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Boat wash event an effort to stop aquatic hitchhikers

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Celebrating 66 years of service and lake stewardship, the Hubbard Lake Sportsman and Improvement Association (HLSIA) will have a free boat wash demonstration day at Hubbard Lake on Saturday, Aug. 2.

The informational event will take place at Hubbard Lake's east bay and south shore Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) boat ramps from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Gerry Kraft, water quality chairman of HLSIA said the most common way to transfer invasive species is by boat. "By having this event we are hoping to educate and inform boaters how to clean, drain and dry their boat before putting it into the water to reduce infestation of invasive species," Kraft said.

He explained HLSIA monitors and secures improvements in and around Hubbard Lake in order to preserve, protect and enhance the environment. It closely monitors the lake's natural resources, wildlife habitat, fisheries, water quality and the natural state of Hubbard Lake and its watershed.

"We want to educate people but we also want to start support and enthusiasm from the community about what we are trying to accomplish. A lot of people don't understand what a boat wash is for. We want to delete a problem infestation before it starts. Properly washing a

boat prior to it entering the water removes eggs, small animals and plant life which may contain invasive species," Kraft said.

There are laws in Michigan which boaters must abide by to reduce the transfer of invasive species from one lake to another. Kraft explained the problem with those laws is there isn't much enforcement of them.

"Michigan laws restrict putting any boat or trailer in the water that has vegetation hanging from it, but the invasive population continues to get worse and worse. Invasive Milfoil is a bad one and it transfers very quickly," Kraft said. "Higgins and Houghton lake(s) are spending hundreds of thousands of dollars to combat milfoil. It's a major issue. There are probably hundreds of lakes in Michigan that have milfoil. Hubbard Lake is fortunate it doesn't have as big of a plant problem."

He noted the group is also on the lookout for frogbit, which is quite prevalent on Thunder Bay.

While Hubbard Lake doesn't have a problem with milfoil yet, it does have other invasive species which are threatening the lake such as zebra mussels, rusty crayfish and gobies.

According to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Biologist Heather Rawlings, round goby are an aggressive invasive species that out-compete native prey

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Residents and visitors alike sample wine, beer and food during the annual Sunrise Side Wine and Food Festival held at the Harrisville Harbor last Saturday. Photo by Carlee Campbell.

AuSable River Canoe Marathon challenges racers this weekend

The 67th edition of North America's toughest, richest canoe race – a grueling 120-mile overnight nonstop marathon from Grayling, Mich. to Oscoda will start on Saturday, July 26 and finish on Sunday, July 27.

The AuSable River Canoe Marathon is the middle leg of the Triple Crown of Canoe Racing and is also widely rec-

ognized as one of the greatest canoe races on Earth.

More than 80 professional two-person canoe racing teams from throughout the United States and Canada are entered. They will paddle at a rate of 50-80 paddle strokes per minute for 14 to 19 hours in sleek hi-tech carbon-fiber racing canoes that weigh less than 30 pounds, some costing \$5,000 or more.

The teams battle the darkness, river obstructions, frequently adverse weather conditions and sheer exhaustion during the course of the 120-mile race that includes six running portages around hydroelectric dams. At various locations along the way they receive food, drink, clothing changes and other support from "feeders," or pit crews. The top teams vie for a share of the \$50,000 cash and prizes purse -- the richest in canoe racing.

Thousands of fans follow the action from the frenzied LeMans-style running start to the river that begins the race, on to viewing locations at bridges, public access points and dam portages to cheer on the teams throughout the race. Thousands more fans encourage the competitors from river front cabins and homes along the AuSable River, many being the site of marathon parties where family and friends

gather to catch a glimpse of the action. Up to 50,000 fans are expected to view at least some part of the race.

Michigan's Andy Triebold and Quebec's Steve Lajoie are almost universally considered to be the team to beat. Triebold, 38, of Grayling, Mich. and Lajoie, 38, of Mirabel, Quebec, Canada have six consecutive AuSable Marathon victories and seven overall.

They are also six-time Triple Crown of Canoe Racing Champs, having won every single Triple Crown event from 2008 to 2013; they are the winningest team in Triple Crown of Canoe Racing history. New York's General Clinton Canoe Regatta, the AuSable Marathon and Quebec's la Classique Internationale de canots de la Mauricie comprise the three stages of canoe racing's Triple Crown.

Anticipated to be the champions' most likely challengers are two more pairings of top paddlers from Michigan and Quebec who have their sights set firmly on the crown. The 2013 AuSable Marathon second place finishers, Nick Walton, 41, of Grayling, Mich. and Christophe Proulx, 19, of Shawinigan, Quebec, Canada will be paddling with confidence. Quebec's Proulx surprised and impressed

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Jack Roberts, former Curtis Township fire chief, stands in front of the new 3,000-gallon tanker fire truck that was delivered on Friday, July 18. Last summer township residents approved a fire millage that allowed for the purchase of the \$198,000 fire truck. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

Obituaries

Joanne M. Breitmeyer

Joanne Mary Breitmeyer, 86, of Harrisville, died on Saturday, July 19, 2014.

She was born March 10, 1928 in Mt. Clemens, Mich. to Joe and Lucille (Beal) Matthews. She attended Mt. Clemens High School and Stephen's College in Missouri.

She was athletic and enjoyed playing softball as a child and golf for most of her life.

On September 17, 1949, she married Tom Frederick Breitmeyer in Mt. Clemens, Mich., where they made a home and raised their family.

In the 1950s, they began visiting Lost Lake Woods Club in Lincoln and fell in love with the community that provided lifelong friendships, hunting, fishing and golfing activities.

They also enjoyed traveling to Florida any chance they could and even lived there for a few years. In the early 1980s, the Breitmeyers built a new home and retired to Lost Lake Woods Club.

During the years that followed, and despite her physical ailments, including diabetes and blinding macular degeneration,

Mrs. Breitmeyer enjoyed traveling, both domestically and internationally. She also enjoyed playing cards, fine dining, watching football and baseball, and spending quality time with family and friends. She had an adventurous spirit and enjoyed a stiff drink and good humor.

Mrs. Breitmeyer is survived by two sons, Tom (Ilona)



Breitmeyer Jr. of Harrisville and Robert (Kathi) Breitmeyer of New Baltimore, Mich.; one daughter, Julie (Nick) Antenucci of Waterford, Mich.; five grandchildren, Kim (Chris) Dana of Mason, Mich., Brittany Breitmeyer of Esco, Minn., Trey Breitmeyer of Harrisville, Ashlyn Antenucci and Nicholas Antenucci, both of Waterford, Mich.; two great-grandchildren, Katherine and Oliver Dana; one special nephew, Joel (Carol) Matthews; and one sister-in-law, Linda Matthews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Tom Breitmeyer Sr. in 1988; two brothers, Earnest Matthews and John Matthews; and one sister-in-law, Marge Matthews.

A memorial luncheon will be held on Sunday, July 27, at 1 p.m. at Greystone Golf Club & Banquet Center, 67500 Mound Road, Washington, Mich. 48095.

Memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association at <http://www.diabetes.org/donate/>.

Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Dale Levline

Dale Levline, 82, of Glennie died on Thursday, July 17, 2014 at his home.

He was born on June 3, 1932 in Toledo, Ohio to Starlus and Almeda (Orwis) Levline.

He served in the United States Navy during the Korean War.

He married Joann Custer

on April 28, 1957 in Anglo, Ind.

Mr. Levline was a mason contractor in Temperance, Mich. and retired in Glennie. He enjoyed playing golf, mowing lawns and gardening.

Mr. Levline is survived by his wife, Joann; two sons, Jim (Connie) Levline and Doug (Jana) Levline; four

grandchildren, Jimmy (Juliann) Levline, Cory (Chris) Levline, Cody (Crystal) Levline and Zach Levline; and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by one sister, Regina Stupnicki.

Cremation has taken place. Arrangements were handled by the Lee-Ramsay Funeral Home.

Henry Yates

Henry Yates, 88, of Harrisville, died on Sunday, July 13, 2014, at Cartwright House Hospice in Saginaw, Mich.

He was born in Virginia on June 6, 1926. He served in the United States Army and Navy.

He married Betty Mancine on June 17, 1978.

He was employed by Gen-

eral Motors for 30 years and retired as a supervisor. The Yates were residents of Taylor, Mich. and moved to Harrisville in 1992.

He was a member of the Alcona VFW Post No. 6466 in Harrisville.

Mr. Yates is survived by his wife, Betty; one stepdaughter, Nancy Wilson of San Leandro, Calif.; two step-

sons, Matthew Wilson of Belleville, Mich. and Chris Wilson of Alpena; two grandchildren, Bradley and Danielle Wilson; and one sister, Norma Buchanan.

Visitation will be held on Thursday, July 31 from 1 p.m. until the memorial service at 2 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Harrisville. The Rev. Linda Jo Powers will officiate.

Nancy D. Schisler

Nancy Dawn Schisler, 73 of Mikado, died at home surrounded by family on Thursday, July 17, 2014.

She was born November 29, 1940 in Chicago, Ill. to Millard and Helen (Kaptain) Spicka.

She married Kenneth Schisler on May 19, 1962.

Mrs. Schisler supported her husband in his service to country and travels worldwide with the United States Air Force. After retirement from the U.S. Air Force, they moved to Mikado to start a new "adventure" of farming and became actively involved in church and community while raising their family.

She was one of the founders, co-manager and president of the Alcona St. Vincent DePaul Conference while also being instrumental in securing funding and support, designing, and construction of the St. Vincent DePaul store. She was secretary of the parish council, chairperson/secretary of the Liturgical/Religious Educa-

tion Committee, and enjoyed the fellowship of the St. Raphael's Altar Society of which she was president and held several other positions of leadership.

During Mrs. Schisler's involvement with St. Raphael's Diocesan Council of Catholic Women she was secretary, vice president and president. In addition, she was involved with Right to Life, was a religious education teacher, eucharistic minister, CSA chairman and chairperson of the St. Raphael's Relay for Life team logging countless miles around the Alcona High School track.

Mrs. Schisler is survived by her husband, Ken; two sons, Chuck (Karen) Schisler of Mikado and Eric (Rebecca) Schisler of St. Charles, Ill.; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one brother, Millard "Mike" Spicka of Knox, Ind.; one sister, Virginia Krockner of Chicago Ill.; one stepson-in-law, Ronald Judd of Denver, Colo.; two brothers-in-law, Donald Cra-

vens of Kokomo, Ind. and Donald (Bonnie) Schisler of Galesburg, Ill.; one sister-in-law, Linda (Peter) Bergmann of Galesburg, Ill.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; one son, Gregory Schisler; one stepdaughter, Diane Judd; stepfather, Donovan Hlavac; one sister, Ruthann Cravens; two sisters-in-law, Margaret Spicka and Eileen Foutch; and three brothers-in-law, Henry Krockner, Robert Schisler and Daniel Schisler.

Funeral Mass was held Monday, July 21 at St. Raphael Catholic Church. Father Robert Bissot officiated. Burial was in St. Raphael Catholic Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Relay for Life Alcona County, in care of Veronica Brown, chairperson, 3850 E. Quick, Lincoln, Mich. 48742 (checks should be made out to the American Cancer Society).

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Date	Temperature (F°)		Rain Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	July 13	81		57	0.14	2.8
July 14	70	53	0.00	3.3	13	ENE
July 15	64	56	0.98	3.1	18	NNE
July 16	68	53	0.02	3.5	21	SSW
July 17	74	50	0.01	2.5	12	SSW
July 18	72	52	0.00	3.0	15	SSW
July 19	72	56	0.00	2.0	9	SSW

Precipitation Summary (Inches)		
	2014	2013
Weekly Total	1.15	1.35
July to Date	1.71	4.00
Year to Date	14.52	20.32

	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.70
July to Date	1.85
Year to Date	14.54

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, JULY 23

Learn origami with Ming Louie at 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. This is a free program for ages eight and up. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Enjoy live music on the edge of Lake Huron with the annual summer concert series at the Harrisville Harbor. The concert featuring 6 Finger Lefty begins at 7 p.m. Seating is on the lawn. For your own comfort, bring chairs or blankets. Donations will be accepted. For more information, contact the City of Harrisville at (989) 724-6666.

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.

A free horsemanship and speed clinic will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Alcona ARA site horse arena located on Barlow Road in Lincoln. This clinic is open to all youth ages 8 to 19 years old. For more information, contact Sue Schmitz (989) 736-8447 or Les Thomas (989) 724-6478. Sponsored by the Alcona County All Around 4-H Club.

THURSDAY, JULY 24

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.

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

Alcona retirees meet for a potluck at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207

Church Street. Bring a dish to pass.

Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

A Walk with Ease program will be held at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. The group will meet upstairs. Indoor or outdoor walking depending on the weather. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Pine River Van Etten Lake Watershed meeting will be held at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road at 10 a.m. An open house will follow from noon to 2 p.m. to present an overview of the joint projects being implemented in the AuSable River and Pine River watersheds. Lunch provided. To register visit www.huron-pines.org or call (989) 448-2293.

FRIDAY, JULY 25

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

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

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

There will be an End of Summer Reading party and prize drawing for children and teens from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

SATURDAY, JULY 26

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

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

Wander through the private palettes of color in the annual Sunrise Side Garden Walk. Tickets for the event are available from any member of the Sunrise Side Garden Club and at the Craftmakers' Cabin in Harrisville. For more information, contact Becky Bean at (989) 724-6569.

Lost Lake Woods Club 2nd annual 5K trail run and 3K trail walk will begin at 8 a.m. Packet pick-up is at 7 a.m. All proceeds will benefit the

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

My grandson got a speeding ticket from Officer D. Hall, state police, near Curtis Road, Glennie on the Fourth of July. Shame on him for "speeding" 60 miles per hour in a 55 mile an hour zone.

I think, maybe, he was anxious to get to his grandparent's house in Hubbard Lake to join a family picnic. Officer Hall asked only for his driver's license and found no prior tickets. Officer Hall did not reduce the speed on the ticket because my grandson had his cruise control set at 60 miles per hour.

It was a beautiful afternoon and very little traffic. My grandson is in college and engaged in military training to serve our country. I doubt he was disrespectful in any way.

Officer Hall, do you think maybe a warning could have served the same purpose?

Jan Haase
Hubbard Lake



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Free Store Re-opens

My Brother's Hope Free Store will re-open to help the community on Saturday, July 26 after having to close its doors last winter due to frozen pipes and resulting interior water damage. Anyone who has been holding items to donate may begin dropping them off after Friday, Aug. 1 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library or at the free store on Wednesday, Aug. 6 and Friday, Aug. 8. The store is located in the blue house on Barlow Road in Lincoln across the street from Alcona High School. For more information, contact Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

Community Response Team

Anyone interested in being involved with the Community Response Team, a citizen volunteer group that assists emergency responders during an emergency situation, is encouraged to attend an informational meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS Building on M-72, west of Harrisville near the F-41 intersection. Individuals ages 13 and up who have a clear background are welcome to attend. The volunteer group will be under the umbrella of the Alcona County Emergency Management and will meet roughly every other month. Training is provided free of charge.

End of Summer Reading

Children and teenagers who participated in the Alcona County Library Summer Reading Program, "Fizz, Boom, Read" and "Spark a Reaction" are encouraged to turn in their hours before the grand prize drawing held at the Harrisville branch on Friday, July 25 at 3 p.m. Kids who read five to 20 hours or more will receive tickets to enter in the grand prize draw-

ing for bicycles, a Nabi tablet, or headphones. All prizes have been provided through donations by area merchants. Youth do not need to be present to win for the prize drawing. Children attending will receive a gift and refreshments will be served. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information on the Children or Teen Summer Reading Programs, or stop by any branch of the library.

4-H Expo Event

The public is invited to the 4-H Expo on Saturday, July 26 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alcona County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) in Lincoln. Alcona 4-H has a wide variety of clubs and this is a chance to see what the clubs have been doing all year and find out how to get involved. This free event will include 4-H club displays, games, displays from community partners as well as a children's book giveaway, bake sale and mini-fundraisers. There will be a free hot dog lunch served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be something for the entire family. For more information, contact Les Thomas 724-6478.

Home on Leave

Sgt. Nathan Ray and his family came home for a visit during the Fourth of July holiday. While he was here, he was in Glennie's Fourth of July parade. Ray was raised in Curran and graduated from Mio High School in 2005. He has been in the U.S. Army for nine years and has completed three tours of duty in Afghanistan. He is an airborne mechanic attached to an engineering group and is stationed at Fort Bragg in North Carolina with his wife, Holli, and their two sons. In January they will be moving to Italy and he will be deployed to an unknown location by spring. He visited his parents, Ronniece and Chuck

Ray of Curran and his grandparents, Roger and Berniece Baldwin of Glennie.

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be open this Saturday, July 26 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the Alcona County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) in Lincoln. Vendors accept Project Fresh coupons, bridge cards and offer Double Up Food Bucks on qualifying purchases. Available this week: Blueberries, raspberries, summer squash, hot and sweet peppers, potatoes, carrots, beets, cucumbers, garlic, garlic scapes, Swiss chard, kale, arugula, radicchio, lettuce, fresh herbs, eggs, hormone and antibiotic free grass fed and grain fed beef, snack sticks and brats, assorted white, wheat, and sweet breads, muffins, regular and sugar-free pies, cupcakes, cookies, quick breads, jams, dried herbs, perennials, cut flowers, handmade soaps, homemade laundry detergent, original artwork prints, pottery, and copper and beaded wind dancers and screen savers. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Cirque Amongus

Cirque Amongus presents a show filled with juggling, music, magic, comedy and more on Tuesday, July 29 at 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. People of all ages will be amazed and inspired at the performance which includes a lot of hands-on participation. For more information, call (989) 724-6796. This activity supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant program, administered by the Kirtland Community College Foundation.

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Crafts at Library Branches

Children ages three to 18 are invited to a drop-in craft activity on Wednesday, July 30 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library, or on Thursday, July 31 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Caledonia branch. Age-appropriate craft projects will be offered at each location. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday. Reservations not required for dinners served in Lincoln.

- Monday, July 28—Beef tips in gravy over noodles, cauliflower, fruit salad and fruit.

- Tuesday, July 29—Italian sausage on a bun with peppers and onions, pea salad, baby carrots and dip and fruit.

- Wednesday, July 30—Diced chicken and gravy over stuffing, Prince Charles blend vegetables, pickled beets, fruit and a cookie.

- Thursday, July 31—Fish, red parsley potatoes, Brussels sprouts and fruit.

- Friday, August 1—Herbed chicken, wild rice, peas, tossed salad and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

View Osprey in the Wild

Thunder Bay Audubon is sponsoring pontoon boat tours of Fletcher Pond to view osprey. Wildlife biologist and osprey expert, Sergej Postupalsky, will share his knowledge of the birds in the area. There are two tour dates and times available: Thursday, July 31 - the tour starts at approximately 6 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 1 - the tour begins at approximately 1p.m. Cost is \$12 per person for the pontoon ride on either day. The tour and accompanying events are weather related. If there is too much wind or a storm, the tour will be cancelled. Contact Linda at (989) 727-4703 no later than Monday, July 28 to make a reservation, get location and other related information. Participants do not have to be an Audubon member to attend. Wear appropriate clothing, and bring a camera, binoculars and rain gear.

Stairs Closed Temporarily

The wooden stairway that leads down to the AuSable River at Lumberman's Monument will be closed temporarily for reconstruction. The existing wooden steps will be completely removed and replaced with metal steps. Work is expected to begin in late July and last approximately six weeks. Visitors will not be

allowed to use the stairs at all during that time.

During the temporary closure, the rest of Lumberman's Monument will remain open to the public. All activities will continue as scheduled. For more information, call the monument at (989) 362-8961. Lumberman's Monument is a popular attraction along River Road Scenic Byway that traverses the Huron-Manistee National Forests along the AuSable River. This site is administered by the U.S. Forest Service, Huron Shores Ranger Station, in Oscoda.

AAACU Fundraising Efforts

Through the hard work of its employees and the generosity of its membership the Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) raised \$676.87 for the Alcona Firefighters Association. During the second quarter of 2014 the Lincoln branch chose to focus its efforts on the Alcona Firefighter's Association. The Lincoln office organized a candy bar sale, spring basket raffle and staff donated \$2 on Fridays to dress down in jeans and sneakers.

The Oscoda branch of AAACU chose the Iosco Relay for Life as its second quarter

fundraising effort. A total of \$2,347 was raised through candy bar and popcorn sales, raffles, monetary donations and dress down donations. Relay for Life is an event held by the American Cancer Society to help celebrate the lives of people who have or are battling cancer, remember loved ones lost and fight back against the disease. Funds raised during the relay event directly benefit cancer patients and their families.

The main office of AAACU raised \$2,160.55 for Friends Together Cancer Support Group during its second quarter fundraising effort. Employees of the main office in Alpena held several fundraising events including candy bar sales, raffles, dress down donations, paper helping hand sales and helping hand T-shirt sales. Friends Together helps individuals in the community who have been touched by cancer by offering support groups, assistance with transportation to medical appointments, community education events and an open door so no one goes through cancer alone.

AAACU serves members in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency and Iosco counties with eight locations.

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marathon observers with the second place finish in his AuSable Marathon debut last year. Walton is a hard charger who has seven top 10 finishes in nine AuSable appearances.

Ryan Halstead, 27, of Grayling, Mich., a past second place finisher, and Mathieu St-Pierre, 26, of Shawinigan, Quebec, Canada held second place last year until an injury forced them from the race. They are also expected to challenge the defending champs.

A record number of women - 23 -- are currently registered for the AuSable River Canoe Marathon, including three women's-division teams and 16 mixed-division teams. Among the record-tying 21 seniors-division (50 plus) teams entered are "Amazing" Al Widing Sr., 89, of Mio, Mich. and his son, Al Widing Jr., 61, of Linden, Mich. At a combined age of 150 years, they are the oldest team to ever compete in the marathon.

Amazing Al is a fan favorite and his example has served as an inspiration for many folks in all walks of life. He is racing in his record 41st AuSable Marathon, has more finishes (33) than any other paddler and he has crossed the finish line in six different decades.

AuSable Marathon Week opens with the Da\$H For Ca\$h at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22. The dash is a single-elimination, "drag-race" event held at the AuSable Finish Line Park in Oscoda, with a cash purse of

\$5,000. Teams sprint one quarter mile two-at-a-time, producing an evening of racing with a lot of photo finishes.

The Time Trial Sprints are held Wednesday, July 23 through Friday, July 25 at Penrod's Resort in Grayling, Mich. Similar to Sprint Cup or Indy Car qualifying, teams individually sprint a looped course downstream and back to score a time that determines their starting position for Saturday night's run to the river with their canoes that starts the AuSable Marathon.

The main event pre-race program kicks off at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 26, in Grayling, Mich. The race gets underway with the running start to the river signaled by the crack of the starter's pistol at 9 p.m. Thousands of fans will cheer on the racers throughout the night into the afternoon on Sunday, July 27. The leaders are expected to arrive at the finish line in Oscoda shortly after 11 a.m.; teams must finish within 19 hours (by 4 p.m.) to be considered an official finisher.

AuSable Marathon coverage, including frequent live updates throughout the race, will be carried in north central Michigan by WQON 100.3-FM and WGRY 101.1-FM, and, in northeast Michigan on HitsFM 94.9-FM and 103.3-FM.

For more information about the AuSable River Canoe Marathon see the AuSable River Canoe Marathon website - www.AuSableCanoeMarathon.org.

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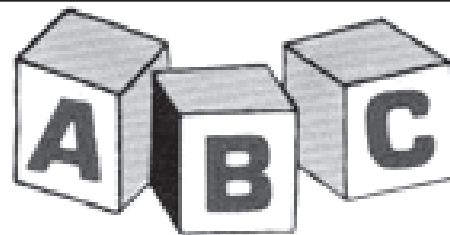
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Horseback Riding Accident

Local authorities were called to the scene of a horseback riding incident in the woods near Trask Lake Road west off of Poor Farm Road in Haynes Township on Saturday, July 17 around 5:15 p.m. Alcona County Sheriff Deputy Leonard Franklin and marine/ORV deputy Scott MacNeill, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) conservation officer Warren MacNeill, DNR fire officer Roger MacNeill and Alcona EMS personnel assisted in removing the injured rider, Renee Massaria, 47, a downstate resident, from the scene.

Massaria was located "approximately a half mile into the woods down a narrow foot trail," according to a report from the sheriff's department.

According to the report, Massaria was complaining of back and neck pain after being thrown from her horse while riding down a hill.

Marine/ORV deputy MacNeill utilized the off road vehicle to transport supplies and equipment back and forth from the scene of the accident.

After being stabilized, Massaria was eventually moved from the accident scene by the DNR patrol truck to the ambulance at around 6:30 p.m. She was taken to Tawas St. Joseph Hospital by Alcona EMS.

"This is the second time in as little as two weeks that our ATV has been useful in assisting law enforcement and medical responders in Alcona

County," said Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison.

Stolen Boat and Other Items

The Michigan State Police Alpena Post is asking for the public's assistance in solving a home invasion in Alpena Township. On June 26 troopers responded to a residence on Bear Point Road for a report of a home invasion that occurred some time between 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 25 and 11:45 a.m.

on Thursday, June 26.

During this break in, unknown suspects entered both the residence and a garage and stole several items including a 19 foot Sea Nymph boat and trailer, a craftsman 11 horse power dual stage snow blower, a matching Maytag washing machine and dryer, an orange Billy Goat walk behind leaf blower, a Bosch air finish nail gun, and various pieces of women's jewelry and animal figurines. Additionally, numerous fish-

ing rods, tackle boxes, lures and other types of fishing equipment were in the boat at the time of the theft.

At approximately 8 p.m. on June 25 a blue metallic flake Chevrolet Avalanche was observed in the driveway of this residence. The Avalanche had a white decal in the center of the rear window which curved downward at both ends. It also had a yellow decal on the driver's side rear window which was similar to the "Yellow Bird" brand

of fishing planer boards.

The MSP Alpena Post is requesting that anyone having information about this home invasion or the identity of the suspect or suspects involved, call Crime Stoppers at (800) 422-JAIL. The information will remain confidential and a caller may remain anonymous. Crime Stoppers will pay up to a \$1,000 reward for information that results in the capture of a wanted fugitive or assists in the solving of a criminal act.

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species such as minnows, darters, shiners and sculpin. They eat eggs of other fish species and small zebra mussels. They are adaptable fish that thrive in rocky substrate. They spawn three to four times a year, compared to native Michigan fish which only spawn once a year, so they can quickly overwhelm the native fishery.

The lake also has two small spots of invasive phragmites which HLSIA has contacted Huron Pines to treat. Kraft said Huron Pines assisted in treating Japanese knotweed on the lake last year.

"One boat wash lesson isn't going to stop the spread of invasive species occurring, but it's all the education that goes along with it. We need to educate boaters on how to clean, drain and dry their boats and fishing equipment," Kraft said.

HLSIA is hoping to attract boaters from all over northern Michigan to the boat wash event, because it is the boats

which go from one lake to another which do the spreading of invasive species.

Kraft said the event day was just another step in researching the feasibility of having a permanent boat wash facility at Hubbard Lake.


HLSIA first conducted a boat launch survey of lake users last year on July 4. Kraft said from the survey they were able to find out who washes their boats and who doesn't and where they bring their boats from. HLSIA has also visited the permanent boat wash at Higgins Lake and met with the DNR, and a contact from Paradise Lake.

Kraft said, "The permanent facility will cost about \$70,000, but the state of Michigan is appropriating more funds for aquatic species control. HLSIA wants to be prepared so when monies become available for a permanent facility we can act on it."

Event partners will include the Michigan Department of Environment Quality (DEQ) who will be bringing its \$20,000 portable boat wash along with Michigan State University interns to demonstrate. Also attending will be Huron Pines AmeriCorp members who will be operating their portable boat wash unit. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service representatives will be on hand to show samples

of aquatic invasive species. Free handouts and giveaways will be distributed to boaters as supplies last.

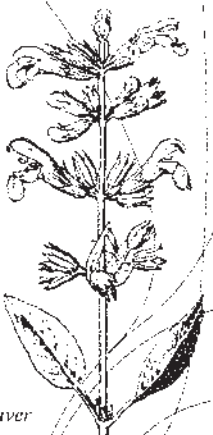
For more information about HLSIA, contact Bob Haase at (989) 727-2793 or Gerry Kraft at (989) 884-4287 or visit the website at www.HLSIA.com. For more information about stopping aquatic hitchhikers, visit www.ProtectYourWaters.net or www.WildlifeForever.org.



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Conservative Senior

Dear Conservative,
There are actually quite a few senior advocacy organizations out there promoting themselves as conservative alternatives to AARP.

While AARP, with a membership of almost 38 million, is by far the biggest and most powerful advocacy group for people age 50 and older, there are millions of older Americans that don't like or agree with their stance on various issues. Many believe AARP leans too far to the left despite its stated nonpartisan nature.

For seniors that are anti-AARP, there are numerous conservative leaning groups

that you can join that may better represent your views, and most of them offer discount benefits too. Here are several to look into.

- **The Seniors Coalition:** Established in 1990, this non-profit organization has around four million supporters. Its key issues are to protect Social Security benefits, save Medicare, repeal Obamacare, eliminate the death tax and reform the Social Security COLA system. Members also get access to deals on travel, shopping, car insurance and a discount healthcare program. Annual membership fees to join run \$10 for one person, or \$13.50 per couple. To learn more visit Senior.org, or call (202) 261-3594.

- **60 Plus Association:** Established in 1992, this non-profit group that claims over 7.2 million supporters, believes in smaller government and lower taxes. Its top priorities include the fight to end the inheritance tax, and taking steps to help save Social

Security for future generations. There's no membership fee to join 60 Plus, but they do take donations for those who want to support its effort. It also doesn't offer discounts to their members. 60plus.org, (703) 807-2070.

- **American Seniors Association:** Open to all ages, this for-profit group stands on what it calls the five foundations of security for America's seniors. These include rebuilding the national values respecting seniors, Social Security and Medicare reform, tax code reform, and control of government overspending. Fees to join run \$15 per year, and members receive access to a variety of discounts on travel, health care, office supplies and more. AmericanSeniors.org, (800) 951-0017.

- **Association of Mature American Citizens:** With more than one million members, this for-profit organization was started in 2007 for people age 50 and older. Its mission is to



Savvy Senior

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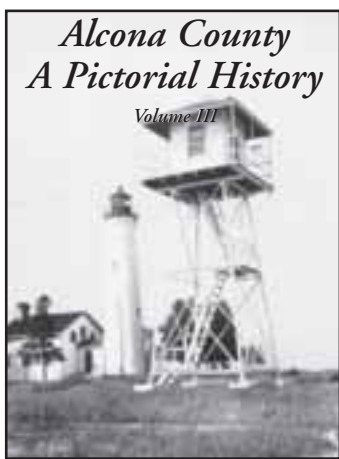
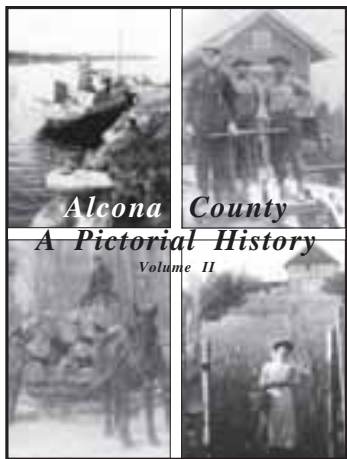
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**Tanker fire truck delivery
last item on chief's to do list**

**By Cheryl Peterson
Editor**

The air breaks released and the 3,000 gallon tanker fire truck made a wide turn from Bamfield Road onto M-65. Accelerating, the 350 horse power engine steadily climbed through gears.

The driver watched the road and several indicators on the dash as the fire truck traveled north on the two lane highway. There wasn't a fire to get to. This was the first time Curtis Township Fire Chief Jack Roberts had driven the new fire truck which had been delivered the day before.

As he talked about getting the truck after township voters approved a millage which paid for it, he listened to the engine and changing gears while getting to know the vehicle. His pleasure was evident.

The delivery of the new fire truck marked the conclusion of Roberts' tenure as the township fire chief. Roberts' goal before he retired was to see delivery of it and delayed his retirement for several weeks to meet that goal.

His first time driving the new truck was also his last time. Roberts retired on Sunday, July 20 two days after it

was delivered.

"We are all happy that it's here," Roberts said as he pulled into a roadside turnaround. "It's something the township needed, the department needed and our mutual aid partners needed. It's obviously going to be more dependable because it's new."

Roberts would know about dependability - both in vehicles and in him. He joined the Curtis Township Fire Department in the spring of 1990 and was the first chief appointed by the township board roughly a year later.

Roberts was born in Detroit, Mich. in 1929 and lived in the Livonia, Mich. area for many years. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War for one year and 10 months and worked as an aircraft mechanic in light aviation. Following his military service he was hired by Ford Motor Company and worked as a tool maker in advanced engine development. "We were three to four years ahead of production," Roberts said. He retired as a supervisor after 37 years.

He and his wife, Kathleen, moved to Glennie the same day he retired in September 1989. They had been coming to Glennie, camping at the



Jack Roberts

campground at Alcona Pond for about 17 years prior to making their permanent move into a home they had purchased a few years before. The couple celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in June.

"I loved my job. It was great. I miss my job, but not the hassle... it was the traffic that was aggravating," Roberts said. He was involved with the Salem, Mich. fire department for 23 years and was on the Ford Motor Company auxiliary for roughly eight years. He also taught CPR and first aid to Ford employees.

When he wasn't working, teaching or fighting fires, Roberts was working on large equipment out of his own garage. Working on large equipment is something he still does. Roberts works up to five days a week as a private mechanic working on large equipment.

While he has enjoyed serving on the two fire departments over the years and will probably miss some aspects of it, he won't miss other aspects.

"I think it's always been rewarding that we are helping people," Roberts said. "This required a lot of my time ... keeping the balls in the air and keeping the trucks and equipment running. I won't miss the late or missed meals, getting up in the middle of the night to go out into all kinds of weather."

"I want to thank the firefighters who are responsible and dependable. I commend all firefighters who accept this duty and responsibility and all of the fire families who support them. It's an involvement. It takes a lot of time from training involved and beyond. It's a commitment, a large commitment. One mistake and you can be burying a body," Roberts said.

He is also thankful for the support and assistance he's received from Judy Fall who was the assistant fire chief for several years prior to moving away from the community. Roberts said they were a good team. "Between the two of us we were able to get over \$400,000 in grants (federal and state) including one for the pumper that cost \$198,000," Roberts said.

Tony Barnes officially took over the position of Curtis



Barton City Fire Chief Rodney Cordes (left) presents Jack Roberts with a plaque from the Alcona County Fire Fighters Association in recognition of his 24 years of service. *Courtesy photo.*

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Beautiful woods with 24x28 gambrel cabin that is wired for a generator, also has some solar and gas lights, and 3 storage buildings. Property borders federal land and is only 1-2 minutes from the statewide snowmobile trail system. Large bucks have been killed here. **Price: \$89,900. #1349**



Beautiful 28.75 acre parcel on high ground with mixed hardwoods and conifers. Three hunting blinds and trails throughout. Home comes with a 12x60 manufactured home that is in excellent condition w/a steel roof and a 12x38 deck. Additionally, there is a 36x56 pole barn with a partitioned off workshop and concrete floor. **Price: \$78,900. #2655**



This custom built home on 14+ acres is first class quality and workmanship. It has features too numerous to mention. Lake Huron views from every room. Home has beautiful décor inside and out and a landscaped yard to die for. Yard also includes a lawn sprinkler system, 2 ponds, and a 36 x 60 pole barn. **Price: \$379,900. #2549**



Classy 3 bedroom brick ranch, 2,150 sq. ft. of modern décor located on 80 acres of prime deer and turkey hunting. Home features a beautiful kitchen with stainless steel appliances, breakfast nook, island, and a spacious den with gas log fireplace, large living room, formal dining room, full basement with 9 ft. ceilings, and a ground level laundry room. **Price: \$299,900. #2571**



Beautiful first class home with hardwood floors throughout, custom cabinetry, Corian countertops, fireplace, whole house generator, central vac., central air, finished heated garage, this home has it all and with 3,100 sq. ft. there is room for the whole family to enjoy. **Price: \$279,900. #2633**



This well maintained 3 bedroom, 2 full bath home has many great features to offer. Plenty of room and nice floor plan with the large (10x22) kitchen and dining area combined leading to the adorable enclosed and finished summer porch with ceramic tile floor, sliding door leading to back yard, many windows to enjoy the breeze, and a nice view of the all sports Brownlee Lake across the road. All appliances will remain with the home. **Price: \$76,900. #2779**



9.22 acres, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, close to town and Brownlee Lake access. Home additionally includes updated energy efficient furnace, water heater, roof, doors, and garage door opener. Includes natural gas, high-speed Internet, stove, refrigerator, washer, dryer, freezer, and dishwasher, coved ceilings, hardwood floors, and arched doorway all contribute to this unique, very desirable home. **Price: \$78,900. #2780**



What a view!!! Cute 2 bedroom home with a GREAT view of the Lake that has access just down the road! The upstairs bedroom is one big open room that has a double bed on one side and 2 twin beds on the other. Some of the furnishings are negotiable. Sit on the side deck and enjoy a cup of coffee looking at the beautiful view of the lake! This one won't last long!! **Price: \$55,900. #2772**



Reduced! Seller very motivated! Well-maintained 3 bedroom, 1/2 bath ranch on 2 lots just outside village limits. Home boasts care and craftsmanship throughout with hardwood floors in kitchen and dining area. Unique arched recesses in the walls of the hallway. The 2 car attached garage has an upstairs workshop. **Price: \$77,900. #2312**



Charming, partially remodeled country home on 6+ acres. Great location just 1 1/2 miles NW of Lincoln, and enough room for horses or a small hobby farm. This home is full of potential and the property has an abundance of wildlife. **Price: \$59,900. #2664**



Wonderful, quiet northeast MI resort area. Only a stone's throw to Lake Huron. Chalet style home tucked into a desirable wooded subdivision setting with 4 lots. Property also includes a 20x20 workshop, and a 16x24 gambrel shed. **Price: \$59,900. #2615**



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



Everything about this home shows pride in ownership. The yard, grounds, and landscaping are immaculate. Two 12x18 additions make this manufactured, well-kept home a great package you must see to appreciate. "Owner financing available with 25% down". **Price: \$55,900. #2643**



Great country location just north of Oscoda, west of F-41. Home includes 5 wooded acres with all kinds of wildlife. This one even has a small creek that runs through. Recently remodeled with custom cabinetry, countertops, bathroom, and floor coverings. Priced to sell!!! **Price: \$74,900. #2651**



Location, location, great location with natural gas, high-speed cable connection and cable TV on F-41. Front portion is in a hay crop, back portion is great hunting woods. Owner financing and smaller divisions are available (20 acres), also additional acreage available (40 acres). **Price \$69,900. #1355**



Property in great location, close to town yet still has plenty of privacy. Short walk to Jewell Lake, boat access, and downtown Barton City. Adjacent to Huron National Forest with ATV, snowmobile and hiking trails nearby. **Price: \$42,900. #2621**



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



Priced right and in a great location with this partially wooded 5.5 +/- acre parcel and possible building site located just outside of Harrisville on M-71, yet close enough to town to enjoy all the amenities. Harrisville has to offer. Property has been surveyed. **Price: \$16,000. #1352**



Nice wooded parcel for building site or recreational purposes, close to all sports Hubbard Lake and White Pine National Golf Course. Property has been surveyed. County maintained paved road. Broker owned. **Price: \$21,900. #1277**



Hunt, build, farm, or do all three on this 50 acres located on Quick and Gehres roads, NW of Lincoln. Approximately 50% is open and tillable, and the other 50% offers excellent deer, turkey, and small game hunting. Property has frontage on two county maintained roads allowing many options and year-round use. **Price: \$59,900. #1253**



Great package for hunting and recreation. Small recently built elevated cabin with porta potty room. Three elevated and 2 ground blinds strategically located amongst trails and food plots. Ready to hunt. **Price: \$64,900. #1326**

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Experiencing Alcona's Relay for Life

By Carlee Campbell
Staff Writer

There's a phrase I hear a lot. It goes something like "everyone knows someone who has or had cancer." I thought about this frequently during the time I spent at the Alcona Relay For Life event last Friday.

For those who are unfamiliar, Relay For Life is usually a 12 to 24 hour event where people or teams of people walk in support of cancer research for the entire time, usually taking shifts.

At my university, it is a very big deal with all types of registered student organizations that participate. There's music, games and booths where you can buy snacks or do crafts. The money all goes to the American Cancer Society.

This year marked the 11th annual Relay For Life for Alcona County. It was held at the Alcona High School track in Lincoln. Of course, it was smaller than what I had done in the past, but that's what made it so much more powerful.

From the moment I stepped onto the track at 6 p.m., I knew that it was going to be a

completely different experience. A small crowd gathered in front of the sound booth while committee members in bright blue shirts opened the event with the purpose and the end goal.

A woman named Diane Rigato gave a moving speech about her battle with cancer as a young mother and as a woman with grandchildren. Her two different diagnosis were 34 years apart. But she caught both early and had surgery soon enough so that she was quickly back in remission. The memory still haunts her, though. "You're never free of that thought that anything can happen," she said.

After her speech, a survivors lap commenced with men and women in purple shirts with "survivor" on their backs walking around the track.

The moment that struck me the most was the benefactor lap, where everyone walked together. Through this, I saw tears and people holding onto one another for physical and emotional support.

What separated my university's relay from Alcona's was that every single

person walking had a reason to be there, they were there purely by choice because they were effected by the horrible disease that plagues people in so many different forms and without regard to age, gender, or race.

After the somber kick off, the atmosphere turned up-beat with peppy music playing and spirits lifting. I continued to study the participants and committee members. It's a rule that a member from every team signed up for Relay must be walking at all times. Many people walked in groups laughing and talking, others walked or ran alone, their minds occupied with thoughts. Committee members raced around to put together the upcoming activities and challenges that were offered periodically.

During this time, the name "Nancy" was mentioned frequently. At first I didn't think much of it until I noticed it everywhere. It was written in permanent marker on the back of the committee's shirts and uttered by many members of the crowd during the opening ceremony. A walk along the track to the far end

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Township Fire Chief on Monday. "I've already told Tony that I'll be turning in the rest of my equipment with my key on Monday. Then I will be completely finished with the fire department. He's been a big help since he's been assistant fire chief. He will do

just fine." As for Roberts, he plans to "Keep doing what I'm doing until something changes... and instead of going to the fire hall each morning for an hour or more to deal with fire department business, he will "just get to work earlier which will make my boss happy."

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showed a small shrine with banners and purple feet taped to the fence with an "In memory of Nancy" sign.

After a few hours of observing and asking around, I finally found out who "Nancy" was.

Nancy Schisler was a cancer survivor and a great supporter of Relay For Life and an active member of her community. As many people told me "she lived for this event." Sadly, Nancy passed away

the day before Relay on July 17.

In my ignorance, I assumed that she was closest to the Relay committee. Again, I discovered she was so much more.

As the sun set and the sky darkened, people began gathering under one of the large white tents on the grass. Tables were filled with decorated white paper bags. Women smashed wooden bricks together to remove old candle wax. They placed a candle in the center of the holder and put them into the bottom of the bags. The bags were placed around the inside of the track as a border.

When it was dark enough, each candle was lit and the stadium lights were turned off. The crowd gathered in front of the sound booth once again for the "luminerie ceremony." As I slowly walked around the track, I stopped to read the homemade lanterns. About halfway around, I noticed one with Nancy's name on it. Ten steps later, there was another.

As the team captains of the relay groups took the microphone to read off the names for their lanterns, Nancy's



The opening ceremony ends and the relay officially begins with the beneficiaries lap around the Alcona High School Track in Lincoln. *Photos by Carlee Campbell.*



Lap beads were available for relayers to add to a necklace in order to keep track of the number of laps they walked or ran during the 18-hour event.

name was uttered one or more time for every group. Later, I spoke to a woman at the admissions table who told me Nancy's story on the brink of tears.

I had never met Nancy, but through her friends and colleagues, I felt like I knew her. When I walked a lap or two talking to different people and taking pictures, she was constantly on my mind.

During the Luminerie Ceremony, when I heard her name, I began taking a closer look at the lanterns. There were so many of them. Though some of them were dedicated to the same people, if you put those names aside, there were still so many

people who lost their battle to cancer. And with quiet sniffing and tears in the darkness I was reminded of how many people this disease affects.

After that walk of silence and the stadium lights returned, it was a slow start back to the upbeat music and laughter from groups. But even with smiles on their faces, I could see the pain that still lurked behind their eyes. These victims of loss and these survivors of this vicious disease were so much stronger than I could ever be and made this Relay For Life one I will never forget.

This year's goal was \$10,000 and so far \$8,808 of

it has been raised. Donations can still be made until the end of August. Donations can be made online at www.relayforlife.org (click on "Find an Event" and type in Alcona or a local ZIP code) or by mailing a check, made out to the American Cancer Society, 3850 E. Quick, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. For more information, call Veronica Brown at (989) 335-0844.

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Alpena CRTC hosts Maverick Strike 2014, Navy Pilot Training events

It has been an active summer at the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center (CRTC). It began with four Air National Guard units from Michigan, Indiana, Maryland, and New York, and a U.S. Navy Special Warfare Detachment, gathering June 16 - 20 to participate in Maverick Strike 2014. Maverick Strike 2014 is an air to surface training exercise that emphasizes employment of weapons in an over water

environment.

According to Major Andrew A. Apsey, director of the CRTC Operations Group, Maverick Strike is unique to the Alpena Combat Readiness Training Center (Alpena CRTC) as it is the only area east of the Mississippi where this type of training can be accomplished. The focus of this exercise was to provide Air National Guard (ANG) aircrews with tactically based requirements that are very

difficult to meet.

"Maverick Strike is a critically needed exercise for our country's aircrews. This type of training often goes unaccomplished, and it is almost unheard of to actually engage targets on the water. The ANG and Navy working together is often unaccomplished, especially during these very difficult fiscal times," Apsey said.

"Often the first time these young men and women work

jointly are during actual combat operations. This event is one of a kind and the benefit to the warfighters is huge. That is why I'm very proud of the CRTC and the surrounding communities for their hard work and support of this event," he said.

"I did field many phone calls from concerned citizens, as did many other state and local agencies in the area. I returned calls to as many folks as I could to personally

explain the situation, along with calls to law enforcement. I'm happy to explain these situations and listen to the concerns, unfortunately it is not always possible to get back to everyone."

A Joint Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training (JSUPT) Large Force Exercise is being conducted from July 12 through July 25. The purpose of this event is to fulfill training requirements for the U.S. Air Force, ANG, U.S. Navy and U.S. Marine Corps undergraduate pilots.

"Clearly there is a significant increase in flying activity during the weeks of July 12-25, and I can assure you that the participating aircraft in this exercise are operating within the confines of the designated airspace," Apsey said.

Additionally, aircraft are operating at speeds and altitudes consistent with standard procedures and technical orders. Operational risk management is accomplished daily to ensure that the increased traffic is managed in a safe and efficient manner. The sounds generated by the aircraft are measured with noise dosimeters, and indicate personal exposure levels are below 80dBa. This is in accordance with 29 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) 1910.95 and Air Force Occupational Safety and Health (AFOSH) 48-20, Apsey explained.

"The CRTC and the Air Space Complex that surrounds us is, in my opinion, a national treasure. I am very proud of the CRTC, and the people of northern eastern Michigan. Your overall support has a direct impact on the training and readiness of our men and women that are sent into harm's way," Apsey said. "We will make a significant effort to do a better job of advising the public and promoting our exercises through local media outlets, and improve information sharing for our fellow citizens in the future."

He said the CRTC's next big event is Northern Strike, which will be conducted from August 2 through August 24.

Northern Strike is an Air National Guard sponsored training exercise emphasizing air-to-ground operations. This training will prepare personnel to conduct direct combat operations in today's ever-changing environment."

Area Church Directory

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



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

Haynes Community Church

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

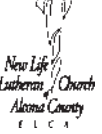
Family Heritage Baptist Church

4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)
Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org.
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).



BREAK THE CHAINS OF ADDICTION
Reformers Unanimous International
A Christ centered addictions program.
Meeting at Family Heritage Baptist Church
Every Friday Night at 7 p.m.
Including Nursery and Children's Programs
For more information call 724-6019 or visit www.reformu.com

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



First Baptist Church of Lincoln

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

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)



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



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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



Spruce Presbyterian Church

Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464
Worship 9 a.m.
Rev. Karen Thompson, Wednesday office hours 1 - 4 p.m.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF GOD

158 N. Barlow Road., Harrisville • (989) 736-6350
Pastor Edward Morrison • Full Gospel
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday

GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH 739-3424

EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN EPC REFORMED & PRESBYTERIAN
WWW.GRACE-EPC.ORG - GRACEONTHEBASE@GMAIL.COM
Sun. a.m. worship 10:45 Sunday school 9:30
Teaching Elder Rev. Dale Robertson MDV
Revelation 22:21 The Grace of the Lord Jesus Be With All, A Men.



United Methodist Church

Glennie at 8:30 am (3170 M-65)
Lincoln at 9:45 am (101 E. Main St.)
Harrisville at 11:15 am (217 N. State St.)
Handicap accessible • Everyone is welcome
Rev. Linda Jo Powers • (989) 724-3033 (h) • E-mail: pastorlindajo@charter.net

LOTT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 4257 State Rd. Glennie
Sunday morning service 11 a.m. (989)735-3771.
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
Phone: (989) 739-5497 • E-mail: cwsheldon1@yahoo.com

ALCONA COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

ST. RAPHAEL, Mikado, Saturday 4:30 p.m.
ST. GABRIEL, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.
ST. CATHERINE (Ossineke) Sunday 9 a.m.
ST. ANNE, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.
Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.



201 N. Second at Jefferson, Harrisville
Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
9:45 a.m. Adult Class • Worship & Sunday School ~ 11 a.m.
Wednesday office hours 9 a.m. - noon
Rev. Karen Thompson ~ 724-6734

Spruce Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

COMMUNITY OF CHRIST

Church School 10 a.m. ~ Worship 11 a.m.
3155 E. F-30, Mikado MI • Church 736-8727
Pastor Char McGuire • 736-3486



Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook
Glorious Water
It's July, and it's hot. Birds aren't the only things that need water to drink. I have seen other creatures with wings, like bees and dragonflies, sipping water from birdbaths. So keep those birdbaths clean and filled with fresh water. It'll keep everyone happy and cool.



Calendar of Events



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Alcona FFA Chapter. For more information or to register, call Anne at (989) 736-8197.

My Brother's Hope Free Store will re-open at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school) from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

The public is invited to attend a 4-H Expo from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Alcona County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) on Barlow Road in Lincoln. This free event will include club displays, games, children's book giveaway, and a hot dog lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. For more information, call Les Thomas at (989) 724-6478.

MONDAY, JULY 28

The Alcona County Republican Party will meet at 7 p.m. at the Alcona Township Hall, 5576 North US-23, Black River.

A Walk with Ease program will be held at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. The group will meet upstairs. Indoor or outdoor walking depending on the weather. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

TUESDAY, JULY 29

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.

Kid's Day! Learn how to balance the needs of plants, animals and people when making decisions on how a forest will be used. A forestry conservation program will be held at 1 p.m. at Lumbermans Monument, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road. Dress appropriately for a short hike. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

Enjoy a show filled with juggling, music, magic, comedy and more presented by Cirque Amongus at 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

A Walk with Ease program will be held at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. The group will meet upstairs. Indoor or outdoor walking depending on the weather. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Part one of the documentary "Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide" will be moderated by Matt Dunckel in a two part series from 6 to 8 p.m. at New Life Lutheran Church, 25 East Kirche in the Woods, six miles north of M-72 on Hubbard Lake Road. There is no charge to attend this program and the public is welcome.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 30

Drop in Craft for children and teens from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library, 330 Traverse Bay Road. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Enjoy live music on the edge of Lake Huron with the annual summer concert series at the Harrisville Harbor. The concert featuring the Wade Corpus Band begins at 7 p.m. Seating is on the lawn. For your own comfort, bring chairs or blankets. Donations

will be accepted. For more information, contact the City of Harrisville at (989) 724-6666.

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.

Contemporary mystery writer Peg Herring will be the guest speaker at the Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Road, Glennie at 3 p.m. Refreshments, book giveaways and personalized copies of the author's books will be available.

General Motors Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Sanctu-

ary Inn, 1000 US-23 North, Alpena. Beach Hall will present "Chattanooga-the Civil War Battle" and have Civil War weapons on display. Reservations required. Contact Chuck Griffin (989) 727-3350, or Don Cantleberry (989) 354-5504, for more info.

THURSDAY, JULY 31

Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

SAVE THE DATE FOR YOUTH APPRECIATION DAY!

When: Wednesday, August 6th from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Where: JJ's Awesome Acres ~ 1120 US-23 South, Alpena

What: Wristbands available for the first 400 kids to play mini golf, ride the bumper boats and race go carts. Games, prizes* and face painting.

**Grand prizes for members of HPC Credit Union only.*

1234 W. Chisholm St. • 150 S. Ripley Blvd., Alpena (989) 354-4698 • www.hpccu.com

Alcona Review Weather Report July 23, 2014

Seven Day Forecast

- WEDNESDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 70 Low: 56
- THURSDAY**
Sunny
High: 69 Low: 56
- FRIDAY**
Sunny
High: 74 Low: 58
- SATURDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 74 Low: 60
- SUNDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 75 Low: 60
- MONDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 71 Low: 59
- TUESDAY**
Isolated T-storms
High: 75 Low: 57

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 70°, humidity of 64%. North wind 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 93° set in 1987. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 56°. North wind 10 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 42° set in 1981.

*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	80	47	79/55	0.22"
Tuesday	68	54	79/55	1.44"
Wednesday	72	53	79/55	0.00"
Thursday	76	50	79/55	0.00"
Friday	79	48	80/55	0.00"
Saturday	78	49	80/55	0.00"
Sunday	76	50	80/55	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 7/26	Wednesday: 6:10 a.m.	9:08 p.m.	3:29 a.m.	6:36 p.m.
Thursday: 6:11 a.m.	9:07 p.m.	4:19 a.m.	7:21 p.m.	
Friday: 6:12 a.m.	9:06 p.m.	5:12 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	
Saturday: 6:13 a.m.	9:05 p.m.	6:07 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	
First 8/3	Sunday: 6:14 a.m.	9:04 p.m.	7:04 a.m.	9:08 p.m.
Monday: 6:16 a.m.	9:03 p.m.	8:02 a.m.	9:37 p.m.	
Tuesday: 6:17 a.m.	9:02 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	10:05 p.m.	

Local UV Index

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

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered thunderstorms today and Thursday, partly cloudy to cloudy skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 93° in Lawrenceville, Ill. The Southeast will see widespread thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 98° in Smyrna, Tenn. The Northwest will see isolated showers today and Thursday, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 99° in South Big Horn, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 115° in Gila Bend, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	4:49 a.m.	8:10 p.m.
Venus	4:12 a.m.	7:37 p.m.
Mars	1:58 p.m.	12:30 a.m.
Jupiter	6:15 a.m.	9:11 p.m.
Saturn	3:23 p.m.	1:33 a.m.
Uranus	12:05 a.m.	12:56 p.m.

Weather History

July 23, 1788 - A weather diary kept by George Washington recorded that the center of a hurricane passed directly over his Mount Vernon home. The hurricane crossed eastern North Carolina and Virginia before moving into the central Appalachian Mountains.

Weather Trivia

Do hurricanes develop over the equator?

?

Answer: No. The Coriolis Force is too weak to allow their development.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Extreme Sun and Moon Distances Revealed

I have always been interested in eclipses of the sun and the moon and make it a point to discuss these phenomena with my classes in much greater detail than most astronomy teachers. My reasons are simple. They involve the precise alignment of the two most important astronomical bodies in the sky, the sun and the moon; but more importantly, they are strikingly beautiful events which seem to never repeat themselves in the exactly the same manner. So seeing one total lunar eclipse (moon hides in the Earth's shadow) or one total solar eclipse (moon hides the sun) may not be enough to satisfy the artistic palette, but I try not to get too fanatical here. The curiosity of eclipses in our Earth-moon-sun system is the fact that the ratios of the sizes of the sun and the moon are inversely proportional to their distances from the Earth. Simply put, the sun is about 400 times the diameter of the moon, but the sun is also about 400 times more distant from Earth than the moon. This makes sun and moon appear virtually the same size at their average distances from our planet. The fact that both Earth and moon revolve around their respective bodies in oval-shaped orbits creates conditions where central solar eclipses do not have to be total. The center of the moon could pass in front of the center of the sun, but the moon could be too far from Earth, and therefore, too small in angular size to cover the sun completely. A ringed or annular eclipse would be the result. These changes in the angular diameter of the sun and the moon cannot be seen with the unaided eye, but they can be witnessed using the same camera-telescope combination with images taken when the sun and the moon are at their extreme near and far distances. I recently completed this multiyear project by photographing the sun on July 3 at its greatest distance from Earth. Compare the extreme sun-moon distances at the URL below. Click on "this week's StarWatch." www.astronomy.org

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Dollars And Sense

By David Uffington

Back-to-school savings

"Back-to-school shopping" ... the phrase sends shivers of dread down the spines of most parents. While some expenditures can't be avoided, planning can go a long way toward minimizing the damage to your wallet. Here are eight ways to save:

1) Step one, as always, is to create a budget. What can you reasonably spend per child, both now and in the months to come?

2) Before you start spending, make lists: What do you have, and what do you need? Go through closets and see what can be worn (at least for a few months) when school starts.

3) Start reading the inserts in the paper now. Your school likely will have produced its "must have" supply list for each grade. But before you buy a single pencil, look at what's left over from last year,

and incorporate those items into your planning. Look at the dollar-type stores for consumables like paper, pens and erasers. Try to get enough for the whole year if you find bargains. But beware: Some stores will have a few items priced for less on loss leaders to get you into the store, where they hope you'll do all your shopping.

4) Buy enough to get them through the first few days with new outfits, not the whole winter. After the first week, your children will see what the others are wearing, and you might find items coming on sale at that point.

5) Save those receipts. Sometimes an item will go on sale after you've bought it. With receipt in hand, you might get a refund from the store.

6) Backpacks are expensive. See if a few stitches here and there on a beat-up backpack,

as well as a few colorful sew-on patches, will make it serviceable again.

7) Make use of Goodwill, Salvation Army and other charity shops. The younger the child, the more you're likely to get away with this. Once children reach middle school, they become more aware of fashions and want to dress like their peers. Still, with careful shopping you can net real bargains. If you need heavy winter coats, this is the place to look, as coat styles don't change as radically from year to year.

8) If older children want expensive name brands, insist that they pitch in on the cost. Once they learn they can get four pairs of jeans for the cost of one expensive pair, they might change their mind.

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Super Crossword



Veterans Post

By Greddy Groves

Burial benefit just got easier

As of July 2014, surviving spouses no longer need to apply for burial benefits after the death of a veteran. It used to be that survivors had to submit receipts and forms after the burial of a veteran, and then wait for the reimbursement check. The amounts were small: \$300 for a non-service-connected death, and \$2,000 if it was service-connected.

Now, as the Department of Veterans Affairs tries to cut back on the number of claims it processes, the authorized amounts will be paid automatically once it's notified of a veteran's death. Unfortunately, the amounts will remain the same.

The veteran still will be eligible for other benefits. A headstone (granite or marble) or marker (granite, marble, bronze) will be provided at no cost, but there is likely to be a cost for placement if it's not a national cemetery. A medallion can be provided to attach to a headstone that was privately purchased at a civilian cemetery. For questions or to

check status of headstone applications, you can call 1-800-697-6947. Survivors also can apply to receive a keepsake burial flag.

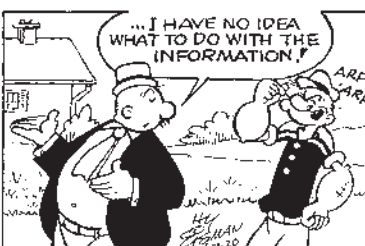
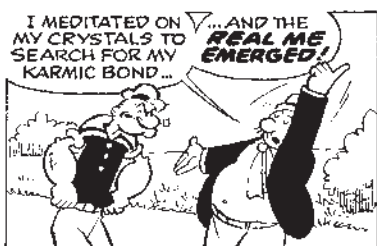
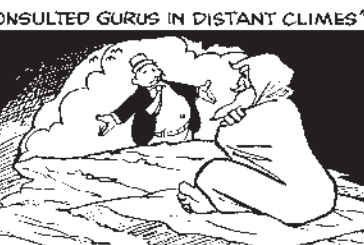
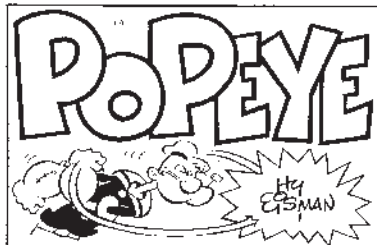
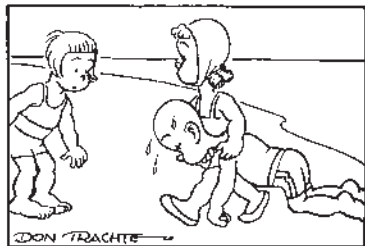
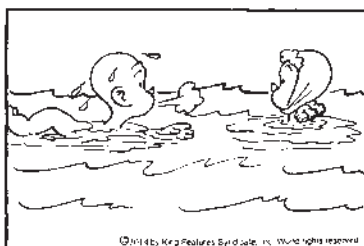
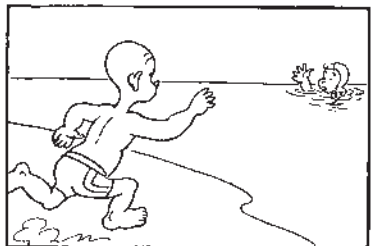
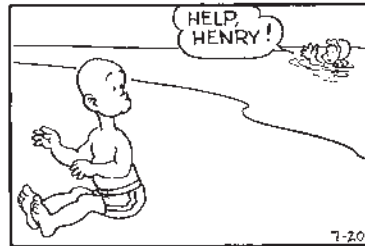
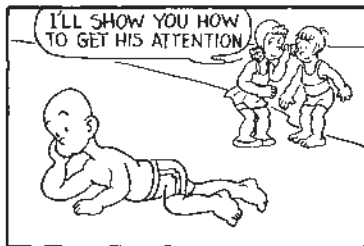
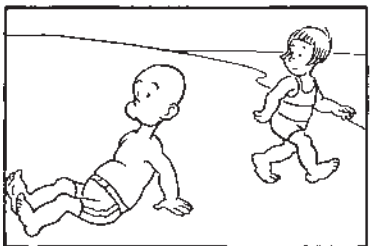
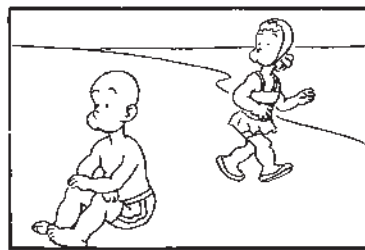
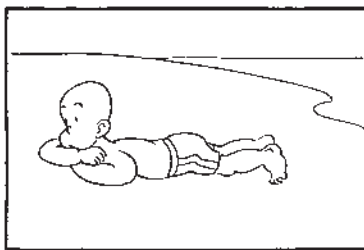
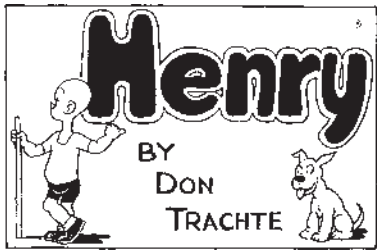
This year, the VA estimates it will pay the benefit to 62,000 surviving spouses.

If you're a surviving spouse, a funeral director will typically take on the task of notifying the VA and Social Security, but don't take that for granted. Ask.

To find the nearest VA state or national cemetery, go online to www.cem.va.gov. You'll find more information about burial benefits and eligibility for burial in a national VA cemetery. To reach the National Cemetery Scheduling Office, call 1-866-900-6417. Call 1-800-535-1117 for follow-ups.

A printable .PDF file of information about national cemeteries can be found at the above Web address. Look for IS1_Jan_2011.pdf.

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SCRAMBLERS

Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag!



- Obsess
- TEAFX
- Tally
- OSCR
- Scare
- FIRTYPE
- Entire
- LOTTA

TODAY'S WORD

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** What sea lies just west of Rome, Italy?
2. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the average lifespan of an adult housefly?
3. **MOVIES:** What 1999 movie with Brad Pitt featured the tagline "Mischievous Mayhem. Soap."?
4. **MEASURES:** How much beer would a firkin hold?
5. **MYTHOLOGY:** What area of life did the Roman goddess Discordia rule?
6. **BIBLE:** Which one of the Ten Commandments forbids coveting?
7. **U.S. CITIES:** What is the capital of Vermont?
8. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is North Korea's basic currency?
9. **HUMAN ANATOMY:** Where are the tarsi located?
10. **LITERATURE:** What famous author went by the pseudonym of "Boz"?

Answers: 1. Tyrrhenian Sea; 2. Two to four weeks; 3. "Fight Club"; 4. About 9 gallons; 5. Strife; 6. Tenth Commandment; 7. Montpelier; 8. The won; 9. Ankles; 10. Charles Dickens (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

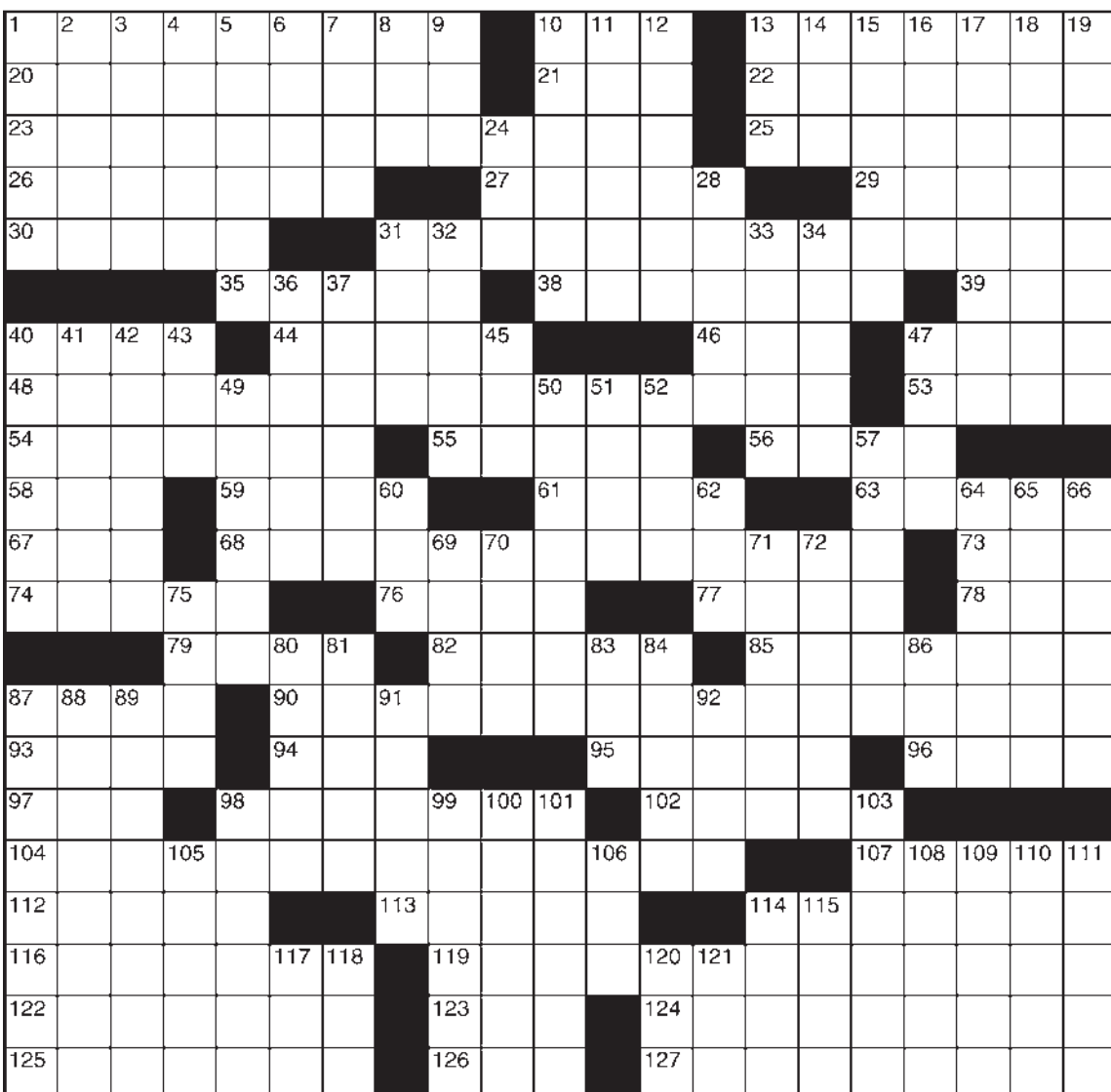
- On Aug. 10, 1793, after more than two centuries as a royal palace, the Louvre is opened as a public museum in Paris by the French revolutionary government. The Louvre palace was begun by King Francis I in 1546 on the site of a 12th-century fortress built by King Philip II. Today the Louvre contains artwork and artifacts representative of 11,000 years of human civilization and culture.
- On Aug. 6, 1902, Arthur Flegenheimer, who will go on to become one of New York's most feared criminals under the name "Dutch Schultz," is born. Years later, Schultz was one of the biggest gangsters in New York, employing as many as 100 gunmen to enforce his rackets.
- On Aug. 4, 1927, the Father of Country Music, Jimmie Rodgers, is recorded for the very first time during the legendary Bristol Sessions. Rodgers cut two test recordings, "The Soldier's Sweetheart" and "Sleep, Baby, Sleep."
- On Aug. 8, 1942, six German saboteurs who secretly entered the United States on a mission to attack its infrastructure are executed for spying. On June 12, the German team had buried explosives Long Island to use later. On July 18, a second team had successfully landed in Florida.
- On Aug. 5, 1962, movie actress Marilyn Monroe is found dead in her home in Los Angeles. Empty bottles of prescription pills were littered around the room. An autopsy found a fatal amount of sedatives in her system, and her death was ruled probable suicide.
- On Aug. 9, 1974, Gerald R. Ford is sworn in as the 38th president of the United States after the resignation of Richard M. Nixon. After taking the oath of office, Ford spoke in a televised address, declaring, "My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over."
- On Aug. 7, 1987, Lynne Cox braves the freezing waters of the Bering Strait to make the first recorded swim from the United States to the Soviet Union. Her training regimen included regularly swimming in water at between 38 and 42 degrees F. Cox rarely swam in a wetsuit regardless of water temperature.

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GAME-TIME DECISION

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Serves onto a plate</p> <p>10 Feeling blue</p> <p>13 Poultry parts</p> <p>20 She played Gwen Stacy in "The Amazing Spider-Man"</p> <p>21 Quick — flash</p> <p>22 Quickly, in music</p> <p>23 Cakewalk</p> <p>25 Mud thrower, say</p> <p>26 Subjects of Genghis Khan</p> <p>27 Pod animals</p> <p>29 Gunpowder ingredient</p> <p>30 Pianist Rubinstein</p> <p>31 1983 Bryan Adams hit</p> <p>35 Take steps concerning</p> <p>38 They might sit next to coffeepots</p> <p>39 Adult fellows</p> <p>40 Wind ensemble instrument</p> <p>44 Building tops</p> <p>46 Never, in German</p> <p>47 Pal of Ernie</p> | <p>48 One of a trio in a tub</p> <p>53 Puzzle cube creator Rubik</p> <p>54 They roll as films finish</p> <p>55 Connection</p> <p>56 "I never — Purple Cow"</p> <p>58 Geller of Israel</p> <p>59 Max who played Jethro</p> <p>61 Big Ten org.</p> <p>63 Rene of "Ransom"</p> <p>67 Cardinal, e.g.</p> <p>68 Point at which patience has run out</p> <p>73 Scanner of bar codes: Abbr.</p> <p>74 Knot</p> <p>76 Nitwit</p> <p>77 Soprano solo</p> <p>78 Barracks bed</p> <p>79 Solicits</p> <p>82 Get — (throw away)</p> <p>85 Film dancer Fred</p> <p>87 "Hey, over this way!"</p> <p>90 Influential 1975 Edward Abbey novel, with "The"</p> <p>93 Italian capital</p> | <p>94 Blood-typing system</p> <p>95 Overhang</p> <p>96 Literary lioness</p> <p>97 Man-mouse linkup</p> <p>98 Caribbean island nation</p> <p>102 Pee Wee of the diamond</p> <p>104 2005 Grammy-winning rock supergroup</p> <p>107 Three-piece suit parts</p> <p>112 D sharp's equivalent</p> <p>113 Neck-to-waist areas</p> <p>114 Get ready</p> <p>116 Rejection</p> <p>119 Theme of this puzzle</p> <p>122 Direct route</p> <p>123 "Mad Men" cable chan.</p> <p>124 Cleared by jumping</p> <p>125 Left in, to a proofreader</p> <p>126 Tell untruths</p> <p>127 Hateful ones</p> | <p>4 Couldn't help but</p> <p>5 Seville's land, to Sevillians</p> <p>6 Agitate</p> <p>7 Klutz's cry</p> <p>8 "A," in Nice</p> <p>9 Private eye, informally</p> <p>10 Least nutty</p> <p>11 Three-sharp musical sequence</p> <p>12 Bright garden flower</p> <p>13 Krypton, e.g.</p> <p>14 Not healthy</p> <p>15 Loses a stare-down</p> <p>16 Old Soviet premier</p> <p>17 Cook's hourglass</p> <p>18 It has fronds and a trunk</p> <p>19 Italian port</p> <p>24 Suffix with Marx or Mao</p> <p>28 Malodorous mammal</p> <p>31 Geezer</p> <p>32 Not qualified</p> <p>33 Some Native Americans</p> <p>34 "It's the end of —"</p> <p>36 King Minos, for one</p> <p>37 Chucked</p> <p>40 Transpires</p> | <p>41 Not fertile</p> <p>42 Big name in flatware</p> <p>43 Center fielder Roush</p> <p>45 — -fi</p> <p>47 Gal's sweetie</p> <p>49 Defames in print</p> <p>50 Follower of Eisenhower</p> <p>51 Cats' prey</p> <p>52 Santa — (California winds)</p> <p>57 Christmas door hanging</p> <p>60 — and reel</p> <p>62 Coaching great Parseghian</p> <p>64 Part of SSN</p> <p>65 Mocks</p> <p>66 Brand of taco kits</p> <p>69 Tined utensil</p> <p>70 Sheriff Andy Taylor's son</p> <p>71 Sunset color</p> <p>72 A zodiac sign</p> <p>75 Cost per day, say</p> <p>80 It merged with Sears</p> <p>81 Not drunk</p> <p>83 Avian hooter</p> <p>84 Brother, in France</p> <p>86 See 115-Down</p> | <p>87 Pithy sayings</p> <p>88 Post-hiking problem</p> <p>89 Nominal charge</p> <p>91 Sextet plus a trio</p> <p>92 Pulitzer-winning critic Richard</p> <p>98 Catches on</p> <p>99 Open assertion</p> <p>100 Fa lead-in</p> <p>101 — -Lorraine (French region)</p> <p>103 Incidents</p> <p>105 Burial area</p> <p>106 Big gun</p> <p>108 Disney World park</p> <p>109 Burn soother</p> <p>110 More factual</p> <p>111 Crystal ball gazers</p> <p>114 Jr.-year exam</p> <p>115 With 120- and 86-Down, what centenarians live to</p> <p>117 Meth-ender</p> <p>118 Conducted</p> <p>120 See 115-Down</p> <p>121 Formerly, name-wise</p> |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Flannery O'Connor, noted American writer of novels and short stories, who made the following observation: "Everywhere I go I'm asked if I think the university stifles writers. My opinion is that they don't stifle enough of them."
- In Saudi Arabia, there is an entire police unit dedicated solely to the pursuit of crimes of witchcraft.
- Lee DeForest, known as the Father of Radio, said in 1926, "While theoretically and technically television may be feasible, commercially and financially I consider it an impossibility, a development of which we need to waste little time dreaming."
- Eleanor Ritchey was the granddaughter of Philip John Bayer, founder of Quaker State Oil. She was the sole inheritor of her grandfather's fortune, and she had no children of her own. When she died in 1968 she was worth \$12 million. Other than some shoes (1,700 pairs) and stationery (1,200 boxes) that she left to the Salvation Army, her entire estate was used to create a trust for the 150 stray dogs she had adopted. The pets lived in luxury, dying of old age one by one, until 1984, when the last one -- the richest dog in the country -- also succumbed. The remainder of the inheritance then went to Auburn University.
- If you're planning a trip to Syracuse, N.Y., you might want to take a detour about 35 miles east to the small town of Verona. There you can visit the world's smallest church - - but don't plan to go in and have a seat. Cross Island Chapel is only 6 feet by 3.5 feet. The minister can stand inside, but everyone else has to stay outside.

Thought for the Day: "If you can't get rid of the skeleton in your closet, you'd best teach it to dance." -- George Bernard Shaw

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Top Ten Movies

1. **Dawn of the Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Gary Oldman, Keri Russell
 2. **Transformers: Age of Extinction** (PG-13) Mark Wahlberg, Nicola Peltz
 3. **Tammy** (R) Melissa McCarthy, Susan Sarandon
 4. **22 Jump Street** (R) Channing Tatum, Jonah Hill
 5. **How to Train Your Dragon 2** (PG) animated
 6. **Earth to Echo** (PG) Teo Halm, Astro
 7. **Deliver Us From Evil** (R) Eric Bana, Edgar Ramirez
 8. **Maleficent** (PG) Angelina Jolie, Elle Fanning
 9. **Begin Again** (R) Keira Knightley, Mark Ruffalo
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SALES

Huge estate sale. Antiques, glassware, collectibles, guns, furniture and much more. July 25-27, 9 a.m. - 6 p.m., 893 North Kohler Road, Barton City 48705.

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

LEGAL NOTICE

State of Michigan
Probate Court
County of Alcona
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
File No. 14-5343 DE

Estate of Donald A. Thornley
Date of birth: October 27, 1927
To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Donald A. Thornley, died July 30, 2013. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Virginia L. Thornley, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: July 16, 2014
David H. Cook P40560
5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585
Harrisville, Mich. 48740
(989) 724-5155
Virginia L. Thornley
4094 Otter Trail
Lincoln, Mich. 48742

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LEGAL NOTICE

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 Erik L. Kiste and Karry Kiste, husband and wife, by Samantha Cox as attorney in fact, original mortgagor(s), to PNC Mortgage, a division of PNC Bank, National Association, mortgagee, dated March 11, 2011, and recorded on March 25, 2011 in Liber 477 on page 884, in

Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ninety-two thousand five hundred sixty-eight and 32/100 dollars (\$92,568.32).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on July 30, 2014.

Said premises are situated in township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 9 and the east 15 feet of Lot 10, Block 7, plat of the village of Greenbush, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1, page 7 of 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.

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: July 2, 2014
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 200
Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334-5422
File No. 441258F01
7-2, 7-9, 7-16, 7-23

Foreclosure Notice

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the military, please contact our office at the number listed below. Mortgage sale—Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Robert J. Kramer a/k/a Robert L. Kramer and Mary Lou Kramer, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Michigan Fidelity Acceptance Corp. dba Franklin Mortgage Funding, its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated March 10, 2004 and recorded March 16, 2004 in Liber 398, page 147 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, home equity mortgage asset-backed pass through certificates series 2004-KS6, by assignment dated June 3, 2014 and subsequently recorded in Alcona County records on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred fifty-three thousand four hundred forty-eight dollars and sixty-two cents (\$153,448.62) including interest at 9.88 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, circuit court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on July 30, 2014.

Said premises are situated in township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The northwest one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter in Section 24, Town 27 North, Range 8 East, subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes. Except: Commencing 362 feet south of the northwest section corner; thence north 362 feet; thence east 870 feet; thence southwesterly 485 feet; thence northwest 606 feet to the point of beginning. Also: the north one-half of the southwest one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter of Section 24, Town 27 North, Range 8 East, subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes. Commonly known as 2436 N. Somers Road, Lincoln Mich. 48742.

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure
Gruel Mill Nims & Pylman, PLLC is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Betty J. Wissmiller, an unmarried woman, of P.O. Box 109, Mikado, Mich. 48745 and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49507, dated January 29, 2007, and recorded on February 20, 2007 in Liber 439, page 513, which mortgage has been assigned to Unity Credit Company, a Michigan corporation, by virtue of an assignment of mortgage dated May 8, 2009 and recorded on May 12, 2009 in Liber 461, page 938, which mortgage was reassigned to Bond Corporation, by virtue of a reassignment of mortgage dated January 31, 2011 and recorded on February 11, 2011 in Liber 476, page 1,027, which mortgage was assigned to Northpointe Bank, whose address is 3333 Deposit Drive, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49546, by virtue of an assignment of mortgage dated May 31, 2011 and recorded on June 8, 2011 in Liber 479, page 564 with the Alcona County Register of Deeds and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of thirteen thousand eleven dollars and seventy-two cents (\$13,011.72), which continues to accrue interest at the rate of 16.85 percent and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

ter in Section 24, Town 27 North, Range 8 East, subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes. Except: Commencing 362 feet south of the northwest section corner; thence north 362 feet; thence east 870 feet; thence southwesterly 485 feet; thence northwest 606 feet to the point of beginning. Also: the north one-half of the southwest one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter of Section 24, Town 27 North, Range 8 East, subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes. Commonly known as 2436 N. Somers Road, Lincoln Mich. 48742.

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

Dated: July 2, 2014
The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association fka The Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JPMorgan Chase Bank, as Trustee for Residential Asset Securities Corporation, Home Equity Mortgage Asset-Backed Pass Through Certificates Series 2004-KS6
Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd., Suite 100
Rochester Hills, Mich. 48307
(248) 844-5123
File No: 13-91188
7-2, 7-9, 7-16, 7-23

ing been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on August 27, 2014 at 10 a.m., the undersigned will sell at the west entrance of the Alcona County Courthouse, Harrisville, Michigan, that being the place of holding the circuit court for the county of Alcona, at public vendue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan and which are described as follows: The west 1/2 of the east 1/2 of the northwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 25 North, Range 8 East. P.P. No. 091-001-400-014-10, f/k/a 091-001-400-015-00 which has an address of 2820 F-30, Mikado, Mich. 48745.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Northpointe Bank
3333 Deposit Drive, NE
Grand Rapids, Mich. 49546
Dated: July 17, 2014
Drafted By:
William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgagee
99 Monroe Avenue, NW
Suite 800
Grand Rapids, Mich. 49503
(616) 235-5500
7-23, 7-30, 8-6, 8-13

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 James A. Rowden, an unmarried man, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated March 14, 2007 and recorded March 15, 2007 in Liber 440, page 379, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred ten thousand six hundred thirty-seven and 40/100 dollars (\$110,637.40) including interest at four (4) percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on August 13, 2014.

Said premises are located in the township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Township of

Mikado, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: Parcel 1 - That part of the south 15 acres of the northeast-1/4 of the southeast-1/4 of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of the above described parcel, thence south 150 feet along the centerline of Cruzen Road, thence west 280 feet, thence north 150 feet, thence east 280 feet to the point of beginning.

And Parcel 2 - Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 8 East; thence south 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds west, along the east line of said section and centerline of Cruzen Road, 799.44 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 89 degrees 35 minutes 11 seconds west, 280.00 feet; thence south 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds west 30.00 feet; thence south 89 degrees 35 minutes 11 seconds east, along the north line of the south 15 acres of the northeast-1/4 of the southeast-1/4 of said section, 280.00 feet; thence north 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds east, along the east line of said section and centerline, 30.00 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel being a part of the

northeast-1/4 of the southeast-1/4 of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 8 East.

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: July 16, 2014
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 14-008335
7-16, 7-23, 7-30, 8-6

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on July 14 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Dobis and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said.

Present: Mayor Dobis, treasurer Keerl, clerk Pierce and council members Kaiser, Crick, Baird, Sanderson and Luenberger and city attorney Cook. Motion by Crick, support by Kaiser, to approve the minutes of June 9 as amended. Change date of next council meeting to July 14. Motion carried 5-0. Motion by Baird, support by Crick, to pay the bills in the amount of \$24,643.77. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis shared notice of repayment of loan from city to harbor as part of start-up money for the beginning of the boating season. The remaining balance to be paid by July 18. Mayor Dobis updated council on vacancy of Ward I Alderman. As of July 11 no letters of interest have been received. Clerk Pierce will place ad for three more weeks.

Mayor Dobis informed council of meeting district forester Andrew Beebe had with a representative from Huron Pines Conservation and Louis Campbell, city maintenance, concerning the invasive species of Japanese knotweed within the city. Huron Pines has offered a 50/50 cost share with the city to treat the Japanese knotweed located on city property and private property, if landowners would be willing to accept treatment on their property. The cost to the city would be approximately \$1,600 for an initial treatment with a possible follow up treatment. Motion by Sanderson, support by Crick, to contract with Huron Pines at a cost of no more than \$1,600 for eradication treatment(s) of Japanese knot-

weed within the City of Harrisville. Motion carried: 5-0.

Mayor Dobis updated council on the bid proposal from Edgewater Resources, LLC. for dock repairs at the harbor. He reported on the meeting held with Neal Gehring, harbor commission chairman, Steve Baksis, harbor master, and Edgewater Resources, LLC. Motion by Sanderson, support by Luenberger to approve Edgewater Resources, LLC. bid, including surveys and planning, with approval by city attorney and contingent upon state's approval of preliminary service agreement. Motion carried: 5-0. Comments received about Fourth of July weekend were all positive and everyone appreciates all the hard work the volunteers put forth to make a very successful celebration.

Council informed of bathroom issues at Harbortown Market Place. The problem has been resolved for now and more information needs to be obtained for the city to make any decisions as to the final determination of work to be done.

Reports: Mayor Dobis: Addressed concern of fencing surrounding tent for Antique Show and Wine and Food Festival encroaching on sidewalk making attendees walk on the street to enter the tent. Clerk Pierce: Absent voter applications and primary ballots are available. The primary is August 5. Still need two volunteer groups for concert donation collections for July 23 and July 30. The tax board of review will meet on Tuesday, July 22. Any questions call city office at (989) 724-6666.

Attorney Cook: Yahoo.com has listed Harrisville as one of the Seven Best Small Towns for Fourth of July activities. Harbor Commissioner Baird informed council the audit is complete and public bathroom

issues have been addressed. It is with regret that harbor commission bookkeeper, Kathryn McGregor has resigned. Planning commissioner Baird reported training by Denise Cline of NEMCOG will take place in September along with members of the zoning board of appeals in attendance.

Tree board member Crick may have found potential funding for a 1:1 grant for tree purchases. Fire advisory committee member Baird reported on continuing conversation with Harrisville Township members concerning purchase of a new fire truck for the department.

Council last comments: Concerns of ongoing garage sales addressed. Zoning officer will be notified. Noted that some trees on city sidewalks need to be trimmed to maintain a seven foot canopy for ease of pedestrian passage. Luenberger moved meeting to be adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.
Next city council meeting is August 11 at 7 p.m. at city hall.

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*In their own words***Candidates explain why they are running for the 106th District**

Three candidates are running as Democrats for the State House of Representatives 106th District seat in the primary election on August 5.

The Review contacted each candidate and asked them the same questions regarding their candidacy. The following are their written answers verbatim. The only changes made were for spelling, punctuation, grammar and length of response.

• **Rozanne Curley of Oscoda**

Q: Provide your background information including your education, your career and pertinent personal information (200 words or less).

A: I was born in Harrisville and was raised in Oscoda next door to my grandparent's dairy farm. Our family, six boys and three girls, worked on the farm and in our family-owned paint contracting business.

After graduation from Oscoda Area High School I attended Central Michigan University and graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. I married my high school sweetheart in 1969. In 1971 our son, Justin, was born and we moved to Mikado into our home we had built ourselves. We grew most of our own food and used renewable energy. We started Griff & Son Tree Service.



Rozanne Curley

I taught school in Oscoda where I earned the Golden Apple Award and retired in 2005. In 1996 I moved into Oscoda and I now live on the edge of the farm property. Justin and my grandson, Matthew, 19, still work for Griff & Son Tree Service with Matt's grandpa. I also have a granddaughter, Michelle, 15, who is a sophomore in high school.

Q: Explain why you are running for the 106th District seat (300 words or less).

A: I have been the chairperson of the Iosco County Democratic Party since 2006. During this time I have learned a lot about being a leader from working on campaigns for the then Senator Obama down to local elections. I was involved in the march for jobs in Detroit, Mich. and the protest for right to work (for less) at the capi-

tol. I have met many Democratic leaders, attended conventions, trainings, hosted fundraisers (once for Lt. Governor John Cherry). I am a member of the Democratic Women's Caucus and the State Central Committee and its executive committee where I worked with the subcommittee on the rules and policies.

Since 2006, I have spent most of my time promoting and learning about the Democratic Party. I have been to meetings looking for candidates, so last September, since no one was running for the 106th House of Representatives I signed up to run. I was surprised to find out later I would be in a primary. I started working almost immediately to be the best candidate I could be. I took a political science class at Alpena Community College and plan to continue with this degree. Everything I have done since 2006 has led me to this place.

Q: Explain any projects or goals you hope to work on and accomplish if you are elected to the position (300 words or less).

A: Candidate did not respond to this question.

Q: Explain the strengths you possess that would make you an effective legislator (200 words or less).

A: It has always made me feel good to help people. Being the eighth child, I had many young nieces and nephews to get started working with children. Then I worked in the summers in Head Start. That's when I realized I like helping families and solving problems. Being from a big family with a "Town Father" for a dad caused our family to be community minded.

I have taken children and adults into my home for short periods of time for different reasons until they could get back on their feet. Being a teacher for 32 years helps a person develop many skills especially with children and their families. I have had a natural ability to work with people with special needs like ADHD, drug problems, social and emotional difficulties.

As I stated earlier, being the chairperson of the Democratic county party gave me strengths I never knew I had. I believe my life experiences have me prepared for this job and I will continue to learn about helping the 106th become the best it can be. I will fight for the 106th.

Q: Add anything else you would like voters to know about yourself so they can make an informed decision (100 words or less).

A: Most often people tell me my integrity is my best quality. I enjoy being a team player, working and having fun with other people. Having been a single mom and

grandmother I know I have the strength to hold things together and stay the course. I am adaptable and like to focus on finding optimal solutions. I believe my 32 years of teaching have taught patience, compassion and pragmatism. I like to see the glass half full.

• **Robert Kennedy of Harrisville**

Q: Provide your background information including your education, your career and pertinent personal information (200 words or less).

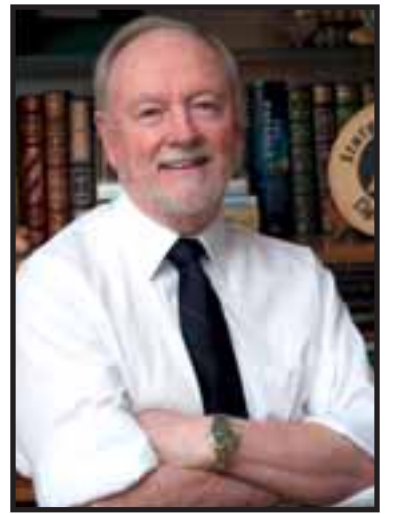
A: I was born in Alcona County (Lincoln), grew up in Oscoda where my family owned Cec and Ebe's IGA grocery store, attended Alpena Community College and

graduated from Michigan State University before returning to Iosco County to teach school for 38 years and coach boys sports. My wife, Margy, and I moved to our present home in Alcona County in 2010.

I served six years in the Michigan Army National Guard. I am a lifetime member of the Alcona Community Schools FFA Alumni Association and regular volunteer with the FFA program.

Also, I serve as president of the Alcona Local Foods Association (ALFA) which runs a community hoop house and works toward economic development through small scale and value added sustainable agriculture.

Q: Explain why you are run-



Robert Kennedy

ning for the 106th District seat (300 words or less).

A: I decided to run for State

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The Sunrise Gardening Club is hosting its 11th annual Garden Walk on Saturday, July 26. For more of a glimpse of a few of the gardens that will be on display, see pages 8B and 9B.

Photos by Cheryl Peterson.



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Representative here in the 106th district because policies from Lansing have hurt the citizens of northeast Michigan. The current climate has weakened the middle class and stifled economic growth.

A primary cause of policies that hurt the middle class is the corrupting influence of money in politics. Our politicians accept hundreds of thousands of dollars in donations from special interest groups with their paid lobbyists, while ignoring the average citizen.

It's time to return to a government of the people, by the people, and for the people. "We the People," not government by auction to the highest bidder.

Q: Explain any projects or goals you hope to work on and accomplish if you are elected to the position (300 words or less).

A: The American dream of a good education, a good job, and a secure retirement is quickly becoming the American nightmare. Attacks on public education, attacks on unions and attacks on pensions have created an income inequality reminiscent of the Great Depression. For the first time since the Great Depression, this generation of young people will likely have a lower standard of living than their parents.

But that doesn't have to be the case. We owe it to our children and grandchildren to rekindle the American dream, just as our parents worked to open doors of opportunity for us. We need to stand up and recover the dignity of labor and the right to a living wage. We must reclaim our democracy.

I will work to win back the rights of collective bargaining - the right to be treated as a person, not a commodity. I will fight for the right of our children to have a good public education in schools that are fully and fairly funded.

I will work to win back the right to a secure retirement by protecting the promise of pensions in both the public and private sectors. The tax on pensions must be repealed. And I will seek fair revenue sharing for our townships, municipalities, and counties. High property taxes because of inadequate revenue sharing must end.

Q: Explain the strengths you possess that would make you an effective legislator (200 words or less).

A: I have successfully guided children from all walks of life through the rigors of our educational system. This is the same quality which I will use to provide my constituents with the best possible representation in Lansing.

As a contract negotiator for Oscoda teachers, I worked hard for fair pay and a better educational environment for our children. Contract negotiations required the ability to fight for what is fair, while understanding the necessity of compromise due to economic realities. As a state representative, I will be a strong advocate for the needs of my constituents, while at

the same time respecting the positions of other legislators. Finding common ground through listening and understanding is a skill I possess based on experience.

Q: Add anything else you would like voters to know about yourself so they can make an informed decision (100 words or less).

A: Michigan's Sunrise Side has been my home for 66 years. My family roots in northeast Michigan trace back 115 years in Alpena, Alcona, and Iosco counties. It is this deep connection to the land and people that motivates me to seek public office. Running for state representative is not a stepping stone to higher office or self-enrichment, but a desire to restore the vitality and opportunity that previous generations have enjoyed. I am proud of our heritage and committed to our future.

• Scot McKenzie of Alpena

Q: Provide your background information including your education, your career and pertinent personal information (200 words or less).

A: I'm a Michigan native and longtime resident of the Alpena area. I graduated from Alpena High School in 1980, then soon developed a passion for auctioneering. In 1990, I began an auctioneering and consignment sales business in Alpena.

As a small-business owner, I took every possible opportunity to help out my local community by holding benefit auctions for countless charities and families in need. I am proud of the work I've done for my community, and will continue helping Alpena



Scot McKenzie area residents when I'm elected.

I currently serve as an Alpena County commissioner, where I've seen firsthand how funding cuts from Lansing have made it harder for our communities to provide police, fire and ambulance services. In Lansing, I will fight to protect these vital services.

I've been involved in fundraising efforts for All Saints Catholic Schools, the Huron Valley Humane Society, the Quality Deer Management Association of Michigan and White Tails. I've also been a proud NRA and Ducks Unlimited member, and regularly attend Community Church of Christ in rural Alpena.

I've been married for 35 years to my high-school sweetheart, Bonnie. We have two children and five grandchildren.

Q: Explain why you are running for the 106th District seat (300 words or less).

A: I'm running to represent the 106th House District because I want to be a voice for northern Michigan residents. I've been watching the Michigan Legislature over the last three years, and I can see that our state is in trouble.

Politicians in Lansing have drastically cut education funding and increased taxes on seniors and the Middle Class. As an Alpena County commissioner and former small-business owner, these are all areas that I am extremely passionate about, and when I win the 106th House seat, I promise to improve these areas of state government.

It is no secret that Lansing politicians are out of touch with Michigan's needs. Notably, they have stripped the funds necessary to successfully run our public schools. Over the last three years, they have diverted \$3 billion from school funding across the state, leading to overcrowded classrooms, a lack of learning supplies, school closings and teacher layoffs. Our kids need the best education possible if they are to prepare for the high-paying careers of the future. When I go to Lansing, I will work to fix the underlying problems facing education in Michigan -- a lack of funding.

In 2011, the legislature made severe changes to the Michigan tax code punishing middle class families and seniors, including imposing a tax on retirement income, eliminating the Homestead Property Tax Credit for many families, a drastic cut to the Earned Income Tax Credit and the elimination of the \$600 per child tax deduction and tax credits for charitable donations. These changes were made to fund nearly \$2 billion in tax breaks for big corporations, effectively making Michigan's middle class families and seniors pay for a handout to corporations. As a legislator, I pledge to reverse these changes, and fight for tax relief.

Q: Explain any projects or goals you hope to work on and accomplish if you are elected to the position (300 words or less).

A: When I go to Lansing, I will have three main goals: Increasing education funding; fighting the recent tax changes that have put a burden on middle class families and seniors; and returning local control to our area, and all of Michigan's local municipalities.

I know how important education is to our kids, and the future of our state. In Lansing, I will work with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to restore the cuts that have been made to education, and ensure our kids get the world class education they need to succeed in the future.

I also pledge to work hard to eliminate the new tax on retirement income and fully restore the Earned Income Tax Credit and the \$600 per-

Township millage requests abound in August primary

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Alcona County voters will see two contested races and several millage requests when they go to the polls for the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

Most of the local candidates are running unopposed in their bid for election or reelection. However, two county millages are on the ballot and so are several township millages.

The positions local voters will help decide are for a place on the general election ballot in November for the U.S. Congressional seat in District 1 and the State House of Representatives seat in the 106th District.

Two Republicans – incumbent Dan Benisheck of Crystal Falls, Mich. and Alan Arcand of Iron River, Mich. — are vying to be on the November ballot for the representative seat in Congress. Whoever is elected in the primary election will be on the ballot across from Democrat Jerry Cannon.

Three Democrats – Rozanne Curley of Oscoda, Robert Kennedy of Harrisville and Scot R. McKenzie of Alpena – are on the ballot for the 106th District state representative seat. The candidate who is chosen in August will be on the November ballot with Republican and incumbent Peter Pettalia of Presque Isle, Mich. (See pages 1B, 2B and 3 B for information regarding these candidates.)

The two county millage proposals that will be determined August 5 are for the Alcona County Road Commission and the Alcona County Ambulance Service.

• The Alcona County Road Commission millage request is for up to .5 mills for one year “to provide funds for the construction and site improvements of the Alcona County Road Commission facility, which, if fully levied, is estimated to raise \$373,671 in the 2014 year.” (See page 5B for more information about this request.)

The Alcona County Ambulance Service millage is a renewal request of 1 mill for four years (2014-2017) “for the sole purpose of providing funding to operate and maintain the Alcona County Ambulance Service.” If the request is approved it is estimated that \$747,342.71 will be raised in the first year. (See page 4B for information about this request.)

Nine townships also have millage requests that will be decided in the primary election in August.

• Alcona Township is asking for two millage renewals – a fire millage renewal of .5 mills for four years “for fire protection raising an estimated \$53,760 in the first year the millage is levied” and a road millage renewal of .5 mills “for road maintenance and road improvements raising an estimated \$53,760 in the first year the millage is levied.”

• Caledonia Township is asking for a road millage re-

newal of .5 mills for six years “for the purpose of constructing and maintaining the roads within the township, raising an estimated \$60,049 in the first year the millage is levied.”

• Curtis Township is asking for a road millage renewal of 2 mills for four years “four road improvement and construction within the township, raising an estimated \$121,245.45 in the first year the millage is levied.”

• Greenbush Township is asking for two millage renewals – a fire department millage of .5 mills for four years “for the purpose of fire protection, operation and repair of the fire related equipment and department building, raising an estimated \$48,353.17 in the first year the millage is

levied.” The second renewal request is a road improvement millage of .75 mills for four years “for the purpose of road improvement, construction and maintenance within the township, raising an estimated \$72,529.76 in the first year the millage is levied.”

• Harrisville Township and Haynes Township are asking voters to approve a proposal for a Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-Op Natural Gas Franchise “confirming grant of an irrevocable natural gas franchise to Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-Op, its successors and assigns, for the purpose of laying, maintaining and operating natural gas main/pipeline on, along, across and

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child deduction. I know the current Lansing agenda of giving tax breaks to corporations at the expense of seniors and the middle class has gone on too long, and I will fight to end it.

Lastly, I have seen how Lansing politicians have been working hard to take away local control. They have done this by decreasing revenue sharing, instituting emergency managers in schools and advancing the unproven Education Achievement Authority. As an Alpena County commissioner, I know that local municipalities need substantial state funding to keep our communities safe.

And as a state representative, I will fight to make sure revenue sharing is restored. I believe that the people who live and work in our community are the ones who are best equipped to make local decisions. And I will carry that belief to Lansing.

Q: Explain the strengths you possess that would make you an effective legislator (200 words or less).

As a county commissioner and former small-business owner, I will bring a special expertise to Lansing. I know what small businesses need to survive, and I know how to bring more jobs to our state.

I also know the issues facing our community, because I have lived here for the majority of my life. I know our communities have not been represented well in the legislature. I've seen kids struggling in underfunded classrooms and I've heard my neighbors tell me they are struggling to get by under the new tax changes.

I've also seen that Lansing legislators haven't done enough to help our veterans, either. Michigan ranks dead last in terms of per capita spending on veterans. In fact, not only did Michigan do worse than all other states, but we ranked beneath Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and Guam. We need to do more to make sure that we are taking care of those who put their lives on the line to fight for our freedom.

I will work hard on behalf of the residents of Michigan's 106th District, because I believe that everyone who works hard and plays by the rules should have the opportunity to live the American dream.

Q: Add anything else you would like voters to know about yourself so they can make an informed decision (100 words or less).

A: Candidate did not respond.

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under the roads, alleys, bridges and other public places and to conduct a local natural gas business" in the township for a period of 30 years from June 2013.

• Hawes Township is asking for a road millage renewal of 1 mill for four years "for the purpose of maintaining the

township roads, raising an estimated \$73,700 in the first year the millage is levied."

• Mikado Township is asking for a road millage renewal of 2 mills for three years "for the purpose of constructing and improving the township roads and which will generate approximately \$59,435 in the first year."

• Millen Township is asking for a road millage renewal of 1 mill for four years "for the purpose of maintaining the township roads and which will generate approximately \$24,226 in the first year."

Also on the primary ballot, incumbent Harry Harvey (Rep.) of Harrisville is asking to be re-elected to a seat on the Alcona County Road Commission. He is running unopposed for this six year term. Additionally, Kathleen E. Vichunas (Rep.) of Hubbard Lake is seeking re-election for the 1st District seat on the Alcona County Board of Commissioners. Joel Blohm (Dem.) of Lincoln is also running for that seat - which will be deter-

mined in November.

Four other candidates are running unopposed for a seat on the Alcona County Board of Commissioners - Craig M. Johnston (Rep.) of Harrisville is running for the 2nd District seat which was held by Bill Thompson, who is not running for re-election. Carolyn Brummund (Rep.) of Greenbush is running for re-election to the 3rd District seat. Sheila R. Phillips (Dem.) is running for re-election to the 4th District seat and Kevin Boyat Sr. (Dem.) of Mikado is running for re-election to the 5th District seat. All of these positions, while on the ballot in August will be decided in November.

Additionally, Renee K. LaVergne (Rep.) of Lincoln is running unopposed for the clerk position in Gustin Township and Jan Hoornstra (Dem.) of Glennie is running unopposed for the clerk position in Millen Township. Both of these positions will also be decided in November.

Ambulance millage renewal request

**By Cheryl Peterson
Editor**

Voters are asked to renew a millage for the operation and maintenance of the Alcona County Ambulance Service in the primary election on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

The millage renewal request is for 1 mill levied over four years "for the sole purpose of providing funding to operate and maintain the Alcona County Ambulance Service." If approved, an estimated \$747,342.71 will be collected in the first year the millage is levied.


Emergency Medical Services Director Kristin Hoffman explained the annual budget to operate the ambulance service is \$1.25 million and the millage funds represent three quarters of the budget.

She explained the county ambulance service, or Emergency Medical Services (EMS), is a 24-hour service that operates seven days a

week with 15 full time employees, including the office clerk and director, and 16 part-time employees at two locations within the county - Station I is located on M-72 just west of Lincoln and Station II is located on M-65 just north of Glennie. "At all times both locations are staffed with one paramedic and one advance life support Emergency Medical Technician (EMT)," Hoffman said.

Prior to the approval of a county-wide millage request to upgrade the service in 1999, it consisted of one location in Harrisville with basic medical service. The approved millage allowed for the construction of Station II in 1999 and Station I in 2001. In 2000 the service was upgraded to advance life support which requires paramedics on staff who are able to give medications, operate a cardiac monitor, put in a

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Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

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NOTICE OF PRIMARY ELECTION Tuesday, August 5, 2014

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF ALCONA COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given that a primary election will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the purpose of nominating or electing candidates for the following offices and to vote on the following proposals:

The following offices and proposals will appear on the ballot:

- State:** Governor
- Congressional:** United States Senator and Representative in Congress-1st District
- Legislative:** State Senator-36th District and Representative in State Legislature-106th District
- County:** County Road Commissioner and County Commissioners
- Township:** Gustin Township Clerk, Millen Township Clerk and Mitchell Township Clerk and Precinct Delegates

State Proposal

14-1: A proposed amendatory act to reduce State use tax and replace with a local community stabilization share to modernize the tax system to help small businesses grow and create jobs.

County Proposals:

- Alcona County Road Commission Millage Request - 0.50 mill
- Alcona County Ambulance Millage Renewal - 1.00 mill

Township Proposals:

- Alcona Township: Road Millage Renewal - ½ mill and Fire Millage Renewal - ½ mill
- Caledonia Township: Road Millage Renewal - 0.50 mill
- Curtis Township: Road Millage Renewal - 2 mills
- Greenbush Twp.: Fire Millage Renewal - ½ mill and Road Millage Renewal - ¾ mill
- Harrisville Township: Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op Natural Gas Franchise
- Hawes Township: Road Millage Renewal - 1 mill
- Haynes Township: Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-op Natural Gas Franchise
- Mikado Township: Road Millage Renewal - 2 mills
- Millen Township: Road Millage Renewal - 1 mill

Intermediate School District Proposal:

- I. Iosco Regional Educational Service Agency Special Education Millage Proposal (Restoration of Headlee Reduction) .1129 mill for 20 years
- II. Iosco Regional Educational Service Agency Special Education Millage Proposal .25 mill for 20 years.

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TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION OF VOTED INCREASES FOR A UNIT I, Cheryl Franks, treasurer of Alcona County hereby certify that as of July 6, 2014, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government effecting the taxable property located in Alcona County are as follows:

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	ACCOA	0.3750 mills	thru	2015
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by Alcona Twp	FIRE	1.0000 mills	thru	2015

by Caledonia Twp	ROADS	1.0000 mills	thru	2015
	ROADS	1.0000 mills	thru	2015
	FIRE	1.0000 mills	thru	2017
by Curtis Twp	LIBRARY	0.5000 mills	thru	2016
	FIRE	0.6600 mills	thru	2017
by Gustin Twp	ROADS	1.9946 mills	thru	2015
	FIRE	1.0000 mills	thru	2015
by Hawes Twp	ROADS	0.9432 mills	thru	2015
	FIRE	0.9432 mills	thru	2015
by Haynes	ROADS	1.0000 mills	thru	2016
by Mikado Twp	ROADS	2.0000 mills	thru	2014
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by Millen Twp	FIRE	1.0000 mills	thru	2016
	ROADS	1.0000 mills	thru	2016
by Mitchell Twp	FIRE	0.8000 mills	thru	2015
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A-M-A ESD	CHARTER/SP ED	0.6425 mills	thru	N/A
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	DEBT SERVICE	1.7200 mills	thru	2026
Iosco IRESA	SPECIAL ED	0.6371 mills	thru	N/A
Fairview Schools	NON HOMSTEAD	18.000 mills	thru	2014
	BOND	2.1600 mills	thru	2014
	SINKING FUND	1.0000 mills	thru	2017
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Cheryl Franks
Alcona County Treasurer

POLL LOCATIONS

- Alcona Township: Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River
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- Curtis Township: Township Hall, 4932 F-30, Glennie
- Greenbush Township: Township Hall, 5039 Campbell St., Greenbush
- Gustin Township: Township Hall, 113 S. 2nd St., Lincoln
- Harrisville Township: Township Hall 114 S. Poor Farm Rd, Harrisville
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- Haynes Township: Township Hall, 3930 E. McNeil Rd., Lincoln
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PATRICIA TRUMAN
Alcona County Clerk

Road commission millage request

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners is asking Alcona County voters to approve a one year millage of .5 mills to help pay for the extra expense in rebuilding the garage/facility that was destroyed by fire last September.

"We really deliberated about asking tax payers for this help," said Alfred Scully, chairman of the Alcona County Road Commission. "But even with excellent insurance coverage, we are only entitled to a set amount and we couldn't be sure we would be able to restore our operations with that."

Scully explained there are many factors that drive up the cost of rebuilding including cleanup of the drainage system under the old garage and meeting current building codes. "When the road board approved requesting the millage, it was unclear whether a proposed building would fit on the property and still provide the clearance

needed for emergency vehicles to access it," Scully said. "We also weren't sure how extensive the drainage system clean up would be. There was a real possibility that the building may need a fire suppression (sprinkler) system. If that is so, where would the extra money come from?"

"Our goal is to build the best building possible within our means. We aren't building a castle, but we are aware that this facility might likely be in service for the next 100 years, so we need to make sure we build it as efficient and usable as we can, both for now and the future," he said.

The proposed building is 17,550 square feet. The previous building was 17,430 square feet. According to Jesse Campbell, managing director of the road commission, the new building is somewhat bigger to meet regulations such as required clear exit path for equipment. The new building will also be taller to accommodate ser-

ving of today's larger trucks. Both Scully and Campbell explained that every effort is being made to stretch the funds available from the insurance settlement. Scully said the millage request of .5 mills is more of a cushion for contingencies and against depleting reserves needed for road maintenance and operations.

Explaining the bottom line for a voter, Scully said, the proposed half mill levy equates to 50 cents per \$1,000 of the state equalized value of a property. For example, if an individual's property has an equalized value of \$50,000 the onetime assessment would be \$25.

The late September fire that completely destroyed the road commission garage/facility and everything in it forced road crews to operate from a rented facility. The harshest weather in many years and equipment stored outside made for a very challenging winter for road crews. Operations are still centered off-site and will likely remain that way as construction of the new facility is not expected to begin until fall at the earliest.

Questions or concerns about the building, millage request or any other road-related issues may be made to the road commission by calling (989) 736-8168, by e-mail to roads@alconacrc.com, or at the office located at 301 N. Lake Street in Lincoln.



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breathing tube and insert IVs. "In the past we had to intercept with other services for patients to receive that kind of treatment," Hoffman said. "Without the millage (funds) we'd be back down to one crew - basic bare minimum service... there is no money from the county's general fund (that goes to the EMS budget) or from the state. Other than the millage and our revenues, we receive no other funds."

Hoffman said revenue funds come from charges for EMS services. When the ambulance service transports a patient and/or performs medical service to a patient who declines transportation to a hospital, that individual's insurance is billed or, if they don't have insurance, they are billed directly. Patients who refuse transportation and/or medical service are not billed.

"We charge for services for people we actually transport. Or if we have to start an IV or give meds - we charge for that," Hoffman said. "If someone refuses there is no

charge." "Our millage basically pays for all of our employees' salary and their benefits. It is not earmarked for that specifically, but that is about the amount of money it takes to pay for that expense," Hoffman said. "Our revenues pay for everything else - medical supplies and equipment, fuel for vehicles, day-to-day up keep of vehicles and buildings, maintenance agreements for equipment and training for crew members and Medical First Responders with the fire departments... We do benefit from grants now and then, but that's not very often."

Any funds - either from revenues or the millage - that go unused are set aside for additional expenses like the purchase of a new ambulance like the one that will be delivered in several days.

"I am very appreciative of the past support of voters," Hoffman said. She encouraged anyone with questions or concerns to contact her by calling the EMS office at (989) 736-3955.

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Senior companion stays young helping other seniors

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

If helping others keeps a person young at heart then surely a certain senior has found the fountain of youth.

Margaret "Peggy" Bates, a spry 83 year old, spends her days visiting other seniors, some much younger than herself. She brings them joy, purpose, help and, sometimes, just something to look forward to.

Bates was nominated for the State of Michigan 2014 Senior Citizen of the Year award by the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) for the work she does as a senior companion.

Although she did not win one of the two coveted spots awarded to top seniors in the state, she was flabbergasted by the nomination. She was sent a certificate in recognition of exceptional volunteerism by the state with a letter explaining her nomination spoke volumes about the personal attributes that make her special.

"When I found out what length they (ACCOA) went to gather the information, I was really surprised. I had no idea they were doing that until this big envelope came in the mail," Bates said as she tenderly picked up the white envelope and certificate.

Bates has been a volunteer for the Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA) Senior Companion Program for 15 years. The program provides peer-to-peer opportunities for limited income seniors 55 years of age and older to assist other seniors who have difficulty with tasks of daily living.

Senior Companion volunteers serve 15 to 40 hours (for an average of 20 hours per week) providing companionship and support to help homebound seniors maintain independent living in their own home.

"I love what I do; most clients are able to stay in their own home with just a little help. They might only need somebody to visit with them, play games or cards, entertain them a little, take them out to lunch, grocery shopping, or the doctor," Bates said.

Although Bates actually lives in Alpena County she considers Alcona County her backyard as she lives on the border of the two counties. Many of her clients are from Alcona and she does a five hour shift at Lincoln Haven each week.

"I play a lot of games. Sometimes I play crazy eights until I think I'm going crazy at Lincoln Haven, but there is a lady there who loves to play and it keeps her happy. She's impaired, so what are you going to do? You play crazy eights," Bates said.

Bates, who uses a walker, seems to have a firm grasp on her sense of humor for someone who has battled through life's hard knocks and is still fighting.

She was born in Los Ange-



Peggy Bates proudly holds the certificate she received from the State of Michigan Office of Services to the Aging in recognition for her exceptional volunteerism and dedication to community. Bates has been a senior companion for 15 years and loves what she does. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

les, Calif. and despite a bout with polio and getting through its lingering effects she had a happy childhood. Her father had a gas station and a garage business and her mother taught school.

Her father liked to hunt and fish and the family managed outdoor adventure trips as often as they could even though it was difficult in the depression years.

After high school she took nurses training, married and had a son. When she was 25, the couple moved to her husband's hometown in Ohio so he could get work. Unlike many women raising a family at that time, Bates worked for a telephone company. When they moved the Detroit area she worked at the Pontiac Osteopathic Hospital handling insurance.

The couple added a daughter to their family and life was moving along fine until 1968 when her husband died in an automobile accident. She stayed in the Royal Oak, Madison Heights area while raising her children and working for various doctors offices and as an apartment rental manager.

In 1976 Bates was enticed by friends to move to Hubbard Lake to manage their new restaurant (what is now Churchill Point). The job didn't work out as planned but after living in the area, she never wanted to move back down to the city.

She married Albert Bates in 1978 and they purchased a foster care home and took care of mentally ill patients. They retired in 1995.

Bates explained she wasn't satisfied with retirement since she had always worked. She is able to keep busy as a senior companion and appreciated the stipend NEMCSA provides -- even though she doesn't care for her clients because of the money.

Besides being able to keep busy, she's learned a few

things from them too like how to play Scrabble. She had a Norwegian client who loved Scrabble and every once in a while she would play a Norwegian word. She said the woman also told interesting stories about growing up in Norway during World War II.

Another client she sees suffers from depression but she has never seen any signs of depression because she takes the woman to play euchre and they have fun.

Having to use a walker to get around has not slowed Bates down. If anything it seems to have made her more determined to keep helping others. She said one client liked being with her because she also used a walker.

While some may think she uses a walker because of the after effects of having Polio as a child, that isn't the reason. Bates was actually run over by her own truck.

"It was December just two days after Christmas and I was in Staples parking lot with one of my clients who needed some copies made. It was cold so I was just going to run into the store for her but I didn't want to shut off my truck because she would get cold sitting in it. As I went to get out, the truck jumped out of park and went into reverse.

"I tried to jump back in to get it stopped. It threw me under and ran over my entire right side. It sounds worse than it was... I was so worried about my woman (client) still in the truck. Here I am under the truck handing my insurance and stuff out and asking if she was okay.

"They took me by ambulance to the hospital. I was in intensive care and a nurse asked me if I was an organ donor. I had it checked on my license. I was. Months later I had to ask my husband if I was that bad (that) they

Antiques & Collectibles

In spite of a grim weather forecast the 19th annual Antiques and Collectibles show visitors enjoyed two days of sunshine and many happy hours of treasure hunting.

This year the show committee has a special thank you to those people that attended the antique show and the other events held in the big tent at the harbor. Although the main events are sponsored by the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce, your entrance fees are needed to help pay for the tent and a myriad of other associated expenses. Thus, your support is greatly appreciated.

Of course our volunteers are always at the top of our thank you list, as are our antique dealers with their awesome choices of oldies but goodies.

Thank you to our talented music makers, Olde Tyme Connection on Saturday and Back in Time on Sunday. You're the best!

Next year is the Antique Show's 20th anniversary and we are already working on a celebration. Hope to see you in 2015!

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Tracks in the sand

By Warren MacNeill
Columnist



Eastside Outside

By Warren MacNeill

The Fourth of July holiday can be a great time for most Michigan residents. It's a weekend that everyone looks forward to and plans for. It's a time for family get-togethers, picnics, parades, fireworks, boating, riding off-road vehicles and, for Alcona residents, the famous duck race.

It's the holiday that we should remember who we are as Americans and what we went through as a country to get to where we are today.

For the law enforcement community it has a little different twist. It is a time when we also make plans — plans that have a little different element than what vacationers envision. If you take the above activities and add stress, fatigue, past family issues and adult beverages, things can turn out significantly different than anticipated.

The unplanned incident is what we plan for. Going into the weekend, the goal of law enforcement is to make sure everyone gets home safe and sound afterwards. As an officer, when I ready myself for the weekend, part of my anxiety is, "what sort of human carnage am I going to have to deal with this weekend?" It is very sad that this is how officers look at a fun holiday, but their past experiences dictate their expectations. This can make for a very long weekend in the law enforcement world.

For example, when I take enforcement action with a boater operating after dark without lights or without life jackets, I listen to the guy berate me and tell me how I have ruined his weekend. I try to show him sympathy but what I am actually thinking about is the boater who didn't make it home because I didn't intercept him and I may have had the opportunity to prevent the incident. When my heritage is being questioned by a reckless boater that I have stopped, instead of listening to him, my mind flashes to the image of a child who was the victim of this same type of character — a character which I didn't stop.

I am haunted by the thought of things I could have prevented if I had been in the right place at the right time. This way of thinking can be wearing, though. I would rather send a hundred people home angry at me if I could prevent even one fatal incident.

The same is true for the deputy or trooper arresting a drunk driver or stopping a speeder; their thoughts go to the devastation they had to clean up after because they missed one reckless driver. They may appear to be listening to someone complain about getting a ticket, but they look at the children in the back seat and their mind flashes to children who, at one time, looked very similar — images that he wishes could be erased from his mind.

By the end of the weekend I just want to curl up in the fetal position, in a dark cor-

ner, and hide for a couple of days. So, on Sunday afternoon I packed up all of my "cares and woes," declared the weekend over and went home where I washed my thumb, located my spot in the dark corner and prepared to assume the "recovery position."

At that moment I was confronted by my wife, Judy, who spent her entire weekend without me and wanted to do something, anything. She said, "oh no you don't. You spent the weekend doing things for everyone else, now you are going to do something with me."

I reacted with a look of shock and asked, "Really? Do you see what goes on out there?" With a heavy sigh and a weary look, I ran through a list of things that I could do so I could retreat into my corner. I quickly decided on the old fall back plan — we will go to the state park and sit with the campground host, Kay.

This was a stroke of genius on my part because I have found that campfire smoke and lawn chairs have a tranquillizing effect on my wife. And, I will admit, on me too. This sedative only had a temporary effect as Kay boasted about all of the fun things she did over the weekend.

So, off we went, with me dutifully in tow, to my wife's sister, Linda, and brother-in-law, Mark's house for a picnic on the porch. This sounded safe enough.

But the picnic only served to encourage Judy. She pulled Linda into the idea of going out for ice cream. I was okay with that, thinking that getting them into the car and driving them around may calm them down. I suggested that we go to Oscoda so I could get away from my work area.

In Oscoda, while carrying our ice-cream, we walked out onto the boardwalk. There was a gospel group singing beautiful hymns in the band shell nearby. The boardwalk has a new pier attached to it so we slowly walked to the end passing young people jogging and older people strolling hand in hand. For a moment I felt like a tourist.

From the pier we walked down onto the beach, which looked like a thousand people had been on it over the last couple of days. I looked at the tracks, imagining the clatter and activity that went along with making them. However, the only fresh tracks were ours.

From the beach we went to the River Road Bridge where there was a walking and biking trail at the new park. I was ordered to stop — we were going to explore it. I thought I was taking them for a ride but soon found out

that they were taking me for a walk.

It was a beautiful trail in an area that I work and I didn't even know it was there. I remarked to my drovers that I felt like the weekend was draining right out the bottoms of my feet.

I was starting to get into the spirit, so I took them to Tuttle Marsh, an area I know where I feel comfortable. As we drove there I described it as a water fowl sanctuary. My sister-in-law became very excited to see it.

It is surprising how much water "fowl" and water "fall" sound alike when you're driving down the road. Imagine the conversation it took straightening that one out.

Despite the fact that there wasn't any "falling" water, Mark and Linda saw its majesty and wanted to return someday. Next time, though, they wanted to bring binoculars.

We went to more locations in Iosco and Alcona counties, just acting like tourists. At every place we went, we were the only people there, although each location was heavily tracked up from weekend visitors. This was easily the best two hours I spent during a holiday weekend because I took my own advice and looked at our area through the eyes of a tourist and truly appreciated this gift.

The next day while I was still recovering from the weekend, my son, Scott, asked me to go for an ORV trail ride with him. I said, "Sure let me put on my uniform and I will work at the same time." He told me to leave my smelly uniform on the floor and put on my smelly riding clothes.

I spent the day with him riding the trails like I was one of the crowd — just another rider, no authority, no objective, no judgment and no worries.

The trails had heavy weekend wear, but the fresh tracks on top were mine. We stopped in a mature white pine stand and looked back down the trail. My mind felt like it was finally clearing the heavy load from the weekend. Scott asked me what I was looking at and I told him, "our tracks." He looked at me a little confused and prodded me, "Let's go," he said.

I put my helmet back on and off we went, but I kept thinking about our tracks in the sand. They are behind me and will soon be covered. At that moment, I left the holiday weekend with them. Tracks in the sand... maybe I should look at more things like that.

(A native of Alcona County, Warren MacNeill has been a conservation officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for more than 20 years. He lives in Harrisville.)

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A glimpse of gardens on display Saturday

By Cheryl Peterson

Editor


The Sunrise Gardening Club's 2014 Garden Walk will feature seven gardens of residents who live along Lakeshore Drive north of Harrisville to Black River.

The gardens are as diverse as they are beautiful which include vegetables, flowers, natural fauna and the scenic beauty of woods and shoreline that make northeast Michigan so unique.


Local history is intertwined with the plant life like roots spreading through a garden. From the first licensed trout farm in the state of Michigan to a once thriving community of 1,400 residents, participants will have the opportunity to challenge their minds as well as soothe their souls on a Saturday afternoon.

The garden walk will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, July 26. Tickets for adults are \$10, children are free. Tickets are available prior to Saturday at Coming Attractions and the Craftmakers' Cabin in Harrisville. On Saturday tickets will be available at the Cedarbrook Trout Farm.


































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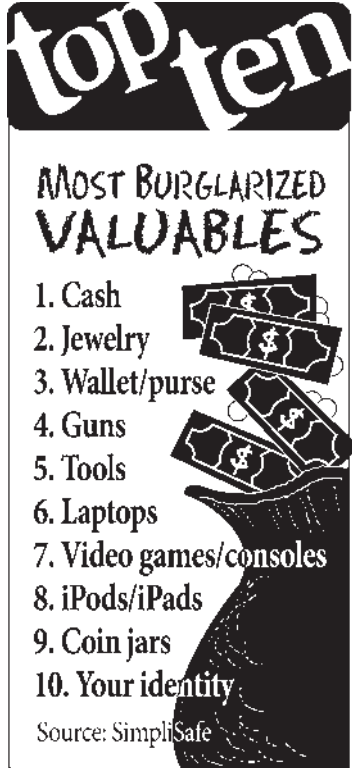
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Bates smiled as she thought about her life and contribution to her community, "I just like being active and helping people, give them a chance to get out or just talk. There are no boundaries as long as you think you can do it. It's important to just keep a good attitude."


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Understanding Michigan's commercial forest program

By 1925, the lumbering era had left Michigan void of an important commodity to ensure future industry success – abundant private forests. In an effort to encourage landowners to begin reforestation, a property tax incentive called the Commercial Forest (CF) program was created.

“As the forests became re-established, the law has changed over the years to provide a property tax incentive that encourages private landowners to retain and profitably and sustainably manage their forest land for long-term timber production,” explained Shirley Businski, who oversees the CF program, which is administered by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources’ (DNR) Forest Resources

O’Neill, who also serves as state forester, said the law is very important to Michigan’s forest products industry. The industry agrees.

“The Commercial Forest program is a crucial program for large timber management companies doing business in Michigan,” said Charlie Becker, senior resource manager of Plum Creek, a timber producer and wood products manufacturer that is the state’s largest CF landowner with more than a half million acres in the Upper Peninsula.

“Property taxes, in general, are relatively high in Michigan compared to other areas of the country, but the CF program provides an attractive alternative that helps forest industry and timber investors remain competitive in

activities that they may associate with hunting and fishing are not covered by the law.

Although the CF statute opens listed land to the public for hunting and fishing, the statute does not address the public’s use of the land. This has resulted in many questions and misunderstanding surrounding public use for hunting and fishing.

“It is important for hunters and anglers to understand that CF land is not public land,” Businski said. “CF land is privately owned land that, although open to the public for the acts of hunting and fishing, is otherwise subject to private property rights, such as trespass and littering.”

Businski said the DNR relies on two court rulings from



Landowners who enroll their property in the Commercial Forest program receive a property tax incentive for timber production, but the program also requires that landowners not deny hunters or anglers access to the land. *Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

sources Division.

“Today, nearly 1,800 private landowners participate in the program.”

CF landowners range from large, industrial timber producers to small, non-industrial businesses, private individuals, civic groups and trusts. There are more than 2.2 million acres listed in the CF program, the vast majority of which is in the northern two-thirds of the state.

Landowners do not pay ad valorem taxes, which are based on a property’s assessed value, but pay a specific tax of \$1.25 per acre per year for land enrolled in the program. Additionally, the state of Michigan makes an annual payment (from the General Fund) of \$1.25 per acre to each county with CF land, to help offset the lost local tax revenue.

“The commercial forest program was designed to promote the forest products industry in Michigan and allow landowners to maintain tracts of timber without making it necessary to develop the land to pay the property taxes,” said Bill O’Neill, chief of the Forest Resources Division.

the state. If the Commercial Forest program was ever to go away, so would the large corporate investments in Michigan’s timberlands.”

In order to be eligible for the CF program, landowners must adhere to certain rules and responsibilities.

“The CF statute requires landowners to manage the property for commercial timber production by having a written forest management plan, and certifying that the plan is in effect,” Businski said.

CF statute prohibits other land uses including agriculture, grazing, industrial, developed recreation, residential, resort, and commercial or developmental activities. There are also restrictions related to mineral extraction and wind energy development on CF land.

The statute also requires that landowners not deny the public the privilege of hunting and fishing on listed land, unless that land is closed to hunting, fishing or both, by the DNR or an act of the Michigan Legislature.

Hunters and anglers who want to use CF land must be aware, however, that many

the mid-1990s and general advice from the Attorney General’s office to address questions about the public’s use of CF land.

Based on the court rulings, AG advice and Michigan’s private property laws, CF land must be open to foot access for the acts of hunting and fishing. It is up to the private landowner to decide whether to offer visitors on CF land such things as:

- Motorized access;
- The right to leave anything unattended; and
- The right to pursue any activity other than the acts of hunting and fishing (even if those activities might aid visitors in hunting or fishing).

As for motorized access, although many CF lands have logging roads that have traditionally been used by the public to access the property, the use of such roads by the public is entirely up to the individual landowners.

CF land cannot be posted in a manner that restricts or infers restriction for hunting and fishing access, but landowners can restrict access

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for activities other than hunting and fishing (e.g., motorized access, mushroom hunting and bird watching). The exception to this rule is during active timber harvest or mineral-exploration operations when CF land can be closed to hunting and fishing for safety reasons.

A 2013 amendment to the statute provides for CF land that becomes inaccessible through no fault of the landowner to remain in the pro-

gram. For instance, if access to a particular CF parcel was through an adjacent CF property owned by someone else, and that neighbor withdraws their parcel from the program, the CF parcel that is now inaccessible may remain in the program.

or angler know before accessing CF land?

- Landowners must allow foot access to CF land to individuals to hunt and fish; landowner permission is not necessary.
- CF land may be fenced and gated as long as foot access is available to hunters and anglers.
- Access to CF land by motor vehicle or activities other than the acts of hunting and fishing are at the

discretion of the landowner.

- The only buildings or improvements permitted on CF land are those used exclusively for forest management operations. Landowners must withdraw land on which they wish to build or improve.
- The use of nails, bolts or tree steps that could lessen the value of timber is not allowed and the cutting of shooting lanes or the destruction of brush, trees or other vegetation is prohibited.

Landowners may withdraw

their land from the CF program at any time, but they must pay a penalty to the township treasurer upon withdrawal. This payment is a partial reimbursement of the tax revenue that was not paid to the township while the land was listed in the program. The withdrawal penalty is calculated using a formula that is in statute.

Maps and legal descriptions of currently listed CF



The Commercial Forest program includes more than 2.2 million acres of privately owned forest land. It supports Michigan's robust forest products industry and provides the public with access to this private land for hunting and fishing.

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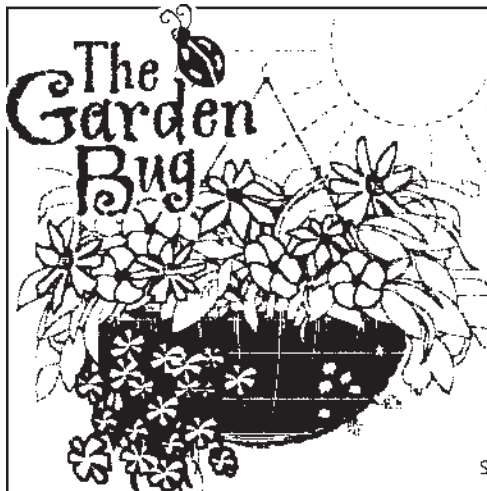
CF land is also included in the DNR's Mi-HUNT interactive map application, which can be found by visiting www.michigan.gov/mihunt.

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Youth basketball camp encourages skill and teamwork

Through the efforts of coaches, former athletes, and community volunteers Alcona High School students benefited from basketball camp held in June.

Inspired by former basketball coach Joell Krejcarek, who for years ran a summer basketball camp, a group of Alcona coaches decided to bring back this experience for the youth of the county.

In its inaugural year the camp was attended by 64 athletes in grades 7-12. The athletes received week long individual instruction and par-

ticipated in team related activities and competitions.

Camp coordinator Rachel Somers is looking to make this an annual event to promote basketball skills and team unity among athletes.

The camp concluded with a pizza dinner and a contest where athletes were named champions in several categories.

The camp could not have been possible without the many donations of snacks by parents and coaching by numerous Alcona alumni. Look for next year's camp to be held

in June once again, with registration beginning in the spring of 2015.

Athletes that participated in the basketball camp were: Megan Grove, Mason Clark, Madison Donovan, Rowan Noel, Briana Sparks-Lincoln, Pierce Bilbey, Sarah Wassman, Matthew Warner, Chloe Schram, Joshua Kilbourn, Annabelle Rowe, Patrick Bates, Courtney Winter, Ethan Fick, Isabella Bates, Hunter Clark, Rose Schopfer, Elliot Dubuque, Lorenda Thomas, Ezra Stoley, Abby Franklin, Luke Loyer, Trinity

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Volunteers for the basketball camp were: Jason Somers, Rachel Somers, Brad Cole, Alex Cole, Aaron Ritchie, Karina Cole, Michelle Krisan, Jason Loyer, Jacob Schwartz, Joel Steiner, Garrett Somers, Claire Somers, Ryan Bilbey, Ed LaVergne, Mark Feldhiser and Michelle Krisan.



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From pine barrens to oak savannah, prairie fens to young aspen, state-managed land in Michigan offers a vast array of ecosystem and habitat types, which all call for differing approaches to habitat and wildlife management.

To best manage these various habitats, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Wildlife Division has adopted guidelines that put the focus on "featured species" found in each ecosystem or habitat type -- a management style that improves the department's ability to effectively measure outcomes and better engage the public in discussing and developing plans and goals.

To make featured-species management a reality, over the last five years the Wildlife Division has been compiling a list of featured species to guide its management practices. With 42 statewide species and a handful of regionally featured species, the list is designed to help guide DNR habitat work and provide a framework for measuring the impacts of that work.

"We used to talk about ecosystem management. The problem is that the term is so overused that it has no clear meaning," said DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason. "More important, it isn't measurable. Ask 10 people what ecosystem management means and you'll get 10 answers."

The featured-species approach is not a return to long-ago, single-species management, Mason said. Instead, featured species are representative of groups of species with similar habitat re-



The American woodcock is one of the Michigan DNR's featured species for early successional forests.

quirements. Besides providing a way to measure the effectiveness of habitat management, the featured-species concept is easier to explain. Stakeholders and partners get a better idea what management is about.

"If we clear-cut a stand in the Upper Peninsula, we can easily explain the 'why' - benefits to deer, ruffed grouse, woodcock and golden-winged warblers, for example," Mason said.

"Ecosystems are poorly understood because they are enormously complicated," he added. "Instead, we manipulate specific features for measurable habitat and wildlife outcomes. What's different today is that we're being explicit about it."

DNR wildlife biologist Kerry Fitzpatrick designed the process for identifying featured species and writing habitat guidelines for them. "When I came to the department I was hired to work on habitat management,"

Fitzpatrick said. "There was a focus on natural communities and ecosystems, but it was hard to easily describe what we were managing for."

Fitzpatrick said restoring an oak barren is a good example. "The thought was, we restore a habitat and everything else will take care of itself," he said. "Well, how are we going to measure it? As a wildlife division, shouldn't we be measuring our success by wildlife's response to management activities?"

"Most of our stakeholders are not familiar with terms like oak barrens or pine savannahs. They don't usually think or talk in ecological terms. But, when we start talking about the animals that depend on barrens and savannahs, they understand. We need to be able to communicate our plans clearly."

The Wildlife Division started by asking questions internally, compiling a list, taking it to stakeholders in meetings across the state for feedback, and then revising and presenting again to stakeholders - to make sure the division got it right, Mason said.

It seems the Wildlife Division is in good company with this featured-species approach. "The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is following suit, developing lists of what they're calling 'surrogate species,'" Mason said. "They're adopting the featured-species concept as well. It's an effective and clear way of being able to not only explain what we do - but also quantify what we do - on the landscape."

As Fitzpatrick explained, when habitat work concentrated on an ecosystem approach, the only way the division could quantify what it accomplished was by acreage. But what if those acres weren't of high quality for the creatures that use it? By seeing a response in a featured species, wildlife managers can tell whether the work is having its intended effect.

Fitzpatrick said the idea of manipulating habitat to produce feature species prompted the Wildlife Division to ask four questions: Where are we? Where are we going? How are we going to get there? Did we get there?



Black bear is among the species that the Michigan DNR will use to gauge habitat-improvement projects statewide. Photos Courtesy of the Michigan DNR.

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"By looking at featured species, we can answer those four questions," he said.

Not all Wildlife Division staffers were on board when the process began. Mark Sargent, then the private lands specialist, said he had grave concerns at first, but as he thought more about it, he became convinced that this route was the way to go.

"When I went to college, they stopped holding waterfowl management class and started having wetlands management class," Sargent said. "But we manage habitats for critters and we can't really know what we've done until we put a critter in there and we can evaluate it. Should we spend money restoring a habitat if it doesn't benefit the critters and the people who like them or want them? Restorations are more valuable if we restore a system that also benefits wildlife."

"It doesn't mean we're not managing for a whole suite of species at the same time," he continued. "When we do grassland management for pheasants, we can do that in a way that also benefits meadowlarks and bobolinks."

Simply developing the featured-species list was challenging, Sargent said. "In order to make the list, a species had to have two characteristics - it had to be valuable and it had to have habitat needs that we could address," he said. "Like woodcock - we know what they need and we know what we can do," Sargent said. "But other species - like loons, for instance - didn't make the list. That doesn't mean they don't have value. Loons have value."

"There are featured species for most habitat types - species that represent fens, or prairie or old growth," Sargent continued. "If you're looking at a particular habitat, you have several featured species associated with it. Generally, there are three or



The Karner blue butterfly, a Michigan threatened species, is a featured species in the Department of Natural Resources' management of prairie habitat.

four species that you can manage for at a specific game area or habitat type or vegetative system. We can identify our management activities when we frame them with a species because that's the output product."

Fitzpatrick uses grasslands to illustrate this point. A vast expanse of manicured short grass may be good for a species such as robins, but does nothing for species that need tall grass - like pheasants. And even a vast tract of tall grass isn't optimal for pheasants if it doesn't have a winter-cover component, too.

"We have to look at the primary limiting habitat problem - wintering areas for pheasants or deer yards for northern Michigan white-tails - then identify treatments," he said.

Al Stewart, the DNR's upland game bird specialist, said the Michigan Pheasant Restoration Initiative is a prime example of managing for a featured species. "We're looking at it at a broader landscape level," he said. "We're looking at the life requirements of a particular animal within that unit. It helps us be more focused on what we want to accomplish and why."

The 42 species on the statewide list include game animals, furbearers, non-

game animals, threatened and endangered species - even insects. The list includes everything from black bear to massasauga rattlesnakes to Karner blue butterflies.

For more information on the DNR's featured species and how the department manages habitat, visit www.michigan.gov/wildlife.

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



Volunteers helped the DNR restore a large grassland near Lake Hudson as part of the Michigan Pheasant Restoration Initiative. Trends in ring-necked pheasant populations will help the DNR determine if its grassland-habitat projects are successful.

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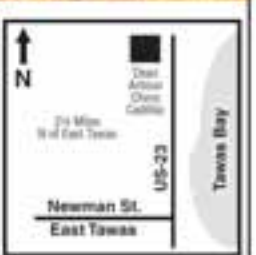
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Divine intervention leads to kidney donation

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

It may have been divine intervention or destiny, either way, the chance meeting which turned into a friendship eventually led to an organ donation which physically united two women forever.

For over 30 years Kathy Carriveau, of Spruce, had a congenital defect which caused her kidneys to deteriorate.

Lisa Dodson lived downstate until about 10 years ago when she and her husband decided to make their up-north cottage their permanent home.

The two ladies met in 2008 through St. Catherine Catholic Church in Ossineke when Carriveau was teaching Dodson's youngest child Confraternity of Christian Doctrine (CCD).

At the time Dodson, of Hubbard Lake, had no idea about Carriveau's secret health struggle. "I kept it to myself. I stayed on a renal diet trying to slow the process down. It was a struggle that went on for years and years. It was my normal," Carriveau said.

Her secret became more difficult to keep when Carriveau started on dialysis two years ago. Despite the treatment, Carriveau needed a kidney donation. None of her five children were suitable donors. She began to spread the word to her friends, something she re-



Lisa Dodson (left) stands next to her friend and kidney recipient, Kathy Carriveau. Dodson and Carriveau met and formed a friendship in church and believe it was by divine providence their paths crossed so Carriveau could have the kidney she desperately needed. Photo by Mary Weber.

gretted later, as five friends from the Fraternal Order of Eagles, of which she is a member, stepped up to donate and four of them were determined as unsuitable donors by the University of Michigan (U of M) Hospital.

Carriveau said they all felt a great sadness after being told they could not give her a kidney, something she never meant to happen. She thought maybe it would be better if a kidney was given by someone she didn't know.

As her condition grew worse Carriveau began to give up hope. She prayed about it every day until her priest told her she didn't need to pray every day as God had already heard her prayers. Instead of asking God to answer her prayers for a new kidney Carriveau started asking God if his answer was no to let her see or hear the word no. It was when she didn't hear anything she began to think maybe something was coming.

On a December day just after Christmas, Carriveau and Dodson attended a birthday party at the church. That morning Carriveau received a letter from the hospital stating the fifth potential donor was not eligible for organ donation. It was a devastating blow for Carriveau who was on dialysis seven days a week. However, she didn't see it as a negative sign from God. Instead she talked about her need for a kidney at the party.

Although she had seen the signs that Carriveau was ailing, that was the first time Dodson had heard about her needing a kidney.

Dodson asked Carriveau what was needed to begin the process of organ donation. "She told me you first have to be the same blood type. So I asked her what blood type she was and she told me A positive. I told her I was A positive. It got kind of freaky. I felt a spirit or a whisper or whatever you want to call it and I just thought 'I could really do this. I could give her one of my kidneys.' It was very spiritual," Dodson said.

Dodson, a mother of four, didn't say anything more about it to Carriveau that evening, but she did discuss it with her husband, Mike. He was apprehensive and asked her what would hap-

pen if one of their own kids needed a kidney someday and she wouldn't be able to give them one. Dodson responded "What if they don't and I could have helped someone and didn't?" He agreed she was right and said he would support her decision.

The next time they saw each other was in church, that's when Dodson told Carriveau she was going to give her a kidney. Carriveau could tell by her voice she was serious and wasn't going to take no for an answer.

Dodson contacted U of M and was sent a kit and was told to go for testing at Alpena Regional Medical Hospital. Within a week the test confirmed she could be a donor. Soon after Dodson attended a day long orientation at U of M. She was tested for everything and had a complete medical work up and met with a psychiatrist, a nephrologist and the surgeon. Dodson also watched films and listened to a kidney donor who gave a firsthand account and talked about what to expect afterwards.

"One of the things they really want to make sure of is the donor is not being paid or bribed in any way to give a kidney," Dodson said. A lot of time was spent discussing how she and her family felt about it and finding out if she had a good support system at home.

Dodson, 49, shared all of the information with her family. In fact, Dodson talked about the process so often with her family she thought maybe they got tired of hearing about it, but they were all proud. Even her youngest son and his college friends thought it was amazing and very cool. "My doing this could lead the path to open a window or a door for them to think about donating if it is ever brought to their attention, because that's how it was with me. I knew someone else who donated and had no problems, so I felt I could too," Dodson said.

Nearly five months later with a few more tests conducted in Alpena, she was found to be in perfect health and was cleared for surgery.

During those five months

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"This is an awesome donation as new car and booster seats are a tremendous need for our clients. We cannot thank the United Way enough

for this wonderful donation. We will be able to help many families with the correct seats to keep their children safe," said John Keller, director of DHS.

DHS clients can contact Carrie Badgero at (989) 354-7248 for further information in securing a seat. Recently, the United Way also disbursed funds to the following organizations:

- Alpena Baby Pantry to purchase diapers, wipes, formula and baby food.
- Alpena Senior Citizens' Center for the Meals on Wheels Program.
- Feeding Kids Ministry to purchase food.
- Foster Closet for clothing and personal hygiene products.
- CANPAC (Alcona County) for its fall workshop.
- Helping Hand (Montmorency County) for utility and rent services.
- New Beginnings (Montmorency County) for food.

• St. Vincent DePaul Society (Alcona and Montmorency counties) for utility and rent services.

"The United Way is pleased to assist these agencies with their efforts," said Germaine Stoppa, executive director of the United Way. "Every day there is a need and due to the generous financial support from the citizens in Alpena, Alcona and Montmorency counties, the United Way is able to assist not only the community funded agencies under our umbrella, but we can reach out to the other wonderful programs in the area and give them a helping hand."

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Carriveau's condition worsened. She was getting sicker and sicker. She knew that if she couldn't get a kidney soon, her prognosis was grim. For her the day of surgery couldn't come fast enough.

While she was waiting, Carriveau said she continually felt the surgery wasn't going to happen. She was worried somewhere along the process something would prevent Dodson from donating. Her husband, Charlie, was concerned about it to. She explained a donor or recipient can cancel the transplant at any time -- even on the day of surgery -- for no reason.

Dodson's only concern was if Carriveau's body would accept her kidney. She didn't want to put her in a worse medical condition. Other than that Dodson wasn't nervous about the donation and was more than ready when surgery day came on May 23.

Dodson had laparoscopic surgery to remove her kidney.

"For me it was easy breezy. One small cut near my belly button and two other little pokes. They did find out I had a small hernia and were able to fix that too. A win, win," Dodson said.

"I was wheeled in around 12:30 in the afternoon for surgery and I was walking by 7 p.m. that night. It felt like I had just done a thousand sit ups and I did take the pain killers they offered the first night. Mostly, I wanted to know how Kathy was. I was very excited about walking to her room that evening to see her. I went home the next day."

Carriveau said she got to see Dodson's kidney before the surgery. "It was plump and pink and perfect. I named it 'Little Lisa.' The doctors told me it started working as they were sewing it in. They said that was a good sign it

was a strong kidney.

"Lisa wanted no thank you for the kidney, she's not the kind who likes attention, but Lisa freed me from a prison I was in. I was a prisoner to all the water in my body and a prisoner to the dialysis machine. I couldn't go anywhere because I had too much stuff to take. Now I can travel easily. I went camping last weekend. I can also eat anything. Catsup! I haven't had catsup for years!" Carriveau said clapping her hands with delight as the waitress presented her lunch -- a large hamburger with everything.

Dodson said not having two kidneys hasn't affected her at all and doesn't even miss Little Lisa. She said it does her heart good when she talks to Carriveau; and the doctor's reports just get better and better. Carriveau is looking better too with a lot more color and she's lost weight. Carriveau said she's lost 37 pounds which was all water weight.

Carriveau is wondering what the future will hold for her. "Getting a kidney at 66... I know something more is in store for me. I want to start a local support group for anyone thinking about donating an organ or getting a transplant. The closest one I could find was in Midland. I also want to work at having people sign up as donors on their license or state identification. Lisa and I both want to speak about becoming a living donor. We don't want people to be afraid to step up when

they hear somebody needs a kidney."

For more information about Carriveau's surgery or to schedule a time for the two ladies to talk to a group or organization, contact Carriveau at (989) 464-1610.



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Position your boat so the prevailing breeze will carry it along a drop-off or across any area with water depths of at least 12 to 20 feet. Let out enough line, or adjust the amount of weight on the line, so your bait will stay about 12 to 20 foot deep no matter how deep the water actually is. Then set your rod down against the side of the boat, relax and watch the tip of the rod for a bite. Drop the rod tip when you see a bite and count to three before reeling in and setting the hook with a firm pull -- not too hard.

Many fish such as bass, walleye, yellow perch, crappie and larger bluegill will move into deeper water and suspend at their preferred cooler temperature during the hot summer months. Slowly drifting a larger, natural bait at these deeper depths will often get you more than you bargained for.

(This tip was written by Jeff Braunscheidel, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Lake Erie Management Unit Fisheries Biologist at the Waterford Fish Station.)

**Northeast Lower Peninsula
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• Rogers City: Had relatively good fishing when boats

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can get out. They have caught a mixed bag of Chinook, lake trout, steelhead, Atlantic, pink, coho and even a few walleye in 40 to 90 feet. They are using downriggers, lead core, copper and dipseys up and down the water column.

Look for structure and baitfish and don't always think about running all the way north to Forty Mile Point, a lot of salmon have been close to the marina lately.

• Alpena: Catch rates for walleye were mixed as anglers try to find them. Some are heading as far as South Point, Scarecrow Island, Sulphur Island and Grass Island while others are heading to North Point, North Shore and Thunder Bay Island. All are using body baits and crawler harnesses with no color preference. Lake trout action was good off Thunder Bay Island in deeper water when using attractors near the bottom and salmon were hitting on spoons higher in the water column.

• Harrisville: Water temperatures were wreaking havoc on fishing and all species were scattered at different depths. Lake trout, along with the occasional salmon and steelhead, were caught in waters 45 to 120 feet deep. Use downriggers, lead core, copper and planer boards. Most of the fish were hitting on dark colors and the majority had gobies in their stomach.

Steelhead were feeding along the scum lines if you can find them. Walleye were in the area in good numbers, from the rock wall around the harbor up to Sturgeon Point and northward in 10 to 40 feet. They are closer to shore late evening and early morning and deeper midday. Try body baits and crawler harnesses with long lines and planer boards.

• Oscoda: Boat anglers caught lake trout, salmon and steelhead straight out and north of the port. Start shallow in the early morning and work your way out to waters up to 150 feet deep. Fish all depths and use dark colors. Pier anglers are drifting crawlers and leeches with a slip bobber and bottom bouncers for walleye. Those fishing off the end of the pier caught a few fish on small spoons and body baits.

• AuSable River: Has walleye between the mouth and Foote Dam. Boat anglers are drifting crawlers with split shot to adjust for depth. Jigging up the river with crawlers and casting body baits over the holes is working well.

• Higgins Lake: Is still producing perch near the islands and some nice rock bass. Pike were caught by those bobber fishing. Try live suckers or chubs. Lake trout were out deep in 100 to 120 feet.

• Tawas: Most walleye anglers were heading south and fishing just north of Big Charity Island but some were even fishing off Oak Point and north to Caseville. A change in water temperatures as a result of the windy conditions was causing the fish to relocate. A couple of boats trolling in 35 to 55 feet south of Buoy No. 2 have done well for lake trout and steelhead. Pier anglers are catching a summer mix of smallmouth bass, rock bass, freshwater drum and the occasional walleye in the evening.

• Tawas River: Fishing was slow.

• AuGres: Excellent walleye fishing continues in 25 to 30 feet. Most boats are now going south of Pointe AuGres and fishing the outer reaches of the inner bay or out near the commercial shipping channel.

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The voice of Alcona High School sports

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Known as "the voice" of Alcona High School sports, one citizen has proven his passion for family, children and the sports program for well over 40 years.

Despite health setbacks Don Franklin continues to be the recognizable voice heard during local sporting events. He is the announcer for Alcona High School sports, something he doesn't plan to stop doing any time soon.

Franklin grew up in Lincoln, the youngest of seven children. He graduated from Alcona High School in 1960. His class was the third to graduate from the new school.

He had always enjoyed sports while in school and kept up with the games after graduation. At the age of 22 he coached a baseball team of 12 to 16 year olds and helped form Little League teams in Lincoln.

Around the same time Franklin also attended Alpena Community College where he received a license as a general electrician. He worked on commercial and industrial wiring all over Michigan for over 36 years.

In 1967 his old coach, Russel "Duke" Sterling, asked him to start announcing basketball games. He loved announcing the games and began announcing football games as well. He continued to coach and coached baseball for 25 years and elementary basketball for 27 years including some freshman girls and eighth grade boys basketball teams. Between coaching and announcing Franklin got to know and coach some of Alcona County's finest athletes.

Franklin's passion for sports was passed on to his four children who also attended Alcona High School.

Over the years, Franklin helped put together four school basketball alumni games. He was chairman of three of the games and master of ceremonies for all four. He helped research and produce a memorial booklet of the alumni to hand out to athletes attending the games. He also cofounded the first Alcona Athletic Association.

For nearly five decades Franklin has been announcing football games as well as track, baseball and softball when needed. He said during that time he's missed very few games. Those he did miss were due to cancer, which he has battled five times.

He retired as an electrician in December of 2000, the following March, Franklin quit smoking. A few months later he was diagnosed with bladder cancer. He called his children to be by his side to discuss his new battle. Surgery was performed and the cancer was removed.

For six years Franklin followed his doctor's advice and had regular checkups. In 2007 the cancer was back. Again he called his children to his side. The cancer was removed by a small surgery in the doctor's office. Yet his battle was far from over.

In January of 2008 Franklin was diagnosed with



Don Franklin spends a few minutes at home talking about the Alcona High School basketball alumni booklet he helped research and the short story he wrote about growing up in Alcona County which was published last year in "A Living History of Northern Michigan Rumble Seats and Lumber Camps." Franklin has been the voice of Alcona High School sports for well over 40 years. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

lung cancer. Franklin sat and quietly and reflected on a dark time in his life, "In March the upper lobe was removed from my right lung. I had not missed a high school championship basketball game in 41 years, but I had to miss that year due to surgery. For three days after the surgery I didn't think I would live. It was awful, and then, on the fourth day, I felt a bit stronger and thought, by God, I'm going to make it."

Half a year later, cancer was found in his left lung which was also removed by surgery. Franklin continued to get regular checkups with chest X-rays every 90 days and cat scans every six months.

Last year, Franklin's doctor called him during a basketball game to inform him cancer was once again in his right lung. "Dr. Puls said he didn't want to go in a chest three times because there is too much scar tissue. He said there was a procedure using a Cyberknife being performed at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw," Franklin said. It turned out that he was a good candidate for the Cyberknife treatment.

Franklin explained the Cyberknife procedure has only been available for about six years and only a few hospitals in Michigan have it because of the \$5 million it costs for the machine. Typically, traditional radiation is shot from up to 24 angles, but the Cyberknife shoots from 3,600 angles.

His treatment throughout the Cyberknife procedure was painless. "First they inject silver markers with gold tips into the cancer and then they made a mold of my body. For 90 minutes during five consecutive days I laid flat on my back with the mold covering my body," Franklin said. His doctor appointment a month ago revealed all cancer in his lung was destroyed.

Shortly after his treatments concluded, Franklin was able to accomplish a goal of his -- to have new updateable record boards installed at the school. Prior to the installation of the record boards, Franklin had spent a year and a half researching and collecting enormous

amounts of data about Alcona High School athletics to make sure the boards were accurate. It was a labor of love.

"I just had a brainstorm one day that someone should update the record boards. We've had some great athletes at the school and they needed to be recognized," Franklin said. He was also instrumental in raising funds for the project.

High school sports is not his only interest. Franklin had a short story, "A House on the Hill," about his time as a boy growing up in Alcona County, published last year in a collection of short stories entitled "A Living History of Northern Michigan Rumble Seats and Lumber Camps." The book was published by Hometown Memories, LLC.

More recently, he began working on another goal to better the school and its athletic program. He came up with it while looking at the property between the football field and the baseball

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Students look for stones and driftwood along the Sturgeon Point shoreline while Emily Lobaugh and Owen Sauve consult with Andrea Eby, Alcona Health Center - Tiger Extension nurse practitioner, on something they found.



Sue Nagy (right), Bailey school volunteer, demonstrates old fashioned school yard games with Zean Monnier (above) and other students.

Sturgeon Point Lighthouse and Bailey School keep youth busy during a field trip during the Alcona Summer Safari Day Camp. The object of the trip was to let kids know there are fun, free activities they can do in their own county. They also learned about the lighthouse and the one-room school and played old fashion school yard games. At both the lighthouse and the school they participated in a scavenger hunt, looking for items on display and finding out what they might have been used for --such as a soap saver, chamber pot, croquet set, dunce cap and other items. *Photos by Carlee Campbell.*



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Michigan State University researcher gives rare turtles a head start on survival

To Jim Harding, spending nearly a lifetime studying wood turtles just makes sense.

"These are very long-lived animals," Harding said. "And if you want to understand them, you have to study them over a long period of time."

An instructor and outreach specialist with Michigan State University's Zoology Department, Harding has been studying the wood turtle population along an Upper Peninsula river since 1969, when he was working on his master's degree. But, he's quick to tell you, he's been interacting with them even longer; he has a photograph of himself and a turtle from his study site - on property owned by his grandfather - when he was five years old.

"I was always fascinated by turtles," he said. "It wasn't until many years later that I realized these weren't just any turtle. They were special."

The wood turtle is one of 10 species of turtles that live in Michigan. Of the 10, one species is considered threatened (spotted turtle) while the wood turtle joins the box turtle and Blanding's turtle as a species of concern, explained DNR fisheries biologist Tom Goniea, who oversees reptiles and amphibians as coordinator of the state's Scientific Collector's Permit program.

Wood turtles join Blanding's and box turtles in a group of turtles that are unusually long-lived, Harding said. Wood turtles have unfortunately been attractive to the pet trade, due to their ornate, ridged shells that look like carved wood; their striking, brightly colored yellow bodies; and their similarities to tortoises, which seems to lead people to believe wood turtles are more intelligent or wiser than other species of turtles.

Wood turtles are associated with moving water, from



Jim Harding shows off an adult wood turtle he found on a recent excursion on an Upper Peninsula river. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

small creeks to large rivers. Although Harding finds them upland at times, "you never find them too far from the river," he said.

The population on his study site is "just a shadow of its former self," Harding said, something he attributes to two causes: Collection by the pet trade back in past decades and a burgeoning raccoon population. "For years we've had no evidence of natural reproduction at all," said Harding, who recently spent time with several associates looking for wood turtles - and their nests - on his study site. "We don't see any juveniles. The raccoons are getting all of their nests."

As a result, Harding - who has the appropriate permits from the DNR - has taken to "head-starting" wood turtles: If he finds a turtle nest, he collects the eggs, incubates them, and raises the hatchlings for a year, then releases them at the study site.

By head-starting the young turtles, they are able to reach the size of a three or four-year-old by the time Harding releases them, which he

hopes will lead to better survival rates, even with some loss of adult turtles to raccoons.

Raising the hatchlings for a year is more of a chore than it sounds; the eggs are delicate and must be handled with care. The juveniles must be kept in separate holding areas as they'll bite each other's tails and limbs if left together.

To accommodate the hatchlings, Harding raises a few himself, has help from some fellow turtle aficionados with a couple more, and enlists the aid of John Ball Zoo in Grand Rapids, Mich. for help with the rest. So far, his work appears to be bearing fruit as he's found some of his released turtles surviving in the wild.

Omnivorous creatures that have developed a unique hunting technique - they thump the ground with their shells, creating vibrations that send earthworms to the surface - wood turtles are in short supply across their home range, which extends west to Minnesota, north into Canada and southeast to perhaps Virginia. In Michigan, wood turtles are found across most of the U.P. and northern half of the Lower Peninsula.

"Michigan may be one of the states that is very important to their future because we have habitat," Harding said. "They use a mosaic of forest and more open terrain. Timber harvests don't bother them. Wood turtles do not



Harding removes the eggs from a wood turtle nest so he can head-start the hatchlings.

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New museum exhibit explores sanctuary and proposed River Center

By Carlee Campbell
Staff Writer

With the new River Center Exhibit at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, the public will receive a glimpse into the possibilities of exploring the Thunder Bay Watershed.

The exhibit's purpose is to give the public a look at what the proposed River Center could accomplish and why the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary and watershed is being threatened. The layout helps to highlight both the good and the bad, according to Roger Witherbee, chairman of the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary Board.

the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary on Lake Huron and features places for visitors to hike, stroll, fish, bird watch, canoe and kayak.

For years, Witherbee has had the dream of building a place where the community can learn about the watershed and the sanctuary.

The proposed River Center building itself will cost around \$1 million and so far, \$60,000 of that has been raised through fundraisers like the Reel Fun Ice Fishing Tournament and donations from the community.

Once the council acquires the needed funds, construction will begin in Duck Park

the waters of the sanctuary and harming the watershed.

Despite these invasive problems, the sanctuary is a place in which to retreat. "You get into (the sanctuary) and it doesn't feel like you're in the city at all," Witherbee said.

He is a frequent visitor to the sanctuary, often kayaking on the river and lakes and observing abundant wildlife. Witherbee was appointed by the Alpena City Council in 2008 to head a committee to further the conservation and improve the education about the sanctuary. Since then, he and his co-chairperson, Judy Kalmanek, have been



The final room of the River Center exhibit features real life specimen of the invasive animal species, a large map of the Thunder Bay Watershed, and animals native to the Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary. *Photo by Carlee Campbell.*

Through this exhibit, visitors are given a glimpse at the issues that threaten the watershed and experience something previously unexplored to them about the importance of the watershed, according to Witherbee.

The Thunder Bay Watershed covers five counties: Alpena, Alcona, Oscoda, Presque Isle and Montmorency. A watershed is a lower elevated plot of land that allows surface water to drain toward a single point, in this case, Lake Huron.

The Alpena Wildlife Sanctuary is 500 acres of wetlands, rivers and wildlife located in Alpena. It borders

where the River Center will overlook the 500 acres from the northeast side.

One feature planned for the River Center in which Witherbee is most excited about is the water diorama that will depict simulations over different scenarios that could possibly affect the watershed, such as a removal of the Alcona Dam on the AuSable River in Curtis Township.

The simulations would only give a glimpse at the forces working against the area. Witherbee explained the sanctuary has begun to succumb to invasive species, natural plant succession and both natural and man made erosion. Volunteers and council members are working to spend more time trying to conserve the area and remove the problem.

Witherbee said 3,000 pounds of frogbit, a fast growing flowering plant, was removed from Duck Park on July 12.

Other invasive plant species continue to grow such as spotted knapweed, which poisons the soil around it and garlic mustard whose leaves contain poison that harms white butterfly eggs. The rapid growth of these plants is caused by winds, people, birds and animals that unknowingly spread the spores and seeds in the surrounding areas.

Marine life such as rusty crayfish, quagga and zebra mussels as well as Eurasian goy fish have been invading

working with many different programs to help further educate visitors and residents about the area.

It took around three to four months to gather all the information and specimen that make up the new exhibit. Witherbee and Kalmanek, spent much of their time going out to the sanctuary and gathering the specimen and research for the display exhibit and were aided by the United States Fishing and Wildlife Service.

What the committee hopes to get out of the exhibit is an understanding that to increase the water quality of the watershed, communities must work together. And through that work, more programs can be created and supported to increase education about the conservation of the sanctuary's 500 acres and all the plants and animals that encompass it.

The Heritage Center is in connection with the Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary. It features scientific research facilities, numerous exhibits, and information about Thunder Bay. Located at 500 W. Fletcher Street in Alpena. Summer hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Sunday. Visit www.thunderbay.noaa.gov for information on upcoming events and exhibits

To learn more about the River Center Exhibit and ways to get involved, call Roger Witherbee at (989) 595-3919 or e-mail him at rwitherbee@gmail.com.

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Saving property taxes on forested land

By Andrew Beebe

District Forester

Owning forested land is a wonderful investment in countless ways. Whether it's a hunting camp, an ATVers paradise, or a bird watching haven -- chances are you love your property and all the fun you have on it.

My question to you, good reader is, "do you have a plan for your forested land?" I don't mean do you plan to shoot a 20 point buck next year? But rather, do you know exactly what you have out there in the woods? Do you know what you can do with your property?

Doing something is better than letting nature take its course. Only about three to five percent of forested landowners in Michigan actually have a management plan written by a qualified forester. In other states having a management plan written is common place, but for whatever reason most Michigan landowners haven't decided to invest in wise land management planning.

Some landowners wonder why they even need a forester to plan the future of their forest. There are many answers to this question with the core argument being that foresters have studied how the woods work. Foresters also understand local timber markets, know what is feasible to actually get done, are well versed in forest health related issues like insects and disease, and they know a lot about trees.

This is not about foresters, however. It is about a tax incentive program for forest land owners. The Qualified Forest Program is a tax incentive program administered by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development and the local conservation district. This program stands to benefit forested landowners in a multitude of ways should they choose to make the leap into the world of active management.

The program financially benefits landowners who choose to enroll in two primary ways. First, when land is enrolled in the program up to 18 mils of local taxes will be eliminated from the tax bill. Second, the taxable value of the property becomes capped upon enrollment in the program. For most folks this equates to a savings of about 35 percent on their property tax bill, but it depends on what the current taxable value is.

Aside from the financial savings, land owners will receive piece of mind by truly knowing what they have in their forest; if it's healthy or not; and how they're going to improve the land over the years. It is important to remember that while most forestry does involve extracting a timber resource; good forestry involves extracting timber in a fashion that mimics natural disturbance and, more importantly, in a way that ensures the forest will regenerate.



Conservation Minute

By Andy Beebe
District Forester

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But what is the catch? There really is no catch. To enroll in the program it is best to first contact the local conservation district to schedule a free on site visit. If the land meets the criteria for the program, which most forested property 20 acres or larger in size does, the landowner will have to make an initial investment, but don't be scared by that. The savings received on a tax bill is often enough to recover the initial costs within a few years. Aside from the initial investment of hiring a forester to write a management plan, landowners simply need to follow their management plan and conduct at least one timber harvest within a 20 year time frame.

If a timber harvest sounds a little scary, I encourage talk with a local conservation district about what a timber harvest actually means. Harvesting timber can often be a means to accomplish other goals a land owner might have. For instance, harvesting timber in a sustainable fashion on hunting property is a great way to encourage the young forest habitat that so many game species thrive in.

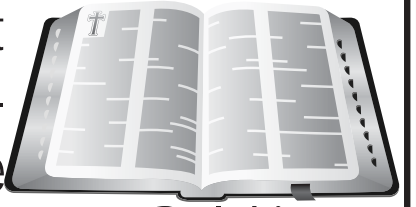
So many landowners fear programs like this because they do not want the government or a forester telling them what to do with their land. Anyone who chooses to enroll in this program will be able to work with the forester and develop a plan that they approve of. Land owners will still need to harvest enough timber to make it marketable, but again I encourage landowners to talk with a forester about what this will mean for their woods before they dismiss the idea.

Another common fear is that the state of Michigan will somehow claim a percentage of a private timber sale revenue or tax a timber harvest differently due to enrollment in the program. This is simply not the case. When a timber harvest takes place the land owner will receive all of the profits and only normal timber taxes apply.

If you own forested land, please at least ask for advice. Talking with a conservation district forester cannot do any harm. Free consultations come with no strings attached and provide lot of information. There really is no good reason not to call your local conservation district if you own forested property.

(Andrew Beebe is the district forester for Alcona and Iosco counties. For more information about the Qualified Forest Program or anything pertaining to forests and forestry, contact him at (989) 335-

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American Coins: (1,000s) of Wheat Pennies, large amount of Bi-Centennial Quarters, large assortment of Mercury Dimes, (39+) Liberty Dollar Coins, (16) 1oz. Walking Liberties, (100s) of Liberty oz., (100s) of Walking Liberties, (100s) of Buffalo Nickels, large amount of Silver Nickels and Dimes, (61) Bi-Centennial Half Dollars, (263) Silver Dollars, 1916 & 1903 Barber Dimes, 1901 & 1904 Pennies, 1886-1986 Liberty Coins, 1962-1964 D Roosevelt Dimes, 1946-1964 D Complete Roosevelt Dime set, 1880's Dimes, (26) 1979 Susan B. Anthony Dollars, 1700's Colonial Penny, Indian Head Pennies, 1826, 1887, 1868, 1819, 1787 large Pennies, 1865-1868 Nickels, 1854 Arrows 1/2 Dime, 1972 Double Die Penny, 1904 Morgan Silver Dollar, 2001 State Quarter Collection, 1732-1982 Commemorative Half Dollars, (7) Kennedy Half Dollars, 1943 Steel Cents, (2) Franklin Halves, 1948-1963 Complete Books, Numerous Liberty Half Dollars, Off-Center Pennies, (20) 1976 Half Dollars, Liberty Dimes, Numerous Bi-Centennial Uncirculated sets, 100 Years on the Road with Ford Commemorative Coin Collection, Bi-Centennial Medal The Battles of Lexington and Concord Coin Set. 1990 U.S. Prestige Set, 2002 50th State Quarters, 1874-1965 Commemorative Churchill, 1995 Santa Silver Dollar, 10th Anniversary Dwight D. Eisenhower Commemorative Set, 1975 The Battle of Lexington & Concord, The National Bi-Centennial Medal, 1987, 1994, 1996, 1998, 1999 U.S. Silver Pieces, Colt S. Combat Commander Proof Set, 1988 Shuttle Discovery Silver Dollars, American Eagle Silver Dollars, 1938 20 Centavos one side Filipinas other side USA, 1856-1858 Washington Mint, Capital Hard Collection 384 of 466 uncirculated, Many More!

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diamonds. "We have this beautiful school, beautiful football field, beautiful press box and electronic score boards. The baseball/softball fields are to the north with another beautiful elementary school north of that. Right in the middle of the two schools, by the ball diamonds sits two porta potties. It just looks bad having them there," Franklin said.

Franklin has spent the last five months researching what would be involved to build a two story announcer booth/concession stand and restroom facility just before the ball diamonds. He said not only would baseball fans appreciate the facility, but it could also be utilized by visiting football fans that have to walk all the way around the football field to use restrooms. He noted many grandparents who like to watch their grandchildren play have a hard time walking that far.

He has done quite a bit of the leg work by getting many contractors and local tradesmen who are more than willing to perform labor free of charge. Franklin has drawings of the building and estimated the cost of materials to be somewhere between \$20,000 and \$25,000. The project has already collected \$2,645 for start-up costs.

However, Franklin has rethought the demands of heading such a lofty project. "I'm

72. I'm a bit impatient and my energy level is not where I want it to be. I can't let my immune system deteriorate to the point (where) I have no quality of life. I want to maintain as good of health as I can and if I spend too much energy on this, I will not be able to attend family and community functions or enjoy the sports season at Alcona. I still hope to have a few more seasons in the football announcing booth and (want) to help out in other sports as well." Franklin said.

Franklin said there are a lot of people in the community who have the ability to see the project through but they have to have a passion to want to do it for the kids. They must also have the drive and organizational skills to do a little fund-raising.

"We have people in our sports community who have the ability to do this. It's all just waiting for someone to pick it up and run with it. All they need is the passion to want to do it for the kids. We don't have a big community center in Alcona County where everybody can go to, we have Alcona High School.

"Our community thing is our high school. It's about community pride and school pride. If I can fight cancer this long maybe it will inspire someone else to just fight a little bit harder, take a little more interest in the school, take more interest in other

people, have passion for something to grab on to. Sports itself doesn't hold that much importance, it's part of education. Certainly academ-

ics are number one, but academics are usually bolstered by athletics," Franklin said.

Anyone interested in spear heading the ball diamond

concession stand construction project may contact Dan O'Connor at the high school by calling (989) 736-8534.

For the Week of July 14-20, 2014 Alcona County Sheriff's Report

95 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 4 Arrests; 3 Warrants; 1 Operating While Intoxicated.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	13	Property Damage Accident	3
Message/Well Being Check	5	Miscellaneous	8
Agency Assist	4	Dog/Animal	7
Traffic	4	Malicious Dest. of Property	5
Alarm	3	Be On the Lookout	2
Auto Respossession	2	Domestic	1
Harassment/Threats/Stalking	2	Patrol Check	2
Operate While Intoxicated	1	Marine	1
Attempt to Locate	1	Warrant Arrest	3
Civil	1	Neighbor Trouble	1
Missing Person	2	Abandoned Vehicle	3
Personal Injury Accident	3	Assault & Battery	1
Power Lines Down	1	Larceny	5
Medical	1	Marine	1
Fire	1	Suspicious Events	7
Gunshots Heard	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	7	Caledonia	7	Curtis	10
Greenbush	14	Gustin	5	Harrisville	14
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Millen	1	Mitchell	6		
Harrisville City	6	Village of Lincoln	3		

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More than 19 million fish stocked across state this spring

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources's (DNR) Fisheries Division stocked a total of 19,382,390 fish that weighed 383 tons and consisted of 10 different species and one hybrid. To complete this task, it took nearly 400 stocking trips to 739 stocking sites, with drivers traveling more than 100,000 miles over the course of 2,168 hours, using 17 specialized stocking trucks.

"It was another outstanding spring stocking season that will bring significant

benefits and fishing opportunities to Michigan," said Ed Eisch, acting DNR fish production manager. "Thanks to the hard work and dedication of our staff, fish were reared and delivered to stocking sites in excellent condition. The numbers produced and stocked were right on target for almost all areas."

The number and type of fish stocked vary by hatchery, as each location's ability to rear fish varies because of water supplies and tempera-

ture. In Michigan, there are six state and two cooperative hatcheries that work together to produce the species, strain and size of fish needed by fisheries managers.

These fish must then be delivered at a specific time and location for stocking to ensure their success.

"It requires a huge amount of coordination, expertise and hard work to plan, rear and stock fish in Michigan waters," said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. "We are very fortunate to have a

remarkable group of people who work very hard every year to deliver exceptionally high-quality fish. Their efforts help pump between \$2.4 billion and \$4.2 billion into the state's economy through the sportfishing industry and associated businesses."

Fish are reared in Michigan's state fish hatcheries anywhere from one month to one and a half years before they are stocked.

Some hatcheries will provide fish for a few additional stockings to me made this

fall, consisting of brook trout, Atlantic salmon, lake sturgeon and muskellunge. The lake sturgeon will come from the DNR's cooperative hatchery in Tower, Mich. that is operated with Michigan State University.

The DNR welcomes visitors to its state fish hatcheries and interpretative centers.

The DNR maintains a public database of fish-stocking records which can be reviewed at www.michigan-dnr.com/fishstock.

Improve habitat for frogs, salamanders and turtles on private property

Michigan is home to 56 species of reptiles and amphibians (or herpetofauna) including 18 species of snakes, two species of lizard, 10 species of turtle, 14 species of frog and toad and 12 species of salamander.

These animals are among the most threatened wildlife in the state due to habitat destruction, road mortality, disease and abundant predators like raccoons.

Huron Pines Conservation District is partnering with professional herpetologists at Herpetological Resource & Management, LLC (HRM) -- the experts who authored the Michigan Amphibian & Reptile Best Management Practices Manual -- to offer free wildlife habitat consultations for landowners with a special focus on herpetofauna.

During these site visits, Huron Pines and HRM staff will offer recommendations for simple projects that landowners can implement to benefit reptiles and amphibians on their property. Designs for nesting, basking and hibernation structures will be provided, along with identification keys for all of Michigan's reptile and amphibian species.

Huron Pines can also make recommendations regarding other natural resource issues including erosion control, invasive species management, greenbelt installation, general wildlife habitat enhancement, agriculture and forestry best management practices and more.

Site visits will take place from August 13 through August 16. To take advantage of

this free opportunity, sign up by contacting Joy Leisen, Huron Pines special projects coordinator at (989) 448-2293 ext. 26 or joy@huronpines.org.

Huron Pines is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) organization and an equal opportunity provider. The mission of Huron Pines is to conserve the forests, lakes and streams of Northeast Michigan by bringing together regional partners, acquiring funding and managing sustainable watershed projects. Learn more at www.huronpines.org.

Herpetological Resource & Management, LLC offers a blend of environmental services, including threatened and endangered species surveys, habitat creation and restoration, biological inventories, wildlife response, habi-



A Blanding's turtle grins as it basks on a log. Habitat structures for reptiles and amphibians are easy to create on private property. *Photo courtesy of David Mifsud, Herpetological Resource & Management, LLC (HRM).*

tat mapping, wetland delineation and more. For more information, visit www.herperman.com.

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Barton City – 14.33 acres backing up to federal land and federal land across the road. This 3 bedroom, 2 bath home would make the perfect retirement opportunity for the outdoor sportsman. Comes with a 36x24 pole barn. 14-0025 **\$89,900**



Harrisville – Motivated Seller. Three bedroom, 1 bath mfg. home just minutes from town amenities, Lake Huron, harbor, state parks, federal land, inland lakes. **\$40,000**



Barton City – 100 ft. on all sports Jewell Lake. Two bedroom, 1½ bath home, move-in ready. Includes a great lakeside sun room, 2 car attached garage, and pole barn. **\$159,900** 13-0055



Harrisville – Enjoy 106 ft. of pristine sandy beach on Lake Huron. One of a kind custom home has master suite, guest suite, 3 additional bedrooms, 2 additional bathrooms. Wake up to breathtaking sunrise views while drinking coffee on the screened sun porch or open deck. **\$475,000** 14-0015



Greenbush – 791 ft. of commercial property exposure on US-23. Extremely well kept 3,200 sq. ft. building offers many opportunities and sits on 5.29 acres. **\$84,999** 14-0053



Harrisville - One bedroom, ½ bath rustic log cabin on a nicely wooded lot sits on 120 feet of prime Lake Huron beach. Cabin includes split field stone fireplace, kitchen, living/dining combo plus there is a loft that is used for additional sleeping area. **\$190,000** 14-0057



Hubbard Lake - Three bedroom, 2 bath home features a large kitchen, a great room with 3 sliding doors leading out to the lower deck, large fireplace and a full bath. Upstairs 3 bedrooms, 2 of which face the lake with sliding glass doors leading out on the upper deck and a full bath. **\$273,900** 14-0042



Harrisville - Charming old stone farm house that has all been remodeled. House features open concept kitchen/dining room. Nice hardwood floors in the dining room, living room and down stairs bedroom. Upstairs has 2 bedrooms, a full bathroom, all new carpeting. In the back of property runs Haynes Creek. All on 40 acres. **\$169,000** 14-0028



Black River - Mostly finished cabin with loft for bedroom area. Finish as you like, beautiful pine walls, radiant floor heating just waiting for tile work to be finished. **\$59,900** 14-0032



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Harrisville - Currently being used as Sheila's Speed Wash Laundromat. Nice central location within walking distance of Harrisville Harbor and other amenities. Also offers another small storefront that could be used as storage or commercial rental for extra income. Motivated seller, come take a look!! **\$55,900** 14-0009



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require wilderness. All they require is that they be left alone.

"They live long lives because, even under the best of conditions, most of their eggs and young are destroyed," he continued. "So few of them grow up, they have to lay eggs over 30 or 40 years in hopes that they can replace themselves. Every individual is valuable."

Harding can't tell you how long they live, but he has one specimen that he marked when the turtle was at least 20 years old and subsequently observed 45 years later, making the creature at least 65. "I suspect they can live a lot longer than that," he said.

he said. "Some years I've gotten skunked."

If a hiker or paddler encounters a wood turtle, they are advised to enjoy the sighting but then to move on. "It is illegal to collect, possess, kill or otherwise harass or harm wood turtles or any other species of special concern," Gonia said.

Except for possibly helping one across a road, observers should keep their hands to themselves. And that will serve wood turtles splendidly, Harding said. "All they ask is to be left alone," he said.

For more information about wood turtles or the other nine species of turtles found in Michigan, visit



A young wood turtle walks across the sand.

Wood turtles lay five to 18 eggs with an average clutch size of around 10. The turtles nest on sand banks that are large enough that they can get above typical high-water stages so the nests are not drowned out by floods. Harding said he "used to find dozens of clutches of eggs," but these days, if he finds five or six nests "it's a really good year."

www.michigan.gov/wildlife. To learn how to get involved with citizen monitoring of reptiles and amphibians in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/herpatlas.

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



Head-started turtles in a bucket await release by Jim Harding.