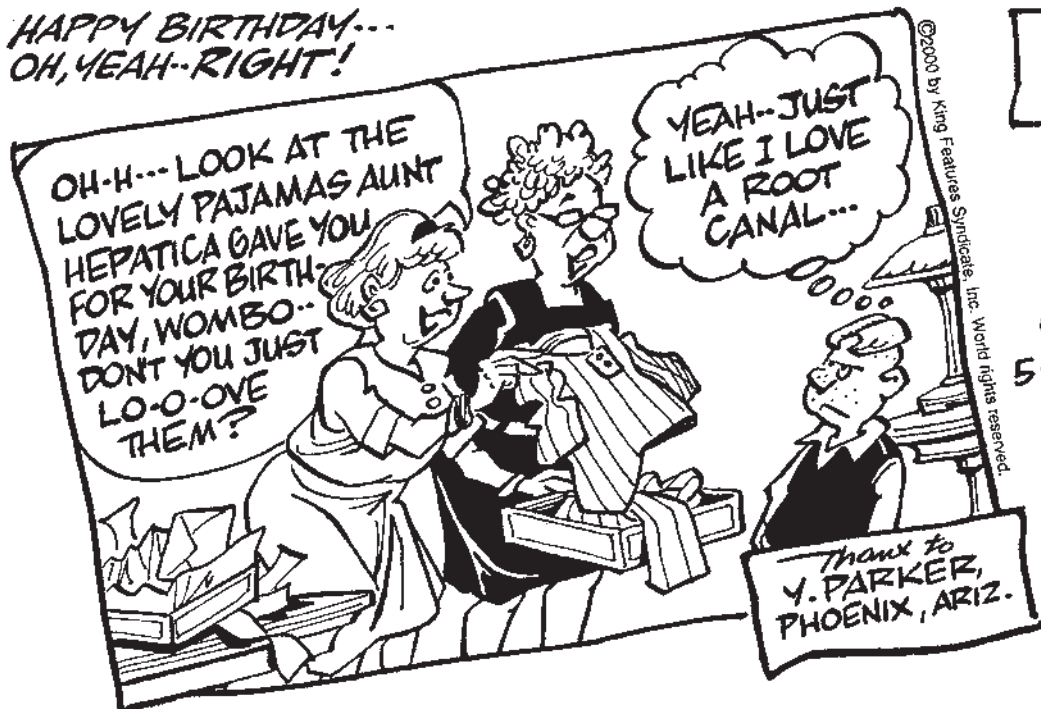
A: I would begin by contacting the Coca-Cola Collectors Club, which has thousands of members scattered throughout the United States. The addresses are PMB 609, 4780 Ashford-Dunwoody Road, Suite A, Atlanta, GA 30338; and cocacolaclub.org. There also are several excellent price guides available at www.amazon.com.

Write to Larry Cox in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to questionsforcox@aol.com. Due to the large volume of mail he receives, Mr. Cox is unable to personally answer all reader questions. Do not send any materials requiring return mail.

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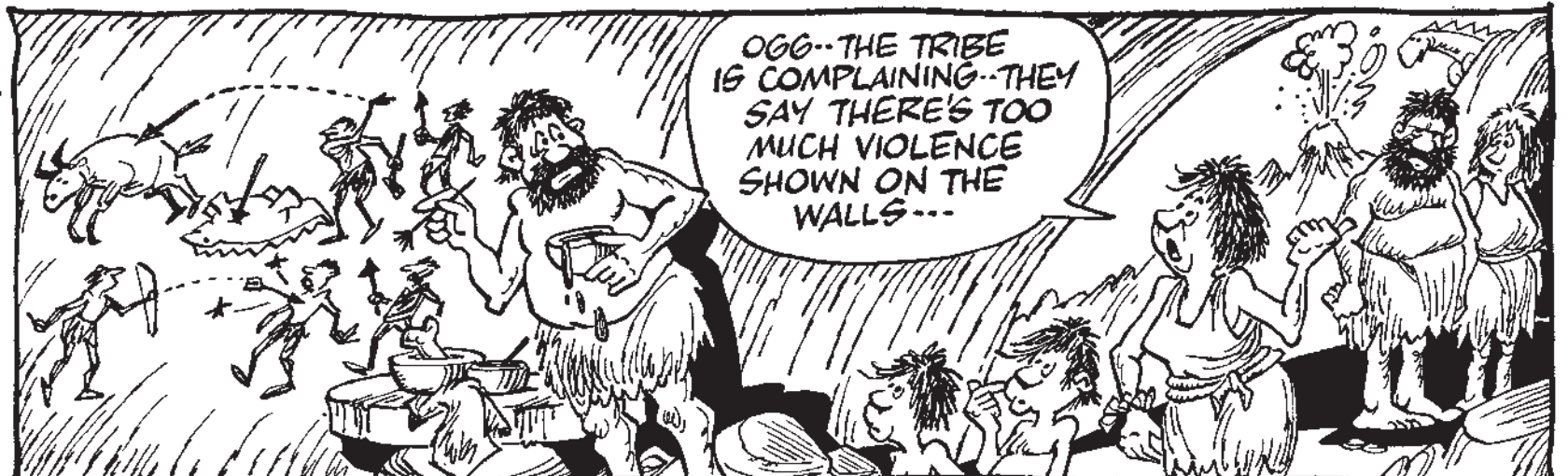
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BY AL SCADUTO



TRIVIA TEST ~ BY Fifi Rodriguez

1. **HISTORY:** Who was the last president of the Soviet Union?
2. **FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** What famous writer once said, "Any idiot can face a crisis -- it's day to day living that wears you out"?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of South Carolina?
4. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What are the wild dogs of Australia called?
5. **BUSINESS:** What company's slogan is, "Don't leave home without it"?
6. **ASTRONOMY:** What is our solar system's sun composed of?
7. **HOLIDAYS:** When was Mother's Day declared a national U.S. holiday?
8. **THEATER:** What city was the setting for the original "The Phantom of the Opera"?
9. **COMICS:** What comic strip had an imaginary character called "Stupendous Man"?
10. **WAR:** What was the last former Confederate state to be readmitted to the Union after the Civil War?

Answers: 1. Mikhail Gorbachev; 2. Anton Chekhov; 3. Columbia; 4. Dingos; 5. American Express; 6. 98 percent hydrogen and helium; 7. 1914; 8. Paris; 9. Calvin and Hobbes; 10. Georgia. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

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| 8 Wife of Cronus | 52 "— Got Nobody" (standard song) | 88 Infuriation | 5 "Jumpin' Jack Flash, —!" | 44 Hot tub site | 81 PR concern |
| 12 "Man — Mancha" | 54 Baseball's Blue Jays, on scoreboards | 89 Cut's partner | 6 Catchphrase | 46 "Stretch" car | 82 Requiring no cord |
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| 20 A very long time | 57 Birthplace of GM | 96 Rips to bits | 9 Noisy owl | 49 Ninny | 85 Le Pew of cartoons |
| 21 Brushing and flossing | 60 Infuse with gas | 98 French for "bridge" | 10 Be jealous of | 50 Trumpet part | 89 Book's start |
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| 25 Cockney, e.g. | 63 Train puller | 100 Certain citrus orchard | 12 Chinese tea | 52 A part of | 91 Self-confidence |
| 26 Inferior newspaper | 65 1981 hit for Earth, Wind & Fire | 102 Cheap town bar | 13 — Loops (cereal) | 53 \$20 bill dispenser | 92 New player |
| 27 Municipality | 69 "... with — -foot pole!" | 105 Spanish pot | 14 Tall and thin | 57 Thrash about | 93 Just to be sure |
| 28 Exude vitality | 70 Voting slip | 106 Make out | 15 Actor Alan | 58 Kin of bingo | 94 Bon — (epicure) |
| 29 Sitting atop | 72 Picked by 70-Across | 107 County in northwest Florida | 16 Poet Sidney | 59 Trap post-blizzard | 95 Totally wrong |
| 33 Certs piece, e.g. | 73 "Lord, is —?" | 108 Gunpowder or firework | 17 Nominal promotion of a military officer | 60 Gardner of film | 97 Playwright Eve |
| 34 Regard | 74 Points where rays meet | 113 In error | 18 Actor Irons | 61 Vietnamese holiday | 99 Becomes hip, with "up" |
| 35 Plane's path | 77 Jr.'s jr. | 114 Chimps, e.g. | 22 Least warm | 62 Deride | 101 Artist Ernst |
| 36 Songsmith Berlin | 78 Mack vehicle | 115 Yellow avenue in Monopoly | 24 Italian author Umberto | 64 "In the same place" footnote abbr. | 103 Shylock's offering |
| 38 Like traditional keyboards | 79 It vibrates in the direction of its propagation | 116 Hive buzzer | 28 Cruise ship | 66 Begin a tennis game against | 104 "Okay —" |
| 40 Neuters | 83 AOL or MSN | 117 Bird's refuge | 29 Beam intensely | 67 Adhesive | 105 "Stupid me!" |
| 41 Film director Kotcheff | | 118 Jet-set jets, once | 30 Sharp barks | 68 DVR button | 108 — Cruces |
| 43 Suffix with pent- | | 119 Bridge part | 31 Tax-deferred svgs. plans | 71 Fibbing sorts | 109 Sgt.'s underling |
| 44 "Je —" (French for "I am") | | DOWN | 32 Back something with a wager | 74 Rasp | 110 103-Down accrual: Abbr. |
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STRANGE BUT TRUE
by Samantha Weaver

• It was Albert Einstein who made the following sage observation: "The significant problems we face cannot be solved at the same level of thinking we were at when we created them."

• According to some Native American tribes, all you have to do to make a wish come true is to catch a butterfly, whisper your wish to it and set it free.

• If you drive a white automobile, you have a lot of company. There are more white cars in the United States than any other color.

• You probably are aware that the names that foreign places are known by in the English language are not always the same as the names of those places in the local tongue. The capital of Russia is called Moskva in that country, and to Italians it's not Venice, but Venezia. Not all names sound so similar, though; if you didn't know the language, it would be nearly impossible to figure out that Ellinki Dimokratia is what Greeks call their country, and that Konungariket Sverige is Sweden to the Swedish. South Korea is known locally as Han Kook, China is Zhonghua Renmin Gonghe Guo, and Finland is Suomen Tasavalta.

• When Hernan Cortes reached the New World in the 1600s, he found the Aztecs drinking hot chocolate at their banquets.

• President Franklin Delano Roosevelt added both a swimming pool and a movie theater to the White House.

• You probably knew that cats were revered in ancient Egypt, but did you know that when a domestic cat died, the family went into mourning? Yep. People would shave their eyebrows to demonstrate their grief over the passing of their beloved pet.

Thought for the Day: "The nice thing about being a celebrity is that if you bore people they think it's their fault." -- Henry Kissinger

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MOMENTS IN TIME
The History Channel

• On June 4, 1896, Henry Ford unveils the "Quadricycle." The 500-pound vehicle had two driving speeds, no reverse, no brakes, rudimentary steering ability and a doorbell button as a horn. It could reach about 20 mph.

• On June 7, 1913, Hudson Stuck, an Alaskan missionary, leads the first successful ascent of Mt. McKinley, the highest point on the American continent at 20,320 feet. Stuck and two others began the climb in March and faced challenges of difficult weather and a fire at one of their camps, which destroyed food and supplies.

• On June 6, 1933, eager motorists park their automobiles on the grounds of the Park-In movie theater in New Jersey, the first-ever drive-in movie theater. Inventor Richard Hollingshead had come up with the idea in the driveway of his own house, where he perfected projection and sound techniques.

• On June 8, 1949, Hollywood figures, including film stars Frederic March and Edward G. Robinson, are named in a FBI report as Communist Party members. The FBI report relied largely on accusations made by "confidential informants," supplemented with some highly dubious analysis. Helen Keller also was on the list of radicals.

• On June 5, 1968, U.S. Sen. Robert Kennedy is shot at the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles after winning the California presidential primary. Kennedy was shot by 22-year-old Palestinian Sirhan Sirhan, and died a day later.

• On June 9, 1972, a flash flood hits Rapid City, S.D., when 15 inches of rain fall in only six hours. The spillway for the Pactola Dam got clogged with debris, leading to the collapse of the dam and a devastating wave of water that crushed most of the nearby buildings and swept away 238 people.

• On June 3, 1989, with protests for democratic reforms entering their seventh week, the Chinese government authorizes its soldiers and tanks to reclaim Beijing's Tiananmen Square. By nightfall on June 4, Chinese troops had forcibly cleared the square, killing hundreds and arresting thousands of demonstrators and suspected dissidents.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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SALES

Garage and barn sale, 525 North Barlow Road, Lincoln. Case tractor, farm miscellaneous, sofa, rug and household items. Starting 9 a.m., Friday, May 24

Two garage sales, May 24 through May 26 at 2570 and 2571 West Cedar Lake Road, Greenbush, 7:30 a.m. Household items, children and adult clothing, vintage Tupperware, Pyrex and more.

Mega garage sale. Hubbard Lake Sportsmen & Improvement Association, Lions Park on Hubbard Lake Road. Saturday, May 25, 8 a.m. to noon. Household items, furnishings, outdoor equipment, tools, sports equipment and antiques.

Two family garage sale, tools, designer clothing. May 23-25, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. 333 Weier Lane, Hubbard Lake area (Mt. Maria Road and Hill Street).

Moving sale, Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., 1260 Fawn Drive, Lincoln (off Ritchie Road).

Garage sale, Friday, May 24 and Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. 355 West Cedar Lake Road, Greenbush. Plus size ladies clothing and accessories, household items and many treasures.

Garage sale, 2410 Lake Shore Drive, Harrisville. One mile north of Sturgeon Point Road. Saturday, May 25 - Sunday, May 26, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Hunting and fishing equipment, decoys, clothing, tools, yard games, building materials, oak flooring, men's and ladies' stuff. Thirty years of stuff.

Garage sale, Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 2650 McNeil Road, Lincoln. Vintage linens, aprons, tablecloths, kitchen items, cut glass vases and candy dishes, computer desk, three point implements, 20 horse lawn tractor, electric welder.



GREENBUSH
3755 S. Poor Farm Road,
 midway between Wissmiller
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Friday and Saturday, May
24 and 25, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.
 Collectables include Fenton
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 dolls in boxes, Adam
 depression dishware, tools,
 furniture, jewelry, new shoes,
 antiques.
Must see to appreciate.

Hope Lutheran Church 7th annual rummage sale, 5462 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake. Friday, May 24, 8 a.m. - 3 p.m. and Saturday, May 25, 9 a.m. - noon. Household goods, sporting goods, clothing, books, you name it, we'll have it! Something for everyone! Doughnut and coffee \$1, hot dog and pop \$1.

Biggest yard sale Lincoln has ever seen, 115 First Street, corner of Fiske. Friday and Saturday, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Big sale, 195 North Everett Road, Harrisville, one half mile north of M-72. Car ramps, computer and printers, ML-1740 laser printer, double dressers, some tools, many miscellaneous household goods, Nordic Track exercise bike.

Garage sale 456 North Poor Farm Road, Harrisville. May 24 and 25, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Yard sale, Greenbush, corner of State and Campbell. Collectibles. Saturday only, May 25, 8 a.m. to ?.

Mikado Community of Christ Church yard and bake sale, 3155 East F-30. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bake sale Friday only.

TROUT FISHING

Cedarbrook Trout Farm open for public fishing seven days a week, 12-6 p.m. No license required, bait and equipment furnished. Two and a half miles north of Harrisville and one half mile north on Lakeshore Drive.

HELP WANTED

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Experienced bar and kitchen staff. Apply in person at Shotmakers in Harrisville. No phone calls.

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Servers and bartender needed. Outgoing, friendly and must have great people skills. Apply in person. Backwoods Bistro, 866 North Barlow Road, Lincoln.

Experienced ASE certified automotive repair technician full time position available. Apply in person at Dean Arbour Chevrolet Cadillac, 1859 North US-23, East Tawas or e-mail resume to Ray Skiver, rays@deanarbour.com.

District Health Department No. 2 is looking to fill the following positions: One (1) full time and one (1) contract home health nurse. These positions will be based in the West Branch office. Exceptional rate of pay. The successful candidate will have an Associate's or Bachelor's degree in nursing. Two (2) years of medical surgical nursing as a registered nurse is required. An additional two (2) years of home care nursing is preferred. If you are interested in one of these positions, please send your resume to: District Health Department No. 2, 630 Progress Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661 or you may e-mail it to vsherosky@dhd2.org by the end of the business day May 30, 2013.

BINGO

Knights of Columbus No. 6851, Spruce-Sunday 6:30 p.m. Papers and hard cards, two progressive jackpots and one jackpot that could be worth \$300-\$500 each week and much more.

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Winner take all game and cookie jar. All proceeds to charity.

Bingo - Every Wednesday in Mikado Civic Center. Early bird at 6:30 p.m., air conditioned. Mikado Area Development.

A.C.C.O.A. Bingo - Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Senior Center. All paper games, Michigan Progressive, two jackpots, cookie jar. Non-smoking area provided. New players are always welcome. Proceeds to ACCOA senior programs. A239401C.

Bingo-Every Saturday at the Barton City Eagles from 5:30 to 11 p.m.

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Alcona Health Center, Lincoln clinic has a part time position for a dental switchboard scheduler. For the application and instructions on how to apply for the position go to www.alconahhealthcenters.org. Deadline to apply is May 30, 2013. Equal opportunity employer.

Alcona Community Schools is seeking a volunteer coach to monitor its new boys-girls cross country programs. Please send letter of interest to occonnord@alconaschools.net or call (989) 736-8534 and ask for Dan O'Connor for further questions.

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Lost, tailgate from utility trailer on US-23 between Greenbush and Ossineke, May 3 weekend. Reward. (989) 739-8555.

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LEGAL NOTICES

**State of Michigan
Probate Court
County of Alcona
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
File No. 13-5179 DE**

Estate of Vera A. Mansfield
Date of birth: November 5, 1922

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Vera A. Mansfield, died April 7, 2013.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Monty Mansfield, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 16, 2013

David H. Cook P40560

5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585

Harrisville, MI 48740

(989) 724-5155

Monty Mansfield

P.O. Box 125

Mikado, Mich. 48745

**State of Michigan
Probate Court
County of Alcona
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
File No. 13-5190 DE**

Estate of Walter Andrew Niezgodza
Date of birth: November 10, 1925

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Walter Andrew Niezgodza died April 17, 2013.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Bonnie Lee Colvin, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 17, 2013

David H. Cook P40560

5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585

Harrisville, MI 48740

(989) 724-5155

Bonnie Lee Colvin

980 West Crystal Lake Road

Whitehall, Mich. 49461

**State of Michigan
81st Judicial District
Judicial Circuit
County Probate
Order For Service By
Publication/Posting and
Notice of Action
Case No. 13-009 SP**

Plaintiff name(s), address(es), and telephone no(s).

Mitchell Kipf

P.O. Box 52

LaSalle, Mich. 48145

Plaintiff's attorney, bar no., address and telephone no.

David H. Cook

5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585

Harrisville, MI 48740

(989) 724-5155

v

Defendant name(s), address(es) and telephone no(s).

Robert D. Schmitt

1105 LeLand Street

Flint, MI 48507

To: Robert D. Schmitt

It is ordered:

1. You are being sued in this court by the plaintiff to seek possession after land contract forfeiture. You must file your answer or take other action permitted by law in this court at the court address above on or before June 10, 2013. If you fail to do so, a default judgment may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the complaint filed in this case.

2. A copy of this order shall be published once each week in Alcona County Review for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Date: April 29, 2013

Judge Laura A. Frawley P39644

5-8, 5-15, 5-22

**Case No. 12-2002-CH
Notice of Judicial Foreclosure Sale on a Stipulated Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment Against Kathleen Franklin and for Summary Disposition Against Edward Franklin and Judgment of Foreclosure**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the terms of a Stipulated Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment against Kathleen Franklin and for Summary Disposition against Edward Franklin and Judgment of Foreclosure of the Circuit Court for the County of Alcona, State of Michigan signed and filed on March 27, 2013, in the case of First Federal of Northern Michigan, Plaintiff v. Edward E. Franklin and Kathleen S. Franklin, Defendants, Case No. 12-2002-CH, wherein, among other things, the Court allowed the foreclosure of a mortgage granted by Edward E. Franklin and Kathleen S. Franklin (mortgagors) to First Federal of Northern Michigan dated June 28, 2010 and recorded July 22, 2010 in Liber 471, page 1414, Alcona County records, against the mortgagors.

Pursuant to the Stipulated Order Granting Plaintiff's Motion for Default Judgment against Kathleen Franklin and for Summary Disposition against Edward Franklin and Judgment of Foreclosure, the Mortgaged Premises described below shall be sold at a public auction by or under the direction of Clerk/Sheriff for the County of Alcona to the highest bidder at the main entrance to the Alcona County Building, 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at 10 a.m., local time. The mortgaged premises are legally described as: Situated in Harrisville Township, Alcona County, state of Michigan Part of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 7, T26N, R9E, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 7, T26N, R9E; thence east 33 feet to the East right of way of Barlow Road; thence South 450 feet along the East right of way of Barlow Road to the point of beginning; thence continuing South 80 feet; thence East 150 feet; thence North 80 feet; thence West 150 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes.

Also - Part of the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 7, T26N, R9E, described as: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 7, T26N, R9E; thence East 33 feet to the East right of way of Barlow Road; thence South 530 feet to the point of beginning; thence East 200 feet; thence South 100 feet; thence West 200 feet; thence North 100 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes.

The mortgaged premises, the address of which is 330 N. Barlow Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740, also include all right, title and interests held by Edward E. Franklin and Kathleen S. Franklin as of June 28, 2010 in the mortgaged premises.

The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

Bodman PLC

By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)

Attorneys for First Federal of Northern Michigan

229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405

Cheboygan, Michigan 49721

(231) 627-8000

Date: May 8, 2013

5-8, 5-15, 5-22, 5-29, 6-5, 6-12, 6-19

CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on May 13 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, council members Tartaglia, Kaiser, Crick, Lemere, Baird and Sanderson and city attorney Cook.

Motion by Lemere, support by Crick, to approve the minutes of April 8, with corrections. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Lemere, support by Tartaglia, to pay the bills in the amount of \$40,599.52. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Dobis presented a letter from Mary Lou Webb requesting the city be the official sponsor of the 37th Annual Harrisville Children's Parade on Saturday, July 6 at 1 p.m. Motion by Tartaglia, support by Lemere, to have the City of Harrisville be the official sponsor of the July, 6 annual children's parade and designate Mary Lou Webb as city representative for parking and events. Motion carried 6-0.

Mayor Dobis informed council of the most recent update about the mapping/drainage issue. Huron Survey and Engineering has 50 percent of the city mapped and is monitoring and analyzing the storm sewers and adding the depth and positions of the curb stops to the mapping information.

Treasurer Keerl and the finance committee presented the final adjustments to the last fiscal year's (2012-2013) General Operating, Major and Minor Streets, Equipment Pool, Fire Department and Liquor Law Enforcement Funds. Motion to accept final adjustments to these funds by Lemere, support by Crick. Motion carried 6-0. Insurance certificate for annual fireworks display of 2013, to be obtained by Richard Sella, co-chairperson of the annual fireworks event and a copy to be given to the city for its records. Mayor Dobis opened the public hearing on the resolution to change the general election to even year elections at 7:30 p.m. Clerk Pierce presented information from the State Bureau of Elections and the approximate costs incurred to the city, of holding local city elections on odd years and general elections on even years. Terms of council members would be extended as indicated: Term due to expire December 31, 2015, to be extended to December 31, 2016; term due to expire December 31, 2017, to be

extended to December 31, 2018. Motion by Tartaglia, support by Crick, to change city elections to even year election dates. Ayes: Crick, Lemere, Kaiser, Baird, Tartaglia. Nays: Sanderson. Hearing closed at 7:45 p.m.

Alderman Crick discussed issue of Japanese Knotweed control. Disposal of this weed should go on the brush pile in the city maintenance yard and not on the compost piles. Private contractors wishing to use the city maintenance yard for disposal of yard waste must first approach the city for permission prior to dumping residents yard waste at the site. Alderman Crick also informed council of the availability of training events conducted by Jennifer Muladore, ecologist of Huron Pines Conservation to inform the public of the proper control and disposal method for this plant.

Mayor Dobis informed council that summer water restrictions will be deferred unless needed.

Harbor commissioner Baird informed council that Harrisville Harbor is one of 13 harbors on the first list of the state to begin harbor dredging. John Bernard, private contractor, will also be working on harbor dredging beginning by Memorial Day weekend.

Planning commissioner Baird reported the planning commission had its final review of the draft of zoning ordinances and chairperson Pizer is working with NEMCOG representative Denise Cline to finalize that draft. Airport commissioner Boucher reported the wind sock is up at the airport and there has been recent aircraft activity.

County commissioner Thompson reported that the county wide clean up was successful with approximately 183 participants.

Tree board member Crick informed council that Griff and Son Tree Service has contracted with the city to cut specified trees on city property.

Comment cards: Wayne Gauthier identified water issue; Jackie Trimmer request for \$250 for city beautification. Motion by Tartaglia, support by Crick, to grant \$250 for city beautification. Motion carried 6-0. Terry Boucher, identified as contact concerning fracking natural gas petition. Tartaglia moved meeting to be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's May 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 support a resolution to apply for a grant from Michigan Township PAR Plant; to replace two windows at the township hall; to approve contract with

C&S Dust Control; to approve fireworks display for The Hardwoods; to approve a road agreement for Malaski Road; and to purchase new fire gear for Ed Budnick. All motions passed.

Dawn LaLonde,
Township Clerk

This synopsis published prior to board approval.

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held May 14 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The full board and four guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." From the floor, David Kingsland brought to the attention of the board that the problem on Tait Road has not been taken care of as was promised. The board will follow up on this. Clerk's minutes approved as read. Treasurer's report accepted and reconciled with clerk's office. There will be a board of appeals hearing scheduled for the end of June. After a long discussion Jamieson/Johnston: To assist township residents with dust control. The township will reimburse each individual resident up to \$200 for the season. A paid bill should

be sent to the clerk's office from each resident. See advertisement in this paper. Motion carried.

Pyne/Stone: To have Stephenson, Gracik and Company do the two year audit for the township not to exceed \$3,730. Motion carried. Pyne/Jamieson: To approve road improvement agreement HR 1301 with the Alcona Road Commission for Barlow Road from Clemens to Proconier Road not to exceed \$20,469.75. Motion carried. Young/Johnston: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson,
Township Clerk

Published prior to board approval.

MITCHELL TWP. MINUTES

Mitchell Township Board met May 13. Members present: Supervisor Greg Murnock, clerk Donita Charron, treasurer Kevin Small, trustee Carla Brimm and trustee Sheri Sanford. Others present: Fire chief Mike Lay, assistant chief Linda Lay and sexton Donald Crowell.

The board approved the April 8 regular meeting minutes as amended; approved the April 18, special meeting minutes; approved the April 2013 financial reports; voted to pay a \$500 retainer to Attorney David H. Cook; voted to pay BS&A Software \$570 for annual service/support fee for assessing system; voted to pay WS Darley & Co. \$13,794.95 for hose washer; appointed Kevin Small to planning commission; appointed Gregory Murnock to

zoning board of appeals.

The board signed contract with Alcona County Road Commission for \$40,359.50 for work to McCollum Lake Road with half due upon return of signed contract; signed contract with C&S Dust Control for Mitchell Township's Dust Control Reimbursement Program; voted to purchase two 4x6 foot flags for the fire department and the township hall. Kirtland Community College millage was defeated in all the C.O.O.R. Districts. Mitchell Township will be hosting the Michigan Township Association picnic July 30. Next regular meeting is 7 p.m. on June 10.

For the full board minutes or for more information, contact clerk Donita Charron (989) 884-1354.




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Free fishing, hunting licenses for military members



Plant warnings
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 Source: www.medicaldaily.com

Active-duty military members who enlisted as Michigan residents and have maintained residence status can now obtain annual Michigan fishing or hunting licenses free of charge.

According to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, to qualify, persons must be active-duty U.S. military members and, at the time of enlistment, must have been residents of Michigan and must have maintained residence status for the purposes of obtaining a driver's license or voting.

These individuals may receive, free of charge, a resident military all-species fishing license or any hunting license for which a lottery is not required.

Applicants must present proof of military status when applying for the free license. Proof of military status may include military I.D., leave papers, duty papers, military orders or other evidence verifying that the applicant is a member of the military. The licenses are available at DNR customer service centers and at license retail outlets statewide.

Previously, military members paid \$1 for a resident all-species fishing license or hunting license not requiring a lottery. The change is part of Public Act 21 of 2013.

Military members receiving a free fishing or hunting license must present the license, along with proof of military status, if requested by a conservation officer.

Nonresident, active-duty military personnel officially stationed in Michigan may purchase all hunting and fishing licenses at Michigan resident rates.

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