

Deputy retires after 16 years with sheriff's department

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

After 16 years with the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, a deputy from Mikado is retiring with plans to focus on his family, his health and getting involved in the community.

Michael London has been a full time employee of the sheriff's department since September 1997 and has been a deputy with the department since March of 1998. His last day of work is Friday, Sept. 27. He is celebrating his retirement and his 62nd birthday with family and friends on Saturday, Sept. 28 with an open house at the Mikado Picnic Pavilion starting at 6 p.m.

London was born in Harrisville to Jack and Margot (Ford) London and was raised there until he was 12 years old. Thirty six years later he came back to Alcona County and began his career as a law enforcement officer at the age of 42 when he completed the police academy at Delta Community College in 1993.

He and his wife, Debbie, had been living in Bay City, Mich. and had the dream of "someday" living in Alcona County. That "someday" became a priority when a drive-by shooting happened in front of their house.

London joined the U.S. Army at age 17 on March 17, 1969 following in the footsteps of his older brother,

Tim, and best friend. After basic training at Fort Knox, Kansas, he spent a year and a half in Germany and seven months in Vietnam. London completed his high school education while in the Army and was honorably discharged on March 4, 1972.

He settled in the Bay City, Mich. area, married in 1973 and four sons came in quick succession. He worked a variety of jobs in road construction, at the nuclear plant in Midland, Mich. and as a pipe fitter. While working, he attended classes at Saginaw Valley State University at night and received an associ-

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Mike and Debbie London

Marine sanctuary expansion still working on approval

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary's proposed expansion from 448 square miles to 4,300 miles still has a few areas to iron out before getting final approval.

This proposal has been in the works when the expansion was first introduced to Congress in 2007 by Senator Carl Levin.

"If Congress had said 'that's a good idea, we like this' they could have expanded it congressionally, but it didn't get voted on and it sort of died in congress," said Russ Green, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

Deputy Superintendent.

The marine sanctuary then began the task of getting the expansion approved administratively.

An arduous task, according to Green. He explained the process began with drafting an environmental impact statement (DEIS) and progressed to public meetings which allows the public to give comments and express concerns.

From there, three different alternatives of the expansion were formed.

• To not expand and keep the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary as it is covering 448 square miles near Alpena;

• To expand from Presque Isle to Sturgeon Point in Harrisville;

• To expand 4,300 square miles from Spectacle Reef, south of Cheboygan to south Alcona County just north of Oscoda.

The third alternative is the sanctuary's preferred alternative which includes 92 known shipwrecks with potential for more not yet identified.

The DEIS was published in June. It was followed by another 60 day comment period which ended in August.

Green said the feedback was "pretty good," however, there was a concern regarding commercial shipping.

When commercial boats go to port they exchange ballast water and in the DEIS there is a U.S. Coast Guard regulation prohibiting this exchange.

He explained the regulation regarding ballast water was primarily meant for oceanic shipping vessels which might release invasive species. "The practice really isn't a problem in the Great Lakes, it's an unintended consequence... There really isn't a threat of invasive species moving around ballast water here because the ships operating in the stone quarries stay in the Great Lakes. They never go out. We know that.

"The lake quarry associa-

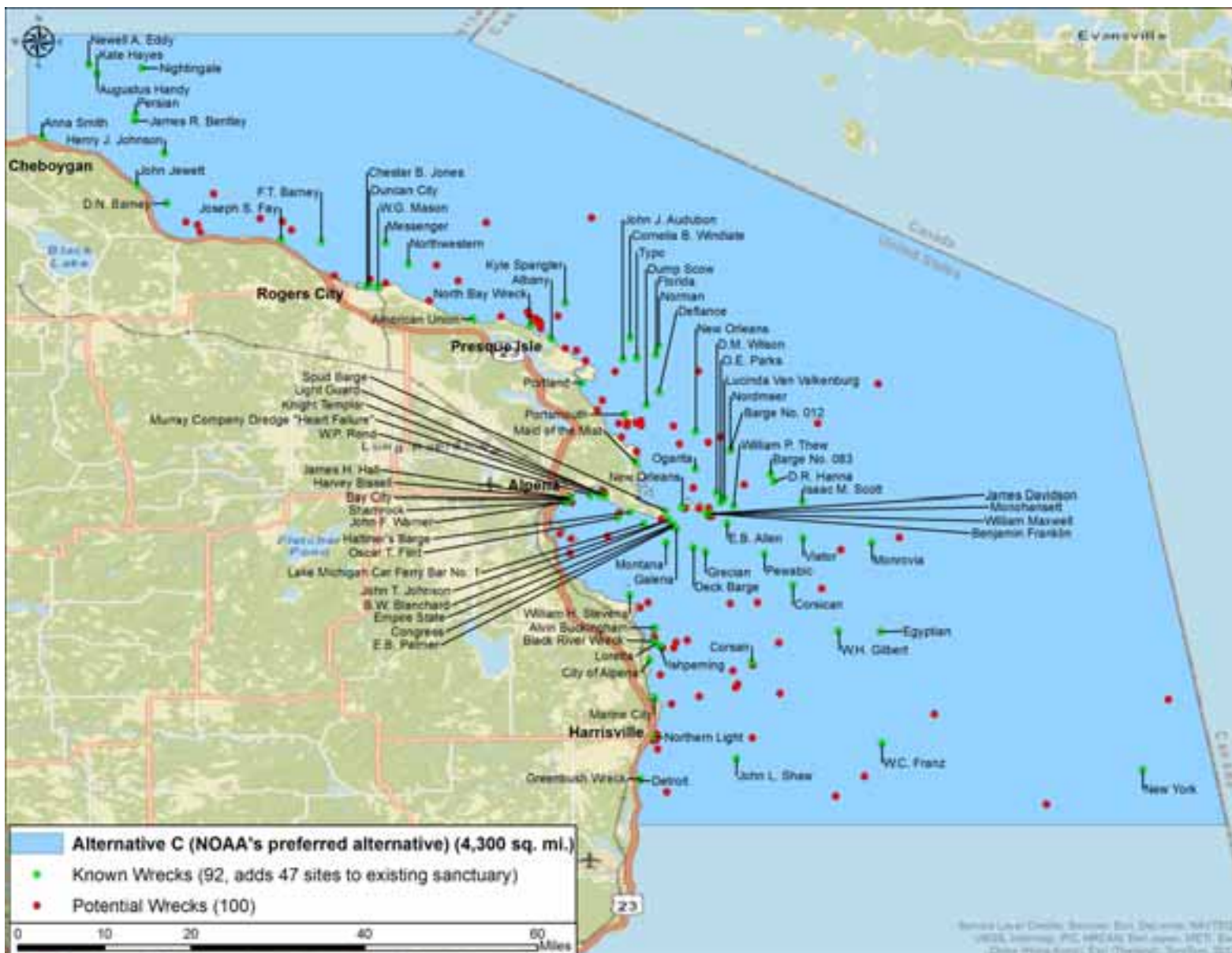
tions are supportive of the expansion as long as we can solve the issue with ballast water. We are working on that now to figure out a way to alleviate that," Green said, noting the ballast exchange water wouldn't affect sanctuary resources nor would it affect the water quality in Lake Huron.

A simple solution to amending the DEIS would be to draw boundaries around the ports in Alpena, Presque Isle and Rogers City which commercial ships use. Green said drawing the boundaries into the DEIS was very doable but would take some additional time. As a result the public comment period has been extended to mid October.

According to Green, people are looking forward to the expansion and most feedback was very positive with community support to protect the resources. Shipping companies are supportive because the sanctuary honors their heritage.

Green explained expansion regulations will not affect fishing. "We do want to make sure to address any concerns by native fishing. However, there is some tribal fishing that occurs in the current sanctuary and it

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Obituaries

Sharon L. Goul

Sharon L. Goul, 69, died on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013 in Durand, Mich.

She was born January 23, 1944 to Lloyd and Vera (Yakes) Rivers in Harrisville.

She was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie 3851 and was a secretary for the Eagle Riders. She enjoyed collecting antiques, camping and gardening.

She is survived by two daughters, Carla (Phillip) Rosser of Durand, Mich. and Melissa (William Roman) Sabo of Chicago, Ill.; three sons, Todd (Janet) Somers of Lapeer, Mich., Robert Somers of San Francisco, Calif. and Lance (Angela McNamara) Sabo of Owosso, Mich.; six grandchildren, Kyle and Tyler Rosser, Dean and Emma Somers and Riley



and Ethan Sabo; and one sister, Jean Holmes of Harrisville.

A funeral service was held Monday, Sept. 23 at Watkins Brothers Funeral Homes, Durand, Mich. Interment was in Newburg Cemetery.

Nancy M. Caretti

Nancy M. Caretti, 76, of Barton City, died on Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013 at her home.

She was born September 3, 1937 in Grosse Pointe, Mich. to Albert and Margaret (Beaupre) Crooks.

She worked in the Detroit, Mich. area as a registered nurse for many years.

Mrs. Caretti moved to Barton City from Sterling Heights, Mich. in 1998 and wintered in Naples, Fla.

She was a member of St. Rene Goupil Catholic Church, Sterling Heights, Mich. and St. Finbarr Catholic Church of Naples, Fla.

Mrs. Caretti is survived by her husband, Robert; two sons, Robert Caretti of Chesterfield Township, Mich. and John (Lori) Caretti of Warren, Mich.; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; one sister, Margaret (Thomas) Nicosia of Lake Orion, Mich.; and two brothers, Albert (Ethel) Crooks of St. Clair Shores, Mich. and Robert (Sharon) Crooks of Clarkston, Mich.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Thomas Crooks.

The funeral was held September 24 at St. Rene Goupil Church, in Sterling Heights, Mich. Entombment will take place at Cadillac Memorial Gardens East.

Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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would also be in the expanded sanctuary. We are working with those groups now to address any concerns they have. Our view is it won't impact tribal or even commercial fishing," he said.

The expansion would mean extra protection of the shipwrecks. There are already laws in affect to prohibit altering, destroying or possessing underwater cultural resources, but the law doesn't prohibit removing artifacts which aren't directly associated with a wreck.

The expansion would prohibit taking of artifacts such as dishes or personal prop-

erty items of crew and passengers which might not be connected to a specific shipwreck site. Green said breaking a sanctuary regulation is a bigger deal with stiffer penalties to hold people accountable.

The expansion may also bring additional resources to the area. Green said the public has commented that it would like to see tourism efforts come from the expansion the way it has in Alpena. This could mean grant money for interpretive pieces along the shoreline as well as assistance to communities in order to build tourist attractions.

Alcona County has several shipwrecks which a person can kayak, snorkel or dive to see. The Marine City, a late 19th century paddle wheel steamer, lies just a half mile north of Sturgeon Point Lighthouse. In Harrisville Harbor the Northern Lights wreck is in low water. The John Shaw wreck is in 130 feet of water and there are others only four miles off shore in 200 to 250 feet of water.

"The whole point of the expansion is to raise the awareness of these sites which are valuable and can be economic drivers. We want to make sure people don't impact them, don't remove articles or hurt the shipwrecks themselves. These are heritage sites, they are icons, they are our history, for sure, but they are also tourism sites," Green said.

One of the benefits of the sanctuary expansion proposal has come in 2010 the discovery of the Egyptian wreck off of Alcona County. Finding the wreck was the result of a \$100,000 grant through the University of Texas. Green explained the university was developing new sonar for the U.S. Navy to help find mines. The university came to Thunder Bay to test the sonar by looking for shipwrecks and they found the Egyptian.

"We continue to find new wreck sites, pieces and parts all the time. We probably get calls three or four times a year from people in Alcona County saying something washed up their beach including numerous timber pieces," Green said.

Green wasn't sure when the expansion would receive final approval. He was hoping it would be done by next spring when water recreation activities begin again.

Anyone wishing to comment on the expansion may do so until October 18 by following boundary expansion comment instructions on the thunderbay.noaa.gov web site or by mail at: Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, 500 W. Fletcher, Alpena, MI 49707, Attention: Jeff Gray, Superintendent.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

Anyone who believes that they can control or manage whitetail genetics in a free ranging whitetail population by culling inferior bucks, is either is grossly misinformed or simply has no clue about what they are talking about. They are attempting to use scare tactics to push their own agenda.

The Michigan Department

of Natural Resource's mandate is not to look out for hunters, it's to care for and do what is best for the whitetail herd for all of the people of Michigan.

You can not control genetics in a free ranging whitetail herd. Period.

Jim Ferguson

Harrisville

Dickson, Tenn.

To the Editor:

I would like to thank you for the article that appeared in the Alcona County Review on September 11, 2013. I believe you gave a fair and accurate accounting of the harbor commission meeting held on September 5, 2013. I would like to suggest one correction.

It was reported on page five, second full paragraph in column one that: Gehring said he had to revise the permit application and resubmit it. The emergency one-time permit was received on August 14, and expires at the end of the year.

Actually, this permit was issued on August 14, 2013 and expires on August 14, 2018. It is not an extended permit. It is not a revised permit. It is a new permit issued for the maximum time allowed under Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regulations for this

type of dredging project.

It seeks and specifies only one disposal sight with that being the beach south of the harbor. Under the conditions stated within the permit an accumulated total of 5,000 cubic yards of harbor spoils can be extracted at any time and on any number of occasions during the next five years and placed on the south beach.

Gehring is seeking a second permit from the Army Corps for an additional 20,000 cubic yards of dredge material to be placed on the south beach.

The Army Corps of Engineers and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources last sought public comment on depositing the dredge soil on the beach south of the harbor in October of 1999.

Craig Georgeff

Harrisville

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2012-2013

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Sept. 15	60		50	0.20	0.9
Sept. 16	55	40	0.04	8.5	29	NNE
Sept. 17	63	38	0.00	5.8	20	NNE
Sept. 18	66	46	0.00	4.2	20	SW
Sept. 19	72	61	0.00	4.9	21	SSW
Sept. 20	76	65	0.36	5.8	25	SW
Sept. 21	65	47	0.00	2.7	18	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)		2012-2013	
	2013	2012	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.60	0.68	0.63
September to Date	1.64	1.73	2.03
Year to Date	24.05	19.32	21.39

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

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

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

Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush site, 3029 Campbell Road.

The Alcona County Library board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Hubbard lake Community Center, 1561 Hubert Road, Hubbard Lake.

Strawberry Fields Grocery Co-op, sponsored by the new Alcona County Food Association will hold a farmer's market from 4 to 7 p.m. at 200 North State Street (US-23), Harrisville. Local produce will be sold by area farmers and the gardeners who are growing in the Harrisville Community Garden. For more information, call (989) 607-0187.

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

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

The Alcona County Amateur Radio Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building, 2600 East M-72. Anyone interested in amateur radio, emergency and public service communications is invited to attend. Free refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550 or visit www.alcona-radio.org.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

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) 739-4483.

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

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

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.

The Alcona Health Center and Alcona County Library present "Dining with the Docs" at noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main street. The topic for the meeting will be cholesterol, high blood pressure and diabetes by Dr. Raj Rao, internist. A light lunch provided, no charge. Must register by calling (989) 724-6796.

Faith Lutheran Church fall bake sale from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 3395 M-72 (between Barlow and Coville road). Cookie walk, homemade baked goods, jams and jellies.

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

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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.

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

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TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1

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.

Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Se-

nior Center, 207 Church Street.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2

Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. Free items for newborns through age five to residents of Alcona County. Diapers, formula, clothes, bedding and more will be available.

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.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold its membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena, at the corner of Brooke and Connon, near Diamonds Pointe. Lunch will be served. To reserve a place, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080. Bring a can of food for the needy.

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THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3

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14189	2003 Chevrolet Tahoe 4x4	\$9,995*
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Local Notes

OPEN HOUSE

Deputy Michael London of the Alcona County Sheriff's Office will be retiring September 28. Anyone who would like to wish Deputy London A "Happy Retirement" is invited to attend an open house being held in his honor on Saturday, September 28 at the Mikado Picnic Pavilion beginning at 6 p.m. Snacks and refreshments will be served.

Harrisville State Park's 7th Annual Hunter's Education Weekend was a huge success again this year.

A big thank you to all who donated, volunteered or helped out:

- Northeastern Quality Deer Management
- Alcona Food Pantry
- Alcona Sheriff's Department
- Alcona Conservation District
- Freemont Catering-Ray Bock/Alpena
- Glennie Sportsman's Club
- Iosco Sportsman's Club
- Dale Willet
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- John Leach, Houghton Lake
- Kipfmiller's Produce & Nursery/Alpena
- Klenow's Market, East Tawas
- Lincoln Outdoor, Lincoln
- Mr. Ed's IGA, Harrisville/Ossineke
- MSU 4-H, Alcona County
- Northeastern Window & Door, Harrisville
- Pepsi Bottling Company
- Brian and Jana Petticoffer, Glennie
- St. Anne's Catholic Church, Harrisville
- The AuSable River Store, Oscoda
- Instructors or speakers who helped the participants understand hunting and safety
- Volunteers who helped out throughout the weekend to help support Hunter's Education and International Bow Education

Without the help, the two-day event wouldn't have been such a huge success to reach out to our community and youth. We certified 72 participants in Hunter's Education and International Bow Education. Hunting is a great family sport and thanks to these people, many more individuals will be able to take advantage of the great outdoors!

United Way Grants Available

The United Way of Northeast Michigan Board of Directors has awarded \$1,438 to Alcona County for distribution to any nonprofit, tax-exempt human care organizations that may or may not be a United Way agency. A local advisory committee consisting of Carolyn Brummond, Shawn Thornton and Don Newport will accept applications through October 4, 2013. Local nonprofit organizations that need help with some extra funding may contact one of the above named members for further information or submit a request to chairperson, United Way Advisory Committee for Alcona County, Alcona Community Schools, P.O. Box 249, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. Grant requests should provide detailed information about the purpose of the request, the amount of grant funding requested, and the community stakeholders the request will serve.

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.

top ten

RICHEST PEOPLE EVER

1. Mansa Musa I
2. The Rothschild Family
3. John D. Rockefeller
4. Andrew Carnegie
5. Czar Nicholas II of Russia
6. Mir Osman Ali Khan
7. William the Conqueror
8. Moammar Kadafi
9. Henry Ford
10. Cornelius Vanderbilt

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- Monday, Sept. 30—Pork tips in gravy over noodles, peas and carrots, pickled beets and fruit.

- Tuesday, Oct. 1—Chicken parmesan over spaghetti, peas, tossed salad, garlic bread and fruit.

- Wednesday, Oct. 2—Pepper steak over rice, Brussels sprouts, coleslaw and fruit crisp.

- Thursday, Oct. 3—Ham, scalloped potatoes, mixed vegetables, flavored apple sauce and peaches.

- Friday, Oct. 4—Baked fish, wild rice, broccoli, tropic fruit salad and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market is open Saturday, Sept. 28 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA Site in Lincoln. Everything is grown, created and produced in Alcona County. Available this week: Pumpkins, carrots, cabbage, potatoes, eggplant, tomatoes, tomatillos, spaghetti, acorn, butternut, grey ghost, crookneck and zucchini squash, hot and sweet peppers, onions, Swiss chard, kale, arugula, lettuce, broccoli, beets, leeks, pears, apples, shallots, rutabagas, beans, farm fresh eggs, honey, assorted baked goods, all cuts of hormone and antibiotic-free grass and grain fed beef, dried herbs, assorted jams and jellies, soup and salsa mixes, assorted baked goods mixes, salt-free dip and dressing mixes and seasonings, dried fruit, homemade laundry detergent, handmade greeting cards, chainmail and tatted jewelry, potholder rugs, potholders, market bags, crocheted and knitted items, candles, catnip toys, lavender dryer sheets, trinket boxes, live rabbits and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077. The individual who lost a valuable item at the market on September 21 is encouraged to call and describe the item to have it returned.

Identity Theft Prevention

State Rep. Peter Pettalia will host a meeting with the state attorney general's office on Friday, Oct. 4 to provide information that can help protect residents, especially senior citizens, from fraud. The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. in the Commissioner's Meeting Room, in the Alcona County Building, 106 5th Street, Harrisville. It will cover identity theft and scams perpetrated by telephone, traditional mail or e-mail.

"These meetings will provide valuable information on how to reduce the risk of falling victim to some of the fastest growing crimes in America, along with what to do if you become a victim," said Pettalia, R-Presque Isle. "The attorney general has created a great outreach tool through the Senior Brigade initiative to help people identify potential rip-offs and how to respond to them."

Pettalia can be contacted

by writing to the State Capitol, Lansing, Mich. 48909-7514; calling his toll-free Lansing, Mich. office at (877) 737-4106; by e-mail at peterpettalia@house.mi.gov; or through his website at www.RepPeterPettalia.com.

Featured Artists

Jim Shaffer and James Manning, a grandfather/grandson duo, are the featured artists in residence for the month of October at the Thunder Bay Arts Council (TBAC) Gallery. They both share an appreciation for the world around them. Shaffer depicts it with watercolor and pastels, and Manning with his camera. A collection of their work is on display at the TBAC Gallery throughout the month of October. An open house will be held in their honor on Friday, Oct. 4 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at the TBAC Office/Gallery located at 127 W. Chisholm Street in Alpena. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Before being introduced to painting by his daughter, Bethany, Shaffer said he couldn't even color within the



James Manning (left) and Jim Shaffer

lines of a coloring book. Since then he has taken several workshops in different media.

Manning's love of nature began long before he got his first camera. As a boy he roamed the fields and forests around his home. When he was nine he accompanied his granddad on the first of many back-packing trips with Alpena High School's Bike and Boot Club, which ranged from the Appalachian Trail to the Rocky Mountains. At age 11 he got his first camera from his dad and began focusing on photographs of wildflowers, following in the footsteps of great-grandfather Harry C. Lund, author of "Michigan Wildflowers." Fifteen years and six cameras later Manning's work has taken on new meaning.

Fire Dept. Open House

The Harrisville Fire Department will host an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 6 to kick-off Fire Safety Week. There will be games, prizes, displays and tours of the fire trucks. There will be many photo opportunities. The Alpena Fire Department smoke house will be available for hands-on demonstrations. For more information, call fire chief Randall Goodman at (989) 335-0380.

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ate degree in general studies. In 1980 he and his wife divorced.

In 1985 he married Debbie and they settled in her house in Bay City, Mich. Two years later their daughter was on the way and a lifestyle change was on the horizon.

"I was pregnant with our daughter when (the drive by shooting) happened," Debbie London said. "The next day he said we are moving in two weeks. That wasn't much time to sell a house and move... but, it was the best decision. We love it here."

They purchased property from his grandfather's home-stead (on F-41 and London Road in Mikado) from a cousin and never looked back over their shoulder at life downstate. However, it was a struggle to make ends meet for several years. Debbie, who had been a court reporter, had trouble finding work in that field. And, they were raising five kids. London found seasonal work as a civil servant on Wurtsmith Air Force Base. He joined the Mikado Fire Department in 1989.

In 1993 as the federal government began the process to close Wurtsmith Air Force Base, London was hired on at the base fire department, which soon became a public safety office and all members were required to attend the police academy at Delta College.

London applied to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department after receiving his certification and waited for the opportunity to work there. That came in 1997 when he began a part-time position as a corrections officer in the jail.

"We've had our hard times," London said at the end of a day shift of road patrol last week. "But, the sheriff's department is a great place to work and the community is so wonderful. We've received a lot of support - from the department and the community. We are very fortunate."

"It's been a great experience working at the sheriff's department and with the community. It's an important job that I enjoyed," London

said. From 2001 to 2005 he spent four years working in the Alcona high and middle schools and really enjoyed working with students in that capacity. "That was my favorite thing to do," London said.

London said he will miss a variety of aspects of his position including the people he works with - those outside of uniform as well. "The thing I loved the most is all of the people you meet and make contact with. I enjoy helping people. I am going to miss all of the employees and bosses... there are some wonderful people there. I will really miss everyone I work with."

Although, the stress of the position is not something London will miss. He had a stroke in 2007 and recognizes how work-related stress affects his health and home life. "People don't realize how much we do in a small department - it can be very stress full... It's time for me to step down; it's a younger person's job."

Since Debbie retired in May from her position as a nursing assistant, they will have time to spend with each other. They also plan to set their health as a priority too. "We love to camp and we are going to start golfing together," Debbie said. "We would like to travel. We have family in Florida, Mississippi and Kansas... so we have places we want to visit... And, I have about five years of work for him to do around here."

London is looking forward to spending more time with his children - Michael London Jr. of Cass city, Mich., Christopher London of Mikado, Jeremy London and Jason London of Bad Axe, Mich. and Margot Alvery of Midland, Mich. They also have seven grandchildren.

"It's going to be different... I don't think I'll have a problem staying busy though. I'm pretty fortunate to be where I'm at," London said.

District Court

The following individuals were sentenced in August in 81st District Court by the Honorable Laura A. Frawley.

- Bradly James Yawn, 32, of Mikado was sentenced to 10 days in jail and fines and court costs of \$825 for domestic violence.

- Adam Donald Conway, 33, of Sterling, Mich. was sentenced to 55 days in jail, two years of probation and fines and court costs of \$2,575 for operating while intoxicated.

- Robert Phillip McKinnon, 47, of Alpena was sentenced to 20 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,325 for malicious use of telecommunications service.

- Michael James Hogness, 46, of Oscoda was sentenced to three days in jail, two days of community service and fines and court costs of \$2,115 for operating while visibly impaired.

- Kevin Stewart Baden, 43, of Alpena was sentenced to 45 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,280 for use of a controlled substance - marijuana.

- Noah Ray Farmer, 21, of Clinton Township, Mich. was sentenced to 10 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,280 for use of a controlled substance - marijuana.

- Trista Annily Davis, 28, of Midland, Mich. was sentenced to 10 days in jail, one year of probation and court costs and fines of \$1,225 for attempted child abuse - fourth degree.

- Kyle Ross Catarino, 32, of Harrisville was sentenced to one year of probation and court costs and fines of \$1,515 for operating with high blood alcohol content.

- Roy Lee Graham, 63, of Flint, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail and court costs and fines of \$1,140 for operating while visibly impaired.

- James Henry Campbell, 45, of Oscoda was sentenced to one day in jail, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$875 for possession of a firearm under the influence and assault or assault and battery.

- Jered Michael Stickler, 26, of Traverse City, Mich. was sentenced to three days in jail, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,540 for operating while visibly impaired.

- Jeremiah Aaron Hill, 21, of Harrisville was sentenced to two days in jail and fines and court costs of \$1,390 for operating while visibly impaired.

- Daniel Alan Good, 27, of Greenbush was sentenced to 28 days in jail, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,025 for attempted domestic violence.

- Ann Cheryl Saretsky, 58, of Hubbard Lake was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$1,215 for operating while visibly impaired.

- Craig Stephen Korry, 43, of Calument, Mich. was sentenced to 10 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,180 for possession of marijuana/spice/salvia.

- Anthony Joseph Rapp, 57, of Saginaw, Mich. was sentenced to three days in jail and fines and court costs of \$1,215 for operating while visibly impaired.

- Kathleen Rose Walsh, 38, of Harrisville was sentenced to 30 days in jail, restitution of \$163 and fines and court costs of \$848 for malicious destruction of property under \$200; and 28 days in jail or 200 hours of community service, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$350 for attempted resisting and obstructing arrest.

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Tigers battle Braves and keep championship as primary goal

By Kendra Cole
Football Writer

The Alcona varsity football team picked up another win by outscoring the Tawas Braves, 34-14 at Tawas during homecoming.

For many years there has been a rivalry between the Braves and the Tigers. However, the Tigers have adopted another approach to football.

"We want to take championship reps. We don't focus on the opponent much but the fact that we want to be champions. It doesn't matter who's directly in front of us,

what matters is that we are making the best effort on every rep," said Dave Coach Schneider as he talked about the rivalry between the two teams.

The Tigers took first possession and received their first penalty. That did not slow the Tigers down. Cody Franklin completed a pass to Josh Mead. As the offense struggled, Tawas took possession. Alec Neumann and Mead had two good stops which forced the Braves to give the ball back. Franklin had two good carries along

Neumann, which forced a punt by the Braves. Mead had two carries with a total of 35 yards to advance the ball for the Tigers. Fettes completed a first down for the Tigers ending the third quarter.

The Tigers tried to finish their work from the third quarter but end up fumbling the ball where it is recovered by Tawas. Tawas advanced some before getting stopped by Neumann, Mead and Dawson Forsythe. Weichel had a critical stop to deny the Braves a touchdown. That

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Carson Jamieson (20) catches an interception during the game with the Tawas Braves. Photo by Pat Brussel.

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with Nathan Fettes to get two first downs. Those carries led to a touchdown by Franklin leaving 35.9 seconds on the clock.

Chad Cole recovered a fumble and got the two-point conversion for Alcona which ended the first quarter with a score of 8-0.

The second quarter started with three good stops by Alcona which forced Tawas to punt the ball away. Franklin carried the ball 54 yards for a touchdown. The two-point conversion came with a pass from Franklin to Carson Jamieson. With 9:12 left, the Braves threw two passes; one was caught and the other deflected by Jamieson. Tawas faced two penalties that forced them to punt.

An Alcona fumble that was recovered by Tawas resulted in a 55-yard touchdown for the Braves making the score 16-6. Alcona answered back with a pass to Mead, a good carry by Franklin and a 53-yard touchdown for Fettes. Jamieson attempted the extra point, but it was no good. At halftime the score was 22-6, Tigers.

After halftime, Tawas had possession of the ball until it was intercepted by Garrette Norling who made a 55-yard touchdown. A penalty took it away. After two good carries by Mead, the Tigers got their touchdown back when Franklin ran the ball in the end zone. The two-point conversion failed, which kept the score at 28-6.

Tawas attempted to catch up but was stopped with two sacks by Norling and good stops by Lucas Weichel and

was quickly turned around when Alcona fumbled the ball. The Braves recovered it and gained ground inch by inch. They scored a touchdown and completed a pass for a two-point conversion. With 3:10 left on the clock the score was 28-14, Tigers.

During the kickoff to the Tigers, there were complications. After two penalties and three attempted kickoffs the Tigers finally fell on an onside kick. Fettes carried the ball 64 yards assisted by Forsythe, who provided a good block. With 2:44 left the Braves had possession, but failed to deliver after two unsuccessful plays by Tawas. Tigers took a knee on both of their downs to win the game 34-14.

"We give credit to Tawas. The kids never really quit," Schneider said.

Franklin had three out of four completions for a total of 61 yards, 12 carries for 127 yards and three touchdowns. Fettes had 15 carries for 183 yards, one reception for 12 yards, two touchdowns and nine tackles. Mead had 10 carries for 77 yards, one reception for 46 yards and 15 tackles (four for loss). Norling finished with nine carries for 57 yards, 14 tackles (seven for loss), three sacks and one interception.

Alcona remains undefeated with a record of 4-0. The Tigers will play home on Friday, Sept. 27 against Whittemore Prescott.

"We will prepare for Whittemore by preparing for Tawas. We have been working on a new offense and a defense. It should be a good game," Schneider said.

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Many flu shot options available to older adults this season

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If you get a flu shot, you're 60 percent less likely to get the flu. And if you do happen to get it, you're likely to have a milder case if you've been inoculated. The flu puts more than 200,000 people in the hospital each year and kills on average about 24,000.

Here's the rundown on the different vaccines that are available this flu season:

- **Standard flu shot:** This tried-and-true shot that's been around for more than 30 years protects against three strains of influenza, and is recommended for everyone six months and older. This year's version protects against the two common Type A strains H1N1 and H3N2, and one strain of Type B influenza virus.

- **Quadrivalent vaccine:** New this year, this vaccine that protects against four types of influenza - the same three strains as the regular flu shot, plus an additional B-strain virus that primarily affects kids. Available to everyone six months and older, the quadrivalent shot will be available in limited supply this year, therefore it's primarily recommended for children.

- **Fluzone High-Dose:** Designed for seniors age 65 and

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- **Fluzone Intradermal:** If you're squeamish about needles, the intradermal shot is a nice option because it uses a tiny micro-needle to inject the vaccine just under the skin, rather than deeper in the muscle like standard flu shots. This year's version will protect against three strains of influenza, and is recommended to those ages 18 to 64.

- **FluBlok:** Created for people who are allergic to eggs who have had to skip their yearly flu shot. FluBlok is the first egg-free flu vaccine developed through cell

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- **FluMist:** This nasal spray vaccine protects against four strains of influenza, just like the quadrivalent shot, but it's only recommended for those between age two and 49.

To locate a vaccination site that offers these options, ask your doctor or pharmacist, or check the online flu-shot locator at flushot.healthmap.org. Most chains like CVS, Walgreens, Safeway, Kmart, Walmart, Rite Aid and Kroger will offer the standard and high-dose shots, along with the flumist nasal spray. But because of limited supply, it may be a bit more difficult to locate the intradermal, quadrivalent or flublock vaccines.

You'll also be happy to know that most health plans

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and Medicare will cover the cost of a flu shot. But if you're not covered by insurance, you can expect to pay around \$25 to \$35 for a standard, intradermal or quadrivalent flu shot, or \$50 to \$60 for a shot of the high-dose or flublock.

For more information on the different flu vaccines, visit the Center for Disease Control and Prevention at cdc.gov/flu, or call (800) 232-4636.


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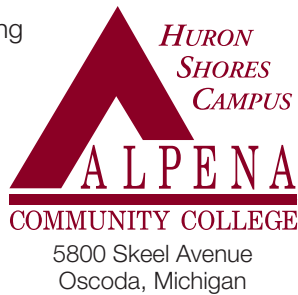
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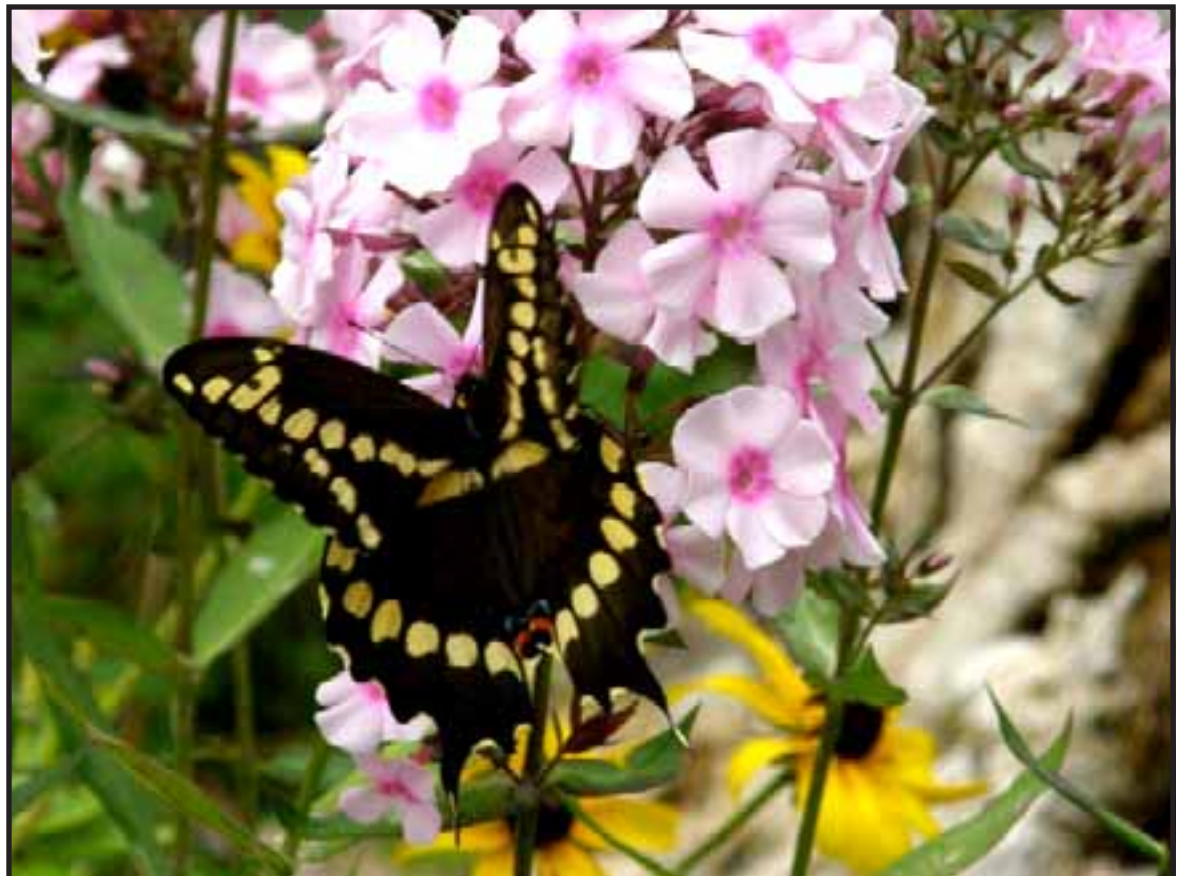
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Patricia Truman
Alcona County Clerk

Lady Tigers come up short against AuGres

By Hope Smith
Volleyball Writer

On Thursday, Sept. 19 the Alcona varsity volleyball team lost a tough battle against AuGres-Sims on their home floor.

The Lady Tigers started with great momentum offensively in the first two sets winning 25-22, 25-19. They dug deep delivering spot on serves and winning some tough tips defensively at the net to stay ahead of AuGres-Sims.

However, as the night progressed the Lady Tigers lost their focus allowing for multiple service errors and the lack of communication on the floor to work against them.

AuGres swept Alcona in the last three sets 25-18, 25-15 and 15-6. "We fell apart after winning the first two sets. Unforced errors and the AuGres middle hitter really hurt us. When defensive plays were made, we did not capitalize on them with aggressive attacks. It was a great learning experience that will definitely make us stronger," said coach Kristi Arnold.

Alcona was led by Kalie Zerbst who had 18 assists and nine aces. Offensively Karina Cole put up two blocks and added 12 kills. Cassie Carpenter slammed down 12 kills. Katelyn Nelson had 21 assists. Sam Zerbst hit the floor with 17 digs.

After that loss, Alcona is 2-1 and 1-0 in the North Star League.

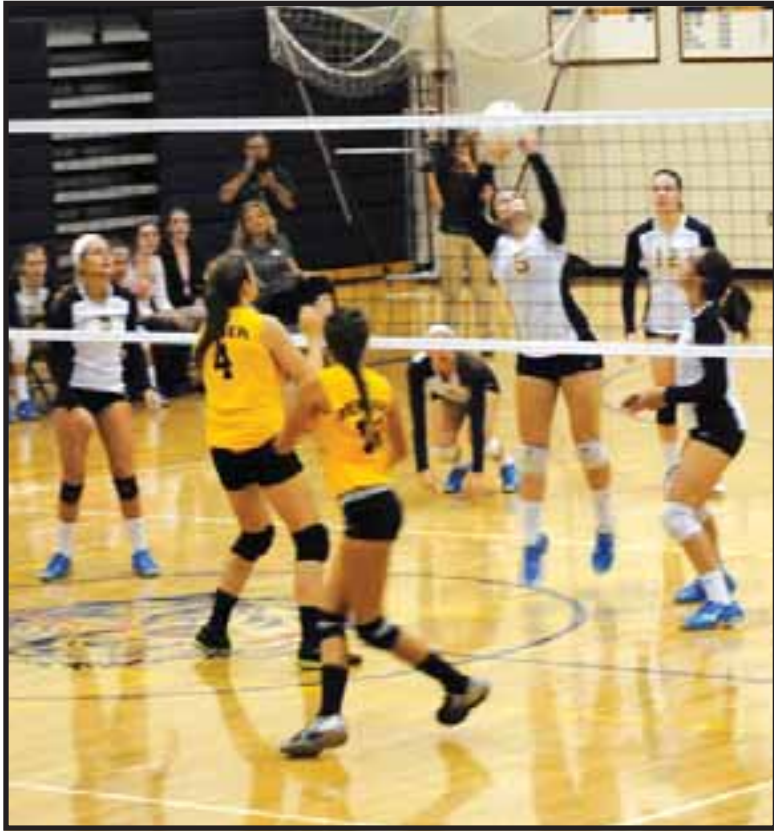
The junior varsity volleyball team won 25-20, 25-13 and 17-15. Alcona's freshmen team won the first two sets 26-24, 25-19 but lost 15-7 in the third set.

Earlier in the week, the Tawas Braves, independent this year, came to town to give Alcona a look at their new line up. In the first set, Alcona jumped out to the early 9-7 lead with pinpoint serving from Cole, but Tawas answered back with five straight serves of their own to give the Braves a 12-9 lead.

Both teams worked hard all night battling for every ball but Alcona prevailed clawing their way from a deficit to tie the game at 18, 21 and then again at 25. In the final push, Alcona was plagued with serving errors opening the door for Tawas once again. However, the Lady Tigers rallied together to pull off the 27-25 win over Tawas.

The second set proved to be more of the same as both teams continued to muscle their way around the floor looking for open holes in each other's defensive line. In a game that could have gone either way Alcona came on strong serving the next nine out of 10 points giving Alcona the 20-16 lead. That didn't last long. Tawas fought back to tie the score 22-22. With both teams determined to take home the win, Alcona scored the last two crucial points to get the 26-24 win.

Alcona started the third set off with a 9-3 lead with serves from K. Zerbst and Nelson. The Lady Tigers capitalized on services errors by



Lady Tiger Cassie Carpenter (5) gets ready to spike the ball. Photo by Pat Brussel.

Tawas to extend their lead to 18-11.

Cole, Carpenter, K. Zerbst and Sierra Forsythe were unstoppable at the net. They alternated attacks on Tawas to include hard spikes and precise tips.

Defensively S. Zerbst made some amazing dives to keep the ball alive while Sydney Pierce bumped the ball forward to give Alcona attackers the opportunity to finish the game with unreturnable hits. Alcona won 25-15 in the third set.

"The girls fought hard the entire game and made big

plays when the first and second were on the line. It was a huge win and a solid team effort," Arnold said.

Nelson led Alcona with 16 assists and three aces. K. Zerbst had 15 assists. S. Zerbst led defensively with seven digs. Sydney Pierce and Cole had six aces each and Forsythe stepped up for Alcona with two blocks.

The junior varsity team lost to Tawas 25-13, 25-17 and 15-7.

Alcona played host to Hale on Tuesday. The Lady Tiger will be traveling to Mio on Thursday, Sept. 26.



Jason Steiner gets ready to move the ball upfield against Tawas while Ben Dubuque looks on. The Tigers traveled to Standish in their first game of the week and won 6-2 with Trenton LaVergne scoring five goals. Alcona then faced Tawas falling 7-1 in a very physical game. The Tigers played host to Oscoda on Monday Whittemore-Prescott on Wednesday, and Bay City John Glenn on Thursday. Photo by Kathy Steiner.

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Edna Zonca, a resident of Hubbard Lake and Rolling Hills Care Home, celebrates her 100th birthday a little early at a party given to her by her daughter and son-in-law, Elizabeth and Jerry Hughes. She was born February 14, 1914. She has three children, eight grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Police Report

A Greenbush resident was injured in a motorcycle accident last Wednesday. According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, Michael Strickler, 56, was heading south on US-23 when he lost control of the motorcycle he was driving. Sheriff deputies arrived at the scene near Martell Road in Greenbush Township around 2:10 p.m. and helped Greenbush Township Medical First Responders provide medical assistance. Strickler was transported to St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas for treatment, and later transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Mich. The incident is under investigation.

Organization Notes

DAR - Aux Sables Chapter
The River Aux Sables Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at the Lost Lake Woods Club-

house in Lincoln on September 14 for a program presented by Warren Petoskey, Odawa councilor and Christian minister. He spoke about the treatment the Native American children received at the boarding schools specifically in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. and Carlisle, Pa. during the last of the 19th century and early 20th century and how that has impacted today's generation of tribal members through "historic trauma." Native American children were ripped from their homes and families by the U.S. Army and law enforcement and sent to be educated at boarding schools by proclamation signed by President Andrew Jackson. The abuse of the children under the care of government and church boarding schools and the extent of the deaths that occurred were not recorded and kept from the general public. Currently, it is estimated that in the unmarked cemetery north of the boarding school still present in Mt. Pleasant, there are approximately 700 children buried who were killed or died during the years the boarding school was used. Constitution Week was September 17-23. This is the national observance of the signing of the American Constitution, the oldest existing document governing a nation still in use in the history of the world. Women who are interested in becoming members of the DAR may receive information through the chapter website at www.riverauxsables.mich-dar.net.

Area Church Directory

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

 Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.,
 Harrisville • 724-5160
www.standrewschurhharrisville.org
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE


Haynes Community Church
 4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740
 Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
 989-724-6665 • 989-724-6578
 Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org

Family Heritage Baptist Church
 4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)
 Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org
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 Hubbard Lake Rd.,
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 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816


First Baptist Church of Lincoln

 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.
 Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.
Pastor Dr. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

 Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
 Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227
 Pastor Jacob Schwartz~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

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 2902 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745 • (989) 736-8345
 Pastor Tim Steiner, Pastor Emeritus Larry Richmond
 Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 Monday: 6:30 p.m. *Teen Program (Grades 7-12)
 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & *Youth Programs (Grades K-6")
 *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. Mikkelson • (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.


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 Lincoln at 9:45 am (101 E. Main St.)
 Harrisville at 11:15 am (217 N. State St.)
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 Sunday evening service 6 p.m. **Pastor Elmer Ash.**
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
 2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross
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 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

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Bowling Scores

Early Bloomers
September 17

Violets	52	20
Marigolds	39.5	32.5
Daffodils	33	39
Mums	33	39
Rosebuds	32	40
Buttercups	26.5	45.5
High game: Annette Kane, 194.		
High series: Gina Broadwood, 491.		
High team game and series:		

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Organization Notes

Alcona County Chamber of Commerce

The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce held its general membership meeting September 11 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Present: Jeanne Meskus, trustee; Christy Holmes, treasurer; Karen Sanderson, secretary; Jim Pyne, trustee; Ed Toombs, trustee; Ed and Dee Foster; Judy Pyne, Harrisville Arts Council; Ben Dietrich, Harrisville Eye Care; and Pat Bushey, Alcona Coffee. Guests: Shannon Knowlton, Alpena News; Eric Ostrander, Harrisville State Park and Doug Stalker, Culpepper Circus

Jeanne called the meeting to order at 6 p.m. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. A minute of silence was held in recognition of September 11, 2011. Motion by Christy, support by Ed Toombs, to approve the agenda with the addition of Culpepper Merriweather. Motion carried.

Shannon Knowlton explained the caricature maps from Alpena and Presque Isle. Members in attendance showed interest. Shannon will contact Alcona County businesses to put together a map for Alcona.

Eric Ostrander gave an overview of the Halloween happenings at the state park October 11, 12 and 13. This is the second year of Halloween events. They are again asking businesses to participate. Motion by Christy, support by Ed Toombs, to contribute \$50 Motion carried.

Doug Stalker explained the expectations of the chamber in bringing the Culpepper

Circus to town. Many in the community have expressed interest in having a circus locally. Motion by Jim Pyne, support by Ed Toombs, to have the chamber sponsor the circus July 3, 2014 at the Harrisville Township Recreation Area at the end of Lake Street in Harrisville. Motion carried.

Motion by Ed Foster, support by Ed Toombs, to approve minutes of the August 14 general membership meet-

ing. Motion carried. Motion by Christy, support by Judy Pyne, to approve the minutes of the executive board meeting September 4. Motion carried. Christy Holmes presented the treasurer's report. There are still bills coming in from the wine and food festival so no final report. She received notice of a new member—Cole's Appliance and Furniture of Lincoln. Motion by Sanderson, support by Bushey, to accept Cole's Ap-

pliance for membership. Motion carried.

Mark Larson will chair the 2014 wine and food festival. Texas Hold'Em is a go with Jim driving to Lansing to get the license. Thank you, Jim.

Christmas in the Village letters have gone out to vendors. Other concerns joint meeting of all event chairpersons to prepare a budget will be forthcoming. Motion to adjourn at 7:03 p.m.

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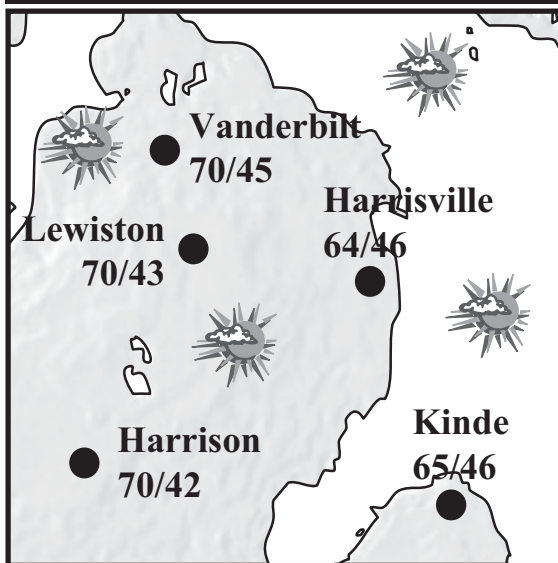
Alcona Review Weather Report

Sept. 25, 2013

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Mostly Sunny High: 64 Low: 46
	THURSDAY Sunny High: 68 Low: 52
	FRIDAY Sunny High: 70 Low: 55
	SATURDAY Sunny High: 71 Low: 57
	SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 67 Low: 52
	MONDAY Mostly Sunny High: 64 Low: 48
	TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 63 Low: 45

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 64°, humidity of 63%. East wind 5 mph. The record high temperature for today is 84° set in 1958. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 46°. Northeast wind 5 mph. The record low for tonight is 30° set in 1999. Thursday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 68°.

*Last Week's Almanac

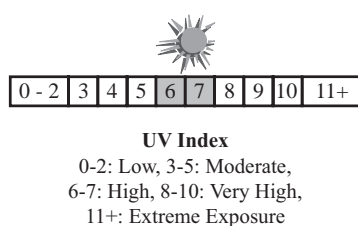
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	59	35	67/45	0.02"
Tuesday	62	30	67/45	0.00"
Wednesday	76	37	67/44	0.00"
Thursday	82	61	66/44	0.03"
Friday	76	64	66/44	0.21"
Saturday	68	47	66/43	0.01"
Sunday	54	35	65/43	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:25 a.m.	7:23 p.m.	11:17 p.m.	1:42 p.m.
Thursday	7:26 a.m.	7:21 p.m.	No Rise	2:29 p.m.
Friday	7:27 a.m.	7:20 p.m.	12:07 a.m.	3:12 p.m.
Saturday	7:28 a.m.	7:18 p.m.	1:01 a.m.	3:49 p.m.
Sunday	7:29 a.m.	7:16 p.m.	1:58 a.m.	4:23 p.m.
Monday	7:31 a.m.	7:14 p.m.	2:57 a.m.	4:53 p.m.
Tuesday	7:32 a.m.	7:12 p.m.	3:58 a.m.	5:22 p.m.

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies, with the highest temperature of 77° in Baltimore, Md. The Southeast will experience scattered showers and thunderstorms, with the highest temperature of 92° in Hattiesburg, Miss. The central United States will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies, with the highest temperature of 99° in Cotulla, Texas. In the Northwest, there will be widespread showers, with the highest temperature of 82° in Torrington, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies, with the highest temperature of 97° in Goodyear, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	9:25 a.m.	8:04 p.m.
Venus	11:22 a.m.	8:55 p.m.
Mars	3:26 a.m.	5:49 p.m.
Jupiter	12:54 a.m.	4:10 p.m.
Saturn	10:33 a.m.	8:57 p.m.
Uranus	7:37 p.m.	8:14 a.m.

Weather History

Sept. 25, 1939 - A West Coast hurricane moved onshore south of Los Angeles, bringing unprecedented rains along the southern coast of California. Nearly five and a half inches of rain drenched Los Angeles during a 24-hour period.

Weather Trivia

How far away from a lightning bolt can you be to hear thunder?

ANSWER: In most areas, you can hear thunder as far as ten miles away.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Danger, Will Robinson! Massive Comet Approaching!

If the first three words of this StarWatch missive make any sense, then you are either an aficionado of bad science fiction or are just plain getting old. I fit into the latter category. Lost in Space, a 1960s "futuristic" version of Swiss Family Robinson and Robinson Crusoe, pitted the evil Dr. Smith against the well-intentioned Robinson family, lost while trying to reach Alpha Centauri, the closest star system to our sun. In the 83 episodes that aired, they never made it. Likewise is the space saga of ISON, potentially one of the great comets of the last 50 years, and now headed sunward for a close encounter with Sol on Thanksgiving Day. The big question is, "Will Comet ISON make it past the sun or will Sol simply cause it to go PUFF? Comets are loose aggregates of mainly ice (water) and dust and look similar to a dingy snow pile on a mall parking lot that's been exposed to traffic for several weeks. Jab it with a snow shovel and it seems impenetrable; but pit it against the blistering heat and gravity of the sun and the comet's rigidity becomes more like cotton candy. Currently, Comet ISON is a Southern Hemispheric object with a tail of about two degrees and still only visible through larger telescopes. Astronomers predict that ISON will peak at about the brightness of Venus on Thanksgiving as it passes within 700,000 miles of the sun's photosphere (visible edge) and gets cooked to temperatures of nearly 5000 degrees F. If the comet survives its solar passage on November 28, ISON will rapidly move northward by the first week in December as an easily seen morning object with an impressive tail. By December's third week, ISON will become visible in the evening as well as the morning sky; and finally after Christmas, it will be seen all night long, that is unless Comet ISON becomes "lost in space" by the sun's powerful forces. Optimistically, this year will end with a beautiful comet gracing our Yule sky. www.astronomy.org

top ten

College Merchandise Sales*

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4. Michigan
5. Kentucky
6. LSU
7. Florida
8. Georgia
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10. Arkansas

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Super Crossword



Building a pet First-Aid kit

Paw's Corner
By Sam Mazzotta

Dear Paw's Corner,
I read in a guide to cutting dogs' toenails that "styptic" will stop bleeding if you cut their paws. What is that, and where do I get it?

Perry in Dallas

Dear Perry,

Styptic powder can be used on small nicks and tiny cuts to stop bleeding and reduce pain. That's helpful when trimming pets' toenails, which can be a traumatic experience for them, especially if you should trim a little too far up the nail and accidentally cut the quick. The powder is applied with a

cotton ball or soft cloth. Most owners keep it right next to them as they trim their pets' nails, so it can be applied immediately.

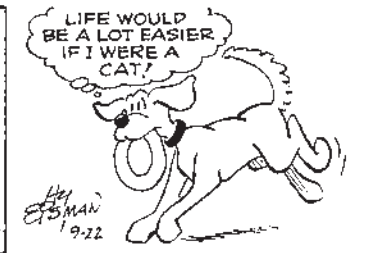
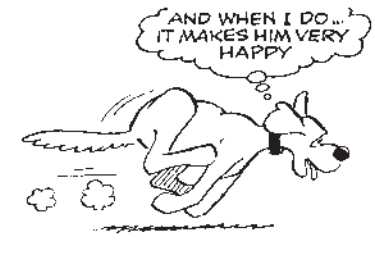
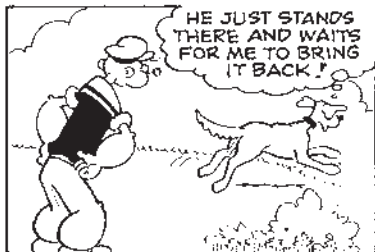
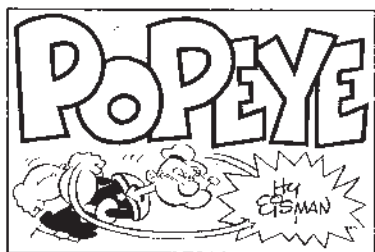
In fact, styptic powder should be an essential part of something every pet owner should have: an easy-to-access first-aid kit for their pets. You don't have to buy a complete kit; you can assemble a few key items and store them in a tightly sealed plastic container.

In addition to the powder, a pet first-aid kit should have gauze and tape, a small bar of soap, a disinfectant like hydrogen peroxide or alcohol wipes, Benadryl (plain, with no ibuprofen or acetami-

nophen), cotton balls and disinfecting hand wash (for you). Its main purpose is to treat small cuts and scrapes, but you can add other items that you think are essential, including the veterinarian's phone number, extra identification tags, copies of your pet's shot records and a spare leash. More ideas can be found at the Humane Society of the United States' website.

(Send your questions or comments to ask@pawscorner.com. Did you know mosquitos can transmit heartworm larvae to dogs, but fleas don't? Find out more in my new book, "Fighting Fleas," available now.)

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Whats my coal chute worth?

Collecting
By Larry Cox

Q: I recently acquired a coal chute that is marked "Majestic." I'd like to know the value of it. -- M.M.M., Decatur, Ill.

A: Most coal chutes sell in the \$25 to \$50 range depending on condition and design.

Q: I have inherited a small cigar case that was handed out as a premium at the St. Louis World's Fair. It is embossed with an image of the Palace of Transportation. It is in fairly good condition. -- Bill, Rio Rancho, N.M.

A: I found your cigar case referenced in the definitive book about the mementos and memorabilia from the Fair, namely "1904 St. Louis World's Fair" by the late Robert L. Hendershott. According to this guide, your case is valued in the \$100 to \$200 range.

Q: I was fascinated by the California Raisins characters and wonder if the items I have are collectible. I have several key chains, a board game, a plush pillow and a coffee mug. -- Steve, Austin, Texas

A: The California Raisins were introduced in a TV commercial campaign in 1986. Originally there were four characters, but soon more than 21 designs had been added. Most of the items are dated. Typical values are Hip Guitarist keychain, \$65; plush pillow of Raisin figure, \$10; beach

towel, \$15; and lunch box, \$25.

Q: At a recent yard sale, I purchased a Roseville bowl in the Rozane pattern. It has a design that features floral and leaf patterns in pale green. When was it made, and how much do you think it is worth? -- Susan, Tyler, Texas

A: According to Warman's Roseville Pottery by Mark F. Moran, your bowl is probably worth about \$150 and was produced in 1917. There was a later line, also called Rozane, featuring a sleek, modern look in bright colors, including blue, green and terra cotta.

Q: I have a collection of Playboy magazines, July 1976 through May 2008. Where can I find out how much the various issues are worth? -- Wanda, Sun City, Ariz.

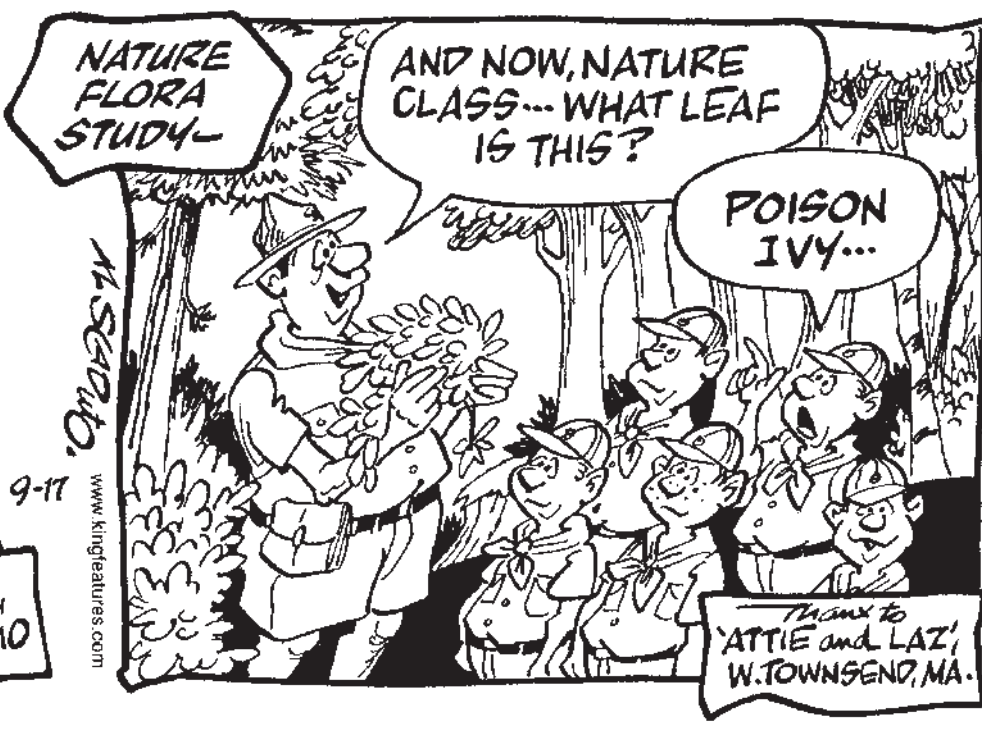
A: There is an excellent website that lists Playboys issue-by-issue with current values. It can be accessed at www.dtmagazinbe.com/cmopp1924/pb1.html.

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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

BY AL SCADUTO



THE HOUSE-WARMING PARTY INVITE SAID "NO GIFTS... JUST BRING YOURSELF"... SO YOU DO EXACTLY THAT AND... WELL, YOU KNOW THE REST OF THE EMBARRASSING DETAILS....



TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY:** Where does the greatest tide change on Earth occur?
- 2. SCIENCE:** What is the largest cell in the human body?
- 3. LANGUAGE:** What is an elixir?
- 4. ART:** Who painted "The Judgment of Paris"?
- 5. ENTERTAINERS:** Who did Fred Astaire marry in 1980?
- 6. HISTORY:** How long did The Hundred Years' War between England and France last?
- 7. ADVERTISING SLOGANS:** What product has been advertised as "the San Francisco treat."
- 8. LITERATURE:** What was the real name of the British author who penned "Animal Farm" under the name George Orwell?
- 9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Who was known as "The Singing Cowboy"?
- 10. TELEVISION:** What was the name of the company where George Jetson worked in "The Jetsons"?

Answers: 1. The Bay of Fundy in Eastern Canada. The difference between low and high tide can be as great as 55 feet.; 2. The ovum; 3. A cure-all; 4. Peter Paul Rubens; 5. Jockey Robyn Smith; 6. 116 years; 7. Rice-A-Roni; 8. Eric Arthur Blair; 9. Gene Autry; 10. Spacely Space Sprockets. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

NETTLE DETECTOR

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|--|---|---|--|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| ACROSS | 47 Took charge | 87 Not shown on TV, e.g. | 126 Obliquely | 34 "Who can — to?" | 78 "The Hoax" star Richard |
| 1 Evil spirits | 48 Haifa native | 90 Sore | 127 Pricey violins | 36 Tennis' Nastase | 79 Aussie lass |
| 7 Avoidance of reality | 49 Abrupt increase | 93 Tow-offering org. | DOWN | 37 Ovine female | 82 Ayn Rand hero |
| 15 Words before "war" or "God" | 52 Putting chips in up front | 94 Seamster imitated a horse? | 1 Scorn | 38 Oilers' gp. | 83 Precepts |
| 20 Leaning type | 55 Cathedral next to the University of Oklahoma? | 100 Bullfight bravos | 2 Aigner of fashion | 42 Writer Sarah — Jewett | 85 Leg up |
| 21 Personal magnetism | 61 Brit's lav | 102 Joanne of "Wagon Master" | 3 Composer Henry | 43 Pester a lot | 88 Fish-fowl link |
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STRANGE BUT TRUE
by Samantha Weaver

• One of the former Duchesses of Windsor, when asked to reveal the secret to a long and happy life, replied, "Fill what's empty, empty what's full and scratch where it itches."

• You might be surprised to learn that Italians spend more time on social media than people of any other nationality.

• In medieval times in Great Britain, those accused of a crime could prove their innocence (or guilt) in trial by battle. This law was unused and nearly forgotten for centuries. Then, in 1817, a man named Abraham Thornton was charged with murder in the death of a young woman named Mary Ashford. The evidence against Thornton was nearly overwhelming, but he claimed the right to trial by battle against his accuser. Since the law was still on the books, the court decided it had no choice but to grant his request. Thornton's accuser was William Ashford, the victim's brother, but since he declined to appear on the field of battle, Thornton was freed. Shortly thereafter, trial by battle was officially abolished in the country.

• Cats can bark, too.

• With 1.45 million lightning strikes per year, Florida experiences more lightning than any other state in the country. Central Florida is unofficially known as the Lightning Capital of the World.

• If you're like 70 percent of Americans, you hate the idea of your parents moving in with you, according to a recent survey. However, if those survey respondents had to have one parent move in with them, two out of three would choose Mom over Dad.

Thought for the Day: "I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel." -- Maya Angelou

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MOMENTS IN TIME
The History Channel

• On Oct. 12, 1492, Italian explorer Christopher Columbus reaches the New World. Columbus, and most others, underestimated the world's size. The expedition probably first landed at Watling Island in the Bahamas. Columbus later sighted Cuba, which he thought was mainland China.

• On Oct. 10, 1845, The United States Naval Academy opens in Annapolis, Md., with 50 midshipmen students and seven professors. Known as the Naval School until 1850, the curriculum included mathematics and navigation, gunnery and steam, chemistry, English, natural philosophy and French.

• On Oct. 8, 1871, flames spark in the Chicago barn of Patrick and Catherine O'Leary, igniting a two-day blaze that kills hundreds of people, destroys 17,450 buildings and leaves 100,000 homeless. Legend has it that the fire started when a cow kicked over a lantern in the O'Leary barn.

• On Oct. 9, 1936, harnessing the power of the mighty Colorado River, the Hoover Dam begins sending electricity over 266 miles of transmission lines to Los Angeles. The central reason for the dam, however, was the collection, preservation and distribution of water.

• On Oct. 7, 1943, Rear Adm. Shigematsu Sakaibara, commander of the Japanese garrison on Wake Island, orders the execution of 96 Americans POWs, claiming they were trying to make radio contact with U.S. forces. The execution of those POWs remains one of the more brutal episodes of the war in the Pacific.

• On Oct. 13, 1953, the world's first art museum on wheels, the Artmobile, opens in Fredericksburg, Va., carrying 16 paintings by 15th- and 16th-century masters. Today, there are dozens of Artmobile-inspired museums on wheels in cities and towns across the United States and around the world.

• On Oct. 11, 1975, "Saturday Night Live," a topical comedy sketch show featuring Chevy Chase, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Gilda Radner, Garrett Morris, Jane Curtin and Laraine Newman, makes its debut on NBC. It would go on to become the longest-running, highest-rated show on late-night television.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Ed Roddy called the Greenbush Township Board meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. Five guests were present and joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Ed Roddy, clerk David Dailey, treasurer Pat Dailey, trustee Sally Olin and trustee Gary Abraham. Rick Devell from NEMCOG added to the agenda under miscellaneous reports. Prince Drive resolution added under pending business. P. Dailey/Olin: Motion to approve the agenda as amended. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried. D. Dailey/Olin: To approve the minutes as presented. All ayes. Motion carried. Public comment: Thank you from a citizen for clearing up the brush on Poor Farm Road. What is being done with Poor Farm property? Zoning will talk about it.

Treasurer P. Dailey-will be in office Monday from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. all day. Check No. 14965 never made it to Alcona County Review but it was cashed, so trying to find who cashed it. General Fund - \$47,983.75; Road Fund - \$138,469.06; Fire Fund - \$82,579.54; Prince Drive - \$22,926.78; GRAC - \$ 480.84.

Abraham/Olin: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Presentation of bills by clerk D. Dailey. Check numbers 15,074-15,101 total \$15,518.11. Payroll check numbers 15,074-15,089 total \$12,518.11. Olin/P. Dailey: To approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Miscellaneous reports: NEMCOG Rick Devell is talking with the planning commission. He is proposing a new master plan, apply to the coastal management for a grant to help cover the cost. This proposal will update natural resources, social economics, goals and objectives, future plans. He suggested that we do a web based survey that is advertised with the tax info with a paper copy available to property owners that do not use online services. Proposal is \$15,500 total price with \$7,750 cost to the township. Much discussion. Guiding document for the community, cost for NEMCOG membership is \$908. D. Dailey/Olin: To join NEMCOG and pay the membership fee. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Constable (Parent)-no changes. County commissioner (Brummund) - no report. Fire chief (Franks) - two fire calls; 13 first responder calls; discussion about the pagers. Zoning administrator (Major) - two permits; one complaint. Giles property - default was issued and nothing further has happened. Greathouse property has been resolved. Holmes property has been returned to attorney Cook. Olsen property was asked to be dismissed by attorney Cook because it has been bought by someone new.

Resident with concerns asked how long does this continue with property on Poor Farm Road and Sal Road? Much discussion about the procedures, and fees or citations. Hall rental (Roddy) - one rental. Assessor (Schwickert) no tribunal changes. She attended a meeting with

Rep. Peter Pettalia about commercial taxes. County sales study will be done in September. GRAC: Seawall will be going up in about two weeks; sign has been placed to remind residents to clean up after their pets. Planning commission (Milwrick) - Road commission (Campbell) - Poor Farm Road between Wissmiller Road and county line has some concerns. Correspondence: Supervisor Roddy - planning commission information for a later time. Clerk Dailey - Letter from department of treasury stating that the Sage Resolution 2013-01 was missing a clause. Resolution 2013-01 Revised

Motion of a regular meeting of the township board of the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona, Michigan, held at the Greenbush Township Hall on February 5, 2013 at 7 p.m. prevailing local time. Present members - Ed Roddy, David Dailey, Pat Dailey, Gary Abraham. Absent members - none. The following preamble and resolution were offered by member treasurer Dailey, supported by member clerk Dailey. Whereas, Public Act (PA) 198 of 1974 as amended allows a governing body to establish an Industrial Development District. Whereas, a request to establish an Industrial Development District was made to this township board on August 2, 2011. Whereas, the required public hearing was held on February 5, 2013. Whereas the aggregate SEV of real and personal property exempt from ad valorem taxes within the township of Greenbush, after granting this certificate, will not exceed five percent of an amount equal to the sum of the SEV of the unit, plus the SEV of personal and real property thus exempted. Township Board Resolution. Now therefore it be resolved that: The township of Greenbush does hereby establish an Industrial Development District for the SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 31, Town 25 North Range 9 East.

P. Dailey/D. Dailey: To approve the amended Resolution 2013-01 revised. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Received correspondence stating the wording was not clear for the Cedar Lake Special Assessment. P. Dailey/Olin: Motion for the Cedar Lake Special Assessment for Cedar Lake Association be worded \$150 per year per parcel. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Resident said he has never had weed control done near his property. Roddy told him to come to the next meeting on Sept. 17 at 10 a.m. Request from Bob Tate to get the Michigan State Extension Office magazine. Motion to approve the magazine subscription for zoning board of appeals members, planning commission members and supervisor Roddy. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried. Pending Business: Update on IRS situation. Read a letter from the IRS that stated they need a 45 day extension to finish reviewing the information that they have. Received a separate letter stating a new unpaid balance for December 2006. Prince Drive update -- Greenbush Township Resolution 2013-03 minutes of the regular meeting of the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona, Michigan, held at the

Greenbush Township Hall on September 10, 2013, at 7 p.m. prevailing local time. Present members: Sara Olin, David Dailey, Ed Roddy, Patricia Dailey and Gary Abraham. Absent members: None. The following preamble and resolution were offered by David Dailey, supported by Patricia Dailey -- Whereas, on September 10, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. the Greenbush Township Board Public Hearing was held for the purpose of receiving testimony and discussing the creation of a five year special assessment district for the maintenance and improvement of Prince Drive. Now therefore it be resolved that: The township of Greenbush authorizes the establishment of a five year special assessment district as confirmed at the public hearing for the maintenance and improvement of Prince Drive. Resolution Declared Adopted. Seawall update - discussed under GRAC report.

New business: Establish election committee - clerk Dailey, supervisor Roddy and treasurer Dailey set September 25, at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall to have the meeting. Cedar Lake special assessment- done under correspondence. Resolution Change - done under correspondence. Discussion with representative from NEMCOG - done first under miscellaneous reports.

From the floor: ZBA keeps three sets of books, would like to be able to turn over to clerk Dailey. Key handed to clerk Dailey. Questioned why three lights have not been replaced that were reported. Roddy will call DTE. Clerk Dailey will investigate. Can IRS fees be turned around or charged elsewhere?

D. Dailey/P. Dailey: To adjourn at 8:36 p.m. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion carried.

Note: Published prior to board approval. Next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall.

MITCHELL TWP. MINUTES

The Mitchell Township Board met September 9. Members present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, clerk Donita Charron, treasurer Kevin Small, trustee Carla Brimm and trustee Sheri Sanford. The board approved the August 12 regular meeting minutes; Approved the August financial reports; Approved the zoning administrator's July and August reports; approved Greg Murnock to attend Fire Protection Class. The planning commission will have its regular scheduled meeting September 11 and the Allband Special Use Permit will be finalized at that time. The road commission will be using the gravel pit on Flynn Valley Road. Gutters have been installed on the Mitchell Township Hall. Fairview School Election is November 5.

The next meeting is at 7 p.m. on October 14. For the full board minutes or for more information, contact clerk Donita Charron at (989) 884-1354.

Winter emergency kit

Dollars And Sense
 By David Uffington

No matter where you live, your area can be subject to harsh weather during the winter. Whether it's snow and ice, tornadoes, intense storms or flooding, it's a good idea to have an emergency kit on hand. If nothing else, being prepared for a long-term power outage can make the experience easier.

A three-to-seven-day emergency kit can include:

Food

- Keep your emergency foods separate from your kitchen supply to be sure it's available when you need it. Make a list of what you have and keep track of expiration dates. When necessary, rotate those foods into your household food and replace the emergency stash.

- Buy only what you know your family will eat. An emergency is not the time to try new or exotic foods. Lean toward healthy, not junk food, as the body needs good nutrition in stressful situations. Consider keeping on hand peanut butter, crackers, soups, pet food, canned meats, canned vegetables, canned juices, baby food, powdered or nonperishable milk, cereals, canned tuna, freeze-dried camp food (watch the sodium), vitamins and unsalted nuts.

Other Gear

Emergency supplies don't have to be expensive, especially if you watch for sales and buy only a few things at a time.

- Batteries
- Plastic utensils
- A manual can opener
- A flashlight for each person (look for hand crank if

possible)

- A hand-crank radio with NOAA weather channel (look for one that also charges cell phones)

- A small camp stove with a propane cartridge and refill (use outside only) or propane grill

- Emergency thermal blanket -- these are inexpensive (only a few dollars) and can help retain up to 90 percent of a person's body heat

- A first-aid kit with bandages, iodine, antibacterial ointment and more

- Moist towelettes

- Toilet paper

You'll need one gallon of water per person per day. Buy gallon jugs and store them in a cool environment, perhaps at the back of the closet.

Beware the online survival and preparedness sites that sell pre-packaged freeze-dried foods. Many of them contain very high levels of sodium and only a few hundred calories per serving. There are some good ones, but you have to do your homework.

For more information on building your emergency stash, go online to www.ready.gov and click on Build a Kit. Also see redcross.org and scroll down to Prepare Your Home and Family.

(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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Vet success on campus

Veterans Post
 By Freddy Groves

What started as a pilot program at the University of South Florida in 2009 to help veterans make the transition from the military to academics now has expanded to VetSuccess centers on 94 campuses across the country.

Part of the VetSuccess program includes having Department of Veterans Affairs vocational rehab counselors and a Vet Center coordinator right on the campus. Those counselors keep in touch with both VA Vet Centers and the other medical facilities where they can refer veterans for medical services and give help in applying for veterans benefits.

The schools themselves are in favor of the arrangement and even provide space on the campus. The schools are chosen because of their proximity to other VA facilities, such as a regional offices, vocational rehab centers, employment services offices, medical centers or Vet centers. The fact that the pilot program has grown by to more than 90 schools in four years is a testament to its success.

If you've considered going back to school but haven't because of your comfort level in a civilian or academic setting, call the counselors at

your school of choice. Go in for a talk and see what types of help they can offer you. They'll be able to walk you through the benefits you could get as a student.

Ask about peer-to-peer counseling, and let them hook you up with veterans who've been where you are. You'll be able to ask your questions and get advice about what steps you need to take to have the best chance of success.

For more info on the program, go online to www.vetsuccess.gov or call 1-800-827-1000. To get a head start on what kind of financial help you can get, go online to www.va.gov and search for education benefits.

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Mortgage Sale

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Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by Luke A. Johnson and Timothea S. Johnson, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Huron Lending Services, L.L.C., as assigned to Huron Community Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee. The mortgage is dated July 14, 2006, and was recorded on July 18, 2006, in Liber 432, on page 1,340 of the Alcona County records, and subject to an assignment of real estate mortgage recorded at Liber 499, page 208.

The balance owing on the mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$15,746.47, including interest at 3.375 percent per year variable. The mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on October 30, 2013, at 10 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Alcona County court facility, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan, that being the place of holding circuit court for Alcona County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid

by the mortgagee before the sale. The property to be sold is located in the township of Curtis, county of Alcona Michigan and is described as: A parcel of land described as the north 340.0 ft. of the south 2040.0 ft. of the north-east 1/4 of Section 11, T25N, R6E, lying east of the county road leading to Forest Hunting Lodge Subdivision. Commonly known as vacant land on Cole Road, Glenie, Michigan. Tax I.D. No. 031-011-100-025-00.

If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

Smith, Martin, Powers & Knier, P.C.

Dated: September 16, 2013
 By Henry L. Knier Jr. (P46393)
 Attorney for Huron Community Bank,
 Mortgagee
 900 Washington Ave.,
 P.O. Box 219
 Bay City, MI 48707
 (989) 892-4574
 9-25, 10-2, 10-9, 10-16

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 13-5243 DE

Estate of Thomas M. Cornelius
 Date of birth: March 20, 1945
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Thomas M. Cornelius, died April 20, 2009.

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

Date: September 19, 2013
 David H. Cook P40560
 5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585
 Harrisville, Michigan 48740
 (989) 724-5155
 Michael B. Cornelius
 4553 Hubbard Lake Road
 Spruce, Michigan 48762

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 13-5242 DE

Estate of Emery M. Monroe
 Date of birth: February 14, 1920
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Emery M. Monroe, died August 29, 2013.

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

Date: September 19, 2013
 David H. Cook P40560
 5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585
 Harrisville, Michigan 48740
 (989) 724-5155
 Margaret M. Monroe
 4315 North Pheasant
 Lincoln, Michigan 48742

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Wanted: Person interested in providing a survey of the grounds for the Labor Day Arts and Craft Show. Call (989) 724-6967 for more details. Deadline October 7, 2013.

Wanted: Persons interested in becoming an Arts Council member. Our main duties revolve around the Labor Day Arts and Craft Show. Meetings are once a month on the third Monday at 5:30 p.m. Call (989) 724-6967 or (989) 724-5886 for more details.

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Retirees will meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass.

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) 739-4483.

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Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4

State Representative Peter Pettalia will host a meeting at 10:30 a.m. in the Alcona County building commissioner's meeting room, 106 5th Street, Harrisville. The event will cover identity theft and scams perpetrated by telephone, traditional mail and e-mail. For more information, call (877) 737-4106.

Open house for featured artists Jim Shaffer and James Manning from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Thunder Bay Arts Council Gallery, 127 West Chisholm Street, Alpena. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5

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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

Harrisville Fire Department will host an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. There will be games, prizes, displays, and tours of the fire trucks. Bring your camera for many photo opportunities. The Alpena Fire Department smoke house will be on-site for hands on demonstrations. For more info., call Fire Chief Randall Goodman at (989) 335-0380.



Fire fighters from Curtis Township, Harrisville, Lincoln and Mikado Township fire departments participate in vehicle extrication and advanced vehicle stabilization in training sessions on September 13, 14, and 15. The instructor/course manager was Vince Cammack. Alcona County Training Coordinator Michael Serafin explained this was one of several training events scheduled this year for fire departments in Alcona County to participate in. "Each department does its own training during the year but the training for vehicle stabilization and extrication gave the different fire departments an opportunity to get together and see what equipment and tools the other departments use," Serafin said. "Because we have mutual aid between the fire departments in Alcona County, it is important to know what type of equipment each department has. It will make a difference at fires, at vehicle accidents, or other types of rescue, when you know who has what." Serafin said Brent Ayres from Hank's Auto Salvage provided an ideal location for this training. *Photos courtesy of Michael Serafin.*

Two teachers retire in June and return to volunteer in September

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Two Alcona Elementary teachers were able to roll over and sleep in when the first school days rolled around. Both teachers are now enjoying the leisure life of retirement.

Ann Williams and Merry Lou Loyer retired in June, but both said there was more to retirement than just sleeping in. They are expecting to see many of their former students throughout the year when they volunteer in the school library.

Williams worked for 22 years, her entire teaching career, at Alcona Elementary. She taught second, third, fifth and sixth grade students and also one year of title math, a program geared to give students extra help in developing math skills.

Williams grew up in Wichita, Kan. and met her husband, Roy, in Denver, Colo. "Roy grew up here, so after we married we moved here. He likes hunting and fishing and all his family was from here," Williams said.

She enjoyed teaching in the same school district where her three children attended school and said it made her days and her family's days much easier.

Williams was happy teaching in Alcona County, "I like the area here. It's a small community and you pretty much know everybody else, if you don't know them they know somebody who knows you. It's just a small knit community and I really enjoy that."

Her decision to retire came about because things have changed and teachers have a lot more responsibilities which have nothing to do with teaching. "I got tired of jumping through those hoops, I just wanted to teach," Williams said.

Williams is taking this year getting used to retirement. She said there are always plenty of things to do around home. She plans on doing



Ann Williams

some traveling, she has two children who live downstate and her oldest child lives in Northern Ireland so they are planning to make a trip there.

She will miss seeing students on a daily basis but plans to volunteer at the school library at least once a week and possibly substitute teach.

"Twenty-two years went by fast when I look back on it. You're always so busy. You finish one year and you're thinking about the next and what you have to put together over the summer to make things better the following year. It's just a cycle you are on and time goes by. I'd get there at seven in the morning and wouldn't leave until five or six at night. It was a long day and it's a lot of responsibility. I got stressed. It's nice not to have all that responsibility. Now I can, as they say, sit back and smell the roses," Williams said.

Merry Lou Loyer started substitute teaching at Alcona Elementary in 1986. She was hired at the school to teach full time in 1989. She said her situation was unique because she didn't go back to college to become a teacher until she was 40.

She grew up in Ferndale, Mich. and Royal Oak, Mich.

until her parents relocated to Alcona County when she was 12. She graduated from Alcona schools, married young and raised seven children. "In my mind I always wanted to be a teacher and as my children started going off to college I figured if I was going to be a teacher I had better do it soon," Loyer said.

Loyer said she misses the every day activities of teaching school, but like Williams, she is looking forward to volunteering in the library. Loyer taught special education and kindergarten but mostly second and third grade.

Loyer agreed with Williams that change to the school by the effects of governmental legislation added pressure to teaching. She said years ago if a child brought something interesting into school a teacher could adjust the schedule so students could learn more about it. Now the teachers are pressured to stick to the standards only, there isn't time to vary the schedule.

Loyer said she enjoyed teaching at Alcona Elementary very much and she has a great-granddaughter in first grade at the school. She had the experience of teaching a grandson and a granddaughter in her classroom.

Loyer will be spending her free time researching family genealogy. She has already researched quite a bit of her family and will now have the time to research her husband's, family. She also plans on traveling to Italy where her family is from and spend more time with her flower garden.

She is excited that retirement will give her time to spend with her husband, George, as well as their 25 grandchildren.

"The kids always stayed wonderful and the staff was helpful and caring. When I told my students I was retiring last year they were sad



Merry Lou Loyer

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Jennafer Bizek, of Westland, Mich. bagged a 240 pound black bear on Saturday, Sept. 21 -- one day before her 16th birthday. She was hunting with her father, Ed Bizek, in Millen Township. She is the granddaughter of Gordon and Rose Ann Conklin of Hubbard Lake. *Courtesy photo.*

Taylor Rae Livingston, 13, of Lincoln, bagged a seven-point while hunting with her father, Jason Livingston, on Sunday, Sept. 22 on family property in Alcona County. She is the daughter of Jason and Linda Livingston. *Courtesy photo.*



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Teachers

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they wouldn't see me anymore, but I told them I would be back to volunteer.

"I loved teaching; I enjoyed every child I had. I think people in Alcona should be proud of what we do have. We're not the richest place in the world, but we have really nice people. Teaching there was a very rewarding way to spend 25 years of my life. I wouldn't have changed it for anything," Loyer said.



Nelson Quintel, 11, of Lincoln, shot his first deer Saturday, Sept. 21 while hunting on his grandmother's property in Lincoln. He shot this eight-point while hunting with his stepfather, George French Jr. His parents are Judy and George French Jr. His grandmother is Delores Schlicker.

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Lila Bishop, 11, of Lincoln, shot a three-point in the Harrisville area while hunting with her grandfather, Brian Bishop, on Sunday Sept. 22. *Review photo.*



Keegan Payne, 10, shot an eight-point on Saturday, Sept. 21 while hunting with his father, Mike Payne, near Harrisville. His parents are Mike and Terri Payne of Harrisville. *Courtesy photo.*



Patrick Payne, 11, shot a doe on Sunday, Sept. 22 while hunting with his brother, Shawn Payne, in the Harrisville area. His parents are Mike and Terri Payne of Harrisville. *Courtesy photo.*

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Cody Leeseberg (right), 12, of Harrisville shot a four-point on Sunday, Sept. 22 in Haynes Township. He was hunting with his grandfather, George French. He is the son of Nathanael and Kristina Leeseberg and is pictured with his brother, Warren. *Review photo.*


Prince is Michigan's AmeriCorps Member of the Month for August

(Editor's note: This article was written by Casey Ressler, former Huron Pines AmeriCorps Coordinator. It was published in the August 23 Huron Pines Newsletter and is reprinted with permission from the Michigan Community Service Commission.)

Since beginning her service in November 2012 as a full time Huron Pines AmeriCorps member, Helen-Ann Prince has demonstrated that she knows how to get things done.

The Huron Pines AmeriCorps program focuses on environmental stewardship and helps strengthen rural northeast Michigan and the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative and Prince is steeped in place-based environmental education projects, otherwise known as hands-on feet-wet education.

The initiative has hosted AmeriCorps members for the last four years in the role of education coordinator. The education coordinator is principally responsible for supporting new and existing place-based education and environmental stewardship service projects with schools. Prince supports a variety of school projects including water quality monitoring, habitat restoration, invasive species management, recycling programs and community gardens with K-12 students. There are 32 schools and 3,406 students involved in the initiative.



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Prince was well poised to succeed in this position. As a northeastern Michigan native, she has been immersed in conservation projects for decades. She was a very active member in the Alcona High School FFA Chapter and 4-H. She went on to graduate from Lake Superior State University and has spent several summers working outside, including a position with the U.S. Forest Service on the Huron-Manistee National Forest and with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at the Harrisville State Park.

"I wanted to join AmeriCorps so I could make a difference in northeast Michigan by educating area youth and community members on the importance of our natural resources and the role they play in our environment," Prince stated. "My year of service will give me the necessary skills, experience and training needed to broaden my horizon."

One especially fascinating project known as the Bat Cave is an effort to protect rare bats. Bats were found hibernating in old mining tunnels, a remnant of the former Rockport Quarry in Alpena County. The bat species discovered included little brown, big brown and tri-colored bats. Tri-colored bats are listed on the state's threatened species list. A project was then set in motion to conserve the bats' habitat and ensure public safety at the site.

Prince is coordinating with Alpena area students to promote conservation and wildlife habitat restoration by helping to protect the hibernacula with support from the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative, Michigan DNR, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4-H Youth programs, and the Organization for Bat Conservation.

Welding students are making specially designed steel gate structures to protect the hibernacula. These gates will protect the bats habitat by



Helen-Ann Prince at work at the Bat Cave. *Courtesy photo.* safely excluding the public from accessing these dangerous tunnels while enabling the bats to come and go freely. Woodshop students are making summer bat habitat houses to put at the park. This will help provide additional habitat for bats at the recreation area. Helen-Ann's service is critical in keeping this project in motion and coordinating between all the partners.

According to Huron Pines program staff, "Helen-Ann exemplifies the spirit of service through her positive attitude, passion for conservation, and dedication to students. Her coordination with educators, students, and conservation partners is expanding the classroom walls into the community for real-world, high-impact projects."

Through the Huron Pines AmeriCorps program, our organization is able to provide support to great initiatives, like the Bat Cave project, by placing AmeriCorps members with partner conservation organizations."

For more information about the Huron Pines AmeriCorps program, contact program director Jennie Jandron at jennie@huronpiens.org or visit www.huronpines.org. For more information about AmeriCorps, visit www.americors.gov.

Curran BP smells like roses

By Judy MacNeill
Health Writer

I know this is supposed to be a health column. And most people assume, including me, I should cover nutrition and exercise... you know: your usual health issues.

However, allow me to broach another aspect of health that might not get as much press, but is just as vital as vitamins and as fundamental as fitness to our well being.

A year and half ago, I traded in my very stressful job as director overseeing the education department at the local hospital for what I envisioned would be semi-retirement. You would think this would mean a slower pace that is calm, serene, relaxed.

Not true, according to my husband. Warren claims I don't know how to slow down. He pointed out that semi-retirement should be a comfortable pace, say 40 or 45 miles per hour. My pace is more like trial runs at the Indy 500. And, he reminds me, as I keep adding things to my To Do list, it adds more stress to my life, which then increases his stress.

I refuse to believe he may be right. But, last Friday I heard my Gramma's voice, clear as a bell. "Judy, slow down and smell the roses."

Gramma has been gone 19 years.

She was very superstitious. She didn't like black cats. She refused to walk under ladders. Gramma had us throw salt over our right shoulder for some reason I cannot fathom. I still walk around the ladders because of her. She was also the kind of woman that had favorite sayings. In fact, her favorite one came back to haunt me on of all days, Friday the thirteenth.

I started Friday pretty much like all other days: I wanted to get a lot done in a very short time. My fun goal was to go camping at Clear Lake State Park, about 100 miles away. My plan was to arrive at my campsite before dark.

I refused to be deterred by the mere fact that I had never driven our newly acquired camper more than a couple miles beyond our house. Or that Warren couldn't accompany me because he had to work.

Before leaving for my camping adventure, I felt it necessary to accomplish several "must do's" before leaving: Attend a meeting in Ossineke; complete some consulting work in Rogers City; squish in more work in Alpena; stop for a short visit at the nursing home with Dad; then race back to Harrisville and pack the camper. I had checked off my "to-do's" in quick succession. I was ready to leave Harrisville and head northwest to Atlanta.

I kissed my husband goodbye Friday at 6 p.m., but my mind was on my GPS. It would take me two hours to get to Clear Lake State Park. I should be there no later than 8 p.m. Perfect.

However, the GPS did not factor in locking my keys in my car in Curran.

My to-do list and time schedule flew out the window. I came to a screeching halt. Like it or not, I was in time-out at the Curran BP gas station. Like an errant five-year old, I actually considered stomping my feet and throwing a hissy fit. I DON'T WANNA GO IN TIME OUT! I WANNA GO CAMPING! NOWWWWWW!!

That's when I heard my Gramma's voice reciting her very favorite saying about slowing down and smelling roses.

Smell roses? Now? At the corner of nowhere and far from home? I was frustrated, grumpy, and teed off that my perfect schedule now lay in ruins. Not to mention I was embarrassed.

First, I had to admit to the woman working behind the counter at the gas station that I had locked my keys in the car and my cell phone, purse, and the only other set of keys to the car. She not only understood, she gave me her cell phone to use as much as I needed to call my insurance company. She also helped me find a wrecker service. She hugged me and assured me she had seen this before, and that I was not a complete idiot.

What a rose.

While I waited in the BP Subway for the wrecker service to arrive from 20 miles away, I sat at the table by the window with nothing to do but watch for the tow truck. And observe. And talk. My time out allowed me the opportunity to meet the young man who made me a lovely sandwich. It gave me time to interact with the other customers. I was humbled by the abundant kindness of the strangers I met. They asked if I was okay, and offered to help in some way.

More roses. I then encountered my next rose: The gentleman from Blair Towing Service in Mio. He drove to the Curran BP to unlock my car, only to learn that in my haste to get him here as quickly as possible, I

had given him the wrong information about my vehicle. As a result, he did not have the correct equipment to unlock my car door.

He could have let me know that I had just put a major dent into his Friday evening and that he was hungry and all he wanted to do was go home after a very long day at work. But instead, he assured me that he would figure out an alternative plan, and that he would take care of me.

I felt a little sheepish when I overheard him call his wife, asking her to drive to his shop in Mio, pick up the needed pieces and bring them to him in Curran. And then I heard him ask if she would please put his dinner in the refrigerator, since he would not be home until he took care of my issues, and he wasn't really sure how long that might take.

In the meantime, still in time-out mode, I got to watch a splendid sun set. And look around me. And listen. And rediscover the beauty and humanity surrounding me.

While I didn't observe actual roses, it was something more beautiful. It hit me as I watched the light slowly fade in the sky -- I have so much to be grateful for. And I have been in too much of a hurry for most of my life to realize this.

Gramma, I'm still not sure about that salt thing. But I finally tried that advice you gave me all those years ago. I stopped, bent down and actually took a few minutes on Friday the thirteenth to breathe in the aroma of roses all around me... Really, really experience them. And you know what? I am surrounded here in Alcona County by a beautiful bouquet of wonderful people.

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

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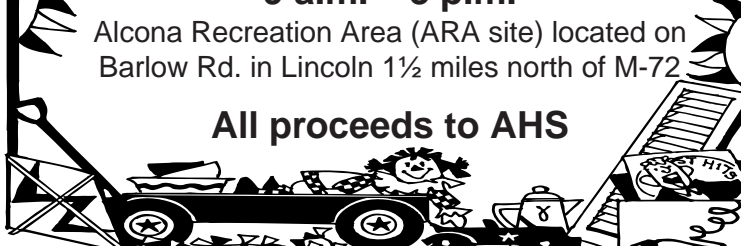
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(Front row, from left) Manager Austin Richardson, assistant coach Robert McGuire, Aaron Carrasco, Adam Somers, Bryce Franklin, Cody Franklin, Nathan Fettes, Garrette Norling Boone Bouchard, Tyler Sytek, assistant coach Kevin Pagels, assistant coach Terry Franklin, assistant coach Dave Schneider II, Carson Jamieson, Alec Neumann, Brandon Ritchie, Dawson Forsythe, coach Dave Schneider, Josh Mead, Tony DuBay, Trevor Joslin, Jesse Schram, assistant coach George Schrader and assistant coach Scott DuBay. Not pictured: Steve Rizzotto, Chad Cole, Lucas Weichel, assistant coach Edwin Palmer Jr. and Matt Mead. *Photo courtesy of Julie Emington.*



Junior Varsity Football Team

(Front row, from left) Assistant coach Robert McGuire, Noah Kenworthy, Tristin Gordy, Hunter Sullivan, Dresden Parkinson, Joe Hutchinson, Raymond Betz, Brock Franklin, assistant coach Kevin Pagels (back row) assistant coach Dave Schneider II, assistant coach George Schrader, Trevor Schrader, Zack Ayers, Jacob Gombos, coach Dave Schneider, Dakota Oke, Jesse Schram, Brock Storms, assistant coach Scott DuBay and assistant coach Terry Franklin. Not pictured: Alec Link, Leigh Gibson and Eric Dombroski. *Photo courtesy of Julie Emington.*

Cross Country Team

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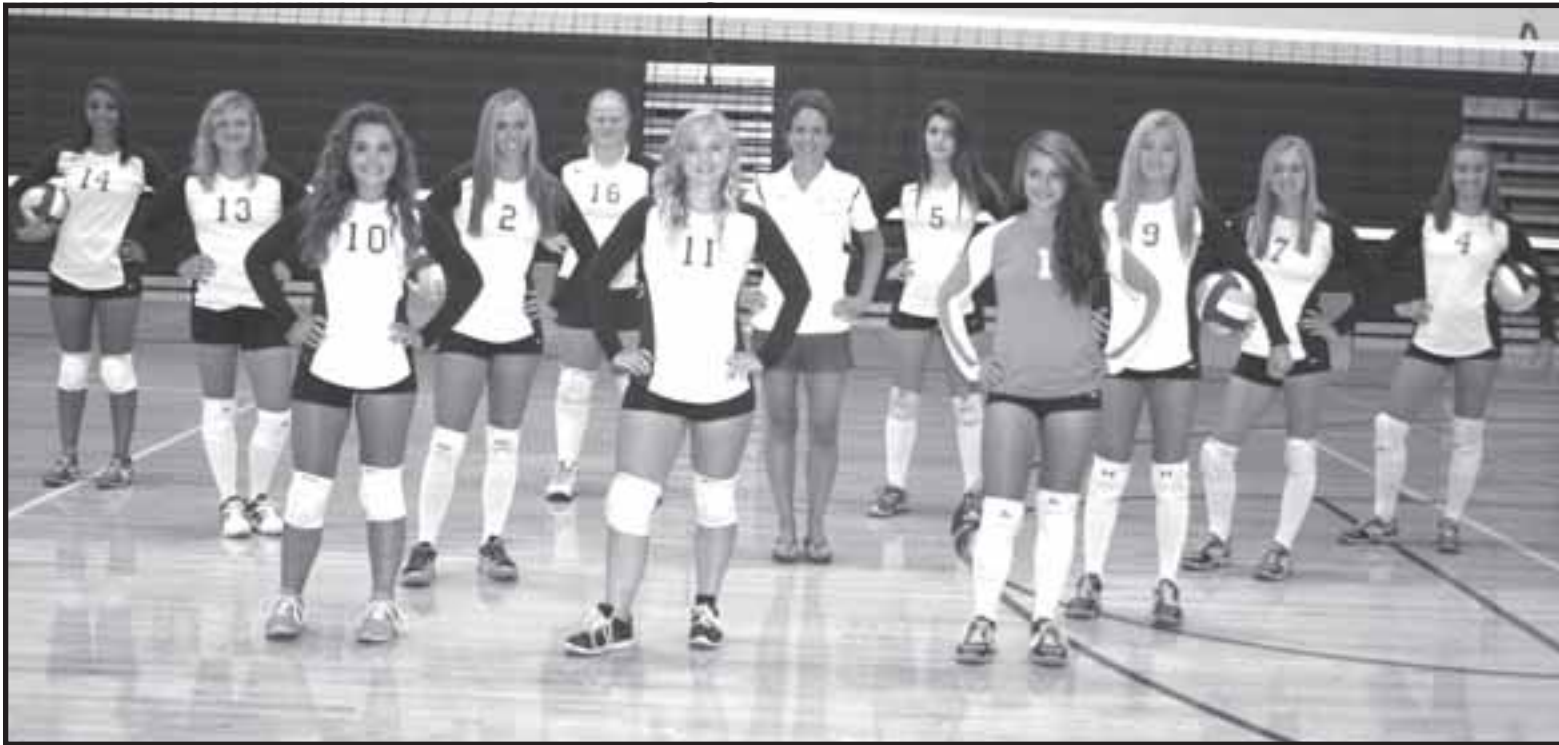
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Junior Varsity Volleyball Team

(Front row, from left) Taylor Sobeck, Kendra LaFave, Jordan Joyce, Jaiden Tudor, Ashley Pyle, Katy Edwards, Lauren Yokom, (back row) coach Ann Kramer, Brooke Schultz, Harlie LaFond, Brittany Decker, Alli Lask, Sara Blohm, Jenna Peterson, Madison Lane, Keilee Elmer. Not pictured: Assistant coach Amy Nowak and assistant coach Emily Nowak. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*



Varsity Soccer Team

(Front row, from left) Ryley Mancine, Benjamin Dubuque, Schuyler Bates, (middle) manager Jordan Steiner, Jake Gallagher, Brendan Nelson, Cory Hoffman, Nick Lamantia Jason Steiner, Brandon Smigelski, coach Tim Munro, (back row) assistant coach Dave Dubuque, Issac Dubuque, Jeff Schram, Chase Matthews, Coda Gallagher, Ryan Shultz, Trenton LaVergne and Mitchell Havercroft. Not pictured: Jesse Collins, Cody Collins, Piet Botha, Rachel Warner and assistant coach Tim Steiner. *Photo courtesy of Julie Emington.*

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The City of Harrisville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on October 8, 2013 at 7 p.m. to recommend adoption of a new Zoning Ordinance to the City Council. The public hearing will be held at the Harrisville City offices at 200 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan. The full text of the new Zoning Ordinance is available at the Harrisville City office and at http://www.nemcog.org/plan_zone.asp or by contacting Cecile Pizer at (989) 724-6403. Written comments may be sent to Mayor John Dobis, 200 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 or Cecile Pizer, P.O. Box 188, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 prior to the meeting. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. The new Zoning Ordinance includes the rezoning of adjacent blocks of properties throughout the city and several individual lots including: parcel 120-100-013-003-00, parcel 120-100-013-002-02, parcel 120-150-037-020-00, parcel 120-110-012-115-00, and parcel 120-110-012-070-00.

9/18 thru 10/2

Fighting hunger is a SNAP

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

Ever since last January, when my doctor pitched a small fit about my blood sugar numbers, I've been trying to eat more responsibly. I've given up soda, reduced the amount of food I consume and increased its nutritional value.

It's worked well for me. I've lost weight, gained energy and lowered those troublesome numbers significantly. Nonetheless, there are nights when I lie in bed listening to a candy bar I happen to know has taken up residence in a cupboard downstairs call my name.

That's not hunger. I'm not sure what it is. Leftover PMS, maybe, or a streak of honest gluttony. But not real hunger.

Real hunger (or food insecurity, as the government calls it) is not being able to sleep because your body keeps telling you it hasn't had enough food that day, or that week. Real hunger is the inability to concentrate on your schoolwork or your job because of the rumbling in your stomach. Real hunger is going without a meal so your children will have one. And real hunger is alive and growing in America.

So when the House of Representatives passed a bill last week to drastically cut funding for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps, it made me angry.

It's not that it's likely to become law that upsets me. There's not much danger that this bill will pass the Senate, and even if it should, the president has promised to veto it. It's that the bill, and its supporters, bring up once again the first moral question posed in the Bible: Am I my brother's keeper? And answers it with a resounding "no."

The myths that abound about SNAP recipients and benefits could literally fill a book of fairy tales. Some of them are flat-out incorrect, some are half-truths. But all of them, it would seem, are based on that nasty notion so prevalent in today's society that somebody, somewhere, is getting something I'm not or is taking something from me. Let's take a look at some of those myths and some of the facts.

SNAP recipients don't want to work, they want to live off the government: According to the Department of Agriculture, almost half (47 percent)

of those receiving food assistance are working poor. The average gross income of recipients is \$744 per month, not enough to pay rent or house payments and utilities and provide adequate food. Of the nonworking recipients, many are elderly or disabled.

Forty-five percent of recipients are below the age of 18 and nine percent are 60 or older. Only eight percent of recipients receive any other form of welfare. A surprising number of recipients are members of our own armed forces.

SNAP fraud is everywhere: SNAP has one of the lowest administrative error rates of any government agency, 3.1 percent. To qualify for SNAP, one must present proof of income below (or in some states slightly above) federal poverty guidelines. The advent of electronic cards to replace paper coupons has significantly reduced the ability for "food stamp trafficking."

SNAP recipients just buy junk food with their benefits: Everyone, it seems has a story of a recipient's grocery cart filled with less than nutritious food. In some circumstances, that may be true, since any food item is eligible for SNAP assistance. But those cart-peepers may need to take some things into account. The lower nutrition items may be an attempt to make the benefits stretch further (most families use up their benefits by the third week of the month) or the result of lack of nutrition education or lack of preparation time.

Beer, wine, other alcohol and cigarettes are not eligible to be purchased with SNAP benefits, nor are prepared hot items, such as store-made pizza.

There are some other things to consider, too. The average benefit, on a nation basis for SNAP recipients is \$281 a month. The maximum benefit for a family of four is \$668, or about \$2 per person per meal -- not a lot of grocery dollars in today's economy. SNAP benefits represent about two percent of the federal budget. Ninety-five percent of all dollars go directly to recipients, not to administrative costs.

Finally, SNAP is a program that works. The U.S. Census Bureau stated that SNAP has done more than any other government program to lift individuals and households out of poverty during the recent recession.

Those are some of the rea-

Puttin' On
The Fritz

sons the recent bill to cut SNAP benefits gets under my skin. Here's another. We have a great roaring concern in this country today about what we characterize as "bullying," most especially of children and adolescents. Yet the suggestion that we take food from the one in six American children who suffer from hunger in this country -- for reasons that have been debunked time after time -- can hardly be seen as anything other than bullying at a national level.

As much as some folks don't like to view it this way, the national budget is a moral document. It speaks in loud, ringing tones to what our country's priorities are. As does this bill, which targets the poor principally because of the belief that they are taking something they do not deserve.

Our nation is quite capable of feeding its poor and we have an obligation to do so, most especially in hard times.

On a side road in our county, there's a little food stand which has caught my eye. Recently, seduced by the wagonload of gorgeous pumpkins, I pulled in. The stand featured a wealth of fall produce -- potatoes, apples, squash and onions, corn and tomatoes and the aforementioned pumpkins among them. A hand lettered sign said the stand and the vegetables were God's. "If you are hungry, and don't have money, take what you need. If you can afford it, make the donation God puts in your heart." The "cash register" is a small plastic container with a slot in the top.

I don't know the farmer who maintains this stand, although he's waved from the field from time to time. I try to stop there every weekend. The food is high quality and his priorities are certainly in order. It seems to me he knows the right answer to the age-old question, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

I only wish more of our representatives did as well.

If you want to help prevent hunger locally, consider even a small donation to any of the local food banks or the school's backpack program, which provides food for children on weekends and school holidays.

If you want to express your outrage at the move to cut food benefits on a national level, please write your United States Representative.


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A mother's gift

By Mary Weber

Columnist

"This gift I give to you." Those words echoed through my brain as I tried to brush the sleepy dream away. It was a dream I had been having over and over again.

My mom succumbed to cancer and a heart condition over 15 years ago. She was a lovely woman who spent most of her life working in factories. On evenings and weekends she devoted her life to her family.

Since receiving the news that I was going to become a grandma a few years ago, I've thought about my mom a little more. Mom loved children. She was the kind of grandmother I want to be for my grandchildren. She was interested, active and involved right up until the day she said goodbye.

I've had a few dreams involving my mom over the years, mostly we are looking at photographs of family and she is happy. She rarely speaks in the dreams, just smiles and nods, like she knows good things are happening around me.

However, in this reoccurring dream she speaks. "This gift I give to you," she said just before I wake. Often I would see arms and hands reaching out to me.

After a few weeks of seeing outreached arms and hearing my mother say over and over again, "This gift I give to you" -- I was beginning to get a little fed up. What gift is my mother trying to give me and why do I see these arms and hands reaching for me? I thought about how my father and my sister both died

in their 57th year and began to think maybe my mom wanted me too. Gee, maybe I don't want this gift my mom's trying so hard to give me. I'm really happy right where I am.

I began thinking of all the wonderful gifts I already had in my life, a fun-loving devoted husband, a beautiful place to live with nature all around me, a great community of friends who I cherish and family, lots and lots of family. I thought about the gift of the very special addition last year of my first grandchild.

I've written about my sweet grandbaby, Hope Marie, in this column before. I'm pretty faithful to the code that grandmas are allowed to brag about their grandchildren in any capacity possible. Even though this column is mainly to focus on nature and the things I see in my Alcona backyard, I couldn't resist writing about the emotions I feel here too.

It is difficult being a long distance grandma. She lives downstate and we have the ability to Skype so I see and interact with her on a bi-monthly basis. But other than that this darling girl really doesn't know who I am. To her I am just a stranger, so much so, that every time she saw me, she would cry.

With every visit -- for the last eight months -- Hope Marie would take one look at me and huge tears would appear. They were followed by blood-curdling screams for her mother.

When she began to speak last April, she said, "Uh-oh,"

every time she saw me.

My daughter felt awful and kept reassuring me it was just a phase she was going through. "She acts like this with other people too, it's not just you," my daughter said seeing the sadness in my face. I knew anxiety of strangers was something many children go through -- but I was her grandma.

Still, there was no way to force her to like me, no matter how many presents and goodies I brought with me. She simply didn't know me. Every time we visited I was nothing more than uh-oh and tears.

I'd come back home exhausted after a long weekend of hearing Hope cry whenever her mother left the room. Would this child ever warm up to me? I began to wonder if living so far away from her was a good idea. I couldn't imagine ever wanting to live anywhere else. Would northern Michigan and the exposure to nature it offers be enough to make up for all the days I couldn't be with her? Would I ever be able to enjoy my Alcona backyard with Hope or would she always think of me as a stranger?

I pondered these thoughts late at night while trying to fall asleep. I would also try to convince myself not to have another mom dream. I'd wake up the next day hearing the words "this gift I give to you," pounding in my head.

On my birthday my daughter and son-in-law surprised me by bringing Hope up for a visit. When they arrived, almost on cue, Hope took one look at me, said, "Uh-oh" and

began crying. Her mother reassured her, as she always does, that there was no reason to cry. I wanted nothing more than to hold this child who had seemed to blossom from infant to a 16-month-old walking, talking toddler overnight.

But, I kept my distance and didn't push it. I just sat on the floor playing with her toys, waiting for her to finally like me -- just a little.

Every once in a while, with her mother close by, Hope would come over to watch what I was doing. She even sat nervously next to me a few times as I read a story. My daughter and I spent the spent the whole glorious day together with Hope. We even managed between rain showers to spend some time outside playing with bubbles and watching hummingbirds zoom back and forth from their feeders. It was a wonderful day and I couldn't wait for the next.

I woke up early and anxious. After what seemed like eternity I heard my daughter get up and step into the bathroom. Hope was still in the bedroom but awake and babbling away in her Pack-and-Play crib.

The cheerful noise she was making sounded so invitingly and happy. I couldn't resist taking a peek. Slowly, I opened the guest room door and was a little relieved to see that Hope was sitting with her back to me. I didn't want to take my eyes off her.

Suddenly, she turned around. I expected a full volume, frightened shriek to belittle out of the little body in pink jammies. Instead she



just looked straight at me.

Almost immediately a large grin formed showing all four of her pearly white teeth. She stood straight up and, stretching as far as she could, her arms reached out to me.

I couldn't believe it. The arms I had been waiting for so long wrapped around my neck as I picked her up and carried her out of the room. She looked at me again smiling and laid her head on my shoulders and gave me a hug.

The emotion was overwhelming. Pure joy and love swept through me and this time, I was doing the crying. Giant happy tears fell on my cheeks as I hugged my little granddaughter.

I'm not sure if people love who have passed on try to communicate to us through our dreams, but when I recall those little arms reaching up to me and the hug I received, I have a feeling my mom had a hand in the experience.

I get it, mom -- "This gift I give to you." Thank you, it was the best gift I could have ever received.

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



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Opportunities abound this season for small-game hunters

Small-game hunting season began September 1 with the opening of the early Canada goose season and continues until rabbit and hare season ends on March 31, 2014.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife biologists across the state say hunters should find conditions similar to last year in Michigan's wood lots, farm fields and wetlands.

Rabbits

Season: Cottontail rabbits and varying (or snowshoe) hare can be hunted from September 15 - March 31, 2014 statewide. The daily bag limit is five in combination with a possession limit of 10.

Outlook: Roughly 60,000 hunters reported pursuing rabbits in 2010 (the most recently completed harvest survey) and about 15,000 hunted hares. Cottontail populations are good throughout their range over much of the state.

Concentrate on thick cover, such as briar patches and brush piles, often near agricultural fields. Snowshoe hare populations are down somewhat from historic levels. Look for early-successional forests (such as aspen stands) and low-lying swamps with blow-downs and brush piles in the northern two-thirds of the state.

Squirrels

Season: September 15 - March 1, 2014. The daily bag limit is five per day with 10 in possession.

Outlook: Both fox and gray squirrels are at moderate to high levels across much of the state. Last year's mast crop was poor, so squirrels gravitated to areas adjoining agriculture. This year's mast crop appears to be abundant, so squirrels should be widespread in areas with beech, oak and hickory trees. About 70,000 hunters pursue squirrels each year.

Ruffed Grouse

Season: September 15 - November 14 and December 1 - January 1, 2014 statewide. The bag limit is five per day/10 in possession in the northern two-thirds of the state, three per day/six in possession in Zone 3 (southern Michigan).

Outlook: Grouse populations are cyclical, typically rising and falling over a 10-year period, and indications are that we are coming off a peak and into decline. The spring drumming survey showed a statewide decline of 13 percent from last year with the highest counts in the Upper Peninsula. Michigan boasts about 85,000 grouse hunters.

Grouse typically inhabit early successional forests - young to moderate-aged aspen stands (five to 15 years old). Food sources are important, but berry and wild fruit production is abundant this year. Grouse are most numerous in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula, but hunters may find local populations in areas with good habitat in southern Michigan, too.

Grouse and woodcock hunters are asked to assist the DNR in monitoring populations by reporting their results. Cooperator forms can be found on the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/hunting - select Upland Game Birds and then Ruffed Grouse.

Woodcock

Season: September 21 - November 4, statewide. The daily bag is three with a possession limit of six.

Outlook: Although woodcock populations are in long-term decline because of decreasing habitat quality, hunters can expect about the same results they enjoyed last year, when roughly 35,000 hunters - often in conjunction with grouse hunting - said they pursued woodcock.

Found in all parts of Michi-



A ruffed grouse hunter moves into the aspens behind his pointing dog. Grouse are most numerous in the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula, but can also be found in good habitat areas in southern Michigan, too.

gan, woodcock are migratory, and although their population densities are higher in the northern two-thirds of the state, they can often be found in good numbers in southern Michigan later in the season as the birds head south. The best habitat is young cover along streams and on swamp edges; the long-beaked birds feed by probing the earth for worms and other invertebrates in moist soils.

Peak migration occurs in mid-October in the northern portions of the state. Hunters are reminded that they must have a Harvest Information Program (HIP) endorsement printed on their small game licenses to legally take woodcock. See the 2013 Michigan Hunting and Trapping Digest for details.

Sharp-tailed Grouse

Season: October 10-31 in the eastern Upper Peninsula, east of M-129 and east of I-75 north of M-48. The limit is two daily, with four in possession; six per season.

Outlook: This is the fourth season of hunting after nearly a decade of closed seasons. Sharptails are birds of grasslands and associated shrubby habitat (think pheasant habitat). Often found in small flocks and sometimes difficult to approach; sharptails can require relatively long-range shooting compared to ruffed grouse.

Sharptail hunters are required to have a (free) sharp-tailed grouse endorsement on their hunting licenses. Last year, 3,200 hunters acquired the endorsement, but only 394 reported hunting, killing 156 birds.

Pheasants

Season: October 10-31 in the Upper Peninsula in Menominee County and portions of Iron, Marquette, Dickinson and Delta counties, October 20 - November 14 in the Lower Peninsula and December 1 - January 1, 2014 in selected areas of Zone 3. The limit is two cocks daily, with four in possession.

Outlook: Pheasant populations have been in decline for a number of years, primarily because of changes in agricultural practices and/or urban sprawl, though this summer rural mail carrier brood index was the best since 2004. Typically, the best habitat is on private lands that have been managed for pheasants, especially those that are enrolled in farm set-aside programs, though more public land is being intensely managed for pheasants as part of the Pheasant Restoration Initiative.

Hunters who enjoyed success last year should find similar hunting conditions in the same areas. The best counties for pheasant hunting occur in south-central to mid-Michigan and into the Thumb, though locally abundant populations can be found almost anywhere. Look for warm-season grasses, especially idled farm fields.

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Late-season hunters can have success in cattail and shrublands adjoining picked agricultural fields. An estimated 27,000 hunters pursue pheasants in Michigan.

Quail

Season: Oct. 20 - Nov. 14. Quail can be hunted only in Branch, Calhoun, Clinton, Eaton, Genesee, Gratiot, Hillsdale, Huron, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kent, Lapeer, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Montcalm, Oakland, Saginaw, St. Clair, St. Joseph, Sanilac, Shiawassee, Tuscola, Washtenaw and Wayne counties. The bag limit is five per day/10 in possession.

Outlook: Quail hunting often is associated with pheasant hunting in Michigan, and bird populations are patchy at best, though spring nesting conditions were ideal. Fewer than 1,000 hunters report hunting quail.

Wild Turkey

Season: September 15 - November 14 in 11 management units including the entire Upper Peninsula (except Isle Royale) and all counties to the south of and including Oceana, Newaygo, Mecosta, Isabella, Midland, Bay and Huron (except Wayne and Monroe); and Emmet, Cheboygan, Charlevoix, Antrim and Otsego. Beaver Island is included in two management units.

More than 50,000 licenses are available - 5,150 general licenses that may be used on public or private land and 46,700 licenses for private land only. Licenses are issued by lottery, though leftover licenses are available over the counter on a first-come, first-served basis until management unit quotas are met. The limit is one bird of either sex per license.

Outlook: Fall turkey seasons are only held in areas where populations are stable to increasing, so prospects are very good. Roughly 16,000 hunters pursue wild turkeys in the fall hunt, many of them during the archery deer season.

Duck

Seasons: September 21 - November 10 and November 23 - December 1 in the North Zone (Upper Peninsula); October 5 - December 1 and December 14-15 in the Middle Zone; and October 12 - December 8 and December 28-29 in the South Zone.

The bag limit for ducks is six per day with no more than four mallards (no more than one hen), three wood ducks, three scaup (bluebills), two redheads, two pintails, two canvasbacks and one black duck. Five additional mergansers (no more than two may be hooded mergansers) may be taken. Possession limit is two days' daily bag limit.

Outlook: Prospects for Michigan's 40,000 duck hunters are excellent. Continental populations are down six percent from last year, but remain 33 percent above the long-term average. Lo-

cally, spring surveys indicated a decrease in the Great Lakes mallard population, despite an increase of wetlands of 32 percent from last year.

Opportunities for puddle ducks - especially wood ducks - in beaver ponds and small inland floodings should be good as it's been a rainy year. Diving ducks, which usually begin arriving in good numbers around mid-October, should be plentiful on the Great Lakes, but bluebill numbers are down 20 percent - leading to a reduction of one in the daily bag limit. The daily bag for canvasback, however, has been raised by one. The possession limit has been increased from two days' daily bag to three days' bag.

Canada Goose

Seasons: The early season is September 1-15 except in the Upper Peninsula and Saginaw, Huron and Tuscola counties, where the season is September 1-10. The daily bag limit is five.

The regular goose seasons are September 11 - December 11 in the North Zone; September 21-29 and October 5 - December 26 in the Middle Zone; and September 21-23, October 12 - December 8, and December 28-29 in the South Zone, except in designated goose management units (GMUs).

The daily bag limit is two. In the Saginaw County GMU, the season is September 21-23, October 12 - December 8 and December 28 - January 27, 2014 with a daily bag limit of two. In the Tuscola/Huron GMU, the season is September 21-27, October 12 - December 8, and December 28 - January 23, 2014 with a daily bag limit of two. In the Allegan County GMU, the season is November 2 - January 31, 2014 with a daily bag limit of two. In the Muskegon Wastewater GMU, the season is October 16 - November 13 and December 1-22 with a daily bag limit of two.

The late goose season, in the South Zone excluding the GMUs, is January 18, 2014 - February 15, 2014 with a daily bag limit of five.

Hunters may take 20 snow, blue or Ross geese daily during the regular goose seasons in all zones and GMUs.

Outlook: Resident Canada goose populations, which account for more than 70 percent of the state's total harvest, are above population goals, so hunters should find plenty of geese, with as much opportunity as ever.

For more information on Michigan hunting seasons, licensing and other information, visit www.michigan.gov/hunting. If you're looking for a place to hunt, check out Mi-HUNT (www.michigan.gov/mihunt), an interactive map application where you can find good public-land hunting opportunities, and the Hunting Access Program (or HAP, at www.michigan.gov/hap), for private lands throughout southern Michigan that are open for public hunting.



Rabbit hunting is available statewide through the end of March. Cottontail populations are good throughout their range over much of the state. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

Surplus salmon available to public again this fall

The public is again this year invited to purchase surplus salmon that has been harvested at Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) weirs around the state.

The DNR maintains multiple sites where fisheries biologists and technicians collect eggs and milt (sperm) from Chinook and coho salmon for use in state fish hatcheries. Fish in prime physical condition are made available to the public by American-Canadian Fisheries (ACF), a private vendor that assists the DNR with the salmon harvest.

After the DNR's egg needs are met, ACF harvests the salmon for human and pet-food markets, as well as ex-

cess eggs for the bait and caviar markets. ACF pays the DNR a flat per-pound rate for the salmon and eggs collected. ACF makes suitable-quality fish available wholesale to distributors who market the fish.

"We work closely with ACF to maintain a professional approach to dealing with the returning salmon and to ensure the harvest is done in the most environmentally friendly way," said Ed Eisch, the DNR's Northern Lower Peninsula hatchery manager. "The number of fish returning to our rivers is so large the DNR needs the assistance of private partners like ACF to help in this area of fishery management."

The Michigan Department

of Community Health (MDCH) recommends using caution when eating certain kinds and sizes of fish from Michigan lakes and streams. For current advisories, the Eat Safe Fish Guide should be consulted. It is available online at www.michigan.gov/eatsafefish or by contacting MDCH at (800) 648-6942.

Michigan retailers in the area selling salmon harvested at DNR weirs include:

- AuSable River Store
680 W. River Road, Oscoda. (989) 739-5332
- Lixie's Fish Market
2699 Lixie Beach, East Tawas. (989) 362-5791
- Wellman's Bait & Tackle
410 S. State Street, Oscoda. (989) 739-2869.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of September 16-22, 2013

72 complaints were handled during the week and resulted in the following: 8 Arrests; 2 Operating While Intoxicated; 3 Operating Under Influence of Drugs; 3 Warrant Arrests.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	11	Property Damage Accident	2
Message/Well Being Check	1	Miscellaneous	3
Agency Assist	2	Dog/Animal	4
Traffic	4	Trespassing	1
Drug Related Offences	4	Domestic	1
911 Hang Up	2	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	5
Patrol Check	4	Operate While Intoxicated	2
Missing Person	1	Marine	1
Warrant Arrest	3	Civil	1
Breaking and Entering	2	Personal Injury Accident	3
Larceny	3	Fraud	1
Suicide	1	Suspicious Events	7
Unlawful Driving Away of Vehicle	1	Gunshots Heard	1
Drug and Medicine Disposal	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	5	Caledonia	11	Curtis	8
Greenbush	6	Gustin	4	Harrisville	4
Hawes	6	Haynes	1	Mikado	4
Millen	5	Mitchell	2		
Harrisville City	10	Village of Lincoln	6		