

Alcona Schools earn bronze medal in national review

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Special to the Review

For the third time in the past five years, Alcona High School has been awarded a bronze medal in U.S. News and World Report's list of "Best High Schools in America."

The annual list evaluates schools based on overall student performance and the performance of minority and economically disadvantaged students. Two hundred and six Michigan high schools made the list with four north-

ern Michigan schools receiving bronze medals.

Alcona Community School Superintendent Shawn Thornton said she was pleased with the award, especially as the school system faces a tighter budget and declining enrollment. "On behalf of the board of education, the faculty and the students," she said, "we are very proud of the accomplishment of our school again being ranked as a U.S. News and World Report Best High School. It is a reflection of

the hard work and dedication of the faculty, staff and students every day in preparing our students to be career, college and life-ready."

According to the national magazine, "U.S. News's comprehensive rankings methodology, (is) based on the key principles that a great high school must serve all of its students well, not just those who are college-bound, and that it must be able to produce measurable academic outcomes to show the school

is successfully educating its student body across a range of performance indicators."

The three-step process, overseen by the American Institute for Research in Washington, D.C., looks at whether students are performing better than statistically expected on state performance tests, with specific attention to math and reading scores. It further evaluates the performance of the school's "least-advantaged" students (minorities, economically disadvantaged, et

cetera) and finally at students rankings on college-readiness tests.

Alcona, with an enrollment of 453 students at the time of the ranking, had a minority population of five percent. Forty-six percent of its students were economically disadvantaged. The school had a teacher-pupil ratio of 18:1. Sixty-two percent of its students were proficient in math and 67 percent were proficient in reading. College proficiency was not evaluated for Alcona.

Current high school enrollment is approximately 400 students, Thornton said, with 20 full time teachers, one high school administrator, one secretary and four paraprofessional student aides.

In contrast, Michigan's highest ranking high school, the International Academy in Bloomfield Hills, Mich., recipient of a gold medal, had an enrollment of 1,266 students, 45 percent of whom are minorities but only one percent economically disadvantaged. With a teacher/student ratio of 21:1 the academy has 100 percent proficiency in math and 98 percent proficiency in reading. It is ranked 18th by the magazine among the nation's high schools.

Rogers City, Hillman and Atlanta high schools were also awarded bronze medals.

Deputies receive MSP citation for HUNT work

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Two Alcona County Sheriff deputies were given special recognition by the Michigan State Police last week for their "commitment to excellence in law enforcement."

Gerald Soboleski and Chas Neff were given a Unit Citation "for their actions on behalf of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) in locating suspects in a breaking and entering, robbery and assault incident and that were subsequently determined to also be producing methamphetamine."

The deputies were recognized at the meeting of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners on May 1 by HUNT commander Detective Lt. Frank Keck. He explained the Unit Citation was awarded to all of the HUNT members, but this was the only public recognition given because the other members were still actively working undercover. Since Soboleski and Neff were not on the team any longer, due to the millage denial last fall, they could be publicly recognized and he was happy to do that at the commissioner's meeting.



(From left) Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison, Deputy Gerald Soboleski, Deputy Chas Neff and Detective Lt. Frank Keck, commander of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

Soboleski and Neff were praised for doing "an exemplary job of utilizing informants, surveillance and consent searches of homes and vehicles to locate the initial two suspects and to determine that there was a third suspect. The unit used covert measures to locate and

take the third suspect into custody. In the process of locating the individuals, the unit became suspicious of the suspects' involvement in methamphetamine production, and the investigation led to a search warrant which resulted in the seizure of numerous items of evidence

of a meth lab," which was stated on the citation by Captain Robert J. Lesneski, Seventh District Commander of the Michigan State Police.

"I think an award like this highlights the fact that having a group of detectives work-

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MSU Extension expands hours and programs

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The Michigan State University (MSU) Extension office in Harrisville has many events to look forward to and additional forces to help with all the essential tasks at hand.

Kerry Scott is the new clerical assistant for the extension office, filling a position made available by the passing of a mileage to MSU Extension last November.

Scott is practically a life-long resident of Alcona County except for a few years spent living in Oklahoma, Kansas, New Jersey, and Maryland. She grew up in Spruce and is a graduate of Alcona High School. She has a bachelor's degree in business from Central Michigan University, has worked in the clerical business field for many years, and raised four boys, all graduates of Alcona High School.

"We moved back to where I grew up because my husband loved the area. With four active boys we couldn't have asked for a better place to live. The boys excelled in sports, academics and hunt-

ing. It is a great community and was a good fit for us," Scott said.

She is in the process of learning all of her job duties but understands she is basically there for the commu-

nity. "A lot of the job is dealing with people and paperwork and I like that. Every day is something different. There is a lot that MSU Extension offers. If people have questions, for instance, they have bugs in their garden... they can bring in the bug and we will find out what type of bug it is and how to treat the plant. If farmers have a problem with their field or want to grow a new crop, they can bring in their soil samples and we can send them off to be tested. Gardeners can buy packets for soil tests," Scott said.

Scott is also enjoying working with the staff who utilizes the office; especially Les Thomas, 4-H program instructor, and Bonnie Wichtner-Zoia, community and economic development educator, who she said are ex-

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Kerry Scott joins Alcona County MSU Extension staff. Photo by Mary Weber.



A ruby throated hummingbird visited the Black River home of Fran Ludington and Don Scarborough on April 30. Photo by Fran Ludington.

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Sports Writer Needed

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

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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 ser-

vice. Sorry, "bingo," "garage sales" or "raffle ticket sales" information is also not eligible.)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

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 Lincoln Senior Center,

207 Church Street. 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.

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.

The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce will meet at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 East Main Street.

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.

THURSDAY, MAY 9

Alcona varsity girls softball team will hold its inaugural "Camo for a Cause" softball doubleheader beginning at 4 p.m. Their opponent will be Oscoda. Both teams will be wearing camo jerseys in support of the troops and all proceeds will be donated to the Wounded Warrior Project. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$4 for students and a \$1 discount for anyone wearing red, white or blue. Concessions will be available.

Blood pressure readings by Erin from Compassionate Care at 3:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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Police Report

An early morning automobile accident last week put one driver in the hospital.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, the accident occurred at 2:40 a.m. on April 29 on US-23 approximately a half mile south of Huron-Cedar Road in Greenbush Township.

According to Sgt. Keith Myers, Kyle Catarino, 32, of Rockwood, Mich. was traveling north on US-23 when his truck left the road on the right side and re-entered its lane and then crossed over the centerline and collided with a car driven by Larry Spare, 54, of Harrisville who was southbound.

Catarino's truck rolled over "several" times and came to a rest approximately 50 yards from the point of impact, Myers said.

Catarino was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas City by Alcona Ambulance Service and was transported to another hospital downstate. Spare was treated at the scene for his injuries.

Myers said the accident was still under investigation and alcohol is believed to be a factor in the accident.

District Court

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

- Michael Raymond Smith, 30, of Hubbard Lake was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and court costs of \$555 for failure to report an accident and failure to report an accident to fixtures.

- Robert Lavern Oblinsky, 49, of Greenbush was sentenced to one day in jail and \$515 in court costs and fines for no operator's license on person.

- Donald Lucas Milwrick, 32, of Harrisville was sentenced to seven days in jail, two years of probation and fines and court costs of \$2,540 for operating while intoxicated.

- Brent Allen Dotson, 40, of Harrisville was sentenced to 30 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,025 for attempted assault/resist arrest/obstruct police.

- Christopher Thoren Skillman, 63, of Tawas City was sentenced to 10 days in jail or 25 hours of community service, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,030 for controlled substance - use of marijuana. His driver's license was suspended for 183 days, and a restricted license will not be allowed for 30 days.

- Richard Scott Harte, 36, of Glennie was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$365 violation of motor vehicle code - permit an unlicensed person to drive.

- James Alfred Beneteau, 44, of Oscoda was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and court costs of \$425 for medical marijuana -improper transport in a vehicle.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2012-2013

Weekly Report

Miles Per Hour

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	High	Low				
April 28	54	38	0.00	1.9	23	SW
April 29	50	44	0.00	1.4	12	SSW
April 30	57	44	0.02	7.7	29	SSW
May 1	60	45	0.00	6.5	17	SSW
May 2	61	43	0.00	3.9	22	NE
May 3	59	43	0.00	0.8	12	SSE
May 4	61	41	0.00	1.2	16	SSW

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2012-2013

	Water Content		Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.02		0.0	0.56
Month of April	5.63		2.8	2.31
May to Date	0.00		0.0	0.32
Year/Season to Date	10.46		40.7	7.87

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

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

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

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.

The Alcona Historical Society will hold their annual dinner at Lost Lake Woods Club, Lincoln beginning at 5 p.m. Cost is \$17.50 per person. Non-members and guests are always welcome. To make a reservation, call Kristin Benghauser at (989) 471-2018 evenings or Ken Hubbard at (989) 727-3523.

Region 14A-MEA Retired will meet at the AuSable Inn, 100 South State Street, Oscoda beginning at 10 a.m. with the executive board meeting. The general membership meeting will be held at 11 a.m. followed by lunch at noon. Keynote speaker will be Branko Bojicic. For more information, call (989) 356-4551 or (800) 587-5545.

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 10

Inspiration Alcona community dance at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street at 7 p.m. Cost is \$5. For more information, visit www.inspirationalcona.org or e-mail dancealcona@gmail.com.

Thunder Bay Arts Council presents Diane Evans as their featured artist for the month of May. There will be an open house at 5:30 p.m. at the gallery located at 127 West Chisholm Street, Alpena.

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.

There will be a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children and free for age five and under. Everyone is welcome.

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SATURDAY, MAY 11

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.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). Lunch will be served. For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-6546.

Sunrise Gardening Club spring plant sale. Perennial and annual plants will be sold by club members at the ARA site farmers market, Barlow Road, Lincoln. Contact Becky Bean (989) 724-6569.

The Alcona varsity track team will be serving lunch at the high school baseball fields from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the baseball tournament and the AYSO soccer tournaments. The team will be in the tent between the fields and will be serving a hamburger or hot dog with chips and a drink for \$5. Individual items can also be purchased. There will also be a bake sale during the event. All proceeds will go to cover transportation expenses for track members who qualify for the state finals at the end of the school year.

SUNDAY, MAY 12

The Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road, will be hosting an all-you-can-eat Mother's Day buffet from 9 a.m. until noon. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children age six to 12, under age six and mothers eat free.

MONDAY, MAY 13

All ladies are invited to play bunco at 2:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road. Bunco is an easy game to learn, first-timers are always welcome.

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from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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TUESDAY, MAY 14

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

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

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

The AMA-ESD is hosting a free family engineering night from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at 2118 US-23 South, Alpena. Kindergarten through eighth-grade students and their families will participate in hands-on engineering activities. To register, contact Lisa Krey at (989) 354-3101, extension 120. For more information, call Tracy D'Augustino at (989) 354-3101, extension 118.

A Red Cross blood drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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

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My thanks to all who attended my 90th Birthday Party on Saturday, May 4th. So many of you stopped in, called me, or sent your congratulations in the mail. It makes me feel younger. And thanks, of course, to those who worked so hard to get the party going!

Ted Kruttlin

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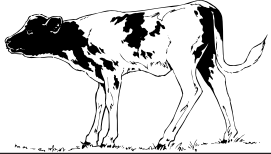
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Local Notes

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I would like to thank the two gentlemen that helped me on Sunday, May 5 when my Rally scooter fell over near the Craftmakers' Cabin in Harrisville.
Nancy Neumann

Thank you Good Samaritan for finding and returning my lost newborn calf and putting it safely in the dog kennel.
Louella Byelich
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Canoe Race

The Alcona Dam Challenge will be held Saturday, May 11. Registration starts at 8 a.m. at the Alcona Park's modern pavilion in Glennie. C2 starts at 9 a.m. and will last one and a half to two hours. The Kid's Challenge and novice races start at noon and the C1 starts at 2 p.m. Lunch will be served at noon at the modern pavilion. Pizza will be provided, with a donation, bring a dish to pass. A large course map will be located at registration. For more information, call Alcona Canoe (989) 735-2973 or alcona-canoe.com or Alcona Park (989) 735-3881 or alcona-park.com.

Track Fundraising Event

The Alcona varsity track team will be serving lunch Saturday, May 11 at the high school baseball fields from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. during the baseball tournament and the AYSO soccer tournaments. The team will be in the tent between the fields and will be serving a hamburger or hot dog with chips and a drink for \$5. Individual items can also be purchased. There will also be a bake sale during the event. All proceeds will go to cover transportation expenses for track members who qualify for the state finals at the end of the school year.

Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be open Saturday, May 11 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the Campbell Building at the ARA site across from Kris Mart in Lincoln. Available this week: Spinach, radishes, lettuce, kale, arugula, turnips, eggs, gourmet cupcakes, cake pops, pies, breads, muffins, cookies, coffee cakes, cinnamon rolls, dinner rolls, all cuts of hormone-and-antibiotic-free beef, dried herbs, assorted regular, sugar-free and all-fruit jams and jellies, soup mixes, salsa mixes, whole wheat brownie, muffin, cookie, bread and pancake mixes, salt-free dip and dressing mixes and seasonings, dried fruit, dried beans, tomato plants, herb plants, perennials, hanging baskets and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Beginners Computer Class

An "absolute beginner" computer class is being offered on Wednesday, May 15 at 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This hands-on class will introduce the user to the computer, mouse, Windows and Internet. There is limited enrollment, call to register at (989) 724-6796.

Now on Display

The local artists of the East Shore Art Guild present "Artists in Bloom," a display of artwork at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library during the month of May. A variety of art, including watercolor, oils, pastels, acrylics, photographs and more will be featured during regular library hours until May 29. Meet the artists at a reception in their honor on Tuesday, May 21 from 1 to 2 p.m., hosted by Friends of the Library. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, 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 13—Ham, baked beans, mixed vegetables, applesauce and fruit.
- Tuesday, May 14—Panko crusted fish, au gratin potatoes, stewed tomatoes, green fluff salad and fruit.
- Wednesday, May 15—Barbecued chicken, pasta salad, cauliflower; tomato, cucumber and onion salad; and strawberry shortcake.
- Thursday, May 16—Beef enchilada casserole, Mexican rice, corn, coleslaw and fruit.
- Friday, May 17—Pork tips with gravy over stuffing, squash, tossed salad and fruit. (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Low Impact Zumba

Instructor Jan Klein will lead a low-impact Zumba gold dance exercise class for adults and teenagers on Monday, May 20 at 5:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the

Alcona County Library. Zumba gold is all the fun without the jumping. Wear comfortable clothing and appropriate footwear; all fitness levels welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Away at School

Hannah J. Holmes, daughter of Gary and Deanna Holmes of Grand Blanc, Mich. and the granddaughter of Jean Holmes of Harrisville, was one of the 650 seniors graduating from Cedarville University, Cedarville, Ohio, on May 4. She received a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology, with the highest honor. This summer she will begin an internship at University of Michigan Ann Arbor on an assistantship. In the fall she will be attending Wayne State University with studies focused on her PhD in clinical psychology.



Hannah Holmes

In the Service

• Pfc. Brandon J. Clouse graduated with honors from training at Fort Benning, Ga. on April 12. With a Special Forces contract, he will start training in North Carolina. His wife, Naomi Clouse, will be joining him. His parents are Roger and Sherry Clouse of Glennie and his grandparents are Ken and Lois Williams of Glennie.



Brandon J. Clouse

• Army National Guard Spec. Sara E. Boehringer has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, she studied the U.S. Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills, military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and cer-

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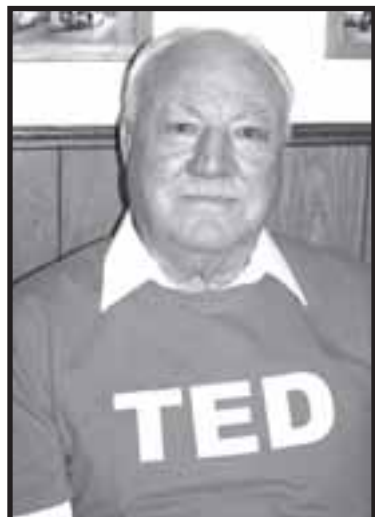
emony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises.

Boehringer is the daughter of Cynthia and David Boehringer of Bay City, Mich. She is the granddaughter of Maryellen Boehringer of Curran. She is a 2006 graduate of Herbert Henry Dow High School, Midland, Mich. She earned a bachelor's degree in 2010 from Lake Superior State University, Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

90th Birthday Celebration

The family of Ted Kruttlin Sr. hosted an open house last Saturday in celebration of his 90th birthday. He was overwhelmed with the turnout, which was estimated at 250 people who stopped in for hot dogs and apple pie at the Chevrolet dealership in Lincoln which Kruttlin has owned since the early 1950s.

Kruttlin, who wore a bright red T-shirt with "Ted" on it, was born May 4, 1923 to Swiss immigrants Emil and Bertha (Journey) Kruttlin. He was raised on their beef cattle farm in Curran. He served in the U.S. Army from 1942-1945 during World War II. As a member of the 14th Armored Division, he served in the European Theater.



Ted Kruttlin Sr.

In 1947 he began selling automobiles at Alcona Motors in Lincoln. In 1948 he opened a car dealership in Harrisville and married Kelly June Cuyler and settled in Harrisville. After the Harrisville dealership was destroyed by fire, he purchased the Chevrolet dealership in Lincoln and the Buick dealership in Harrisville and, eventually, Alcona Motors.

The Kruttlins have four children, Dennis Kruttlin of Lost Lake Woods Club, Teddy Kruttlin Jr. of Harrisville, KiAnn Kruttlin of Harrisville and Collean Dewar of Colorado Springs, Colo. They have seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Kruttlin still spends time at work each day. He and his wife enjoy warm weather climates in the winter and he enjoys traveling and keeping up with the Detroit Tigers. When asked the secret to his longevity, he said he didn't really know, but thought keeping busy was important. "I've been quite active all of

my life. I think that has something to do with it."

Teen Book Club

Teenagers are invited to discuss "The Fault in our Stars" by John Green, a novel about a teenage girl and boy who meet at a cancer support center, at the Teen Book Club on Monday, May 20 after school (about 3:30 p.m.) at the Alcona High School Media Center. This monthly book club, for ages 12-18, is sponsored by the Alcona County Library and Friends of the Library. Free books and refreshments are provided. Stay tuned for the Teen Book Club Wrap-up (with prizes) and the kickoff to Teen Summer Reading Party on Monday, June 17 at 3:30 p.m., at the Harrisville branch. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Dining with the Docs

Interested adults are invited to attend the next session of "Dining with the Doctors," held on Tuesday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. at the Alcona Health Center, Lincoln (use south door). Dr. Calvin Maestro, physician/chef/philosopher/humorist, will speak on Medical History Tidbits. The program is limited to 25 participants. Call (989) 724-6796 to register or for more information. Free "Italian-style" meal is included. This program is a cooperative effort through the Alcona Health Center and Alcona County Library to bring health information to Alcona citizens.

DNR Surveys Anglers

As fishing season begins, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds anglers that department personnel will be collecting data at lakes, rivers and Great Lakes ports about anglers' fishing experiences this year. DNR creel clerks will ask anglers how long they fished, what species they were targeting, and how many fish were harvested and/or released. In some cases, clerks may ask to measure or weigh fish and take scale samples.

Super Crossword

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These efforts are part of the DNR's Statewide Angler Survey Program, a long-term monitoring program designed to track recreational fisheries across the Great Lakes. "The point of the whole program is to characterize how many fish are harvested, how many hours anglers spend fishing, and what fish they are targeting," said DNR fisheries biologist Tracy Kolb. Anglers interested in seeing the results from surveys of Great Lakes ports in previous years can find them online at www.dnr.state.mi.us/chartercreel.

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Award

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ing like this is an important aspect of police work," Keck said. "I support the work of basic law enforcement officers – I spent years doing that myself. But to have a team like this... this group was able with their network of contacts and training to conduct searches (find the individuals)... this is important too. Both aspects of law enforcement are beneficial to a community," Keck said.

Detective Lt. Patrick Boyd explained that a Unit Citation is given when "a team has gone above and beyond the specifics of general job requirements. In this case, because of the knowledge they had due to long term investigations and the network developed from that, the suspects were known to the officers and from information available they were most likely going to leave town... the suspects were apprehended before that happened."

"The Michigan State Police gives out awards within the department for bravery, et cetera This award is given to officers who are working in cooperation with our units... this is one that allows us to recognize members of other departments who work with our agency," Boyd said.

Soboleski and Neff were not aware of the award presentation prior to the meeting and said they were appreciative and honored by it.

Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison was also appreciative of it on behalf of the deputies. "Recognition for performing responsibilities is far and few between in this profession," Atchison said. "It makes me proud that our deputies have been recognized for the work that they do."

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tremely dedicated to their duties and have been a wealth of information to her.

"A lot of the time Les or Bonnie are here working on projects way after my day is done," Scott said. Some of those projects include working on the 4-H overnight summer camp; the Detroit Day trip to take 4-H members to the zoo and a Detroit Tiger baseball game; Exploration day at Michigan State University for youth 11 to 19 years to experience life on the campus where the youth will attend short classes ranging in numerous topics from biosecurity on a horse farm to softball.

Thomas said the 4-H clubs have 15 new volunteers who have been screened to help with running current clubs as well as five new clubs that have opened since the beginning of the year. Some of the new clubs include projects in dairy, environmental science, environmental stewardship, vermicomposting, gardening, golf, fishing, recreation and community service.

The Alcona 4-H Club is the new sponsor of the 2013 Alcona County Platbook which is available at a cost of \$26. Unlike last year's platbook, the 2013 version features the Alcona Quilt Trail map and has many more photographs of local youth throughout the book.

Wichtner-Zoia has been working on several projects throughout the year including the Alcona County fall color bus tour; the Alcona Regional Leadership Committee; Conflict Smoothies, nine

online 30-minute conflict management curriculum; meeting with a statewide 4-H leadership work group to help adults who want to engage and work side-by-side with youth in more meaningful ways as well as leading a group of MSU Extension, MSU and tribal members to northern New Mexico on a project study tour.

Wichtner-Zoia said they were delighted to welcome Scott to their office. "We are looking forward to expanded office hours and increased staff support that will allow us to again provide the educational programming our community has come to expect from Michigan State University Extension." For more information about Alcona County MSU Extension and the programs provided, call (989) 724-6478.

With Scott now on staff the extension office is able to increase hours of operation which, Thomas explained, will help get things back on track. He said Scott is the crucial link between the community and the extension program staff.

The new hours are Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a closure for lunch between 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Scott said they are flexible though and if someone needs assistance on a Friday they can do so by appointment.

"Quite often someone is here during lunch hours, so if someone stops by during that time, we are often here and able to help them," Scott said.

Alcona students learn about money matters, teamwork

The Tiger Branch, a student run credit union branch in Alcona School, celebrated National Credit Union Youth Week by organizing activities that educated students on basic money matters while promoting problem solving and teamwork skills.

Each year the Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union Tiger Branch coordinates activities during Youth Week for middle and high school students. This year they chose to play "The Amazing Race" during the lunch hour. Alcona students raced around the school and completed "financial" activities such as credit union trivia, writing checks, and identifying security features of a \$20 bill. Students who completed all of the ac-

tivities received a goodie-bag and entered in to win prizes.

The goal of Youth Week is to start children on the path to lifelong credit union membership by educating them about their money, setting up savings accounts and rewarding them with prizes, all the while putting in the effort that increases loyalty in the parents of those youth.

While Youth Week is officially celebrated nationwide April 21-27, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union will celebrate youth throughout the month of June. During youth month, young members will be encouraged to save and will have chances to win prizes and enjoy games and activities. More details will be announced in May.



(From left) Errin O'Leary and Nick Bouchard, Alcona High School students and Missy Cordes, Tiger Branch Supervisor, during one of the student activities. *Courtesy photo.*

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Assistive technologies that help elderly seniors stay at home

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Concerned Daughter

Dear Concerned,

Helping an aging parent remain independent and living in their own home has become a little easier in recent years, thanks to a host of new and improved assistive technology products. Here are some top rated options you should know about.

If you're worrying about your mom falling and needing help, one of the most frequently used products over the years for seniors living alone is a medical alert device - also known as a personal emergency response system, or PERS.

These devices provide a wearable "SOS" button - typically in the form of a necklace pendant or bracelet - and a

base station that connects to the home phone line.

At the press of a button, your mom could call and talk to a trained operator through the system's base station receiver which works like a powerful speaker phone. The operator will find out what's wrong, and will notify family members, a neighbor, friend or emergency services as needed.

If you're interested in this, there are dozens of services to choose from including the Philips Lifeline (lifelinesys.com, (800) 380-3111) which is the most widely used medical alert service in the United States and costs around \$35 per month. Phillips also offers a new Auto Alert option (for \$48 per month) that has fall detection sensors in the SOS button that can automatically summon help without your mom ever having to press a button. This is helpful because many seniors after a fall become confused or disoriented and forget to press the button.

If you're interested in a more budget-friendly option, consider an unmonitored medical alert like the new VTech CareLine Home Safety Telephone System for \$120 (vtechphones.com), which doesn't require professional monitoring services, therefore has no monthly monitoring fees.

Or, to deal with falls or health emergencies that happen outside the home, there are mobile-alert GPS products now available that work anywhere. To find these, see GreatCall.com, Mobile-HelpNow.com and Philips-LifelineGoSafe.com.

Another more sophisticated technology for keeping tabs on your mom is with a home monitoring system. These systems will let you know whether she is waking up and going to bed on time, eating properly, showering and taking her medicine.

They work through small wireless sensors (not cameras) placed in key locations throughout the home. The

sensors will track her movements, learning her daily activity patterns and routines, and will notify you or other family members via text message, e-mail or phone if something out of the ordinary is happening. For instance, if she went to the bathroom and didn't leave it could indicate a fall or other emergency.

You can also check up on her patterns anytime you want through the system's password-protected website. And for additional protection, most services offer SOS call buttons as well that can be placed around the house, or worn.

Some good companies that offer these services are BeClose (beclose.com, (866) 574-1784), which runs \$399 or \$499 for the sensors, plus a \$69 monthly service fee if paid a year in advance. And GrandCare Systems (grandcare.com, (262) 338-6147), which adds a fantastic social component - through a senior-friendly computer - to go along with the activity



monitoring. GrandCare leases for \$150 to \$300 per month.

If you want to make sure your mom is keeping up with her medications, there are medication management devices you can now rent, that will dispense her medicine on schedule, provide constant reminders, and even notify you if her medicine is not taken. Two products that offer this are MedMinder (medminder.com, (888) 633-6463), which rents for \$40 per month, and the Philips Medication Dispensing Service (managemypills.com, (888) 632-3261) that costs \$75/month.

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Tatting: A written memoir

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

What started out as a struggle to duplicate her grandmother's tatting turned into a written memoir published in Piecework magazine's sixth annual lace issue.

Delores Chase of Lincoln has fond memories of her blind grandmother, Lily Mae Burley Patrick's ability to knit, crochet and tat, but it was her tatting that enticed Chase to learn the craft. "I always figured that if my blind grandmother could tat then I should be able to. I saw an advertisement that they were having a tatting class at the Tawas Yarn Shop so I signed up for it last summer. The instructor was Betty Goetgeluck."

Chase had many pieces her grandmother had tatted and took a large tablecloth in to show the teacher and other

and taught us how to do these knots. It takes two motions to make one knot. I can't say that I'm great at tatting, but I can do it," Chase said.

Grandma Pat, as Chase and her sister called her, loved to make things for people. "I remember the apron she used to wear," Chase said as she cradled a black and white photo of a lean, elderly lady with sunglasses on. In the photo the smiling woman was wearing a large pocketed apron and was working with her tatting shuttle.

"The apron had big pockets where she would store a ball of thread or yarn, a shuttle, a crochet hook or knitting needles," Chase said.

According to Chase's article, Lily Mae Burley Patrick was born in 1889 in North Branch, Mich. She worked in a woolen mill at the age of 13 and knowing she was too

showed up with the money," Chase said as she ran her hands gently across the antique white cloth.

Chase believed the tablecloth was handed down first to her mother, then to her sister, Barbara, and then to her. She has followed tradition and has passed the cloth on to her daughter which would have been Lily Mae's great-granddaughter. It is round, measuring more than six and a half feet across and contains almost 2,000 medallions along with rings which form additional decorative patterns. Another tatted cloth which is square has been passed to Chase's son.

Chase recalls how, later in life, Grandma Pat came to live with her family in Killmaster and how her grandmother loved listening to talking books on the phonograph and how much she loved country music. The girls



Delores Chase with her grandparent's wedding photo (left) and her Grandma Pat's photo (right). The tablecloth covering the table is the one Chase wrote about. Photo by Mary Weber.

students. Chase said the instructor's jaw just dropped when she saw it. Goetgeluck told Chase about Piecework magazine and said she should send them an article.

Tatting is a form of needlework done with a hooked shuttle containing a bobbin for string. "Tatting is a series of knots, unlike crochet that is done with a crochet hook. Crochet can unravel if yarn or strings break, but tatting is knotted so it doesn't unravel. Our tatting teacher first gave us rope to practice on

young to work, would hide when inspectors came around. Even at such a young age, she became proficient at running all the machines at the mill.

She lived near her job during the week and on the weekends would ride the stagecoach nearly 30 miles from Yale, Mich. to North Branch, Mich. where her father would pick her up with a horse and wagon to bring her the rest of the way home.

Chase said Grandma Pat married Walter Patrick in 1912 and had two daughters, Chase's mother, Ruth, and her Aunt Virginia. She was expecting a third child when her husband died in 1919 from influenza. The third child, Verda June, died at just one and a half years. "She had a rough life," Chase said, "she lost her vision shortly after that."

Lily Mae was resourceful and did the best she could. She would plant a garden, put up food for winter, cut firewood and raised two daughters. She was well known for her needlework, a skill she learned before going blind and people commissioned projects from her. "It's been told to me that this tablecloth was specifically made for some lady who had agreed to pay her \$75, but then never

shared the same bedroom with their grandmother and enjoyed her company.

Chase's sister would try to tat with her grandmother, but it was Grandma Pat who would always be able to find her mistakes, despite her vision loss. "I wished I had learned how to tat from her, but she went too fast," Chase said.

Grandma Pat developed dementia and lost her ability to make the intricate pieces by the time Chase was married in 1968. Grandma Pat lived to the age of 92.

Chase found five tatted tablecloths handed down to grandchildren which still remain in the family's possession, additionally Grandma Pat made many, many doilies and over 200 finished edged handkerchiefs.

Chase, not without some talent of her own, took some of the handkerchiefs and crafted a patchwork style throw pillow with a fabric reproduction of her grandparent's wedding photograph inserted in the middle. Family members liked the pillow so much they asked Chase to make 12 additional memory pillows out of the handkerchiefs.

Chase submitted her story, with photographs, to the

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Growing things

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

One of my earliest memories is waking up in the house up on the highway and going downstairs in my nightgown and bare feet to look for Mama. I must have been about two. I'd go through the kitchen, out the back door and into the sunlit yard, where I'd find her working in her garden.

In my memory, she is wearing a blue and white striped shirtwaist dress, bent over a huge plot rioting in colorful, sweet-smelling flowers. Last summer, I attended a garage sale at the old house purely to have a look, and was surprised to discover how small the area where the garden had been actually was.

During my childhood in Harrisville, we moved four times and managed to go, as I'm fond of saying, around the block. No matter where we were, or how hard she was working as a housewife and partner in the family grocery store, Mama always had her patch of plants.

When I smell lily of the valley or lilacs, peonies or sweet peas, see a stand of iris or hollyhocks, Mama in the garden is the image that comes to me.

And violets - Mama always had violets, purple ones and white ones. She brought them with her when they came to Harrisville and she planted them in every garden we had, leaving a ring of violets around the block in town like a sort of violet Johnny Appleseed. When I visit the places where I grew up, those violets are still there and blooming.

As a kid, I wasn't very interested in the process of growing things. In 4-H, I planted and propagated a patch of gourds one year and the sunflowers we planted one summer were fun, but basically, my gardening gene kicked in late. (Making me, I suppose, a late bloomer).

Oh, I always had some annuals of one sort or another around during the summer, usually in a pot on the porch. But apparently, gardening is something that comes to the women of my family about the same time as motherhood. During the Princess' toddler days, we planted radishes and carrots and onions and chives, my primary job being to keep her from digging things up on a regular basis to see if they were growing.

She was in junior high, I think, when I - perhaps in reaction to no longer having

babies in my life - ordered a truckload of topsoil and began on the two flower gardens in the front yard. Perennials, for the most part, the primary garden a circle surrounded by rocks and tucked between them, Mama's violets dug up from the garden next door.

It is difficult to describe how uninterested the Princess was in my new hobby. Still, one Mother's Day she gifted me with what I'd asked for - a day helping out in the garden. It was a day fraught with "ewws" as she got dirt under her pretty fingernails and discovered that there were worms in the soil, but I remember it as my best Mother's Day gift ever.

Despite her teenage aversion, I wasn't surprised, as she enters her second trimester of pregnancy and approaches her first Mother's Day, when the Princess announced that she and AJ were starting a garden. And did I, by the way, have any tools I wasn't using?

I do most of my gardening in pots on the deck these days. I loaded her up with a shovel, hoe and hose, a couple of books on the subject and some seed packets. And even though they're planning to grow vegetables, for Mother's Day I'll gift her with a flat of flowers and a pot or two of Mama's violets. And this poem, which I wrote back when she was in high school.

It's good to know that the motherhood/gardening gene still runs strong in the women of our family.

Violets

Daughter, I have not asked much of you

But when I am gone, take a clump of my violets.

Plant them where you are, and if you go elsewhere

Dig them up and take them with you.

They were my mother's you know.

She brought them with her when my father moved her north.

I imagine her, sitting stiffly upright in the family station wagon

A pot of violets clutched in her lap.

I'm sure I've told you. She told me a hundred times that summer of '68

It made me roll my eyes. How could she plant violets when the world was burning?

I imagine I looked a lot like you did, watching me this morning pottering away in my plants.

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See these? All from one small plant. So promise me you'll take a patch.

Against the day when you realize that the world is always burning

But given time and rain violets will spread to cover the scars.

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

Tatting

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magazine. The magazine then asked her to send the tablecloth, her grandmother's tatting shuttle and photographs so they could have their professional photographer take photos of the items. Additionally, they wanted an even more difficult challenge from Chase -- to recreate one of the medallions in the large tatted tablecloth.

"I don't even want to tell you how long it took me to make it. I had to get a little help from my instructor," she said. "I think about my grandmother making this whole tablecloth blind. I've always felt if a person loses one of their senses then another sense is intensified. In Grandma's case, it was her sense of touch." Chase did craft a medallion extremely similar to the one in the pattern and tatted it with one of the same metal shuttles her grandmother had probably used to create the tablecloth.

The article, written by Chase, goes into detail of her grandmother and family with color photographs of the tatted pieces and appears in volume XXI Number 3 of Piecework magazine under the title "Lily Mae Burley Patrick, master tatter," along with an additional article entitled "A Medallion to Tat" with instructions by Chase on how to recreate the medallion.

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Trap-and-transfer effort boosts northern Michigan turkey population

When Michigan began rebuilding its wild turkey population in the 1950s, Allegan County was the center of the effort. Birds were brought in from Pennsylvania and were released there. But as the population grew and expansion became a possibility, Michigan wildlife managers began looking north.

"A long time ago it was thought that turkeys needed 10,000 acres of contiguous woods with oak trees as large as you could put your arms around," said Al Stewart, the upland game bird program leader with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "At that time, short of the Allegan area, northern Michigan showed a lot of promise."

Areas such as Baldwin and Mio were selected as potential release sites because they had big blocks of lands with most-bearing trees.

"When we put birds up

where the bulk of Michigan's wild turkey population lives. Birds in northern Michigan have not fared as well.

"In both the Mio area and the Baldwin area - some of our traditional strongholds of turkeys - the birds have been in decline over the last five to eight years," Stewart said. "There are still oak trees there and winters haven't been any more severe than in the past, but numbers are still dwindling a bit. Some of that has to do with poor nesting success, but the numbers were going down to lower than what we would consider optimum."

The DNR has embarked on a mission to rebuild Michigan's northern wild turkey populations. Over the last two years, Wildlife Division staff members have been trapping and transferring birds from thriving southern Michigan populations to northern Michigan.

win area. The birds were trapped on private land in southern Michigan and moved to public land in Lake County. (Another six hens, trapped within the city limits of Norton Shores, were also relocated to the Baldwin area.)

Wildlife Division personnel scouted the farms around the Barry State Game Area and located several areas that were holding hundreds of birds. They approached the landowners for permission to trap and were warmly received.

"A lot of the farmers are willing to share the birds on their property," said Randy Heinze, a DNR wildlife assistant in Barry County, who worked on the trapping project. "They get apprehensive when they see huge flocks of turkeys in their fields."

"One of the landowners said he just thought it was a neat project and was happy

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During a DNR turkey trap-and-translocation outing recently on private lands surrounding the Barry State Game Area, DNR personnel hidden in a blind detonate an air cannon to propel a large net over a small flock of birds gathered at a baited site. Many of the birds will be relocated to the Baldwin, Mich. area to strengthen population numbers in northern Michigan. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

there in the 60s, those were the sites that were considered to be the best," Stewart said. "Over time we realized that turkeys were more resilient to habitat types such as we had in southern Michigan, more open lands."

"But it wasn't until the 1980s that we decided to really expand turkey populations across the state and that's when we decided to restore turkey numbers south of that line from Bay City to Muskegon. And at the same time, we began to actively move birds around in northern Michigan."

Fast forward to today and southern Michigan is now

"There are still good numbers of birds in northern Michigan, but from our hunter survey information, we've seen some decline in hunter satisfaction and hunter success," Stewart said. "Those things kind of throw up a red flag for us. But we have the luxury to be able to respond to it; we have birds in southern Michigan, so we're able to move them and revitalize the populations in that northern range."

DNR staff from the Barry State Game Area recently completed a few successful trap-and-transfer operations, moving 25 birds - 22 hens and three toms - to the Bald-

win area. "There are still good numbers of birds in northern Michigan, but from our hunter survey information, we've seen some decline in hunter satisfaction and hunter success," Stewart said.

DNR wildlife biologist Sara Schaefer, who oversees the county, said there are more than enough birds in Barry County to spare some for northern Michigan. "We have abundant flocks and the reproduction has been very good lately," she said. "One of those places we trapped had more than 200 birds on it. The population is robust."

Wildlife Division staff baited the fields with corn to concentrate the birds for trapping. Using a compressed-air cannon, which dispatches a net, the staffers watched from a nearby blind until the birds were on the corn pile, then fired the net. They quickly collected the birds, boxed them, and trucked them to northern Michigan to the release sites.

It's a tricky bit of timing as the birds are most easily trapped during winter - when the birds are in big flocks and come readily to corn - but the wildlife staff didn't want

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to move the birds up north while there was still two feet of snow on the ground there. So the operation took place in March, when winter was beginning to ebb. It complicated the trapping a bit, but conditions on the ground in northern Michigan were more hospitable to relocated birds.

The recent trap-and-transfer operations coincide with habitat improvement projects in the area where the birds were released. For the last several years, DNR Wildlife Division staffers and volunteers from the Michigan Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf) have been growing crabapple saplings from root stock at Rose Lake Wildlife Area and transplanting them in the northern turkey range to provide a winter food source.

Jim Maturen, cofounder of the Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association (MWTfA), said he's glad to see the DNR move the birds up north. "It's a win-win situation," Maturen said. "It shows the landowners in southern Michigan who perceive they have a problem that the DNR is doing something. And at the same time it shows they're trying to do something for our situation up here."

Tony Snyder, president of the Michigan Chapter of NWTf, described the partnership as "awesome."

"We have long worked with



DNR wildlife biologist Sara Schaefer readies a bird to be boxed and shipped to a release site near Baldwin, Mich. as part of the DNR's turkey trap-and-translocation outing in Barry County.

the DNR to support wild turkey management in Michigan," said Snyder, who has personally helped with trap-and-transfer operations. "It's a great program."

The DNR's Stewart said that since the releases were primarily hens, he hopes they'll add to reproduction in the area as well as add a bit of genetic diversity to the turkey population. Combined with crabapple plantings and additional habitat improvements by the DNR's Forest Resources Division - which is trying to increase oak production - he's optimistic that the transplanted birds will thrive in their new digs.

With spring rapidly approaching, it's unlikely the

DNR will be able to trap and transfer many more turkeys this year. But as long as there are robust populations in southern Michigan and landowners who are willing to share them, the opportunity exists to continue relocating birds in the future.

To learn more about wild turkey management, hunting opportunities and season information, visit the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/turkey.

(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.)



The final step of the journey for 22 hens and three toms: release onto public land in the Baldwin, Mich. area. The turkeys were moved as part of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) trap-and-translocation effort to strengthen the turkey population in northern Michigan. DNR staff and volunteers from the Michigan Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation and Michigan Wild Turkey Hunters Association worked together on this successful outing. *Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.*



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Alcona Tigers hit well in successful week of baseball

By Jared Steiner
Baseball Writer

For the first half of the year the Huron Shores Conference has been owned by the Alcona Tigers.

They continued their dominance with a mercy victory 16-2 and a 9-5 win in the nightcap over the Tawas Braves.

In the first game of the day the Alcona varsity baseball team pounded out a whopping 21 hits off the Tawas hurler -- the highlight being a three-run home run by Cody Franklin. From the second inning on the Tiger's offense kept coming and eventually was enough in the fifth inning as the game was called by the mercy rule.

Franklin got the win on the mound for Alcona. He was also five-for-five at the plate and Joe Hudgins was

four-for-four. Jared Steiner chipped in three hits.

The nightcap proved to be the more exciting game of the day as the Tigers scored four needed runs in the seventh inning to get the win. Nathan Fettes threw for two and a half innings but was hit by a ball smashed directly back at him by a Tawas batter.

Fettes scooped up the ball and got the out at first but was taken out of the game due to breathing problems.

Trenton LaVergne and Franklin finished the game for the Tigers. Offensively, Franklin, Steiner and LaVergne had two hits each.

In Alcona's second doubleheader of the week the Tigers hosted the visiting Mio Thunderbolts in a rematch of last season's district championship game. The Thunderbolts

hit the ball well in the first game and got the win 11-4. Fettes was Alcona's losing pitcher, giving up five hits and striking out seven batters. Franklin and Fettes both whacked two hits.

In the second game the Tigers bounced back to get the win by a score of 12-7. Carson Jamieson picked up the win on the pitcher's mound giving up seven hits and striking out five. Jamieson, LaVergne and Austin Richardson all added two hits for Alcona.

The Tiger's record is 11-4 and they are 6-0 in conference play. By press time they will have traveled to Whittemore-Prescott for another conference doubleheader as Alcona looks to take the Huron Shores crown with a sweep or a split with the Cardinals.

Alcona athletes sign to play college basketball

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

Three seniors who have played basketball for Alcona High School signed letters of intent to play college basketball. All three received scholarships.

Aaron Ritchie and Brian Layton Jr. signed to play for Kirtland Community College located in Roscommon, Mich. Games will be played in Mio, close enough for Alcona fans to see two former players perform at the col-

lege level.

Both athletes were key players in Alcona's three straight Huron Shores Conference titles and three district championships.

Jared Steiner will be playing for Northland International University, a Christian college, in Dunbar, Wisc. Steiner started all four of his high school years as point guard for Alcona and led them to the three conference titles and district titles.



Brian Layton Jr. with his parents, Brian and Cheryl Layton. He will be playing at Kirtland Community College. Photos by Ron Yokom.



Aaron Ritchie with his parents, Scott and Kim Ritchie. He will be playing for Kirtland Community College.



Jared Steiner with his parents, Tim and Kathy Steiner. He will be playing for Northland International University.

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Alcona Track team makes mark in Hillman

By Hope Smith
Track Writer

Last week, the Alcona track team made good use of the nice weather competing in two meets in Hillman and in Fairview.

On May 3 the Alcona varsity track team headed to Hillman to compete against athletes from Hillman, AuGres-Sims, Fairview and Posen area high schools.

Alcona came out strong with both the girls and boys teams finishing in second place. The girls scored 80 points and the boys picked up 77 points. Collectively, the girls team brought home seven first place medals while the boys picked up four.

During the meet teams were scored using a 10, 8, 6, 4, 2, 1 scale for field and running events while a 10, 8, 6, 4, 2 scale was used to score the relay teams. First place finishes in each event earned individuals or relay teams 10 points for their school. Scores were then tallied after each event to determine the overall placing and standing.

Girls team results:

- High jump: Third place (tie) - Torie Harmon, 4 feet, 6 inches and Sydney Pierce, 4 feet, 6 inches

- Long jump: Fourth place - Sam Zerbst, 12 feet

- 4x800 relay: First place - Karina Cole, Nikki Smith, Harlie LaFond, Megan Quick. 11:28.91

- 110m hurdles: Second place - Harmon, 18:58

- 100m dash: First place - Pierce, 14.70, eighth place, Zerbst 16.20

- 4x200 relay: Second place - Smith, Harmon, Zerbst, Miranda Schalk, 2:01.69

- 1600m run: Fifth place - LaFond 6:59.00

- 4x100 relay: First place - Smith, Schalk, Cole, Quick, 56:05

- 400m dash: Fifth place - Schalk, 1:15.15

- 300m hurdles: First place - Pierce 52:77

- 800m run: First place - Quick, 2:27.24

- 200m dash: Fifth place - Schalk 30:47, seventh place - Pierce, 30.87, eighth place - Zerbst, 32.26

- 3200m run: First place - Cole, 13:15.89

- 4x400 relay: First place - Quick, Smith, Harmon, Cole, 4:26.05

Boys team results:

- High jump: Fourth place - Brandon Ritchie, 5 feet, 6 inches

- Long jump: Second place - Eric Hampton, 18 feet, 2 inches

- 4x800 relay: Second place - Nick Bouchard, Jacob Stelmachowske, Chad Haneckow, Jeffery Schram, 10:31.00

- 110 hurdles: third place, Bouchard 19:53

- 100m dash: First place - A. Ritchie, 11.91

- 4x200 relay: Second place - B. Ritchie, Schram, Hampton, Norling, 1:42.50

- 4x100 relay: First place - A. Ritchie, Hampton, Havercroft, Norling, 46.55

- 400m dash: Third place - Havercroft, 56.87, fifth place - Nicholas Lamantia, 59.72

- 300m hurdles: Fourth place - Bouchard, 50.48

- 800m run: Fourth place - Schram, 2:26.78, fifth place -



Torie Harmon clears the high jump bar.



Torie Harmon hands off to Sam Zerbst during the 4x200 relay. Photos by Tammy Quick.

Haneckow, 2:37.63

- 200m dash: first place, A. Ritchie, 23.60, third place - B. Ritchie, 25.17, fourth place - Lamantia, 26.47

- 3200m run: Fourth place - Thum 12.34.39

- 4x400 relay: First place - Norling, Hampton, Havercroft, A. Ritchie, 3:51.88

On April 30 the team traveled to Fairview for a 14 school invitational. Teams invited included Johannesburg-Lewiston, Bellaire, Posen, Rogers City, Fairview, Hale, Hillman, Onaway, Mio-AuSable, AuGres-Sims, Central Lake, Ellsworth, J-L Boys.

The Tigers captured 36 personal records (PR) for individual athletes on the team. Coach Larry Spare encourages athletes to push themselves and continue working hard to beat/clear their previous times, jumps and throws.

The boys team finished the day fourth overall with 75 points and the girls team finished fifth with 57 points.

Fairview Invitational Meet:

Girls team results:

- High Jump: Seventh place - Harmon, 4 feet, 6.01 inches
- 4x800 relay: Second place -- Quick, Smith, LaFond, Cole, 11:14.23

- 110m hurdles: Third place - Harmon, 18.53

- 4x200 relay: Fourth place - Smith, Harmon, Zerbst, Schalk, 2:02.96

- 4x100 relay: First place - Smith, Schalk, Cole, Quick, 56.21

- 400 m dash: First place - Quick, 1:02.52

- 800 m dash: Third place - Cole, 2:39.49

- 3200 m run: Tenth place - LaFond, 16:15.49

- 4x400 relay: First place - Quick, Smith, Harmon, Cole, 4:25.86

Boys team results:

- Pole Vault: Fourth place - Norling 9 feet, 6 inches, fifth place (tie) - Steven Rizzotto, 9

- feet
- Discus: Eighth place - Kyle Good, 92 feet, 8 inches

- High jump: Tenth place - Havercroft, 5 feet, 00.02 inches

- Long jump: Third place (tie) - Eric Hampton 18 feet, 10 inches

- 4x800 relay: Seventh place - Bouchard, Stelmachowske, Haneckow, Schram, 10:18.38

- 110 hurdles: Fifth place - Good, 18.57, sixth place - Bouchard, 19.32

- 100 m dash: Second place - A. Ritchie, 11.68

- 4x200 relay: Third place - B. Ritchie, Schram, Hampton Norling, 1:42.05

- 4x100 relay: First place, - A Ritchie, Hampton, Havercroft, Norling, 46.50

- 400m dash: Fourth place - Havercroft, 56.56

- 300m hurdles: Sixth place - Bouchard, 49.64, eighth place - Good, 52.86

- 200m dash: First place - A. Ritchie, 23.74

- 4x400 relay: Second place - Norling, Hampton, Havercroft, A. Ritchie, 3:41.42

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Varsity Girls Track Team
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Varsity Golf Team
 (Front row, from left) Jacob Riggs, Spencer Winningham, Walker Kelly, Josh Mead (back row) Lucas Weichel, Dustin Yokom, Corey McLaughlin and Coach Jim Bouchard. Not pictured: Zach Stoner. *Photo courtesy of Julie Emington.*



Junior Varsity Baseball Team
 (Front row, from left) Jesse Collins, Jacob Gombos, Brendon Mills, Keegan Smith, Cody Collins, Nathan Swinson, (back row) Assistant Coach Travis Swinson, Dakota Gallagher, Chase Matthews, Aaron Carrasco, Leigh Gibson, Jesse Schram and Head Coach Adam Williams. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*



Varsity Baseball Team
 (Front row, from left) Jared Steiner, Cody Franklin, Joe Carrasco, Nathan Fettes, Austin Cole, Chad Cole, (back row) Head Coach Terry Franklin, Joe Hudgins, Deven Higgins, Trenton LaVergne, Austin Richardson, Carson Jamieson and Tony Dubay. Not pictured: Adam Somers, Assistant Coach John Klinger and Assistant Coach Darwin Ginder. *Photo courtesy of Julie Emington.*

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Local birding festival expands trips along Lake Huron

Throughout the nation the number of spring birding festivals continue to grow. Over the past seven years attendance at the annual Tawas Point Birding Festival has also increased.

Michigan Audubon, an organizer of the annual Tawas Point Birding Festival, has expanded the number and locations of field trips offered for the May 16-19 event. "We have so many superb areas to bird, we want to show them off to everyone," said Peggy Ridgway, local coordinator for the festival.

Some participants will get

an early introduction to the birding along the Lake Huron shoreline. The guided tour will commence early on Thursday, May 16. Participants will work their way north from Bay City, Mich. stopping at five birding hot spots along the Saginaw Bay region. During the late afternoon they'll arrive at festival headquarters in Tawas. "Coastal birding during the spring migration is amazing," Ridgway said.

A bus trip to Hartwick Pines in Grayling, Mich. on May 16 will educate folks on the importance of the lumbering era to Michigan history. Attendees will also get to view the evening grosbeak and take a side trip to the Wakely Lake nature area on M-72.

Two guided birding tours to Charity Island, Mich. will be hosted by Michigan Audubon and offered on Thursday, May 16 and again on Sunday, May 19. The tour will depart out of AuGres, Mich. both days with boat transportation being supplied by Charity Island Boat Cruises. The island is a noted stopover area for migrating birds.

A new field trip will be offered Saturday, May 18 to Harrisville State Park. The bus trip will head to Harrisville State Park where participants will view a variety of wood warblers, forest bird species and numerous shorebirds.

Also on Saturday, May 17 there will be a morning excursion to observe the federally endangered piping plover at Shoreline Park in AuSable. Vince Cavaleri of the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service will lead the tour. The piping plover is also the featured bird for this year's festival. For the past two years plovers have successfully nested at Shoreline Park. Often the birds will return to the same nesting location if surrounding natural conditions remain the same. They usu-

ally arrive mid to late April and begin nesting around the middle of May.

During the festival a variety of additional morning field trips will be led to Tawas Point State Park, Tuttle Marsh, Little Loon Lake in Hale, Mich., Kirtland's warbler habitat and wildflower areas along the AuSable River. Evening excursions will include Tuttle Marsh, searching for whippoorwills in local areas, and listening to night migrants as they pass overhead.

On Monday, May 20 an all day birding tour around Iosco County will be led by Caleb Putnam, Michigan Important Bird Area Coordinator.

In addition to numerous field trips throughout Iosco and surrounding counties, a variety of seminars and workshops will be offered for those attending the Tawas Point Birding Festival May 16-19.

On Thursday, May 16 a pre-festival session entitled "Birding 101 Workshop," will be held at the Bay Inn in Tawas City. Peggy Ridgway will instruct participants on the basics of bird identification, including sight and sound clues, the use of optics and field guides, and conclude the session by putting new found knowledge to use during a short afternoon field trip.

On Friday and Saturday afternoons a series of repeated seminars will take place at the Tawas Bay Beach Resort, festival headquarters. The topics include "Getting It Right With Warbler I.D.," presented by Roger Eriksson; "Results of the Nightjar Survey," by Dave Cuthrell; "Never To Be Listed? The Passenger Pigeon and Endangered Species Conservation," by Chris

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Springtime warning: Leave wildlife in the wild

It happens every spring. Someone finds an "abandoned" fawn and takes it upon themselves to "rescue" it.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Wildlife Division staff has a word of advice: Don't.

"When young fawns are born, they're not very mobile and don't appear to have much scent to them so their best defense is to just stay still, on their own, apart from their mother," said Brent Rudolph, the deer and elk program leader for the DNR. "Predators can't track them down by following mom around, so she stays away and the fawns stay alone - that's their best defense during their first few days of life."

For the most part, does know exactly where their fawns are. "Sometimes what mom sees as a safe place to stash a fawn is a flower bed at the edge of the house or maybe underneath a deck," Rudolph said. "So people think 'That's a weird place for a fawn - it must be an orphan.' Generally, they're not orphaned. Through those first few weeks, mom will feed them, clean them, check up on them, then take off again so she's not drawing attention to them. So we encourage people to let them be."

There are times when people find a dead doe by the side of the road with a nearby fawn - these fawns have been orphaned. They should remember it is illegal to take them into a home. It is best to call a licensed rehabilitator if so compelled. For a list of licensed wildlife rehabilitators, visit www.michigan.gov/dnr.

The same advice applies to other animals as well. Though many young animals are adorable as babies - raccoons, for instance - they grow up to be less adorable as adults.

According to DNR wildlife biologist Erin Victory, wild animals do not make good pets and once habituated to humans, they generally do not do well when returned to the wild. They also pose the possibility of bringing disease or parasites that could affect you or your pets into your home. Raccoons, for example,

are not only potentially rabid, but they can carry canine distemper, not to mention round worms, fleas and mange.

"Please resist the urge to try to help seemingly abandoned fawns or other animal babies this spring," Victory said. "We appreciate the good intentions of those who want to help, but animals are better off left alone than if they are removed from the wild."

Tari Howard, a licensed rehabilitator in Benton Harbor, Mich. said she always tells people who have picked up young animals to check and make sure mom's not around, especially in the case of fawns. "People say, 'Well, I've already touched it,' but that generally doesn't seem to matter. I think it's a myth."

Howard said she gets a fair number of baby rabbits and squirrels that come to her "eyes closed and hairless." It's a 50-50 proposition as to whether they live, she said. As for birds, the advice is the same. "Not true," said Karen

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Brent Rudolph,
DNR Deer and Elk Program Leader

Cleveland, the DNR's all bird biologist. "If it's completely defenseless and can't move on its own, the short version is: Stick it back into the nest, if you can. If it's got little feathers on it and it looks like a bird rather than a ball of fluff, odds are it already tried to fledge from its nest before it was ready to fly. Generally, mom and dad will continue to feed it."

Young birds that appear grounded may be found a good distance from the nest, Cleveland said, because they walk and search far from predators. "It's probably not ready to fly but it thinks it is, and then it ends up on the ground, because its feathers can't get it airborne," Cleveland said. "Little birds have been coming out of the nest too early since little birds have



Baby birds, like these geese, will usually continue to be fed by their parents, even if it appears they've been left alone. The DNR advises that if you find baby animals in the wild, it's best to leave them there. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

been around. Cleveland said the DNR regularly fields calls from homeowners who have found ducks - mostly mallards - nesting in their shrubs or gardens. "The thing to do is enjoy it. Back off. Leave them alone. Keep the dogs and cats and kids away from it," she

said. "They'll be a very quiet neighbor and if the nest fails on its own - something that happens regularly - just wish her luck on her next attempt. If a nest is unsuccessful she'll try to find someplace else to nest. And if she's successful there, she may come back." Cleveland reminded folks that it is illegal to take birds, just as it is mammals, into their homes without permits to do so. "There are licensed rehabilitators who can work with them if necessary," she said. "But it's better for the bird to be raised by their parents, to learn all they need to know to live in the wild rather than to be raised by a human."

For more information about specific species or wildlife viewing opportunities, visit www.michigan.gov/wildlife.



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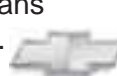
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Hoving; "Great Lakes Piping Plover Conservation," by Vince Cavaliere; "Winter Birding in the Easter Upper Peninsula," by Gary Siegrist; and "Building the Bridge Between Recovery and Delisting: The Kirtland's Warbler Initiative," by Abigail Ertel.

Saturday morning, featured guest speaker Alvaro Jaramillo, will conduct a workshop at the Tawas Bay Beach Resort on thrushes. This session will conclude with a field trip out to Tawas Point to observe members of thrush species migrating through the point.

Friday evening Jaramillo will entertain birders with his keynote presentation "Birding Outside The Box - How Our Brain Identifies Birds." Jaramillo was born in Chile but began birding in Toronto, Canada where he lived as a youth. He was trained in ecology and evolution, with a particular interest in bird behavior. He is the author of two books. He also writes the Identify Yourself column in the Bird Watcher's Digest

magazine. In addition, he operates a birding and nature tour company out of California, Alvaro's Adventures, at alvarosadventures.com.

Following the conclusion of the Saturday afternoon seminars there will be a special presentation by Zak Branigan, executive director of the Saginaw Basin Land Conservancy, entitled "The Developing Birding Scene of Saginaw Bay."

On Saturday, May 18, three special programs featuring live birds of prey will take place in the large tent at Tawas Point State Park. The 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. presentations by the Wildlife Recovery Association are sponsored by Friends of Tawas Point Lighthouse and Tawas Point State

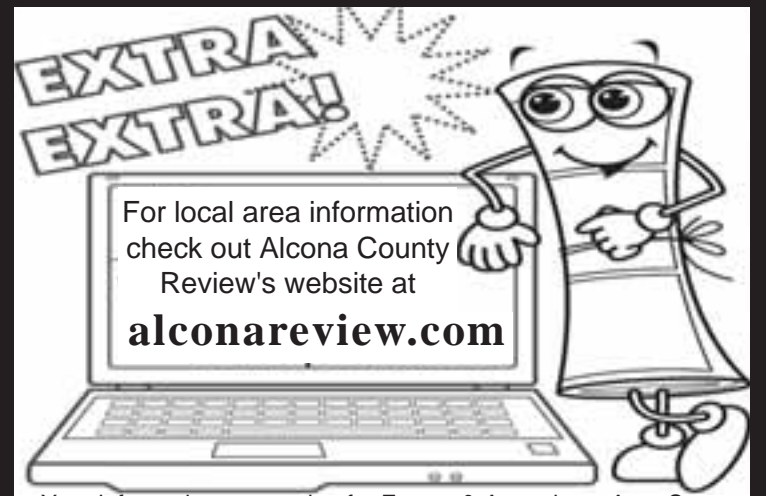
Park. The 3 p.m. Audubon program by Wings of Wonder is sponsored by the Bay Inn and Neiman's Family Market of Tawas City. These are free and open to the public and no festival registration is required. However, a state park pass is needed for entrance into the park.

Registration is required for all other festival activities. This fee covers attendance to all seminar sessions, with the exception of those conducted by the featured speaker Alvaro Jaramillo.

Field trips require preregistration, and in some cases, additional fees. Registration information, a list of activities and a complete schedule of events can be found at www.tawasbirdfest.com.

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Area Church Directory

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4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740
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989-724-6665 • 989-724-6578

Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org

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Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

First Baptist Church of Lincoln

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Pastor Dr. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
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Pastor Jacob Schwartz - Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

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Monday: 6:30 p.m. *Teen Program (Grades 7-12)
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & Youth Programs (Grades K-6th)
*Fall-Spring programs • Website: www.cbcmikado.com

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Spruce Presbyterian Church

Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464
Worship 9 a.m.
Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor Wednesday office hours 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Our Savior Lutheran Church

3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan
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Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor ~ 724-6734

Spruce Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m.
1246 E. Spruce Road, Spruce • 471-5013
(3 miles west of F-41 & US-23) • Handicap Assessible

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Sunday evening service 6 p.m. Pastor Elmer Ash.
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1. Suet nuggets (any flavor).
2. Whole grain bread with peanut butter.
3. Sunflower: chips and safflower seed.
4. Peanuts (no salt!).

E-mail: birdingbits@cflrr.com
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2. Amiga
3. Merry-Go-Round/ Chess King
4. Diners Club Card
5. Tab
6. Rustler Steak House
7. McCall's magazine
8. General Cinemas
9. Pan Am
10. Chiclets

Source: thetreet.com

Calendar of Events

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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.

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.

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. downstairs at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

THURSDAY, MAY 16
The Northeast Michigan Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. at the Alpena County Library, 211 North First Street. Bring your

laptops for an in-depth exploration of the site www.seekingmichigan.org. Tips and techniques for navigating this resource will be provided. For more information, visit www.nemgs.com or e-mail nemgs@charter.net.

The Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel (MARSP) Iosco Alcona Chapter will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 1 p.m. For more information, contact Nancy Koss at (989) 739-2648.

Blood pressure readings by Erin from Compassionate Care at 3:30 p.m. at Curtis Township Hall, 4932 F-30, Glennie. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Alcona retirees meet for lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Newcomers are welcome to come and see what this group is all about. Fun, food, games and socialize.

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.

The Greenbush Historical Society will hold their annual meeting at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road. Everyone is invited to attend. For more information, call Donna Roddy at (989) 739-2159.

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 17
The Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road, will be having a barbecue dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Adults \$9, age six to 12 \$4, under six free. Carry-out orders available by calling (989) 736-3050.

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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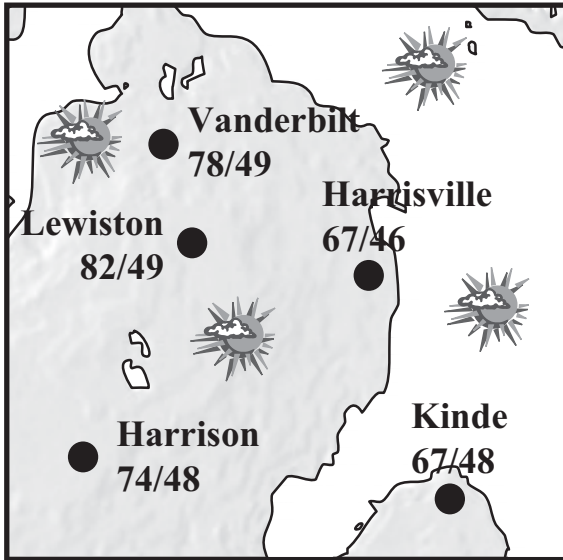
Alcona Review Weather Report

May 8, 2013

Seven Day Forecast

- WEDNESDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 67 Low: 46
- THURSDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 59 Low: 44
- FRIDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 49 Low: 42
- SATURDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 56 Low: 38
- SUNDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 45 Low: 31
- MONDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 53 Low: 35
- TUESDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 60 Low: 38

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 67°, humidity of 56%. East wind 5 mph. The record high temperature for today is 87° set in 1965. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 46°. East wind 5 mph. The record low for tonight is 22° set in 1950. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.

*Last Week's Almanac

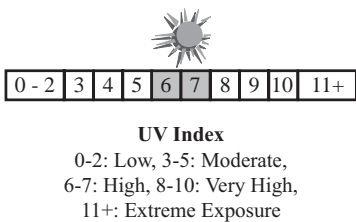
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	64	44	57/35	0.07"
Tuesday	71	43	57/35	0.11"
Wednesday	84	51	58/35	0.00"
Thursday	75	42	58/36	0.00"
Friday	68	41	59/36	0.00"
Saturday	71	41	59/36	0.00"
Sunday	69	33	60/37	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 5/9	Wednesday 6:11 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	5:24 a.m.	7:42 p.m.
Thursday 6:10 a.m.	8:48 p.m.	5:57 a.m.	8:42 p.m.	
Friday 6:09 a.m.	8:49 p.m.	6:34 a.m.	9:39 p.m.	
Saturday 6:08 a.m.	8:50 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	10:31 p.m.	
First 5/17	Sunday 6:07 a.m.	8:51 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	11:19 p.m.
Monday 6:05 a.m.	8:53 p.m.	8:51 a.m.	Next Day	
Tuesday 6:04 a.m.	8:54 p.m.	9:45 a.m.	12:02 a.m.	

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 82° in Massena, N.Y. The Southeast will see partly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 87° in Marathon Key, Fla. The Northwest will see isolated thunderstorms today, mostly clear to partly cloudy Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 86° in Hanford, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 93° in Artesia, N.M.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:07 a.m.	8:26 p.m.
Venus	6:46 a.m.	9:41 p.m.
Mars	6:04 a.m.	8:19 p.m.
Jupiter	7:58 a.m.	11:19 p.m.
Saturn	7:32 p.m.	6:09 a.m.
Uranus	4:51 a.m.	5:24 p.m.

Weather History

May 8, 1803 - A freak spring storm produced heavy snow from southern Indiana to New England. The storm made sleighing possible in Massachusetts but also ruined shade trees in Philadelphia.

Weather Trivia

What is ombrophobia?



Answer: Ombrophobia is the fear of rain.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Planet Rendezvous in "Lusty" May

"It's May! It's May, the lusty month of May! That lovely month when everyone goes blissfully astray..." That's Guinevere singing about one of the joyful perks regarding life at Camelot, in mythical England where by law the seasons had regimented time slots, could never be too severe, and the rain could never fall till after sundown. No wonder the empire fell. No astronomer in his right mind would ever want to live in a place like that. Yet in the real world, May produces some of the most spectacular nights of the year. Gorgeous warm days with turquoise skies blend seamlessly into transparent, temperate nights where the stars seem so close you can almost reach out and touch them. I'm hoping for that kind of an evening on Friday, May 10 when a very skinny, razor sharp crescent moon will be a scant two degrees from the goddess Venus. The rendezvous takes place in the WNW with the moon only 11 degrees from the sun, so the event will only be visible in a rather strong twilight and with the use of binoculars. While the Pleiades will only be about six degrees from the moon at this time, I doubt that the bright sky conditions will allow anyone to view this star cluster. Although the East Coast is the favored location, by the time of sunset along the West Coast, the moon will be just over a degree higher in the sky, making its visibility a little more probable. The key to assuring success is to have a location which has a flawless western horizon. This is where owning a penthouse apartment on the Upper West Side of Manhattan with a clear shot across the Hudson would come in handy. Most of us, unfortunately, will simply have to hunt down an appropriate site. Be there with binoculars by sundown and begin to scan the horizon to the left of sunset. You should see Venus first. To Venus' left and slightly below, the moon should emerge 10-15 minutes later. Clear skies to all! www.astronomy.org

TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. **SCIENCE:** What is the conversion of water vapor to liquid called?
- 2. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What is gymnophobia?
- 3. **LITERATURE:** What was the name of the centaur in "Harry Potter And The Sorcerer's Stone"?
- 4. **MOVIES:** What does Cruella De Vil want to make out of the puppies in "101 Dalmatians"?
- 5. **TELEVISION:** Where does the show "The Gilmore Girls" take place?
- 6. **MUSIC:** In what year did the Beatles make their first visit to the United States?
- 7. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of Iceland?
- 8. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What kind of animal is a macaque?
- 9. **MEDICINE:** What is the chief cause of cholera?
- 10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the biggest snake in the world, in terms of weight and girth?

Answers: 1. Condensation; 2. Fear of nudity; 3. Firenze; 4. A fur coat; 5. Stars Hollow, Conn.; 6. 1964; 7. Reykjavik; 8. A monkey; 9. Contaminated water; 10. The anaconda. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

REACHING THE FRESH HOLD

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|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------|
| ACROSS | 47 Nativist's practice | 95 Large artery | 4 Very, to Vivaldi | 37 Titanic tusk | 73 Switch or smack suffix |
| 1 Rand McNally book | 50 Yothers of "Family Ties" | 98 Rockies' — Mountains | 5 U.S. rocket launched in 1961 | 38 2200 hours | 74 Tory's rival |
| 6 Deli cheese | 51 ASAP part | 99 Motel units: Abbr. | 6 Dundee dweller | 40 "That's it!" | 75 Missy |
| 11 Easy — be | 52 Mauna — (volcano) | 100 Study of deep ruts? | 7 1812 event | 43 Sir's partner | 76 Prefix for element #9 |
| 16 Gremlin | 54 Great Plains tribe | 105 Skeleton lead-in | 8 Tee off | 44 Nourishment | 77 Intestinal division |
| 19 — apso (dog breed) | 55 Geared for the garage? | 107 Gung-ho | 9 Hearing, e.g. | 45 Losing tic-tac-toe row | 78 Geeky types |
| 20 Proofreading symbol | 58 Water, lime, and rust | 108 Little, to a 6-Down | 10 Incite | 46 Pt. of NYU | 81 Mr. Capote, informally |
| 21 Donald's first ex | 60 Prior to, poetically | 109 TripTik org. | 11 Not feel well | 48 Spot to salve | 84 Arctic footwear |
| 22 Shootist's org. | 61 Cousin of a regular Joe? | 110 Prioritized, as wounded people | 12 Gracefully slender | 49 Get together | 86 Feng — |
| 23 Brand-new scientific discovery? | 65 Hidden part of a guitar neck? | 114 Frat letters | 13 Plebes and doodies, e.g. | 52 Vivitar rival | 87 Inflammation suffix |
| 26 Sackable NFL players | 67 Lube anew | 115 Ruffle that wins a blue ribbon? | 14 Lara Croft player Jolie | 53 Knighted physician William | 88 Large load |
| 27 Attack | 68 Act segment | 119 "Y"-sporting collegian | 15 No, to a 6-Down | 56 "I Dream of Jeannie" actor | 91 Roman gold |
| 28 With 30-Across, attire for the slopes | 69 Yellowbelly's cry of disgust? | 120 Odor detectors | 16 Harsh interrogator | 57 Karate weapon | 92 Med banner |
| 29 Filmdom's Spike | 74 In a shark costume? | 121 On — firma | 17 Top banana | 59 Not those, in Brooklynese | 93 Embryo enclosers |
| 30 See 28-Across | 79 Actor Lash | 122 Cliff nest | 18 People's histories | 60 Make — in (start working on) | 94 Hack's car |
| 31 Roth — (savings plan) | 80 Shortage | 123 Govt. prosecutors | 24 Actress/writer Fannie | 62 "Klute" star Jane | 96 Least spicy |
| 32 Let baby oinkers out of their cages? | 82 "— Nacht" (German "Silent Night") | 124 Food box abbr. | 25 Actor/humorist Shriner | 63 More plentiful | 97 "Not just yet" |
| 36 Klee pieces | 83 "Pity, pity" | 125 "There's no such thing — publicity" | 30 Drove away quickly | 64 Hollywood's Kazan | 100 Well-known |
| 39 Mystery writer Marsh | 84 Fraternal patriotic org. | 126 Poodle, e.g. | 32 Is the right size | 66 1990s NFL running back | 101 Throat dangler |
| 41 Lives, as in a house | 85 "... — just me?" | DOWN | 33 Orbison and Clark | 69 Cat weapon | 102 Chou En- — |
| 42 Powerful quartet? | 89 Regretful person | 1 — Romeo (sporty car) | 34 Like the verb "be": Abbr. | 70 Robust | 103 Ukraine port |
| | 90 Continued | 2 "— is a | 35 College URL ender | 71 1979-81 hostage situation | 104 Mall draws |
| | 92 Had a vocal altercation? | 3 Phyllis' TV husband | 36 Top web site? | 72 Eggy dessert | 106 Western film |
| | | | | | 110 Tube spot |
| | | | | | 111 Author Vidal |
| | | | | | 112 Sandusky's county |
| | | | | | 113 Like batik |
| | | | | | 115 TV's Spike, formerly |
| | | | | | 116 Q-U divider |
| | | | | | 117 Ball in space |
| | | | | | 118 Monkly title |

Crossword grid with numbers 1-126 placed in the starting squares for each clue.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

• It was French Enlightenment author Voltaire who made the following sage observation: "Judge a man by his questions rather than his answers."

• If you're like the average American, you laugh 15 times every day.

• Have you ever heard of an artist by the name of John Banvard? You're to be forgiven if the name is unfamiliar; few people these days remember him. In the mid-19th century, though, he was something of a phenomenon. In 1840, the then-25-year-old man set off on a skiff down the Mississippi River. He spent more than a year on the river, sketching steadily along the way. After he completed the voyage, he spent another five years painting his "Panorama of the Mississippi," an ambitious work that was 12 feet wide and more than 3 miles long. When completed, the painting was mounted on two upright revolving cylinders and displayed for the paying public throughout the U.S. and Europe, earning him \$200,000 along the way.

• In the 1960s, the mini-skirt was still controversial. Both the Vatican City and Disneyland refused entrance to women wearing the short skirts.

• If you're a fan of the TV series "Dr. Who," you probably know that the title character, a Time Lord from the planet Gallifrey, has two hearts. This may seem like science fiction (and, of course, it is), but it's not unknown for a human to be born with two hearts. One such example was Giuseppe de Mai, born in Italy in the 19th century. The condition is rare, though; so rare, in fact, that the London Academy of Medicine offered de Mai \$15,000 under the condition that it receive his body after his death.

Thought for the Day: "Women are like elephants to me. I like to look at 'em, but I wouldn't want to own one." - W.C. Fields

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MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On May 24, 1844, in a demonstration witnessed by members of Congress, American inventor Samuel F.B. Morse dispatches a telegraph message from the U.S. Capitol to a railroad station in Baltimore. The message -- "What Hath God Wrought?" -- was telegraphed back to the Capitol a moment later.

• On May 22, 1859, Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, the creator of master sleuth Sherlock Holmes, is born in Scotland. His first Sherlock Holmes story, "A Study in Scarlet," was published in Beeton's Christmas Annual in 1887.

• On May 25, 1927, Robert Ludlum, author of 25 thrillers, is born in New York City. Although he never earned a reputation as a masterful prose stylist, his suspenseful stories such as "The Bourne Identity" gripped a wide readership. As a critic for The Washington Post noted about one Ludlum novel: "It's a lousy book. So I stayed up until 3 a.m. to finish it."

• On May 23, 1934, notorious criminals Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow are shot to death by Texas and Louisiana state police while driving a stolen car near Sailes, La. All told, the Barrow Gang was believed responsible for the deaths of 13 people, including nine police officers.

• On May 26, 1940, President Franklin Roosevelt makes a radio appeal for the support of the Red Cross. Belgian and French civilians were "running from their homes to escape bombs and shells and machine gunning, without shelter, and almost wholly without food," broadcast FDR.

• On May 20, 1956, the United States conducts the first airborne test of an improved hydrogen bomb, dropping it from a plane over the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean. Observers said that the fireball caused by the explosion measured at least 4 miles in diameter and was brighter than the light from 500 suns.

• On May 21, 1978, 21-year-old rookie golfer Nancy Lopez defeats her childhood hero, JoAnne Carner, on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff to win the Coca-Cola Classic in Jamesburg, N.J. The next year Lopez beat out 44-year-old Mickey Wright, to repeat as Coca-Cola champion.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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If you are now on active military duty or have been in the prior one year, please contact our office at (248) 502-1400. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda Ruth Mardlin, an unmarried woman, to One Reverse Mortgage, LLC, mortgagee, dated March 24, 2011 and recorded April 6, 2011 in Liber 477, page 1,294 in Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Champion Mortgage Company by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred twenty-two thousand five hundred sixty-two and 89/100 dollars (\$122,562.89) including interest at 5.31 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville in Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on May 22, 2013. Said premises are located in the township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Land situated in the township of Curtis in the county of Alcona in the state of Michigan; Lot 39,

Shady Lane Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, page 173, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: April 24, 2013
Orlans Associates, PC.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 13-001876
4-24, 5-1, 5-8, 5-15

**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

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

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

How safe is your local hospital?

DOLLARS AND SENSE
by David Uffington

Here's a little test: Do you know what C. diff is? How about MRSA? Do you know how many people die each year due to hospital errors?

Answers: C. diff and MRSA are two of the serious illnesses that can come from hospital stays. The number of deaths is 180,000.

If you or a member of your family ever needs to stay in a hospital, how much do you know about the levels of safety at your local hospital? If you have a choice between multiple hospitals in your area, do you know the best one for the procedure you need?

AARP (yes, the organization for seniors) has an article in its April/May issue about the safest hospitals in the country and how they got that way. (You can also read it online at www.aarp.org.) For example, one Michigan hospital employs 20 trained technicians simply to take detailed drug histories from the patients. In one Pennsyl-

vania hospital, a bar-coding system on medications, matched up to a bar-coded patient bracelet, has reduced the number of errors from two in 100,000 to two in 1 million.

The link at the end of the article details the super hospitals, the ones that have made great strides in patient safety. Notice that there are only 24 states listed. That doesn't mean there aren't good hospitals in the other states, but you'll have to look for them elsewhere.

Check Leapfrog Hospital Survey [www.leapfroggroup.org/cp] to compare either overall patient safety ratings or the safety of selected procedures at a hospital near you. Click the box on the left of each one you're interested in, and at the bottom of the screen click on Compare.

Also see Hospital Safety Score (www.hospital-safetyscore.org). Put in your ZIP code and the map will show the ratings of all the

hospitals in your area. Of the ratings, "A" is the best. Scroll down and click on each hospital to find detailed information.

The AARP article lists four ways to protect yourself against something bad happening in the hospital: 1) Check the hospital's credentials at The Joint Commission (qualitycheck.org); 2) Ask questions, and you'll have a better outcome; 3) Bring someone with you to watch and listen to what is going on around you; 4) Be persistent in demanding that standard procedures be followed.

A hospital stay can be frightening, but choosing the best hospital may get you a better outcome.

David Uffington 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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Defrauding the VA

VETERANS POST
by Freddy Groves

You have to love the stupidity of some criminals when they try to steal from the Department of Veterans Affairs. A few recent examples:

Tampa, Fla. -- The criminal called police to her apartment to report a break-in. The police found patient records from a VA medical facility, plus notebooks full of names and Social Security numbers. Authorities discovered she was filing tax returns using those names and numbers and pocketing the refunds by turning them into prepaid debit cards.

Nashville, Tenn. -- The criminal got a federal VA grant for \$80,000 that was to be used to provide housing to homeless veterans for at least

seven years. She bought a house allegedly costing \$124,000. No sign she started a shelter. She did the same thing again, getting a grant for \$25,000 for a special van to transport homeless veterans. No sign she actually bought a van. She then applied for another grant to buy an apartment building to house homeless veterans, using a faked letter from a local homeless group. No sign of where that money went. The only thing that's certain is that she wrote a lot of checks to gambling casinos. Total tab stolen: \$360,000.

New Orleans -- Three VA medical center workers schemed to defraud the VA out of hundreds of thousands of dollars. One of them worked as a program man-

ager, authorizing payments for care received by veterans in the community. Another worked as an assistant who entered those payments into the computer. The third worked with billing. Together they created false companies that supposedly provided services to veterans, billed the VA for those fake services and pocketed the cash. They stupidly had the checks sent to themselves. Total stolen: \$360,978 in one scam and \$203,007 in another.

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Vietnam War scrip

COLLECTING
by Larry Cox

Q: My dad was in the Vietnam War, and I have a \$5 Military Payment Certificate from 1961. I have been offered \$50 for it. -- Bob, East St. Louis, Mo.

A: According to "Vietnam War Collectibles" by David Doyle, U.S. personnel in Vietnam were not paid in cash, but rather in scrip known as Military Payment Certificates (MPC). This was done in an effort to curb black-market activities. When leaving Vietnam, troops could exchange pay certificates for regular U.S. currency.

Doyle values your \$5 MPC at \$125. Of special interest to collectors are those numbered 591, 611, 641, 651, 661, 681, 691, 692 and 701. Beware of reproductions, because some have popped up, especially at military shows.

Q: I have collected Fenton Glass for several decades, and

now find I have gathered more than 300 pieces. About a third of my collection is "Carnival Glass" from the 1920s and '30s, which I found at local estate sales and flea markets. Since I am thinking of downsizing, I wonder what would be the best way to liquidate my collection for the best price. -- Kathryn, Spring Branch, Texas

A: Since there are dozens of antiques dealers in both Dallas and Houston, I would begin by seeing if there is any interest in your immediate area. Most dealers are helpful and can advise you. Consider investing in a good price guide to help determine values. I especially like "Fenton Glass Identification and Price Guide" by Mark Moran and published by Krause.

You also might consider eBay, since that will provide you with an international marketplace. Although it takes time and effort to photo, post and process items on eBay, it should allow you to

get the maximum amount for your Fenton pieces. I monitored eBay for several days, and the activity for Fenton appears to be brisk.

Q: I have my first-grade reader from the 1940s, "Fun with Dick and Jane." I wonder if it has value. -- Barbara, Ramona, Calif.

A: Oh, Oh, Oh, see Barbara smile when I tell her that the reader is quite collectible and probably worth about \$50. Condition is always important, and if there are torn pages or pencil or crayon marks, it certainly will be less.

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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HARRISVILLE TWP. MINUTES

The Harrisville Township special meeting was held May 1 at 1:30 p.m. at the township hall. The full board and one guest attended. After reviewing the bids for the cemeteries a motion was made by Jamieson/Pyne: To award the three year contract for the maintenance of the Springport and West Lawn cemeteries to Haglund Landscaping. Motion carried unanimously. Pyne/Johnston: To appoint Lawrence Brozowski to fill the vacancy on planning commis-

sion. Motion carried. Other business discussed: The hall roof, the leak at the HTRA Site has been fixed; the hall chimney needs to be removed; the Little League contract; hoop house; put limestone in the HTRA site and the board agreed to allow the use of the township hall every third Wednesday to the Classic and Antique Tractor Get-together. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Roger Jamieson,
 Township Clerk
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BOARD POSITION

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Looking Glass Salon & Spa-\$5.00 hair cuts, color starting at \$18.00, perms or high lights starting at \$30.00, shampoo sets \$5.00, pedicures \$15.00, manicures \$5.00, facials \$10.00, waxing \$5.00 and more! We're open Tuesday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m., later hours available upon request. Mondays by appointment. We're located just off F-41 and US-23 behind Chippewa Point, Spruce. **Call Elin at (989) 471-8050.**

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

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

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice: Gustin Township will hold its annual Twin Lakes Cemetery clean-up on Saturday, May 18, 2013. Clean-up will begin at 9 a.m. and any help would be greatly appreciated. For further information, please contact Gustin Township Clerk Renee LaVergne at (989) 736-7204.

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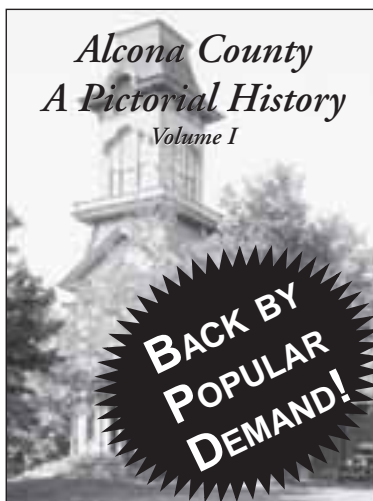
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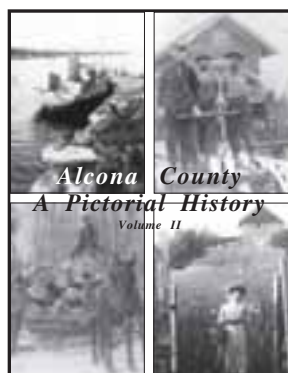
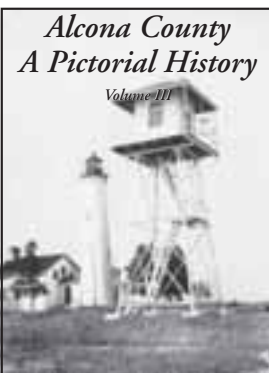
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Spring brings fish stocking, regulation changes

By Edith Zhou
Capital News Service

This year's fishing season is starting on the wheels of stocking trucks, new regulations and programs to attract more participants.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) said its \$9 million program is stocking 19 million fish - 370 tons - including eight trout and salmon species and four cool-water species, including walleye and muskellunge.

This year, DNR's fish-stocking vehicles will travel nearly 138,000 miles to more than 700 spots around the state.

Christian LeSage, a biologist at DNR's Fisheries Division, said that overall, locations and species don't change much from year to year. However, some locations are not always stocked, and new places are added.

"Basically, stocking sites are changed if the site is difficult for our trucks or there is no longer public access, and environmental conditions have changed at the location - for example, the water temperature is deter-

mined to be too warm for trout," he said.

LeSage said one of the biggest changes this year is that DNR is releasing fewer chinook salmon in Lake Michigan because the lake's ecosystem is changing rapidly.

The state used to stock 3.3 million chinook annually in Lake Michigan but has cut the number by two-thirds since 2006. Under its plan, for example, the Manistee River is getting 68 percent fewer chinook than in 2006 and the Grand River is getting none. The plan is to continue at the reduced levels through 2015.

LeSage explained another big change is the increasing number of Atlantic salmon stocked in Lake Huron. About 100,000 will be released into the lake and two of its tributary streams this spring.

That will provide "more angler opportunities in Lake Huron since the chinook salmon fishery declined," he said.

According to LeSage stocking is used to restore, enhance and create fishing op-

portunities. "This is important for many cities and towns as anglers often come from other locations to fish a specific lake, stream or river, and it can boost some local economies."

One of the more significant regulation changes is the reduced number of muskellunge a person can keep. "Muskellunge possession used to be one per day per angler, but starting from this season, only one may be harvested per angler per year, and a new tag now is required," he said.

A muskellunge must be at least 40 to 50 inches long, depending on where it's caught.

Amy Trotter, the resource policy manager at Michigan United Conservation Clubs, said many muskies anglers usually catch and release, so the revised regulation won't influence recreational opportunities a lot. "DNR is working very hard to increase and sustain fish populations. The influences won't be seen for a few years," Trotter said.

Other changes as of April 1 affect northern pike fishing,

bow and spear fishing and possession limit regulations. LeSage said to get more people to enjoy fishing, a new program called the Family Friendly Fishing Waters will

provide a website with information about bodies of water that are easy to access. The department asking anglers to submit information to the website.



Fish stocking at Red Cedar River. Photo courtesy of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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