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## Approximately 15 acres charred in weekend wildfires



Area fire fighters respond to several wildfires over the weekend. Reminder to residents: Check on and get a permit before burning. *Courtesy photos.*



## Fairgrounds site of spring events

By Mary Weber  
Staff writer

Spring has arrived and the county fairgrounds will be the site of several events designed to assist and interest its residents.

The events -- Spring in2 Summer Expo, the Alcona County wide cleanup and a gun and knife show -- are being planned at the Alcona County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) in Lincoln this spring and summer.

The Spring in2 Summer Expo will be held on Saturday, April 25 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Admission is free to the public and free hot dogs will be available while supply lasts.

The first county expo held last year brought about 600 people to the fairgrounds to talk to local businesses and organizations.

Bill Thompson, chairperson of the event, said the expo will kickoff the 2015 farmers market and be the sight for pick up for the Alcona Conservation District spring tree sale. A few additional trees and shrubbery may be available to purchase during the expo, but items available will sell quickly, according to Alcona Conservation District manager Janet Reins. She said all of the fruit trees have already been sold.

This year's spring expo will feature free shopping bags, while supply lasts, with the slogan "Welcome Home to Alcona County," a new slogan Alcona County commissioners have developed.

Thompson said about 37 organizations/vendors have already reserved space at the expo. Organizations include

Recycle Alcona, Alcona County Sheriff Department, Emergency Medical Service, Child Family Services, Michigan State University Extension, 4-H, FFA, horse groups, Inspiration Alcona, Alcona Historical Society, county fair board, fair Market Club, Quilt Trail representatives, county building department, 211 representatives, and the Alcona County Library.

Vendors include gift, antique and coffee shops, credit unions and banks, yoga and fitness clubs, sanitation and cleaning supplies, building, carpeting, masonry businesses and WXTF radio station. Thompson said he expects some vendors will be giving away door prizes again this year.

He explained the expo pro-

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By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

The arrival of spring brings the return of song birds, blooming flowers and the potential for wildfires.

When the long, cold months of winter recede, residents emerge from their homes to spend as much time as possible outdoors engaging in a variety of activities -- some of which can cause wildfires.

Such was the case over the weekend when area fire fighters responded to several fires located in various locations of the county -- two of the largest were in Curran and in Spruce.

The Alcona/Alpena county line north of Curran was the scene of a wildfire which began at an outdoor shooting range on private property and spread to approximately nine acres. Fire fighters from Green Township, Long Rapids, Curran and the Michigan Department of Natural

makes that determination (whether burn permits will be issued). If they say you can't burn, there is a reason."

"People are responsible for their fire -- whether it is in a fire pit or whether it spreads to the neighbor's property... If it escapes the fire pit they are still responsible for fire suppression costs and restitution for any property that is damaged," he said.

According to Michigan Department of Natural Resources Fire Officer Roger MacNeill, this time of year can be very dry and even with rain showers, windy conditions will cause evaporation of the moisture within several hours.

"This time of year the only approved burning (of household debris) is in a metal or masonry container with (vent) holes no larger than three quarters of an inch anywhere on the container. There must also be a metal covering de-

"People are responsible for their fire -- whether it is in a fire pit or whether it spreads to the neighbor's property... If it escapes the fire pit they are still responsible for fire suppression costs and restitution for any property that is damaged."

~ Warren MacNeill, DNR Conservation Officer

Resources (DNR) fire offices in Alcona and Alpena were called to the scene on Doctors Club Road approximately one mile from M-65 at about 6 p.m. Saturday.

On Sunday fire fighters from the South Shore, Alcona and DNR fire office were called out around 3 p.m. to North Hubbard Lake Road where debris burning in a fire pit spread to approximately eight acres.

The wildfire on Saturday evening was started by individuals using the shooting range, according to DNR Conservation Officer Warren MacNeill, who conducts investigations into the cause of wildfires. He explained that individuals were using the shooting range which had metal backstops. "A chip of metal came off and sparked the fire," he said. He did not issue a ticket.

The Sunday afternoon wildfire in Spruce started, according to Warren MacNeill, by an individual who was burning household debris in a fire pit. The fire was left unattended and escaped to surrounding private property. He issued a ticket at the scene.

"All of these fires happened when permits were not issued," Warren MacNeill said. "The permit system operates under science -- it's not a prediction, it's science that

vice for the container," Roger MacNeill said. "This should keep the hot ash from flying around and causing a fire. It's also important to clear an area of 25 feet around the burn barrel as a safety zone. Debris fires are the number one cause of fires in Michigan."

He explained that open debris burning -- brush, leaves and grass -- requires a permit "any time the ground is not (completely) snow covered. Camp fires are always allowed for heat and cooking only. A burn permit is not required for camp fires, unless the governor puts out a no burn proclamation."

Both encouraged anyone who has a fire, at any time, to make sure the area around the fire is clear of debris, have water and/or a shovel or rake nearby and to never leave the fire unattended. When putting out the fire, douse with water, stir the ashes vigorously, douse again, repeat.

Roger MacNeill said the issuance of burn permits is "weather driven" which involves several factors -- wind, temperature and relative humidity. "The fire danger right now in Alcona and Iosco counties are some of the highest in the state," he said.

To attain a burn permit go to the website: [www.mich.gov/burnpermit](http://www.mich.gov/burnpermit) or call toll free (866) 922-2876.





# Obituaries



## Janette R. Michaud

Janette R. Michaud, 85, of Tawas City, Mich. died on Friday, April 3, 2015 at the Iosco County Medical Facility in Tawas City.

She was born January 30, 1930 in Flint, Mich. to Albert and Thelma (Cronk) Kusch. She was raised in Flint, Mich. and Spruce.

In 1968 she married Joe Michaud. They were residents of Mikado. Over the years, Mrs. Michaud lived in Oscoda and later, Tawas City.

She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Oscoda, and enjoyed puzzle books, crochet and euchre.

Mrs. Michaud is survived by one daughter, Laurie (David) Bunch of Oscoda; one son, Kenneth Klawitter of Detroit, Mich.; one granddaughter; one sister, Evelyn Perkins of Saginaw, Mich.; one brother-in-law, Dick Popp of Saginaw, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one son, Michael Klawitter, in 1976; and her husband, Joe, on November 11, 1997.

A memorial service will be held later.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.



## Robert C. Wiedmaier

Robert C. Wiedmaier, 89, of Gustin Township, died on Thursday, April 9, 2015 in Harrisville.

He was born February 7, 1926 to Frank and Ella (Gerke) Wiedmaier in Detroit, Mich., where he was raised.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

On August 13, 1949, he married Irene O. Mayor in Detroit, Mich., where they resided.

Mr. Wiedmaier worked as a fire fighter for the City of Detroit, Mich. until his retirement in 1979, when he moved to Gustin Township.

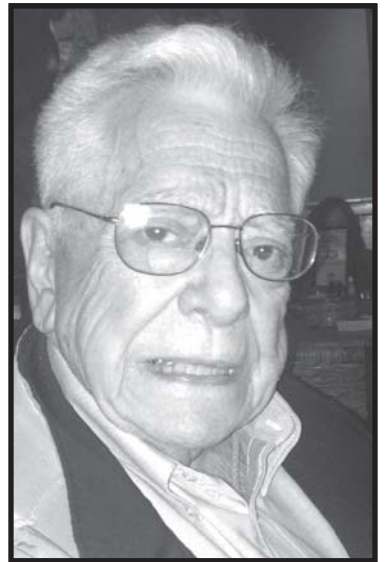
He loved his land, and enjoyed the out-of-doors.

Mr. Wiedmaier is survived

by one daughter, Pat (Jeff) Johnson of Grosse Pointe Woods, Mich.; one son, Russ (Carol) Wiedmaier of Novi, Mich.; two grandsons, Tim Johnson and Paul Wiedmaier; and dear friend, Goldie Edwards of Harrisville.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Irene, on November 20, 2002; and three brothers, Russell Wiedmaier, Milt Wiedmaier and Frank Wiedmaier.

Visitation will be held at Gillies Funeral Home in Harrisville on Saturday, April 18, from 10 a.m. until the prayer service at 1 p.m. Burial will be in St. Anne Catholic Cemetery later in the spring. Memorial donations sug-



gested to the Alzheimer's Association.



## Denis L. DeView

Denis "Denny" Lawrence DeView, 82, formerly of Greenbush and Lapeer, Mich., died on Thursday, April 9, 2015.

He was born March 5, 1933 in Flint, Mich. to Ernest and Tressia (Kehoe) DeView.

He married Mary Jo Klein on June 28, 1964 in Saginaw, Mich.

He served in the U.S. Army as a smoke generator during the Korean War.

Mr. DeView was a car salesman at a Ford dealership in Imlay City, Mich. and at a Chevrolet dealership in Lapeer, Mich.

He was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado. He enjoyed traveling, especially wintering in Orange Beach, Ala.

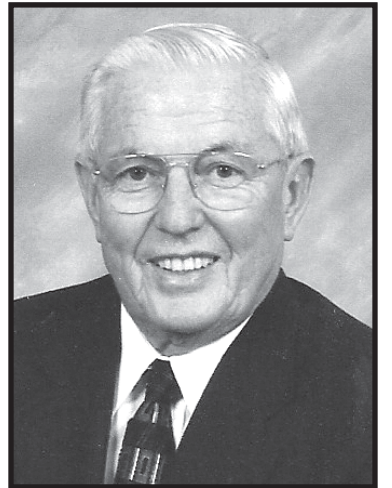
He was a huge fan of Johnny Cash, was an avid Michigan State Spartan fan

and enjoyed going to deer camp.

Mr. DeView is survived by his wife, Mary Jo; two daughters, Ellen DeView of Royal Oak, Mich. and Kelly (Gerald) Almquist of Texas; one sister, Kathryn DeView of Lapeer, Mich.; one brother David (Barbara) DeView of Shelby Township, Mich.; his brother-in-law, Ted (Maureen) Klein of Arizona; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by five sisters, Mary Sullivan, Betty Snoddy, Julia Hale, Alice Smith and Helen Weinreis; three brothers, Robert DeView, Tom DeView and Joe DeView.

The funeral was held Monday, April 13 at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Davison, Mich. Fr. Lawrence Boks officiated. A private burial will take place in Great



Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leader Dogs for the Blind, Rochester, Mich. or McLaren Hospice of Bay City, Mich.

Arrangements were handled by Muir Brothers Funeral Home, Lapeer, Mich.

*The family of Pat Reames Jr. would like to thank everyone for their condolences during our time of sorrow. Thank you to the Mikado Goodfellows, Mikado Market and Mancino's of Oscoda for the celebration of life dinner.*

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### Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
April 5	35	25	0.00	5.6	14	ENE
April 6	37	31	0.03	9.5	31	NNE
April 7	40	33	0.00	11.2	20	NNE
April 8	37	33	0.03	12.3	23	ENE
April 9	37	34	0.20	5.6	17	SSE
April 10	49	35	0.73	6.3	35	W
April 11	50	28	0.00	3.2	13	SSW

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.99	1.1	0.51
April to Date	1.07	1.1	0.79
Year/Season to Date	2.27	34.7	6.03

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.)



# Obituaries

## Winston B. Reeves

Winston Bryce Reeves, 87, of Barton City, died on Tuesday, April 7, 2015 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born on September 18, 1927 to Ralph and Helen (Pattee) Reeves of Curran, where he was raised. He was a lifelong resident of Alcona County.

He served in the U.S. Army from 1946 to 1948. After he was discharged Mr. Reeves returned to Curran.

He married Marjorie E. Harmon on August 20, 1949.

Mr. Reeves was a towerman fire officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. He retired in 1984, after 33 years of service.

He was a member of

Sunnyside and Lincoln United Methodist churches and was a charter member of Burger-Wiedbrauk VFW Post No. 8135 in Barton City.

He loved to spend his free time farming.

Mr. Reeves is survived by one daughter, Wendy (Dan) Richardson of Barton City; one son, Winston A. Reeves of Harrisville; one sister, Marjorie (Forrest) Rhoades of Luzern, Mich.; one brother Vance (Elaine) Reeves of Alpena; six grandchildren, Janette (Fred) Stover of Lincoln, Rachel (James) Tallant of Dundee, Mich., Heather (Allen) Rudolph of St. Clair Shores, Mich., Dan E. Richardson of Sterling Heights, Mich., Winston A. Reeves II

of Pittsburgh, Pa. and Desmond Reeves of Marquette, Mich.; four great-grandchildren, Jenna Richardson of Mikado, Grace Rudolph and Samuel Rudolph of St. Clair Shores, Mich. and Quinlan Richardson of Sterling Heights, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marjorie, on March 13, 2015; two sisters; and two brothers.

The funeral was held on Saturday, April 11 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Mary Brown officiated. Military honors were accorded by the VFW Post No. 8135 at the funeral home. Burial will be in Maple Ridge Cemetery in Barton City later in the spring.

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,  
I commend the people of the community that have set out to help children by founding The Chosen Ranch. For those that are questioning this plan, I would like to add some reassurance that it could be good for the neighborhood.

I have been acquainted with and visited a similar

ranch in Florida that has been in existence for many years. It is called Real Life Children's Ranch, Okeechobee, Fla.

The children placed there are provided a good home with loving house parents that see to their needs for food, discipline and family life activities with a learning atmosphere. They attend the

local schools. Because they are taught Christian values they are well behaved and welcomed at community activities.

The children and young people that call the ranch "home" give evidence of being very thankful and go on to become good citizens.

Kathryn Cubalo  
Lincoln

To the Editor,  
On behalf of St. Joseph Health System and our 480 associates and healthcare providers in Iosco County and surrounding communities, a heartfelt thank you to Congressman Dan Kildee for supporting those we serve and voting for the Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015.

On Thursday, March 26 the U.S. House of Representatives passed bipartisan legislation to permanently replace the Medicare physician

sustainable growth rate (SGR) formula - a landmark achievement.

This piece of legislation promises to help accelerate healthcare transformation while protecting those who need it most.

This legislation will improve the health of our communities and accelerate the health system transformation needed to achieve the triple aim of improving quality, lowering healthcare costs, and improving health. It will also provide needed support

to poor and vulnerable persons at a time of tremendous change.

St. Joseph Health System, a member of Ascension, the nation's largest Catholic and non profit health system, is a mission driven organization committed to serving all persons with special attention to those who are poor and vulnerable. For those we serve, thank you for your commitment and your vote.

Elizabeth L. Aderholdt  
President & CEO  
Ascension Health  
Mid-Michigan Region

## Police Report



On April 8 deputies from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department recovered the firearms stolen from the March 21 breaking and entering of the Lincoln Outdoor Center. The weapons were located inside the residence where Janson Michael Bauman, 31 and Brittany Jane Printiss, 29 were arrested several hours after the break in. One shotgun, one rifle and three hand guns with the approximate value of \$3,800 were buried in the crawl space about one foot under the soil. According to Sgt. Keith Meyers, the guns have been returned to the owner of the business. No new charges were filed against Bauman or Printiss. *Courtesy photo.*

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# Calendar of Events




## Alcona Community Schools

### Kindergarten Round-Up

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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**  
A blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call (800) 733-2767.

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.

Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 Campbell Road.

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

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Family history researchers are invited to attend "Indexing the Past" at the Family History Center located at 411 Long Rapids Plaza in Alpena at 1 p.m. Many online sites depend on indexers to make the information they

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answer

Because I found myself watching too many sports programs, my new motto is "Moderation in ball things."

hold readily available to family history researchers. This hour long program will explain two indexing programs, one for volunteering for Familysearch.org and the other for indexing and organizing of photos or documents. Attendance is free. Call, (989) 358-9809 for more information.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16**  
Come join your fellow comrades at the veterans coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville.

The 4-H Archery Group will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Alcona retirees will meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass. All are welcome. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

The community is invited to bring questions, comments and concerns to panelists, and to learn more about sexual violence dynamics and prevention. The forum will begin at 7 p.m. at Alpena Community College's Granum Theater. For more information, call Rachel Berzack at (989) 356-2560.

A community forum on Proposal One will be held at 7 p.m. at the Alcona Township Hall, 5576 US-23, Black River. Discussion will include the effects on road and school funding, local government revenue sharing and fuel taxes. For more information, call (989) 724-6192. This event is sponsored by the Alcona Democratic Party.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 17**  
Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

My Brother's Hope Potluck Cafe-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 info., contact Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 18**  
Three children's choirs from Northwestern Michigan College will perform at 7:30 p.m. at Alpena High School in the Beck Auditorium. These choirs, Lyric, Ragazzo and Cantus, include students of elementary through high school age. Admission is \$10 for adults. Children and all students will be admitted free

of charge. Doors open at 7 p.m. For more info., call (989) 356-6678 or visit [www.thunderbayarts.org](http://www.thunderbayarts.org). This event is sponsored by the Thunder Bay Arts Council.

The Greenbush Township Historical Society will hold their monthly euchre tournament at the Greenbush Township Hall on Campbell Road. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., play starts at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 19**  
The Sunrise Ringers will perform a spring concert at 3 p.m. at the Ossineke United Methodist Church, located south of Ossineke on US-23. The music will be both sacred and contemporary. A free will offering will be received. For more information, call Margaret Fox at (989) 736-3025.

**MONDAY, APRIL 20**  
All ladies are invited to play bunco at 2:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. First-timers welcome.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Treadmill and exercise bike also available.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

**TUESDAY, APRIL 21**  
The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The selection for April is "Detroit: An American Autopsy" by Charlie LeDuff. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

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

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Treadmill and exercise bike also available.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet from 1:15 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. All levels welcome. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

The documentary film "The Hunting Ground" will be  
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**Local Notes**

**Senior Menu**

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

- Monday, April 20—Turkey and cheese sandwich, homemade potato soup, baby carrots and dip, and tropical fruit.
  - Tuesday, April 21—Hawaiian pork, brown rice, peas, and mandarin oranges.
  - Wednesday, April 22—Swedish meatballs, buttered noodles, corn, orange pineapple fluff, and pears.
  - Thursday, April 23—Barbecued chicken, baked beans, cauliflower, tossed salad, and peaches.
  - Friday, April 24—Pork tips in gravy, browns rice, Brussel sprouts, and applesauce.
- (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

**Identity Theft Seminar**

With 12.6 million victims of identity fraud in the United States in 2012, which equates to one victim every three seconds, the Michigan State Police (MSP) is trying to educate the public about the precautions individuals can take to keep their identity safe.

On Tuesday, April 21, Community Service Trooper Ashley Simpson will be giving a free presentation about identity theft and current scams at the Alpena County Library from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m.

The Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that 85 percent of identity theft incidents in 2012 involved the fraudulent use of existing account information, such as credit card or bank account information. "Awareness and education are the first steps in preventing identity theft," said Simpson. "By safeguarding your personal information, you can reduce the likelihood of becoming a victim of identity theft."

**Septic Systems Seminar**

Approximately 43 percent of Michigan residents rely on on-site wastewater septic systems to handle waste water from their homes and businesses. Michigan State University Extension is hosting a live webinar on Monday, April 20 from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. This program will cover what a septic system is, how it works, best management practices, how to identify trouble in the system and steps to take if a problem occurs.

The live webinar will include presentations by the DEQ and Macomb County Health Department sanitarian supervisor with 29 years of septic and well experience. To join this free webinar, registration is required at <http://evets.anr.msu.edu/>

septicinsight. A confirmation e-mail will be sent upon registration and login instruction will be provided at least 48 hours prior to the webinar. Deadline to register is Friday, April 17. After that date, contact Maureen at (586) 469-6440 for information on late registration.

**Dinner Theater**

The Shoreline Players will present "The Case of the Marshmallow Murder" Saturday, April 18 at Camp Inn Lodge in Oscoda. "The Case of the Marshmallow Murder" is the story of Camp Haveasmore. Coleman Jayco, the proprietor of Camp Haveasmore, has been holding on to his land, much to the dismay of Beaugard P. Oilcan, the president of Black Gold Refineries. It seems Coleman's land sits atop one of the most lucrative oil deposits in the state. However, to get to the oil would mean certain destruction to the beloved Camp Haveasmore.

As with the earlier productions there is no experience required and the actors are provided. The action is similar to the game of Clue so while the audience enjoys a meal they attempt to solve the crime. Attendees work to determine who, why and how the crime was committed by asking questions, observing and eavesdropping.

The show themed meal will be a hobo style boneless rib dinner with s'mores for dessert. The dinner also includes a non-alcoholic beverage. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$25 in advance or \$30 the night of the performance. Advance tickets can be purchased at The Camp Inn Lodge or at Gilbert's Drug Store in downtown Oscoda.

The Camp Inn Lodge is located at 3111 N. U.S. 23 in Oscoda. For more information, call the inn at (989) 739-2021. For more information on other Shoreline Players events go to [www.shorelineplayers.org](http://www.shorelineplayers.org) or call (989) 739-3586.

**Remove Tree Stands**

The deadline to remove scaffolds, raised platforms, ladders, steps and any other device to assist in climbing a tree from public land was March 1. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources reminds those who have not removed any of the previous listed equipment to do so.

Public lands are available for the use and enjoyment of everyone. It is imperative that equipment is removed by March 1 to ensure the safety of all visitors. Owners of equipment that is left on public land past the deadline are subject to a 90-day misdemeanor and a fine from \$50-\$500.

For those who hunt on public land, tree stands must be portable and the hunter's

name and address must be affixed in legible English that can be easily read from the ground. Scaffolds, raised platforms, ladders, steps and any other device to assist in climbing a tree cannot be placed on public lands any earlier than September 1, and must be removed by March 1. A permanent raised platform or tree stand may be used for hunting on private land with the permission of the landowner. See pages 22-24 of the Hunting and Trapping Digest for more details on these equipment regulations.

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## Fairgrounds

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vides a low cost way for businesses to get their name out and is especially geared for start up and home based businesses to gain customer attention. There is still room for additional businesses or groups who would like to reserve space. Cost is a \$5 donation.

Alcona County will have a county wide clean up at the fairgrounds on Saturday, May 16 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. The clean up provides residents an opportunity to dispose of items such as tires, batteries, propane tanks, dried paint, scrap metal, air conditioners, appliances and junk. Electronics will also be accepted but will not be recycled as in years past.

Thompson said items such



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as concrete, junk cars, hazard waste materials, yard waste, commercial building materials, gas or fuel oil tanks or household garbage will not be accepted.

The cost is \$5 per car load and \$10 per pick up load. Pick ups with a trailer up to eight feet will be charged \$15. Trailers from eight to 16 feet will be charged \$20 and over 16 foot trailers will be charged \$25. Additional charges for automobile tires will be \$2 and truck/implement tires \$5.

Residents and property owners must show proof of residency or a tax bill. County-wide clean ups are scheduled every two years; the next one planned will be in 2017. Thompson reminded residents that normal recycling of glass, plastic and paper is held on the second Saturday of the each month. Cost is \$5 per car.

A new event at the fairgrounds will be a gun and knife show on June 20. The trade, buy or sell show is

being sponsored as a joint venture between the Alcona economic development committee/Harbertown and the Alcona County Fair Board.

Vendors wishing to sell or trade gun and knife wares will pay \$25 per table. Customer participants will pay a \$5 admission at the door.

Thompson said depending on how the gun and knife show goes the two committees may decide to sponsor a sportsman show bringing in all sorts of hunting and sports equipment, four wheelers and recreational vehicles to sell at the fairgrounds just before the start of hunting season in the fall.

For more information about the gun and knife or sportsman's show, contact Sheila Phillips at (989) 736-6881 or Terry Griffith at (989) 335-1622.

Thompson said volunteers are still needed for all events. Anyone interested in volunteering or reserving space at the spring expo may contact him at (989) 724-5077.



The First Federal of Northern Michigan Community Foundation present a \$500 grant to Alcona Community Schools teacher Chuck Boyer (middle) to help buy equipment for his woodworking and computer aided design (CAD) classroom. First Federal Branch Manager Lee Ann Wooster (left) and First Federal Assistant Vice President of Commercial Lending Tom Hendricks visited Boyer's classroom to present the grant. "We are so grateful for grants like these because they allow us to continue to buy equipment we need in the classroom and keep up with evolving technology," Boyer said. "It's amazing to see the projects the students in Mr. Boyer's classroom are working on. They are very talented and the technology available to them in the classroom is very impressive," Hendricks said. "It's obvious that Mr. Boyer is enthusiastic and truly engages his students and gets them excited about learning." Founded in Alpena in 1957 by 11 community leaders, First Federal of Northern Michigan has eight full-service offices located in Northern Michigan and offers a full range of personal and business-related financial services in all of the communities to which it serves. *Courtesy photo.*

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## Driving safely with dementia and knowing when to quit

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Is it safe for seniors with dementia to drive, and if so, when should they stop? My dad has early Alzheimer's disease but still drives himself around town just fine.  
Looking Ahead

Dear Looking,  
While most doctors agree that people with moderate to severe dementia should not take the wheel, in the early stages, the medical consensus is that driving performance should be the determining factor of when to stop driving, not the disease itself. With that said, it's also important to realize that as your dad's driving skills deteriorate over time from the disease, he might not recognize it. So it's very important that you work closely with him and his doctor to monitor his driving. Here are some tips that can help.  
The best way to keep tabs on your dad's driving is to take frequent rides with him

watching out for key warning signs. For example: Does he have trouble remembering routes to familiar places? Does he drive at inappropriate speeds, tailgate or drift between lanes? Does he react slowly or make poor driving decisions?  
Also, has your dad had any fender benders or tickets lately, or have you noticed any dents or scrapes on his vehicle? These, too, are red flags.

If you need some assessment help, hire a driver rehabilitation specialist who's trained to evaluate older drivers. To locate a specialist see driver-ed.org or aota.org/older-driver.  
Through your assessments, if you believe it's still safe for your dad to drive, you may want to start recommending some simple adjustments to ensure his safety, like driving only in daylight and on familiar routes, and avoiding busy roads and bad weather. Also, see if he will

sign an Alzheimer's "driving contract" (see alz.org/driving to print one) that designates someone to tell him when it's no longer safe to drive.

In addition, you should also consider getting a GPS vehicle tracking system for his car (like motosafety.com or mobicopilot.com) to help you keep an eye on him. These devices will let you track exactly where he's driving, and allow you to set up zones and speed limits that will notify you via e-mail or text message when he exits an area or arrives at a designated location, and if he's driving too fast.

When your dad's driving gets to the point that he can no longer drive safely, you'll need to talk to him. It's actually best to start having these conversations in the early stages of the disease, before he needs to quit driving, so he can prepare himself.

You also need to have a plan for alternative transportation (including a list of fam-



Savvy Senior

ily, friends and local transportation services) that will help your dad get around after he stops driving.

For tips on how to talk to your dad, the Hartford Financial Services Group and MIT AgeLab offers a variety of resources at safedrivingforalifetime.com - click on "Dementia and Driving."

If your dad refuses to quit you have several options. First, suggest a visit to his doctor who can give them a medical evaluation, and "prescribe" that he stops driving. Older people will often listen to their doctor before they will listen to their own family.

If he still refuses, contact your local Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) to see if they can help. Some states require doctors to report new dementia cases to the DMV, who can revoke the person's license.

If all these fail, consider hiding his keys or just take them away. You could also disable his vehicle, park it in another location so he can't see it or have access to it, or sell it.

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



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## Program turns college grads into advisers

**By Josh Thall**  
*Capital News Service*

An organization that aims to close the college education gap between rich and poor is introducing a program that puts recent college graduates in Michigan high schools to guide students through the admissions process.

Michigan College Access Network (MCAN) plans to hire 40 recent graduates from 13 Michigan colleges to work full time in high schools with high proportions of low-income students and low college enrollment rates.

High schools in Manistee, Alpena and Alcona counties are among those that will participate, said Brandy Johnson, founder and executive director of the access network.

Joyce McCoy, director of instruction at Alpena Public Schools, said a college adviser would be able to help students find a good college fit by organizing activities such as job shadows while in high school, so they can see what they enjoy. "We haven't been able to do much in job shadowing because we are a deficit district," McCoy said. "This would just be a real salvation for us to have as part of our career-going activities — this is excellent for us."

Johnson said the new advisers will work primarily with juniors and seniors to help them through the process of

researching colleges, applying for admission and seeking financial aid.

More than 40 branches of the Michigan College Access Network across the state make up the Local College Access Network (LCAN). These local branches work within their communities to build a college-going culture while working with education leaders to find common education goals.

"I think that is a wonderful partnership that is coming down the pipe," said Jerry Price, the impact strategies program coordinator for the United Way of Southwest Michigan and the liaison for the Berrien County LCAN. "It is another tool, another resource that school systems can use to ensure they are doing everything possible they can for their students."

The program, called AdviseMI, seeks to help economically disadvantaged students, first-generation college students and minorities navigate a process that their families might not be familiar with.

In 2013, 57 percent of low-income Michigan students — those participating in the federal Free and Reduced Lunch

program — enrolled in college within 12 months of graduating high school. Meanwhile, 77 percent of non-economically disadvantaged students did the same. "This is the gap we are trying to close," Johnson said.

Organizers hope the program will also help raise the percentage of Michigan adults with college degrees to 60 percent by 2025.

Right now, 38 percent of Michigan adults ages 25 to 64 have at least an associate degree. Among adults aged 25 to 34, the number is 40 percent, suggesting that younger people are getting more access to higher education.

"Because our work is primarily with high school and college-age students, we are going to more quickly impact that younger segment of the pipeline," Johnson said. "We think of it as a stronger indicator for how we are progressing as a state and the impact MCAN is really making."

Johnson founded the Michigan College Access Network in August 2010 after

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## Shelter, Inc. brings sexual assault awareness events to community

Join Northeast Michigan legislators, advocates, students, educators, law enforcement and community members during the month of April to commemorate Sexual Assault Awareness Month. This year's theme for Sexual Assault Awareness Month is "Safer Campuses, Brighter Futures" which inspires engagement with Alpena Community College (ACC), students and teachers of all grades, and every member of the community to become part of the work being done across the state to eradicate sexual violence.

Shelter, Inc., in partnership with ACC, is hosting a series of events to inspire others to engage in sexual violence awareness and prevention.

A Community Forum is set for Thursday, April 16 at 7 p.m. in ACC's Granum Theater to kick off the event series. The event will be moderated by Ashley McDowell of WBKB and features Alpena County Prosecuting Attorney Ed Black, Sgt. Billy Gohl of Alpena Police Department, ACC attorney Karen Jo Bennett, sexual assault victim advocate Rachel Berzack, and Dr. Jason Beatty of the Child Advocacy Center.

This is a free event in which the community is invited to bring questions, comments, and concerns to panelists, and to learn more about sexual violence dynamics and prevention, as well as understand each panelist's role in sexual assault response for the area.

A screening of the

Sundance Film Festival documentary, "The Hunting Ground" will be held on Tuesday, April 21 at 2 p.m. at ACC's Granum Theater. The film shines a light on the reality of widespread campus sexual violence: One out of every five women and one out of every 16 men will be the victim of attempted or completed sexual assault while in college, yet disciplinary action occurs in only a small fraction of these cases.

"The Hunting Ground" follows the journeys of dozens of survivors struggling to complete college and achieve justice within systems that protect offenders better than victims. There is no charge to attend the screening, and there will be a short Q&A discussion following the film.

A candlelight vigil will be held Wednesday, April 29 at 8 p.m. in the courtyard of ACC's Besser Tech Center. Mary Thurston of WATZ Radio is serving as master of ceremony. Vigil programming includes spoken word performances, survival testimonials, and a candlelight ceremony. This is an event meant for healing, support, and solidarity. It is also free and open to the public. Survivors who wish to speak at the vigil should contact Rachel Berzack at rberzack@shelterincalpena.org or (989) 356-2560.

Shelter, Inc. has been providing services and support to victims of domestic and sexual violence since 1978. Anyone who needs help is encouraged to call the toll-free help and support line at (800) 396-9129.

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### INVITATION TO BID RENOVATIONS TO OSCODA AREA SCHOOLS

The Board of Education of the Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona counties, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for renovation work at both the high school building and the Richardson Elementary School building which includes selective toilet room renovations and partial roof replacement.

Proposal No. 1: All Trades Construction Work

Sealed proposals will be received until **2:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, May 6, 2015** at the Board of Education Office, 3550 River Road, Oscoda, Michigan, at which time they will be publicly opened.

A pre-bid walk-through for General Contractors will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. Contractors will meet at the Oscoda Area Schools Board of Education Meeting Room.

Each proposal must be accompanied by a proposal guarantee in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the basic proposal. Guarantee shall be in the form of a certified check or bid bond executed by an approved Surety Company, made payable to Oscoda Area Schools. Proposal guarantee shall run for a period of thirty (30) days.

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Oscoda Area Schools reserves the right reject any or all proposals and to waive any irregularities in bidding, or to accept the lowest responsible proposal, that in the opinion of the Oscoda Area Schools will serve the best interest of the Oscoda Area Schools. The Oscoda Area Schools will not be obligated to accept the lowest proposal. The Oscoda Area Schools reserves the right to approve all subcontractors. No proposals may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the receipt of proposals.



# Michigan drivers still texting, despite ban

**By Brooke Kansier**  
Capital News Service

Michigan has banned texting while driving since 2010, but many Michigan teenagers are still typing away behind the wheel — and so are their parents.

Although a national study found reduced crash rates among states with a texting while driving ban, Michigan has not seen such a drop since introducing its own version of the ban.

The recent study, led by researchers at Texas A&M and published online March 19, found that states enforcing texting bans had a seven percent drop in hospitalizations from serious accidents from 2003 to 2010, compared to states without bans. The study factored in alternative components as well, such as changes in speeding laws, drunk driving, and teen driving restrictions, with the texting laws having the highest correlation.

Michigan, however, has seen numbers move in the opposite direction, with accidents and accident-related injuries slightly increasing under its ban — from about 282,000 accidents in 2010 to about 289,000 in 2013, according to statistics from the Michigan State Police.

While the increase can be attributed to factors such as a normal fluctuation in crash numbers, changes in weather conditions and possibly even the ailing condition of Michigan roads, the numbers are a long way from the meaningful decrease experienced by other text-banning states.

Terry Jungel, executive director of the Michigan Sheriffs' Association, said the texting ban has not changed many drivers' actions when it comes to distracted driving. "I can tell you, just from driving around Lansing, the ban on texting and driving has had little effect on people," Jungel said. "Attention is far more focused on the phone than on the road."

Participating in distracting activities such as texting makes a driver up to 23 times more likely to be involved in an accident, according to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration.

"You're playing Russian roulette when you're checking your phone and you're distracted by whatever

means. Eventually, it's going to catch up with you," Jungel said.

Distracted driving can be particularly dangerous when it comes to inexperienced teen drivers. According to AAA, car accidents are the leading cause of death among teenagers, and activities such as texting accounted for nearly 58 percent of crashes.

"I don't think we can legislate ourselves out of this type of social issue," he said. "I don't think this is something that is going to change because of our enforcement efforts. I think it has to change because society recognizes that it's dangerous."

~ Terry Jungel, Executive Director  
Michigan Sheriff's Association

"I think there's a dangerous intersection of immortality and inexperience that exists with teen drivers," Jungel said. "Which is why there is a larger percentage of teenagers involved in distracted driving accidents."

While a 2012 AT&T survey found that adults admitted to the bad habit even more than teens — 49 percent compared to 43 percent, respectively — teens' lack of experience can make them more susceptible to accidents, said Shanon Banner, public affairs director for the state police. "For teens, distractions coupled with their inexperience behind the wheel can be an especially dangerous combination," she said.

Parents might play a role in their kids' risky behavior, however, according to Lisa Timm, owner and instructor of Alpena Driving School, by modeling bad behavior. "The parents are teaching them the habits," she said. "They're the ones that are texting while they're driving, and its more of a 'do what I say, not as I do.'"

In fact, according to the organization Texting and Driving Safety, 48 percent of teenagers have watched their parents text behind the wheel while in the car with them. The minimum amount of time spent looking away from the road at a text is about five seconds — long enough to create a potentially dangerous situation for everyone in the vehicle.

"At 55 mph, you can span the length of a football field in five seconds," Jungel said. "You can't say, 'I'm more experienced, I'm allowed to do it.' The fact of the matter is,

anytime you're texting and driving, it's distracted driving and it's dangerous driving."

Banner encourages parents to educate their teenagers on the dangers of texting behind the wheel, and to be good role models as drivers themselves. "Parents are the number one influence on the kind of driver their teens be-

come," Banner said.

While habits learned at home can be a large contributor, especially with teens, Timm also said Michigan's fines are too lenient and enforcement can be too lax. In Michigan, texting while driving is a "primary stop," meaning an officer can pull over a driver simply on the belief that they were texting. In other states, while officers are able to issue tickets due to texting, they cannot use the driver's texting as a sole reason to pull them over.

"No one, in my six years of teaching drivers ed, has ever had it enforced," Timm said. "I've talked with the local authorities, and they say it's hard to prove."

According to Banner, however, enforcement is not a problem, and it is not hard for officers to spot a texting driver. Michigan law charges a \$100 fine for first offenders and \$200 for each following offense under the texting ban. Fines vary greatly by state, from California charging only \$20 for first offenders, to Alaska's whopping fine of up to \$10,000 — and up to a year in jail.

Enforcement and fines aren't the problem, however, Jungel said. "I don't think we can legislate ourselves out of this type of social issue," he said. "I don't think this is something that is going to change because of our enforcement efforts. I think it has to change because society recognizes that it's dangerous."

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Greenbush	April 28, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.	Twp. Hall, 5039 Campbell Rd., Greenbush
Gustin	April 22, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.	Twp. Hall, 113 S. 2 <sup>nd</sup> St., Lincoln
Harrisville	April 25, 2015 at 3:00 p.m.	Twp. Hall 114 S. Poor Farm Rd, Harrisville
Hawes	April 28, 2015 at 5:30 p.m.	VFW Hall, 2120 W. Trask Lake Rd., Barton City
Haynes	April 21, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.	Twp. Hall, 3930 E. McNeil Rd., Lincoln
Mikado	April 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m.	Civic Center, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado
Millen	April 30, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.	Twp. Office, 671 Sanborn Rd., Barton City
Mitchell	April 28, 2015 at 10:00 a.m.	Twp. Hall, 6849 W. Tower Rd., Curran
City		
Harrisville	Apr. 23, 2015 at 1:00 p.m.	City Office, 200 5 <sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meet the requirements of law.



# Colonial cannons from Detroit River help solve historical mysteries

By Eric Freedman  
Capital News Service

The latest research about six 19th century British cannons recovered from the Detroit River is shedding new light on colonial-era militarization of the Great Lakes region, from the Straits of Mackinac to Indiana.

It's also an opportunity to solve at least three mysteries that date to when Detroit still belonged to the British, even after the American Revolution.

In 1984, divers recovered the first cannon from a ridge called "Chicken Bone Reef" in the Detroit River just offshore from Cobo Hall. Others were found in 1984 and 1987. A Detroit police diving team discovered the sixth during a 2011 training exercise in the same location.

Now it appears the British deliberately dumped the iron cannons - each weighing more than 1,200 pounds and capable of firing a four-pound cannonball - into the river.

But when, why and how? That's what Daniel Harrison is working to determine. He's the lead researcher and an anthropology doctoral student at Wayne State University.

The 1700s were a turbulent time in the Great Lakes, where "an arms race developed out of contestations, first between European colonial powers and Native Americans, then between rival European empires and finally between the nascent - recently born - "United States and the British Empire," Harrison wrote in a recently published study.

"The Detroit River was the knife's edge upon which the frontier's balance of power rested precariously from 1796 to 1812," he said.

That's where the cannons fit in.

In an interview, Harrison said, "Part of the project was to look at them as an assemblage, not one gun at a time. The value of my research was to establish what ordnance artillery meant in colonial Detroit between French settlement of the town and the American takeover on the eve of the War of 1812."

Surprisingly few artifacts from Detroit's French and then British settlements have been dug up, Harrison ex-



An 18<sup>th</sup> century British cannon being retrieved from the Detroit River in 2011. Photo courtesy of Michael Saraino.

plained. "The colonial Detroit footprint was highly perishable or not that large to begin with, or both. The river did a better job of preserving major artifacts than the land did."

Joel Stone, a senior curator at the Detroit Historical Society, said most colonial-era artifacts found on land were parts of a fort that were recovered during construction of Cobo Hall, the freeway under Cobo and the Renaissance Center. Other than the cannons, little from those times has been found in the river, he said, noting that the riverfront had been about 200 feet further inland during French and British rule.

Even the six cannons came to light solely because divers accidentally found them. For example, the 2011 discovery came during Detroit police dive team training exercises. With strong currents and visibility limited to one to eight feet, divers literally stumbled across them, Stone said.

Harrison said the cannons - five manufactured in Britain and one in France - had made their way to Detroit after the military situation in the east settled down after the Revolution. But where

the frontier was still in dispute, control of Detroit remained essential for strategic reasons and the fur trade, he said.

For Mystery No. 1, it's uncertain exactly when the cannons were dumped, but Harrison's analysis estimates 1796. That's when the British high command ordered the "destruction or otherwise" of military equipment "not fit for use."

For Mystery No. 2, why were they dumped in the river rather than taken, for example, to Fort Amherstburg, which was built the same year in nearby Ontario at the strategic mouth of the Detroit River?

One possibility, Harrison said, is that they were worn out or broken, and therefore unusable.

A second, possibility, however, is that they were deemed obsolete in an age when artillery technology produced increasingly heavier, more powerful cannons for the militarized upper Great Lakes. Even if the four-pounders remained usable, they could "still be too dangerous to let fall into Ameri-

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Alcona County resident Meg Younk took this photograph of a snowy owl off F-41 on April 9. Courtesy photo.



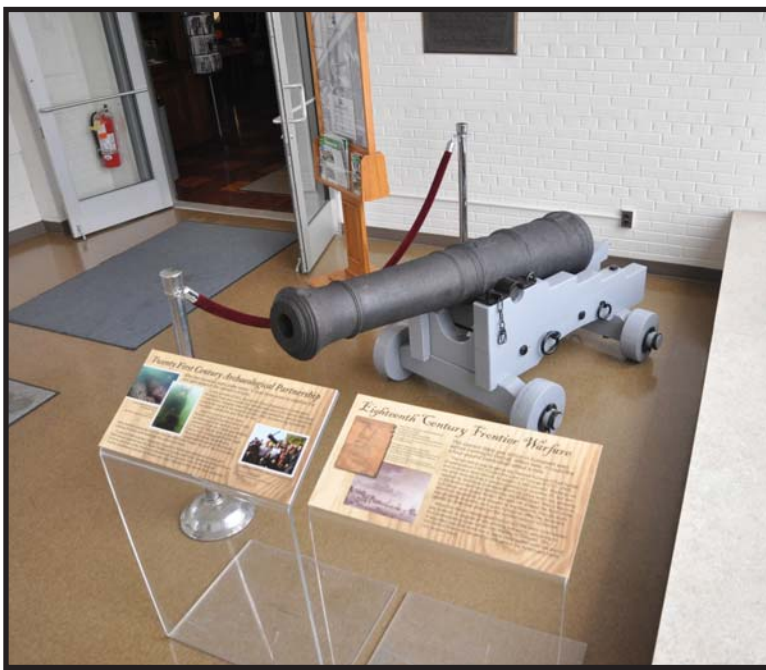
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can hands," Harrison said. And for Mystery No. 3, he speculates that the British in Detroit learned a lesson from their counterparts at Fort Michilimackinac who had waited for winter to slide heavy stones across the ice on the Straits of Mackinac to build a wharf. "Winter is the best season for this kind of work," a British official observed.

So in Detroit, soldiers may have slid the cannons one by one across the frozen Detroit River, deliberately picked a spot shallow enough to retrieve them later if necessary, and let the spring thaw sink them. "If you leave something on the ice long enough, it's going to fall through, as every ice fisherman knows," Harrison said.

Three of the cannons are at the Detroit Historical Society's Collections Resource Center at Historic Fort Wayne, one is at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum on Belle Isle, one is at the Michigan Historical Center in Lansing and one is at the Detroit Port Authority.

"The cool thing about the one at the Port Authority is that it is probably within about 300 yards of where it was stationed in 1796," he said. His research includes a seventh cannon that docu-



A restored 18th century British cannon on display at the Dossin Great Lakes Museum in Detroit. Photo courtesy of Joel Stone, Detroit Historical Society.

ments show had been in Detroit but that was dug up on the Lake Erie shore near Monroe. It's on display outside the Monroe County Courthouse.

Harrison's progress on these mysteries still leaves unanswered questions. Archaeologists and historians want answers to at least one more mystery: Are there more cannons to be retrieved from Chicken Bone Reef?

At one point, British au-

thorities listed as many as 17 four-pounders in their Detroit inventory at any one time after the Revolutionary War, according to Harrison. Subtracting the six from the Detroit River, the one found near Monroe and those that records show were sent elsewhere, "there may be two or three left on Chicken Bone Reef," he said, adding that the Detroit police dive team is interested in searching for them.

## Want to plan a fishing trip?

In 2013 the DNR launched a section of its website that helps inexperienced anglers find great spots to go fishing in Michigan. The Family Friendly Fishing Waters section of the website connects interested individuals with local fishing opportunities.

The Family Friendly Fishing Waters website can be found at [michigan.gov/fishing](http://michigan.gov/fishing) and features a map of Michigan. Visitors can simply click on the county they are interested in fishing and see a list of one or more family-friendly locations to fish. Every county in the state has locations featured.

The DNR provided the family-friendly designation based on the ease of access, high likelihood of success in catching fish, identified amenities, and other details. To build this section of the website the DNR is still looking for the public's help in submitting locations from throughout the state that would be easy for new anglers to access and use. Potential locations will continue to be accepted by the DNR.

Each water body's online profile includes its geographic location, driving directions, parking information, hours of operation, species of fish available, typical bait used, and much more.

### Northeast Lower Peninsula April 9

• Cheboygan: Was producing steelhead for those casting lures, slip bobbers with a wax worm or artificial spawn bags.

• Ocqueoc River: The ice has been gone for a couple of weeks now but water tem-

### Northeast Michigan

## Fishing Report



peratures were cold and angler activity was low. Try drifting artificial eggs and beads or floating spawn bags in the deeper holes until it warms up.

• Rogers City: Everything is still iced up but anglers are hoping the ice will be completely gone by the weekend.

• Presque Isle and Rockport: Were still iced in but could be open by weekend. Look for Atlantic salmon once everything opens up and boats are able to get out.

• Alpena: The ice has finally left the river. The city boat launch is still iced up but the river launch is open and the dock is in. A few boats have been launching but no reports had come in.

• Thunder Bay River: There has been very little run off from the winter and water levels were low. With the cold water temperatures, rain this week should help jump start the steelhead run. Those

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## Alcona County Sheriff's Report

### For the Week of April 6-12, 2015

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**56 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 4 Arrests; 4 Warrants.**

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Complaint Statistics			
Car/Deer Accidents	10	Property Damage	2
Message/Well Being Check	1	Miscellaneous	3
Dog/Animal	5	Traffic	8
Open Door	1	Alarm	2
Drug Crime	1	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	2
Patrol Check	1	Warrant Arrest	4
Adult/Child Neglect	1	Medical	2
Personal Injury Accident	2	Assault & Battery	2
Lost/Found Property	1	Larceny	1
Fraud	2	Neighbor Trouble	3
Suspicious Events	1	Gunshots Heard	1

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village			
Alcona	2	Caledonia	3
Greenbush	7	Gustin	4
Hawes	3	Haynes	5
Millen	2	Mitchell	4
Harrisville City	3	Village of Lincoln	5
		Curtis	7
		Harrisville	5
		Mikado	6



The Thunderhead District Award of Merit for 2014 was presented to Steven J. Wright (left), Eagle Scout (1982) of Alpena. He was recognized for his 40 plus years of service to the scouting program. John Knapp (right), also an Eagle Scout from Alpena presented the award at the Thunderhead District of the Water and Woods Boy Scout Council's annual recognition dinner. About 40 leaders gathered to honor the young men who earned their Eagle Scout Award in 2014. Dr. Robert Carrier of Alpena was the keynote speaker. An Eagle Scout (1966) himself, he spoke to those gathered about the importance of "being prepared." There were various awards handed out for everyone's efforts to deliver the scouting program to almost a 1,000 scouts from the Thunderhead District. The highlight of the evening was presenting the District Award of Merit to Wright. This honor is the highest award a council can give to its leaders at the district level. *Courtesy photo.*

### PUBLIC HEARING

#### Curtis Township Zoning Ordinance

The Curtis Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on changes to Section 3.02 E of the Curtis Township Zoning Ordinance at 7 p.m. on April 30, 2015 in the Curtis Township Hall at 4932 F-30, Glennie, Michigan 48737. The change is as follows: "Should such structure be destroyed by any means to an extent of more than seventy-five percent (75%) of the total square footage of the principal structure, it shall not be reconstructed except in conformity with the provisions of this Ordinance."

To Be Changed To:  
 "It is the intent of this Zoning Ordinance to encourage the continued maintenance and upkeep of all non-conforming use that is destroyed by any means, in part or in whole, may be restored to a new and/or original condition (foot-print) subject to current zoning regulations."  
 Teresa J. Perkins, Curtis Township Clerk

## Fishing

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steelhead fishing were targeting the deeper holes with flies and beads or spawn.

- Harrisville: The ice in the harbor is gone and there should be one dock in within the next week or so. Small boats have made their way out of the harbor but the water is cold and the bite was slow so only a limited number of steelhead or walleye were caught. Try spoons, body baits or spawn.
- Oscoda: The mouth of the river is open to boat and pier anglers. There is one dock in with ample room to launch. Pier anglers caught steelhead, walleye and suckers.
- AuSable River: Those fishing up river had success when targeting steelhead. Fish the deeper holes and around the bends. Drifting spawn and body baits did best but anglers may also want to try small spoons or spinners.
- Houghton Lake: Still has some ice however, there is no safe ice and there is more open water every day. The canals are starting to open up. A few anglers were trying for crappie but water temperatures were still too cold.
- Tawas: The ice is gone around the state harbor. Pier anglers are casting outside the wall for whatever will hit and it was not much. A couple of walleye and a pike were caught just off the mouth of the river.
- Tawas River: Anglers caught steelhead and suckers in the lower river.
- AuGres River: Is open and there was a fair amount of activity on the East Branch with anglers catching steelhead near the Singing Bridge. Some were up to four pounds. Steelhead were reported along Turner Road.
- Rifle River: Suckers are being caught by hook-and-line between Omer and the mouth. A couple steelhead were also caught.
- Pine River: The boat launch is now open.



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# Family Fun Night entertains and informs

The sixth annual Family Fun Night was a success measured by the amount of people attending and the support from the community, according to coordinator Tamara Quick.

Put together by Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention for Alcona County (CANPAC) Quick explained the event, which was held at Alcona High School on March

26, would not have been possible without many volunteers and the financial support received from area organizations and grants. They include: Alcona Community Schools, Partners in Prevention (CANPAC's fiscal agent), Alcona County Library, NEMCSA Head Start and Early Head Start, Lincoln Lions, Knights of Columbus, St. Anne and St. Raphael

churches, St. Catherine and St. Gabriel churches, Kalitta Air, Northeast Michigan Children's Behavioral Health Initiative, Alcona Health Center - Tiger Health Extension, Spruce Presbyterian Church, United Way, Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan, National Honor Society student volunteers and many community volunteers.

The evening began around

5:30 with families being greeted by the famous Cat in the Hat (Mic Brenoel), Stinky the clown (Carol Luck), Goofy (Lee Luck), Robyn Hart, Jeanette Klein and Kristin Benghauser. "The children enjoyed seeing the costumes and even had their pictures taken with The Cat in the Hat," Quick said.

The Alcona County Library provided free stickers, book-

marks and books to the children which were handed out by Carol and Lee Luck. MSU Extension also provided free books to all the children.

Families visited the 15 agencies who participated and received many free items. Approximately 125 free meals were served.

"This year we changed the evening routine by first talking to parents about Safe Sleep and showing a DVD on these tragic deaths among infants which are totally preventable," Quick said. "John Keller, Department of Human Services director, and Laurie Ames had a very informative presentation. Safe sleep practices include putting a baby to sleep on its back, alone in a crib without bumpers, pillows, blankets, stuffed animals or other soft items, on a mattress with a tight fitting sheet."

Quick said the presentation explained that babies should not sleep in adult beds because mattresses are too soft and adult bedding can suffocate babies. They should not sleep on a couch either as they can become stuck in cushions and suffocate there as well. Babies should not sleep with others either because they could be smothered when sleeping with adults or other children.

The DVD by Tomorrow's Child stated that "every three days a Michigan baby dies when sleeping in an unsafe place." Keller also emphasized that the parents who experienced a child death never thought it would happen to them. He encouraged parents to share this message with their caregivers and their child's grandparents.

"Parents joined the children after the presentation and enjoyed another magic show by local magician, Mike Maturen. Cori Upper did a wonderful job as our emcee again. Michael Suito provided the technology support with professionalism as usual," Quick said.

"During the evening we gave away approximately 16 board games—NEMCSA Head Start/Early Head Start donated games and the grant funds supplied some as well. Habitat for Humanity also gave away \$100 worth of gas cards and Wellspring Lutheran gave away a free chair. Many other items were given away by the agencies as well.

"The evening went very well and I believe those that attended really enjoyed themselves. This is a great community event as it involves many agencies and organizations working together. In our small community, collaboration is key to having successful events such as this one," she said.

Anyone interested in helping with CANAC activities is encouraged to contact Quick at (989) 356-2880.

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www.standrewschurhharrisville.org  
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Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org

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Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org.  
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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.  
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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  
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Monday: 6:30 p.m. \*Teen Program (Grades 7-12)  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & \*Youth Programs (Grades K-6<sup>th</sup>)  
\*Fall-Spring programs • Website: www.wcbcmikado.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 Joseph Llewellyn • (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  
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Rev. Karen Thompson, Wednesday office hours 1 - 4 p.m.

### SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF GOD

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Pastor Edward Morrison • Full Gospel  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
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739-3424 • graceonthebase@gmail.com  
www.grace-epc.org • www.epc.org  
6012 N. Skeel, Oscoda, Next to Parks Library

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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  
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9:45 a.m. Adult Class • Worship & Sunday School ~ 11 a.m.  
Wednesday office hours 9 a.m. - noon  
Rev. Karen Thompson ~ 724-6734

### 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

### 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.  
Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

### LOTT BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a.m. 4257 State Rd. Glennie  
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Rev. Mary Soderholm (989) 724-3033 (h)

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# Calendar of Events



**Continued from page 4**  
shown at Alpena Community College's Granum Theater at 2 p.m. The film shines a light on the reality of widespread campus sexual violence. There is no charge to attend and there will be a short discussion following the film. For more information, contact Rachel Berzack at (989) 356-2560.

A community forum on Proposal One will be held at 7 p.m. at the Curtis Township Hall, 4884 Bamfield Road, Glennie. Discussion will include the effects on road and school funding, local government revenue sharing and fuel taxes. For more information, call (989) 724-6192. This event is sponsored by the Alcona Democratic Party.

A free dental screening and fluoride treatment will be provided for children aged three and four years old from 9 a.m. to noon at District Health Department No. 2, 311 Lake Street, Harrisville. For more information, call Dawn Ashford, toll free (800) 504-2650 extension 1607.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22**  
Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 Campbell Road.

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

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

The Alcona County Library board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 West Main Street.

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 23**  
Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Treadmill and exercise bike also available.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

Celebrate Earth Day with a free tree giveaway at the Harrisville and Lincoln branches of the Alcona County Library, compliments

of the Alcona Conservation District. While supplies last. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

A community forum on Proposal One will be held at 7 p.m. at the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street, Harrisville. Discussion will include the effects on road and school funding, local government revenue sharing and fuel taxes. For more information, call (989) 724-6192. This event is sponsored by the Alcona Democratic Party.

The Alcona County Republicans will meet at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 South Poor Farm Road.

The Pine River Van Etten Lake Watershed group will meet at 10 a.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall on Campbell Road (off US-23). Everyone is welcome.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 24**  
Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

Celebrate Earth Day with a free tree giveaway at the Harrisville and Lincoln branches of the Alcona County Library, compliments of the Alcona Conservation District. While supplies last. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 25**  
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.

A soup and pie supper will be held from 4:15 to 6 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 217 State Street in Harrisville. Donations welcome, all proceeds will go to the roof fund.

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## Alcona Review Weather Report

April 15, 2015

### Seven Day Forecast

	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Sunny High: 52 Low: 36
	<b>THURSDAY</b> Few Showers High: 51 Low: 41
	<b>FRIDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 55 Low: 39
	<b>SATURDAY</b> Sunny High: 52 Low: 34
	<b>SUNDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 49 Low: 28
	<b>MONDAY</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 48 Low: 32
	<b>TUESDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 51 Low: 35

### Today's Regional Map

### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 52°, humidity of 46%. East wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 80° set in 1976. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 36°. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 20° set in 1950. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	33	29	46/27	0.09"
Tuesday	46	30	46/27	0.00"
Wednesday	40	33	47/28	0.00"
Thursday	37	33	47/28	0.46"
Friday	49	36	48/28	0.14"
Saturday	59	31	48/29	0.00"
Sunday	71	27	49/29	0.00"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 4/18	Wednesday	6:47 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	4:58 a.m.	4:44 p.m.	Full 5/3
	Thursday	6:45 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	5:34 a.m.	5:59 p.m.	
	Friday	6:44 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	6:09 a.m.	7:14 p.m.	
First 4/25	Saturday	6:42 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	6:45 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	Last 5/11
	Sunday	6:40 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	7:24 a.m.	9:40 p.m.	
	Monday	6:39 a.m.	8:24 p.m.	8:06 a.m.	10:48 p.m.	
	Tuesday	6:37 a.m.	8:25 p.m.	8:52 a.m.	11:50 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 mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today and Thursday, scattered showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 73° in Harrisburg, Ill. The Southeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 88° in Punta Gorda, Fla. The Northwest will see isolated rain and snow today, mostly clear skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 80° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 87° in Phoenix, Ariz.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:04 a.m.	8:51 p.m.
Venus	8:27 a.m.	11:52 p.m.
Mars	7:28 a.m.	9:39 p.m.
Jupiter	1:42 p.m.	4:20 a.m.
Saturn	11:23 p.m.	8:55 a.m.
Uranus	6:36 a.m.	7:29 p.m.

### Weather History

**April 15, 1921** - Two-mile high Silver Lake, Colo. received 76 inches of snow in 24 hours, the heaviest 24-hour total of record for North America. The storm left a total of 87 inches in 27 and a half hours.

### Weather Trivia

How can snow keep you warm?

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Answer: If you are trapped in a blizzard, a snow cave can insulate you from the cold.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Lyrids: Start of the Meteor Season

Mid-April marks the beginning of the meteor season with the Lyrid shower providing the first major activity in nearly 3-1/2 months of meteor idleness. During the winter months and early spring, the Earth simply does not intersect with any large amounts of organized cometary debris. Comet Thatcher, an interloper that requires 415 years to travel around the sun, is responsible for the Lyrid display which can be dated back to about 600 BCE. It is the dust from a comet's tail coming close to our planet which triggers an increase in the rate of shooting star activity, as well as the radiant, the undisputed indicator that these meteor events are related to each other. The larger silicate particles released by the nucleus in the comet's outgassing processes generally follow the comet's orbit. These particles are moving parallel to each other. When they enter the Earth's atmosphere, they appear to diverge, similarly to a long stretch of roadway which appears to diverge from a vanishing point far off into the distance. In astronomy this is called the radiant. Lyrids emerge from a location that can be traced back to a part of the summer sky in the constellation of the Lyra the Harp, just to the right (south) of the brilliant, blue-white star Vega. Vega is almost mid-sky in the ENE by 1 a.m. on the morning of the 22nd when the Lyrid meteors are predicted to be most active. Do not expect the sky to be ablaze with shooting stars, although outbursts sometimes occur. Rates are normally about 10 events per hour from a rural locale. The optimal time for viewing Lyrid activity should be after midnight. Vega will be that really bright star in the east. Face eastward inside the cozy comfort of a sleeping bag with a soft pillow under your head and gaze straight up. Lyrids will seem to trace back to Vega. Just don't let the stillness and serenity of the morning sky and the fragrance of the pungent spring air put you to sleep. Good observing! www.astronomy.org



# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the short story "The Lottery"?
2. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What "first" did tennis player Althea Gibson achieve in 1951?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the resort city of San Remo?
4. **GOVERNMENT:** The Homestead Act of 1862 granted how many acres of land to each settler?
5. **MYTHOLOGY:** Which knight supposedly threw King Arthur's sword Excalibur into the lake?
6. **TELEVISION:** What is the deputy's name on "The Andy Griffith Show"?
7. **PRESIDENTS:** John Foster Dulles was appointed secretary of state by which president?
8. **PHILOSOPHY:** What philosopher said, "Man is the measure of all things"?
9. **HISTORY:** In what city did Rosa Parks refuse to give up her seat on a bus?
10. **MONARCHIES:** Duncan I became the king of what country in 1034?

**Answers** 1. Shirley Jackson; 2. The first black player to compete at Wimbledon; 3. Italy; 4. Up to 160 acres; 5. Bedivere; 6. Barney Fife; 7. Dwight Eisenhower; 8. Protagoras; 9. Montgomery, Ala.; 10. Scotland (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Super Crossword

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## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On April 29, 1429, 17-year-old French peasant Joan of Arc leads a French force in relieving the city of Orleans, besieged by the English. At the age of 16, "voices" of Christian saints told Joan to aid Charles, the French dauphin, in expelling the English from France.
  - On April 27, 1805, in North Africa, a small force of U.S. Marines marches against Tripoli's port city of Derna to depose the ruling pasha. The phrase "to the shores of Tripoli," from the official song of the U.S. Marine Corps, has its origins in the Derna campaign.
  - On April 28, 1916, Ferruccio Lamborghini, the founder of the company that bears his name, is born in Italy. After experiencing mechanical difficulties with a Ferrari, Lamborghini decided to start his own rival sports-car company, even hiring a former Ferrari engineer.
  - On May 3, 1933, James Brown is born. Known as "The Godfather of Soul," Brown honed his musical talents in prison, where he was to serve 8-16 years for stealing at the age of 15. The Georgia parole board was impressed enough to release him after only three years.
  - On April 30, 1945, holed up in a bunker under his headquarters in Berlin, Nazi leader Adolf Hitler commits suicide by swallowing a cyanide capsule and shooting himself in the head. Soon after, Germany unconditionally surrendered to the Allied forces.
  - On May 1, 1958, President Dwight Eisenhower proclaims Law Day to honor the role of law in the creation of the United States of America, followed by Congress passing a joint resolution establishing May 1 as Law Day. The idea of a Law Day had first been proposed in 1957 by the American Bar Association.
  - On May 2, 1972, after nearly five decades as director of the FBI, J. Edgar Hoover dies. By 1921, the former librarian had amassed a list of 450,000 radical leaders, organizations and publications in the United States. By 1969, Congress had grown suspicious that the FBI might be abusing its authority and passed laws limiting the tenure of future FBI directors to 10 years.
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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 20th-century American author and motivational speaker Leo Buscaglia who made the following sage observation: "Never idealize others. They will never live up to your expectations."
  - If you're planning a visit to the Netherlands, try to make time for a stop in Giethoorn. This village has no roads; its buildings are connected entirely by footbridges and canals.
  - According to the Global Language Monitor, every 98 minutes a new word is created somewhere in the world.
  - You could be forgiven if you've never heard of Pope Formosus, but the details of his career are fascinating. In 872, while serving as Cardinal Bishop of Portus, he was a candidate for the papacy, but due to some political issues, he left Rome later that year. Pope John VIII ordered Formosus' excommunication for, among other things, deserting his diocese without papal permission, despoiling the cloisters in Rome and conspiring with "certain iniquitous men and women for the destruction of the papal see." The excommunication was lifted in 878, but Formosus had to agree never to return to Rome or exercise his priestly functions. This would seem to be a career-killer, but in 883, Pope Marinus I restored the disgraced cardinal to his diocese. Finally, in 891, Formosus' rehabilitation was complete, when he was unanimously elected to succeed Pope Stephen V.
  - Neil Armstrong may have been the first human to walk on the moon, but Buzz Aldrin was the first to urinate there (using the system built into his space suit, of course).
  - Most people, upon seeing a bunch of deer together, would call it a herd; however, you also could call the group a bunch, a mob, a parcel or a rangale.
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Thought for the Day: "All progress has resulted from people who took unpopular positions." -- Adlai Stevenson  
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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: E equals T

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YPEAWRZQ EVV JPZT FGVHEF

GHVQHPJF, JT ZMY JVEEV RF

"JVIMHPERVZ RZ LPCC EWRZQF."

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# Dollars And Sense

By David Uffington

## Teens "promposals" don't come cheap

Not long ago, a high-school kid would ask his favorite girl to the prom. She'd say yes, then the expensive parts would start ... limo, dinner, flowers, tickets, tux or dress, pictures, after-party.

Now the simple act of inviting has risen to the level of a marriage proposal, complete with all the hoopla and expense. Visa's annual survey says that just asking someone to the prom will average \$324 this year, approximately one-third of the \$919 total cost.

A Google search for "promposals" reveals 447,000 results. On Twitter, @ThePromposal has over 24,000 followers, many of whom have attached a photo or video showing how they did it. Sometimes the request is written inside the lid of a pizza box. Others are as simple as a cake with "Prom?" in the icing. More expensive proposals include rented restaurant signs, highway billboards, even Jumbo-trons.

Spending on a promposal and the prom isn't equal across the country.

In the South, promposals will average \$305, with the prom itself costing \$544, totaling \$937.

In the Midwest, those fig-



ures are \$218 and \$515, for a total of \$733.

In the Northeast, promposal will average \$431, with prom costing \$738, for a total of \$1,169.

Out West, they're looking at \$342 and \$596, for a total of \$937.

Most disturbing, however, is the incomes of families handing over these amounts. In a family with an income under \$50,000, cost of prom and promposal will average \$1,109. Under \$25,000, and the family will spend an extreme \$1,393. But those making over \$50,000 will spend

only \$799.

With parents expecting to pay 73 percent of the costs, teens don't have much incentive to cut expenses. The free Plan'it Prom app helps students and parents make and stick to a budget for the prom (or any other event) by tracking spending as they shop. Look for it on iTunes, Google Play store or [www.practicalmoneyskills.com/prom](http://www.practicalmoneyskills.com/prom). The app has timeline, budget and cost-cutting tips. It's worth considering.

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# Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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

**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★**

★ Moderate    ★★ Challenging

★★★ HOO BOY!

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## Veterans Host

By Greddy Groves

### PTSD book for kids

Veterans with PTSD carry a big burden: not always knowing how to control a reaction to a trigger. Veterans who have small children have an even bigger burden when the little ones don't understand what's wrong.

Seth Kastle, a career veteran with multiple deployments under his belt, has taken matters in hand and written a book to his two small daughters to help them understand why he is the way he is now -- and that it's not their fault.

While some PTSD includes symptoms of nightmares or insomnia or any number of other symptoms, Kastle's manifested in anger, and he couldn't explain it to his daughters.

"Why Is Dad So Mad?" should be mandatory reading for veterans with PTSD and their small children. The book is loaded with kid-friendly pictures, with the tale told by a family of lions.

The most overriding mes-

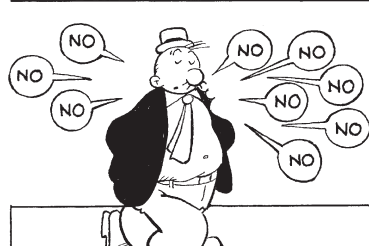
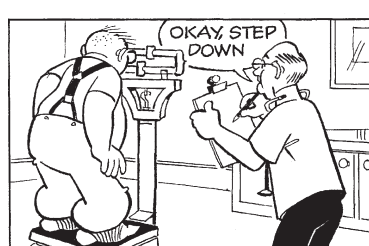
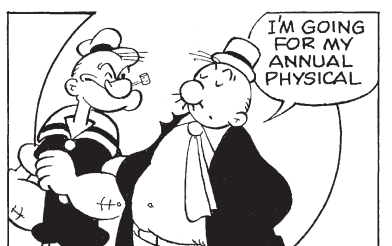
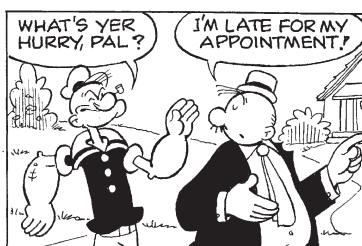
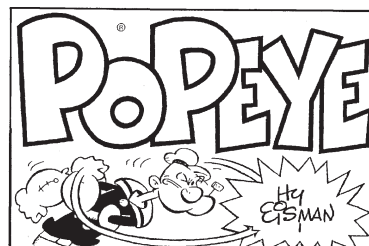
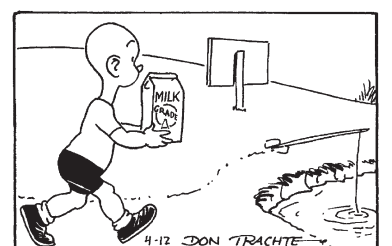
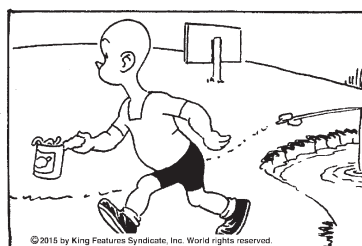
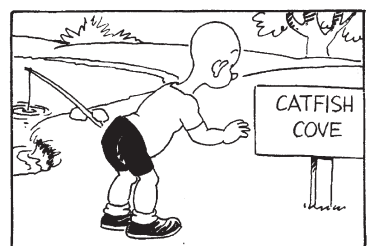
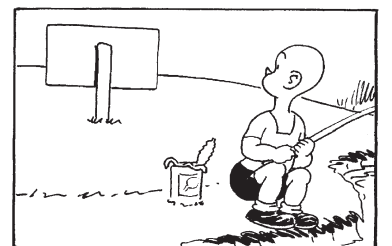
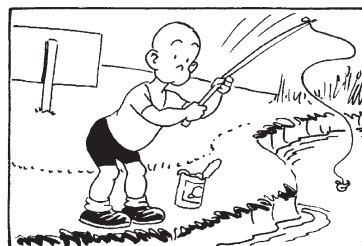
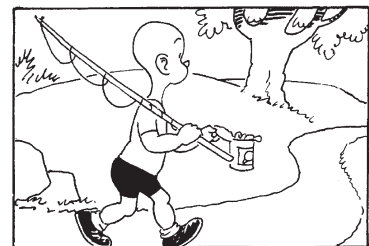
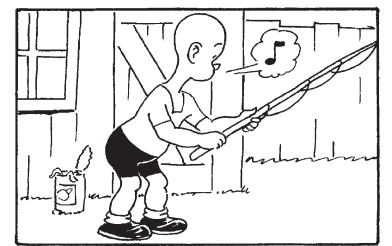
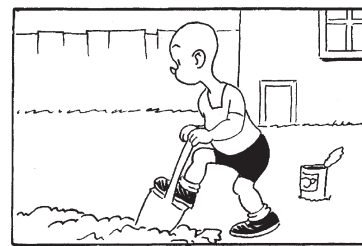
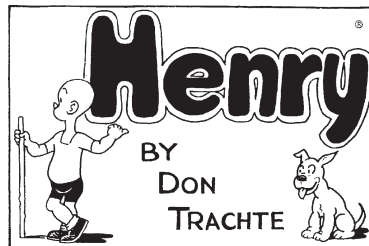
sage about the book came from Kastle's 6-year-old daughter: "No matter what, when they're mad or sad at you, they still love you."

To order the book, go to Kastle's website at [www.kastlebooks.com](http://www.kastlebooks.com) or look at Amazon.com for "Why Is Dad So Mad? A Book About PTSD and Military Families." It's even available on Kindle (but remember that little kids having a bedtime story read to them love to see the pictures as the pages are flipped). On Amazon, click the "Look Inside" button on the cover to view a sample of the graphics and text.

If you're on Twitter, go online and give Kastle a big thumbs-up at @kastlebooks. Coming soon will be the female veteran version: "Why is Mom So Mad?"

Note to VA: Buy this book in bulk, and stock all the VA hospitals and clinics.

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### Super Crossword

Answers

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JOYCE	OATES	SID	
ACUTE	SHROUDS	GOOSE	
HOP	RITT	HANS	ANDERSEN
GOTEAM	SEER	OSMOND	
LORE	SARAH	PARKER	ASTO
PLENUM	THAI	SERMON	
GEORGE	CARVER	NEST	CBS
ANSEL	AREARUG	OSHEA	
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### Weekly SUDOKU

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the County of Alcona  
Case No. 15-2407-CH (F)**

Hon. Laura A. Frawley  
Donald J. Tessmer, plaintiff  
v  
Penny Sue Geddert/Bergey, defendant  
v  
The estate of Penny Sue Geddert/Bergey, defendant  
v  
Lauri Burke, defendant  
v  
Rocky Hill, defendant  
v  
Dawn Krige, defendant  
v  
Michael Geddert, defendant  
Complaint for Judicial Forfeiture and Clear Title  
Attorney for the Plaintiff

David S. Elder (P-45906)  
200 East Chisholm Street, Suite B  
Alpena, Mich. 49707  
(989) 354-5700  
Notice of Hearing  
To all concerned parties. Please be advised that a Hearing for Complaint for Judicial Forfeiture and Clear Title will be heard before the Honorable Laura A. Frawley in her courtroom located at 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989-724-9410), on May 18, 2015 at 11 a.m. or as soon thereafter it may be called. Failure to provide plaintiff's counsel with a written answer to said such complaint within 28 days from the last date of this publication, that being April 15, 2015, may constitute a default by the named party or any other interested parties with notice. The 23<sup>rd</sup> Circuit Court for the County of Alcona  
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Alcona Health Center has a contingent open position for a certified medical assistant in our Lincoln clinic and our other clinics in the county. For the application, more information and instructions on applying go to [www.alconahealthcenters.org](http://www.alconahealthcenters.org). Deadline to apply is April 20, 2015. Equal opportunity employer.

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## CALEDONIA TWP. MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting April 8 was called to order by Supervisor Ott with pledge to the flag at 7 p.m. Present on the board: Ott, Thornton, Timm, Scott and Hubbard. Also in attendance: Nancy Beck, zoning administrator, Tammy Fall, assessor and six citizens. Motions to approve agenda; minutes of March 11; to pay the bills; and to place treasurer's report on file were made.

Correspondence: MTA Regional Spring meeting in Lewiston; MTA chapter meeting, April 21, Curtis Township. Planning commission: Gary Grove completed first on-line training for zoning board of appeals. They reviewed March draft for the planning commission bylaws. Tri-Township meeting is April 23 at Alcona Township.

Zoning Administrator: Issued three land use permits and is going over Northend Park-Phase II plans. Citizen comments: Mark Anknervolunteered to take fence along road at Northend Park down and to do some clean up along the ditch and just inside park. Board will get back to him after discussion. Roger Bouchard said his section of Black River Road, just off of Roe Road, has had heavy truck traffic and the road is in very bad condition. Unfinished business: Phase II at Northend Park will begin next week, with completion hopefully

## ALCONA ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held April 8 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve minutes of the March 25 meeting; approve payment of open accounts in the amount of \$54,247.58; accept bids for a single-axle truck.

This synopsis published prior to Board approval. Complete minutes are available upon request via e-mail at [roads@alconacrc.com](mailto:roads@alconacrc.com) or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 22 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

in 90 days. Jesse Campbell from road commission passed out suggestions for future road projects with the estimated costs. Jesse and a couple of people from the board will ride together around the township checking roads this month.

New business: Motion to waive building fee for Phase II project at park. Motion to preregister for MTA Regional Spring meeting in Lewiston on May 13. The hall front door has a lot of condensation in the winter months and the new floor right along the edge has cracked. Jack will get Terry Ferguson to fix the tile and it is a consensus of the board to get price quotes for a new door. Assessor Tammy Fall gave her report following the board of review. Motion to adjourn at 8:35 p.m..

All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next meeting is May 13. Planning Commission meets May 4. Website: [Caledoniatwp.net](http://Caledoniatwp.net)  
Helen Timm, Clerk

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## VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, April 6 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those present included: President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers, deputy treasurer/clerk Hussain and council members Gauthier, Healy, Kohn, Somers and Stutzman. Absent was council member Phil Phillips. The minutes of the budget hearing were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Somers. The minutes of the March meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy.

Treasurer Kossa was welcomed back. She thanked council members for the flowers, visits and cards while she was a patient in Tendercare/Alpena. She and deputy treasurer/clerk Hussain will be meeting with Bob Morand from Stephenson/Gracik to get the new book-keeping format up and running. She further stated that she hopes to settle up with the county and the DDA to settle the final tax bills. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to accept the treasurer's report subject to audit. Motion carried.

Sheriff Doug Atchison gave a report on activity within the village as well as the county. Out of over 3,000 calls to the department 152 were for the village within the past year. He stated recently there has been some B&Es of area businesses. He stated that most of the arrests are eventually traced back to drugs. Personally, he has put in for grant funds for \$50,000 for mobile data terminals in each car. This will lessen the time officers normally have to spend on doing reports. He was able to send two officers for training in search and rescue. Council Members questioned Doug about police presence in the village and about the lack of a DARE program and a liaison in the Alcona Community Schools. Council members thanked him for appearing and thanked his officers. President Jordan read the police report that we receive every month from the sheriff's department.

Mike Serafin gave the fire department report. There were a total of nine medical runs and five fires during the month of March. One person is interested in joining the department and one has stepped down. Chief Serafin and Ryan Mendyka helped cook hot dogs for the recent Easter egg hunt. He also gave an update of the equipment and service

that is needed. President Jordan urged him to contact someone regarding the charges for radio/communications through the state. President Jordan asked him to check on prices for new doors for the fire hall as we had talked about in the budget meetings.

President Jordan gave the sewer report from Richard Gillespie of Alpena Septic. Things are currently running very well. Rich did feel that we should have one of the pumps rebuilt/repared for a backup so that we always have something available. The street report highlighted the Region 9 Rural Task Force that involves state and federal funds for roads and repairs. We are part of Region 9 and some matching funds would be required. President Jordan has attended a meeting with Alcona County Road Commission Director Jesse Campbell. He would like to form a road committee consisting of Glenn Kohn and Phil Phillips as it is a requirement to receive these funds. In order to continue we need to have an engineer of record for the Village of Lincoln. It has been suggested that we retain Huron Engineering so that we may proceed. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to form a street committee consisting of Phillips, Kohn and Jordan. Carried.

A motion was made by Stutzman, with support from Healy, to retain Huron Engineering as our engineer of record. Carried. This will, hopefully, help us be able to stretch our road monies further in the future. It is hoped that a five and 10 year road repair plan can be developed to keep all village roads up to date. A letter was filed from the State of Michigan Department of Transportation regarding changes to our audit for state funds. It will be turned over to our auditors for review.

In old business: Stutzman stated he is concerned about the closure of the road leading to the Flights of Imagination behind the Credit Union. Currently, the park can only be accessed via the roadway near Cole's warehouse. He has concerns about the ball field that has been under construction over the past several years. He asked about having the "big" ball diamond used for more events. Gauthier asked about how many teams are actually planning to use our diamonds. President Jordan feels we need a committee to work on this further.

Stutzman asked to have someone take over the flowers at the playground area that he has been taking care of for sev-

eral years. A thank you note was read from Connie Stutzman. President Jordan asked that we continue to visit and keep her in our thoughts and prayers. Gauthier presented pictures of the Citizens of the Year for framing. Kohn stated he attended the DDA meeting and brought them up to date on work on the website. He will continue to work with Eileen Oposnow on changes to the home page for the site.

In new business: Somers stated that there are dogs running loose in town. He also expressed concern about the crack sealing company we used in the past. He would like to see us use a different group in the future. Kohn said he has watched a video presentation that was done of the village. It is approximately five minutes long and will be able to be put on the site soon.

President Jordan thanked Holly for attending the meeting and said he is looking forward to working with her.

The Easter egg hunt was a huge success. Approximately 220 kids participated and over 500 people attended the event and stayed for the hot dogs and chips that were served. Funds are low for this event and president Jordan stated that anyone who would like to contribute can contact Teresa Hart. A homeowner has asked for help in getting properties cleaned up along Traverse Bay State Road. President Jordan will turn this matter over to zoning administrator Troy Somers.

ORV signs have been put up. Bill Putsky has applied for a grant from the DNR to get a new boat launch at Brownlee Lake. In order to qualify for this we would definitely need to have our Parks and Rec Plan updated. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Healy, to update our Parks & Rec Plan up to \$2,500. Motion carried. Bonny Gauthier will work with representatives from NEMCOG to get things started. Our maintenance man, Steve, has been doing a lot of spring cleanups around town. There will be a spring county-wide cleanup on May 16<sup>th</sup> at the ARA site for county residents. All the village vehicles have been serviced and a few repairs are still necessary. A new gas powered limb saw needs to be purchased in order to get things cleaned up. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier with support from Healy.

Linda K. Somers  
Village Clerk

## VILLAGE OF LINCOLN DDA

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, March 23 at 6 p.m. at the village hall for its annual budget hearing. Those present included: President Jordan, clerk Somers and council members Healy, Kohn, Phillips, Somers and Stutzman. Absent were treasurer Kossa, deputy clerk/treasurer Hussain and council member Gauthier.

The proposed tax millage rate to be levied to support the budget was a subject of this meeting. The meeting was opened for public comment questions or concerns. None were heard. The proposed budgets were discussed by council members. It was noted that Bob Morand from Stephenson & Gracik has looked over the proposed budgets and worked with clerk Somers to make certain that everything is being properly set into the QuickBooks format Bob has helped get things in place per the audit firm's request for a more streamlined system.

Since treasurer Kossa has been unable to attend the budget workshop and give input we are relying on the advice of the auditors. A motion was made by Phillips, with support from Stutzman, to adopt all the proposed budgets including: General, major, local, sewer, village raised and equipment rental. Motion carried. Motion to adjourn from Stutzman with support from Phillips Carried.

Linda K. Somers  
Village Clerk

### Budget for 2015-2016

#### By Fund

Equipment Rental Fund	
Income	\$22,300.00
Expenses	
Wages & Benefits	\$ 4,000.00
Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 7,000.00
Gasoline	\$ 5,000.00
Utilities	\$ 3,000.00
Miscellaneous & Travel	\$ 300.00
Insurance	\$ 3,000.00
Total Expense	\$22,300.00

#### Local Street Fund

Income	
State Revenue	\$12,000.00
Village Raised Tax Fund	\$13,000.00
Total Income	\$25,000.00
Expense	
Salaries/RM	\$ 3,000.00
Construction	\$ 5,000.00
RM Equip. Rental	\$ 7,000.00
Salaries/ WM	\$ 2,000.00
WM Equip. Rental	\$ 8,000.00
Total Expense	\$25,000.00

#### Major Street Fund

Income	
State Revenue	\$38,000.00
Total Revenue	\$38,000.00

Expense	
Salaries/RM	\$ 3,000.00
Construction	\$ 2,000.00
RM Equip. Rental	\$15,000.00
Salaries/WM	\$ 5,000.00
WM Equip. Rental	\$13,000.00
Total Expense	\$38,000.00

#### Sewer Fund

Income	
Maintenance Charges	\$12,020.40
Total Income	\$12,020.40
Expense	
Salaries	\$ 1,500.00
Maintenance	\$ 5,000.00
Insurance	\$ 1,000.00
Administrative Fee	\$ 2,000.00
Capital Outlay	\$ 1,520.40
Equipment Rental	\$ 1,000.00
Total Expense	\$12,020.40

#### Village Raised Street Fund

Income	
Village Raised Taxes	\$20,000.00
Interest	\$ 2,000.00
Total Income	\$22,000.00
Expense	
Village Raised/Local	\$13,000.00
Total Expense	\$13,000.00
Net Income	\$ 9,000.00

#### General Fund

Income	
Property Tax	\$58,000.00
State Constitutional Tax	\$25,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	\$42,338.44
Fire Protection	\$44,000.00
Total Income	\$169,338.44
Expense	
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 6,000.00
Zoning Board	\$ 2,500.00
Council Salary	\$ 6,750.00
Miscellaneous	\$ 9,000.00
Insurance/General	\$ 6,000.00
President Salary	\$ 6,000.00
Clerk Salary	\$ 7,736.88
Treasurer Salary	\$ 7,351.56
Office Supplies	\$ 3,000.00
Utilities	\$ 5,500.00
Maintenance/Gen	\$ 6,000.00
Professional Fees	\$ 5,000.00
FD Salary	\$ 8,500.00
FD Maint/Supply	\$ 1,500.00
FD Gasoline	\$ 1,500.00
FD Utilities	\$ 2,000.00
FD Insurance	\$ 4,000.00
FD Capital Outlay	\$16,000.00
FD Other Expense	\$ 9,000.00
Salaries/General	\$ 8,000.00
Equip. Rental/Gen	\$ 8,000.00
Street Lights/Util.	\$12,000.00
MFR Salary	\$ 7,000.00
MFR Other Exp.	\$ 1,000.00
Recreation Imp.	\$ 5,000.00
Capital Outlay	\$15,000.00
Total Expense	\$169,338.44

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## Advisors

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Johnson said, "it was very clear to me that the state lacked a strategic plan or cohesive strategy to help more students make the transition from high school to college."

Johnson set out to form a network that could serve as a coordinating body to do just that. MCAN invests in college access programs, provides professional development, hosts statewide initiatives that high schools can join, and advocates for policy reform to help more students get to college.

MCAN is a public-private partnership, relying primarily on a state appropriation and groups such as the Kresge and Lumina foundations. Gov. Rick Snyder has sought additional funding for the organization, but an early draft of the Michigan House education budget does not include Snyder's \$3.6 million request.

"We recognize that a lot of decisions and compromises are going to be made in the committee process, so we have been working very closely with the governor's office to make sure the governor really fights for this part of the budget," said Johnson, adding that she plans to personally lobby legislators on the issue.

One of the biggest and best-known programs MCAN takes part in is Michigan College Application Week in the fall. "We challenge high schools to help 100 percent of their high school seniors apply to at least one college during the school week," she said.

Only three U.S. states have official domestic state cats: Maine, Maine coon; Maryland, calico; Massachusetts, tabby.

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## top ten LONGEST OCEAN ANIMALS

1. Mane Jellyfish
2. Blue Whale
3. Sperm Whale
4. Whale Shark
5. Basking Shark
6. Giant Squid
7. Giant Octopus
8. Giant Oarfish
9. Great White Shark
10. Manta Ray

Source: Discovery.com, Smithsonian Museum