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A blink of an eye may change someone's life

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

One minute she was riding her bicycle along the side of a road enjoying an early fall evening — the next minute she was hit by a car and her life ended.

While this tragedy happened downstate, it changed the lives of several Alcona County residents forever.

The bicyclist who was killed on September 2, 2014 was Alcona County native Jill (Bregé) Byelich. She was raised in Black River; graduated from Alcona High School; got engaged on her then boyfriend's farm in Harrisville; and returned frequently to visit family and friends after moving downstate to live and work. She was a wife, mother, daughter, friend and career-oriented woman who had a strong faith, enjoyed exercising and who "wasn't afraid of getting her hands dirty," said her mother-in-law Louella Byelich.

"She was part of our family for eight years and one month... and then she was gone," Byelich said.

Jill was married to Byelich's son, Jordan. They lived in DeWitt, Mich. where they were raising their two sons, Tristan, 7, and Nolan, 4. She was killed two miles from their home.

Byelich explained she has taken up the "cause" of spreading awareness about the dangers and consequences of distracted driving. "Two families' lives have been affected by this... What a (void) it makes... It's almost beyond understanding and certainly tests your faith," Byelich said. "I've watched my son become a mother and a father to their children... he's maintaining a household so it seems 'normal' for the boys. He's working and raising two boys by himself... he's quite a brave kid."

While Byelich is unsure of the charges that were brought against the person driving the car that killed her daughter-in-law, she said the trial is "coming up." "From what I've gathered, it was a lapse in judgment that happened in a split second," she said.

Regardless of the charges, Byelich explained that distracted driving has serious consequences. "In a blink of an eye you can lose your life or cause someone else to lose theirs... and your life will be changed forever," she said. "It changes everything... think of the other people whose lives will never be the same."

"I come from a generation where driving was a privilege ... you concentrated; kept both hands on the wheel and paid attention to what you were doing," Byelich said. "It doesn't seem that way anymore."

Byelich requested several posters from the Michigan State Police in Alpena and has been putting them up around the area to help raise awareness.

Community Service Trooper Ashley Simpson worked with Byelich to get posters. "Jill was one of us, so this hit home for us too," she said. Jill worked in ad-

ministration for the Michigan State Police in Lansing, Mich.

Simpson said distracted driving — which often means texting while driving is dangerous because it involves the three main types of distraction: Visual — you have to take your eyes off the road to look at the phone; manual — you have to take your hands off the wheel; and cognitive — you are taking your mind off the task of driving to focus on something else such as texting.

She explained texting while driving is against the law in

Michigan. A ticket will cost \$100 the first time and \$200 for each subsequent offense.

The law:

- Prohibits drivers from reading, manually typing, or sending a text message while driving.

- Defines driving as: operating a motor vehicle on a street or highway.

- Is a primary enforcement law, meaning an officer can make a traffic stop if he or she observes a texting driver.

- Includes exceptions for reporting crashes, crimes or other emergencies.

- Does not assess points to

a person's driving record.

Kelsey's Law: "Put your Phone in Park"

- Level 1 & Level 2 License holders under the Graduated Driver Licensing Program are prohibited from using a cell phone while driving.

- Violations will be a civil infraction and fees associated with the original ticket may be to \$240. No points will be assessed.

Exemptions include:

- Reporting a traffic crash, medical emergency or serious road hazard.

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Mt. Maria Road sees reconstruction

Scheduled road work on the first of three sections of Mt. Maria Road in Hawes Township will begin May 1.

Bolen Asphalt, the primary contractor on the job, has already placed the work zone signage and barrels for this year's project from Hubbard Lake Road west about a half mile to Hill Street.

The work will include crushing the existing pavement and resurfacing, along with clearing and safety and drainage improvements and is slated to be complete by mid-July.

The road is expected to be open to traffic during construction; however, motorists should anticipate temporary lane closures and minor delays at various times.

Two more sections of Mt. Maria Road are planned to be resurfaced over the next two years. In 2016, the portion from Hill Street west to Hilltop Parkway, and in 2017, from Hilltop Parkway to Ann Street.

According to Jesse Campbell, manager-director of the Alcona County Road Commission, the work is being done in three separate phases because of the way the funding is allocated to Alcona County.

Federal funds are allocated to Alcona County under the Surface Transportation Program through the Region 9 Rural Task Force, which comprises seven counties in northeastern Michigan, all vying for the limited funds available.

He explained the task force works together to divvy up the funding based on a prioritization of needs and considering project readiness and availability of local



The early morning light illuminates a row of construction barrels standing like sentinels along Mt. Maria Road waiting to be called into duty as road crews are scheduled to begin work there on or about May 1. *Courtesy photo.*

matching funds as factors in the decision making process.

According to Campbell, there's not enough money allocated in any of the three years to fund the entire 1.7-mile project and there's a stipulation that funds cannot be carried over from year to year. "So, we had to piece-meal the projects," Campbell said.

"The road is crumbling and we needed to take action," he said. The section being worked on this year was last worked on in the early to mid-'80s. The remaining two sections were resurfaced in 1997.

This year's project will cost

a little under \$300,000 with Hawes Township contributing up to \$146,600 from the voted-approved road millage.

According to Hawes Township Supervisor Rodney Cordes, the Hawes Township Board is pleased to finally see work on Mt. Maria Road. The work completes the list of major road reconstruction projects on the township's long-range road improvement plan over that last several years.

Campbell said that without Hawes Township's commitment to road improvement projects, this project would not be possible. He explained the road com-

mission's budget is barely adequate to cover road maintenance operations and leaves a minimal amount for road improvement projects such as this.

The Alcona County Road Commission maintains over 700 miles of roads in Alcona County.

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



Obituaries



Jason C. Skuse

Jason Charles Skuse, 33, of Port Huron, Mich. died on Friday, April 17, 2015 in Romulus, Mich.

He was born May 5, 1981 in Miles City, Mont., to James A. and Jennifer (Sefernick) Skuse.

He was raised in Montana and in the south end of Hubbard Lake. He graduated from Alcona High School.

Mr. Skuse moved to Port Huron, Mich. where he worked as a truck driver.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing golf and especially enjoyed being with his son.

Mr. Skuse is survived by one son, Aiden James Skuse of Richmond, Mich.; his mother, Jennifer Skuse of Alpena; five sisters, Jessica (Shawn) Kelly and Joette (David) Stone, both of Port Huron, Mich., Jami (Walt) Skuse of Golden, Colo., Jodi Bolam of Arvada, Colo. and Nancy (Ray) Thomas of White Lake, Mich.; one brother, James B. (Christine) Skuse of Lincoln; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, James Skuse; and grandparents, Charles and Gladys Skuse and Joseph and Josephine Sefernick.

A celebration of life will take place on Saturday, June 6 at noon at the Hubbard Lake South End Beach.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Michael L. Efrick Sr.

Michael L. Efrick Sr., 65, of Harrisville died on Friday, April 17, 2015, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He was born June 18, 1949 in Highland Park, Mich. to Peter and Ethel (James) Efrick. He was raised in Harrisville.

He graduated from Alcona High School and Alpena Community College.

Mr. Efrick was an engineer, employed by several automotive companies, retiring from Centri Spray in 2006. He lived in Burton, Mich. and Redford Township, Mich. before returning to Harrisville.

Mr. Efrick is survived by his wife, Susan (Hatter) Efferick; one daughter, Amanda (Bill) Fisher of Chesterfield, Mich.; one son, Michael L. (Colleen) Efrick Jr. of Howell, Mich.; two grandchildren, Ashlyn and Lyla Fisher; two sisters, Annette (Peter) Murphy of Alpena and Carla (John) Bernard of Harrisville; one brother, James (Judy) Efrick of Lincoln; and his first wife, Linda Somerville of Farmington Hills, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, David Efrick.

Visitation will be held Saturday, May 2 from 11 a.m. until the memorial service at 1 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Cremation arrangements have been made.

Maureen Goslee

Michigan Comprehensive Cancer Center.

She enjoyed cancer research, gardening, knitting, quilting, reading and spending time with her children.

She is survived by one son, Nathan (Laura) Goslee of Saline, Mich.; one daughter, Sarah (Nick Hyle) Goslee of State College, Pa.; two grandsons, Jason and Dylan Bazylewicz; and one brother, Milton Vincent of Stonington, Conn; and many cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

A funeral service will be held on Sunday, April 26 at 3 p.m. at King of Kings Luth-



eran Church, 2685 Packard Road, Ann Arbor, Mich. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.



Lewis H. Butler

Lewis H. Butler, 93, of Harrisville died on Friday, April 17, 2015 at Jamieson Nursing Home.

He was born October 9, 1921 in Rochester to Lewis R. and Mary (Priddy) Butler. He was raised in Lake Orion, Mich. and lived in Pontiac, Mich. for many years.

He married Hilda Teeple in Pontiac, Mich. on May 22, 1942.

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

The Butlers moved to Waterford, Mich. in 1958 and in 1991 they moved to Harrisville.

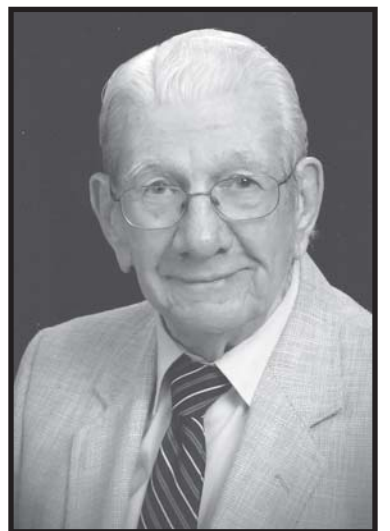
He was a member of the United Methodist Church in

Harrisville and the Harrisville Lion's Club.

Mr. Butler is survived by two daughters, Diana (Tony) Zografos and Barbara Butler, both of Harrisville; one son, James Butler of Harrisville; seven grandchildren, James, David and Adam Butler, Amy and Scott Farris, Mike Zografos, and Janet (Jim) Barnes; two great-grandchildren, Isabella and Jacob Medina; and one sister, Pat Gusman of Waterford, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Hilda, on November 22, 1999.

A memorial service will announced at a later date. Arrangements for cremation were made through Gillies



Funeral Home, Lincoln. Interment will be in Mt. Joy Cemetery.

Allan L. Poellet

Allan L. Poellet, 76, of Hubbard Lake, died on Tuesday, April 14, 2015, at his home.

He was born October 16, 1938 to Allan and Lillian "Betty" (Stephenson) Poellet in Detroit, Mich. He was raised in Ferndale, Mich.

He married Karen Woidka on July 22, 1961 in Saginaw, Mich.

Mr. Poellet earned a Bachelor of Science degree in engineering and, later, he earned a master's degree in business administration from the University of Michigan.

He worked as an engineer

and manager for Champion Spark Plug, a career that took him from Detroit, Mich. to Burlington, Iowa, Toledo, Ohio, Redding, Calif., and Liberty, S.C. He retired in 1995 after being with the company for more than 30 years.

Mr. Poellet owned and operated Guardsman Wood Pro in Saginaw, Mich. before moving to Hubbard Lake in 1997. He was a member of Spruce Lutheran Church and the choir.

He was an actor with the Alpena Civic Theatre and was

a volunteer tutor with the READ program through the Alpena County Public Library. He enjoyed woodcarving, reading, photography, and, especially, bird watching.

Mr. Poellet is survived by his wife, Karen; three sons, Todd (Cheryl) Poellet of De Pere, Wisc., Matthew (Natalie) Poellet of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Ian Poellet of Portland, Ore.; one daughter, Nicole (Rajeev) Poellet-Krishna of Columbus, Ohio; nine grand-

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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 12	54		30	0.00	7.0
April 13	56	37	0.02	6.0	24	SSW
April 14	62	32	0.00	3.6	25	NE
April 15	47	29	0.00	2.8	14	NE
April 16	46	31	0.00	3.4	13	E
April 17	50	37	0.00	2.5	12	SE
April 18	54	34	0.00	6.2	25	NE

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.02	0.0	0.56
April to Date	1.09	1.1	1.35
Year/Season to Date	2.29	34.7	6.59

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.)

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children, Benjamin and Nathan Poellet, Dana (Eric) Ratliff, Shawn, Bryce, Luke and Micah Poellet, Rhiannon Poellet and Alexander Krishna; one great-grandson, Jacob Ratliff; and his mother, Lillian "Betty" Poellet of Saginaw, Mich.

A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 18 at the Spruce Lutheran Church. The Rev. Richard Clapp officiated. Memorial donations may be made to the READ program through the Alpena County Public Library, the Lewy Body Dementia Association or Spruce Lutheran Church. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Theresa Bootz

Theresa Bootz, 98, formerly of Hubbard Lake, died on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 in Mesa, Ariz.

She was born July 13, 1916 to Frank and Theresa Leonhardt in Mayville, Mich.

Mrs. Bootz was a homemaker and a teacher's aide in Black River. She was a member of Spruce Lutheran Church.

Mrs. Bootz is survived by two sons, Frank Bootz of Battle Creek, Mich. and Harry "Chuck" Bootz of South Carolina; and two daughters, Margaret (Jim) Murphy of Arizona and Shirley (Ken) Bartlett of Kinross, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry Bootz, in 1994; and one son, Robert Bootz in 1995.

Cremation and a memorial service will be held in Mesa, Ariz. Final resting place and a memorial will be held in Detroit, Mich.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

My husband and I chose to move to and live in Alcona County. We have been county residents for over eight years. During these years, I have learned, in bits and pieces, of programs for senior citizens that are not published for all to see.

It seems that just some locals know of programs at the Alcona Health Center, yoga being taught to individuals, a tai-chi class that has been on going at the Harrisville Arts Council among them.

Why are none of these published in the Alcona County news? I know most weeks the walking club at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library system, has a published notice for others to join.

I am continually looking for activities that would help me feel younger, activities that help seniors to stay active. Why are some just secret to a few?

Mary McMahon Gruba
Harrisville Township

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 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. Tread-

mill 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.

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.

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.

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Mary Kossa



Local Notes



Farmers Market Opens

Saturday, April 25 is the opening of the Farmers Market. It will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alcona County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) in Lincoln. Also going on at the fairgrounds is the second Spring in2 Summer Expo and the Alcona Conservation District's Tree Sale. There is a lot to see and do with those three events going on. There will also be free hot dogs and popcorn while they last.

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 27—Salisbury steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and mandarin oranges.
 - Tuesday, April 28—Roasted pork, red bliss potatoes, broccoli and pineapple.
 - Wednesday, April 29—Sweet and sour chicken, brown rice, Prince Charles blend and peaches.
 - Thursday, April 30—Spaghetti with meat sauce, carrot raisin salad and mixed fruit.
 - Friday, May 1—Lemon pepper chicken, buttered noodles, tossed salad and mandarin oranges.
- (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Business News

Dr. Ben Dietrich of Harrisville Eye Care attended the annual "Low Vision Grand Rounds" event in Big Rapids, Mich. on March 30. He attended as a volunteer student supervisor and joined other low vision specialists from Michigan to instruct students at the Michigan College of Optometry.

Under the supervision of Dr. Dietrich, students performed low vision evaluations on patients with vision impairments such as macular degeneration, glaucoma and diabetes retinopathy. During the evaluations the students received hands-on training working with these special cases and with the devices which can dramatically improve these patients' lives. Dr. Dietrich stressed the importance of these services to the students, as many people with vision loss are unaware of the help that is available.



Dr. Ben Dietrich

Movie Basket Winner

Dawn Perkins was the winner of the Movie Basket from the Yellow Brick Road Project fund raiser at the Lincoln branch of Huron Community Bank HCB). According to Cheryl MacNeill, senior teller at Huron Community Bank, the bank chose to support the "Yellow Brick Road Project" at Alcona Health Center. A monetary donation or a donation of a blanket was the entry for the drawing. Huron Community Bank received 20 blankets and \$145 for the Yellow Brick Road Project. The "Yellow Brick Road Project" is a room at Alcona Health Center where abused and neglected children are examined. Each child is given a soft blanket rather than a paper sheet during their examination.



Cheryl MacNeill (left) and Dawn Perkins

Leadership Seminar

The Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce is taking reservations for this year's Leadercast event, to be held Friday, May 8 from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Granum Theatre at Alpena Community College. This will be the fifth year that the chamber has hosted this live broadcast event. Leadercast believes that leaders worth following think and behave differently. Leadercast will explore "The Brave Ones" and participants will learn what it means to lead in such a way that creates bold cultures, builds faithful employees, and produces high achievement.

This year's speaker lineup includes: Malala Yousafzai, Nobel Laureate and founder of The Malala Fund; Ed Catmull, president of Pixar & Disney Animation Studios; Rudy Giuliani, 107th mayor of New York City (1993-2001); Andy Stanley, leadership author and communicator; Bill McDermott, CEO of SAP AG; Aja Brown, mayor, City of Compton; Rorke Denver, Navy SEAL commander and author; and Seth Godin, innovative thinker and best-selling author.

Cost is \$75 for chamber members or \$105 for prospective members. Ticket includes: a workbook, prizes, lunch and refreshments. Reservations can be made by contacting the chamber at (989) 354-4181 or info@alpenachamber.com.

Spring Choir Program

The Huron Shores Chorus will present the annual spring program on Friday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at Oscoda United Methodist Church and again on Sunday, April 26 at 3 p.m. at Tawas Area Presbyterian Church. This year's program is entitled "Chorus and Canvas" and will combine visual art with music.

Tawas area artist and teacher Lori Henderson-Bayn will render a painting live at each program while Dr. Lyn Behnke performs "What a Wonderful World" on saxophone followed by a choral performance of "Across the Vast, Eternal Sky." Immediately following each performance, the painting will be auctioned. Proceeds will be presented to the fine arts departments of local schools.

Patty Vogeley, previous conductor of Huron Shores Chorus, will be returning to lead the chorus through John Rutter's "For the Beauty of the Earth" as part of the celebration of the Chorus' 25th anniversary. Other numbers to be performed will include "The Rhythm of Life," "Over the Rainbow," "Michigan Morn," and "Every Valley." Narration for the programs will be provided by T.D. Haskin. Huron Shores Chorus is under the direction of Tracee Behnke-Lentz.

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The groom is the son of Joseph Mercer of Durrant, Okla. and Cindy Pannell of Bryan, Ohio.

The bride is employed by Supercuts in Ardmore, Okla. The groom is employed at Healdton Electric in Healdton, Okla. The couple resides in Lone Grove, Okla.



Brianna and Joseph Mercer

Life

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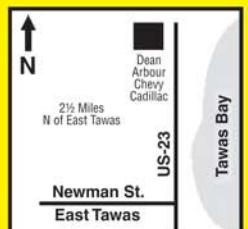
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What products or solutions can you recommend to help seniors keep up with their medications? My mom is supposed to take several different medications at different times of the day but frequently forgets.

Reminding Son

Dear Reminding,
Anybody who juggles multiple medications can relate to the problem of forgetting to take a medication, or not remembering whether they already took it. This is especially true for people who take medications at varying times of the day.

Here are some different product and service solutions that may help.

Getting organized and being reminded are the two keys to staying on top of a medication schedule. To help your mom achieve this, there are a wide variety of affordable pillboxes, medication organizers, vibrating watches, beeping pill bottles and even dispensers

that will talk to her that can make all the difference. To find these types of products go to Epill.com (800-549-0095), where you'll find dozens to choose from.

Also check out Reminder Rosie (reminder-rosie.com, \$130), a voice activated talking clock that tells you when to take your medicine, and can be used for other reminders, too.

And for a super comprehensive medication management device, there's the MedMinder automatic pill dispenser. This is a computerized pillbox that will beep and flash when it's time for your mom to take her medication, and will call her if she forgets. It will even alert her if she takes the wrong pills.

This device can also be set up to call, e-mail or text family members and caregivers letting them know if she misses a dose, takes the wrong medication or misses a refill. Available at Med-Minder.com, or (888) 633-6463, the Med-Minder rents for \$40 to \$65

per month.

Another possible way to help simplify your mom's medication use is to get her prescriptions filled in single-dose packets that put all her medications (vitamins and over-the-counter drugs can be included too) together in neatly labeled packets organized by date and the time of day they should be taken.

This does away with all the pill bottles and pill sorting. Some compounding pharmacies or independent drug stores offer single-dose packaging along with a number of online pharmacies like PillPack.com.

Another simple solution that can help your mom stick to her medication schedule is to use a medication reminding service. These are services that will actually call, e-mail or text your mother reminders of when it's time to take her medicine and when it's time to refill her prescriptions. Some even offer extra reminders like doctor and dentist appointments, wake-up calls and more.



Savvy Senior

Companies that offer such services are MyMedSchedule.com, which provides free medication reminders via text message or e-mail. The website can also help you make easy-to-read medication schedules that you can print out for your mom to follow.

Or, if your mom uses a smartphone or tablet, there are free medication reminding apps that can help, like MediSafe (medisafeproject.com) or MedCoach (greatcall.com).

If, however, your mom doesn't receive texts or use a smartphone, tablet or computer, OnTimeRx.com or Snoozester.com may be the answer. With starting prices

ranging between \$4 and \$10 per month, these services will call your mom on her phone (they can send text messages and e-mails too) for all types of reminders including daily medications, monthly refills, doctor appointments, wake-up calls and other events.

Or, if you're looking for extra help, Care Call Reassurance (callreassurance.com, 602-265-5968 ext. 7) may be a better fit. In addition to the call reminders to your mom's phone, this service can be set up to contact a family member or designated caregiver if she fails to answer or acknowledge the call. This service runs between \$15 and \$20 per month.



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DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT

Asbestos abatement associated with selective toilet room renovations at both the High School building and at Richardson Elementary School building.

TYPE OF BIDS REQUESTED

Sealed proposal for asbestos abatement.

TIME AND PLACE

Sealed proposals will be received until 2:30 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.

PRE-BID MEETING

A pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2015 at 3 p.m. Contractors will meet at the Board of Education Board Room.

PROPOSAL GUARANTEE

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.

INVITATION TO BID

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Contractor and every subcontractor will not discriminate against any employee or applicant for employment because of race, color, religion, sex or national origin. The All Trades Contractor will take affirmative action to ensure that applicants are employed and that employees are treated during employment without regard to their race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Such action shall include, but not be limited to, the following: employment, upgrading, demotion or transfer; recruitment or recruitment advertising; layoff or termination; rates of pay or other forms of compensation; and selection for training including apprenticeship. The contractor agrees to post in conspicuous places, available to employees and applicants for employment, notices to be provided setting forth the provisions of this Equal Opportunity Clause.

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The Owner reserves the right to 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 Owner will serve the best interest of the Owner. The Owner will not be obligated to accept the lowest proposal. The Owner further reserves the right to approve all subcontractors.

WITHDRAWAL OF PROPOSALS

No proposals may be withdrawn for a period of thirty (30) days after the receipt of proposal.

Alcona varsity track season gets underway

By Hope Smith
Sportswriter

Spring sports are underway at Alcona High School and the Alcona varsity track teams competed in three events last week -- the first official week of the season.

Leading the teams this year as co-captains for the girls team are juniors Torie Harmon and Harlie LaFond and senior Katelyn Nelson.

Seniors Nick Lamantia and Brandon Ritchie and junior Mitchell Havercraft take the lead for the boys team.

The Alcona Tigers faced some tough competition Friday, April 17 in Roscommon with 15 teams competing. Alcona was in the small school division with Evart, Elkton-Pigeon Bayport, Mio, Whittemore-Prescott, Roscommon, Tawas and Elk Rapids. The Large school division was made up of Bay City John Glenn, Ogemaw, Cheboygan, Gaylord, Standish, Houghton Lake and Harrison.

The Alcona girls came in 10th overall and the boys finished 14th overall.

Girls team top finishers:

- High jump: Fourth place - Torie Harmon, 4 feet, 7 inches.

- Long jump: Sixth place - Rachel Warner, 12 feet, 4 inches; eighth place - Brooke Shultz, 12 feet, 2.75 inches.

- Pole vault: Second place - Shultz, 7 feet.

- Shot put: Fourth place - Samantha Schott, 24 feet, 4.25 inches.

- 4x800 Relay: Second place - Katelyn Nelson, Harlie LaFond, Caitlin Sorenson, and Harmon, 11:39.76.

- 4x200 Relay: Fourth place - Katherine Edwards, Taylor Murray, Sorenson and Warner, 2:08.83.

- 1600 Meter run: Fourth place - Nelson, 6:27.94

- 4x100 Relay: Fourth place - Edwards, Murray, Sorenson and Warner, 59.84.

- 400 Meter dash: Third place - Harmon, 1:02.93.

- 800 Meter run: Fifth place - Shultz, 2:52.82.

- 3200 Meter Run: Eighth place: LaFond, 16:20.47.

- 4x400 Relay: Fourth place - Warner, Nelson, Sorenson and Harmon, 4:50.70.

Boys team top finishers:

- High jump: Fourth place - Mitch Havercraft, 5 feet, 4 inches

- Shot put: 10th place: Jesse Schram, 26 feet, 7 inches.

- Long Jump: Eighth place - Hunter Sullivan, 17 feet, 4 inches.

- 4x800 Relay: Sixth place - Jason Steiner, Ryan Shultz, Jordan Steiner and Kyle Thum, 9:54.62

- 100 Meter Dash: Fourth place - Nicholas Lamantia, 12.18

- 4x200 Relay: Fourth place - Brandon Ritchie, Lamantia, Sullivan and Havercraft, 1:38.75.

- 1600 Meter run: Eighth place - Thum, 5:18.46.

- 400 Meter dash: Ninth place - Lamantia, 57:25; 10th place - Havercraft, 57.29.

- 200 Meter dash: First place - Jason Steiner, 23.08.

- 3200 Meter run: Seventh place - Thum, 11:34.25.

- 4x400 Relay: Third place - Jason Steiner, Ritchie, Lamantia and Havercraft, 3:45.77.

On Thursday, April 16 the Alcona Tigers met up with the Hillman Tigers to compete against runners from Oscoda, Hale and Hillman for the annual quad meet. Many athletes achieved personal records throughout the day. Both the boys and girls teams finished in second place overall.

Girls top finishers:

- Discus: Third place - LaFond, 51'06.00; fifth place - Samantha Bosley, 50'06.00; sixth place - Schott, 48'03.00;

- High jump: First place - Harmon, 4'10.00.

- Shot put: Fourth place - Schott, 22'09.00; seventh place - Murray, 19'10.50; ninth place - Bosley, 17'50.00.

- Long jump: Second place - Shultz, 12.08.25; third place - Warrner, 12.06.00.

- 4x800 Relay: First place - Nelson, LaFond, Sorenson and Harmon, 11:59.31.

- 100 Meter dash: Fourth place - Edwards, 15:28.

- 4x200 Relay: First place - Edwards, Murray, Sorenson and Warner, 2:14.46.

- 1600 Meter run: Third place - Nelson, 6:51.70; fifth place - LaFond, 7:14.90.

- 4x100 Relay: First place - Edwards, Murray, Sorenson and Warner.

- 400 Meter dash - First place - Harmon, 1:03.56.

- 800 Meter run: First place - Shultz, 2:56.65; third place - Nelson, 3:01.30.

- 3200 Meter run - Fourth place - LaFond, 16:06.82.

- 4x400 Relay: First place - Warner, Nelson, Sorenson and Harmon, 4:59.45.

- 200 Meter dash - Fifth place - Edwards, 31.81; sixth place - Murray, 32.44.

Boys top finishers:

- Discus: Second place - Jeffery Schram, 98 feet, 4 inches; seventh place - Jesse Schram, 72 feet, 6 inches.

- High jump: Third place - Havercraft, 5 feet, 10 inches.

- Shot put: 10th place - Jesse Schram, 26 feet, 7 inches.

- Long jump: Third place - Sullivan, 16 feet, 3.25 inches; seventh place - Jordan Steiner, 14 feet, 8.25 inches.

- 4x800 Relay - First place - Jason Steiner, Shultz, Jordan Steiner and Thum, 9:53.23.

- 100 Meter dash: First place - Lamantia, 11.62; fifth place - Ritchie, 12.49; sixth place - Jordan Steiner, 12.64.

- 4x200 Relay: First place - Ritchie, Lamantia, Sullivan and Havercraft, 1:39.23.

- 1600 Meter run: Second place - Thum, 5:14.16.

- 4x100 Relay: First place - Ritchie, Jason Steiner, Jordan Steiner and Sullivan, 48.16.

- 400 Meter dash: Third place - Havercraft, 57:448; fourth place - Jason Steiner, 57.649; fifth place - Schram, 1.00.084.

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- 800Meter run: Second place - Schram, 2:24.23; fourth place - Thum, 2:34.38; sixth place - Shultz, 2:48.32.
- 200 Meter dash: First place - Jason Steiner, 23.85; second place - Sullivan, 24.77.
- 3200 Meter run: Second place - Thum, 11:42.87.
- 4x400 Relay: First place - Jason Steiner, Ritchie, Lamantia and Havercroft, 3:45.06

Alcona traveled to Whittemore-Prescott on Tuesday, April 14 to compete in a double duo meet against athletes from Whittemore-Prescott, Hale and Skeels high schools. The Alcona girls finished in third place and the boys team finished in second place.

Top finishers for the Alcona girls:

- Discus: Seventh place - LaFond, 54 feet, 9 inches; eighth place - Schott, 54 feet, 2 inches; ninth place - Bosley, 49 feet, 3 inches.
- High jump: First place - Harmon, 4 feet, 10 inches.
- Shot put: Fifth place - Schott, 24 feet, 7.50 inches; 11th place - Murray, 20 feet, 6.50 inches; 15th place - Bosley, 18 feet, 0.50 inches.
- 4x800 Relay: First place - Nelson, LaFond, Sorenson and Harmon, 11:35.21.

- 100 Meter dash: Fifth place - Edwards, 15:382; eighth place - Murray, 16.016.

- 4x200 Relay: Second place - Edwards, Murray, Sorenson and Warner, 2:10.436.

- 1600 Meter run - third place - Nelson, 6:56.10; fourth place - LaFond, 6:56.50.

- 4x100 Relay: Second place - Edwards, Murray, Sorenson and Warner, 58.70.

- 400 Meter dash: First place - Harmon, 1:03.45; fifth place - Warner, 1:22.01.

- 800 Meter run: Third place - Nelson, 3:07.90.

- 3200 Meter run: Third place - Lafond, 16:24.84; fourth place - Schott, 19:38.40.

- 4x400 Relay: First place - Warner, Nelson, Sorenson and Harmon, 4:50.99.

- 200 Meter Dash: Fifth place - Edwards, 33.568.

Boys top finishers:

- Discus: Sixth place - Jeffery Schram, 85 feet, 2 inches; 12th place - Jesse Schram, 66 feet, 5 inches.

- High jump: First place - Havercroft, 6 feet.

- Shot put: 10th place: Jesse Schram, 26 feet, 6.50 inches.

- 4x800 Relay: Third place - Jason Steiner, Shultz, Jordan Steiner and Thum, 10:02.953.

- 100 Meter dash: Third place - Lamantia, 12.04; fourth place - Ritchie, 12.29; sixth place - Sullivan, 12.674.

- 4x200 Relay: Second place - Ritchie, Lamantia, Sullivan and Havercroft, 1:38.247.

- 1600 Meter run: Second place - Thum, 5:16.50, 13th place - Shultz, 6:10.00.

- 4x100 Relay: First place - Ritchie, Jason Steiner, Jordan Steiner and Sullivan, 48.046.

- 400 Meter dash: Third

- place - Havercroft, 57:448; fourth place - Jason Steiner 57.649; fifth place - Jeffery Schram, 1.00.084.

- 800Meter run: Fourth place - Schram 2:32.59; fifth place - Thum 2:32.97; 11th place - Shultz 3:04.04

- 200 Meter dash: Third place: Lamantia, 25:473; fifth place - Sullivan, 26.078; ninth place - Jordan Steiner, 26.679.

- 3200 Meter run: Second place - Thum, 11:58.21.

- 4x400 relay: First place - Jason Steiner, Ritchie, Lamantia and Havercroft, 3:45.06.



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April 14

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TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF ALCONA COUNTY:

Notice is hereby given that a special election will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 2015 from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following proposals:

State Proposal:

PROPOSAL 15-1: A proposal to amend the State Constitution to increase the sales/use tax from 6% to 7% to replace and supplement reduced revenue to the School Aid Fund and local units of government caused by the elimination of the sales/use tax on gasoline and diesel fuel for vehicles operating on public roads, and to give effect to laws that provide additional money for roads and other transportation purposes by increasing the gas tax and vehicle registration fees.

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Full text of ballot proposals can be obtained from the County, City or Township Clerk's Office.

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION OF VOTED INCREASES FOR A UNIT

I, Cheryl Franks, Treasurer of Alcona County hereby certify that as of April 9, 2015, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government affecting the taxable property in the Oscoda Area School District, in Alcona County is as follows:

County of Alcona	ACCOA	0.1250 mills	thru	2017
	ACCOA	0.3750 mills	thru	2015
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	Roads	2.0000 mills	thru	2017
Greenbush Twp.	Fire	0.5000 mills	thru	2017
	Roads	0.7500 mills	thru	2017
Gustin Twp.	Fire	1.0000 mills	thru	2015
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Mikado Twp.	Fire	1.0000 mills	thru	2015
	Roads	2.0000 mills	thru	2017
Oscoda Schools	Non-Homestead	18.0000 mills	thru	2032
	Debt Serv.	1.7200 mills	thru	2026
	Sinking Fund	1.0000 mills	thru	2020
Iosco RESA	Special Ed	0.6371 mills	thru	N/A

Cheryl Franks
Alcona County Treasurer

POLL LOCATIONS

Alcona Township	Township Hall, 5576 N. US-23, Black River
Caledonia Township	Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Rd., Spruce
Curtis Township	Township Hall, 4932 F-30, Glennie
Greenbush Township	Township Hall, 5039 Campbell St., Greenbush
Gustin Township	Township Hall, 113 S. 2 nd St., Lincoln
Harrisville Township	Township Hall, 114 S. Poor Farm Rd., Harrisville
Hawes Township	VFW Hall, 2120 W. Trask Lake Rd., Barton City
Haynes Township	Township Hall, 3930 E. McNeil Rd., Lincoln
Mikado Township	Township Hall, 2291 S. F-41, Mikado
Millen Township	F.O.E Hall, 671 Sanborn Rd., Barton City
Mitchell Township	Township. Hall, 6849 W. Tower Rd., Curran
Harrisville City	City Hall, 200 5 th Street, Harrisville

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Calendar of Events

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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.

Alcona Gospelfest featuring the ecumenical choir and other local talent will perform at 6:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23) in Harrisville. Everyone is invited to attend. Donations are welcome. This event is sponsored by Inspiration Alcona. For more information, visit www.inspirationalcona.org.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 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.

Learn how to navigate genealogy websites by attending a free program at Robert Parks Library in Oscoda from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Discussion will include topics on Ancestry.com, Familysearch.org, Seekingmichigan.org, MichiganUSGenWeb Archives and several newspaper sites. Bring your own computer and a brown bag lunch. Beverages furnished. For more information or to register, call (989) 739-9581. Sponsored by the Huron Shores Genealogical Society.

The opening of the farm market, the second annual Spring In 2 Summer Expo and the Alcona Conservation tree sale will be held at the ARA site on Barlow Road in Lincoln from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy free hot dogs and popcorn while they last.

MONDAY, APRIL 27
 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.

TUESDAY, APRIL 28
 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.

Thunder Bay Island Preservation Society will meet at 7 p.m. at the Alpena Yacht Club located at 250 Prentiss Street. David Cummins, marine technology program adviser at Alpena Community College, will give a presentation on a marine technology program that is designed for students interested in careers working on the Great Lakes, an ocean based research vessel or in industries related to the blue economy. The public is invited to attend.

The Alcona County Democratic Party will meet at 7 p.m. at the EMS building, 2600 M-72, six miles west of Harrisville. Everyone is welcome. For more information, call Sandra Williams at (989) 727-4080.

The Harrisville Lady Lions will meet at 5:30 p.m. at the Mountain Inn on US-23 in Black River. Contact Fran Barber at fbarber@charter.net or (989) 739-8735.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
 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.

A candlelight vigil will be held at 8 p.m. in the courtyard of Alpena Community College's Besser Tech Center. This event is meant for healing, support and solidarity for victims of domestic and sexual violence. It is free and open to the public. If you are a survivor who wishes to speak at the vigil, contact Rachel Berzack at rberzack@shelterincalpena.org or (989) 356-2560.

The Greenbush Historical Society is sponsoring a fundraiser casino bus trip to St. Ignace and Petoskey. Seats are still available. For more information or to register contact Fran Barber at fbarber@charter.net or (989) 739-8735.

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their regular monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Sanctuary Inn, 1000 US-23 North in Alpena. Mary Beth Stutzman, President and CEO of the Alpena Convention and Visitors Bureau will be the guest speaker. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Griffin at (989) 727-3350 or Don Cattleberry at (989) 354-5504, for more information.

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Road commission resurfaces F-41

Resurfacing of F-41 from M-72 to the Village of Lincoln limits will be done this year to revitalize this all-season road. It was last revamped in 1987 to support anticipated truck traffic to the new energy plant being built in Lincoln.

Now, 30 years later, the plant continues to play a vital and integral role in the economy of the area, but the road has reached the end of its life expectancy, according to Jesse Campbell, Alcona County Road Commission Manager-Director.

By using a combination of funds from the federally-funded Surface Transportation Program and Michigan Transportation Economic Development Category D funds to pay for the work, the existing surface will be milled, the road bed will be reshaped, and a new double layer of asphalt will be placed, Campbell explained.

The base of the road is built to a higher standard and the asphalt surface is the heaviest duty of any surface in the county. This qualifies the road for all-season status. All-season means there are no seasonal weight restrictions imposed on the road, allowing commercial traffic to travel the road at all times of the year.

Businesses not located on all-season roads, and which depend on deliveries and/or shipments by truck can be stalled, or slowed in Michigan during the spring of the year, when road authorities can place weight and speed restrictions on roads to prevent damage to road beds volatile during the freeze/thaw cycle.

Campbell said Category D funds are specially earmarked for road projects that promote, expand, and in this case, sustain economic development in an area by providing all-season commercial access. Funding for the original upgrade to this section of F-41 was from a similar federally-supported program aimed at creating jobs, and was in fact, leveraged in part because of the proposed energy plant.

Since then, the entire length of F-41 has been built to the all-season standard, spanning Alcona County from north to south and connecting with all-season routes in neighboring counties.

"All-season roads are a positive for commercial/business activity, ensuring goods can be moved all year long," Campbell said. "For a number of years when the economy was healthier, we were able to ambitiously expand our all-season network. And while we still have a long-term vision to expand within the county, as well as to connect to all-season roads in

neighboring counties, the funding is just not there."

Work on that portion of F-41 is expected to begin around May 1, and will cost an estimated \$294,000. Bolen Asphalt is the primary contractor on the project and anticipates completion by July 1.

For a complete list of all-season roads, or for questions or concerns about the F-41 project, or any other road issues, contact the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake Street, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, by phone at (989) 736-8168 or by e-mail at roads@alcona-crc.com.



Fire fighters from Lincoln and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources respond to a wild fire on Beaton Road on April 15 at approximately 5 p.m. The fire spread and damaged out buildings and other equipment before it was brought under control. Photo by Kirk Walton.

Fisheries experts offer opening-day tips

Fishing may be a 12-months-a-year sport in Michigan, but there's little doubt that the last Saturday of April is one of the biggest days of the year for anglers. It marks the opening day of trout fishing, statewide on more than 80 percent of the state's trout streams, as well as the season opener for walleye, pike and muskellunge on the inland waters of the Lower Peninsula.

Like many anglers, a fair number of Michigan Department of Natural Resources fisheries personnel will take to lakes and streams very soon. Here's what some of them have to say about opening-weekend opportunities:

Mark Tonello, a fisheries biologist out of Cadillac, Mich. and a trout aficionado, said anglers must rid themselves of preconceived notions. "Don't pigeonhole yourself into one river," Tonello said. "What if you get up there and the river you chose is running 4,000 feet per second and all mud? You might want to look at smaller waters, further upstream, where it may be clearer."

"And use all weapons available. A lot of good anglers I know go ready for anything. If there are hatches going off, they've got their fly rods and are ready to match the hatch. But if there's no hatch, they're ready to throw spinners. And if that's not working don't be afraid to try bait."

Tonello said anglers shouldn't be afraid of competition. "Opening weekend tends to be one of the busiest weekends of the year, but we have so much water, you can find places to fish," he said. "A good hint is to start with our trout regulations maps that are all color coded - you can catch trout from any of those streams."

"And don't be afraid to contact the local biologist," Tonello said. "As a biologist, those are some of my most enjoyable phone calls, when

someone calls and says, 'I'm heading up to Cadillac, can you give me tips on where to fish?'"

Walleye anglers will likely be spread between rivers and lakes and anglers should wait until right before opening day to decide where to fish.

"Last year there were a lot of fish still in the river for the opener," said Tim Cwalinski, a fisheries biologist in Gaylord, Mich. "This year we're warming up a little more quickly and we didn't get as much snow, so the fish may be further along this spring than last spring. On our big lakes - Hubbard, Grand, Long, Burt and Mullet, for instance - there are going to be fish in close, near the river mouth, but your best bet is probably going to be fishing really, really slowly. Trolling won't cut it."

"If they're still spawning, they'll be in rocky, cobble areas in 2 to 10 feet of water," Cwalinski said. "If they've finished spawning they'll be out deeper. Males hit the spawning grounds first and stay on the grounds longer; there are fish there all the time, but there are aggressive fish there only part of the time. So don't be afraid to fish well into evening. That's what I've found on some of these big lakes."

Fisheries biologist Jim Baker of Bay City, Mich. - whose management unit includes the tributaries that feed Saginaw Bay - said a lot will depend on what happens weather-wise the couple of days immediately preceding the opener. "If you get a big rain and the rivers get high and muddy, it can be hard to catch fish," Baker said.

"But we think the fish will be spawning late because it was so cold, so there should be a lot of fish left in the river when the opener arrives. Most of the guys will be vertical jigging with jigs, baited either with minnows or twister tails, but after the crowds dissi-



Anglers seeking muskellunge on opening day should concentrate in shallow-water areas, say Michigan DNR fisheries biologists. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

pate, we know some guys troll up and down the rivers with Rapalas and they do pretty well."

Muskellunge enthusiast Don Barnard, a fisheries technician out of Bay City, Mich. said the colder water around opening day means anglers should downsize their baits. "I use smaller baits in the spring than what they use in summer and fall," he said. "In fall we use 10- or 12-inch baits. The advice is to scale that down to about eight inches or less in the spring. I use a smaller bucktail or

twitch bait, six to seven inches.

"A lot of anglers like to sight fish for spawning fish," Barnard said. "Spot them and cast to them." Barnard often fishes reservoirs and creek mouths. "Fish the north end of the lake where it gets more sunlight and it warms up a little faster," he said. "Fish six to eight feet of water, not any deeper than that. The fish are going to be up trying to sun themselves."

Pike anglers should follow the same strategy. "We like to

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Stream fish population trend viewer

Anyone interested in seeing what the population trends are in different parts of the state for certain fish species should check out the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Stream Fish Population Trend Viewer, available online at <http://www.mcgi.state.mi.us/fishpop/#>

This Web application is designed to educate anglers and fisheries professionals on local and regional trends in abundance, growth and survival of important fish populations in selected streams across Michigan. It incorporates data collected from a network of fish population survey sites, with some data going as far back as 1947.

Anglers can look up a river and see what the most recent trends are in terms of abundance, growth and annual survival of selected fish species. The information can be viewed in map, graph or table formats.

Northeast Lower Michigan April 16

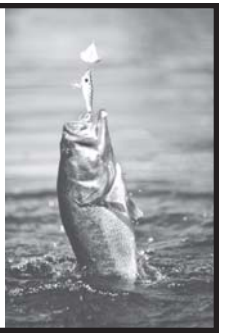
Inland lakes in Otsego and Montmorency counties were still ice covered. Some of the smaller lakes have opened up and the rest should follow by the weekend.

- Cheboygan: Anglers were fishing near the locks and the dam but had no luck.

- Ocqueoc River: Finally got some rain and run-off and, hopefully, this will help draw some steelhead in. Catch rates have been very slow. Anglers were drifting or floating spawn in the deeper holes.

- Rogers City: Ice is gone from the launch ramp and

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one dock is in. Atlantic salmon should be out there so try trolling the shoreline and breakwalls with bright colored spoons or body baits. Good colors are orange, yellow, chartreuse and silver. Those casting from the break-wall will want to try spoons or body baits in chartreuse and silver or orange, gold and silver.

- Presque Isle and Rockport: Ice was still blocking the launch ramp, however, it should be completely gone this week.

- Alpena: A few boat anglers found Atlantic salmon. They are trolling bright colored spoons and body baits in front of the marina and near the cement plant. Orange, yellow, green and silver were the colors of choice.

- Thunder Bay River: Had lots of anglers but catch rates were slow. Most are targeting steelhead when drifting or floating spawn and artificial egg patterns or when fishing along the bottom.

- Harrisville: The harbor is ice free and one dock is in so boats can now launch. Steelhead and walleye are starting to show up. Body baits and spawn are working well. Atlantic salmon should be around the harbor soon.

- Oscoda: Pier and boat

anglers are catching walleye, steelhead and Atlantic salmon. Trolling and casting body baits were the most productive but fish were also caught by those drifting spawn or still-fishing with minnows. Early morning and late evening were best.

- AuSable River: Was producing some fresh steelhead. Spawn and body baits were the ticket.

- Houghton Lake: Has open water but not much in the way of fishing as water temperatures were still too cold. The only action reported was a couple panfish caught in the canals.

- Tawas: Fishing was slow with only a few walleye caught by boat anglers.

- Tawas River: Anglers caught the occasional steelhead on spawn. Suckers were also caught.

- AuGres: Boat anglers caught walleye off the mouth of the river.

- AuGres River: Steelhead have been caught in the East Branch near the Singing Bridge.

Tips

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fish them shallow around the opener," said Jody Johnston, a fisheries technician out of Crystal Falls, Mich. "A lot of times they're up very shallow - I wouldn't be afraid to throw up in two feet of water. That's where some of those nicer fish hang out, especially if you get a wind that is blowing the warm water into the shallows."

Gary Whelan, the fisheries biologist who runs the DNR research team out of Lansing, Mich., said pike anglers should use bass techniques, only more so. "Use the biggest flies and lures you've got," he said. "I like to fish rivers, and pike will take large streamers like you use for bass - deceivers, Clouser minnows, zonkers - something that looks big and offers a lot of motion. But make sure you use some sort of shock tippet or heavy leader. "If you're casting lures, use spinnerbaits or body baits like Rapalas - the biggest ones you've got."

To get more tips and information - including Family Friendly Fishing Waters, the June 13-14 Summer Free Fishing Weekend, and season rules and regulations - visit www.michigan.gov/fishing.

(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.)

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Mark Tonello, a Michigan DNR fisheries biologist, says trout anglers shouldn't limit their techniques.

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Organization Notes



River Aux Sables Chapter, DAR

On April 11, River Aux Sables Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met at the Camp Inn in Oscoda for the election of officers for the next two years.

Serving will be Jacki Gonterman of Oscoda, regent; Barb Penney of Tawas City, vice regent; Mimi McDonald of Oscoda, treasurer; Jaye Martz of Gladwin, Mich., recording secretary; Alexandra Kramer of Lincoln, corresponding secretary; Judy Schmidt of Oscoda, registrar; Mary Gartland of Fenton, Mich.; and Janet Schenk of Oscoda, librarian.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Rosemary Nentwig from the Veterans Memorial in Oscoda. This monument to veterans of all wars is designed as a lasting tribute and thanks to servicemen and women.

The Traveling Vietnam Wall, which is now a foot higher and 10 feet longer than it was in 2009 when it was last at the Oscoda Veterans Memorial, is scheduled to leave from Tawas airport at 3 p.m. on July 22. It will be escorted by a motorcycle cavalcade of veterans who will bring it up US-23 to the Oscoda Memorial for reassembly. The wall will be watched over by volunteers 24-hours a day, of which River Aux Sables Chapter members are proud to be taking part.

Anglers should report tagged walleye

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is set to jaw tag nearly 3,000 walleyes in Saginaw Bay this spring. Anglers are asked to collect information on tagged fish they catch and to report it to the DNR.

The DNR has tagged more than 100,000 walleyes in that water body since 1981. Jaw tagging is part of a long-term research project to monitor survival and harvest rates and to learn about walleye movement.

The program depends on anglers to report when they catch a tagged walleye, as well as the fish's length, weight (if known) and tag identification number. Once reported, anglers will receive a letter back detailing the history of their fish.

About 10 percent of the tags include a \$100 reward for reporting the tag. Each tag is stamped with a unique identifying number and a P.O. box address. If anglers prefer, they can report their tagged walleyes online at www.michigandnr.com/taggedfish/. Anglers can keep the fish, of course, or release it if they prefer.

"This information is essential to measuring the health

VFW Post No. 6754 Ladies Auxiliary

The April meeting was held with 12 members present. The business meeting was held with secretary Emma Liske reading the minutes from the March meeting and treasurer Sandy Light reading the financial report.

Sharon Jack advised that April is National Volunteer

Month for the hospital program and testicular cancer month for the cancer program. Sandy Light reported that membership stands at 84 members. Frances Ziesman advised that individually wrapped snack items were provided to the Alpena VA Clinic at a cost of \$20.

Election of officers was held: Kathleen Vichunas, president; Frances Ziesman, senior vice president; Arlene Lay, junior vice president; Emma Liske, secretary; Sandra Light, treasurer and historian; Donna Bushey, chaplain; Sharon Jack, conductress; Mary Ann Seymour,

guard; Carolyn Collman, one year trustee; Mary Ann Seymour, two year trustee; and Sharon Jack, three year trustee. Installation of Officers will be held at the May meeting.

Due to the May 5 election, the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 6 at 7 p.m.

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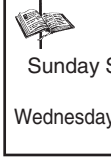
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Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of April 13-19, 2015

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

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	5	Property Damage	3
Message/Well Being Check	2	Miscellaneous	3
Dog/Animal	5	Traffic	6
Trespassing	1	Alarm	2
Domestic	3	911 Hang Up	1
Patrol Check	1	Operate While Intoxicated	1
Warrant ASrrest	2	Civil	2
Breaking & Entering	1	Assault & Battery	1
Conservation Violation	1	Suicidal Person	1
Fire	1	Juvenile	1
Suspicious Events	1		

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professional emergency responders in real, large-scale emergencies and exercises.

Anyone interested in joining Alcona CERT should contact (989) 826-2397. Participants will need to pass a background check and complete a 20-hour basic CERT course. Members meet every other month for two to four hours. During that time additional training and exercises will take place. *Courtesy photo.*

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Enlisting volunteers to guard Michigan's sturgeon

The Black Lake Chapter of Sturgeon for Tomorrow in Cheboygan County is seeking volunteers to join in its effort, in partnership with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), to help protect lake sturgeon from illegal harvest during the annual spawning run.

Every spring mature lake sturgeon, a fish species that is threatened in Michigan and rare throughout the U.S., become vulnerable to poaching as they briefly leave Black Lake for spawning sites in the Black River. Hundreds of volunteers are needed to stand guard along the Black River during the spawning season, from mid-April through early June, to report any suspicious activity and deter the unlawful take of this iconic fish.

"Lake sturgeon are a unique species in Michigan, as they can live up to 100 years and weigh more than 200 pounds," said Dave Borgeson, Northern Lake Huron Management Unit supervisor with the DNR. "Their journey through the Black River is critical to their long-term success, and volunteers are necessary to ensure it's a safe trip."

When spawning begins, sturgeon guards are assigned in shifts to sites along the river. The volunteers stand watch and, if suspicious activity occurs, use cellular phones provided by Sturgeon for Tomorrow to contact DNR conservation officers who are actively patrolling the area in support of the guarding effort. Aerial surveillance is also deployed to help secure the area.

"For more than 15 years, the annual Sturgeon Guarding Program has proven that people serving as sturgeon guards watching over the river have greatly reduced poaching while helping to ensure the protection and reproductive success of the species," said Ann Feldhauser, a DNR retiree and the guarding program's volunteer coordinator.

Many opportunities over the approximately six-week-long spawning season are

available for those who wish to help. Coordinators will be on-site at the river to assist and answer questions. In addition to guarding the sturgeon, volunteers can also play a key role by recording the number and activity of fish they see. This has become a popular activity for families, scouting and church groups, as well as students interested in natural resource management.

Individuals or groups interested in volunteering should contact Mark and Ann Feldhauser at (906) 201-2484 or (906) 346-9511.

Volunteers can also register online at www.sturgeonfortomorrow.org/guarding-program.php. Those interested can also find the Sturgeon for Tomorrow Black Lake Chapter online via its website or Facebook page.

For those traveling from outside the local area, several hotels, restaurants and Onaway State Park (located on Black Lake, with improved camping and cabin rentals) are very close to the key guarding locations.

Volunteers also are encouraged to set up their rustic camps along the banks of

the Black River. Several good camping sites are available, and there is no charge for camping on the state land adjacent to the Black River.

Lake sturgeon rehabilitation in the Cheboygan River watershed is a cooperative effort involving the Black Lake Chapter of Sturgeon for Tomorrow, the DNR, Michigan State University and Tower-Kleber Limited Partnership.

In addition to the guarding program, this rehabilitation effort includes activities such as tagging sturgeon adults and raising young fish for stocking in Black, Burt and

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Lake sturgeon, like this young one, can live up to 100 years and weigh 200 pounds. They are most vulnerable during the spring spawn. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.



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Seven Day Forecast




WEDNESDAY
Rain/Snow
High: 41 Low: 29




THURSDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 39 Low: 29




FRIDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 44 Low: 30




SATURDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 44 Low: 32



SUNDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 46 Low: 32

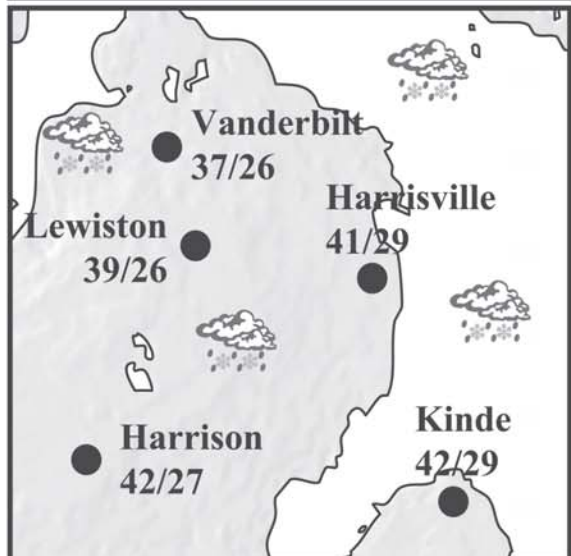


MONDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 48 Low: 29



TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 52 Low: 31

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 50% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 41°, humidity of 56%. West wind 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 88° set in 1985. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of rain, overnight low of 29°. The record low for tonight is 17° set in 1950.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	64	39	49/29	0.07"
Tuesday	66	34	50/30	0.00"
Wednesday	56	24	50/30	0.00"
Thursday	56	29	50/31	0.00"
Friday	71	35	51/31	0.00"
Saturday	59	35	51/31	0.00"
Sunday	53	29	52/32	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
First 4/25	Wednesday	6:35 a.m.	8:27 p.m.	9:43 a.m.	Next Day	Last 5/11
	Thursday	6:34 a.m.	8:28 p.m.	10:36 a.m.	12:46 a.m.	
	Friday	6:32 a.m.	8:29 p.m.	11:32 a.m.	1:35 a.m.	
Full 5/3	Saturday	6:31 a.m.	8:30 p.m.	12:30 p.m.	2:16 a.m.	New 5/17
	Sunday	6:29 a.m.	8:32 p.m.	1:27 p.m.	2:53 a.m.	
	Monday	6:28 a.m.	8:33 p.m.	2:25 p.m.	3:25 a.m.	
	Tuesday	6:26 a.m.	8:34 p.m.	3:23 p.m.	3:55 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 with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 70° in Georgetown, Del. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 88° in Winter Haven, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today and Thursday, scattered rain Friday, with the highest temperature of 79° in Ontario, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with a few thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 88° in Phoenix, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:05 a.m.	9:43 p.m.
Venus	8:26 a.m.	12:05 a.m.
Mars	7:14 a.m.	9:39 p.m.
Jupiter	1:16 p.m.	3:53 a.m.
Saturn	10:53 p.m.	8:26 a.m.
Uranus	6:10 a.m.	7:04 p.m.

Weather History

April 22, 1989 - Twenty-seven cities in the central United States reported record high temperatures for the date. The high of 96 degrees at Omaha, Neb. was an April record and the high of 100 degrees at Lubbock, Texas equaled their record for April.

Weather Trivia

How far can you see through the atmosphere?

Answer: About 200 miles during the day.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Five Planets and a Moon

The week of April 19 presents an ideal opportunity to view all five "naked eye" planets and the moon, if you are willing to find yourself a good western horizon and are able to stay up until midnight. The week commences on April 19 with a razor thin crescent moon to the left of the planet Mars, 30 minutes after sundown and very low in the west. Binoculars will be needed to spot the moon initially, and an unobscured western horizon is a must. The moon will be only three degrees to the left of Mars and six degrees from Mercury (right and below). By Tuesday, April 21, the 14 percent lit moon stands seven degrees to the left of Venus, making for an impressive twilight view and high enough in the west so that buildings and trees should not pose a problem. Mercury continues to climb rapidly into the western sky so that by Tuesday and Wednesday, April 21-22 the Messenger God is only about one degree distant from Mars. This is also not an easy observation. Again, a very good western horizon will be needed, as well as binoculars to spot Mercury, 30 minutes after sundown. As it gets darker, Mars should appear to Mercury's right if your local horizon is low enough. Mercury continues to gain altitude though the first week in May and is visible for several more weeks, but it also becomes significantly fainter, while Mars is lost in the twilight glare of the encroaching sun. Saturday and Sunday, April 25 and 26, a fat waxing crescent, then first quarter moon stands nine and seven degrees respectively from Jupiter, high in the south after sundown. You can easily catch the pair prior to midnight before trees and buildings begin to interfere. By midnight anytime during the week, the ringed world of Saturn is gaining altitude in the southeastern part of the sky. This is not a very star friendly region of the heavens, so if what you are observing is bright and in the SE, it will be Saturn. The luminous moon rendezvous with Saturn by May 5. www.astronomy.org

Tagged

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of the population" said David Fielder, a research biologist out of the DNR's Alpena Fisheries Research Station. "Besides ensuring the walleye fishery remains sustainable, we also annually estimate the population size with the aid of these tag reports."

The tagging operation occurs each spring on the Tittabawassee River when walleyes are in the river for spawning. They are collected with electrofishing boats that temporarily stun the fish, which are then tagged and released back into the river. After spawning, walleyes migrate back into Saginaw Bay. Some walleyes will migrate out of the bay and into other parts of Lake Huron.

Trivia Test

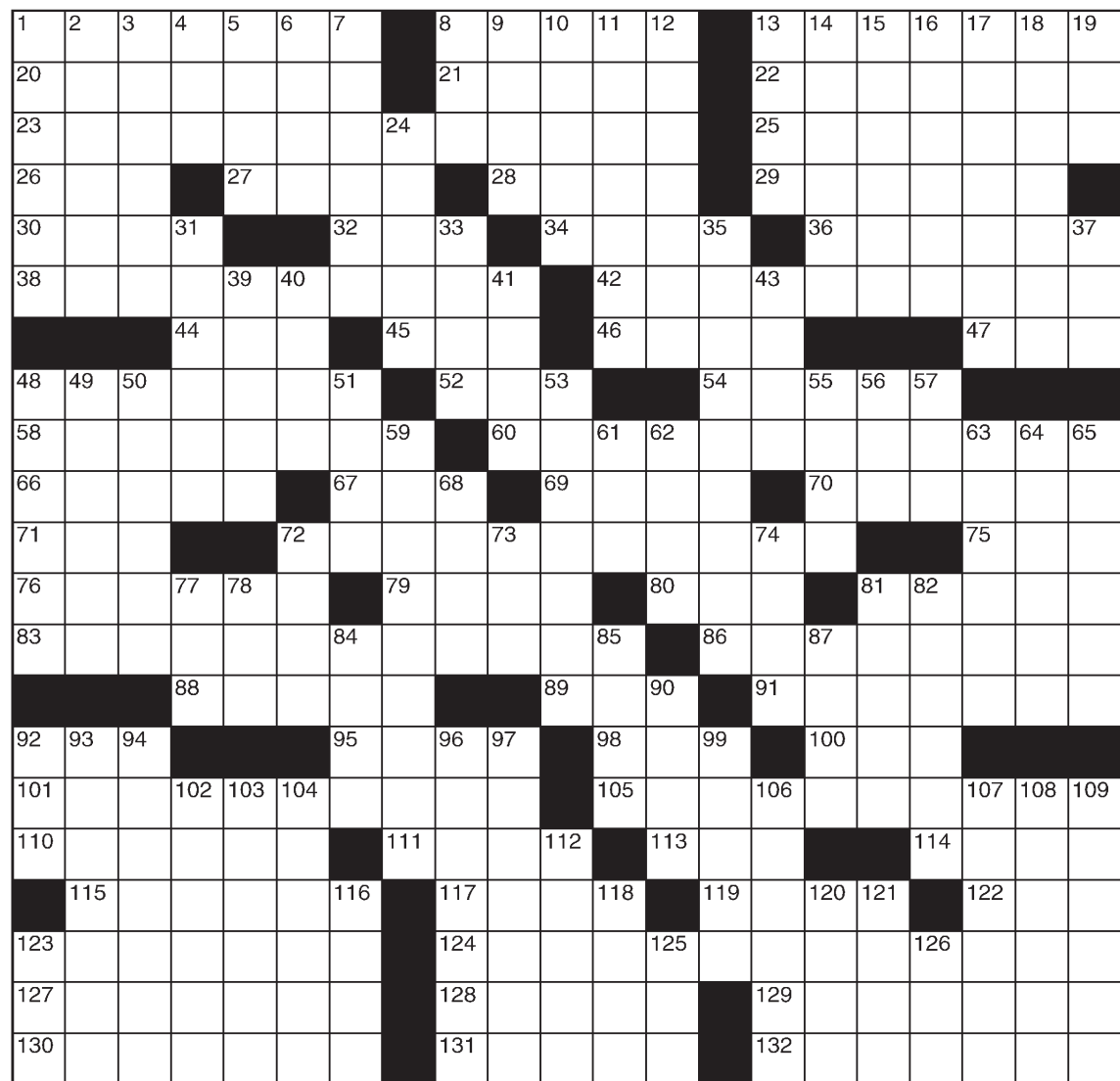
By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **PRESIDENTS:** Which U.S. president graduated from Southwest Texas State Teachers College?
2. **ASTRONOMY:** Which planet rotates on its axis once every 243 Earth days?
3. **TELEVISION:** On "M*A*S*H," what was the real name of the character called "Hawkeye" Pierce?
4. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which year's World's Fair had the theme of "The World of Tomorrow"?
5. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the nonfiction book "Working"?
6. **HISTORY:** What was the date of the stock market's "Black Tuesday" in 1929?
7. **MOVIES:** What movie based on a Henry Fielding novel won the 1963 Oscar for Best Picture?
8. **RELIGION:** Which book of the Bible first describes how God gave the Ten Commandments to Moses?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where is Prudhoe Bay?
10. **MYTHOLOGY:** Who was the Roman goddess of the hearth?

Answers: 1. Lyndon Johnson; 2. Venus; 3. Benjamin Franklin Pierce; 4. 1939; 5. Studs Terkel; 6. Oct. 29; 7. "Tom Jones"; 8. Exodus; 9. Alaska; 10. Vesta. (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Laid fresh concrete on</p> <p>8 Waste</p> <p>13 Found</p> <p>20 Like gushing actors</p> <p>21 Malia's sister</p> <p>22 Kildare locale</p> <p>23 More with-it red fish?</p> <p>25 Runs fast</p> <p>26 1980s NBC sitcom</p> <p>27 "Teh" for "the," for one</p> <p>28 Jazzy singing</p> <p>29 "Growing Pains" actor Alan</p> <p>30 Tower for fodder</p> <p>32 Uncanny</p> <p>34 24-hr. money sources</p> <p>36 Japan natives, e.g.</p> <p>38 "Lookie there, muscle-building stuff!"</p> <p>42 Terrestrial chapeau?</p> <p>44 Dem.'s opponent</p> <p>45 —-cone (frozen treat)</p> | <p>46 "Just you wait, — 'iggins ..."</p> <p>47 Near-failing mark</p> <p>48 Analyzed</p> <p>52 Cochlea site</p> <p>54 "Will — learn?"</p> <p>58 Beer brand</p> <p>60 Microwave saltines?</p> <p>66 Orchestra section</p> <p>67 — Moines</p> <p>69 Old Spice alternative</p> <p>70 Reagan speechwriter</p> <p>71 Cyberspace address</p> <p>72 Pars?</p> <p>75 Lose power</p> <p>76 "Later!"</p> <p>79 Arduous trip</p> <p>80 Suffix with Japan</p> <p>81 45 half</p> <p>83 "My gripe is as follows ..."</p> <p>86 Coup, e.g.</p> <p>88 Lay new turf on</p> <p>89 Not well-lit</p> <p>91 Crab claws</p> <p>92 Bullfighting cheer</p> <p>95 Gaudy scarves</p> <p>98 Be soaked</p> | <p>100 Zool. or ecol.</p> <p>101 Skeptical egg layer?</p> <p>105 Disease-free sea predators?</p> <p>110 Actress</p> <p>111 Rat catcher</p> <p>113 '60s conflict site</p> <p>114 "Star Wars" royal</p> <p>115 Royal home</p> <p>117 Gillette shaver brand</p> <p>119 "— yellow ribbon round ..."</p> <p>122 Journalist</p> <p>123 Not unusual</p> <p>124 Things found at discount</p> <p>127 Italian city</p> <p>128 Steel, for one</p> <p>129 Adversaries</p> <p>130 Agrees (to)</p> <p>131 "Black Velvet" singer</p> <p>132 Orchestra leader</p> | <p>2 Mrs. Oskar Schindler</p> <p>3 Easy-to-catch hit</p> <p>4 Org. for Rafael Nadal</p> <p>5 — Cong</p> <p>6 "— Time We Say Goodbye"</p> <p>7 Dictator</p> <p>8 Air marshal's org.</p> <p>9 Copies Dr. Dre</p> <p>10 U.S. humane org.</p> <p>11 Put away, as a sword</p> <p>12 "NewsRadio" co-star Phil</p> <p>13 Shopping aid</p> <p>14 Oliver Twist, e.g.</p> <p>15 Bright red</p> <p>16 Silverstone or Keys</p> <p>17 Tall ale mug</p> <p>18 International compact</p> <p>19 Cavity filler's deg.</p> <p>24 Branching-out points</p> <p>31 "— Next Chapter" (Winfrey series)</p> <p>33 Eat in style</p> <p>35 Least lenient</p> | <p>37 "— loves me ..."</p> <p>39 California's Point —</p> <p>40 Astra automaker</p> <p>41 Biblical ark builder</p> <p>43 — and terminator</p> <p>48 Waylay</p> <p>49 "Yes, —!"</p> <p>50 Peak climber, e.g.</p> <p>51 Dumbbell</p> <p>53 Chastised</p> <p>55 SUV cousins</p> <p>56 Prefix with warrior</p> <p>57 "Bringing Up Baby" studio</p> <p>59 Sang loudly</p> <p>61 Radius site</p> <p>62 Part of CRT</p> <p>63 Alternative to lettuce</p> <p>64 Oakland footballer</p> <p>65 Smiles villainously</p> <p>68 Dinar earner</p> <p>72hovels</p> <p>73 Once named</p> <p>74 Lop the crop</p> <p>77 "— goin' down!"</p> <p>78 Suffix of sugars</p> <p>81 Pianist's seat</p> <p>82 Communal</p> <p>84 Boxcar rider</p> | <p>85 Bait biter</p> <p>87 Smack</p> <p>90 Complain</p> <p>92 Unit of resistance</p> <p>93 Frogs and kangaroos</p> <p>94 Angers a lot</p> <p>96 Patriarch of Judaism</p> <p>97 Majestic</p> <p>99 Juan's silver</p> <p>102 Enlighten, in poems</p> <p>103 Kevin of "Saturday Night Live" rapper</p> <p>104 Pour gently, as wine</p> <p>106 "Relapse"</p> <p>107 Hang a new worm on</p> <p>108 Word with app or bee</p> <p>109 Makes the assertion</p> <p>112 Green shampoo</p> <p>116 Periods</p> <p>118 Burn balm</p> <p>120 Ferber or Krabappel</p> <p>121 Chick chaser?</p> <p>123 Nipper's co.</p> <p>125 Procedure: Abbr.</p> <p>126 Dash lengths</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On May 5, 1877, nearly a year after the Battle of the Little Big Horn, Sitting Bull and a band of followers cross into Canada hoping to find safe haven from the U.S. Army. By early 1881, Sitting Bull was the chief of only a small band of mostly older and sick people, and he finally agreed to move 187 Indians to the United States, where they were assigned to the Standing Rock reservation in South Dakota.
 - On May 10, 1909, "Mother" Maybelle Carter is born near Nickelsville, Virginia. From the late 1920s all the way through the 1950s, she was a familiar presence on radio and a powerful influence on the course of country music. She helped make the Carters the "First Family of Country Music" and introduced songs like "Wildwood Flower" and "Can the Circle Be Unbroken."
 - On May 6, 1937, the airship Hindenburg, the largest dirigible ever built, bursts into flames upon touching its mooring mast in New Jersey, killing 36 passengers and crewmembers aboard the hydrogen-filled blimp. The "zeppelin" flew at a speed of 6 mph, propelled by a three-horsepower steam engine.
 - On May 9, 1950, L. Ron Hubbard publishes "Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health." With this book, Hubbard introduced a branch of self-help psychology called Dianetics, which morphed into a belief system now known as Scientology.
 - On May 8, 1972, President Richard Nixon announces that he has ordered the mining of major North Vietnamese ports to prevent the flow of arms and material to the communist forces that had invaded South Vietnam in March.
 - On May 4, 1984, New Jersey rocker Bruce Springsteen releases "Pink Cadillac" as a B-side to "Dancing in the Dark," which will become the first and biggest hit single off "Born in the U.S.A."
 - On May 7, 1994, Norway's most famous painting, "The Scream" by Edvard Munch, is recovered at a seaside hotel, three months after it was stolen during the 1994 Winter Olympics in Lillehammer. The thieves had left a note reading "Thousand thanks for the bad security!"
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was American playwright Wilson Mizner who made the following sage observation: "Copy from one, it's plagiarism; copy from two, it's research."
 - If you went into a restaurant for breakfast in the 1930s and ordered "cluck and grunt," the server would know to bring you ham and eggs.
 - Irish mom Maria Jones-Elliott holds the distinction of having twins with the longest interval between the two births. In 2012, she went into labor almost four months before her due date. After two days of labor, one of the girls was born, but then the contractions stopped. While Amy, born weighing just 1 pound, 3 ounces, continued to improve in the neonatal intensive care unit, her sister Kate continued to grow in utero -- for another 87 days. Against all odds, both twins survived and are now thriving toddlers.
 - If you're like 60 percent of American pet owners, your pet sleeps with you.
 - A recent study conducted by researchers at the Nara University of Education in Japan found that music affects people's generosity. Specifically, if you're listening to music you enjoy, you're likely to be more generous than if there were no music playing at all. In this scenario, the inverse is also true: If you're listening to a song you dislike, you're more likely to be stingy.
 - The next time you travel to Sweden for a vacation, try to catch a Kaninhoppning competition; you'll be treated to a spectacle of rabbit show jumping.
 - You might be surprised to learn that seven out of eight battle deaths suffered by all countries participating in World War II were suffered by the Russians and the Germans.
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Thought for the Day: "Never bear more than one trouble at a time. Some people bear three kinds -- all they have had, all they have now, and all they expect to have." -- Edward Everett Hale

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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: **M** equals **P**

KLQXTFL YA HXTRZSLD LJIPAF
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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on April 13 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Dobis and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Dobis, clerk Pierce and council members, Kaiser, Crick, Luenberger, Baird, Sanderson and Thomas, city attorney Cook and guests. Absent: Treasurer Keerl. Motion by Crick, support by Sanderson, to approve the minutes of March 16. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Luenberger, support by Baird, to pay the bills in the amount of \$43,971.56. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Dobis discussed Harrisville Business Association's letter of introduction, introducing Cheryl Peterson and Pat Bushey as representatives of the newly formed association. Purpose of association was presented by Peterson and Bushey. First quarter water/sewer adjustments were presented. Council advised by mayor to review and address any questions at next city council meeting. The Summer Concert Series is set. Clerk Pierce is looking for volunteers for donation collections for each concert. A grateful thank you to all the volunteers and organizations that helped with the collections last season. The first concert is scheduled for Wednesday, July 8 at the pavilion

at the harbor, beginning at 7 p.m. Dates for spring cleanup are May 22 and June 12. Place bundled and bagged yard waste (only) at curbside for pick up on those dates. Reports: Mayor Dobis reported that dredging at the harbor will begin this week around the dock area. Clerk Pierce stated that absent voter applications and ballots for the May 5 election are available at the city office. Office hours are Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to noon. Requests for absent voter applications can be made in person or by phone (989) 724-6666. Harbor commissioner Baird reported the harbor commission had its first meeting of the year and the preliminary study of dock needs was reviewed. The state of Michigan is reporting that the 2015 boating season looks to surpass the 2014 season. Planning commissioner Baird informed council of the June 4 meeting of the planning commission, at 6:30 p.m. Review of the current master plan is scheduled. The current commission now has seven members. Airport commissioner Boucher reported the airport commission and the city are currently working with the Alcona County Library to disperse some of the sand stored at the airport to areas around the library for fill in low areas. The trimming of trees

at the approach to the landing strip is still being addressed. Tree board member Crick stated the board members will do their bi-annual walk around the city to inspect the current condition of city trees. A tree near Craftmakers' Cabin is scheduled to be cut down in the near future. Comment cards: Guest Patty Thomas commented on the future of the City of Harrisville. Guest Sharon Goetz questioned year round dockage of a commercial fishing boat at the Harbor. Mayor Dobis stated the fishing boat will be a year-round entity at the harbor docks and that its owner pays a yearly dockage fee and purchases gasoline from the harbor as well. Council's last comments: Alderman Sanderson voiced a resident's concern about the lawn maintenance at the ponds behind the VFW. City maintenance workers will be advised about continued care of area. Sanderson also reported that Inspiration Alcona will be hosting a contra dance and art show at the harbor on July 16. All ages are encouraged to attend. Adjourned by Sanderson at 8:20 p.m. Next regularly scheduled city council meeting is May 11 at 7 p.m. at city hall.

ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's April board meeting was called to order by Supervisor MacNeill at 7 p.m. with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Bouchard and Mead. Motion to approve minutes, financial report and bills, and to sign a contract with C&S Dust Control. All motions passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m. Full minutes can be viewed at alconatownship.com. Dawn LaLonde, Clerk
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Alcona Humane Society Director: Management of the agency, develops programs including fundraising. Grant writing experience a plus. Strong administrative abilities. Bachelor's degree desired or commensurate experience in animal shelter or non-profit organization. Full time. Send resume: AHS Director, P.O. Box 310, Lincoln, Mich. 48742 by May 1.

Alcona Community Schools has immediate openings for **schools bus drivers** to drive both morning and afternoon routes. Qualified, interested candidates may submit a letter of interest, resume, and credentials to: Mrs. Shawn Thornton, Superintendent, Alcona Community Schools, 51 North Barlow Road, P.O. Box 249, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. Candidates may also submit materials via e-mail to thorntons@alcona-schools.net. For more information, call (989) 736-6212. Application deadline is April 24, 2015. Alcona Community Schools is an equal opportunity employer.

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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held April 14 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Trustee Pyne, standing in for Supervisor Stone, opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Also present, clerk Jamieson, treasurer Harvey, trustee Young and eight guests. There were no comments from the floor. Clerk's minutes approved as read. Treasurer's report given, accepted a reconciled with the clerk's office. Committees gave their detailed reports. There are several possible zoning violations being looked into. Jamieson/Harvey: To enter into a Local Road Improvement number HR1501 agreement with the Alcona County Road Commission, for a single sealcoat one-quarter mile on Trask Lake Road. Roll call vote: Four ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.

Pyne/Young: To renew the three annual items as follows: 1. To continue with David Cook P.C. as Harrisville Township's attorney for the fiscal year 2015-2016. 2. To continue with Huron Community Bank as Harrisville Township's primary depositor. 3. That the township monthly board meetings will continue to be the second Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. at the township hall. All motions carried.

Harvey/Jamieson: To again sponsor the Alcona County Fair in the amount of \$100. Motion carried.

Jamieson/Pyne: To support the county-wide cleanup on May 16 in the amount of \$1,000. Motion carried. Pyne/Harvey: To continue with the Village of Lincoln, the contract for fire protection, \$5,042.80. Motion carried. Young/Pyne: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson
Township Clerk

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