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Missing woman found after 15-hour search

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

A multitude of federal, state and local entities aided in the search of a missing Greenbush resident last week. The 15-hour search, which was organized and executed by the Alcona County Fire Fighters Association Search and Rescue, concluded with locating the 37-year-old woman approximately one mile from her home.

The search began around 9 p.m. on Wednesday, April 23 when a call to Alcona County Central Dispatch stated a female was distraught; she had left her home and walked into the woods nearby. Attempts to find her were unsuccessful and the caller was fearful for her safety.

Deputies from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department were dispatched to the location on F-30 in Greenbush. They searched the wooded area on foot, with an all-terrain vehicle and a patrol car. They also contacted Verizon Wireless in an attempt to ping the woman's cell phone and find her location.

From there the search became a multiagency cooperative operation. The Alcona County Sheriff's department

notified members of the Alcona County Fire Fighters Association Search and Rescue and the Michigan State Police.

By 12:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 24 a helicopter from the U.S. Coast Guard began searching a 16 square mile area determined to be the search area. The helicopter was using heat signature technology while several entities continued a ground search in the dark.

Throughout the course of the search the following entities were involved: Michigan State Police helicopter from Lansing and Trooper Jamie Bullis with his K-9 partner Marshall; U.S. Coast Guard; Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Search and Rescue of Michigan (six teams consisting of a handler, dog and spotter), Civilian Emergency Response Team, Alcona County Emergency Management, Alcona County Sheriff's Department, Alcona County EMS, volunteer members of area fire departments and the American Red Cross.

Throughout the night searchers traveled roads with vehicles and conducted "structure checks" of homes

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The location of a missing person after a long search which involved multiple agencies is always a relief to those involved in the search. While more than 30 volunteers were involved in last week's search and rescue effort, the conclusion came when Rick Rujan (fourth from left) of Tawas and his three-year-old black Labrador Sierra -- members of Search and Rescue of Michigan (SAROM), a canine search unit, located the woman. According to Alcona County Fire Fighters Association Search and Rescue core team member Roger MacNeill (far right) the canine unit was just a few minutes ahead of the other volunteers searching the area. Key individuals involved in the search include (from left) Sean Whelan of Mikado; Buffy Carr, emergency management coordinator for Alcona and Iosco counties and SAROM member; Tom Keerl of Harrisville and incident commander of the search; Sgt. Keith Meyers of the Alcona County Sheriff's Department. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

Ready to search when someone is missing

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Last week's search for a missing Greenbush resident which began at night and continued into the next afternoon and involved a dozen or more entities did not just fall together by good fortune. It came about by the ongoing efforts of the Alcona County Fire Fighters Association Search and Rescue.

While trainings are conducted and meetings are held, it isn't until a situation arises that this organization, and the many volunteers involved with it, become visible and vital.

The Alcona County Fire Fighters Association Search and Rescue officially formed in 1997. "That's when we really started to do something... we had done little things before that, but the sheriff's department handled it and we'd help out," said Rodney Cordes, a core team and founding member. "John Hefferon had a back-

ground in search and rescue and he helped us get it off the ground. Tim London, emergency manager at the time, helped us acquire an 18-foot enclosed trailer -- our equipment goes into that trailer."

Initially the core group was made up of seven people. "Most of us were folks who had been in fire service for several years and had a background in certain areas... Our whole point of doing this -- in the past and even now -- (is because) the sheriff's department doesn't have anyone to do this -- to put a team together to go out and find a person who is lost," Cordes said.

Fire fighters make up "probably the largest volunteer group in the county -- in terms of working volunteers. They work as a team to try to find someone... This is more efficient rather than picking

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Chiller author to visit elementary

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Don't be surprised if a black cloud filled with phantoms, aliens, monsters and mayhem descends upon Alcona Elementary next Wednesday -- it's a sign that a children's chiller author has stopped by for a visit.

Johnathan Rand, author of over 60 books, will surely have the students on the edge of their seats when he talks about his horror fiction books for children and young adults.

With book titles such as "Gruesome Ghouls of Grand Rapids," "Kreepy Klowns of Kalamazoo," "Dinosaurs Destroy Detroit" and "Aliens of Alpena," Rand, a Michigan native, is somewhat of a rock star among young readers.

Pretty much all of Rand's books, except for the American Chillers, take place in Michigan. The author, who's real name is Christopher Wright, grew up in Waterford, Mich., until his family moved to the Grayling, Mich. area when he was in the fourth grade.

He has lived in Houghton Lake, Mich., Petoskey, Mich., and for a while in a cabin in the woods -- perfect for a scary mystery -- just outside of Cheboygan, Mich. He resides in Topinabee, Mich. just 25 miles south of the Mackinac Bridge with his wife and three dogs, Scooby Boo, Lily Munster and Spooky Dude.

Wright began his writing career after taking a college job at a northern Michigan radio station writing commercials. He wrote a popular commercial about an alien who crashed his spaceship into earth and then took it to a local auto parts store to have it repaired. He quickly realized he could write entertaining commercials in which people enjoyed and began penning tales for children's books.

He sold his self published Michigan Chiller and Freddie Fernoter Fearless First Grader and Adventure Club series books by traveling throughout the state asking gift stores, restaurants, hotels and, even, gas stations to



Johnathan Rand sell his books. By 2003, he had sold over a million books. Many of the books were purchased as gifts for grandchildren who didn't reside in Michigan and Wright began getting requests for stories related to other states. The author compiled more than 35 American Chiller books featuring a different state in each book including "Florida Fog Phantoms," "Ogres of Ohio," "Wisconsin Werewolves" and "New York Ninjas."

Wright has also written several books for mature readers under the pseud-

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Obituaries

Milo C. Atchison

Milo C. Atchison, 82, of Harrisville, died on Thursday, April 24, 2014, at home.

He was born July 18, 1931 in Harrisville to John and Beatrice (Dunn) Atchison.

He was a lifelong resident of Harrisville. He raised Angus cattle on the family farm. He had been employed for many years at Harrisville Tool.

Mr. Atchison is survived by two daughters, Bonnie (Dan) Monroe of Dearborn, Mich. and Shirley (Tom) Dankow of Trenton, Mich.; one son, Doug (Linda) Atchison of Harrisville; six grandchildren, Lynn Alexander of St. Clair Shores, Mich., Eric Monroe of Dearborn, Mich., Kevin (Jeanne) Monroe of Dearborn, Mich., Nathan (Jessica Rand) Alexander, John (Shannon) Atchison of Shelby Township, Mich. and Chelsea (Donald) Neuenfeldt of Hemlock, Mich.; five great-grandchildren, Donovan and Claire Borg, Alycia and Tyler Monroe and Evan Atchison; and one sister, Vivian Gray of Davison, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Carolyn, on February 28, 1992; and one brother, Edward Atchison on July 16, 2007.

The funeral was held on Sunday, April 27 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial will be in Springport Cemetery, Harrisville.

Tracy L. Brooks

Tracy L. Brooks, 54, of Mio died on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born May 21, 1959 in Bay City, Mich. to Rev. Lawrence and Nancy (LaBerge) Brooks.

He graduated from Bullock Creek High School of Midland, Mich. then served in the U.S. Navy.

He was a truck driver and mechanic before becoming a United Methodist pastor in 1998.

Rev. Brooks served parishes in Grand Marais, Mich., Germfask, Mich., McMillan, Mich. and Gordonville, Mich.

In 2007 he moved to Harrisville where he served the United Methodist churches of Harrisville, Lincoln and Glennie until 2012 when he moved to serve the United Methodist Church in Mio.

Rev. Brooks is survived by his wife, Kimberly Armstrong-Brooks; two daughters, Kristina Brooks and Kayla Brooks, both of Columbus, Ohio; one son, Joshua Brooks of Columbus, Ohio; two stepsons, Zachery (Stephanie) Marlow of Fairfield, Ohio and Benjamin (Rachel) Marlow of Merrill Mich.; six grandchildren, Mathew Garduno, William Garduno, Owen Marlow, Grant Marlow, Mason Marlow and Aiden Marlow; his mother, Nancy Brooks of Bay City, Mich.; one sister, Rev. Susanne (Craig) Hierholzer of St Ignace, Mich.; and one brother, Philip (Melissa) Brooks of Ft. Knox, Ky.; and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held Monday, April 28 at 3 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alpena Cancer Center or Hospice of Michigan.

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Alexina L. Jack, 95, died on Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at Turning Brook Assisted Living in Alpena.

She was born March 12, 1919 to Albert and Mary Ann (Emerick) Broadwood in Mikado.

She graduated from Oscoda High School in 1937 and trained to be a teacher at Alpena County Normal with additional training at Ferris Institute (now Ferris State University).

She married Harold "Bud" Jack of Lincoln on June 29, 1949. They made their home in Lincoln and raised three children.

Mrs. Jack taught at two one-room schoolhouses. She was the last teacher at Bailey School, currently located on the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse grounds north of Harrisville. She later worked as a secretary at the Alcona County Road

Alexina L. Jack

Commission and ran a credit union in Lincoln. Mrs. Jack completed her career as the secretary at Lincoln Elementary School, retiring in 1986 with over 30 years of service to children.

She was a member of St. Andrew's By-the-Lake Episcopal Church for 56 years where she served as the vestry secretary for 36 years. In retirement, she was an active member of the Alcona County Cancer Society and served on the Alcona County Youth Services Bureau.

Mrs. Jack is survived by one daughter, Mary (Jack) Weber of Kalamazoo, Mich.; one son, James Jack of Hubbard Lake; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold in



1984; one son, Wayne Jack; and one grandson, Matthew Weber.

The funeral was held April 26 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Interment was in Twin Lake Cemetery in Lincoln. Memorials may be made to St. Andrew's By-the-Lake Episcopal Church or My Brother's Hope.

Curtis Waasdorp

Curtis "Curt" Waasdorp, 76, of Curtisville, died on Friday, April 25, 2014 at his home.

He was born on April 8, 1938 in New York to John and Dolly (Deihm) Waasdorp.

He married Margaret Southworth on May 30, 1981.

He was a self employed

master electrician and worked for several prominent companies throughout his career.

He was a member of the Curtisville Baptist Church and the Glennie Sportsman Club. He enjoyed trap and skeet shooting.

Mr. Waasdorp is survived

by two sons, Gary Waasdorp and Brett (Marisa) Waasdorp; two daughters, Stacia Buckwell and Natalie Boise; five step children, Blaine (Laurie) Kahley, Bryan McCloy, Susan (Joel) McCloy, Lisa (Rick) Haines and Sandra (Don) Dickinson; his mother, Dolly Waasdorp; one sister, Anne (Bruce) Bristol; three brothers, Don (Mary Lou) Waasdorp, Ed (Denise) Waasdorp and Bruce (Vicki) Waasdorp; many grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and his beloved dog, Tara. He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret; and his father, John Waasdorp.

The funeral service will be held Thursday, May 1 at 10 a.m. at Smith-Miner Funeral Home, 2700 W. Wackerly Street, Midland, Mich. 48640, with Pastor Skip Metzler of the Curtisville Baptist Church officiating. Visitation will be held from 9 a.m. until the time of service. Burial will take place at the Curtisville Township Cemetery.

Memorial donations may be made to the Curtisville Baptist Church or the Alcona Humane Society.

Donald C. Mandeville

Donald Clark Mandeville, 80, of Mikado, formerly of Flint, Mich. died on Friday, April 25, 2014 at Genesys Convalescent Center in Grand Blanc, Mich.

He was born on January 9, 1934 to Delmer and Marie (Kingsland) Mandeville in Yale, Mich.

On July 22, 1961 he married Patricia Barr in Flint, Mich. He served four years in the U.S. Army and was a long time member of the Free and Accepted Masons.

He retired from General Motors, Flint Metal Fabrication, in 1990 after 30 years of service. He enjoyed bowling, fishing, spending time in northern Michigan and watching the Detroit Red Wings.

Mr. Mandeville is survived by his wife Patricia; three sons, Donald D. (Cindi) Mandeville of Linden, Mich., Jon (Danyel) Mandeville of Newago, Mich., and Gary (Lisa) Mandeville of Oscoda; one daughter, Terry (Dan) Sorys of Holly, Mich.; 15 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Ella Bush of Durand, Mich.; one brother, Vern Mandeville of Brown City, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on Tuesday, April 29 at Swartz Funeral Home, Flint, Mich. Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Genesys Convalescent Center, 8481 Holly Road, Grand Blanc, Mich. 48439.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2014

Weekly Report				Miles Per Hour		
Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	High	Low				
April 20	47	29	0.00	5.4	16	SSW
April 21	54	41	0.76	2.1	10	WSW
April 22	50	37	0.05	5.2	27	N
April 23	44	30	0.00	7.8	23	NNE
April 24	43	29	0.00	3.2	16	ENE
April 25	42	34	0.09	4.5	18	ESE
April 26	42	36	0.00	5.0	20	NNE
Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2013-2014						
		Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content		
Weekly Total	0.90	1.9	0.56			
Month of April	3.06	1.9	1.99			
Year/Season to Date	5.55	61.5	7.23			

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, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30
Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road.

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 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 1
Veterans join your fellow comrades for coffee from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street, Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

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, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

A proclamation designating May as Foster Care month in Harrisville will be read by Mayor Dobis at 9 a.m. in front to the Alcona County Courthouse. Judge Laura Frawley will speak about foster care and adoption. Blue ribbons will be hung in honor of foster care awareness.

A blood pressure clinic will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 2
There will be a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion Post 254, 2205 Alger Street, Mikado. The menu includes fish, French fries, coleslaw and dessert. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age six to 12, no charge for children age five and under. The public is welcome.

An open house will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for featured artists, Sharon Rickard and Stephanie LaFramboise at the Thunder Bay Art Gallery, 127 West Chisholm Street, Alpena. A collection of their paintings will be on display. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (989) 356-6678.

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

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii are available for use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 3
The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road, Lincoln. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Sunrise Side Woodcarvers 23rd annual carving show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Oscoda Community Center (on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base). Donation of \$2 at the door, no charge for children age 12 and under. Lean on Me recipients with cane, free admission.

As a part of the Corsair Concert Series the band Volume Five will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Tawas United Methodist Church Family Center, 20 M-55, Tawas City. Doors open at 7 p.m., admission is \$15. Advance tickets available at Nordic Sports in East Tawas. For more information, call (989) 362-2001.

SUNDAY, MAY 4
Sunrise Side Woodcarvers 23rd annual carving show will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Oscoda Community Center (on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base). Donation of \$2 at the door, no charge for children age 12 and under. Lean on Me recipients with cane, free admission.

A revival meeting with Dr. Herb Hutchinson will be held at 9:45 a.m., 11 a.m. and 6 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. The community is invited and encouraged to attend.

MONDAY, MAY 5
Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The planning committee for Mikado Days will be held at 7 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center, 2291 South F-41. Mikado Days will be held July 12. Anyone interested in joining the committee, volunteering or would like to offer new ideas is welcome to attend. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, call (989) 736-7721.

A presentation on Medicare fraud will be given by the Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program at 4:30 p.m., downstairs at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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TUESDAY, MAY 6
Weight loss support group will meet at 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 101 East Main Street, Lincoln. Visitors are welcome and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

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4/23 thru 5/7

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Local Notes



Road Crew Appreciation

Community members who would like to show their appreciation to and visit with members of the Alcona County Road Commission for all of their work and dedication over the last several months since the road commission garage was destroyed by fire are invited to stop in at the Harrisville Township Hall on Saturday, May 3 at approximately 7:30 p.m. There will be community fellowship and entertainment by Lynn Hutchinson for the evening. There is no charge for this community gathering. Those attending are encouraged to bring their own refreshments.

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be open Saturday, May 3 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the fairgrounds across from Kris Mart in Lincoln. Available this week: Lettuce, spinach, arugula, all cuts of grass-fed and grain-fed beef, a variety of baked goods, assorted regular, sugar-free, all-fruit and hot pepper jams and jellies, soup mixes, salsa mixes, whole wheat brownie, muffin, cookie, Ezekiel bread, cornbread and pancake mixes, salt-free dip and dressing mixes and seasonings, dried fruit, dried herbs, herbal teas, lavender sugar, chicken and goose eggs, patio

tomato plants, potted herbs, handmade flower pins and headbands, rugs, catnip toys, and handmade wooden items. For more information, call (989) 724.-5077.

Student Showcase

Alcona High School is hosting its annual Student Showcase on Tuesday, May 6 from 6-8 p.m. in the new gymnasium. The open house style event will feature the talents and work of students with woodworking, art, and "Make a Difference" projects on display. There is no cost to attend and the entire community is welcome to stop by and walk through the exhibit. For more information, contact the school at (989) 736-8534 or contact Chuck Boyer at boyerc@alconaschools.net.

Now on Display

The local artists from East Shore Art Guild present "Spring Fling," a display of art of various media, at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The show begins with a "Meet the Artists" reception for everyone on Monday, May 5 from 2 to 3 p.m., with refreshments provided by the Friends of the Library. Art will be on display during regular library hours through May 29. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Senior Menu

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

- Monday, May 5—Barbecued pork roast, baked beans, cauliflower and fruit.
- Tuesday, May 6—Chicken and dumplings, Prince Charles blend, pickled beets and fruit crisp.
- Wednesday, May 7—Tuna salad on a croissant, macaroni salad, broccoli and dip, tropical fruit salad and fruit.
- Thursday, May 8—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and fruit.
- Friday, May 9—Baked chicken, stuffing and gravy, carrots, fruit salad and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Huron Shores Chorus

Members of Huron Shores Chorus will present "A Musical Kingdom" at 7 p.m. Friday, May 2 at Oscoda United Methodist Church and at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 4 at Tawas Area Presbyterian Church. Selections will include "The Last Words of David" by Randall Thompson and "To Everything a Season" by Taylor Davis, which will feature an obbligato performed on soprano saxophone by Dr. Lyn Behnke. The whimsical "Animal Crackers" by Eric Whitacre will provide a bit of

comic relief for the chorus' program. Tenor and bass sections of the chorus will perform the sea chanty, "The Rio Grande," and treble sections of the chorus will sing Pete Seeger's "Where Have All the Flowers Gone?" accompanied by piano, string bass and wind instruments. "Waterfall," written by Jon Schmidt of The Piano Guys, will be played by chorus accompanist Melanie Bowie. The chorus will celebrate the Beatles' 50th anniversary by closing the program with its rendition of "All You Need Is Love." There is no admission for the programs but donations are welcome. Huron Shores Chorus is under the direction of Tracee Behnke-Lentz.

Cooking with John

Interested adults are invited to Cooking with John on Wednesday, May 14 from noon until 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Chef John Webster Jr. from Tait's Bill of Fare is back with a springtime menu of spinach pesto, pasta primavera and sunshine cake. Cost is \$5 per person which includes light lunch and recipes. Those planning to attend absolutely must register and pay the registration fee by May 9. Call (989) 724-6796.

Community Concert

The 22nd Annual Corsair Concert Series presents Volume Five on Saturday, May 3 at the Tawas United Methodist Church Family Center located on M-55 in Tawas City. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Volume Five is a new band from Mississippi that is blazing a trail on the bluegrass scene. Volume Five has a signature sound. Their earthy



Volume Five

soulful singing, spot-on harmonies, and precision picking set them apart from others. They play a quality style of music and they have received critical acclaim for their four recorded albums, with several of their songs climbing to the top of the National Bluegrass charts. Song samples can be found at: <http://www.airplay-direct.com/music/Volume-FiveRun/>. Admission is \$15. Advance tickets are available at Nordic Sports in East Tawas. For more information call (989) 362-2001 or see: <http://www.n-sport.com/VolumeFiveinConcert.html>.

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According to the Michigan State Police website there are more than 60,000 reported vehicle-deer crashes in Michigan each year. With Alcona County and Presque Isle County ranking at second and sixth respectively state-wide for the years 2008 through 2012, area road commissions receive numerous requests to pick up deer carcasses on roadways.

"For years, our standard operating procedure was to remove dead animals from the road," said Alcona County Road Commission Managing Director Jesse Campbell. "Even though road commissions have no legal obligation to pick up deer or other dead animals in the road right-of-way, we clear them from the road in the interest of road safety. But we are reassessing our methods."

Campbell said first and foremost is funding. "As our budget shrinks, we've been forced to cut everywhere and

we just don't have the resources to take care of road kill as we used to." He explained that in the past, road crews in Alcona County would physically remove the carcasses from the road and carry them away to a remote location.

Further, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) advises against transporting deer carcasses outside of the locale where the deer naturally existed.

"We will still clear the carcass from the traveled portion of the roadway, and if it's in a residential area, we will move it to the nearest undeveloped area as work schedules allow," Campbell said.

Managers at both Alpena County and Presque Isle County road commissions, Larry Orcutt and Jerry Smigelski, concur and are following the same cue.

The Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT)

Service Center in Alpena, under which all three counties hold contracts for maintenance of state trunklines, has also weighed in on the subject. MDOT has advised contract counties to minimize the time and subsequent expense spent on clearing dead animals from the roadway.

"It's a growing problem and as our main concern has always been and remains safety, we'll make every effort to clear dead animals from the traveled portion of the road. We just won't be moving them very far," Campbell said, speaking on behalf of his counterparts in Alpena and Presque Isle, as well.

Questions or concerns about dead deer or other road issues in Alcona County, should be directed to the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake Street, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, by phone at (989) 736-8168 or by e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com.

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and buildings in the area. Canine search units were also called in during the early morning hours. Around 8 a.m. the coast guard helicopter left and the state police helicopter took over. Ground searchers were added after it became light.

"We waited until morning to put troops on the ground," said Roger MacNeill, a core member of Alcona search and rescue. The "troops" are volunteer fire fighters from Al-

cona County fire departments. Over the course of the day approximately 35 fire fighters covered roughly a quarter of the target area.

"One of the issues we faced was we felt that our particular needle was on the move," MacNeill said. He explained that even though buildings and other structures had been cleared earlier in the search, they re-checked them all again once the ground searchers were activated.

"There are a lot of structures in that area... No one was opposed to letting us check and many aided us in the search," MacNeill said.

At approximately 1:23 p.m. the woman was located in a dense wooded area. She was transported to Alpena Regional Medical Center by Alcona EMS. According to the Alcona County Sheriff Sergeant Keith Meyers she was suffering from conditions related to cold weather. "Her name was not released due to her medical situation," Meyers said.

"Everyone who was involved with this search did an exemplary job," MacNeill said. "The cohesion between the entities was absolutely phenomenal today. It was the best it's ever been. Everything fell into place perfectly. We hope to continue this interaction."



Local Notes

Local Notes



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Vernal Pool Monitoring

The sound of calling wood frogs is one of the first melodies of spring. Spring peepers, green frogs and others add to the symphony until there is no doubt that winter is a thing of the past. Huron Pines is seeking citizen scientists to experience this seasonal chorus while collecting data about the wildlife living in vernal pools throughout northeast Michigan. Vernal pools are born when rainfall and snowmelt settles into small depressions in the ground. Because these pools dry up in late summer or fall, no fish live in them. This makes them perfect places for salamanders and frogs to lay their eggs without the predation fish would bring. These special wetlands can be found all over the state in forested areas. Though they are generally very small, vernal pools are biodiversity hotspots—in Michigan wood frogs, blue-spotted salamanders, fairy shrimp and so much more can be found in these pools.

Huron Pines, Montmorency County Conservation Club, Michigan Nature Association, Michigan Natural Features Inventory and



Gray tree frog

HeadWaters Land Conservancy will be hosting a Vernal Pool Monitoring Training on Friday, May 2 to teach volunteers of all ages how to "adopt-a-pool" and monitor their findings during three visits throughout the year. The training will begin indoors at the Atlanta Senior Center with a lesson about vernal pools and the monitoring procedure, and then the group will relocate to a nearby pool for a field training session.

For more information and to RSVP, visit: www.volunteernorthernmichigan.org. Attendees should bring knee boots or waders and dress appropriately for walking in the woods, and bring a sack lunch and water bottle. Vernal pool monitoring is a fun family activity and a great classroom project, too! The information gathered through this volunteer monitoring program will help us learn more about the ecological value of these pools. (Photo courtesy of John Ernst.)

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The Village of Lincoln reserves the right to cancel a mowing date due to lack of growth, rain or lack of funds.

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onym of Christopher Knight. Wright now owns his own bookstore "Chillermania" located in Indian River, Mich., which stocks his books along with other related material and memorabilia. In addition to traveling the states to get information for additional books, Wright makes time for special appearances with schools and communities, such as the one he will make with Alcona Elementary. During the visit Wright will explain how he developed a

love of writing and will encourage students to use their own imaginations when writing. He will share his belief that books don't have covers; they have doors to other places and times in an attempt to spark the students' desire to read more. Wil St. John, from Inspiration Alcona, Inc., received the suggestion to bring Wright to the elementary school while engaging with other authors during the group's annual Inspiration Alcona Retreat last fall. "We talked it over

with the school and got some partners to help support the cost of his visit and were able to schedule it for May 7," St. John said. St. John said he was thrilled with the support offered by the Alcona County Review, Alcona County Library, Judge Laura Frawley, Alcona Elementary Parent Teacher Organization and individual board members of Inspiration Alcona, Inc. who eagerly gave funds to bring the author to Alcona Schools.



Students from Rene Holmes fifth-grade class at Alcona Elementary, (left to right) Keegan Payne, Ashlyn Gordy and Kendal McLaughlin read some of their favorite chiller books by author Johnathan Rand. Photo by Mary Weber.

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Business Brief



As of April 1, Dr. Ben Dietrich is the new owner of Harrisville Eye Care. Dr. Tommasina Pasqua (right), former owner of the Harrisville business, congratulates Dr. Dietrich on taking over the business she began many years ago. Dietrich is "excited to be a part of the community" and encourages everyone in the surrounding area to stop in and meet him along with the rest of the staff. He looks forward to delivering superior patient service along with cutting edge technology in order to provide the best eye care possible. Harrisville Eye Care is hosting "Meet the Doctor Celebration" on Thursday, May 15 from 3-6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend. Dietrich and staff wish Dr. Pasqua the very best with her new life in Connecticut. "Thank you Dr. Pasqua for the dedication you have shown to your patients and our community over the past 15 years," said Dietrich. Courtesy photo.

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Dear Looking,
Many retirees are unclear with what Medicare does and doesn't cover when it comes to eye care. The good news is that Medicare covers most medical issues like cataract surgery, treatment of eye diseases and medical emergencies. But unfortunately, routine care like eye exams and eyeglasses are usually the beneficiary's responsibility.

Here's a breakdown of how original Medicare covers your eyes, along with some tips that can help you reduce your out-of-pocket costs.

- Exams: Routine eye exams (sometimes called "eye refractions") that test for eyeglasses or contact lenses are usually not covered under Medicare, but you are en-

titled to a yearly medical eye exam if you have diabetes or are at high risk for glaucoma. People at high risk include diabetics, those with a family history of glaucoma, and older Hispanics and African-Americans.

Medicare will also pay for exams to test and treat medical eye diseases and other problems like macular degeneration, dry eye syndrome, eye infections or if you get something in your eye.

- Eyeglasses and contact lenses: Medicare does not pay for eyeglasses or contact lenses, with one exception: If you have had a conventional intraocular lens inserted during cataract surgery, Medicare will pay for eyeglasses or contact lenses following the operation. Otherwise, you are on your own.

To find affordable eye exams or eyeglasses, many retailers provide discounts - between 10 and 30 percent - if you belong to a membership group like AARP or AAA.

Also consider Costco Optical, which is considered by Consumer Reports as the best discount store for good eyewear and low prices - it requires a \$55 membership fee. Walmart Vision Centers and For Eyes Optical offer low prices too with no required membership.

You can also save big by buying your glasses online. Some online stores like zennioptical.com, goggles-4u.com and eyebuydirect.com sell prescription eyeglasses for as little as \$7. To purchase glasses online you'll need your prescription and pupillary distance from an exam and your frame size.

- Eye surgeries: Medicare covers most eye surgeries including cataract surgery to remove cataracts and insert standard intraocular lenses to replace your own. Medicare will not, however, pick up the extra cost if you choose a specialized lens that restores full range of vision, thereby reducing your need for glasses after cataract sur-



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gery. The extra cost for a specialized lens can run up to \$2,500 per eye.

Eye surgeries that are not covered by Medicare include refractive surgery and cosmetic eye surgery (such as eyelid surgery) that are not considered medically necessary.

Keep in mind that of the medical eye care services that are covered by Medicare, you're still responsible for 20 percent of the cost - Medicare pays the other 80 percent. To help with this out-of-pocket expense, you may want to consider getting a Medigap supplemental policy.

If you can't afford Medigap

insurance, check into EyeCare America at eyecare-america.org. This is a national program that provides medical eye examinations to seniors, age 65 and older, and up to one year of treatment at no cost.

Another way you can get extra vision coverage when you join Medicare is to choose a Medicare Advantage plan instead of original Medicare. Many of these plans - which are sold through private insurance companies (see medicare.gov/find-a-plan) - cover routine eye care and eyeglasses along with dental,

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people to form a group to go out and do that. It's for the better of the community to have search and rescue skills and work as a team," Cordes said.

However, the search and rescue team does not determine when they are "activated." Cordes said law enforcement makes that decision. "The sheriff's department gets the call and they are supposed to send a deputy to the scene to make a determination if there is a missing person. Once the deputy determines the need for search and rescue, then a dispatcher calls the core team members.

"People need to be aware that a missing person has to be reported to the sheriff's department first. This has to go through official channels," said core team and founding member Roger MacNeill.

"Once the core team assesses the situation fire fighters are notified and sent to their respective fire halls to await instruction. We always notify the fire chief of the area because of their specific knowledge of the area," Cordes said.

MacNeill explained once core team members are on the scene and a determination to conduct a search is made, an incident command system is set up. In addition to local volunteer fire fighters other agencies are also brought in (based on availability, location and the situation) which may include: Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Michigan State Police, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Coast Guard, Alcona County Dive Team (an arm of the search and rescue), dog handlers from Search and Rescue of Michigan (SAROM), The Salvation Army, The American Red Cross, Alcona County Amateur Radio Group, et cetera.

Part of the duties of the core team is to determine the area to be searched and a grid is mapped out. MacNeill



Roger MacNeill (front right) and Sean Whelan, core team members of the Alcona County Fire Fighters Association Search and Rescue, debrief volunteer searchers last Thursday after the operation concluded. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

explained the grid search is a methodical search conducted over an area of ground that includes a systematic elimination of the area where the person might be. This is the most logical way for areas to be systematically searched and cleared. Since searchers may come and go (in order to rest or attend to personal matters) this system is an effective measure to avoid backtracking over an area already searched.

"We conduct our investigation and get organized and figure out how many people are available then work up a briefing, pass out equipment necessary and put them to work. We work very well with the sheriff's department - it's always been a good working relationship. DNR conservation officers are a big help.

They know the area well. We have used U.S. Forest Service folks too. We have a pretty good working relationship with all of those folks," Cordes said.

"In my opinion, it's a lot more work to organize (a search) and execute it than most people realize. It needs to be a well-oiled machine to be effective," MacNeill said. "We've been very lucky. I don't believe we've had a situation that we've had to abandon the search because we haven't found a person... The safety of searchers is very important. To my knowledge we haven't had anyone hurt doing our process."

Cordes said the average number of people who respond is around 30 - but that depends on a specific situation, time of the year, the

location... This takes into consideration the need to ensure people are available to cover if there is a fire or another situation occurs at the same time. The number varies - it could be up to 70 or 80 people who are involved."

Funds to purchase equipment - radios, GPS units, a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle, a generator for the trailer and other items have come in the form of grants, annual dues and donations from fire departments explained Jo Allen, core member and president of the Alcona County Fire Fighters Association.

This winter the group held a raffle to raise money. And, the Lincoln branch of the Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union has chosen the search and rescue group for its fund raising effort this quarter.

Anyone interested in making a donation can visit the credit union. MacNeill said the group hopes to purchase 10 GPS units with the money that is being raised.

Other than making a donation to the search and rescue group (or to a local fire department) those hoping to volunteer to be on the search and rescue team will need to become a fire fighter first. "Typically we don't open up to the public because of liability issues - anyone who really wants to help should support their local fire department," MacNeill said. "Anyone interested in becoming a member of a fire department is encouraged to contact their local fire department - I don't know any department that isn't looking for bodies (to volunteer)."

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Calendar of Events



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The AuSable Valley Audubon will hold its annual pot-luck meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5625 North US-23, Oscoda. A car pool excursion to explore three-mile park will depart at 5 p.m., dinner will be served at 6 p.m. Public is invited. For more information, call Ruth Golm (989) 724-5679.

The annual student showcase of woodworking and art projects will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. in the new gymnasium at Alcona High School, 51 North Barlow Road. There is no charge for admission and the public is invited to attend. For more information, call the school at (989) 736-8534 or Chuck Boyer (231) 631-8554.

Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Play euchre from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

A revival meeting with Dr. Herb Hutchinson will be held at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. The community is invited and encouraged to attend.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 7

Support group for grandparents and caregivers raising children will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Alcona Elementary School media center, 181 North Barlow Road. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Kristin at (989) 736-8716.

Food pantry open 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 their membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena (corner of Brooke and Connon, near Diamonds Pointe). Bring a can of food for the needy. Lunch will be served. For more information, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

A presentation on Medicare fraud will be given by the Michigan Medicare Medicaid Assistance Program at 4:15 p.m., downstairs at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

A no obligation foster parent orientation will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. at Wellspring Lutheran Services, 1260 South Otsego Avenue Gaylord. For more information or register, call (989) 732-1040.

Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road.

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 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207

Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

The Swollen Fingers band will perform at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

A revival meeting with Dr. Herb Hutchinson will be held at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. The community is invited and encouraged to attend.

Friends of Alcona County Library will meet at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 West Main Street.

THURSDAY, MAY 8

Greenbush Historical Society will hold its annual meeting at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township hall, 5039 Campbell Road. Guest speaker will be Tom Mooradian. He will share stories about his 13 years behind the Iron Curtain. Everyone is welcome.

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Alcona Review Weather Report

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Seven Day Forecast

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High: 52 Low: 40

THURSDAY
Showers Likely
High: 49 Low: 40

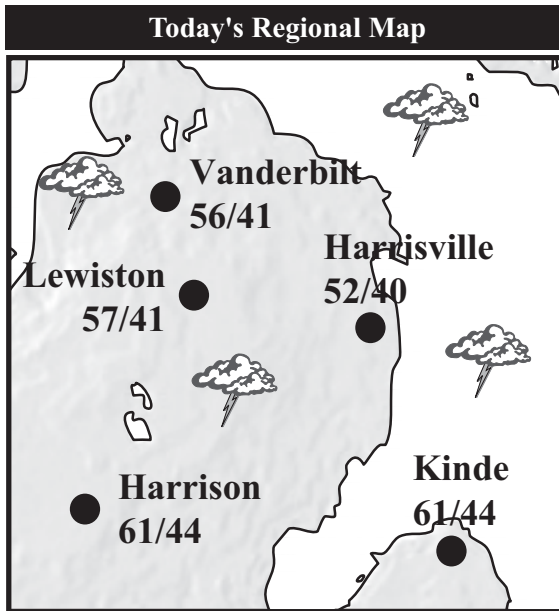
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Mostly Cloudy
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MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 56 Low: 38

TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 59 Low: 37



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with an 80% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 52°, humidity of 67%. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 79° set in 1970. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 40°.

***Last Week's Almanac**

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	57	44	53/32	0.42"
Tuesday	51	36	53/33	0.00"
Wednesday	52	31	54/33	0.00"
Thursday	52	27	54/33	0.00"
Friday	41	36	55/34	0.12"
Saturday	44	33	55/34	0.00"
Sunday	49	26	56/34	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local UV Index

UV Index
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High, 11+: Extreme Exposure

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today and Thursday, partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 81° in Eden, Md. The Southeast will see scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 92° in Tampa, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 86° in Corvallis, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 101° in Ontario, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:37 a.m.	9:07 p.m.
Venus	4:57 a.m.	4:46 p.m.
Mars	5:52 p.m.	5:36 a.m.
Jupiter	10:22 a.m.	1:48 a.m.
Saturn	9:14 p.m.	7:16 a.m.
Uranus	5:30 a.m.	6:14 p.m.

Weather History

April 30, 1852 - A tornado, following the same tack as the famous "Tri-State Tornado" of 1925, struck the town of New Harmony, Indiana. Just sixteen persons were killed by the twister, due to the sparse settlement. The "Tri-State Tornado" on March 18, 1925 killed 695 persons.

Weather Trivia

What is the first day of spring known as? **?**

Answer: Vernal Equinox

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Savvy

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hearing and prescription drugs, in addition to all of your hospital and medical insurance.

Or, if you choose original Medicare, consider purchasing an individual vision insurance policy (see ehealth-insurance.com). These policies cover routine eye care and eyeglasses and typically run between \$12 and \$15 per month.

(Send your senior questions to: *Savvy Senior*, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.)

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Meteor Surprise, May 24?

Early on May 24, we may be treated to a new meteor shower that could provide some spectacular views. Meteors result from cometary dust that passes near to the Earth. When these grain-sized particles slam into the atmosphere at many miles per second, they cause a cylinder of air to glow, creating the meteor phenomenon that we see in the sky. Meteors that are related to a particular comet will appear to trail back to a vanishing point called the radiant. It is a similar occurrence to standing on a long stretch of railroad tracks and looking into the distance to where the tracks converge. The cometary culprit of this new meteor shower is 209P/LINEAR which will be making an unusually close passage to the Earth in May. The comet itself will be too small and faint to be seen without a telescope, but its debris is predicted to impact the Earth's atmosphere on the morning of May 24 between the hours of 1:40 and 5:50 a.m. EDT. Peak rates are predicted for just after 3:00 a.m. EDT with numbers varying between 20-140 events per hour from a rural locale. Those numbers can be halved from a suburban setting, and halved again if observing from a medium-sized city. The most interesting aspect of this shower is the way the meteors will appear as they plummet into our atmosphere. They are predicted to be bright and very slow moving with durations lasting several seconds or even longer. They will also be radiating from an area of the sky about 10 degrees below and to the left of the North Star in the constellation of Camelopardalis the Giraffe. Clear May nights are still very chilly, so plan on using a sleeping bag and lounge chair combination. A hat and a pillow will also add comfort. Face north and position your eyes about halfway between the North Star and the point directly overhead. Any slow moving meteor diverging from low in the north will be a remnant of 209P/LINEAR. Clear skies along with much success... www.astronomy.org

Veterans Post
By Greddy Groves

Vietnam vets file suit over PTSD

Aided by the Yale Law School Veterans Legal Service Clinic, a handful of Vietnam veterans with PTSD filed suit in U.S. District Court in Connecticut alleging that the military didn't upgrade their discharges when it should have. Over the years, less than 5 percent of requests for upgrade have been given.

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder didn't have a name back when these veterans were in Vietnam. That only came about in 1980. Various wars have called it "shell shock" and "combat exhaustion." During the Vietnam War, they were calling it "stress response syndrome." Doctors thought it was caused by "response" and would go away, and if it lasted too long, it must have been pre-existing.

What no one took into consideration back then was that there was a reason for the behaviors of veterans with PTSD, which included being absent without leave, drug use, hyper-vigilance, the inability to carry out duties, altercations and blackouts. Once PTSD had a name, and its symptoms and accompanying behaviors recognized, those undesirable discharges should have been upgraded for tens of thousands of veterans.

The veterans in the class-

action lawsuit all had been given other-than-honorable discharges, which has followed them since then, bringing a lack of correct medical care, unemployment, homelessness and damaged relationships, as well as years of anxiety.

This lawsuit is similar to a 2008 lawsuit (Sabovs. United States) that was filed for veterans who'd served in Iraq and Afghanistan. In those cases, veterans with PTSD only rated a 10 percent disability (when it should have been 50 percent after 2002), and the veterans therefore were denied benefits.

To read the lawsuit, search online for Case 3:14-cv-00260 in the U.S. District Court in Connecticut.

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Answers

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Dollars And Sense

By David Uffington

When honey isn't

No matter what we do to keep our families safe, we can't cover all bases all the time ... especially when there are dangers in the food supply.

Example: Honey is supposed to contain the pollen from where it was harvested. If nothing else, that pollen helps investigators trace the honey back to the source if there is a contamination. During any filtering process, harmful additions can be made to the pure product the bees made for us.

According to Food Safety News, the Food and Drug Administration says that filtered honey isn't really honey ... but that no one is checking. Go online to FoodSafetyNews.com for a long list of honey brands that don't contain any pollen at all. FSN conducted tests on honey sold all over the U.S. as a follow-up to its original research. That first round of testing revealed that the 27 countries of the European Union banned shipments of honey from India because it contained animal antibiotics and lead, and likely was shipped to India from China, where the product might contain only a tiny amount of actual honey. That same honey is sent to the U.S. by the millions of pounds with little oversight by U.S. Department of Agriculture officials.

To check other foods, go online to FoodFraud.org. Put

some of the foods you commonly eat into the search box to get lists of foods that might not be what you think they are. Click the little X to the left of each item for the research that revealed the food fraud.

Here are a few other foods to watch:

- When you buy a can of tuna, is it really tuna? Or has escolar been mixed in or swapped? Escolar can cause serious intestinal problems.
- If your orange juice is cloudy, it might be an unhealthy filler to deceive you

into thinking it's the pulp.

• Milk, coffee, tea and even black pepper are on the top-10 list of foods associated with food fraud, according to Mercola.com.

Best bets:
• Do as much of your grocery shopping as possible at local vendors and farmers markets. Ask questions.

• Buy whole foods instead of mixes or prepared foods. With whole foods you can tell whether something else has been mixed in.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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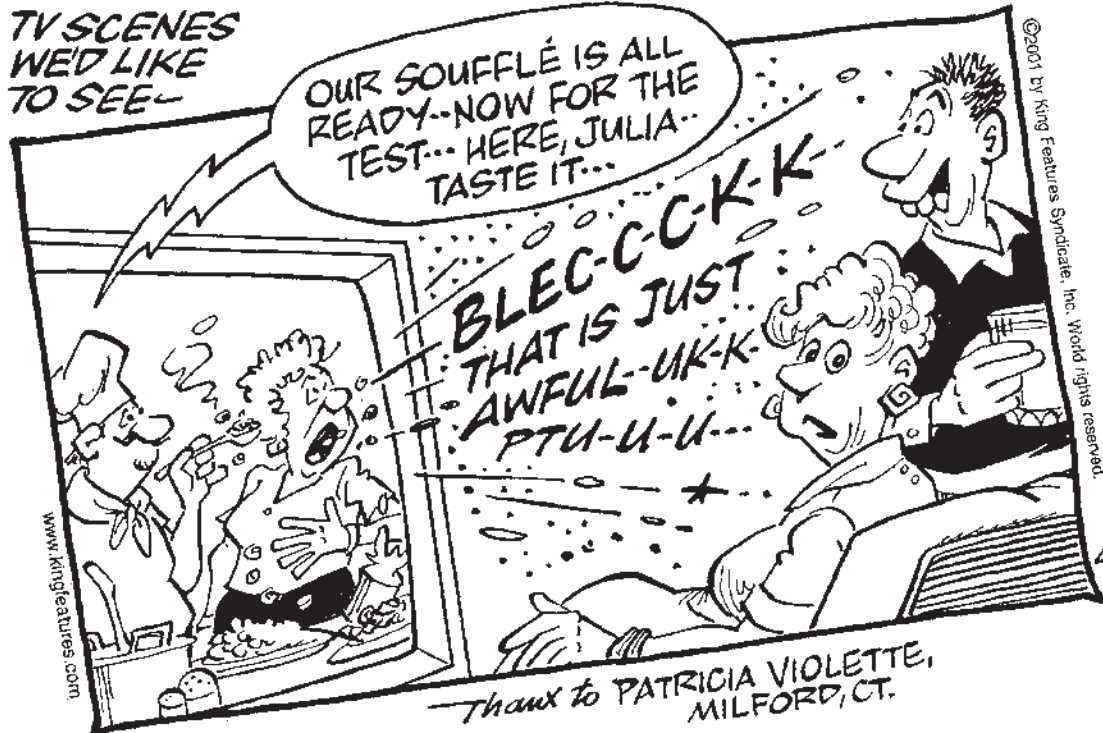
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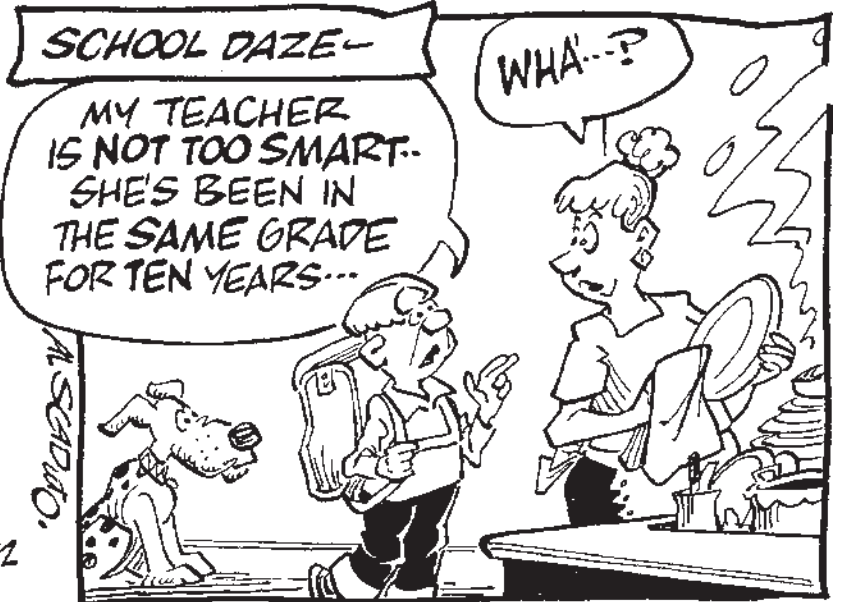
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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** What two bodies of water does the Strait of Hormuz link?
2. **MEDICINE:** What would a patient with "ankylosis" be suffering from?
3. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the novel "Mrs. Dalloway"?
4. **FAMOUS QUOTES:** What famous military leader once said, "Glory is fleeting, but obscurity is forever"?
5. **AD SLOGANS:** What company's logo advised consumers to "put a tiger in your tank"?
6. **TELEVISION:** What phrase was on the UFO poster in Agent Mulder's office in "The X-Files"?
7. **MOVIES:** What kind of candy did the boy use to lure the extraterrestrial in "E.T."?
8. **LANGUAGE:** A "jarhead" is slang for what kind of military personnel?
9. **MUSIC:** What kind of musical instrument is a sitar?
10. **GEOLOGY:** What kind of landform is described as a flat-topped hill with steep sides?

Answers: 1. Persian Gulf and Gulf of Oman; 2. A stiff joint; 3. Virginia Woolf; 4. Napoleon Bonaparte; 5. Esso/Exxon; 6. "I Want to Believe"; 7. Reese's Pieces; 8. A U.S. Marine; 9. A lute; 10. A butte. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On May 14, 1796, Edward Jenner, an English country doctor from Gloucestershire, administers the world's first vaccination as a preventive treatment for smallpox by scratching the fluid from cowpox into the skin of an 8-year-old boy. The disease had killed millions of people over the centuries.
- On May 17, 1885, for the second time in two years, the Apache chief Geronimo breaks out of an Arizona reservation. A famous medicine man and the leader of the Chiricahua Apache, Geronimo achieved national fame by being the last American Indian to surrender formally to the United States.
- On May 15, 1942, Lt. Ronald Reagan, a cavalry officer, applies for reassignment to the Army Air Force, where he would eventually put his thespian background to use on World War II propaganda films. Reagan was given a job in the First Motion Picture Unit.
- On May 13, 1958, during a goodwill trip through Latin America, Vice President Richard Nixon's car is attacked by an angry crowd in Caracas, Venezuela. The trip began with some controversy, as Nixon had engaged in loud and bitter debates with student groups during his travels through Peru and Uruguay.
- On May 12, 1963, Bob Dylan walks out of what was to be his first appearance on "The Ed Sullivan Show." He had previewed "Talkin' John Birch Paranoid Blues" for Sullivan, who'd approved it days before. But the CBS Standards and Practices department equated the John Birch Society's views with those of Adolf Hitler.
- On May 16, 1975, Japanese mountaineer Junko Tabei becomes the first woman to reach the summit of Mt. Everest, the tallest mountain in the world. Located in the central Himalayas, Everest stands 29,035 feet above sea level. In 1988, Stacy Allison became the first American woman to successfully climb Everest.
- On May 18, 1980, Mount St. Helens, a volcanic peak in southwestern Washington, erupts, killing 57 people and devastating some 210 square miles of wilderness. The lateral blast leveled nearly all vegetation for as far as 12 miles away.

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Danish physicist Niels Bohr who made the following sage observation: "The opposite of a correct statement is a false statement. The opposite of a profound truth may well be another profound truth."
 - It was in 1954 that the first TV dinner was introduced.
 - When Walter Chrysler started his own automobile manufacturing company in 1925, after having been employed by Buick and the Overland Motor Company, he insisted that all of the cars turned out by his company be oversized. It seems that Chrysler was a large man and wanted to be sure he could fit comfortably into any of the models produced in his name.
 - You might have heard that the band on the doomed ocean liner Titanic played music on the deck while the ship sank. But you probably don't know what song they were playing at the very end. According to witnesses, it was a popular British waltz called "Autumn."
 - If you're planning a trip to Sweden, keep this point of law in mind: In that country, it's illegal to teach a seal to balance a ball on its nose.
 - In 1983, a Polish director named Zbigniew Rybczynski won the Academy Award for Best Animated Short. After he had been presented with his award, he stepped outside to smoke a cigarette. When he tried to re-enter, a security guard wouldn't let him in because the guard believed anyone wearing sneakers with a tuxedo couldn't be an attendee of the august Academy Awards. Incensed, Rybczynski kicked the guard and landed himself in jail.
 - Pigeons have the distinction of being only birds that don't have to raise their heads to swallow when they drink water.
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- Thought for the Day: "Luck is the residue of design." -- Branch Rickey
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Top Ten Movies

1. **Captain America: The Winter Soldier** (PG-13) Chris Evans
 2. **Rio 2** (G) animated
 3. **Heaven Is for Real** (PG) Greg Kinnear, Kelly Reilly
 4. **Transcendence** (PG-13) Johnny Depp, Rebecca Hall
 5. **A Haunted House 2** (R) Marlon Wayans, Jaime Pressly
 6. **Draft Day** (PG-13) Kevin Costner, Chadwick Boseman
 7. **Divergent** (PG-13) Shailene Woodley, Theo James
 8. **Oculus** (R) Karen Gillan, Brenton Thwaites
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court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on May 28, 2014.

Said premises are situated in township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: The west one-half of the west one-half of the northwest one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 25 North, Range 5 East, less and excepting parcels described as beginning 20 feet east of northwest corner of said northwest one-quarter of northeast one-quarter; thence east 209 feet; thence south 209 feet; thence west 209 feet; thence north 209 feet to place of beginning; and excepting beginning 418 feet north and 20 feet east of the southwest corner of said northwest one-quarter of northeast one-quarter; thence north 209 feet; thence east 209 feet; thence south 209 feet; thence west 209 feet to place of beginning; and also excepting beginning at the southwest corner of said northwest one-quarter of northeast one-quarter; thence north 627 feet, east 20 feet to place of beginning, thence east 209 feet; thence north 209 feet; thence west 209 feet; thence south 209 feet to place of beginning.

Parcel 2: The east one-half of the west one-half of the northwest one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter of Section 13, Township 25 North, Range 5 East. Commonly known as 6160 Bamfield Road, Glennie, Mich. 48737. The redemption period shall be

six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 30, 2014
Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, Mich. 48307
(248) 844-5123
File No: 14-95486
4-30, 5-7, 5-14, 5-21

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 14-5311 DE

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Date of birth: August 21, 1920
To all creditors:
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Helen J. Songerath, died March 1, 2014.

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Date: April 24, 2014
David H. Cook P40560
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Harrisville, Mich. 48740
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Mortgage Foreclosure Notice of Mortgage Sale

Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by Roger William Leszczynski, a single man, mortgagor, to Community Financial Credit Union f/k/a Community Federal Credit Union, mortgagee, dated August 21, 2001, and recorded on September 27, 2001, as Instrument No. 200100003762 in Liber 354 on page 1,302, Alcona County records, Michigan, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eight thousand seventy-three and 22/100 dollars (\$8,073.22) including interest at 7.50 percent per annum. Mortgage Electronic Registration System (MERS) is not the foreclosing party.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the

place of holding in the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan, at 10 a.m. on May 21, 2014.

Said premises are situated in the township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: A part of the west 1/2 of Section 24, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning at a point distant south 02 degrees, 46 minutes, 06 seconds west 2,828.48 feet and south 67 degrees 59 minutes, 18 seconds west 1,245.94 feet from the north 1/4 corner of said Section 24; thence south 37 degrees, 17 minutes, 48 seconds west 411.15 feet; thence north 35 degrees, 17 minutes, 09 seconds west 261.54 feet; thence north 48 degrees, 44 minutes, 03 seconds east 425.38 feet; thence south 21 degrees, 56 minutes 03 seconds east 66.12 feet; thence 119.69 feet along the arc of a curve to the left, radius 581.98 feet, central angle 11 degrees, 46 minutes, 59 seconds chord bears south 27 degrees, 50 minutes, 00 seconds east 119.47 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 2629 E. Wildwood Trail, Mikado, Mich. 48745 (mortgaged as 2369 Wildwood Trail, Mikado, Mich.

48745) Property Tax Id No.: 091-024-300-060-00 (Mortgaged as 091-024-200-035-08).

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under Section 600.3278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws the mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 9, 2014
Community Financial Credit Union, Mortgagee
Holzman Corkery, PLLC
By: Charles J. Holzman
Attorney for Mortgagee
28366 Franklin Road
Southfield, Mich. 48034
4-9, 4-16, 4-23, 4-30, 5-7

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Mortgage Foreclosure Notice

Mortgage Sale-- Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by Donald Fisher and Linda Fisher, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union f/k/a United Christian Community Credit Union, mortgagee, dated May 2, 2003, and recorded on May 5, 2003, in Liber 381 on page 1,171, Alcona County records, Michigan, and which mortgage was modified by agreement recorded in Liber 452 on Page 345, Alcona County records, Michigan, and on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty-four thousand six hundred seventy-three and 79/100 dollars (\$34,673.79) including interest at 0.00 percent per annum.

Mortgage Electronic Registration System (MERS) is not the foreclosing party. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at the place of holding in the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan, at 10 a.m. on June 4, 2014.

Said premises are situated in the township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the east 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of said Section 14, according to the survey dated April 14, 1994, recorded June 16, 1994 in Liber 275, pages 923 and 924, Alcona County records, prepared by Northeast Land Surveys, and described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of Section

14, Town 26 North, Range 9 East; thence south 00 degrees, 32 minutes, 47 seconds east along the east line of said section 1,315.89 feet; thence south 89 degrees, 21 minutes, 47 seconds west along the north 1/8 line of said section 282.18 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing south 89 degrees, 21 minutes 47 seconds west along said north 1/8 line 380.43 feet; thence north 00 degrees, 33 minutes, 39 seconds west along the west line of the east 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of said section 212.56 feet; thence south 83 degrees, 15 minutes, 04 seconds east 117.11 feet; thence north 77 degrees, 37 minutes, 36 seconds east 269.98 feet; thence south 00 degrees, 33 minutes, 39 seconds east 252.42 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 5460 Marys Lane, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (assessed as Vacant E. Dunn Trail) Property Id No.: 060-014-100-006-00.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, under Section 600.3278 of the Michigan Compiled Laws the mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 23, 2014
Cornerstone Community Financial Credit Union, Mortgagee
Holzman Corkery, PLLC
By: Charles J. Holzman
Attorney for Mortgagee
28366 Franklin Road
Southfield, Mich. 48034
4-23, 4-30, 5-7, 5-14, 5-21

If you are now on active military duty or have been in the prior one year, please contact our office at (248) 502-1400. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Keith A. Carroll and Karen A. Carroll, husband and wife, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated May 21, 2003 and recorded May 30, 2003 in Liber 383, page 456, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee, for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2003-4 by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-two thousand seven hundred twenty and 96/100 dollars (\$72,720.96) including interest at 8.05 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in

said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on May 7, 2014.

Said premises are located in the township of Millen, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Oakpark Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of plats, page 24, Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 9, 2014
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 14-005022
4-9, 4-16, 4-23, 4-30

Mortgage Sale

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Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by Larry K. Lyle and Betty Jo Lyle, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Huron Community Bank, mortgagee. The mortgage is dated April 15, 2011, and was recorded on April 25, 2011, in Liber 478, on page 678 of the Alcona County records. The balance owing on the mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$118,753.70, including interest at 6.25 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 May 28, 2014, 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 City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, Michigan and is described as: The S half of Lots 3 and 4 and entire Lots 5 and 6 of Block 24 of the City of Harrisville, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 1, Alcona County records. Commonly known as 201 S. Fourth Street, Harrisville, Mich.

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: April 17, 2014
By: Henry L. Knier Jr. (P46393)
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Mortgagee
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4-23, 4-30, 5-7, 5-14

Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by William F. Snure and Laura A. Snure, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Huron Community Bank, mortgagee. The mortgage is dated March 15, 2002, and was recorded on March 21, 2002, in Liber 362, on page 460 of the Alcona County records. The balance owing on the mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$234,645.94, including interest at 3.0 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 May 21, 2014, 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 Haynes, county of Alcona, Michigan and is described as: The SE 1/4 of Section 15, T27N, R9E. Commonly known as 4971 Beaton Road, Harrisville, Mich. Tax I.D. 080-015-400-005-00.

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 twelve (12) 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.

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gary Lane Hudgins, an unmarried man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated December 12, 2006, and recorded on January 11, 2007 in Liber 438 on page 780, and assigned by mesne assignments to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association as Trustee

for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-4, asset-backed certificates, series 2007-4 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred seventy-one thousand four hundred eighty-six and 80/100 dollars (\$171,486.80).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on May 21, 2014.

Said premises are situated in township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The W 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 6 T28N, R8E.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judiciary Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 23, 2014
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
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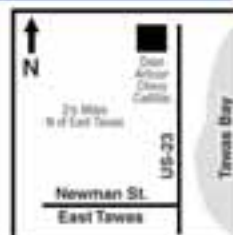
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Alcona girls track team takes Whittemore-Prescott invitational

By Hope Smith
Sports Writer

Although the Alcona varsity track team battled cold, rainy conditions it finished strong in Whittemore-Prescott on Friday, April 25. The girls team finished in second place with a score of 112.50 points while the boys team came in fifth scoring 41 points. The Tigers competed against athletes from Lake City, McBain, Whittemore Prescott, Rogers City, Grace Christian and Hale high schools

Top finishers for Alcona girls in Whittemore-Prescott:
Discus: Fifth place - Harlie LaFond, 59 feet, 9.50 inches.
High Jump: First place - Sydney Pierce, 4 feet, 8.20 inches; third place - Torie Harmon, 4 feet, 8 inches.
Pole Vault: Fifth place (tie) - Brooke Shultz, 6 feet.
4x800 Relay: First place - 10:40.28, Karina Cole, Harmon, Katelyn Nelson and Megan Quick.

100 Meter Dash: Third place - Miranda Schalk, 14.72
4x200 Relay: Second place - 2:03.538, Schalk, Katy Edwards, Rachel Warner and Pierce.

1600 Meter Run: Second place - Cole, 6:02.50.
4x100 Relay: Second place - 58.304, Schalk, Edwards, Warner and Pierce.

400 Meter Dash: First place - Quick, 1:04.602; second place - Harmon, 1:04.652.

300 Low Hurdles: Second place - Pierce, 53:546.

800 Meter Run: Second place - Cole, 2:41.732.

200 Meter Dash: Second place - Quick, 29.328; fifth place - Schalk, 30.982

3200 Meter Run: Sixth

place - Lily Manning, 14:58.52.

4x400 Relay: First place: 4:31.082, Quick, Harmon, Nelson and Cole.

Top finishers for Alcona Boys in Whittemore-Prescott:
4x800 Relay: Third place - 10:32.957, Kyle Thum, Ryan Shultz, Brandon Smigelski and Isaac Dubuque.

4x200 Relay: Second place - 1:45.49, Lamantia, Hunter Sullivan, Avery Perez and Ritchie.

1600 Meter Run: Fourth place - Thum, 5:19.92.

4x100 Relay: Fourth place - 48.546, Lamantia, Sullivan, Perez and Ritchie.

400 Meter Dash: Fifth place - Sullivan, 58.83.

800 Meter Run: Sixth place - Brandon Smigelski, 2:28.63.

200 Meter Dash - Second place - Garrette Norling, 24:61.

3200 Meter Run: Fourth place - Thum, 11.44.28.

On Tuesday, April 22 Alcona played host for the first North Star League match against teams from Mio and Hillman. Both teams took home first place finishes in the meet. The girls team earned 76 points and the boys team picked up 73 points in the victory.

Alcona girls top finishers:
Discus: Second place - Harlie LaFond, 47 feet, 10 inches.

High Jump: Second place (tie) - Sydney Pierce and Torie Harmon, 4 feet, 8 inches.

Long Jump: Third place - Shultz, 10 feet, 7.50 inches.

Shot Put: Second place: Manning, 21 feet, 2.50 inches.

4x800 Relay: First place - 11:20.28, Cole, Harmon,

Katelyn Nelson and Quick.
100 Meter Dash: First place - Miranda Schalk, 14.59.

4x200 Relay: First place - 2:16.52, Schalk, Edwards, Rachel Warner and Pierce.

1600 Meter Run: First place - Cole, 6:09.41.

4x100 Relay: First place - 1:01.79, Schalk, Edwards, Warner and Pierce.

400 Meter Dash: First place - Quick, 1:08.25; second place - Harmon, 1:10.16.

300 Low Hurdles: Second place - Pierce, 55.23.

800 Meter Run: First place - Cole, 2:53.35.

200 Meter Dash: Second place - Schalk, 30.86.

3200 Meter Run: Second place - LaFond, 17:06.84.

4x400 Relay: First place - 4:57.04, Quick, Harmon, Nelson and Cole.

Alcona boys top finishers:
Discus: Fourth place - Jeffery Schram, 84 feet, 1 inch.

Shot Put: Second place - Avery Perez, 33 feet 5 inches; fifth place - Boone Bouchard, 28 feet, 6 inches; sixth place - Isaac Dubuque, 27 feet, 6 inches; seventh place - Smigelski, 26 feet, 1 inch.

High Jump: Second place - Mitch Havercroft, 5 feet, 6 inches; third place - Brandon Ritchie, 5 feet, 3 inches.

Long Jump: Fourth place - Kyle Good, 15 feet, 8 inches.

Pole Vault: First place - Norling, 9 feet, 6 inches.

110 Hurdles: First place - Kyle Good, 19:59.

3200 Relay: Second place - 10:39.40, Schram, Shultz, Smigelski and Perez.

100 Meter Dash: Fifth place - Lamantia, 12.48.

4x200 Relay: First place - 1:49.53, Lamantia, Sullivan, Perez and Ritchie.

1600 Meter Run: Second place - Thum, 5:43.55.

4x100 Relay: Second place - 51.34, Lamantia, Sullivan, Perez and Ritchie.

400 Meter Dash: First place-Havercroft, 58.75; third place - Bouchard, 1:06.30.

300 Low Hurdles: First place - Good, 51.45.

800 Meter Run: Second place - Schram, 2:37.50; third place - Shultz, 2:49.16; fifth place - Jacob Stelmochoske, 3:06.08.

200 Meter Dash: First place-Norling, 24.45; second place-Ritchie, 24.89; third place - Lamantia, 25.38; sixth place - Sullivan, 27.09; seventh place-Perez, 27.42; ninth place-Bouchard, 27.98.

3200 Meter Run: First place - Thum 12:36.28; third place - Dubuque, 14:55.73.

4x400 Relay: First place - 4:15.81, Norling, Schram, Smigelski and Havercroft.

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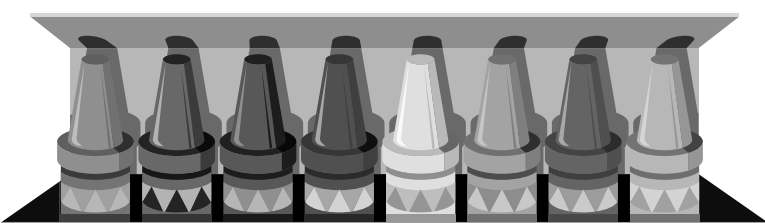
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- Proof of Residency** – something with your current name and address on it; driver's license, rent receipt, utility bills or property tax bill.
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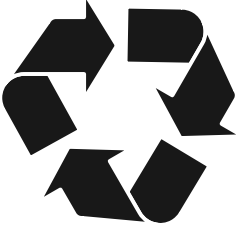
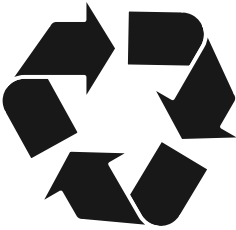
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Sheriff's department purchases mobile data terminals, 4-wheeler

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Spending more time on the road and less time behind a desk doing paperwork will be easier for Alcona County Sheriff deputies and sergeants now that they have mobile data terminals in patrol cars.

These mobile data terminals – which look like heavy duty lap top computers – will allow for less paperwork and turn patrol cars into mobile offices, explained Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison.

Six terminals were purchased with a \$50,000 federal grant in which Atchison applied for in 2012. They were installed in mid-April. “With the advancement of technology several aspects of our job are now paperless,” Atchison said.

The terminals allow for officers to swipe driver’s licenses and “run through the Law Enforcement Network (LEIN) system, print e-tickets, fill out accident reports and other reports. It allows our officers to have all of the necessary forms and mapping information like Google Earth at their fingertips,” Atchison said.

He explained that 81st District Court has been online with the same system for the last nine months, so violations are automatically downloaded to the court system. “Up until now the Michigan State Police was the only law enforcement agency to use this technology. We are the first jurisdiction in the district to utilize this technology.”

The receipt of another federal grant allowed for the purchase of a four-wheel all-terrain vehicle (ATV) so officers can have the ability to respond to calls that are off the beaten path. According to Atchison a Homeland Security



Mobile data terminals are in use by officers of the Alcona County Sheriff's Department. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

grant of \$11,100 and competitive bidding secured the purchase of a Yamaha 700 Grizzly Special Edition ATV and six by 10 foot covered trailer.

He said the four-wheeler will be used for patrolling area trails on weekends and for rescue work. “Several years ago work was done to create an off road vehicle (ORV) trail system in Alcona County. There are 29.3 miles of state-recognized (ORV) trails from Barton City to Iosco County and we have to have a way to respond to incidents that happen on those trails,” Atchison said.

Funding from the state will pay for the patrol hours during the summer, similar to those of the water patrol utilized by the department during the busy recreation months in northeast Michigan. “We are in the process of getting equipment – helmets, rain gear and a storage box to put necessary items in – and training to operate the four-wheeler,” Atchison said.

While not as flashy as mobile data terminals, another piece of equipment has been added to patrol cars that could prove to be just as use-

ful, when needed. According to Atchison all of the patrol cars now carry a ResQ Disc – an orange disc that is thrown like a Frisbee with an attached 20 foot rope – so officers can aid any individual in a water emergency.

This purchase came after two deputies and a marine deputy put themselves in harm’s way last fall to help a Lincoln resident who had fallen through the ice on Lincoln Lake while looking for his lost dog. At the time they did not have any type of water rescue equipment issued from the department.

“This is a throwable float what will hold a man up in the water,” Atchison said. “Anyone who is responding to a situation – like our guys do – end up doing rescue work at times. This will give them the opportunity to potentially get someone to safety.”

While used by a wide variety of law enforcement agencies, Atchison said they can be purchased by anyone and would be useful to have in any type of motor vehicle or boat. More information about ResQ Disc can be found at www.waterrescues.com.

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54 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 8 Arrests; 1 Warrant; 1 Assault & Battery; 2 Operating While Intoxicated; 1 Operating Under Influence of Drugs; 5 Possession of Drugs; 1 Transporting Open Intoxicants; 1 No Security/Vehicle Insurance.

Complaint Statistics			
Car/Deer Accidents	12	Property Damage Accident	1
Message/Well Being Check	3	Miscellaneous	2
Dog/Animal	1	Traffic	7
Malicious Destr. of Property	1	Alarm	2
Drugs	5	Vehicle Identification Insp.	1
Patrol Check	2	Operate While Intoxicated	2
Op. While Under Inf. of Drugs	1	Warrant Arrest	1
Civil	2	Breaking & Entering	2
Unlawfully Driving Away/Auto	1	Medical	1
Assault & Battery	1	No Security/No Vehicle Ins.	1
Larceny	1	Transport of Open Intox.	1
Suicidal Subject	1	Be On The Lookout	1
Noise Complaint	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village			
Alcona	3	Caledonia	4
Greenbush	6	Gustin	2
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Shoes and ships and sealing wax

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
 Columnist

We can't let April slide into May without at least mentioning that it's National Poetry Month. Well, actually, we can, a lot of you are saying.

So let me rephrase that. Given my passion for poetry, and my belief that we all need a little more of it in our lives, I can't let April end without mentioning that it's National Poetry Month.

Perhaps this will put it into perspective for you. It occurred to me, while assembling this column, that - frugal soul that I am - in the past five years I haven't bought a single pair of new shoes. In that same time period, however, I have bought more than six books of poetry. Why? That's easy. I could live without shoes.

I'm not certain you can "own" poetry, but it's such a special thing to have in your life, especially in years like this one, when spring seems to be a scarce commodity. I had the great good fortune to be introduced to it at a very early age - the first poem I remember is "Winken and Blinken and Nod" - and I'm always astonished at the number of people who tell me they don't care for it.

In most cases, it's an acquired dislike (sort of the opposite of, say, black olives). I think we're born loving it. Children seem universally drawn to the form. I've yet to meet the kid who didn't respond to instruction given in rhyme. ("Go upstairs and brush your teeth. The ones above and those beneath"). And a whole host of great children's poets - the best known including Dr. Seuss and Shel Silverstein - have made a pretty good living at it.

The problem seems to arise in high school where, as former poet laureate Billy Collins explains in his great book "180," poetry goes to die. In an age of performance-based testing with gainful employment the ultimate goal, we don't teach much poetry and when we do, it tends to be some of the oldest, stalest most brittle material available.

One of the books I bought



Puttin' on the Fritz By Kathryn Kniep

in lieu of shoes in the past half-decade, "180" is a series of poems meant to be read on a one-a-day basis and discussed with the young people in your life. You don't need young people to enjoy it, though. I've spent hours flipping through its pages, dog-earring corners of my favorites until practically the entire thing is bookmarked. Well worth the price and far more valuable than any pair of navy flats, I can assure you.

Poetry used to be a major element of education in this country. My parents, who attended school in the 1920s, probably knew a couple hundred poems between them and were fond of spouting bits of them at appropriate times. My dad, in particular, had a talent for memorizing long pieces - "The Highwayman," "The Wreck of the Hesperus" - and could "tell us a story" in rhyme anywhere at any time.

Through their poems and those I've read on my own since, I've met some of my favorite characters. Browning's last duchess who "had a heart too soon made glad," Robinson's Richard Corey, who "glittered when he walked" and his Miniver Cheevy who "grew lean as he assailed the seasons." I've also discovered a wealth of history, geography, myth and magic and mathematics.

That last one deserves a paragraph of its own. If you like Sudoku, or other math-type games, you should love poetry's more math-based forms. From the haiku (three lines, 17 syllables, arranged in a 5-7-5 format) to limericks (five lines in which the first, second, and fifth lines rhyme with each other and the third and the fourth rhyme with each other) or the more complex formats like sonnet or sestina, they

require a great deal of effort and a fair amount of finger counting to ensure that they meet the guidelines while still conveying a message.

My favorites, though, are the pieces that contain phrases of the sort of beauty that makes you pause, finger to the page and wish you'd thought them first and those that capture a single, perfect "snapshot" of something, if you will. I have one of those last types of poems, that I've carried around unwritten in my head for years now.

It came to me as I sat, one May day, in a friend's car, waiting for her to finish filling its tank with gas. Gazing out the window, I noted that a neighboring business had set out a display of flats of flowers on its lawn. Either the prices were very good or the weather was just perfect for planting. Either way, a whole group of shoppers (mostly women in shorts and T-shirts) made their way among the flats, stopping to bob down for a closer look or to read a tag, then straightening up to move on. They looked, at that moment, like nothing so much as a flock of chickens, strutting through a barnyard, pausing to swoop down on a bug. I've always wanted to write that moment. I've carried it around in my head for years now. If you can capture it, painting those chickens in words, more power to you.

That, more than anything else, is why I couldn't let April (the cruelest month, Elliot told us, mixing memory and desire) pass without mentioning poetry. Because a mental collection of good works is such a treasure. If you've always believed you hate poetry, I'd urge you to give it one more try. Start with Collin's "180" or some Mary Oliver or Canadian spoken word poet Shane Koyczan. I'll almost guarantee you'll find something you like enough to remember.

As for me, it all comes down to a favorite by our old friend anonymous who tells us "If of your worldly goods you are bereft, and in your store only two loaves are left, sell one and with the dole, buy hyacinths, to feed your soul." I guess in some ways, I live by that. Accordingly, I may not have much footwear, but I have hyacinths galore. And I bet they smell far better than all the shoes you've picked up in the last five years.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 30 years. She has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville.)

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River Aux Sables Chapter of DAR

On April 12 the River Aux Sables Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met at Sugar Springs to hear a presentation on the Orphan Train given by Arlene Robertson, state chairman of the Genealogy Preservation Committee.

The Orphan Train began with the creation of the Children's Aid Society of New York around 1810. Between 1854 to 1910, over 106,000 children and poor families were removed from the Eastern Seaboard and placed with adoptive and foster homes in

the Midwest where they would receive employment, a family to live with, Christian teaching and schooling for the children; over 5,000 who were placed in Michigan, some as far north as the Upper Peninsula and many in the Saginaw Bay area. It is estimated that due to placement in the Midwest, that there are over two million descendants of Orphan Train riders living today. Women who would like to know more about the DAR can access the website at www.river-auxsables.michdar.net.



It didn't seem like spring last Saturday as temperatures barely reached over 40 degrees, but that did not keep people from attending the first Spring Into Summer Expo held at the Alcona County Fairgrounds. More than 500 people attended the event which featured 60 vendors, the ARA Farm Market and other exhibits for the day. Organizers were pleased with the number of people who attended the event. *Photos by Cheryl Peterson.*



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#2665-This home includes 40 acres of some of the best hunting and recreational land in NE Michigan. Attached garage, paved driveway, country porch, and extra-large rear deck are just a few of the amenities that are included in this very desirable property. **Priced to Sell at \$154,900.**



#2393-Three bedroom, 1¾-bath chalet with additional 575 sq. ft. A-frame with kitchenette and ¾ bath for entertaining friends or accommodations for family members. There is also a 28 x 40 garage. Ten acres of great deer, turkey, and small game hunting. **Price: \$159,900.**

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



#2461-Very attractive log sided home only a stone's throw from Lake Huron. Wrap around deck for outside fun. Interior décor including stone fireplace, loft, cathedral ceiling, hickory cupboards, laminate floors, are all to die for. Priced fair for the current market. "Seller will look at all reasonable offers." **Price: \$129,900.**

#2589-Recently replaced roof and remodeled kitchen are just two of the amenities. The home is very appealing both inside and out. It is truly in "move-in" condition with everything included right down to the silverware. The canal frontage is a great place to fish and dock your boat without the expensive lakefront taxes. **Price: 97,900.**



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#2312-Reduced! Seller very motivated! Well-maintained 3-bedroom, ½-bath ranch on 2 lots just outside village limits. Home boasts care and craftsmanship throughout with hardwood floors in kitchen and dining area. Unique arched recesses in the walls of the hallway. The 2-car attached garage has an upstairs workshop. **Price: \$77,900.**



#2664-Charming, partially remodeled country home on 6+ acres. Great location just 1.5 miles NW of Lincoln, and enough room for horses or a small hobby farm. This home is full of potential and the property has an abundance of wildlife. **Price: \$63,900.**

#2615-Wonderful, quiet northeast MI resort area. Only a stone's throw to Lake Huron. Chalet style home tucked into a desirable wooded subdivision setting with 4 lots. Property also includes a 20 x 20 workshop, and a 16 x 24 gambrel shed. **Price: \$59,900.**



#2536-Great up-north location with a view of Brownlee Lake and access a stone's throw away. This home/cabin has many updates and is in move-in condition. 2-full lots with a 2-car garage and concrete driveway for outdoor enjoyment. As an additional bonus, the seller is throwing in most furniture and fixtures. **Price: \$59,900.**

#2643-Everything about this home shows pride in ownership. The yard, grounds, and landscaping are immaculate. Two 12 x 18 additions make this manufactured, well-kept home a great package you must see to appreciate. "Owner financing available with 25% down". **Price: \$55,900.**



#2423-Very nice 2-bedroom, 1-bath, home on 2 lots in the Village of Lincoln. Home has been totally remodeled. Newer roof, well, siding, doors, windows, carpet, kitchen flooring and freshly painted walls. Great view of all sports Brownlee Lake right from your living room window. **Price: \$55,900.**

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#2659- Three bedroom, 2-bath home in the Village of Lincoln. Two story older home with charm and very close to all amenities. Close to the school, clinics, beaches, etc...New roof approx. 2009. Nat. gas forced air furnace. **Price: \$39,900.**



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Girls Varsity Track

(Front row, from left) Caitlin Sorensen, Sarah Sweet, Samantha Schott, Brooke Shultz, Rachel Warner, Katherine Edwards, Faith Wallenmaier, Harlie LaFond, (back row) Coach Larry Spare, Miranda Schalk, Lilly Manning, Megan Quick, Tori Harmon, Karina Cole, Katelyn Nelson, Sydney Pierce and Coach Hope Smith. Not pictured: Samantha Bosley, Coach Stephanie Maturen and Coach Aaron Ritchie.



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Alcona County has shortage of foster care homes for children

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Every child deserves a home and the Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan, Inc. (CFSNEMI) is passionate in its quest to make sure they get one.

Although CFSNEMI's base of operation is in Alpena the agency covers a lot of ground in providing services in nine counties -- Alcona, Iosco, Oscoda, Presque Isle, Montmorency, Otsego, Crawford, Ogemaw and Roscommon.

Meg Nisbet, a resident of Alcona County and the new development director of CFSNEMI said the organization has five priorities of service -- licensing foster homes, general foster care, treatment foster care, adoption, the Day One program and the Great Start Collaborative -- all geared to give the children of northeast Michigan a secure start for a productive life.

Nisbet explained the intensive role each member at CFSNEMI has in making sure youth in foster care have a safe environment to live and get the help they need. She said the agency takes licensing foster homes very seriously which is why the program is intense and it may take a foster family six months to receive licensing.

Children come into foster care for a variety of reasons including: Physical abuse, environmental neglect, medical neglect, sexual abuse, death of parents, abandonment, and other circum-

stances which prevent a child from safely remaining in the care of parents. CFSNEMI prefers to place the child with relatives if they can, if they cannot, the child is placed in a licensed foster home with foster parents.

CFSNEMI does everything it can to reunite a child with their biological parents if possible, Nisbet said. The agency works with the biological parents to get them to a place where kids can go back home. Parents must attend classes and counselling or whatever they need to do in order to get their children living with them again. Until they get there, the child remains in foster care.

A thorough study is conducted prior to obtaining a foster care license including an application process, criminal history checks, extensive initial home study and annual updates. Foster parents must also go through training and maintain contact with a child's treatment team. It doesn't matter if a foster parent is married, single, windowed, male or female, employed, retired or a stay-at-home parent as long as they go through the process and receive licensing.

Nisbet warned foster parenting is not a way to secure extra income. Foster parents are not paid to operate foster care homes. Expenses for items bought for the child may be reimbursed by the state, but it is only a reimbursement for necessary



Meg Nisbet, new development director for Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan, Inc. explains the important role of being a foster parent and ways the community can come together to enrich a foster child's life. Photo by Mary Weber.

items such as clothing and food for the child.

Many times grandparents become the foster parents of their grandchildren and some even adopt their grandchildren if the biological parents' parental rights have been terminated. By going through the CFSNEMI program, these grandparents are offered counselling and other support they could not get otherwise.

"Every child deserves a home. Unfortunately, we have a shortage of available licensed foster care homes. It's heartbreaking when we can't place a child who needs a home."

She explained when a child is fostered they not only leave their home, but quite often they must leave their church, school and friends because there is no available foster home in their community. Leaving a community they

know and trust only adds to the trauma they are already experiencing. Currently, Alcona County has no foster homes available.

CFSNEMI understands not everyone can take on such responsibilities. "Even if you cannot provide a loving and safe environment to raise a foster child, there is still a lot the community can do to help a children in foster care. Many foster grandparents live on a fixed Social Security income and simply cannot afford things most parents provide for their children. The community needs to step up and help," Nisbet said.

Nisbet is a strong believer in the Faith Communities Coalition, an organization with programs designed to spread awareness of the needs of foster care children and how members of local faith communities can help. She explained that a

church can make a huge difference in the life of a foster child by taking the child and foster family under its wing. "Sometimes the family may need a little assistance with transportation or respite care to give the family a much needed break. Others in the church may be able to group funds together to send the child to summer camp or be able to take driver's training. It's amazing what the community can do when they come together," Nisbet said.

"Often it's the little things which make a difference such as local restaurants giving gift certificates to foster families for a meal or an auto repair shop donating an oil change. Just about anything is truly appreciated by the child and foster family, even if it's just a trip out for an ice cream cone," Nisbet said.

Recently Nisbet and fellow church member, Barb Potter, helped a teenager attend her college orientation. "That was a tremendous feeling. There are over 14,000 foster children just in the state of Michigan. Of those only 10 percent will start college and only three percent will graduate college. Less than 500 of 14,000 children will actually get through college. That's just not acceptable and very scary," Nisbet said.

For more information about Foster Care Month, the many ways Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan helps the community or how individuals can help make a difference in a child's life, visit the website at cfsnemi.org, call (989) 356-4567.

Events support foster care

To raise awareness of May being Foster Care Month in Michigan, Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan, Inc. (CFSNEMI) has several activities planned.

- May 1 - At 9 a.m. in Harrisville in front of the Alcona County Courthouse City of Harrisville Mayor John Dobis will proclaim May is Foster Care Month in Harrisville, Judge Laura Frawley will speak about foster care and adoption and blue ribbons will be hung.

- May 1 - From 2-6 p.m. CFSNEMI will hold an open house and Blue Ribbon Event where members of the community can tour the recently rebuilt and decorated agency office at 1044 US-23 North, Alpena. The Blue Ribbon hanging ceremony will begin at 2 p.m. There will also be a ribbon hanging at noon in front of the Alpena Courthouse. The Department of Human Service will provide the blue ribbons.

- May 10 - A special, by invitation only, Spa Day event for all foster, adoptive and Great Start Moms. They will relax with a massage, facial or a new hairstyle, manicure or pedicure. Yoga instructor, Liz McNihols, will be leading yoga stretching and the Michigan Department of Human Services will provide a brunch.

- May 17 - Walk Me Home 5K Walk/Run from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The National Foster Parent Association and Department of Human Services will hold this foster care awareness and fundraiser walk/run along Duck Park Rt. 23 and Long Rapids. T-shirts for the event will be given at registration at 8:30 a.m. There is a \$10 registration fee. Teams and individuals may register at www.firstgiving.com/walkme-home/nemichigan2014. Funds raised go to help support the over 14,000 children in foster care in Michigan through life changing programs and activities through agencies such as Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan, Inc.

- May 30 - "Magic for a Child" fund-raising event at 7 p.m. at the Alpena Community College Granum Theatre. Magic for a Child offers an evening of entertainment featuring Mike Maturen who will emcee and perform magic and Judge Laura Frawley who will bring music and song for the entire family. Tickets are \$20 per family. The CFSNEMI is seeking sponsorship funds to permit all foster families a chance to see this show. To sponsor a family, send a \$20 donation to Child and Family Services of Northeast Michigan, Inc., 1044 US-23 North, Alpena, Mich. 49707.

Use caution not to spread oak wilt disease

For most people, April 15 is the annual tax-filing deadline. For people like Robert Heyd - and other forest health professionals - April 15 also marks the beginning of the yearly window when oak wilt can be transmitted from diseased to healthy red oak trees.

According to Heyd, forest health management program manager for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Forest Resources Division, oak wilt is a serious disease of oak trees. It mainly affects red oaks, including northern red oak, black oak and pin oak. Red oaks often die within a few weeks after becoming infected. White oaks are more resistant; therefore, the disease progresses more slowly.

"The normal time-tested advice is to prevent oak wilt by not pruning or otherwise 'injuring' oaks from April 15 to July 15," Heyd said.

He added that the spread of oak wilt occurs during this time of year, as beetles move spores from fungal fruiting structures on the trees killed last year by oak wilt to wounds on healthy oaks. As warmer weather melts away snow and ice, the beetles that move oak wilt become active. "Unfortunately, many

learn not to prune or otherwise wound trees from mid-April to mid-July only after they lose their oaks to oak wilt," he said.

A common question the DNR is hearing this year is, "Can we push the April 15 day back a week or two because of the cold winter?" Heyd says that isn't an option. "It doesn't matter how cold it was this winter," he said. "It only takes a few 50-degree or warmer days for both the beetles and fungus to become active. We have already had warmer weather in many parts of the state."

Oak wilt has been detected in Alcona, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, Barry, Benzie, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Cheboygan, Clinton, Crawford, Dickinson, Genesee, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iron, Kalamazoo, Kalkaska, Kent, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Manistee, Menominee, Midland, Missaukee, Monroe, Montcalm, Montmorency, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oakland, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Ottawa, Roscommon, Saginaw, Shiawassee, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne and Wexford counties.

Although oak wilt hasn't been detected in every Michigan county, Heyd said the

need for vigilance is present statewide.

Spring is a popular time for people to move firewood to vacation properties and other locations. During this April-to-July period, Heyd said that it's vital not to move wood from oak wilt-killed trees. These trees are often cut into firewood and moved, sometimes many miles from their original locations. Any wounding of oaks in this new location can result in new oak wilt infections as beetles move spores from the diseased firewood to fresh wounds on otherwise healthy trees.

"With the transport of firewood and other tree-related activities, you have to assume the risk is present, whether you live in metro Detroit or in the Upper Peninsula," Heyd said.

The DNR recommends that anyone who suspects they have oak wilt-tainted firewood should cover it with a plastic tarp all the way to the ground, leaving no openings. This keeps the beetles away and generates heat inside the tarp, helping to destroy the fungus. Once the bark loosens on the firewood, the disease can no longer be spread.

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Spring's the time for spotting salamanders on the move

Spring bird migrations can be an extraordinary sight, and state game and management areas – especially those that encompass wetlands – are popular destinations for bird watchers who wish to observe the waterfowl and shore birds that wing their way north from wintering climes.

There's another significant wildlife migration happening right now, one that can be just as spectacular but often flies below the radar. Michigan's salamanders are on the move.

"Salamanders are kind of a mystery," said Tom Goniea, the fisheries biologist who oversees herptiles (reptiles

Marbled salamanders breed in the fall on land and lay their eggs in depressions under logs or leaf litter. When the depressions fill with water from fall rains, the eggs hatch in about two weeks. If the depressions don't flood, the eggs will remain fallow until the next spring. Marbled salamanders have not been observed in Michigan for many years.

Four-toed salamanders lay their eggs in moss, leaf litter or rotting wood that overhangs a wet area. When the eggs hatch, the larvae drop into the water where they develop, metamorphosing into adult form in about six

Michigan's herptiles are managed by the DNR's Fisheries Division, largely by happenstance.

"Prior to 1988, there was no regulation of reptiles and amphibians in this state," Goniea said. "We had a fisheries biologist at the time who was concerned about the decline in turtles he'd been seeing, and he spearheaded the charge that we needed to begin managing them."

"When the DNR received regulatory authority from the Legislature, it was decided that Fisheries Division should regulate herptiles because we had a fisheries biologist interested in them."

It's a natural relationship, Goniea said.

"Amphibians are largely aquatic," he said. "They spend much of their time in water. All of our turtle species except for one are aquatic. A good portion of the other states regulate reptiles and amphibians under a fishing license."

In Michigan, herp collec-



Spotted salamanders spend most of the year in underground burrows and migrate over land after hibernation to breed in vernal ponds.

and amphibians) for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "They're mostly nocturnal or subterranean. Springtime is when people run into them the most because that's when they're moving over land to breeding pools."

Most Michigan salamanders are land-dwelling species that breed in the water, often in small, temporary wetlands. After their eggs hatch out, the creatures go through a larval stage until they mature and morph into terrestrials.

On warm, rainy spring nights, salamanders make their way from their terrestrial haunts to the wetlands where they'll reproduce.

Salamanders are amphibians – cold-blooded vertebrates that are typically aquatic (breathing through gills) when young, but become terrestrial (breathing by lungs or through their moist skin) as adults.

Michigan is home to about 13 species of salamanders that vary widely in life cycles. Perhaps the most well-known, the mudpuppy, is a fully aquatic species. The red-backed salamander is fully terrestrial, laying its eggs on land. The western lesser siren is a primarily aquatic species – without rear legs – that has been documented in Allegan and Van Buren counties, but has not been reported in more than 30 years.

Of the remaining species, many are called "mole salamanders" because they utilize burrows. Only tiger salamanders construct their own burrows, while spotted, blue-spotted and small-mouthed (a state endangered species) salamanders utilize burrows forged by other creatures.

weeks.

Red-spotted newts exhibit an unusual, almost reverse life cycle. After hatching out in water, they live on land for three to seven years – when they are called efts – and then return to an aquatic environment.

David Mifsud, a private-sector biologist and self-described "salamander junkie," said most, if not all Michigan salamander species are in decline. "Almost all of the salamanders are in the state wildlife action plan and are included on the list of species of greatest conservation need."

The decline in Michigan salamanders can be traced to a number of factors, Mifsud said, though habitat loss and fragmentation (a decrease in habitat type or a breaking-up of remaining habitat into smaller, more isolated pieces) are chief among them. Salamanders are sensitive to storm-water runoff, invasive plants and chemicals.

Mifsud is optimistic about the future of salamanders, though "it's going to take recognizing them as valuable parts of our ecosystem, not as secondary players," he said. "The attitude is gradually changing – from my perspective, things are getting better in terms of awareness."

Mifsud's company – Herpetological Resources and Management, LLC – administers the Michigan Herp Atlas in partnership with the DNR.

"We now have a quarter-million records as part of the Michigan Herp Atlas database," he said. "It's an incredibly effective way for researchers, regulatory agencies and citizen/scientists to contribute."



Herpetologist David Mifsud holds a spotted salamander he found on a recent warm spring night. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

tors may have up to 10 frogs, toads and/or salamanders in possession from the last Saturday in May through November 15, though there are a number of species of concern that may not be taken.

"For a long time frogs and salamanders were used by fishermen as bait, but with the advancement of artificial baits, particularly plastics,

the use of those species as bait is completely unnecessary," Goniea said. "In many ways, Michigan is far ahead of a lot of states in the way we value and protect these animals."

Instead of collecting them, folks should just enjoy them, Goniea said. "On a warm spring evening in April, take a flashlight and an inquisitive child out to a wet area, and see what you see. You may have to look hard. It takes a while, but there a variety of salamanders, frogs and toads out there to explore."

For more information on salamanders and other Michigan herptiles, visit www.miherpatlas.org.

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



A spotted salamander egg mass that was found in a shallow vernal pond. Most Michigan salamanders are land-dwelling species that breed in the water, often in small, temporary wetlands.

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- Rogers City: Has pretty much opened up. The ice has left the harbor but there was still some in and around the marina slips. Anglers may want to start casting for Atlantic salmon off the wall. Smaller boats that don't need a dock can launch.

- Thunder Bay River: All the gates but one have finally

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been closed at the dam. Those fishing at or below the dam had limited success for steelhead. More fish should start moving in now that the current has receded. Those bottom bouncing spawn and flies or floating spawn under a bobber have caught fish. The steelhead run is just getting started.

- Harrisville: The harbor is open and one dock is in so boats can now launch. Steelhead and the occasional walleye have been seen in and around the harbor over the last week. Try floating spawn or casting small spoons and body baits.

- AuSable River: Water levels were almost back to normal. Steelhead have been caught between the mouth and Foote Dam. Anglers are bottom bouncing, drifting or floating a mix of baits includ-

ing flies, wax worms, spawn, spoons and small spinners. Fish were also caught in Van Etten Creek.

- Houghton Lake: The ice is finally gone. A few crappie have been caught in the canals but that's about it. Water temperatures are still cold.

- Tawas: Did not have much in the way of boat action because there is still a lot of ice floating around the piers and the docks are not in yet. Those casting off the wall caught the occasional steelhead or walleye.

- Tawas River: Is producing a good number of suckers and some steelhead. Those wading or casting off the mouth at night have caught walleye.

- AuGres: Boat anglers trolling rapalas in 10 to 15 feet off the mouth of the river

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New oak wilt sites have been traced to spring and early summer wounding from tree-climbing spikes, rights-of-way pruning, nailing signs on trees and accidental tree-barking (a wound created when bark is removed via impact from equipment, falling trees and other causes). If an oak is wounded during this critical time, the DNR advises residents to cover the

wound immediately with either a tree-wound paint or a latex paint to help keep beetles away.

Once an oak is infected, the fungus moves to neighboring red oaks through root grafts. Oaks within approximately 100 feet of each other – depending on the size of the trees – have connected or grafted root systems. Left untreated, oak wilt will con-

tinue to move from tree to tree, progressively killing more red oak over an increasingly larger area.

As more trees die from oak wilt, more spores are produced which contribute to the overland spread of oak wilt.

To get more information on the background, symptoms and prevention of oak wilt, visit <http://michigan-saf.org/ForestInfo/Health/E3169-OakWilt.pdf>.

To report a suspected oak wilt site, e-mail DNR-FRD-ForestHealth@michigan.gov or call (517) 284-5895.

To learn more about other forest health issues in Michigan, go to www.michigan.gov/foresthealth.

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were catching good numbers of walleye including some limit catches.

• AuGres River: Remains muddy so perch and sucker fishing were slow. On the East Branch, water near the Singing Bridge was finally clearing up but catch rates were still slow. Steelhead were caught further up between AuGres and M-55.


(This report has been provided by the DNR Fisheries Division; (517) 284-5830; located in Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Mich. 48933.)


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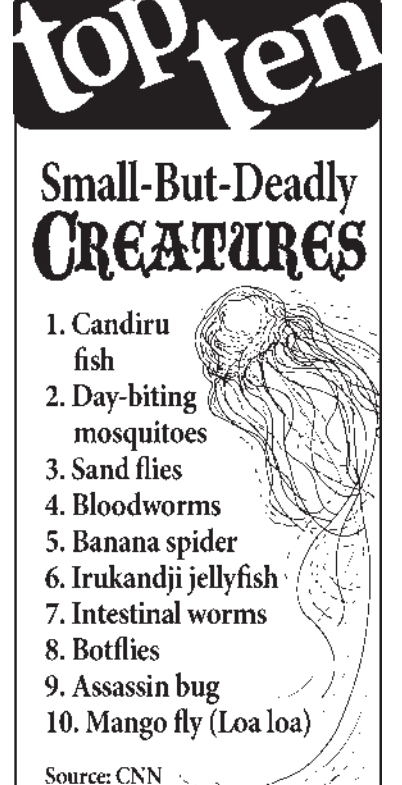
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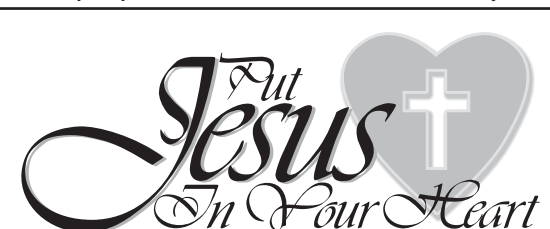
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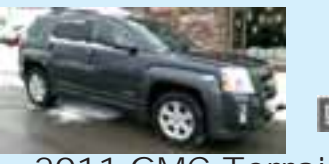
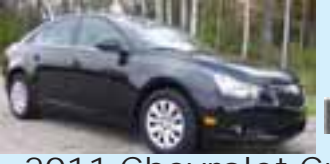










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