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It's spring and wildfire season has returned

The melting snow may be a welcome change from winter's chill, but that pleasant weather also brings the threat of wildfires, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "Fire season gets going when dead grass and leaves become exposed after warm temperatures melt snow from easily ignited fields and forests," said Dan Laux, DNR fire prevention specialist.

He explained several factors contribute to the increased wildfire risk in the spring. "Dead grass becomes flammable as it dries out," Laux said. "People don't realize there can be wildfire danger even when nights are cool and snow piles linger in the shade. The hazard begins when homeowners start spring cleanup chores by burning yard waste."

The unsafe burning of leaves, brush and other debris is a main cause of wildfires in Michigan.

A person is required to get a burn permit prior to burning brush and debris in Michigan. Residents in the northern Lower Peninsula and Upper Peninsula can obtain a free burn permit by visiting www.michigan.gov/burnpermit or by calling (866) 922-2876. Residents in southern Michigan should contact their local fire de-

partment or township office to see if burning is permitted in their area.

The DNR reminds people to do the following prior to burning yard debris:

- Obtain a burn permit.
- Choose a day that is cool and damp with little wind.
- Burn in small mounds placed in areas that are clear of vegetation.

- Keep water close by.
- Supervise fires at all times.

Always extinguish flames, coals and embers properly. Remember, embers can stay hot for days.

"Nine out of 10 wildfires are caused by people," Laux said. "We all need to do our part to prevent wildfires and protect the natural resources

that make Michigan so special."

So far this year the DNR has responded to 10 wildfires totaling 69 acres.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires.

To check where burn permits are being issued, visit www.michigan.gov/burnpermit.

Harrisville residence lost to fire Saturday

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Despite the efforts of fire fighters from four departments, fire destroyed a residence north of Harrisville Saturday night.

Harrisville Fire Department was dispatched to the scene on Sturgeon Point Road at 9:52 p.m. on March 28. According to fire chief Randall Goodman, the home was fully involved by the time fire fighters arrived. He said everyone

inside the house was able to exit before any injuries occurred.

Fire fighters from Alcona Township, Mikado and Greenbush were called to assist with manpower and equipment. Goodman said the cause of the fire is unknown and will be investigated by the insurance company.

According to Goodman, the only difficulty in fighting the blaze was cold temperatures

which caused wet surfaces to become iced surfaces. The structure was considered a total loss. However, the chance of a "rekindle" which would cause another call to fire fighters was eliminated with a piece of recently acquired technology.

Goodman said the department used a "thermal imager" which helps fire fighters see through smoke and pin point "hot spots" within walls and between floors of

buildings to ensure the fire completely extinguished. The new imager cost approximately \$10,000 and replaces an outdated one.

"I'd like to thank Alcona, Greenbush and Mikado fire departments for the assistance they provided as well as Alcona EMS and volunteers from the American Red Cross," Goodman said.

His department cleared the scene at approximately 3:30 a.m. Sunday.

Michigan frog and toad survey hits 20-year mark

Michigan's amateur herpetologists will go afield over the course of the next several months, listening for the songs of frogs and toads across the state.

This annual survey - now in its 20th year - is proving to be an important tool, as wildlife officials try to keep track of what's going on with the state's amphibians. "Our volunteer survey was kind of looked down upon by the scientific community when it first started," said Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife biologist Lori Sargent, who helped design the survey and has headed it up since the beginning.

"Nowadays, our citizen-scientists are being lauded," she said. "Our data has been

used in a number of graduate-degree studies, which is what we hoped - that it would attract the attention of additional researchers."

The survey is simple. Volunteers follow a 10-stop route - each at least a half-mile away from the previous stop, so the same toads and frogs aren't being counted - and record which species of amphibian they hear calling.

Volunteers conduct the same surveys on three different nights, at least two weeks apart. The surveys give the DNR indications of the direction of population trends for the various species in Michigan.

John and Gwen Nystuen of Ann Arbor, Mich. have participated in the survey every year since it began. The pair

used to like to go out and look for amphibians in the spring, so when the survey began, it was right in their wheelhouse.

"We were very happy to join in," said Gwen, a retired physical therapist. "It's fun, a very enjoyable thing to do. You hear one kind of frog one year and then you might not hear it the next year. Each site is different. It's kind of like an Easter egg hunt - you get surprises."

Edward and Kathryn Bolt of Grand Rapids, Mich. have been involved in the survey for about a decade. "We've been interested in various aspects of nature and we're certainly interested in the long-term prospects for frogs and toads," said Edward, a retired architect. "Every time we go out to do our survey, it rousts us from the couch. It's interesting and educational."

There are two species of toads and 11 species of frogs (or maybe 12, that's unclear) in Michigan, some of which are common and widespread and others that are rare and found in limited areas.

Both frogs and toads are cold-blooded creatures, which begin life as aquatic larva - known as tadpoles or pollywogs - before metamorphosing into air-breathing, more-terrestrial creatures, losing their tails and developing legs. Toads are more at



Wood frogs are hardy, common, and among the first frogs to begin calling in the spring. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

home in upland environments; frogs largely must remain wet. So toads can be found at quite some distance from wetlands. Frogs will almost always be in or near water.

The surveys begin as soon as spring arrives - usually April but sometimes in March - and continue until June.

"There are species that call only briefly, the first thing in spring then others that don't start until later," Sargent said. "Bullfrogs don't start until June; deep-water species are later callers."

In contrast, shallow-water species - especially those that breed in temporary pools - begin as soon as the weather warms so they can repro-

duce before the nursery areas dry up for the summer.

Toads and frogs call for two reasons: to establish territories and attract mates. Only the males call.

Michigan's two species of toads - the American toad and the Fowler's toad - are quite similar in appearance. Their calls are the best way to tell them apart, Sargent said, though American toads are more common and widely dispersed while Fowler's toads are found mostly in sandy habitat. Fowler's toads appear to be in decline - based on survey results - and could be candidates for listing as a species of special concern.



Green frogs, found statewide, are sometimes mistaken for bullfrogs.

Obituaries

Marvin A. Thom

Marvin Arling Thom, 86, of Harrisville died on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born on March 1, 1929 in Alpena to Harold and Esther (Miller) Thom.

Mr. Thom served in the U.S. Navy and was later employed as a skilled machinist in Fraser, Mich.

On November 17, 1948 he married Marilyn Eddy.

Mr. Thom is survived by his wife, Marilyn; two daughters, DeLynn (Al) Medina of Alpena and Lauri (Jim) Anderson of Washington; two grandchildren, Aaron (Lisa) Medina of Alpena and Shamaine (Karl) Baker of Texas; two great-grandchildren, Madison and Kasidy Medina; and two brothers, Kenneth (Renata) Thom of Alpena and Wayne (Chris) Thom of Beulah, Mich.

Cremation has taken place. Arrangements were handled by Bannan Funeral Home, Alpena. Interment was in Evergreen Cemetery, Alpena.

Jane A. Folwer

Jane A. Fowler, 81, of Harrisville, died on Saturday, March 28, 2015 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

She was born December 21, 1933 to Nelson and Janette (Sayan) Smith in Detroit, Mich. She moved to Killmaster as a young woman.

She was a devoted homemaker and enjoyed crochet and playing bingo at Jamieson Nursing Home.

She especially loved visiting with her great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Fowler is survived by three daughters, Linda (Wayne) Wilson of Killmaster, Barbara (Bill) Sorenson of Indiana and Nancy (Keith) Nedo of Harrisville; three grandchildren, Sarah (Charlie) Stuart, Chad (Carrie) Nedo and Shirley Hart; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Joanne Cole; and two brothers, Bob Smith and Ed Smith.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Norma Jean Hart; and one sister.

Private services have been held. Interment was in Mikado Cemetery. Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

James E. Knight Sr.

James Edward Knight Sr., 69, of Glennie, died on Monday, March 23, 2015 at his home.

He was born August 22, 1945, to Claude and Arilla (Heckert) Knight in Greenville, Ohio, where he was raised.

He served in the U.S. Air Force. After his discharge, he earned a master's degree from Wright State University in Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Knight worked as a mental health therapist with the Veteran's Administration,

and continued to help many veterans after his retirement.

On April 15, 2007, he married Louise Salo. They were residents of Glennie. They enjoyed music and travelling to concerts.

He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans and of the Hale Eagles Club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and bowling in the Monday senior's league.

Mr. Knight is survived by his wife, Louise; one son, James Knight Jr.; one step

daughter, Dianne Roland of Glennie; four grandchildren, Megan Knight, Amber Knight, Joshua Knight and Courtney Knight; and two step grandchildren, Sean Denny and Claire Denny; one great-granddaughter; and one sister, Debbie Knight of Cleveland, Ohio.

There will be a memorial service on Wednesday, April 8 at 1 p.m. at the Glennie Tavern. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

John T. Kerr

John T. Kerr, 90, of Greenbush, died on Wednesday, March 25, 2015, at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born January 23, 1925 to Archibald and Mary (Irving) Kerr in Bay City, Mich., where he was raised.

He served in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II.

On September 4, 1948, he married Elizabeth Weigle in Bay City, Mich., where they resided until moving to Greenbush in 1961.

Mr. Kerr worked as a fuel terminal operator with Lakeshore Terminal from 1961 until 1993.

He was a member of the Harrisville United Methodist Church; a member of the Alcona Lodge No. 292 F. & A.M. for 50 years where he served

as past master two times. He was a member of the Greenbush Volunteer Fire Department for 28 years and held the position of secretary and treasurer over the years. He was an avid bow hunter and enjoyed fly fishing.

Mr. Kerr is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; one daughter, Lora (Alan) Shillair of Lincoln; two sons, Michael Kerr of Alpena and Patrick Kerr of Gurnee, Ill.; four grandchildren, Andrew (Amber) Kerr, Adam (Terry) Kerr, Darrin (Megan) Shillair and Kelly (Dave Johnson) Shillair; two step grandchildren, Mark (Patricia) Divney and Chris Divney; two step great-grandchildren, Raymond and Brenden Divney; two sisters, Mary Catherine Novess of Flushing, Mich. and Annie

Mae (Glynn) Silverthorn of Bay City, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one daughter-in-law, Glenna Kerr; and one brother, Bill Kerr.

Visitation will be Saturday, April 18 from 11 a.m. until the Masonic service at 12:30 p.m. which will be followed by the memorial service at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Mary Soderholm will officiate.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Lodge No. 292 F. & A.M. Scholarship Fund, the Harrisville United Methodist Church, or to Hospice of Michigan.

Wilma E. Unger

Wilma E. Unger, 94, of Harrisville died on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at her home.

She was born in Mt. Morris, Mich. on October 4, 1920 to Hugh and Francis Green.

On February 24, 1940, she married John Unger of Linden, Mich. They lived in the Fenton, Mich. area.

Mrs. Unger was a devoted homemaker. She worked for General Motors in Pontiac, Mich. during World War II; for Hazelton-Perkins in Fenton, Mich.; the Fenton Independent Newspaper; the

Grand Blanc Credit Union and was the director and teacher of the Summer Handy Craft Program at the Fenton School System.

She had many talents and enjoyed a variety of hobbies. She travelled extensively with her husband. Mrs. Unger was a member of the Fenton Flower Arrangement Club, the Fenton Sewing Club, the Modern Pioneer Camping Club, and a charter member of the Flint Doll Club. She was a former member of the Fenton Methodist Church.

She moved to Harrisville in 1999. She was a member of the Harrisville United Methodist Church. Mrs. Unger enjoyed boating, painting and a variety of needlepoint and crafts. She entered items in the Alcona County Fair where she won several blue ribbons.

Mrs. Unger is survived by two daughters, Judy C. (James) Pyne of Harrisville and Kathleen A. (Barry) Bare of Kalkaska, Mich.; one son,

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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
March 22	34	13	0.00	3.8	19	N
March 23	23	17	0.00	6.3	22	E
March 24	29	12	0.00	4.9	14	E
March 25	41	29	0.07	7.9	27	S
March 26	42	24	0.00	2.9	19	SW
March 27	24	16	0.04	6.9	27	NNE
March 28	29	12	0.00	4.7	17	ESE

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.11	1.6	0.50
March to Date	0.34	4.6	1.89
Year/Season to Date	1.20	33.6	5.00

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.)

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
My mother, Grace A. Rapson, passed away on January 16. Gillies Funeral Home did an excellent job with the funeral arrangements, both in Lincoln, Mikado and Berkley, Mich. Sara Healy and her father, Mr. Gillies, are top professionals.

On March 25, I received a notice from Batesville, 1 Batesville Blvd., Batesville, Ind. that Gillies Funeral Home purchased a living memorial in my mother's

name as a gift to our family. The tree will be planted in a national forest.

This gift was very precious to us as my dad worked in the CCC planting trees in national forests when he was young. Mom and Dad both loved the forests in northern Michigan and this tribute meant so very much to us. I would like to publicly thank Gillies Funeral Home for all they did for us.

Sandra D. Campbell
Warren, Mich.

Unger Obituary

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Jack L. Unger of Fenton, Mich.; six grandchildren, James Pyne, Karen McKown, Eric Bare, Barry Bare, Lara Unger Syrigos and Paul Unger; 11 great-grandchildren; five great-great-grandchildren; and one sister, Doris German.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John, on June 1, 1990; two sisters, Bernice Long and Marjory Norris; and one brother, J.C. Green.

The funeral was held Saturday, March 28 at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Mary Soderholm officiated. A graveside service was held Monday, March 30 at the Oakwood Cemetery in Fenton, Mich. Memorial donations may be made to the Harrisville United Methodist Church. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

McNichols/Zeng take vows

Leezanne Rose McNichols and Bixi Zeng exchanged their wedding vows January 4, 2015 at Caneel Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands.

The bride is the daughter of Liz and Quent McNichols of Harrisville. The groom is the son of Qi and Jerry Zeng of Bethesda, Md.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Caneel Bay Resort.

The bride is a 2006 graduate of Alcona High School and a 2010 graduate of the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish. She is pursuing a doctorate in osteopathic medicine at Michigan State University and will graduate in May.

The groom is a 2004 graduate of Walt Whitman High School in Bethesda, Md. and a 2008 graduate of the University of Maryland with a Bachelor of Science degree in microbiology. He is enrolled in the Michigan State University College of Human Medicine. He will graduate with an MD/PhD in 2018.

The couple plans to reside in Grand Rapids, Mich.



Leezanne and Bixi Zeng

Police Report

Officers from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department responded to a complaint of stabbing on Saturday, March 28 at 9:17 p.m. at a residence in Glennie. The investigation concluded that a verbal argument between two married individuals turned into a physical altercation.

According to the sheriff's department, during the altercation Margaretta Gilbert, 44, allegedly stabbed her husband in the side with a knife. He was treated at St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas and then transported to St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Mich. He has since been released.

Gilbert was arraigned in 81st District Court on Monday, March 30 and charged with felonious assault. She was released with a \$10,000 cash or surety 10 percent bond.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1
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.

Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Free items for newborns to age five to residents of Alcona County.

Diapers, formula, clothes, bedding and more will be available.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena, at the corner of Brooke and Connon, near Diamonds Pointe. Bring a can of food for the needy. Lunch will be served. For reservations, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

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.

THURSDAY, APRIL 2
Join fellow comrades at the veterans coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

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.

The 4-H Archery Group will meet from 5:30 to 8 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.

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 4
The 6th annual Alcona County Easter Egg Hunt will begin at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Fire Department. Free hot dogs, chips and punch will be available for everyone after the egg hunt. For more information, call Teresa Hart at (989) 736-8936 or Naomi Potter at (989) 736-3137.

An evening of community fellowship will be held at the

Alcona High School auditorium beginning at 6:30 p.m. There will be live music, a motivational message by guest speaker Brad Matuzak and refreshments. There will also be a presentation about The Chosen Ranch, a home in development for abused, neglected, abandoned and homeless children. Everyone is welcome. The school's auditorium is located on Barlow Road in Lincoln.

SUNDAY, APRIL 5
A euchre tournament will be held at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Admission is \$10 and includes a meal. Registration and meal from noon to 2 p.m., games from 2 to 5 p.m. Paying four places. Call, (989) 736-3050 for more information.

MONDAY, APRIL 6
Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. New applicants need to provide identification, proof of residency and income.

The planning committee for Mikado Days 2015 will meet at 7 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center, 2291 South F-41. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee, to volunteer, provide an entertainment or offer new ideas is welcome to attend. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (989) 736-7721.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 11 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 7
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 information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

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

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Alcona County Catholic Churches

Holy Thursday: St. Raphael (Mikado) 5:30 p.m.
St. Catherine (Ossineke) 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday: St. Catherine (Ossineke) 1 p.m.
St. Anne (Harrisville) 6 p.m.
Easter Vigil: St. Raphael (Mikado) 9 p.m.
Easter: St. Catherine (Ossineke) 9 a.m.
St. Anne (Harrisville) 11 a.m.

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

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APRIL 2 – MAUNDY THURSDAY
Eucharist 6 p.m.
Ceremony of the washing of the feet.
Agape meal following.
APRIL 3 – GOOD FRIDAY
Service at noon
Reverend Nancy Harpfer
APRIL 5 – EASTER
Eucharist 9:30 a.m.

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Evening of Fellowship

The Chosen Program is hosting an evening of community fellowship on Saturday, April 4 beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Alcona High School auditorium on Barlow Road in Lincoln. This is a non-denominational worship service complete with live music, an uplifting message from guest speaker Bradley Matuzak and refreshments in an event designed for everyone interested in a relaxing evening of spirituality, friendship and community support. This will be the first of many gatherings hosted by The Chosen Fellowship. Word has spread throughout the area and beyond about the development of The Chosen Ranch for abused, neglected, abandoned and homeless children. This evening is the first time the vision of The Chosen Ranch, along with The Chosen Fellowship will be presented to the public. For more information about The Chosen Ranch see the website: www.ChosenRanch.org or on Facebook: Chosen Ranch.

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

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 - Thursday, April 9—Roast pork, red bliss potatoes, carrots, applesauce.
 - Friday, April 10—Bourbon chicken breast, rice pilaf, peas, tossed salad and mixed fruit.
- (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Away at School

- Alexander Cole of Lincoln was named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester at Saginaw Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Kathleen Kramer of Lincoln was named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester at Saginaw Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Audrey Warner of Harrisville was named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester at Saginaw Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Braden Yokom of Harrisville was named to the dean's list for the fall 2014 semester at Saginaw Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Ballot Issue Forum

The League of Women Voters of Alpena County will present a program for the public to explain the May 5 ballot issue. It will be held from 7 to 8:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, at the Alpena County Library. Questions of "What is the ballot issue?" and "What will it do?" will be explained with a power point presentation and discussion. The League does not have a position on this issue; pros and cons will be presented.

The presenter is Kathy Ling, former mayor of Mt. Pleasant, Mich. and member of the Mt. Pleasant City Commission. She is a member of the Michigan League Advocacy Committee and a retired high school government teacher

Planting Pine Trees

Consumers Energy and Michigan International Speedway have teamed up with the Michigan Association of Conservation Districts to plant 50,000 white pine seedling across Michigan. As sponsors of the initiative, Consumers Energy and Michigan International Speedway are providing the seedlings through local conservation districts.

Alcona Conservation District is looking for groups to participate in planting events to be held on publicly-accessible lands such as parks, school grounds or forest property, or township and county properties where the trees will have the greatest chance for survival. Any group that is interested in participating in this effort should contact Janet Reins, district manager, Alcona Conservation District, 320 S. State Street, Harrisville, (989) 724-5272 on or before April 6. Visit the district's website at alcona-conservation.org for more details.


Drawing Workshop

The Besser Museum is offering a second drawing workshop in April with art instructor Mark Beins. The workshop will include three Saturday sessions scheduled for April 11, 18 and 25 from 9 a.m. to noon. The first Saturday class is a "Drop in and Draw" followed by two Saturdays of "Building on the Basics." The "Drop in and Draw" Saturday is not a beginners course, but rather a "check it out" course. All three sessions are designed for artists at all stages of development. Beins will focus lessons on learning shapes, learning lines, and using artists' tools to create an effective design. Landscapes are the focus for April. Cost is \$45 per session or all three for \$120. A non-refundable deposit of \$20 per session is due by April 8. For more information, call the museum at (989) 356-2202.

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Easier screening tests for colon cancer

Dear Savvy Senior,
Are there any easier alternatives to a colonoscopy to check for colon cancer? I'm in my sixties and would like to be tested, but hate the idea of drinking all that laxative solution, and being sedated for the procedure.

Squeamish Jim

Dear Squeamish,
It's a great question. While a colonoscopy is considered the gold standard screening test for detecting colon cancer and is widely recommended once adults reach age 50, only about half of Americans who've passed that milestone ever get tested. Why? Because most people, like yourself, dread the all-day laxative prep and sedation, not to mention the procedure itself. Fortunately, there are some easier alternatives, but be aware that if these tests uncover any suspicious results, you'll still need to undergo a colonoscopy.

There are two different types of tests on the market

today that you can take in the privacy of your own home that requires no laxative-taking/bowel-cleansing preparation.

The best option is the new FDA approved Cologuard test (see cologuardtest.com), which has a 92 sensitivity rate for detecting colon cancers. With this test you simply take a sample of a bowel movement, and mail it in to the lab for analysis. The lab looks for both blood and cancer-related DNA cells in your stool.

The Cologuard test, which is recommended every three years, requires a prescription from your doctor, and costs \$599 but is covered by Medicare and many private insurers. If, however, you find that the Cologuard test is not covered by your insurer, and you can't afford or don't want to pay the \$599 fee, the other option is the fecal occult blood test (FOBT) or the fecal immunochemical test (FIT), which detects 74 percent colon cancers.

These tests, which are also

provided by your doctor, check for traces of blood in the stool that could indicate cancer or large polyps that can develop into cancer, but they don't look at the DNA. You simply send a stool sample to the lab.

Recommended annually, both of these fecal tests cost only around \$25 and are covered by Medicare and most insurers.

Two other tests to consider that are less invasive than a colonoscopy but more entailed than the take-home tests are the virtual colonoscopy and the sigmoidoscopy (both tests are recommended every five years).

A virtual colonoscopy uses a CT scan to view your colon instead of a scope in the rectum, so it's a less invasive procedure than a traditional colonoscopy and doesn't require sedation. But, it still requires the same bowel-cleansing prep. It's also more expensive, typically costing between \$400 and \$800 and is not covered by Medicare or most insurers.



Savvy Senior

A sigmoidoscopy exam, which is covered by Medicare and most insurers, uses a short, flexible scope inserted in the rectum like a colonoscopy to look at the lower colon only. This is a much faster and less involved procedure than a colonoscopy and one that doesn't require sedation. You follow a clear liquid diet the day before the exam and take a laxative or enema the morning of the test.

Colon cancer, which develops slowly over several years without causing symptoms especially in the early stages of the disease, is the second largest cancer killer in the U.S., killing around 50,000 Americans a year.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force – an independent panel of medical experts that advises the government on health policies – recommends colon cancer screening to all adults, ages 50 to 75. Earlier screenings are recommended to people who have an increased risk due to family history or other factors.

Experts believe that as many as 20,000 lives could be saved each year, if the screening rate went up to 90 or 95 percent.

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By Amy Stevens
MD Spokespatient

This column is a small way to show appreciation and say thank you to the many people in our community who have been so loyal to our events and to our cause for so many years.

I have been volunteering on behalf of patients with muscular dystrophy since I was diagnosed when I was 12 years old. I will be turning 50 soon, so that is a long time.

In the capacity of volunteer spokespatient, I have participated in many telethons on Labor Day weekends by answering phones, reading pledges and speaking from my heart about what

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Final notes...

it is like to live with muscular dystrophy. I have written articles for newspapers and magazines and stories have been written about me in an attempt to share what it is like to live with muscular dystrophy in order to raise awareness and funding for research.

It was an honor to speak for the National Association of Letter Carriers at the Grand Hotel on Mackinaw Island as well as at the Michigan fire fighters convention. Additionally, I gave a talk at the Shriners Hospital where I was once a patient for 28 days.

Over the years, with every opportunity to raise awareness, I have spoken at events throughout the area from archery events when my husband, Marshall, shot on a league to band benefits with friends playing music to motorcycle poker runs, and even at a champagne luncheon and fashion show held at The Owl (in Alpena) where I learned not to drink before giving my talk! (I don't remember what I said but it must have been good as everyone clapped.)

We have participated in bowling events as well as "lock ups" (to raise money) - one was held at the jail where I was given a tour and have been good ever since! There have been snowmobile rides in the winter and Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) camps in the summer.

I have met and been inspired by other patients with a form of muscular dystrophy and my heart has been broken by those we have lost along the way -- JoAnn Liske, Keith Wilson, Debbie Anschuetz, Lisa Borchard, George Byelich, Shirleen Edgley, Hunter Carlson as well as Jim Spleet and Kerwin Kitzman, who were always by my side and who I now have faith are still with me from above.

I am fortunate that my form, Limb Girdle Muscular Dystrophy type 2A, is slow, but it is progressive. I have gone from being able to walk, to falling down, to using a tri-walker, to a manual wheel-

Guest Columnist

chair for distance, to needing to use a power scooter full time for mobility for the past 10 years, to having to use a V-PAP to assist my breathing at night.

I have traveled to other states to visit universities, to the Mayo Clinic, as well as going out of the country to be seen by some of the best doctors. I have done everything that I can for many years to raise awareness and money to help fund research, find treatments and support patients along the way. I have not kept track of all of the totals from all of the events that I have mentioned above but my fund raising concept for our Cue for a Cure pool tournaments has raised over \$300,000 alone over the past 18 years since they began. This is something I am very proud of but it would never have been possible without the support of the many people who have been a part of it each year.

Anytime I am around large groups of people it has become a risk for me because of my weakened respiratory system. I ended up getting sick last month and I am no longer able to take that risk so, my talk at our Cue for a Cure playoff event this year will be my last.

I just wanted to say thank you to the many people in our community for all of your support over the many years I have been involved with MDA. I have felt your love in my heart as I hope you too have felt my sincere appreciation in yours.

Please remember not to take your strength, health, independence and abilities for granted.


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(Amy Stevens and her husband, Marshall, live in Spruce.)

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Have questions or need more info, contact Teresa Hart (989) 736-8936.




Amy and Marshall Stevens celebrate their final year with the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Cue for a Cure Pool Tournament benefit held each winter for 18 years. Amy has been an advocate to raise awareness about muscular dystrophy and funds for research and assistance for patients since she was diagnosed at age 12. *Courtesy photo.*



(Back from left) Susie and Jim Pierce, Yogi Yruegas, Rita Sands and (Front) Amy Stevens, area muscular dystrophy spokespatient, represent the Mikado Tavern -- the top bar winner of the 18th annual Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Cue for a Cure Pool Tournaments. The event raised \$5,702.31. Other tournaments held at Edelweiss Tavern in Oscoda raised \$1,740; the Dry Dock in Alpena raised \$1,392 and a contribution of \$103 was given by the Oscoda Eagles. The playoff tournament held at the Mikado Tavern raised \$832.22. All of the events held this year raised a total of \$9,769.56 to help support patients in northern Michigan who have a form of muscular dystrophy. Top fund raisers at Mikado Tavern were Rick Kaiser with \$656; at Edelweiss Tavern Kat Baynes raised \$444 and at Dry Dock Edward Muscuini raised \$145. First place winners at Mikado Tavern were Celia Lawrence and John Smith; runners up were Sue Doewll and Yogi Yruegas. First place winners at Edelweiss Tavern were Sheila and Adam Bierlein; runners up were Lori Lutzke and Lloyd Pikel. First place winners at Dry Dock were Tina Paad and Bernie Hacken; runners up were Penny Holmes and Mike Candle. Linda and Joe Eberline, Cindy Bobick and Russ Gibson represented the Oscoda Eagles. Maggie Hunter and Gerry Louks won the title of queen and king of the Cue for a Cure 2015. Linda and Joe Eberling were runners up. *Courtesy photo.*

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Among the frogs, spring peepers are the loudest. Found almost everywhere, they'll call for the longest period - three months. Wood frogs, found statewide, are extremely common and "among the most interesting," Sargent said. "They're very hardy - they can tolerate the cold best and are the only frog found in Alaska."

Bullfrogs are the largest of Michigan's frogs and are found statewide, but are most common in southern Michigan. They are strong predators. "They'll eat anything they can catch," Sargent said, "other frogs, fish, even birds."

Bullfrogs are the most prized by humans as table fare and may be harvested by those with a fishing license. The season on all amphibians is the last Saturday in May through Nov. 15. The possession limit is 10 amphibians in any combination, though Blanchard's cricket frogs and boreal tree frogs may not be taken.

Green frogs, which often are mistaken for bullfrogs, are found statewide. They're among the most able to withstand environmental contaminants, Sargent said.

Mink frogs are found only in the Upper Peninsula and seem to be in decline, according to the surveys. Blanchard's cricket frogs are the only threatened species in the state. They're only found in southern Michigan, though they occur in states to the south. "We hear Blanchard's cricket frogs a lot," Edward Bolt said. "We're unable to provide visual identification because we're out at night, but they certainly make a unique sound."

The boreal chorus frog is found only on Isle Royale and has not been recorded in the last couple of years. "We're not sure what's going on with them," Sargent said.

Michigan boasts two species of tree frog - the Eastern gray and the Cope's tree frog. "Physically they're identical," Sargent said, "but their call is different."

Frogs and toads are considered good indicators of water quality. They breathe through their skin and are sensitive to contaminants, Sargent explained. Herpetologists have noticed a decline in the amphibians nationwide since the 1970s.

Michigan has seen declining numbers of frogs, something Sargent said is probably due to a loss of wetland habitat, though there could be other factors, too. "There are diseases, toxins, even global warming," she said.

"These animals are ancient," Sargent said. "They've been around for billions of years. They're very important to the food chain. They not only eat lots of mosquitoes and other bugs, but



Green frogs are able to tolerate contaminants better than most species.

they're important food for other animals."

Some creatures - the hognosed snake, for instance - depend entirely on toads for their sustenance, she explained. Besides their place in the food chain, frogs and toads serve another important purpose. "They're the sound of spring," she said. "I think if they were gone, people would miss them."

Sargent said additional volunteers are needed this year to conduct the survey in all parts of the state. Those interested in volunteering for

the 2015 survey should contact Sargent at sargent@michigan.gov.

For more information about the frog and toad survey and frogs, toads and other creatures that are supported by the Nongame Wildlife Fund, visit www.michigan.gov/wildlife.

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

Stevens/Turpen plan wedding

Courtney J. Stevens of Alpena and Shane T. Turpen of Harrisville, announce their engagement.

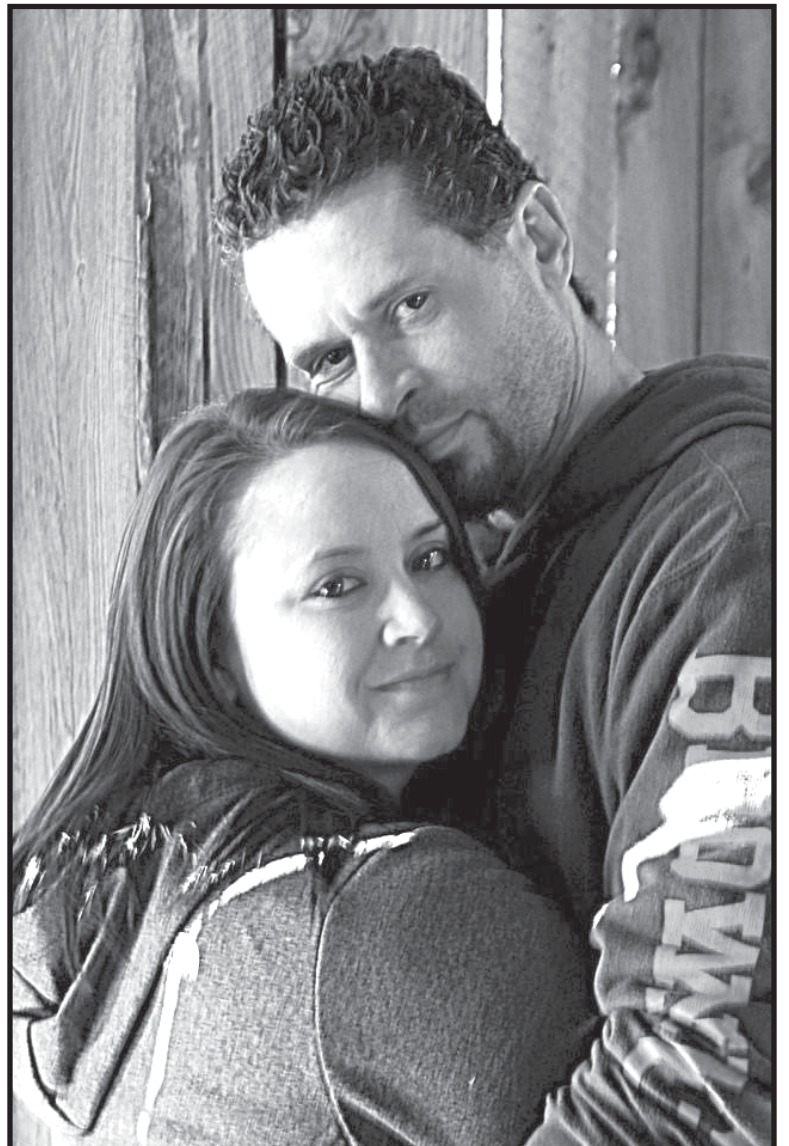
The bride-to-be is the daughter of Bruce and Brenda Stevens of Alpena. She is the granddaughter of Levi and Ruth Stevens of Alpena and Esther Leaym of Alpena and the late Donald Leaym.

She is a 2004 graduate of Alpena High School and is employed by Real Estate One of Oscoda.

The future groom is the son of Brian Turpen of Harrisville and Teri O'Callaghan of Tennessee. He is the grandson of Thomas and Sharon O'Callaghan of Harrisville and the late Robert and Irene Turpen.

He is a 1999 graduate of Alcona High School and is the owner of Turpen Truck & Tractor.

A July 18, 2015 wedding is planned in Harrisville.



Courtney Stevens and Shane Turpen

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Bringing inspiration through art music, dance, ink and paint

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

With goals to bring money into Alcona County through art and cultural events and to make the county a more interesting place to live a local group is offering numerous events for residents and visitors of all ages.

Inspiration Alcona, a non-profit group began three years ago by bringing an art retreat weekend to the county. It is now offering contra dances, a GospelFest, a writer's retreat, art lessons and more.

Will St. John, president and founding member of Inspiration Alcona, said it was through the success of the art retreat weekend and community support that the group was able to secure grants which helped develop the additional events.

The Michigan Council Arts and Cultural Act granted \$5,588 and the National Endowments of Arts gave an additional \$600 to Inspiration Alcona. St. John explained the funds will be used for operation support to pay for insurance, advertising and instructors. An additional \$2,500 grant came from the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan to support monthly contra dances and advertising.

Inspiration Alcona describes contra dances as the original version of square dancing dating back to the 1800s. Dances are held each month throughout the year

and beginner lessons are held before each dance. The dances are open to all age groups with free admission for youth high school age and younger.

St. John said the group will hold its first Alcona GospelFest on April 25. The workshop will be directed by Jean Wilson, the founding director of the Ann Arbor GospelFest and director of the ecumenical One Voice Gospel Choir from southeast Michigan.

The one day workshop, open to all faiths, will begin at noon at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. A public good will dinner will be held at the church at 5 p.m. and workshop participants will perform a free public concert after dinner. The cost for the GospelFest workshop is \$10.

Also new this year will be the first annual writer's retreat held June 4 through 7. St. John said three prominent Michigan authors, Anne-Marie Oomen, Kathleen McGokey and John Smolens, all featuring Michigan settings and people in their work, will lead students through their own stories of memoirs, poems or short fiction.

St. John said the writer's workshop will be held at the lodge in Lost Lake Woods with views sure to inspire any writer whether they are local residents or new to the area. The writer's retreat weekend will include an evening of readings, music and other activities.

On July 16 Inspiration Al-

cona will bring a day of live art at the Harrisville Harbor with six local artists teaching lessons to students of all ages from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. St. John said Live Art at the Harbor is meant to be a casual, fun event for both residents and visitors with a canvas for everyone to paint. Each lesson will last two hours and the cost is \$5 per lesson.

Inspiration Alcona has planned this year's Art Retreat for September 10 through 13. Skilled artists will again come from all corners of Michigan to teach their special interest at the lodge of Lost Lake Woods.

St. John explained teaching artists from outside the Alcona County community are hired for the retreat because many of the local folks, although extremely talented, may not have a big name draw from outside the area. He also said it was a good opportunity for local residents to learn from masters they may normally not be able to experience without driving long distances.

Painting, collage, print making, silver jewelry and basket making classes have already been planned for the weekend with additional classes still yet to be determined.

Other events during the art retreat weekend include a welcome wine and hors d'oeuvres party, a concert, readings and a farewell lakeside cookout on Sunday afternoon. St. John said he is hoping to encourage participants to stretch out and visit local restaurants for dinner during both the writer's retreat and the arts retreat weekend.

"Inspiration Alcona's budget for the year is about \$25,000 and most of that money, with the exception of paying instructors, stays in the county," St. John said. The group hopes to receive about \$10,000 in grants this year with the rest of its funding to come from within the community.

"Community support is still very necessary. It's an investment for the future to try to build an economic base for the county. We are trying to make this an art destination, if we can make this a place where artists want to come and paint or write, make jewelry, baskets or sit on our beaches, those people will need a place to stay, a place to eat, and a place to buy gear.

"The artist's retreat is a great way to expose people to the beauty of our area so they will want to come back, buy a vacation home and live here. We have a beautiful area and we have nice friendly people in it. Artists have come to love this place; we just need to get more of them here," St. John said.

For more information about Inspiration Alcona visit its website at Inspiration-Alcona.org or "like" the group on Facebook. Anyone interested in joining Inspiration Alcona as a member or board position, call St. John at (989) 736-3000.

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Bowling

He's & She's

March 13

Splits Happen	136.5	43.5
Family Affair	118	62
Wine Tards	105.5	74.5
3 Right/Wrong	104.5	75.5
Up Your Alley	87	93
Part Timers	78	102
Wild Ones	48.5	131.5
Men's high game and series: Bill Cordes,	270	and 693.
Men's high handicap game and series: Bill Cordes,	301	and 786.
Women's high game and series: Noreen Tverberg,	177	and 462.
Women's high handicap game and series: Noreen Tverberg,	253	and 690.

Wednesday Nite Women's

March 25

Alcona Abstract	115	65
Ark Plumbing	115	65
Back Alley Bar	103	77
Stoney Acres	100	80
Lincoln Prec.	73.5	106.5
JB's Auto	73.5	106.5
Alcona Tool	61	119
High game and series: Flora Yingling,	218	and 580.
High handicap game: Carol Wenzel,	251.	
High handicap series: Kathy Schwartz,	646.	

Early Bloomers

March 24

Rosebuds	214	122
Violets	176	160
Daffodils	168	168
Mums	164.5	171.5
Marigolds	162	174
Buttercups	121.5	214.5
High game and series: Lori Miller,	494	and 204.
High team game and series: Rosebuds,	423	and 1,242.

Huron

March 24

Seven	97	53
Gary Oil	83.5	66.5
Rob's Repair	83.5	66.5
Harbortown Pi.	75.5	74.5
Back Alley Bar	62	88
Lincoln Prec.	48.5	101.5
High game and series: Jimmy Armstrong,	300	and 806.
High handicap game and series: Matt Fletcher,	367	and 932.

Sportsman

March 26

L.L. Woods	78.5	29.5
Village Lanes	64	44
We R Versatile	56	52
Phil's Barber	55	53
Cole's Appl.	40.5	67.5
AuSable Inn	30	78
High game: Dave Baker,	268.	
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As the ice starts to melt and more oxygen is pushed into the lake anglers will start to see perch and panfish move into shallower depths.

This tip was adapted from Michigan Outdoor News.

Northeast Lower Michigan March 26

Some of the inland lakes are still producing panfish however, those heading out need to use extreme caution. First ice and last ice are the most dangerous.

• Higgins Lake: Ice fishing season is pretty much done. Much more of the shoreline ice has opened up and there are several pressure cracks starting near the shoreline and heading out into the lake. Rain, wind and warmer temperatures this week will only make conditions worse. Anglers are advised to wait for open water fishing.

• Houghton Lake: Still had ice for those not ready to hang up the ice fishing gear. Anglers would be wise to use caution and be careful along the shoreline especially near the Cut River, Denton Creek

Northeast Michigan

Fishing Report



or any other inlets or outlets. A fair number of bluegills and crappie were caught off Songer's Point which is just north of the boat launch on the east side.

• Tawas: A lot of ice has blown out of the bay but there was still some near Jerry's Marina and that is where ice anglers were concentrated. Yellow perch were caught but many were small and anglers were putting in considerable time. A few walleye were caught.

• Tawas River: The ice at the mouth was gone. Anglers were wading and casting but

no reports came in.

• AuGres: Some anglers were still going north of the breakwall and catching a few walleye but there is no telling how long that ice will last.

• AuGres River: Down at the Singing Bridge, steelhead were caught in the lower river and in the surf though fishing was difficult with the piles of shore ice.

• Rifle River: Sucker fishing is just barely starting to get underway.

• Pine River: Is starting to open up and may soon be a good bet for open water perch and sucker fishing.

DNR reminds hunters, anglers, ORV riders of license structure

Spring has arrived, and with spring turkey hunting season and many fishing seasons are opening soon - and 2015 licenses are on sale now - the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) reminds hunters, anglers and ORV riders of changes to Michigan's license structure that took effect just over a year ago.

Some things for hunters, anglers and ORV riders to keep in mind when buying licenses:

• A base license is required for all hunters every year. In addition to providing critical funding for wildlife conservation and management, the base license allows hunters to hunt small game and purchase additional hunting li-

censes for other species. See more information about hunting licenses.

• Anglers no longer need to choose between restricted and all-species fishing licenses. All fishing licenses are good for all species. See more information about fishing licenses.

• An ORV trail permit is required, in addition to the ORV license, for riding on state-designated trails, routes and scramble areas. See more information about ORV licenses.

• Outdoor enthusiasts can purchase a hunt/fish combo license that includes a base license, a deer combo license (two tags) and an all-species fishing license.

• A single deer license, valid throughout archery, firearm and muzzleloader seasons, replaces the separate archery and firearm licenses. The deer combo license remains available for hunters who wish to harvest two bucks.

Additional funding from the new license structure enables the DNR and its partners to provide better hunting and fishing opportunities through improved habitat; an ORV trail network, providing enhanced riding opportunities and benefiting local economies; increased protection of natural resources and a safer outdoor recreation experience by putting more conservation officers in the field; and expanded outreach and education for new and existing hunters and anglers.

For more information - including license prices, frequently asked questions and details about how license dollars are being invested - visit www.michigan.gov/dnr and click on "hunting, fishing and ORV license structure" under "In the Know."

Alcona Community Schools

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Heroin's spread in Michigan concerns health advocates

By Caitlin McArthur
Capitol News Service

Heroin and related drugs are spreading across Michigan and have become more deadly in recent years, according to some experts.

Michigan-wide numbers of unintentional overdose deaths have quadrupled since 1999, according to a Michigan Department of Community Health (DCH) report. Meanwhile, the number of deaths due to other drugs such as cocaine has gone down, according to the report.

Genesee, Macomb and Wayne counties account for the highest recent heroin and opioid-related death rates, according to the DCH. But the problem is creeping into other areas: DCH data shows Antrim, Manistee, Clare, Hillsdale and Cass counties all recorded opioid-related overdose rates higher than the state average between 2009 and 2012.

A big reason for the increase in heroin overdoses is the overprescription of pharmaceutical opioids — painkillers like oxycodone, morphine and methadone that are chemically similar to heroin, said Pamela Lynch, consultant and therapist at Northern Lakes Community Mental Health in Traverse City, Mich.

The state has recently cracked down on “doctor shopping,” or visiting multiple doctors to get more prescriptions. This means hooked patients have to find another way to support their addictions. “These drugs are very addictive,” Lynch said. “People get addicted to these pills and when they can’t get the pills from the doctor anymore, they switch to heroin.”

The spread of heroin and opioid use across Michigan will be the focus of a public forum next month, with addiction advocates and health professionals saying the increase in use is exposing problems in the state’s approach to addiction like never before.

The discussion, “Silence Equals Death,” is the brainchild of Lauren Rousseau, a professor at Western Michigan University Cooley Law School, who said the event aims to raise community awareness of the drugs’ spread and effects.

For Rousseau, the rise in overdoses and deaths linked to heroin use hits close to home. “A young man whom I was legal guardian of became addicted to this drug several years ago,” Rousseau said. “I battled this disease with him, and sometimes against him, for over a year, and ultimately he died.”

Rousseau said her ward was just 19 at the time of his death. His passing — and his struggle beforehand — broke her heart. “He was like a son to me,” she said. “There are so many people in his position, and who have been in mine.”

The higher mortality rates, Lynch said, was a direct re-

sult of heroin’s progression into the counties. In 2006, she said, heroin-related deaths centered in Detroit, Mich., Chicago, Ill., South Jersey, N.J. and Philadelphia, Pa. — big cities.

But the problem isn’t just in the Detroit, Mich. area anymore, said Cynthia Arfken, a professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neuroscience at Wayne State University. Death rates across the state, Arfken said, have increased dramatically, as have admissions to emergency departments.

“Cheap heroin has contributed to the spread,” she said. “When I talk to users, they say they go into Detroit to get the best heroin, because when it is taken out to the counties it is cut.”

The problem with opioids, as compared to other drugs, is that users’ tolerance continues to rise, prompting them to seek more and more of the narcotic. “Opioid addiction leads to death,” Lynch said. “Other types of addiction do, but not as much as opioids, and not as much as heroin.”

In October the federal Drug Enforcement Administration changed the designation of opioid medication to a schedule II drug, which makes it harder for doctors to prescribe and patients to get.

“Ironically, putting a lid on that problem is now actually driving people to heroin,” Lynch said.

According to Lynch, Michigan’s response to addiction was improving, though she added it still had a long way to go. “Addiction has been with us for a long time, and for a long time it has been improperly viewed as a moral issue rather than a health issue,” Lynch said. “This has resulted in pain and misery for countless addicts and their families.”

The state, she said, needs

to stop treating addiction with a corrections mindset. Lynch said one way for the state to address the heroin and opioid problem would be to broaden the availability of a drug known to reverse opioid overdoses: naloxone, also known by its brand name, Narcan.

There have been moves in counties across the state to add naloxone to the kits of emergency first responders. Lynch said this needed to be widened to the state as a whole and expanded to include police, who often beat medical staff to the scene.

A 2014 state law allows families of known addicts in the Michigan access to naloxone, but she argued this is not enough. Michigan should also have good samaritan laws that provide immunity to people in a drug-use situation who seek help for someone who has overdosed, which could increase the number of 911 calls, Lynch explained.

The practice of co-prescription, which would allow naloxone to be prescribed along with any opioid medication, is another step the state could take, Lynch said.

Jennifer Smith, public information officer for the Michigan Department of Community Health, said the department had already taken steps to improve its approach to addiction.

The governor recently tasked the department to work with Michigan State Police on identifying risk factors for addiction and addressing them early, Smith said.

“We’ve got a lot of good things going in terms of diversion programs, the health and wellness commission has come out with recommendations,” Smith said. “We are focused on looking at the entire picture and identifying what the real issue is.”

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The parking lot at the Michigan State Police post in Alpena is now available to the public as a place to finalize Internet business transactions such as those made on sites like Craig’s List.

The decision to make the lot available for these transactions is in response to a nationwide increase in crimes committed by criminals using Craig’s List and other online exchange sites as a way to lure buyers and sellers to locations where they can be robbed or worse, according to Lt. Mike Hahn.

The parking lot is open to the public for these transactions during administrative hours at the post which are Monday through Friday, except holidays, from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Hahn explained that those utilizing this service should

know that post personnel will not mediate any business transactions or disputes.

The Michigan State Police encourages citizens to be aware of potential risks when making online transactions with persons they do not know. A few ways to make your transactions safer are:

- Always meet the seller or purchaser at a secure location such as a law enforcement agency’s parking lot, and during that agency’s administrative hours.
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Congress may take up wolf management

By Brooke Kansier
Capital News Service

The late 2014 return of the gray wolf to endangered status in the Great Lakes area may be short-lived if a bipartisan bill passes Congress.

The bill, sponsored by Republican Wisconsin Rep. Reid Ribble, would remove federal protection from the species in four states: Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin and Wyoming. Still in draft stages, the bill would turn over management of the gray wolf to those state governments.

The species has seen a lot of controversy in past years, with numerous attempts to delist the wolves from federal protection, and heavy debate between both sides.

Hunting supporters say populations have met recovery quotas and that this growing population threatens pets and livestock, and conflict with humans has been rising. Opponents say the population has not returned to its full historical range, and that overaggressive maintenance could irreparably harm the

species.

“They’re not threatened, they’re recovered,” said Drew YoungeDyke, public relations manager of the pro-hunt group Michigan United Conservation Clubs. “There’s really no business for them to be on the endangered species list.”

The species exceeded population quotas in Michigan and surrounding states set by the federal government, according to YoungeDyke, which led to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife services choosing to delist the gray wolf in the Great Lakes region in 2012.

After being delisted, a small hunt took place in 2013 to manage the species in critical Michigan areas, with other Great Lakes states holding larger hunts. Following that, the state legislature moved in 2012 to designate the wolf as a game species.

This was met with harsh backlash from animal rights groups, including Keep Michigan Wolves Protected, which collected enough signatures for the law to be put on the November 2014 ballot

with a veto referendum.

A second attempt by the state at similar legislation also garnered a referendum, and both were rejected by Michigan voters. “We were victorious for the wolves,” said Jill Fritz, Director of the Keep Michigan Wolves Protected campaign.

State Sen. Tom Casperson, a Republican representing most of the Upper Peninsula, said many of these votes came from areas such as southeast Michigan, where wolves aren’t present. “If people (in those areas) are going to worry about coyotes running around, and worry about their kids playing in the backyard, or stray dogs, rabid dogs, why can’t the Upper Peninsula have the same concern about their kids, playing in the backyard?” Casperson said.

A counter initiative filed by pro-hunting groups was made moot when U.S. District Judge Beryl Howell ordered the species returned to endangered status. In her ruling, Howell cited the

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of March 23-29, 2015

50 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 4 Arrests; 1 Assault; 1 Operating While Intoxicated; 2 Warrants.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	6	Property Damage Accidents	3
Message/Well Being Check	1	Miscellaneous	5
Agency Assist	1	Dog/Animal	2
Traffic	2	Alarm	3
Assault	2	Domestic	2
911 Hang Up	1	Patrol Check	3
Operate While Intoxicated	1	Open Door	1
Warrant Arrest	2	Civil	1
Medicine Disposal	1	Medical	2
Personal Injury Accident	1	Power Lines Down	2
Juvenile	2	Lost/Found Property	1
Fire	1	Noise Complaint	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Suspicious Events	2

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	3	Caledonia	1	Curtis	9
Greenbush	5	Gustin	5	Harrisville	4
Hawes	6	Haynes	2	Mikado	3
Millen	1	Mitchell	3		
Harrisville City	7	Village of Lincoln	1		

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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.

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.

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

The Barton City Improvement Association will meet at the Barton City Fire Department hall, upstairs, on Trask Lake Road at 7 p.m. All citizens are encouraged to attend. Agenda will include event planning for July 4. For more information, call Arlene at (989) 736-3294.

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

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

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

Enjoy popcorn and the movie "Frozen", at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

A fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Take out available.

An open house will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for artist-of-the-month, Louis C. Baker, at Thunder Bay Art Gallery, 126 West Chisholm Street in Alpena. Baker is a decorative egg artist specializing in Ukrainian Easter eggs and will have a collection of his work on display. This event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

The Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). Proof of residency required.

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077

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Harrisville Cub Scout Pack 3093 will hold a returnable can and bottle drive from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site.

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delisting as a violation of the Endangered Species Act, and wrote that defendants failed to prove that management of the species would be adequate and responsible.

"Now Congress is challenging that (ruling) and trying to place wolves back under that irresponsible state management," Fritz said.

The tentative bill, also supported by U.S. Rep. Dan Benishek, a Republican who represents the entire Upper Peninsula and much of the northern Lower Peninsula, would employ legislative language and methods used to delist the species in the Rocky Mountains region back in 2008.

Casperson said, "There's just too many of them. It's not about not having wolves, it's about having too many of them in our area."

The wolf population has grown substantially in past decades, from as few as six wolves living in Michigan's Upper Peninsula when the Endangered Species Act was passed in 1973, to a population now approaching 700.

According to Fritz, however, this is not enough to justify hunting. "Even after four decades of protection under the federal Endangered Species Act, there are fewer than 650 wolves in the entire state," Fritz said. "Michigan politicians rushed to open a trophy hunting season for wolves, opening the door for the same practices that virtually wiped out the wolf population in the first place."

YoungeDyke says wolf hunts are not solely about trophies, but about population control and maintenance. "With hunting, wolves learn to associate humans with danger," he said. "Hunting is not an end-all, be-all. It's a management tool."

Many biologists have said the species naturally fears humans and usually will not attack, unless in cases of mental illness or extreme starvation. But habituation, or the process in which wolves begin to hang around human communities due to being fed or finding more reliable food sources, has been shown to increase these odds.

"Wherever wildlife and people overlap, flashpoints for conflict can be created," said Meredith Gore, an assistant professor in Michigan State University's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife.

YoungeDyke cited methods such as flagging, radio collars, and low hunting quotas as measures available to the state in controlling gray wolf populations.

During Michigan's 2013 hunt, the state set a low kill quota of 43, and methods such as trapping were not permitted. Compared with quotas from 2013 hunts in other states - as high as 251 in Wisconsin - YoungeDyke said Michigan approached the hunt conservatively.

Supporters of the federal legislation cite attacks on pets and livestock, as well as increasing conflicts with hu-

mans, as reasons the population needs to be controlled.

However, antihunting advocates disagree. "There is no way of knowing whether the wolves being killed in those hunting seasons ever had anything to do with livestock conflicts," Fritz said. "You're just killing the first wolves you see."

One solution Fritz suggested is listing the species as threatened, rather than endangered. This would prevent recreational hunting, but allow more management

of the species by state government.

In late January, the Humane Society of the United States, along with other organizations, petitioned the U.S. Fish and Wildlife to reclassify the species as threatened. "A threatened listing would permit the Fish and Wildlife Service some regulatory flexibility to work with state and local wildlife managers to appropriately address wolf conflicts, including the depredation of livestock," Fritz said.

The Garden Bug

Planting dahlia tubers

After danger of frost is past, select some ground that gets full sun, is protected from strong winds, and has rich, well-drained, slightly acidic soil. Smaller-flowering types should be spaced 1 to 2 feet apart; taller, larger-flowered dahlias should be 3 feet apart. Plant the dahlia tubers whole, with the eyes, crown, stems and buds directed upward. Do not over-water!

- Brenda Weaver
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Seven Day Forecast

- WEDNESDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 41 Low: 36
- THURSDAY**
Few Showers
High: 53 Low: 29
- FRIDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 42 Low: 23
- SATURDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 40 Low: 25
- SUNDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 36 Low: 29
- MONDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 48 Low: 32
- TUESDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 47 Low: 28

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 41°, humidity of 60%. Light winds. The record high temperature for today is 66° set in 1986. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of showers, overnight low of 36°. Southeast wind 10 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 1° set in 1964.

*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	27	9	40/21	0.00"
Tuesday	34	9	40/22	0.00"
Wednesday	41	20	41/22	0.25"
Thursday	41	22	41/22	0.00"
Friday	30	13	42/23	0.02"
Saturday	37	9	42/23	0.00"
Sunday	44	16	42/24	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Moon Phase
Wednesday	7:12 a.m.	8:01 p.m.	5:32 p.m.	5:53 a.m.	New
Thursday	7:10 a.m.	8:02 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	6:20 a.m.	4/18
Friday	7:09 a.m.	8:03 p.m.	7:28 p.m.	6:47 a.m.	
Saturday	7:07 a.m.	8:04 p.m.	8:28 p.m.	7:15 a.m.	
Sunday	7:05 a.m.	8:06 p.m.	9:27 p.m.	7:44 a.m.	First
Monday	7:03 a.m.	8:07 p.m.	10:27 p.m.	8:16 a.m.	4/25
Tuesday	7:01 a.m.	8:08 p.m.	11:26 p.m.	8:51 a.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 today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with scattered showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 76° in Rock Camp, Ohio. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 87° in Tamiami, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies and isolated rain today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 65° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 96° in Yuma, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:07 a.m.	7:11 p.m.
Venus	8:37 a.m.	11:17 p.m.
Mars	7:59 a.m.	9:39 p.m.
Jupiter	2:38 p.m.	5:15 a.m.
Saturn	12:25 a.m.	9:51 a.m.
Uranus	7:29 a.m.	8:20 p.m.

Weather History

April 1, 1987 - Forty-five cities across the southeastern United States reported record low temperatures for the date. Lows of 37 degrees at Apalachicola, Fla., 34 degrees at Jacksonville, Fla., 30 degrees at Macon, Ga., and 22 degrees at Knoxville, Tenn., were records for April.

Weather Trivia

What is the coldest recorded temperature in the United States?

?

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

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Easter Confusion

Sunday, April 5 is Easter. Last year Easter occurred on April 20, and next year Easter is earlier, on March 27. Easter can happen as early as March 22 and as late as April 25. The concept is to keep the season and lunar phase consistent with occurrences at the time of Christ's resurrection. If Easter is defined as the first Sunday after the first full moon after the vernal (spring) equinox, then there is a 92.2 percent chance that the date will be correct. The rules decreed by the Church were that Easter was to fall on the first Sunday following the Paschal moon (14th day). This moon needed to occur on or after March 21. Day 14 of the lunar month is not necessarily equivalent to the day of the full moon which occurs on average about 14.8 days into the lunar cycle of 29.5 days. Additionally, time zones mandate a less astronomical approach to the moon's phases since a full moon happens when Luna is exactly opposite to the sun. The full moon is really a moment in time, and it must always occur on two different dates when considered on a worldwide basis. The Paschal or Passover full moon, however, happens on the same date worldwide, and therefore, allows Easter's date to be globally unified. Although the Paschal full moon must occur on or after March 21, it is derived strictly from a mathematical calculation which can deviate as much as two days from the astronomical time of the full moon. If the date of Easter were not unified in this manner, but based on the real time of the full moon, then Christ's resurrection would always be in confusion. As an example, if the moon were full at 10 p.m. in California on Saturday March 21, for people on Pacific Daylight Time, Easter would occur on the following day. For the East Coast, three time zones east and three hours later, the moon would be full at 1 a.m. Sunday, March 22. Accordingly, Easter for the East Coast could not occur until the following Sunday, March 29. Oh my "Peeps," how would the Easter Bunny ever get it right! www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MONARCHIES:** Who is the longest reigning monarch of Britain?
2. **PRESIDENTS:** Name the only U.S. president who never lived in the White House?
3. **MYTHOLOGY:** Which one of the Greek Muses was associated history?
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the name of the strait that separates Sicily from the Italian mainland?
5. **LANGUAGE:** Who coined the word "utopia"?
6. **HISTORY:** When was Charles Lindbergh named Time magazine's "Man of the Year"?
7. **ENTERTAINMENT:** Which 20th-century actress was dubbed "The Legs"?
8. **GAMES:** In cricket, how many players are on each side?
9. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the 19th-century novel "Little Dorrit"?
10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is antimony?

Answers: 1. Queen Victoria, 63 years. Queen Elizabeth II would surpass her on Sept. 9, 2015.; 2. George Washington; 3. Clio; 4. Messina; 5. Thomas More; 6. 1927; 7. Betty Grable; 8. 11; 9. Charles Dickens; 10. A metal element (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On April 13, 1360, an Easter Monday hailstorm kills an estimated 1,000 English soldiers in Chartres, France. Lightning struck down several leaders, and hailstones began pelting the soldiers, scattering the horses. Hail typically falls at about 100 mph.
 - On April 17, 1885, Karen Dinesen, better known by her pen name Isak Dinesen, is born in Denmark. Dinesen's memoir, "Out of Africa" (1937), helped demystify the Dark Continent for millions of readers. She published several other story collections before her death in 1962.
 - On April 19, 1897, John J. McDermott of New York won the first Boston Marathon in a time of 2:55:10. Various routes had been considered before a measured distance of 24.5 miles from the Irvington Oval in Boston to Metcalf's Mill in Ashland was selected. The marathon's distance was changed in 1908 to its current length of 26 miles 385 yards.
 - On April 14, 1918, six days after being assigned to the Western front, pilot Douglas Campbell from the U.S. First Aero Squadron engages in America's first aerial dogfight with enemy aircraft. By the end of May, Campbell had shot down five enemy planes, making him the first American to qualify as a "flying ace" in World War I.
 - On April 16, 1943, Albert Hoffman, a Swiss chemist working at the Sandoz pharmaceutical research laboratory, accidentally consumes LSD-25, resulting in unusual sensations and hallucinations. Widespread use of the so-called mind-expanding drug began in the 1960s.
 - On April 15, 1967, a massive parade to protest Vietnam War policy is held in New York. Police estimated that 100,000 to 125,000 people listened to speeches by Martin Luther King, Jr. and Dr. Benjamin Spock. Prior to the march, youths burned nearly 200 draft cards in Central Park.
 - On April 18, 1983, the U.S. embassy in Beirut, Lebanon, is almost completely destroyed by a car-bomb explosion that kills 63 people, including the suicide bomber and 17 Americans. The terrorist attack was carried out in protest of the U.S. military presence in Lebanon.
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Senator Eugene McCarthy who made the following sage observation: "Being in politics is like being a football coach. You have to be smart enough to understand the game, and dumb enough to think it's important."
 - In 1916, the town of Erwin, Tennessee, used a train's derrick car to hang an elephant for the crime of murder.
 - Your hands and feet have more sweat glands than any other part of your body.
 - You might be surprised to learn that Zachary Taylor, the 12th president of the United States, didn't vote in a single presidential election until his own name was on the ballot.
 - If you leave a faucet running for a single minute, approximately 3 to 5 gallons of water will be washed down the drain.
 - It was the spring of 1936, and John Steinbeck was working on his novel "Of Mice and Men." He was also working on training his new puppy, Toby. The training evidently wasn't going well; one day, Toby chewed up half of Steinbeck's handwritten manuscript -- the only copy. The author took the setback pretty well, it seems: A few days after the incident, he wrote to a friend, "I was pretty mad but the poor little fellow may have been acting critically. I didn't want to ruin a good dog on a [manuscript] I'm not sure is good at all. He only got an ordinary spanking with his punishment flyswatter."
 - It's been reported that Elvis Presley knew by heart every word spoken in the film "Patton."
 - If you're like 7 percent of American workers, you had a job at McDonald's at some point in your life.
 - According to ancient Chinese medical practice, doctors only got paid once their patients became healthy again.
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Thought for the Day: "Hell is a half-filled auditorium." -- Robert Frost

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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: H equals E

TRGPU Z NZQRGV UJ. VBGVV
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there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty-seven thousand six hundred and 37/100 dollars (\$37,600.37). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on April 15, 2015.

Said premises are situated in township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 140 feet south of the northeast corner of the north 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 32, Town 27 North, Range 7 East; thence south along the section line 140 feet; thence west 200 feet; thence north 140 feet; thence east 200 feet to the point

of beginning.

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

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Dated: March 18, 2015
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1300
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Attorneys For Servicer
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Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-5422
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State of Michigan in the 23rd Circuit Court for 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
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Lauri Burke, defendant
v
Rocky Hill, defendant
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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 23rd Circuit Court for the County of Alcona
106 Fifth Street
Harrisville, Mich. 48740
(989) 724-9410
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23rd Circuit Court State of Michigan Family Division County of Alcona Publication of Notice of Hearing File No. 15-2403 NC

In the matter of Sheree Lynn Roussey
To all interested persons:
Take notice: A hearing will be held on April 30, 2015 at 10:30 a.m. at the courthouse, Harrisville, Mich. before Judge Laura A. Frawley P39644 for the following purpose: Petition for change of name of Sheree Lynn Roussey to Sheree Lynn Naif.
Date: March 24, 2015
Sheree Lynn Roussey
4190 West Cedar Lake Road
Greenbush, Mich. 48730
(989) 254-9492

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ALCONA ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held March 25 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to approve: Minutes of the March 11 meeting; payment of open accounts in the amount of \$25,560.53; submittal of Act 51 Certification maps and mileage; the 2015 to 2019 Surface Transportation Program funding/project schedule. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Complete minutes are available upon request via e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 8 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

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Michigan Wildlife Council makes strides in promoting role of sportsmen, sportswomen in conservation

The Michigan Wildlife Council is moving ahead on a statewide information campaign focused on elevating awareness about the importance of Michigan's hunting, fishing and trapping traditions to wildlife and habitat management statewide.

In mid-December the council released its request for proposals from qualified marketing and advertising firms that can develop, implement and manage the campaign.

Under the direction of the Michigan Wildlife Council, the firm will collect, compile and

analyze baseline research to understand the public's attitudes and perceptions about hunting, fishing and trapping and the benefits derived from these activities. Those findings will help to shape an information campaign that will incorporate brand identification, key messaging and creative imagery.

"Our main goal with this campaign is to build awareness of the essential role that sportsmen and sportswomen play in furthering wildlife conservation in Michigan," said Carol Moncrieff Rose, Michigan Wildlife Council chairperson. "We are excited to see what messages and creative products the selected firm is able to develop around what we learn from the baseline research."

Campaign products will target Michigan residents and provide information about the values and benefits of hunt-

ing, fishing and trapping in Michigan. The campaign will tell the story of how these outdoor traditions are:

- Necessary for the conservation, preservation and management of Michigan's natural resources.

- A valued and integral part of Michigan's cultural heritage and should forever be preserved.

- An important part of Michigan's economy.

- A primary source of funding for the conservation and management of Michigan's natural resources.

"Michigan's traditions of hunting, fishing and trapping add so much to the quality of life in this state - for all outdoor recreation enthusiasts," Rose said. "It's important that we effectively tell that story of how those traditions help to sustain the natural resources heritage that is such a big part of Michigan's history, appeal and character."

The Michigan Wildlife Council exists to inform the public of those traditions while advancing natural resources conservation and management. The council is a governor-appointed, nine-member public body established by Michigan Public Act No. 246 of 2013. It oversees the expenditures from the Michigan Wildlife Management Public Education fund, which is derived from a \$1 surcharge on all Michigan hunting base licenses and fishing licenses. PA 246 establishes a maximum of \$1.6 million annually for this five-year campaign.

In recent months, the Michigan Wildlife Council has completed several tasks including the adoption of governing bylaws, election of officers and development of a 2015 operational plan and budget. Learn more about the council at michiganwildlifecouncil.org.



Plant types

Annuals complete their entire life cycle from seed to flower to seed within a single growing season, then all roots, stems and leaves of the plant die.

Perennials persist for many growing seasons. The top portion of the plant dies back each winter and regrows the following spring from the same root system.

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Community foundation has new board officers

Four new officers have been approved to the board of directors of the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM)

The officers -- Thomas J. Sobeck of Rogers City, president; Sue Fitzpatrick of Ossineke, vice president; Lora E. Greene of Alpena, secretary; and Christine Baumgardner of Lincoln, treasurer -- will lead the foundation for one year which began March 10.

Esther Hines Ableidinger of Alpena is the outgoing president and will continue on the executive committee, which is comprised of the board officers and immediate past-president.

"We are delighted to have excellent regional representation from northeast Michigan communities on our board as a whole, as well as serving on our executive committee," said Barbara Frantz, CFNEM executive director. "Each of the new officers has

several years of experience serving on the Community Foundation Board in addition to being very engaged in their respective communities and the region as a whole."

"Coming out of a year of unprecedented growth for the Community Foundation, I am excited for what the future holds. As president of the board of trustees, I look forward to ensuring the foundation and its benefactors—the people of northeast Michigan—continue to thrive," Sobeck said. "The need for grant and scholarship dollars continues to increase so strong stewardship of our endowment funds is critical."

"As president, I want to do everything I can to encourage those in the community who have the means to contribute to or establish a community endowment or scholarship fund to do so. While CFNEM has come a long way in 40 years, the needs in northeast Michigan are significant and demand a steadfast commitment to expand our grant-giving capacity," added Sobeck.

The following board members were nominated and approved to serve their second three-year term: Brendan Fleishans of Alpena, John MacMaster of Harrisville and Tony Johnson of Oscoda.

Dave Cook of Harrisville, Sue Fitzpatrick of Ossineke and Jerry Goznell of Grayling, Mich. were nominated and approved to serve their last three-year term. According to the CFNEM bylaws, board members can serve up to three three-year terms.

To learn more about CFNEM, visit www.cfnem.org or contact executive director Barbara Frantz at (989) 354-6881, toll-free at (877) 354-6881, or by e-mail: bfrantz@cfnem.org.

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