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Beam break brings building review

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

While students are counting down the days for summer vacation and the many activities that will hold for them, officials at Alcona Community Schools will have an activity of their own – reinforcing wooden beams throughout the high school.

This was put on the summer “to do” list after the March 17 discovery of a collapsed beam in a classroom used periodically for meetings of various sports teams.

According to Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Shawn Thornton as soon as the broken beam and resulting sagging roof was discovered all students and staff in the surrounding classrooms and offices were relocated to the newer portion of the building and a structural engineer was called immediately.

She explained school employees and the engineer from R.S. Scott and Associates of Alpena went up on the roof of the room to survey possible cause of the collapse and any resulting damage – but found nothing visible. In a preliminary report issued following his visual inspection, the engineer’s findings were inconclusive; however, he did not think it was caused by an overload of snow on the roof.

Supports have been added under the broken beam and the room is locked. Additionally, supports have been added to all of the other beams in every classroom. Thornton said the beams were part of the construction of the school in the 1950s and a similar problem arose several years ago in the lobby/commons area of the high

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Stamas announces candidacy for state senate

Jim Stamas of Midland, Mich. released his intention to run for the 36th District state senate seat on April 2.

“Today I am announcing my campaign for state senate in Michigan’s 36th district. At my pizza shop I see folks from all walks of life: Those running small businesses, mothers, fathers, students and retirees. All of them are affected by government and need a voice in Lansing that puts them first. That is what I have tried to do in my time in the state house and that is what I will con-

tinue to do in the Michigan senate.

“I am running because Michigan is doing better, but it isn’t good enough – we must do all that we can to ensure we don’t move backwards. We need a voice in Lansing that protects hardworking taxpayers while getting government out of the way in order to create jobs in our community and enable success in our schools. Together we can continue to move Michigan forward and give our children and grandchildren a better future.”

Jim Stamas and his wife, Marsha, live in Midland County with their two children. Stamas has served as a township trustee, county commissioner and state representative.

In 2011 Stamas was elected by his republican colleagues to serve as the majority floor leader in the Michigan House.

The 36th district is comprised of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Gladwin, Iosco, Midland, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties.



Jim Stamas

Spring expo provides county-wide gathering of merchants and organizations

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

After such a long winter many residents can’t wait to start doing home improvement and yard projects. This year some of those long awaited tasks may be a little easier to get through thanks to Alcona County’s first Spring, Summer Expo.

The event will be held Saturday, April 26 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the ARA Site (Alcona County Fairgrounds) in Lincoln.

According to Bill Thompson, Alcona County Commissioner, the expo began as a collaboration between the Alcona Conservation District’s spring tree sale and the open-

ing day of the Alcona Farmers Market. Thompson and his wife, Billie, have been farm vendors of the market since its inception.

“It just seemed like the perfect fit,” Thompson said about the conservation district’s decision to hold its tree sale at the ARA site on the same day as the opening of the farmers market on April 26.

“Working together we have a better chance of attracting more people to both activities. We thought maybe it would be good idea to invite other spring and summer minded small businesses to the event as well,” Thompson said. He explained many

small businesses in and around Alcona County are looking for customers but don’t have the budget to advertise for them.

Thompson said once the word got out about the free event -- for both merchants and attendees -- the expo grew and many nonprofit and county organizations also wanted to participate.

The expo has had over 30 responses from organizations and merchants wishing to participate including Habitat of Northeast Michigan, the Alcona Humane Society, sheriff’s department, building department, master gardeners, forestry park representatives, 4-H clubs, and

excavators. A few other merchants including a home party consultant, a fiber artist and a twig furniture maker also plan to participate.

According to Thompson, the road commission will have its newest truck on display. There will also be bull dozer, a lift truck and other equipment to see. Many of the organizations will be giving demonstrations or “how to” instruction classes during the expo.

Alcona Coffee will be on hand to supply everyone with free coffee. Free donuts and food items will also be available until supply runs out.

Since this is the first event of its kind in the county, Thompson wasn’t certain how many people the expo would draw but guessed somewhere between 300 to 400 people. He said it was the perfect opportunity for builders, landscapers, handymen, outdoor enthusiasts or any business or organization which did the bulk of its work in warmer weather to talk to prospective customers, to hand out literature, samples, or conduct demonstrations.

Thompson said with two buildings and a pavilion at the fairgrounds there was still plenty of room for more merchants and organizations to participate. There are volunteers willing to pass out literature for merchants who want to participate but can’t be there in person.

“If the merchant wants to give out door prizes or sell raffle tickets they are welcome to do so. Alcona Recycle is going to be raffling off a few plastic recycling totes and the fair board will probably be selling (its) raffle tick-

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The classroom where the beam collapse occurred was not in use at the time and is locked. Over the summer all wooden beams installed during the 1950s building construction will gain supports and any other work necessary will be done following recommendations from a structural engineer. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
 God bless America. In God we trust. In reply to Robert Kennedy's letter to the editor. We had God fearing men

who wrote our Constitution. Read Romans 1:25-32 in regard to same sex marriages. We will all stand before God one day and give account to

God for our choices in life. God is our creator. He wants us to live by his laws. Just because man made a law against God's law doesn't make it right. As Christians we need to stand up for what is right.

Karen Sharboneau
 Lincoln

Obituaries

Steven J. Wagner

Steven J. Wagner, 84, of Harrisville, died Sunday, April 6, 2014 at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

He was born March 25, 1930 to Nicholas and Catherine (Litchenberger) Wagner in Detroit, Mich., where he was raised.

On June 3, 1950 he married Phyllis Reed in Detroit, Mich., where they were longtime residents.

Mr. Wagner worked for the City of Detroit as a police officer and retired after serving for 25 years. In 1978, the Wagners moved into the Harrisville home in which he built.

He was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville, the Knights of Columbus, Alcona Council No. 4235 and of the 4th Degree. He was also a member of the Harrisville Lions Club and the Ossineke Eagles Aerie No. 3762.

He was an avid gardener and loved animals. Mr. Wagner is survived by his wife, Phyllis; two daughters, Gail (Donald) McKenzie and Sue Kiss of St. Clair Shores, Mich.; two sons, Steven (Sunday) Wagner of Alpena and Thomas (Cindy) Wagner of Algonac, Mich.; four grandchildren, Andy Wagner, Bridget Skelton, Michelle Rice and Rene Kiss; and four great-grandchildren.

Visitation is Wednesday, April 9 at Gillies Funeral Home, Harrisville from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at 4 p.m. The Rev. Bob Bissot will officiate.

Amelia Muir

Amelia Muir, 99, of Milan, Mich. died on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 at Herrick Hospital in Tecumseh, Mich.

She was born August 18, 1914 in Hamtramck, Mich. to Stanley and Stella (Janusz) Lobaza.

On August 16, 1941 she married William M. Muir. They were longtime Lincoln residents where they owned and operated Muir's Log Cabin (Slanty Shanty) Tavern from 1947 until 1971.

She was member of St. Anne Catholic Church of Harrisville and its altar society. Mrs. Muir supported her husband while he was active in the Knights of Columbus and the 4th Degree.

She loved the outdoors and was an avid gardener who enjoyed growing flowers and vegetables.

When she moved to Milan, Mich., she joined the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church.

Mrs. Muir is survived by one daughter, Susan (John) Trudeau of Milan, Mich.; two step grandchildren, Sheri Trudeau and Jack Trudeau; two sisters, Julia Kwiatkowski of Tecumseh, Mich. and Virginia Kruttlin of Lincoln.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William, on February 22, 1999; one son, William Gary Muir; and three brothers, John Labaza, Theodore Labaza and Milton Labaza.

The funeral was held March 24, 2014 at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Milan, Mich.

Memorials may be given to the church prayer garden at Immaculate Conception-CWC: 420 North Street, Milan, Mich. 48160. Burial will be in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery later in the spring. Local arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

To the Editor,
 Don't raise the minimum wage.

I would like to apply the Republican logic to the minimum wage battle being fought throughout our country. We all know that if you raise the minimum wage then the cost of everything will also go up and businesses will have to reduce their work force.

I think the best thing to do is reduce the minimum wage to \$5 per hour so more people can be hired and the cost of everything will go down. That should be followed by reducing the wage to \$3 per hour so more people can be hired and everything will cost less. If we keep reducing the minimum wage, more and more people will be put to work and the cost of everything will be less and less. We can reach the point that everyone will have five or six jobs at no pay at all and everything will be free.

Now that is what I call a great society. When the people with a stack of money don't have to spend it and they can just lay beside their pool with hired hands clipping their toenails, cutting their hair for them and, of course, cleaning that pool and all the hired hands get no pay.

Don't be calling me at 2:35 a.m. objecting to this letter because this isn't my logic, this is the Republican logic, and this is what I have to argue against every day, even though I don't have to work for minimum wage because I'm retired. Our next discussions will be about affordable health care and equal rights for all people. Additionally, I don't even own a pool but I'm a male, I'm white, I'm straight and I have health care. Wow, I have it made.

Don Franklin
 Harrisville

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2014

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
March 30	35	24	0.00	5.9	17	NNE
March 31	39	26	0.00	3.9	12	SSW
April 1	42	31	0.05	6.9	27	SSW
April 2	40	25	0.00	3.1	17	S
April 3	35	24	0.00	8.8	21	NE
April 4	37	33	0.59	5.9	17	E
April 5	45	25	0.00	1.9	22	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2013-2014		
	Water Content	Snow Fall
Weekly Total	0.64	0.00
Month of March	0.76	8.2
April to Date	0.64	0.2
Year/Season to Date	3.13	59.8

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 9

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

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.

All-you-can-eat hotcake fundraiser will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at McDonald's Restaurant on Chisholm Street, Alpena. Cost is \$3 per person and includes all-you-can-eat hotcakes and one sausage patty. Proceeds go towards purchasing items for children entering into foster care. For more information, call Tina at (989) 884-1168. This event sponsored by Alpena County branch of the Foster Closet of Michigan.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

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

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

A fruit tree grafting workshop will be held from noon to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The workshop includes lecture, demonstration and hands-on experience using different grafting and budding techniques. Each participant will graft three dwarf apple trees to keep and will be given guidance on their post-grafting care. Cost is \$25 per person. Space is very limited. Only fully-paid reservations will be accepted on a

first-come basis. For more information, the Alcona Conservation District at (989) 724-5272.

A blood drive will be held from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. at Alcona Community High School, 51 North Barlow Road. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, call (800) 733-2767.

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.

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

The 4-H Archery group of Alcona will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

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

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

Stations of the Cross will be celebrated at 11 a.m. at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 745 North US-23, Harrisville (one and half miles north of the light in Harrisville). A soup, bread and dessert luncheon will follow.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Kids ages zero to 13 are invited to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street, from 3 to 5 p.m. to participate in the first ever Egg-Stravaganza. Meet the Easter Bunny, decorate an egg, and make a craft. All kids will receive an Easter candy treat and will be entered in a drawing to win prizes. For more information, call (989) 724-6796. This event is sponsored by the Lions Club and Lady Lions of Harrisville.

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

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For

more information, call (989) 724-6546.

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Two hours of fun, hands-on science and discover, explore and experience the wonders of science through stem-based experiments at Besser Museum, 491 Johnson Street, Alpena from noon to 2 p.m. Fun for the whole family. Experiments suitable for all ages. For more information, call (989) 356-2202.

Free introductory talk on Eckankar, "How to get Answers from God through Past Lives, Dreams and Soul Travel", at 2 p.m. at the AMA-ESD building located at 2118 US-23 South, Alpena. For more information, call (989) 808-3618.

SUNDAY, APRIL 13

A Palm Sunday brunch will be served from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children age six to 12, and no charge for children age five and under.

Adults and children of all ages are invited to Northern Lights Arena for spring glow skating from 4 to 6 p.m., located at 751 Woodward Avenue, Alpena. Admission is \$5 per skater and you can bring your own skates or rent skates for \$2. Glow accessories will be available for purchase. Neon and black light attire is encouraged.

MONDAY, APRIL 14

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.

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The selection for April is "Sarah's Key" by Tatiana de Rosnay. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Knitting Klub and Crochet will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at

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Local Notes



Correction

The filing deadline for partisan candidates who want to be on the August 5 primary ballot is 4 p.m. April 22 – not 5 p.m. as previously published in last week's issue. The Review apologizes for this error.

Severe Weather Awareness

As county officials prepare for potential severe spring weather, residents should be aware of the siren that was installed at the Greenbush Township Fire Hall. That siren is expected to be activated just prior to Severe Weather Awareness Week (April 6-12). It will run a test siren every Friday at approximately noon for 30 seconds. Anyone who hears that siren at any other time should seek immediate shelter. The siren will only be used for situations requiring individuals to shelter in place. That is primarily in the event of a tornado or chemical spill with no time for evacuation.

Another common spring weather related emergency is flooding. Alcona County officials have developed a Flood Emergency Response Plan. When concerned about flood risk, some good resources to check are water.weather.gov, www.weather.gov/Gaylord then click on "Hydrology;" or U.S. National Weather Ser-

vice, Gaylord, Mich. on Facebook and Northeast Michigan Emergency Management Program. The last site is one managed by Alcona County's Emergency Management Program and is generally kept up-to-date during an actual emergency as well. Calling 211 is also always a good resource for information. Do not call 911 for information — 911 is reserved for when the assistance of police, fire or EMS is needed. Anyone who needs to give or get general information from the sheriff's department, for example, to request a shelter that be made available in the area; use the non-emergency line (989) 724-0911.

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, April 14—Lemon pepper chicken over rotini, broccoli, flavored applesauce and fruit.
- Tuesday, April 15—Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas, tossed salad, garlic bread and fruit.
- Wednesday, April 16—Ham, scalloped potatoes, green bean casserole, mandarin orange fluff, cheesecake and fruit.
- Thursday, April 17—Oven baked chicken, bow tie pasta salad, baby carrots and dip, tropical fruit salad and fruit.
- Friday, April 18—All centers and services closed.

Prescribed Fires

The U.S. Forest Service is planning to conduct prescribed fires again this spring. Projects are planned in Alcona, Crawford, Iosco and Oscoda counties. Fire personnel from the Huron Shores and Mio Ranger districts of the Huron-Manistee National Forests will conduct the prescribed fires. A Prescribed Fire Burn Plan is prepared before every burn. Project locations are selected based upon a variety of weather conditions such as wind speed and direction, relative humidities and temperature. Other considerations include fire danger, seasonal restrictions and potential smoke impacts.

Visitors and residents may see and smell smoke many miles away while the burn is occurring and for several days afterwards. After the fire, burning material is usually extinguished near the outer edges. Logs and stumps may burn for a few days after the burn is done. Firefighters will return until the fire is considered extinguished. After the prescribed fire, any fire lines created will be allowed to grow back with vegetation.

According to the forest service, fire is a natural part of many ecosystems on the Huron-Manistee National Forests. Species such as white-tailed deer, turkey, butterflies, grouse and turtles se-

burned areas for food, cover and a place to raise their young. Prescribed fires reduce the potential for wild-fires removing ground cover such as dead trees and leaves. More information on prescribed fire is available at www.fs.usda.gov/hmnf. Daily alerts will be placed on the website to inform the public that a prescribed burn may be occurring in their area.

Visionary Voice Award

An area resident who has worked for many years in the community as an advocate for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault has been awarded the Visionary Voice award which is given to recognize the creativity and hard work of individuals around the country who have demonstrated outstanding work to end sexual violence. The award recipients are announced in conjunction with Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) each April.

Each year, state, territory, and tribal coalitions select an outstanding individual to nominate for the award. Nominees may be partners from a local community or other outstanding individuals that have worked to end sexual violence.



Sandra L. Pilgrim-Lewis

Sandra L. Pilgrim-Lewis, of Alpena, was nominated by the Michigan Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence. Pilgrim-Lewis is the newly retired executive director of Shelter, Inc. in Alpena. For nearly 30 years, she has advocated for service with dignity, social justice, and ending oppression. She is a leader at the state and local levels for the domestic violence and sexual assault movements. She was honored for her profound commitment to the movement to end violence against women and to ensure that provided services are accessible, relevant, and accountable to survivors of domestic and sexual violence. She has worked tirelessly organizing to increase access and justice for survivors from all backgrounds. Shelter, Inc. provides services to survivors in Alcona, Iosco, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties.

Bird Rehab Presentation

On Tuesday, April 29 Thunder Bay Audubon Society and the Hubbard Lake Extension Group will host a special presentation at the Alpena public library, sec-

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Local nonprofit group makes impact on pharmaceutical disposal legislation

Michigan Public Act 24 of 2014 was signed by Governor Rick Snyder on March 4 and takes immediate effect making it easier for pharmacies in Michigan to act as collection points for pharmaceuticals.

The legislation, HB 5005 sponsored by State Representative Andrea Lafontaine, has been in development since 2009.

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), a state regulatory agency, began looking at the issue of collection of drugs at pharmacies due to the growth of the Yellow Jug Old Drugs program operated by Great Lakes Clean Water Organization (GLCW), which was founded in 2008, according to Chris Angel, GLCW co-founder.

For its innovation and commitment to safe and secure disposal of pharmaceuticals, the Great Lakes Clean Water Organization was named site of the month by the Great Lakes Information Network (GLIN).

The GLCW's mission is to promote the collection and disposal of unused/unwanted drugs in a safe and approved manner in order to keep harmful effects of drugs out of ground water, surface water and municipal water systems in Michigan and the Great Lakes region.

According to Angel, the idea of taking unused/unwanted drugs to a pharmacy for proper disposal was fairly new in 2008. When the program began, existing solid waste regulations in Michigan included some barriers to pharmacies collecting drug waste. GLCW supported changes to the solid waste regulations and in the interim, operated in accordance with an enforcement discretion letter from the DEQ.

GLCW pushed for changes in the solid waste laws and was instrumental in getting

the new legislation enacted, Angel said.

When the program started, and under federal regulations, pharmacies may not collect controlled substances for disposal. Controlled substances must be disposed of at a law enforcement agency with approval of the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA). In planning for the Yellow Jug Old Drugs Program in 2008 organizers planned for the eventuality of pharmacies being able to collect controlled substances in the future.

In December, 2012 the DEA published proposed rules that would allow pharmacies to collect controlled substances. Final rules are expected to be enacted in 2014. GLCW and the Yellow Jug Old Drugs Program plans to be one of the first programs in the country collecting controlled substances at pharmacies for safe and secure disposal.

Angel said the Yellow Jug Old Drugs Program is the largest program of its kind providing service to Michigan, Illinois and Wisconsin. Plans are underway to provide the program to Indiana, Ohio, New York, Pennsylvania and Minnesota in 2014 and 2015.

Since starting, the program has collected over 45.75 tons of unused/unwanted drugs in partnership with participating pharmacies.

The group that gave the award to GLCW, the Great Lakes Information Network, is an online gateway to the Great Lakes region. GLIN's data and services cover the environment, economy, tourism, education, maps, demographics and more.

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Beam

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school near the entrance of the old gym. Supports were added to those beams then.

Thornton said board of education is waiting on the findings and recommendations of the structural engineer and will select a contractor (or contractors) to do the necessary work this summer. "We have to wait for the professional recommendation from the engineer and that takes time," Thornton said.

Expo

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ets for hunting equipment," Thompson said.

"Most people who move up here don't always know where to get goods and services they need. Many just find things by word of mouth. With an expo such as this they can come and find all kinds of merchants and organizations in the county and get many questions answered all in one location," Thompson said.

The Alcona Conservation District tree sale is already underway and customers wishing to place orders for trees, bushes and plants are encouraged to do so through the website or by filling out an order form at the conservation district office. Pre-order deadline is April 11. The conservation district is planning to bring extra items to sell at the expo, but the supply will be limited.

Thompson said they are planning to hold the event annually. One of the challenges for attendees will be to pick a name for the event. "Right now we chose the name "Spring, Summer Expo" for the event but we will have five or six other names for attendees to vote on. We want their input and suggestions to make it a great event for years to come."

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The Greenbush Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on April 15, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Greenbush Township Hall. Zoning Administrator Lee Major has requested a determination for a front lot line of a corner lot and non-conforming lots of record.

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Lincoln Prec.	45.5	74.5
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High game and series: Carla James, 245 and 602.

High handicap game and series: Carla James, 276 and 695.

He's & She's

March 28

Up Your Alley	141.5	68.5
Part Timers	125.5	84.5
Wine or Busts	124.5	85.5
Bowler Up	112.5	97.5
Wild Ones	103	107
Family Affair	85	125
3 Chix/Stud	80	130

Men's high game: Dave Glazar, 236. Men's high series: Jimmy Armstrong, 634.

Men's high handicap game: Keith Tverberg, 269. Men's high handicap series: Dave Abend, 725.

Women's high game and series: Gale Buchner, 202 and 475.

Women's high handicap game: Carla Bernard, 254. Women's high handicap series: Roxanne Dean, 666.

Early Bloomers

April 1

Violets	369	303
Marigolds	366	306
Buttercups	337	335
Daffodils	324	348
Mums	317	355
Rosebuds	303	369

High game: Carla Travis, 195.
High series: Lori Miller, 471.
High team game: Marigolds, 498.
High team series: Mums, 1,222.

Minors

March 29

Harrisville Tig.	91	29
Tigers	53	67
Scorpions	48.5	71.5

Pin Busters 47.5 72.5
Boy's high game and series: Brenden Hudgins, 159 and 269.
Boy's high handicap game and series: T.J. Hanson, 246 and 471.

Girl's high game and series: Hannah Tanner, 93 and 170.
Girl's high handicap game and series: Hannah Tanner, 226 and 436.

Majors

March 29

Team 2	186	114
Kingpins	161	139
Broken Lane	130.5	157.5
Destroyers	110.5	177.5

Boy's high game and series: Leigh Gibson, 225 and 569.
Boy's high handicap game: Leigh Gibson, 251.
Boy's high handicap series: Cory Hoffman, 685.
Girl's high game and series: Raegen Eller, 149 and 439.
Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hoffman, 233 and 643.

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Northeast Michigan Fishing Report



jigs and swim them back or fly fish with minnow-imitating streamers. Just think shallow in spring.

For more information on crappie fishing, visit the page on the Michigan Fish and How to Catch Them website.

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

Northeast Lower Peninsula April 3

• Cheboygan River: Anglers are beginning to catch the occasional steelhead.

• Alpena: The boat ramps are frozen in so it is going to be a while before boats can get out. The only fishing in the area would be for panfish

through the ice on the impoundments.

• Thunder Bay River: Is still frozen below the 9th Street Dam however the ice is not safe for ice fishing.

• Fletcher's Pond: Was producing bluegill and sunfish. Some caught the occasional perch and crappie.

• AuSable River: Is finally open from the dam to the mouth. The Rea Road access and the Whirlpool are open for launching. A four-wheel drive is still needed but a few more days of warmer weather will make it easier to launch. Steelhead have been caught in the deep holes along the bends. Spawn, wax worms, spinner baits and small spoons have been working well. Keep an eye on the flow as it continues to pick up with rain and melt off. Anglers should avoid the ice shelves as they are not stable. The parking lot at the mouth is open but the skid piers are not in.

• Tawas: Ice anglers inside the state harbor are catching small perch. Off Jerry's Marina, a few walleye were caught near Buoy No. 4 and off the mouth of the river during the evening hours.

• Tawas River: Is open. Steelhead and suckers have been caught in the lower river.

• Rifle River: Sucker dippers are setting up near Omer, Mich. but they may have a hard time until the ice flows move downstream. Suckers are in the river and are hitting on crawlers. Just find some open water.

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Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook



Spring Has Sprung!

I heard the Northern Parula the other day, which tells me that spring is almost here. Soon summer will be here with the whoop-whoop call from the great crested flycatcher and the migrating cat birds will leave till the fall. What birds let you know of the changing seasons?

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How reverse mortgages work in 2014

Dear Savvy Senior,
What can you tell me about reverse mortgages? I was considering one last year, but now I hear they are more difficult to get.

Ready to Reverse

Dear Ready,
That's correct. Tighter rules on reverse mortgages that have recently gone into affect have made them harder to get, especially for seniors with heavy debt problems.

The reason the Federal Housing Administration (FHA) made these changes was to strengthen the product, which has suffered from a struggling housing market and a growing number of defaults by borrowers.

Here's a rundown of how reverse mortgages now work in 2014.

• **Overview:** The basics are still the same. A reverse mortgage is a loan that allows senior homeowners to borrow money against the equity in their house. The loan

doesn't have to be repaid until the homeowner dies, sells the house or moves out for at least 12 months. It's also important to know that with a reverse mortgage, you, not the bank, own the house, so you're still responsible for property taxes, insurance and repairs.

• **Eligibility:** To be eligible for a reverse mortgage you must be at least 62 years old, own your own home (or owe only a small balance) and currently be living there. You will also need to undergo a financial assessment to determine whether you can afford to make all the necessary tax and insurance payments over the projected life of the loan.

• **Lenders will look at your sources of income, assets and credit history.** Depending on your financial situation, you may be required to put part of your loan into an escrow account to pay future bills.

If the financial assessment finds that you cannot pay

your insurance and taxes and have enough cash left to live on, you will be denied.

• **Loans:** Nearly all reverse mortgages offered today are Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM), which are FHA insured and offered through private mortgage lenders and banks. HECMs also have home value limits that vary by county, but cannot exceed \$625,500. See hud.gov/il/code/llscrit.cfm for a list of HUD approved lenders.

• **Loan amounts:** The amount you get through a reverse mortgage depends on your age, your home's value and the prevailing interest rates. Generally, the older you are, the more your house is worth, and the lower the interest rates are, the more you can borrow.

A 70-year-old, for example, with a home worth \$300,000 could borrow around \$170,000 with a fixed-rate HECM. To calculate how much you can borrow, visit



Savvy Senior

reversemortgage.org.

• **Loan costs:** Reverse mortgages have a number of upfront fees including a two percent lender origination fee for the first \$200,000 of the home's value and one percent of the remaining value, with a cap of \$6,000; a 0.5 percent initial mortgage insurance premium fee; along with an appraisal fee, closing costs and other miscellaneous expenses. Most fees can be deducted for the loan amount to reduce your out-of-pocket cost at closing.

In addition, you'll also have to pay an annual mortgage insurance premium of 1.25

percent of the loan amount.

• **Payment options:** You can receive the money in a lump sum, a line of credit, regular monthly checks or a combination of these. But in most cases, you cannot withdraw more than 60 percent of the loan during the first year. If you do, you'll pay a 2.5 percent upfront insurance premium fee.


• **Counseling:** All borrowers are required to get face-to-face or telephone counseling through a HUD approved independent counseling agency before taking out a

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It's a dog's life

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

Recently, Prince William and Kate released a family photo - the first since the birth of their son, Prince George. It's a charming shot. Eight-month-old George sits on mum's lap, eyes focused on Lupo, the family's black cocker spaniel, held by Prince William. When I first saw it, something caught my attention. Lupo's eyes, riveted on the baby held a familiar look, a mixture of adoration and abject terror.

Well, not terror, exactly. But definitely a healthy respect for the speed and noise of the tiny person across from him. It's an expression we've seen around our house quite often of late.

Henri, our youngest dog, has been mentioned here on a regular basis. My nephew once described Henri as "a caricature of a dog" and it's apt. With his sticking-out white fur, enormous eyes, short legs and fluffy tail, I tell Henri quite often that he looks like a coconut cake. One of his favorite "doggy songs" is "We call him O'Henry, he's a candy bar."

Apparently abandoned in his puppyhood, Henri is one of the gentlest animals on the planet. Let Lady, our cocker spaniel, stick her nose in his food dish and he simply backs off, waiting until she's done. We'd had him three days before we ever heard him bark. When Lady defends the house from passersby with yowls and growls, Henri just plops down, raises his nose and howls backup.

Until recently, as the baby of the family, Henri thought things were just about perfect. His "daddy" is his best bud. He loves doing guy things with him, taking walks, riding in the truck (but not in the back, which we would tell him would make him a dawg) and settling in the big chair with him to watch television.

Let something untoward happen, though - a stepped-on tail or a mild rebuke from Dad - and Henri streaks through the house to leap into Mom's lap, almost saying "Hold me!" At bedtime, he cuddles in next to me for a deep ear massage and on my bad days, he curls up on the foot of the bed, staying for hours and refusing dinner in favor of taking care of Mama. He has his own pillow and his basket of beloved squeaky and stuffed toys. He was your typical spoiled pup, upped by 10 percent for living with a couple of animal nuts.



Puttin' on the Fritz
By Kathryn Kniep

All in all, life was good.

Until one day late last fall, that is, when Mom and Dad came home with a basket that wiggled and made noises. Lady gave it a couple investigative sniffs and retired to her pillow. Henri, however, was more curious. He leaped up on the footstool and teetered on his hind feet to get a better look.

Whatever the creature was, it triggered the guardian in Henri. It didn't have much fur and appeared helpless. He settled in to watch over it. And that's how it's gone. Whenever granddaughter Phee visits, Henri stays in close proximity. When she cries, he tilts his head, looking at us with worried eyes. "Do something!" he tells us. When Phee's daddy dropped by the other day, Henri put on his most serious frown for the big guy standing over the basket. "It's okay, Henri," AJ had to reassure him. "She's my puppy. I wouldn't hurt her."

Phee has, however, put a couple hitches in his routine. In the morning, when he normally cuddles in Mom's lap on the couch, said lap is often occupied. He has to settle for sitting beside her, getting an occasional one-handed pet. After lunch, when he's in the habit of settling in with Dad, he runs into the same thing. And while they tell him all the time about sharing, the baby's toys are for some reason off limits for tossing and chewing.

As the winter has passed, the creature's undergone some changes, too. She's sort of semi-sitting up now, she can focus better and recently, she's learned to put her hands together. Just the other morning, when Henri jumped up on the couch to say hello, she moved like a flash to reach out, grab two handfuls of Henri's coconut fur and shrieked in delight. Henri froze, his startled eyes on mine. "Help," he told me as I pried his fur from Phee's hands. "Gently," I told her, taking her tiny hand and running it over his fluffy ear. "We pet Henri gently."

But possibly the ultimate sibling rivalry came up this

past Saturday, when we returned home from a shopping trip to Alpena. In addition to the groceries and other necessities, I'd picked up a fluffy pink stuffed bunny for Phee's Easter Basket. After things were put away, I was taking off its tags when I happened to look down and realize that Henri was dancing from foot to foot, eyes on the bunny's fluffy white tail.

Oh dear. Lots of times in the past, I'd thrown one toy or another in the cart for Henri. This time, I'd forgotten entirely. "No Henri," I told him, "This is not for you." Henri's English is steadily improving. He stalked off in high dungeon flinging himself down on his pillow and burying his nose in his blanket. As he did so, I remembered having seen a small stuffed rabbit among the Christmas decorations.

Tucking Phee's bunny away, I slipped downstairs and located the Christmas bunny. Stripping him of his hat and scarf, I tucked him into a ratty paper bag and made my way back upstairs. "Look Henri," I cajoled, "Here's what we brought you!" His ears pricked up. A minute later, Henri was dancing through the house, throwing his new toy up and catching it before settling in happily for a good chew.

Later that evening, when Henri joined me for his ear rub, I told him the story I used to tell Lady when Henri first came to live with us. "Love is like a candle, Henri. When you light another candle, it doesn't take anything from the original flame. It just adds to the light."

Henri snuggled a little closer, "Whatever, Mom," he told me, "Scratch more to the right there, okay?"

By the time Phee's up and running, I suspect she and Henri will be the best of friends. In the meantime, though, it's a learning process for each of them. Just now, Henri's eyes were heavy and he was softly snoring his little doggie snore. "Babies are neat, Mom," he mumbled. "But they sure are exhausting."

Saavy

Continued from page 7 reverse mortgage. Some agencies are awarded grants that enable them to offer counseling for free, but most charge around \$125 to \$250. To locate a counseling agency near you, visit hud.gov/offices/hsg/sfh/hecm/hecmhome.cfm or call (800) 569-4287.

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Shannon Leeseberg of Harrisville (left) and Art Laatz of Harrisville (right) are the winners of the free weather alert radio raffle which was held during the Severe Weather Skywarn Training Class. Lesseberg's daughter, Alana Schnittjer, is being held by Alcona County Emergency Manager Elizabeth Buffy Carr who also attended the class presented by meteorologist Dave Lawrence. The class was presented by the Gaylord National Weather Service on March 27. The event was sponsored by Alcona County Emergency Management and the Amateur Radio Group. *Courtesy photo.*

For the Week of March 31 - April 6, 2014 Alcona County Sheriff's Report

51 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests; 2 Warrants.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	11	Message/Well Being Check	2
Miscellaneous	3	Agency Assist	1
Dog/Animal	7	Traffic	1
Alarm	1	Identity Theft	1
Domestic	2	911 Hang Up	2
Be On the Lookout	1	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	1
Patrol Check	2	Warrant Arrest	2
Civil	1	Open Door	1
Assault & Battery	1	Juvenile	1
Larceny	1	Fraud	1
Child Neglect/Cruelty	1	Lost/Found Property	1
Neighbor Trouble	1	Missing Person/Attpt. Locate	1
Suspicious Events	6		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	6	Caledonia	2	Curtis	8
Greenbush	3	Gustin	1	Harrisville	7
Hawes	7	Haynes	2	Mikado	4
Millen	1	Mitchell	3		
Harrisville City	7	Village of Lincoln	2		

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7. Georgia
8. Arkansas
9. North Carolina
10. Oklahoma

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Alcona County Chamber of Commerce

The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce held a general membership meeting on March 12 at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The meeting was called to order by vice president Rich Gillies. All were welcomed and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited. The minutes of the February 12 general meeting were approved, as well as the minutes of the March 10 executive board meeting. The treasurer's report was approved as presented.

Committee reports: Circus July 3 -- Jim Pyne reported the circus will be in the park at the end of Lake Street and all is in place for this event. Antique show -- Ed Toombs reported that a meeting was held last week. There are 12 dealers registered, using 18 of the 36 available booths. The group, "Old Tyme Connection" will be playing on Saturday, and Mary (the lead singer) will be entertaining on Sunday. Advertising is being discussed. They will be meeting again later this month.

Fireworks -- Rex Manning has been engaged to entertain before/during the fireworks. The Sella Family is gearing up for fundraising. Wine and food festival -- The meeting scheduled for March 9 was cancelled, and will be rescheduled soon. There are already several commitments from wineries. The tent/tables have been arranged for, as well as ice and food trailers. Some advertising has been arranged. Texas Hold'em -- Jim doesn't anticipate much trouble in arranging for the licensing for this event. Membership -- We now have 73 paid members. Christmas in the Village -- Nothing new to report. It was suggested we look into reserving Maria Hall soon.

New business: Spring into Summer Expo -- April 26: Advertising was discussed for this event. Motion by Jim Pyne/Kevin Boyat: That this group be authorized to spend up to \$200 in advertising for the Spring into Summer Expo. Carried. Sunrise Artists of Michigan -- Venita Larson is requesting use of the tent on Monday, July 14 for various activities related to this group. They will have the proper liability insurance which shows the City of Harrisville and the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce listed

on the policy in a hold harmless agreement. They will also have a food vendor who will be properly licensed. There is no conflict with other entities. Motion by Ed Toombs/Liz McNichols: To approve the Sunrise Artists of Michigan for activities on July 14. Carried. Amended to add: "At no charge" by Ed Toombs/Liz McNichols. Carried.

Visitor's Guide -- Christy reported the Alcona County Review is publishing a 2014 Visitor's Guide. Motion by Kevin Boyat/Liz McNichols: To spend \$250 to advertise

the same as last year. Carried. Bulk mail permit -- Christy reported the bulk mail permit renewal is now due at the cost of \$220. Discussion of whether anyone is using it. This will be looked into, and discussed at our next meeting. The bill is due on April 20. Survey -- Christy reported the Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce is doing a survey through NEMCOG of the 11-county region.

Forgotten Eagles -- Christy reported that Jim Johnson of the Forgotten Eagles, Chapter 3, is again planning a

motorcycle ride August 6-8. They plan to be in Harrisville about 12:30 p.m. on August 7. This announcement should be placed in the calendar of events in the Alcona County Review and an e-mail should be sent to our chamber membership.

Other business and announcements: The Alcona Humane Society sent a newsletter. The annual Calendar of Events is now available in the chamber office.

Motion by Jim Pyne/Kevin Boyat: To adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Carried.

Area Church Directory

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



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

Family Heritage Baptist Church

4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)
Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org.
Sunday worship services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday 6 p.m. Patch the Pirate Club, children's ministry. Wednesday 6 p.m. midweek service (preaching and prayer service).



New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)



Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
Hubbard Lake Rd.,
¾ mile south of White Pine National Golf Course
Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)



Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227
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ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

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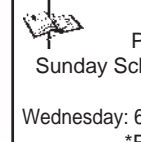
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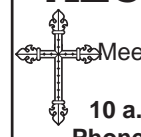


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Sunday evening service 6 p.m. Pastor Elmer Ash.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

ALCONA NEW LIFE CHURCH



Non-denominational
Meeting at the Lincoln Senior Center (207 Church St.)
Rev. Charles Sheldon-Pastor
10 a.m. Adult Bible Class ~ 11 a.m. Worship Service
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Local Notes

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ond floor conference room, beginning at 7 p.m. Joe and Barb Rogers of the Wildlife Recovery Association (WRA) near Mt. Pleasant, Mich. will talk about their work in rehabilitating birds. Specifically, one case that is close to the hearts of Thunder Bay Audubon Society members who rescued an injured great horned owl named Willow that was most likely hit by a car, knocked to the ground and then mobbed by crows. The Rogers treated its injuries and rehabilitated the bird. They brought the owl back to Alpena for release so she could reunite with her mate in their home territory.

With over 30 years experience rehabbing birds, this team has shared with audiences, both young and old, their knowledge, experiences and share some of the live birds of prey they've rescued. All guests are welcome, free of charge.

Calendar of Events

Continued from page 3
 the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. All levels welcome. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Weight loss support group will meet at 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.

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.

Play euchre from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16
 Support group for grandparents and caregivers raising children will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Alcona Element-

tary 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. Clients must be present to receive food; identification is required. For more info., call (989) 471-5013.

A blood drive will be held from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 South Church Street. Bring

your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, call (800) 733-2767.

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

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.

Learn how to grow your own vegetables. A program discussing growth seasons, vitamin specifics and which vegetables grow best in this area will be held at 3 p.m. at the Curtis township Library, 4884 Bamfield Road, Glenrie. For more information, call Deb or Linda at (989) 735-2601.

THURSDAY, APRIL 17
 Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

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.


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

The 4-H Archery group of Alcona will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19
 An Easter egg hunt will be held starting at 11 a.m. at New Life Lutheran Church, 25 Kirche In The Woods, Spruce. Meet Ester the Easter Bunny. There will be crafts, games, prizes and fun for children of all ages.

A multi-sensory, interactive walk through the Stations of the Cross will be held from 4 to 7 p.m. at TriPoint Church of God, 500 South Brooke Street, Alpena. This event is open to the public. For more information, call (989) 356-2021.


A community contra dance will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 727 South Second Avenue, Alpena. Beginners welcome, all dances taught. Basics for new dancers and warm-up from 7 to 8 p.m. Welcome to bring a snack to share during break. Admission is \$5, no charge for students with identification. This event is sponsored by Inspiration Alcona and Thunder Bay Folk Society.

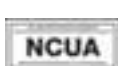


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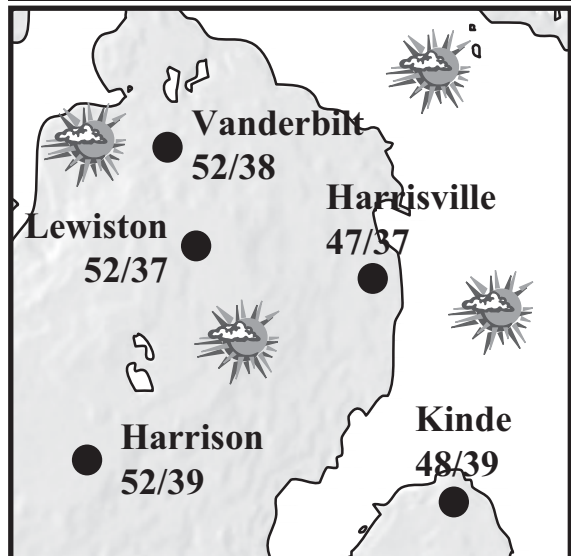
Alcona Review Weather Report

April 9, 2014

Seven Day Forecast

-  **WEDNESDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 47 Low: 37
-  **THURSDAY**
Rain Likely
High: 50 Low: 35
-  **FRIDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 50 Low: 33
-  **SATURDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 51 Low: 39
-  **SUNDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 54 Low: 32
-  **MONDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 41 Low: 25
-  **TUESDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 38 Low: 24

Today's Regional Map




In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 47°, humidity of 53%. South wind 5 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 77° set in 1955. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 37°. South wind 10 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 9° set in 1972.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	48	22	43/24	0.00"
Tuesday	50	30	44/25	0.07"
Wednesday	43	25	44/25	0.00"
Thursday	36	17	45/26	0.00"
Friday	36	31	45/26	0.89"
Saturday	40	22	45/26	0.01"
Sunday	58	24	46/27	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI


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

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain today, mostly clear skies Thursday, partly cloudy to cloudy skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 70° in Baltimore, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 78° in Marathon Key, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 77° in Torrington, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 100° in Yuma, Ariz.

Weather Trivia

What is the coldest recorded temperature in the United States?

?

Answer: Prospect Creek, Alaska was -80 degrees on Jan. 23, 1971.

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Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:38 a.m.	6:40 p.m.
Venus	5:22 a.m.	4:09 p.m.
Mars	7:49 p.m.	7:19 a.m.
Jupiter	11:32 a.m.	3:00 a.m.
Saturn	10:44 p.m.	8:42 a.m.
Uranus	6:50 a.m.	7:30 p.m.

Weather History

April 9, 1947 - A tornado struck Woodward, Okla. during the late evening, killing 95 people and causing six million dollars in damage. The tornado, traveling at a speed of 68 mph, killed a total of 167 people and injured 980 others along its 221-mile path from Texas into Kansas.

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Bolero: Mood Music to Watch an Eclipse



I get a lot of music majors in my Moravian astronomy classes, and a few weeks ago after ending a unit on eclipses, I played for my Monday/Wednesday group, Bonnie Tyler's "Total Eclipse of the Heart." I also considered Carly Simon's, "You're So Vain," a song where she is mocking former beau, Warren Beatty, and perhaps others. After his horse wins in Saratoga, he flies his "Learjet up to Nova Scotia to watch the total eclipse of the sun." That was a real event back in the summer of 1972. It was the only total solar eclipse that for me was clouded out, but in Nova Scotia, it was clear. That got me to thinking about what music should be playing in the background while watching the total lunar eclipse during the morning hours of April 15, and the only melody that made any sense was Maurice Ravel's, "Bolero." Now look folks, I'm not stupid. If you ever saw the feature film "10," starring Bo Derek and Dudley Moore, you know exactly what "Bolero" was used for, so I'm not advocating anyone to watch this lunar eclipse under a blanket unless it is for warmth. But the music, as everyone knows who has heard it, builds to a rousing climax, in just the same sequence as any lunar or solar eclipse. In this lunar eclipse the moon makes contact with Earth's shadow at 1:58 a.m., EDT. One hour, eight minutes later, the eclipse reaches its crescendo as Luna is completely immersed in the Earth's shadow. For the totality portion of the eclipse, when the moon takes on a variety of different hues, such as yellows, oranges, reds, and browns, you'd have to play Bolero's climax over and over again. This is the best part of the show; but what would you do for the egress, when the moon is emerging from the shadow? My suggestion would be to play "Bolero" backwards. It would sound awful, and you wouldn't want to hang around to listen to it. That's what most people do after totality ends. They simply leave and go home. www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ANCIENT WORLD:** Who was the king of Troy during the Trojan War?
2. **MEDICAL TERMS:** What is a sternutation?
3. **MOVIES:** What movie featured the tagline, "Eight legs, two fangs and an attitude"?
4. **LITERATURE:** Which one of Shakespeare's plays features the character of Titania?
5. **WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:** If a standard quarter weighs .2 ounces, how many quarters would it take to equal 1 pound?
6. **SCIENCE:** What was the main geological process that formed the Grand Canyon?
7. **EXPLORERS:** Who was the first European explorer to travel the length of the Mississippi River in 1682?
8. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What was the name of the comic strip usually credited as the first to appear regularly in a newspaper?
9. **TELEVISION:** What was the names of the Elly May's chimpanzees on ?The Beverly Hillbillies??
10. **MUSIC:** What kind of instrument is a euphonium?

Answers: 1. Priam; 2. A sneeze; 3. "Arachnophobia" (1990); 4. "A Midsummer Night's Dream"; 5. 80; 6. Erosion; 7. La Salle; 8. "The Yellow Kid" debuted in the New York World in 1895.; 9. Cousin Bessie and Skipper; 10. Brass instrument that resembles a small tuba. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On April 27, 1667, blind poet John Milton sells the copyright to his masterpiece "Paradise Lost" for a mere 10 pounds. Once printed, the poem was immediately hailed as a masterpiece of the English language. In 1671, he wrote "Paradise Regained," followed by "Samson Agonistes." He died in 1674.
 - On April 25, 1859, at Port Said, Egypt, ground is broken for the Suez Canal, an artificial waterway intended to stretch 101 miles across the isthmus of Suez and connect the Mediterranean and the Red seas. When it opened, the Suez Canal was only 25 feet deep, 72 feet wide at the bottom, and 200 feet to 300 feet wide at the surface. Fewer than 500 ships navigated it in its first year of operation.
 - On April 24, 1863, the Union army issues General Order No. 100, which provided a code of conduct for Federal soldiers and officers when dealing with Confederate prisoners and civilians. It became the standard for international military law.
 - On April 22, 1915, German forces shock Allied soldiers along the Western front by firing more than 150 tons of lethal chlorine gas against two French colonial divisions. The Germans, perhaps as shocked as the Allies by the devastating effects of the poison gas, failed to take full advantage, and the Allies held most of their positions.
 - On April 23, 1961, Judy Garland plays Carnegie Hall in what has been called "the greatest night in showbiz history." The concert took place on the one night a week that Broadway performers have off -- Sunday night -- and the audience was therefore a friendly one.
 - On April 26, 1977, Studio 54, the most famous nightclub in the world, opens its doors. The venue became famous for openly and shamelessly excluding all but the most chic, famous or beautiful patrons. Studio 54's golden era lasted less than three years.
 - On April 21, 1980, Rosie Ruiz, age 26, finishes first in the women's division of the Boston Marathon. Eight days later Ruiz was stripped of her victory after race officials learned she jumped into the race about a mile before the finish line.
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Super Crossword

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1 A little wet
5 Dice throw
9 Bureau of Indian —
16 USMC rank
19 Downton, say
21 High chest of drawers
22 Jackie's husband #2
23 Start of a riddle
25 Chaney of old horror
26 Eden mother
27 Lexus, e.g.
28 "La-la" lead-in
29 Bouncers' demands
30 Riddle, part 2
39 Lav, in Soho
40 Prankster in "The Tempest"
41 Train stop: Abbr.
42 Column inches sold to sponsors
43 Crumb-toting colonists
45 Reno fixture
47 —-lacto vegetarian
49 Sleepy
50 Riddle, part 3
56 Narrow road | 57 Slugger's stat
58 Wide shoe specification
59 Sharp quarrels
62 Riddle, part 4
69 Of a pelvic bone
70 Cole Porter's "Hitchy- —"
72 Lawyer Cohn
73 Army unit
74 Riddle, part 5
79 Songs of praise
80 Fifth sign of the zodiac
81 Zeta follower
82 Best guests
84 Riddle, part 6
93 Brit's fencing blade
94 Pentagon's govt. division
95 Macramé creation
96 — around (circa)
97 Chemical cousins
100 Available with no Rx
102 Trample (on)
105 Trellis plant
106 End of the riddle
110 Med. country
111 Guevara in "Evita" | 112 Ending for press
113 CIA figure
114 No, to a kilt wearer
115 Riddle's answer
123 "Go, torero!"
124 It's fact-filled
125 Very same
126 "The Simpsons" neighbor
127 Flanders
128 Bit of a dollar
129 Old French president
René
DOWN
1 Tipsy person's hwy. offense
2 Pooch noise
3 Many an exec's deg.
4 "Dona nobis —" ("Grant us peace")
5 Like a very violent film
6 Suffix with audit
7 Waikiki garland
8 Round Table knight
9 Man- — (soldier)
10 Way off | 11 Travel by jet
12 For — see (in plain view)
13 "Stones for —" (1988 Glenn Close movie)
14 President Reagan
15 Barrett of Pink Floyd
16 "The Cabinet of Dr. —"
61 Carrere of Hollywood (classic horror film)
62 Trim a field
63 Mine matter
64 Hide away
65 "Am not!" comeback
66 Flashy scarf
67 Charged bit
68 Motorist's navig. aid
70 Capped joint
71 George —, a.k.a. Boy George
75 Ring great Muhammad
76 Travel in the direction of
77 Morticia's hairy cousin
78 War vehicle
79 Magnum of TV et al.
82 91-Down, Italian-style
83 "— Eat Cake" (Gershwin musical)
84 Transaction requiring no credit
85 Certain woodwind insert
86 "Stop! — Mom Will Shoot"
87 Part of KISS
88 Donkey foot
89 Like national theme songs
90 Ph.D. offerer
91 Sweetheart's emotion
92 Prohibition advocates
93 Audit, as a class
98 In a lavish way
99 Sinister plan
101 Thing relied on for help
103 Go-ahead
104 Train stop
107 Shish —
108 Half of hexa-
109 Song line
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Benjamin Franklin who made the following sage observation: "It takes many good deeds to build a good reputation, and only one bad one to lose it."
- If you're like 87 percent of American adults, you use the Internet. The only thing I find surprising about this statistic is that there are 13 percent of adults who *don't* use it.
- In a recent survey, more Americans said they would have a hard time giving up the Internet than said they'd have a hard time giving up TV.
- Those interested in maritime history (and practically everyone else, for that matter) are familiar with the story of the Titanic, which struck an iceberg and sank on the night of April 15, 1912. It's interesting to note, though, that in 1898 a book called "Futility," by Morgan Robertson, described an almost identical scenario: The ship in the novel was called Titan, and, like the Titanic, it was trying to break a speed record for crossing the Atlantic. The Titan was declared to be unsinkable, and it didn't have enough lifeboats for all the passengers. On its fictional voyage in the month of April, it struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic Ocean and sank, resulting in the deaths of almost all the passengers.
- In Ireland, the police do not carry firearms. Their only weapons are batons and pepper spray.
- In 1943, then-chairman of IBM, Thomas Watson, went on the record saying, "I think there is a world market for maybe five computers."
- If you're afraid of sharks, you might want to consider this tidbit: Every year, more people are killed by bees than by sharks.

Thought for the Day: "In this world, you must be a bit too kind to be kind enough." -- Pierre Carlet de Chamblain de Marivaux

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Top Ten Movies

1. Noah (PG-13) Russell Crowe, Jennifer Connelly
 2. Divergent (PG-13) Shailene Woodley, Theo James
 3. Muppets Most Wanted (PG) Ricky Gervais, Ty Burrell
 4. Mr. Peabody & Sherman (PG) animated
 5. God's Not Dead (PG) Shane Harper, Kevin Sorbo
 6. The Grand Budapest Hotel (R) Ralph Fiennes, F. Murray Abraham
 7. Sabotage (R) Arnold Schwarzenegger, Sam Worthington
 8. Need for Speed (PG-13) Aaron Paul, Dominic Cooper
 9. 300: Rise of an Empire (R) Sullivan Stapleton, Eva Green
 10. Non-Stop (PG-13) Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore
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Dollars And Sense By David Uffington

Microsoft abandons Windows XP users

If you've been on the Internet for a number of years and have refused to buy the latest and greatest things that have come out, you might currently have an unsupported operating system.

Specifically, on April 8, 2014, Microsoft ceased support of the XP operating system, which first came out in 2001. While Microsoft started warning consumers a few years ago, many people have been unwilling to upgrade to the next operating system (Vista and then Windows 7).

With XP support gone, you'll no longer have security updates. Microsoft won't fix new system vulnerabilities, ever, and criminals know this.

At the same time, if you don't want Windows 8.1 (many people don't), you still have options:

- Upgrade your computer to Windows 7, if you can. This might not be an option if your computer is too old to support the program. Unless you're highly skilled in wiping hard drives, you're better off handing your machine over to a repair technician for the installation. Here's the dilemma many have to face: XP is a 32-bit program. Windows 7 is a 64-bit program. You can't simply install Windows 7 over XP and expect the upgrade to go well.

The hard drive has to be wiped (erased), with all your programs erased and your files saved else-

where. Then, after installation, all your software and programs need to be reinstalled. (Yes, there is a Windows 7 32-bit version, but you're better off avoiding that.) If you have a techie do this upgrade, it going to cost you some money for all the hours spent feeding software into your computer.

- Buy a new computer. At this point, you'll have a hard time finding a new system with Windows 7 on it. Everything in stores is now up to Windows 8. Look for one with downgrade rights to Windows 7.

- Buy a refurbished computer with a new copy of Windows 7 64-bit on it and install your software yourself. All in all, this might be your cheapest option.

Notice there's no recommendation to jump in with a new computer and Windows 8.1, which is coming out this month with fixes to Windows 8. Unless you're going all the way to touch screen and are up for a whole new experience and steep learning curve, Windows 8.1 might be too much of a leap.

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

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Veterans Post By Greddy Groves

The long arm of the VAOIG

The Department of Veterans Affairs Office of Inspector General (VAOIG) has, as usual, been busy investigating allegations of wrongdoing in the VA. Here are some recent highlights:

- A Pennsylvania man, head of a veterans support group, defrauded the VA for seven years, taking \$178,000 in healthcare and pension benefits he wasn't entitled to. He stole a veteran's identity to pull off the theft. He'll get three years of supervised release and must pay back the entire amount.

- At the William Jennings Bryan Dorn VA medical center in South Carolina, VAOIG responded to allegations that there were high instances of surgical infections. They determined that infection control was "fragmented and inconsistent."

- In West Haven, Conn., inspectors found that lack of staff, incomplete and inconsistent procedures and poor training resulted in operating rooms that weren't necessarily clean. Additionally, safeguards weren't in place for safe handling of infectious patients at the same time as noninfectious patients.

- A former director of a medical center in Ohio was guilty of 64 charges. A two-year investigation uncovered fraud, conspiracy and money laundering, which resulted from taking bribes from contractors and providing inside information. The loss to the government was approximately \$20 million.

- A Florida VA medical center police officer was found guilty of using law enforcement's computers to get personal information on a military servicemember. He threatened to post explicit photos on so-

cial media unless the victim paid money.

- A pharmacist at the VA medical center in Nashville diverted a large amount of drugs while working on the night shift.

- In Pennsylvania, a contract employee filed fraudulent time sheets, claiming to work 100 hours a week when no work was actually done. The contract company reimbursed the VA for \$78,000.

I hope the VAOIG has an adequate budget to keep doing what they do. They deserve every dime they get, and more.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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ALCONA ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A special meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held April 2 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve the minutes of the March 26, 2014, meeting; authorize payment for pallet forks; authorize payment of accounts due and payable by April 10, 2014; advertise for proposals for a pole barn storage facility; go into closed session to discuss purchasing of property; and not to make an offer on the property. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Complete minutes are available upon request via e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 23 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Free introductory talk on Eckankar entitled "How to Get Answers from God Through Past Lives, Dreams and Soul Travel" on Saturday, April 12 at 2 p.m. in the AMA-ESD building located at 2118 US-23 South, Alpena. Call (989) 808-3618.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE

All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Fair Housing Act which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or an intention, to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination." Familial status includes children under the age of 18 living with parents or legal custodians, pregnant women and people securing custody of children under 18. This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis. To complain of discrimination call HUD at 800-669-9777.

HELP WANTED

Assistant in-home service coordinator, Lincoln. Fifteen to 20 hours per week. Background in human services, nursing or geriatrics preferred. Duties include case work, in-home evaluations, scheduling and report writing. Kitchen substitutes - Lincoln, Glennie, Greenbush sites, hours vary. Must have reliable transportation, experience cooking for groups desirable. Send resume to: ACCOA, P.O. Box 218, Lincoln, Michigan 48742. Equal opportunity employer.

Part time circulation clerk job opening at Alcona County Library for 10-15 hours per week. Job description and application available at any branch of the Alcona County Library. Must be 18 for this position. Applications accepted until 5 p.m. April 21.

Full time or seasonal help needed on farm, call (989) 724-5784.

Jamieson Nursing Home is accepting applications for RNs, LPNs and CNAs full or part time, competitive wages. New graduates welcome. We are a small comfortable facility looking for staff to work as part of our caring team. Call for an interview, ask for Sally, (989) 724-6889.

Alcona Community Schools is seeking a highly qualified and certified **special education resource room teacher** for the 2014-2015 school year. The successful candidate will have demonstrated experience working with elementary, middle and/or high school age students and possess excellent technology and communication skills. Interested candidates should send a letter of interest, resume and credentials to Mrs. Shawn Thornton, Superintendent, Alcona Community Schools, 51 North Barlow Road, P.O. Box 249, Lincoln, Michigan 48742 or e-mail credentials to thorntons@alconaschools.net. Deadline for application is May 9, 2014. Alcona Community Schools

BINGO

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

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

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

WANTED

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MEETING CANCELLATION

Meeting cancellation: The regularly scheduled meeting of the Alcona County Board of road commissioners for Wednesday, April 9, 2014, has been cancelled. The next regularly scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, April 23, 2014 at 4 p.m. at the road commission office at 301 North Lake Street.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale (Alcona County)

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jamie L. Teeters a/k/a Jamie Teeters, a single woman, dated April 13, 2012, and recorded on April 30, 2012, in Liber 487, page 374, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is held by Alpena Alcona Area C.U. The sum claimed to be due and owing on said mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$87,670.00, with interest accruing at \$9.68 per diem. 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 shall be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the Alcona County circuit court, 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, April 23, 2014. The mortgagee will apply the sales proceeds to the debt secured by the mortgage as stated above, plus interest on the amount due at a rate of interest equal to 4.125 percent per annum; all legal costs and expenses, including attorney's fees allowed by law; and also any amount paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the property. The properties to be sold at foreclosure are all that real estate situated in the township of Mikado, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, described as

follows: Lots 35 and 36, Four Seasons, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 32-33 of Alcona County records. Tax Parcel ID No. 01-092-100-000-035-00. Commonly known as: 587 Kahn Road, Mikado, Mich. 48745. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of sale pursuant to M.C.L. §600.3240(8).
March 13, 2014
Alpena Alcona Area C.U.
Kilpatrick & Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Alpena Alcona Area C.U.
903 N. Opdyke Rd., Suite C
Auburn Hills, MI 48326
(248) 377-0700
3-19, 3-26, 4-3, 4-9

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 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 \$11,375.48, 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 14, 2014 at 10 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Alcona County court facility, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich., 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 south 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 South Fourth Street, Harrisville, Michigan. 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 500.3241a, 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.
Dated: March 28, 2014
Smith, Martin, Powers & Knier, P.C.
Henry L. Knier Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Huron Community Bank Mortgagee
900 Washington Avenue, P.O. Box 219
Bay City, Mich. 48707
(989) 892-4574
4-9, 4-16, 4-23, 4-30

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason Livingston and Linda Livingston, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Wilmington Finance, Inc. its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated April 13, 2006, and recorded on April 25, 2006 in Liber 430 on page 251, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association as successor by merger of U.S. Bank National Association ND 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 three thousand five hundred forty-seven and 39/100 dollars (\$103,547.39). 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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on April 16, 2014. Said premises are situated in township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the SE corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 28, T27N, R8E, thence north 18 rods; thence west 19 rods; thence south 18 rods; thence east 19 rods to POB. Subject to an easement over the above described property for ingress egress and utility purposes over an existing roadway which commences off of Ritchie Road and continues in a northerly direction to other property owned by the grantor. Said roadway is approximately 12 feet in width to benefit the balance of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 that is retained by the grantor. Said easement will be binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the parties. Being the same premises conveyed to

Jason Livingston and Linda Livingston from Helen Marentette, a single woman by quit claim deed dated September 10, 2002 and recorded January 16, 2003 as instrument of book/page No. 375-898 of the Alcona County clerk's office. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.
Dated: March 19, 2014
For more information, please call:
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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.

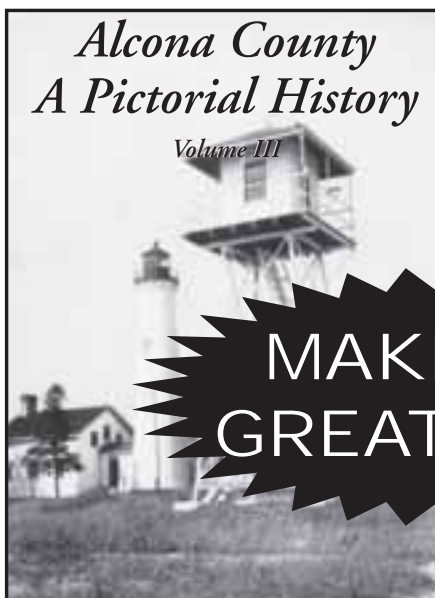
48745) Property Tax Id No.: 091-024-300-060-00 (Mortgaged as 091-024-200-035-08). The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the 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
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Holzman Corkery, PLLC
By: Charles J. Holzman
Attorney for Mortgagee
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Southfield, Mich. 48034
4-9, 4-16, 4-23, 4-30, 5-7

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 venue 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
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File No. 14-005022
4-9, 4-16, 4-23, 4-30

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Fish kills may be common following this winter's extreme conditions

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds everyone that after the heavy ice and snow cover melts on Michigan's lakes this winter, it may be common to discover dead fish or other aquatic creatures.

This year's more severe winter with heavy snow and ice cover will create conditions that cause fish and other creatures such as turtles, frogs, toads and crayfish to die.

"Winterkill is the most common type of fish kill," said Gary Whelan, DNR fish production manager. "Given the harsh conditions this winter with thick ice and deep snow cover, it will be particularly common in shallow lakes and streams and ponds. These kills are localized and typically do not affect the overall health of the fish populations or fishing quality."

Winterkill occurs during especially long, harsh win-

ters - similar to the one experienced this year. Shallow lakes with excess aquatic vegetation and mucky bottoms are particularly prone to this problem. Fish and other aquatic life typically die in late winter, but may not be noticed until a month after the ice leaves the lake because the dead fish and other aquatic life are temporarily preserved by the cold water.

"Winterkill begins with distressed fish gasping for air at holes in the ice and often ends with large numbers of dead fish that bloat as the water warms in early spring," Whelan said. "Dead fish and other aquatic life may appear fuzzy because of secondary infection by fungus, but the fungus was not the cause of death. The fish actually suffocated from a lack of dissolved oxygen from decaying plants and other dead aquatic animals under the ice."

Dissolved oxygen is re-

quired by fish and all other forms of aquatic life. Once the daylight is greatly reduced by thick ice and deep snow cover, aquatic plants stop producing oxygen and many die. The bacteria that decompose organic materials on the bottom of the lake use the remaining oxygen in the water.

Once the oxygen is reduced and other aquatic animals die and start decomposing, the rate that oxygen is used for decomposition is additionally increased and dissolved oxygen levels in the water decrease even more leading to increasing winterkill.

For more information on fish kills in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/fishing.

Anyone who suspects a fish kill that is caused by non-natural causes is encouraged to call the nearest DNR office or Michigan's Pollution Emergency Alert System at (800) 292-4706.

Hunters and anglers provide record support for venison collection program

Thanks to the generosity of many hunters and anglers, Michigan food banks and kitchens will have more fresh venison for meals provided to their visitors. During the 2013-14 license year, the Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger (MSAH) program received more than \$50,000 - a record amount - in donations from Michigan outdoorsmen and women.

This voluntary donation program has been part of Michigan's hunting and fishing license-buying experience since 2005, but achieved a record donation level last year.

"Our retail sales system that is used to sell hunting and fishing licenses was upgraded in 2013, and one of the benefits was making the donation process more convenient for both the buyer and seller," said Ray Rustem,

MSAH advisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "This improvement led to a four-fold increase in the number of donors - 44,000 - and helped us achieve this amazing level of support."

When a hunter or angler purchases a license, the sales system is set up to ask if they would like to make a donation to Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger, a nonprofit organization that coordinates the venison collection for the DNR. Collected funds are then turned over to MSAH. During the deer hunting season, hunters also are encouraged to donate a deer to the program by dropping it off at a local participating meat processor, which then submits a voucher back to MSAH for reimbursement of processing costs. Processed venison then makes its way to a local

food bank or kitchen.

Dean Hall, chairman of the MSAH board of directors, is pleased with the level of donations. "Over the last few years the venison collection program has been limited by the amount of donations we have received through the Sportsmen Against Hunger campaign," Hall said. "This additional revenue will help us increase our ability to encourage more processors to participate and increase the pounds of venison that we distribute across the state."

Hall said that last year more than 30,000 pounds of venison were distributed through the MSAH program.

For more details on Michigan Sportsmen Against Hunger or how to make a monetary or deer donation, visit the organization's website at www.sportsmenagainsthunger.org.

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American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate 200-2006

I once wrote a not-so-very-good poem called "Picking Up After the Dead," about the putting-in-order we feel compelled to do when a family member has passed on. In this poem Sherod Santos, who lives in Chicago, Ill, writes what I wished I could have written.

Out of the World There Passed a Soul

The day of my mother's funeral I spend clearing out her overgrown flower beds, down on my knees in the leaf rot, nut shells, tiny grains of sandlot sand spilling from the runoff gullies. The hot work was to see not feel what had to be done, not to go on asking, not to wonder anymore. Full from scraps I'd found at the back of the refrigerator, her mongrel dog lay curled on a stone and watched me work. It was Sunday. The telephone rang, then stopped, then rang again. By the end of the day, I'd done what I could. I swept the walk, put away the tools, switched on the indoor safety lamps, and then (it hardly matters what I think I felt) I closed the gate on a house where no one lived anymore.