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Record setting combat exercise sets stage for Northern Strike 2016

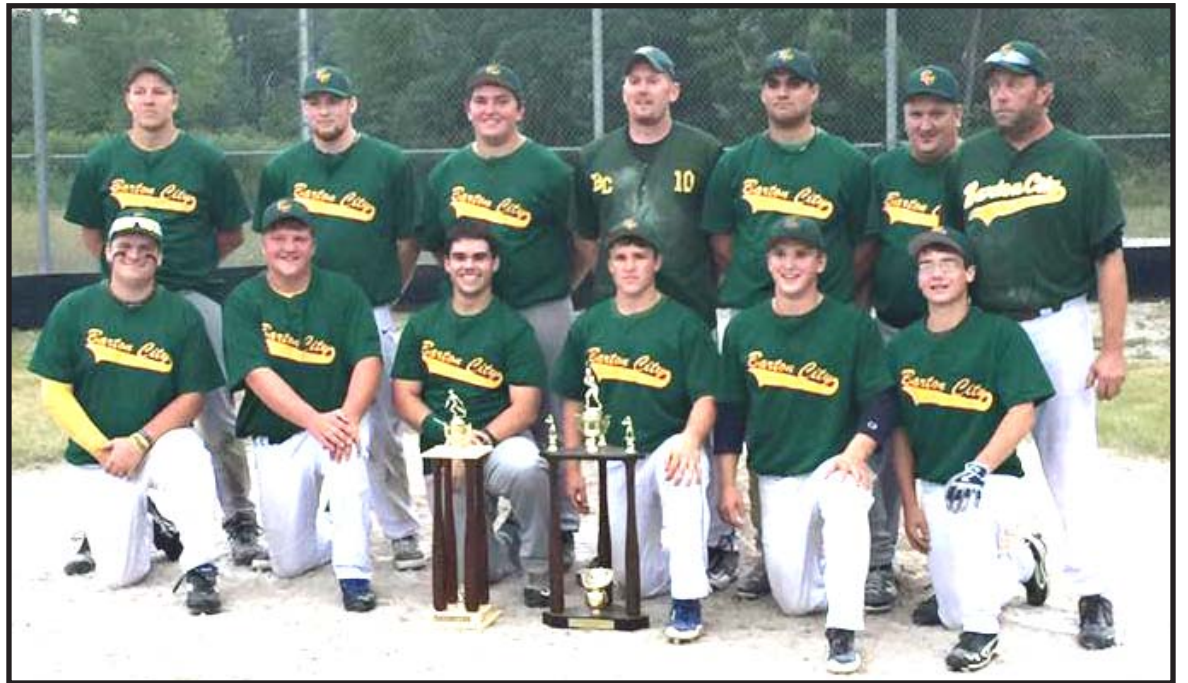
Exercise Northern Strike 15, a major combat training exercise that brings ground and air combat units from four coalition countries and more than 20 states to Michigan training locations in Grayling, Alpena and Rogers City came to a close last weekend with a number of milestones achieved during the exercise which ran from July 13 to August 1.

Lt. Col. Matt Trumble, director of the exercise, identified some of the specific achievements for this year. "We had more out-of-state and out-of-country participants this year than we've ever had," said Trumble. "(This year) also saw the larg-

est number of aircraft supporting the exercise, both types of aircraft and raw number of sorties flown."

Northern Strike served as the primary combat training exercise for most members of the Michigan National Guard. The base scenario involved alerting a unit and having the soldiers report to the armory for equipment upload and movement to Alpena via C-130 Hercules, a military transport airplane. From Alpena the soldiers were transported via helicopter to Camp Grayling to assault an objective.

It was during this assault
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Barton City is the new champion of the Northeastern County Baseball League. The championship game began on Sunday, Aug. 2 between Barton City and Rogers City, but was cancelled due to severe weather. The game was rescheduled on August 7. Barton City's Cody Franklin pitched nine innings with 13 strikeouts. Russ Kimble had a walk off single RBI in the ninth inning to seal the 4-3 win. (Front row, from left) Robbie McGuire, Trevor Schrader, manager Chad Cole, Brock Franklin, Cody Franklin, Jake McFadden, (back row) Brian Layton, Brady Marweede, Jeff Ross, Russ Kimble, Dan Kennedy, coach George Schrader and coach Pat Hill. *Courtesy photo.*

Amateur historian enjoys community involvement

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

With a life full of stories about family, travel, and history, a local resident stays young by sharing and volunteering.

Self-described amateur historian, Bill Roorda, 91, of Harrisville still drives around town and is an active member of the community. He has been a member of the Alcona Historical Society as long as he can remember and his memory is as sharp as ever.

"I feel pretty good for 91. You know when you get this age, things can happen, but I have no dietary restrictions and my head works as well as it ever did," Roorda said. Not having to watch his diet is important to Roorda because of his love of fine dining.

He was "sort of a stow-away" when his mother and father came over from the Netherlands in September of 1923, he was born in Detroit, Mich. that December.

Roorda was the oldest of three boys, one who died at age five. "I enjoyed building model airplanes as a boy. My brother was very much like me; we enjoyed the same hobbies, studied engineering and often, without knowing, would even dress alike. It wasn't planned; we were just of a common heritage I guess," he said.

Roorda graduated from South High School in Grand Rapids, Mich., in 1942 and



Bill Roorda, 91, enjoys volunteering for the Alcona Historical Society and watching children discover Baily School, a one-room school house located near the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

said it was the same high school President Gerald Ford graduated from. After high school, he attended a work co-op program through General Motors Institute. He worked for the company and attended school at night to earn a bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering. He said there was never a decision made about becoming an engineer, it was always assumed; and, since it agreed with this aptitude and interest, there was never a quarrel about it.

He married his wife, Pearl, in 1952. He said she was the most beautiful woman he'd ever seen so he married her. They were married for 53 years until her death 10 years ago. They had four children, Aleda and Randall (twins) and

Terry and Eric.

Aleda is retired from the San Francisco Chronicle and lives in California. Randall lives in Lexington, Ky. and is a professor of English composition at the University of Kentucky. Terry also lives in California; he is a journalist and editor for Thunder Press Magazine, a motorcycle magazine. Eric, the youngest, is a professor of history at Bellarmine University in Louisville, Ky.

"My youngest son has published three books. I think we did exceedingly well (when it comes to raising children). Pearl said to me one time if she had to do it over again she wouldn't have any kids. When I asked her why she said because they get out of high school and move some-

place and you never get to see them again. I told her that wasn't true and asked her if she would rather they move back home? When she answered no, I told her to be happy with what we got," Roorda said.

Roorda credited his wife for how successful their children were. She always demanded the best of them and they produced it. He also thought it was part of their heritage do well in life.

Roorda said both his mother and father were very intelligent. His father, Hendrik Jan Roorda, was born in Enkhuizen in what is now considered IJssel-meer, Holland. As a young teenager, he took a train to Alkmaar every day to become a blacksmith and at the age of 15 finished his studies there and went to Amsterdam to work. He worked during the day and studied at night to become a marine engineer. He attained a third class machinist degree and worked at sea and sailed for nine years in the Dutch Merchant Marines.

Not only was his father a smart man, he was also a lucky man. Roorda described his father's adventures at sea. He was on two ships which were attacked; one hit a mine which, as a machinist, he helped to keep the ship from sinking and was able to get it back to port, another was struck by a torpedo.

"My dad was always a machinist working under deck

and wore a switch blade on his belt. A U-boat (undersea boat) surfaced and fired a shot across their bow and told them to get off their ship because they were going to torpedo it. The ship my dad was on was manned by Dutch officers with an Asian crew. The first life boat was mostly filled with the Asian crew along with my father, but they couldn't get the second boat down so the captain called on my father with his switch blade to help them get the second life boat down.

"He freed up the other boat and got in the second life boat. They were a short distance away when the ship was torpedoed and sank. It sucked the first life boat down with it. When the debris came down after the ship exploded my father's foot locker came down and landed in his life boat. It was burning but he was able to retrieve some things from it, including his brother's picture, before tossing it overboard," Roorda said.

Roorda said he is a lifelong engineer, excelled in whatever he was doing and rose to the top of various departments. He was an exceptional technical writer and a member of the Safety and Loss Committee. He was considered a safety expert who helped write many detailed manuals on the subject of mechanical engineering and safety issues and received

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Obituaries



Letters to the Editor

Dolph "Joe" LeClair

Dolph Joseph LeClair, 56, of Black River, died on Tuesday, Aug. 4, 2015 at home.

He was born September 3, 1958 in Bay City, Mich. He was raised in Black River, where he was a lifelong resident.

He was a musician and was associated with many bands. He played the drums and the bass guitar.

On December 16, 1999 he married Laura Hanner.

Mr. LeClair is survived by his wife, Laura; one daughter, Tarra LeClair of Harrisville; one son, Joseph (Katie) LeClair of Alpena; four grandchildren; three sisters, Betty (Gary) Maclam of Mikado, Eva (Doug) Allyn of Montrose, Mich. and Marinda Martinez of Oscoda; one step daughter, Tiffany (Danny Wilburn) Apsey of Lincoln; one step brother, Angel (Esther) Martinez of Bay City, Mich.; his



stepfather, Urbano Martinez; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Florence (Craner) Martinez; two step sisters; and three step brothers.

A celebration of life gathering will be held at a later date.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Nancy McKenzie

Nancy McKenzie, 51, died on Friday, July 24, 2015 in Albuquerque, N.M.

She was born June 25, 1964 to Jerry and Tina Jefferson in Oceanside, Calif. She was raised in Harrisville.

Mrs. McKenzie is survived by her husband, John McKenzie of Harrisville; and one nephew, Thomas (Cassandra) Robinson of Gladwin, Mich.

Cremation has taken place and a celebration of life was held on July 25, 2015.

Ellen Rehse

Ellen Rehse, 83, formerly of Spruce, died on Saturday, August 1, 2015 in Delta, Ohio.

She was born on August 23, 1931 to Lafred and Elsa (Freditch) Lehman in Detroit, Mich.

She was a district manager for Avon Products.

Mrs. Rehse is survived by two sons, Bruce (Linda) Teschendorf of Virginia Beach, Va. and Kurt (Dianne) Teschendorf of Delta, Ohio; one daughter, Cherryl (Jack) Sparling of Crestwood, Ky.; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husbands, Paul Teschendorf and Edward Rehse.



A graveside service will be held on August 22 at 1 p.m. at Pleasant View Cemetery on Gillard Road in Spruce. Arrangements were handled by Grisier Funeral Home in Delta, Ohio.

Eleanor R. Mead

Eleanor R. Mead, 78, of Lincoln died on Saturday, Aug. 8, 2015, at St Joseph Mercy Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich.

She was born March 18, 1937 in Toledo, Ohio to Arthur and Helen (Oliger) Hartwig. She was raised in Bay City, Mich. and graduated from Bay City Central High School.

On October 15, 1960 she married Robert Mead in Lincoln. They were Lincoln residents for many years.

She was a devoted homemaker. Several years ago she enjoyed playing for the Lincoln Larks Softball Team.

Mrs. Mead is survived by her husband, Robert; one daughter, Michele (David) Schneider of Flower Mound, Texas; three grandchildren, Kari Schneider, Gregory Schneider, and Douglas Schneider; two sisters, Violet (Henry) Harden of Saginaw, Mich. and Pat (Bill) Andrews of Kawkawlin, Mich.; three brothers, Richard (Lorraine) Hartwig, Robert Hartwig and Gerald Hartwig, all of Bay City, Mich.; and one sister-in-law, Kay Hartwig of Bay City, Mich.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Margorie York and Bonnie Jean Henderson; and three brothers, Thomas Hartwig, Arthur Hartwig Jr. and James Hartwig.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Mrs. Mead's family will receive visitors beginning at 1 p.m. Cremation arrangements have been made. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

To the Editor,
At a time when government at all levels is taking a lot of heat, I'd like to thank the people who helped me through a recent Alcona County land division home-steading property tax issue.

The transaction started out awkwardly. The employee I dealt with initially told me the property tax transaction I was trying to process was not possible, that it simply wasn't done. Because I talked to a couple of neighbors who had completed this transaction, I was not dissuaded and didn't walk away.

Finally, the employee in question called another employee, told them what I was trying to do, and learned that in fact it was a completely acceptable transaction. So the paperwork was furnished and I began the transaction.

A few months went by and I heard nothing. I followed up and discovered that the employee I had dealt with had abruptly left without notifying me (or presumably others) of the status of my transaction, which should have been the next step.

I learned her responsibilities had been hastily assumed by Troy Somers. I met with Troy, who was new to the job, and after some initial confusion which we straightened out, the process proceeded smoothly. Troy was exceedingly helpful and even went out of his way to correct some errors in my paperwork. He called me about the errors, suggested ways to correct them and we solved the problem over the phone in just a few minutes, something that could easily have added months to the process if Troy had elected to go the bureaucratic route.

The transaction has now been successfully completed. What started out as a government nightmare turned out nicely thanks to the helpfulness and skill of Troy Somers and others in the equalization department.

Jim Allyn
Black River

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015

Weekly Report

Miles Per Hour

| Date | Temperature (F°) | | Water Content | Av. Wind Speed | High Speed | Dominant Direction |
|--------|------------------|-----|---------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|
| | High | Low | | | | |
| Aug. 2 | 75 | 57 | 0.90 | 3.7 | 30 | SSW |
| Aug. 3 | 75 | 57 | 0.00 | 2.1 | 18 | W |
| Aug. 4 | 68 | 55 | 0.22 | 1.5 | 15 | NE |
| Aug. 5 | 72 | 50 | 0.00 | 3.7 | 20 | NNE |
| Aug. 6 | 69 | 52 | 0.00 | 3.1 | 14 | S |
| Aug. 7 | 71 | 52 | 0.00 | 2.6 | 8 | E |
| Aug. 8 | 71 | 62 | 0.00 | 4.6 | 13 | E |

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2015

| | 2015 | 2014 | Normal Water Content |
|----------------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| Weekly Total | 1.12 | 0.11 | 0.78 |
| August to Date | 1.12 | 0.11 | 0.89 |
| Year to Date | 13.49 | 15.29 | 16.75 |

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

A collage workshop will be held from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. This is a free program for ages 10 to 18 and registration is required. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details and to register.

Sing a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Senior Center, 5039 Campbell Road. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

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

The Barton City Improvement Association will meet at 7 p.m. at the Barton City fire hall on Trask Lake Road. All citizens are encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

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.

Become a Junior Forest Ranger. Use this opportunity to get involved with the forest in many fun and exciting ways. Earn your Junior Forest Ranger badge and help Smokey prevent wildfires. Recommended for ages six to 12. This event will be held from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at Lumberman's Monument, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

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.

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

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

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.

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

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.

Comedy Club night featuring Jason Cooper will be held at the American Legion, 2205 Alger Street, in Mikado starting at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Call, (989) 736-9526 for details.

A program "Eating Around the World" will be held at 1 p.m. at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library, 330 Traverse Bay Road and at 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 West Main Street. This free program is for ages eight to 18 and involves hands-on cooking and crafts. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

A free concert featuring Tom Barbret of Tommy Tunes, will be held at the Spruce Presbyterian Church, 6230 Gillard Road. Enjoy listening and singing words of faith to the tunes of Elvis, Neil Diamond, and many more. A free will offering will be collected.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

There will be a hobo dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, one and a half miles west of US-23 and F-41. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children age five through 12, and no charge for children age four and under. Take-outs available.

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

The 2nd annual Walk Me Home 5k walk or run will start at 9 a.m. at the Duck Park on US-23 in Alpena across from Alpena Regional Medical Center. This a fundraising and awareness event for foster care in America. Not everyone can be a foster parent but Walk Me Home is a great way to support the 13,000 children in foster care in Michigan. To register or donate to the walk visit www.firstgiving.com/walkmehome/nemichigan2015 or call (989) 356-4567.

A euchre tournament will be held at the Greenbush Township Hall on Campbell Street. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and play starts at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. This event is sponsored by the Greenbush Historical Society.

MONDAY, AUGUST 17

There will be a paper making workshop from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. This is a free program for ages eight to 18 and registration is required. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

All ladies are invited to play bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is an easy game to learn, first-timers are always welcome.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 18

Sing a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The selection for August is "Secret Heroes" by Paul Martin. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

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Stop by and see what our vendors have to offer.

SELLING SATURDAYS

Pre-County Fair - August Event

August 15, 2015 (Saturday)

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

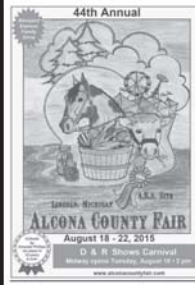
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7/29 thru 8/12



The Family of Maurice High, also known as Mo High, would like to thank everyone for all the cards, visits and contributions to the memorial in his name. Mo loved hunting deer and taking photos of wildlife, we have books of deer and bear. We also want to thank Gillies Funeral Home for all their help, the VFW in Barton City, Bob Merkel and Pastor Margaret Fox for her service and support.

Mary High, Linda, Warren, Brian, Mandi and great grandson Blake Burke

17th Annual Lincoln Lions Car, Tractor & Bike Show Downtown Lincoln Saturday, August 22nd

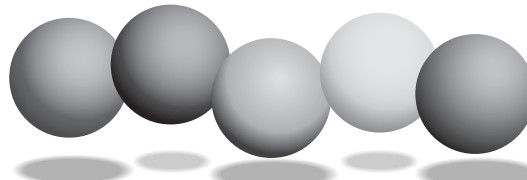


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Soccer Sponsorships

Alcona Youth Soccer still has team sponsorships available for the fall season. There are various levels of sponsorship and all levels receive a sign posted on the field. For more information, contact Michele Wambold at (989) 464-8322.

Hole in One

Bill Dubois shot a hole in one on Springport Hills golf course July, 20 while playing with the Pointers League. This occurred on the seventh hole with a seven wood.



Bill Dubois

Family Reunion

The children of Henry Leeseberg Sr. and Florence LaForge held the fifth annual family reunion on July 25 at the Mikado pavilion. There were 68 people in attendance.

Relatives came from Alaska, Georgia, Kentucky, Wisconsin, Ohio, Hermansville, Mich., Lake Orion, Mich., Clio, Mich., Harrisville, Lincoln, Mikado and Greenbush. A great time was had by all. Next year's reunion will be on Saturday, July 30, 2016 at the Mikado pavilion.

Middle Eastern Cuisine

Kids ages eight to 18 are invited to "Eating Around the World," a new hands-on cooking and craft class supported by United Way of Northeast Michigan and the Alcona County Library. Meet at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library on Friday, Aug. 14 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. or at the Harrisville branch from 3 to 4:30 p.m. to learn about Middle Eastern cuisine prepared with fresh, local ingredients. A craft activity will follow the cooking demonstration. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information, or visit the Web www.library.alcona-lib.mi.us.

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be held Saturday, Aug. 15 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the Alcona County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) in Lincoln. Available this week: Sorrel, carrots, fresh herbs, onions, sweet and hot peppers, potatoes, summer squash, kale, beans, cucumbers, garlic, tomatoes, beets, arugula, Swiss chard, chicken and duck eggs, freshly processed whole chickens and rabbits, all cuts of grass-fed and grain-fed beef, honey, maple syrup, assorted breads, cookies, mini pies, jams and jellies, flavored popcorn, infused vinegars, dried herbs, homemade laundry detergent, perennials, cut flowers, and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Art Classes

Older teenagers and adults are invited to participate in two art classes held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Alpena artist Ellen LaCross will host a papermaking workshop on Monday, Aug. 17 from 1:30 – 3:30 p.m. All materials and light refreshments provided for \$3 per person. Hale artist Kathleen Baker will host a paint, mat and frame workshop on Monday, Aug. 24 from 1 to 4 p.m. All materials and light refreshments are included for \$5 per person. These programs are supported by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. To register or for more information, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the Web at www.library.alcona-lib.mi.us.

Drop in Crafts

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in Drop in Crafts on Tuesday, Aug. 18 from 2:30 – 4 p.m. at the Caledonia branch of the Alcona County Library. All ma-

terials are provided, no registration is required. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information, or visit the Web at www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

Library at the Fair

A craft activity for children sponsored by the Alcona County Library will be held in the pavilion of the Alcona Recreation Area (during the Alcona County Fair) on Wednesday, Aug. 19 from 1 to 2 p.m. All materials and snack are provided. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Veteran Cane Presentation

The Sunrise Side Woodcarvers of Oscoda, in association with the Michigan Woodcarvers Association, will be honoring 16 veterans, 10 of which are Alcona County residents, with hand-carved wooden canes with eagle head handles during a ceremony on Tuesday, Aug. 18 at the Oscoda Senior Center. The ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. with a color guard opening followed by each cane given to the recipient by the person who carved the cane with time for veterans to talk about their service and what receiving the cane means to them. The ceremony is free of charge and the woodcarvers welcome everyone to attend. The Oscoda Senior Center is located at 653 S.W. State Street, (west off US-23 on Smith Street to State turn left and follow road to the end). For more information, contact Bill Hastings at (989) 724-7222 or e-mail at wph5391@gmail.com.

Walk in the Woods

The Alcona Conservation District will be hosting a booth and leading a hike during the Alcona County Fair. Invasive species and sustainable forestry will be the topics of interest. Folks can expect to learn about the invasive species that pose the highest risk to Michigan's natural resources, how to identify them, how to report their presence, and what they can do about them. A hike will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 19 at 2 p.m. All are welcome to come to participate and learn about invasive species. No registration is necessary. The only cost involved is admission to the fair.

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, August 17—Hot dog on a bun, potato lyonnaise, broccoli, and tropical fruit.
- Tuesday, August 18—Roasted pork, baked beans,

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corn, and mandarin oranges.
 • Wednesday, August 19—Beef chop suey, brown rice, peas and carrots, tossed salad, and peaches.

• Thursday, August 20—Chicken pot pie, squash, orange pineapple fluff, and diced apples.

• Friday, August 21—Herb chicken, sweet potatoes, Brussels sprouts, and mixed fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Artist of the Month

Peg Little, of Oscoda, is the artist of the month at the Dragonfly Art Gallery. A reception in her honor will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22 at the gallery in Harrisville. As an artist, Little is inspired by the world around her. She paints to express her enjoyment of nature.

Little spent summers in the Tawas/Oscoda area with her grandparents while growing up. After college she moved to Rogers City, Mich. where she raised her family and taught elementary school for 38 years. During this time she focused on photography and worked with stained glass. Now that she is retired she has time to pursue her love of painting. Little's work has been accepted in several juried shows in Tawas and at the Besser Museum in Alpena. Her work



Peg Little

has also been displayed at the Frankenmuth Art Gallery. It is currently on display at the Dragonfly Art Gallery in Harrisville, the Great Lakes North Gallery in Greenbush, Truly Yours in Oscoda and at the Spirit Line Gallery in AuSable. She enjoys kayaking, Sudoku, baking and playing with her granddaughters in her spare time.

Mini Grants Available

The Alcona County United Way Advisory Committee is accepting mini grant letters from nonprofit, tax-exempt human care organizations in Alcona County. Funds may be earmarked for community

needs, new approaches to previously-identified needs and/or an agency or community emergency. Amount of funding can be up to \$1,500. Awards are for one year and not ongoing. Letters must be submitted by August 28, 2015 to the Alcona County United Way Advisory Committee, c/o Alcona Community Schools, P.O. Box 249, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. The local advisory committee consists of Carolyn Brummund, Shawn Thornton and Don Newport.

Walk to Remember

In the spirit of friendship and as a way of honoring the memories of children, siblings, and grandchildren, the Oscoda Area Chapter of The Compassionate Friends will be holding a memorial walk on Saturday, Aug. 22 at 10 a.m. at Furtaw Field (the home of the Paul Bunyan Statue in Oscoda.) Participants should arrive at 9:30 a.m. There will be photographs along the route of children, siblings and grandchildren who have been taken too soon. Anyone who would like to have their loved one's photo along the route, should e-mail a picture to tcf-oscoda@charter.net. Participants do not have to be a member of the Oscoda Chapter to join in the walk, it is open to anyone who would like to walk to remember.

MEETING CANCELLATION

The regularly-scheduled meeting of the Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners for August 12, 2015, has been cancelled. The next regularly-scheduled meeting will be Wednesday, August 26, 2015, at 4 p.m. at the Road Commission office at 301 N. Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan. Meetings are open to the public.

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awards of excellence for his contribution.

He retired just a few years ago when his phone finally stopped ringing. "I guess people thought I was just too damn old," Roorda quipped with an understanding twinkle in his eye. His strong hands just a bit shaky as he pointed out his name in the many manuals and books he helped write.

Roorda said the move to the Harrisville area was gradual after having lived in Ohio and Lansing, Mich., area. The Roordas brought their family to the Harrisville State Park to camp and Pearl walked along the beach.

"Lake Huron was Pearl's lake. She was a character. She always made a mess of the checking account. I got so disgusted that I just started giving her cash instead. When she had that cash in hand she'd peel off \$20 and stick it in her bathing suit. Over the years of collecting \$20 in her bathing suit she had enough money to make a down payment on this property. We bought it with her bathing suit money, that's a story in its own. My Pearl, she was just a beautiful character," Roorda said.

Roorda was happy with their decision to build here, "I like the surroundings and I like the people. This is the friendliest place in the world. A stranger can come here and announce an intention to be a part of the community and they immediately be-

come a part of it. It's at your own desire to be included or not. It's just full of interesting people," Roorda said.

Roorda was the editor of the Alcona Historical Society's newsletter until recently. He is working on the 2015 edition of the self-guided driving tour of Alcona historic sites. He volunteers at Bailey School where he likes watching children discover the one-room school house.

He enjoys reading, but never reads fiction. He would rather read history especially about the Netherlands or Michigan and still does quite a bit of traveling. He has traveled most of Europe and spent some time in Taiwan. He goes to Holland almost every year.

His immediate goal, besides finishing the tour book, is to just keep up his health. Roorda attributes reaching his age by luck and genetics and doing certain smart things like never smoking. He said he could never understand why people would pay good money for something just to burn it up.

Linda Klemens, president of the Alcona Historical Society, said, "The many contributions Bill has made to the Alcona Historical Society include his 15 years as editor of our newsletter. Even located in other states or countries, Bill kept in touch by e-mail and put the newsletter together. He is our vice president, cochairs the Historic

Site Designation Committee and has dedicated many hours to researching information given on each (interpretive) sign while also writing descriptions for the driving tour book.

Bill is no longer able to physically participate in work bees, but he always attends to offer support and his engineering expertise is invaluable. If we had 10 more Bill Roordas we'd see some real action in the historical society," Klemens said.

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phase of the training where the complexity of the exercise was highlighted by all the combat capabilities working together. Mortars and artillery initiated the attack from kilometers away as aerial platforms like the A-10 Thunderbolt "Warthog" and AH-64 Apache helicopters came in immediately after and targeted the objective with 30 mm canon rounds, 2.75 inch rockets and 500 pound bombs.

"Seeing everything together at one time on one objective was amazing," said 2nd Lt. Randy Jozwiak, a platoon leader in Bravo Troop,

126 Cavalry, who experienced his first Northern Strike exercise. "Experiencing the exercise up and close and personal makes you acutely aware of America's ability to put anyone wishing us ill will in the hurt locker in no time," Jozwiak said.

"This year's exercise has exceeded every expectation I had coming in," said Maj. Justin Bierens, of the Michigan Guard's 63rd Troop Command and senior member of the Northern Strike 15 planning staff. "We have demonstrated the ability to coordinate from theater level assets down to the platoons on the

ground. I come into every Northern Strike expecting an improvement from the previous year, this year feels like we have advanced five years since last year."

Planning has begun for Northern Strike 2016, scheduled for August 1 through August 20, 2016 at Camp Grayling, Alpena CRTC and Rogers City. "In addition to exceeding the metrics achieved this year," said Lt. Col. Ryan Connelly, deputy operations officer for the Michigan Guard, "we are planning to conduct night operations, which represents the pinnacle of training challenge."



A Joint Terminal Attack Controller assigned to the 274th Air Support Operations Squadron, Tactical Air Control Party, Syracuse, N.Y., observes the field before calling in close air support during a combined live fire exercise as part of Northern Strike 15, July 20, 2015. NS 15 is an annual training exercise on CGJMTTC that assesses joint air-to-ground capability and involves hundreds of military personnel from twenty different states as well as Canada, Latvia, Poland and Australia. (U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Seth LaCount/Released)



A UH-60 Black Hawk transports 125th Infantry Regiment A Company Detroit, Mich. on a training mission on July 23 during Exercise Northern Strike 2015 at Grayling Air Gunnery Range in Grayling, Mich. Exercise Northern Strike 2015 is a joint multi-national combined arms training exercise conducted in Michigan. (U.S. Air National Guard photo by Master Sgt. Scott Thompson/ released)

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Mobile safety products that can help seniors on the go

Dear Savvy Senior,
Do you know of any medical alert SOS buttons for seniors that work away from the home? I would like to get one for my 80-year-old mother, but would like to find one that's not limited to the house.
Shopping Son

Dear Shopping,
There are actually a number of medical alert products on the market today that give seniors the flexibility to call for help both inside and outside the home.

For years, medical alert devices (also known as "personal emergency response systems" or PERS) have been popular home safety products for elderly seniors that live alone. These systems come with a wearable SOS pendent button - usually a necklace or wristband - and a base station that connects to the home phone line.

At the press of a button, your loved one could call and talk to a trained operator through the system's base sta-

tion receiver, which works like a powerful speakerphone. The operator will find out what's wrong, and will notify family members, a neighbor, friend or emergency services as needed.

But these devices are limited because they only work in and around the house. If you're away from home and need help, you're out of luck. But today, there are numerous mobile products that work anywhere. Here are some top options.

If you're interested in getting your mom a comprehensive, high-end medical alert device that works everywhere, consider the Philips Lifeline GoSafe system. It provides a necklace pendent button, which works like a two-way communication device, allowing your mom to speak and listen directly through the pedant.

If your mom were to fall or need help at home, she could press the button and the home-base communicator system would be activated to

make the call to the response center, who would then dispatch help as needed. But if she fell or needed help away from home, the system's AT&T wireless network would kick in and place the call.

This system also has six sophisticated locating technologies so the response center would know your mom's exact location, even where GPS signals are weak. And it has fall detection sensors built into the pendent that can automatically summon help if a fall is detected and your mom is unable to push the button.

The GoSafe is available at lifelinesys.com or by calling (855) 276-7761 for \$149, with monthly services fees that start at \$55.

If the GoSafe is more than your mom needs, another option that's easier on the budget is the GreatCall Splash, which costs only \$50, with a \$35 activation fee and monthly service fees that start at \$20.

This pendent-style waterproof device, which fits in the palm of your hand, works like



Savvy Senior

a cell phone with GPS tracking capabilities, and can be worn on a belt, around the neck or attached to a key chain.

To call for help, your mom would push one button, and an operator from the device's emergency monitoring service would be on the line to assist her, and because of the GPS technology, her general location would be known. Or, for even more peace of mind, there's the Splash with fall detection capabilities (this option costs \$35 per month, and the pendent must be worn around the neck for it to work) that will automatically call for help when a fall is detected.

The Splash can be purchased at GreatCall.com or by calling (800) 918-8543, or at Wal-Mart, Sears, Best Buy and Rite Aid Pharmacy stores.

If you want some additional options to shop and compare, there are other good companies that offer moderately priced mobile alerts, including Consumer Cellular (consumercellular.com/ally); Bay Alarm Medical (bayalarmmedical.com); Mobile-Help (mobilehelp.com); Medical Alert (medicalalert.com); Life Alert (lifealert.com) and SafeGuardian (safeguardian.com).

(Send questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070.)



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The annual Sunrise Mission Ride for the Homeless of Alpena brought nearly 40 motorcycles thundering into the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse grounds on Saturday, Aug. 1, with 55 participants riding to raise money for the mission. The group made \$3,550 in the one-day ride, traveling about 100 miles. This was their 16th ride which is held the first Saturday in August annually. Nate Burley, spokesperson for the group said the group had made over \$160,000 for Sunrise Mission in the last 16 years. Members always have a lot of fun along the way and have never had a bad weather day since they started. *Photo by Willy Weber*

Prevent bear problems by removing all food sources

As hard to believe as it might be, black bears see a bird feeder as a food source. Bird feeders, garbage cans and barbecue grills all are bear attractants that humans can control.

Bears are more noticeable to people right now, as young bears are establishing their own territories. Bears typically mate in late June to early August, and the mother will kick out her yearlings in order to do so. Those yearling bears now are looking for new, unoccupied territory and will be roaming to find a new home.

"Bears are looking for food and new territory," said Kevin Swanson, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife management specialist with the bear and wolf program. "While we might not think of bird feeders and trash cans as food sources, a hungry bear certainly may."

Bird seed is especially attractive to bears because of its high fat content and easy access. Once bird feeders are discovered, bears will keep coming back until the seed is gone or the feeders have been removed. Bears are capable of remembering reliable food sources from year to year.

"The majority of complaints we receive about nuisance bears involve a food source, and these issues tend to rise in years when natural food availability is low," Swanson said. "The easiest thing people can do to avoid creating a problem is to take in their bird feeders and store other attractants, like grills, trash cans and pet food, in a garage or storage shed."

Bears that are rewarded with food each time they visit a yard can become habituated to man-made food sources. This can create an unsafe situation for the bear and become a nuisance for landowners if a bear continuously visits their yard during the day and repeatedly destroys private property in search of food.

Those who have taken appropriate actions to remove food sources for a period of two to three weeks, but are not seeing results, should contact the nearest DNR office and speak with a wildlife biologist or technician for further assistance.

For more information about Michigan black bears, visit www.michigan.gov/bear.

ALCONA COUNTY FAIR CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND JUDGING

Monday, August 17

- 12 – 8 p.m. Vendor Setup
- 12 – 8 p.m. Non-perishable exhibits accepted at Home Arts Bldg.
- 12 – 5 p.m. All livestock must be in their stalls/pens by 5 p.m.
- 6 p.m. Animal inspection
- 6:30 p.m. Small Market Animal Weigh-in (Poultry/Rabbit Barn)
- Large Market Animal Weigh-in (Joslin Arena)

Tuesday, August 18 Free Admission

- 9 a.m. Poultry Judging (Poultry Barn)
- 9 a.m. Entries must be in Home Arts Bldg.
- 10 a.m. Flag Raising & Opening Ceremony (Flag Poles)
- 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Barns Open
- 10 a.m. – 1 p.m. Home Arts Bldg. Closed for Judging
- 12 p.m. Pictures must be at fair office for Cutest Baby Contest
- 12 – 2 p.m. Science Spectacular "All About Bubbles" (Pavilion)
- 1, 3 & 5 p.m. Barnyard express followed by God's Most Valuable Puppet Show
- 1 – 4 p.m. Michigan Child ID Program
- 1 p.m. Silent Auction Begins (Home Arts Bldg.)
- 1 – 8 p.m. Campbell and Home Arts Bldgs. Open
- 2 p.m. Carnival (D & R Shows) Opens (Midway) \$5 Armbands – All Day
- 3 p.m. Cattle Judging (Joslin Arena)
- 5:30 p.m. Kids Free Bike Giveaway (Bandstand)
- 6 p.m. Kids Interactive Program "Let's get geared up for the Alcona County Fair" followed by free ice cream cones
- 6 p.m. Gun Raffle Drawing (Bandstand)
- 6:30 p.m. Swine Judging (Joslin Arena)
- 7 p.m. Equestrian Drill Team Horse Show

Wednesday, August 19 (Seniors, 55 years & older - \$1 at Gate) (Free Kids Rides 2 – 4 p.m.)

- 9 a.m. Rabbit Judging (Rabbit/Rodent Barn)
- Pocket Pets follow Rabbit Judging
- 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Barns Open
- 12 – 2 p.m. Meet "Smokey Bear" USFS
- 1 – 6 p.m. Michigan Child ID Program
- 1 – 2 p.m. Kids Stories & Crafts by Alcona county Library (Pavilion)
- 1, 3 & 5 p.m. Barnyard Express followed by God's Most Valuable Puppet Show
- 1 – 8 p.m. Campbell and Home Arts Bldgs. Open
- 2 p.m. Sustainable Forestry Demonstration Tours
- 2 p.m. Carnival (D & R Shows) Opens (Midway)
- 2 – 4 p.m. Free Kids Rides (17 years & younger)
- 3 p.m. Sheep & Goat Judging (Joslin Arena)
- 4 – 8 p.m. Free Laser Tag (Motocross Track)
- 5 p.m. Fair Board Steak Fry (Pavilion) Tickets at Fair Office
- 5:30 p.m. Kids Free Bike Giveaway (Bandstand)
- 6 p.m. Draft Horse Pull (Horse Arena)

Thursday, August 20 (\$10 for a Car Load)

- 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Barns Open
- 1, 3, 5 & 7 p.m. Barnyard Express
- 1 – 8 p.m. Campbell and Home Arts Bldgs. Open
- 2 p.m. Carnival (D & R Shows) Opens (Midway)
- 2:30 p.m. Tractor Parade to Track Area followed by Olympic Tractor Games
- 5 p.m. 4-H Awards Ceremony (Joslin Arena)
- 5:30 p.m. Kids Free Bike Giveaway (Bandstand)
- 6 p.m. Mud Drags
- 6 p.m. Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale

Friday, August 21

- 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Barns Open
- 10 a.m. Youth Horse Show (Horse Arena)
- 12 p.m. Ye Olde Farmstead Exhibits Judging (Home Arts)
- 1, 3 & 5 p.m. Barnyard Express
- 1 – 8 p.m. Campbell and Home Arts Bldgs. Open
- 2 p.m. Carnival (D & R Shows) Opens (Midway)
- 2 – 4 p.m. Kid's Games by Alcona FFA
- 4 p.m. Pancake & Sausage Dinner – FFA Alumni (Pavilion)
- 5 p.m. Tractor Parade on Track
- 5:30 p.m. Kids Free Bike Giveaway (Bandstand)
- 6 p.m. Youth Speed Show
- 6 p.m. Local Truck & Tractor Show & Pull followed by Professional Pullers

Saturday, August 22

- 8 a.m. Motocross Racing – Dirt Inc., Registration 8 – 10 a.m.
- Drivers Meeting at 10:30 a.m., Racing starts at 11 a.m.
- 10 a.m. – 10 p.m. Barns Open
- 10:30 a.m. Open Horse Show (Horse Arena)
- 11 a.m. "Dress Your Vegetable" Contest (Home Arts Bldg.)
- 12 p.m. Coloring Contest Submission Deadline (Home Arts)
- 12 p.m. Flapjack Eating Contest
- During the afternoon local fire departments will entertain with competitions. Check for times.
- 1 p.m. Wee Showmanship for Small Tots, Register Day of Show (Joslin Arena)
- 1 & 3 p.m. Barnyard Express
- 1 – 8 p.m. Campbell and Home Arts Bldgs. Open
- 2 p.m. Carnival (D & R Shows) Opens (Midway)
- 2 p.m. Youth Coloring Contest Winners Announced
- 2 p.m. Horse Fun Show, Register at Horse Arena
- 3 p.m. Cake Walk Contest
- 4 p.m. Silent Auction Ends, Winners Announced
- 5:30 p.m. Kids Fee Bike Giveaway (Bandstand)
- 5:30 p.m. Cutest Baby Contest Winner Announced
- 6 p.m. Open Horse Seed Show (Horse Arena)
- 7 p.m. Bump & Run
- Crossbow/Generator Raffle Drawing
- 10 p.m. All Exhibits Released

Sunday, August 23

- Animals and Exhibits off the Grounds by Noon
- *This Schedule is Subject to Change

Tapping into summer bluegill fishing

Once bluegill have finished spawning in the spring and they are no longer concentrated in shallow bedding areas, larger adult bluegill can be hard to locate. Because of this, many anglers give up targeting this tasty fish until the next spring. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Here are three tips on how to locate and catch this scrappy fighter and great table fare after the warm days of summer have arrived.

First and foremost, go deep. The larger bluegill (and often other species as well) move out from shore and down into deeper water where temperatures remain much cooler. In most typical Michigan lakes this means fishing about 10-15 feet down either with slip bobbers or drifting without a bobber using a lightly-weighted line (1-2 small split shot), a small hook on the end, and enough line out to keep your bait at those depths. In lakes with clear water you may have to go as deep as 20 feet or more.

Second, try different baits. While half a crawler or a large worm with a small hook in just one end is always good, the larger fish also love leeches or crickets if your local bait shop has them available. The tough skin on a leech usually allows you to catch several fish on each bait and the wiggling legs on a cricket seem to be irresistible. Scented leech imitations or even the wax worms used while ice fishing can also work.

Third, don't be afraid to move away from the shore. During warm weather the larger bluegill often suspend out in the middle of the lake. A slow, leisurely drift without a bobber across deeper areas can often lead to finding such a suspended school. You can then stop and target them with slip bobbers or keep drifting through the same area resulting in catching several of the larger fish suspended there.

But beware -- you never know when a much larger fish such as a walleye, bass or good-size yellow perch might also be hanging out in that deeper water and hungry enough to grab that tasty morsel drifting by.

(This tip was written by Jeff Braunscheidel, southeast Michigan fisheries biologist.)

Northeast Lower Peninsula August 6

• Burt Lake: Was producing some walleye right along with crappie, perch, rock bass and smallmouth bass.

• Mullett Lake: Anglers were catching walleye. Try trolling crawler harnesses in 20 feet off the mouth of the Cheboygan River. Look for smallmouth bass in 20 to 30 feet off the state park.

• Rogers City: Boat anglers were running lines up and down the water column in 120 to 180 feet. Steelhead were hitting orange spoons up high. Coho, Chinook and lake trout were also caught. Try blue, green and white spoons or glow spoons first and last light.

• West Twin Lake: Had good

Northeast Michigan

Fishing Report



walleye fishing just before dark and the first hour after.

• Alpena: When they can get out, anglers caught steelhead, lake trout, walleye and the occasional salmon near the "Humps," Thunder Bay Island, toward Rockport and the wreck in 60 to 120 feet. Target the entire water column with spoons. Good colors were orange, green, black and white or anything that glows early and late.

Walleye are starting to leave the bay and head out toward deeper water. Try the turn basin, North Shore, Rockport, or around Thunder Bay Island and Sulphur Island with crawler harnesses and body baits. Some are switching to smaller spoons or body baits.

• Thunder Bay River: Was not producing much except for the occasional smallmouth bass, rock bass or freshwater drum.

• Fletchers Pond: Was producing some large bluegills. Bass anglers were doing better now than earlier in the season.

• Harrisville: Anglers reported steady catch rates for lake trout and walleye with the occasional Atlantic, Chinook or steelhead also caught. Lake trout were targeted in 70 to 150 feet. The fish were suspended between 10 feet off the bottom and 20 feet from the surface. Anglers are using lead core, copper, longlines and downriggers with spoons, wobble glos, spin-glos and body baits.

Walleye seem to be north of the harbor in good numbers. Anglers are launching from Harrisville and the Black River and fishing between Sturgeon Point and the mouth of the Black River. They are trolling crawler harnesses and body baits in 12 to 30 feet.

• Oscoda: Pier anglers caught smallmouth bass and channel cats. There have been a few reports of an occasional walleye caught. Lake trout were in abundance north, south or straight out from the river. The fish were suspended throughout the water column in 90 to 160 feet. Spoons, flies, cut bait and wobble glows worked well.

• Higgins Lake: Is producing some perch and lots of rock bass. Try 30 to 40 feet for the perch. Rock bass have been caught throughout the lake.

• Houghton Lake: Walleye were hitting on crawlers and leeches. Panfish were deep but should have moved in shallower after the cold front.

• Tawas: Most of the fishing success is coming from deeper water near the Gravelly Shoals, the Steeples, or near and past the Charity Islands in 15 to 35 feet. Some are still fishing inside Tawas

Point in 10 to 25 feet, Buoys 4 through 6 and near Jerry's Marina. They are using lindy rigs and casting. No reports from the Tawas River.

• AuGres: Anglers here were going deeper and fishing out past the Charity Islands and around the Steeples.

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This "surprise sunflower" came up in the garden of Marshall and Amy Stevens of Spruce, planted by one of their resident chipmunks. *Courtesy photo.*



A monarch butterfly enjoys the butterfly bush in Ann Pringle's Black River garden. *Courtesy photo.*

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of August 3-9, 2015

89 complaints were handled with the following results: 3 Arrests; 1 Agency Assist; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 1 Warrant.

Complaint Statistics

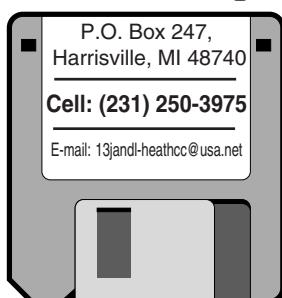
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| Miscellaneous | 8 | Agency Assist | 5 |
| Dog/Animal | 13 | Traffic | 8 |
| Malicious Destruction of Prop. | 1 | Alarm | 8 |
| Driving While License Susp. | 1 | Enter without Permission | 1 |
| Domestic | 1 | Marine | 1 |
| Harassment/Threats/Stalking | 1 | Patrol Check | 1 |
| Operate While Intoxicated | 1 | Assault & Battery | 1 |
| Warrant Arrest | 1 | Civil | 2 |
| Juvenile | 2 | Be on the Lookout | 1 |
| Breaking and Entering | 2 | Suicidal Subject | 1 |
| Natural/Obvious Death | 1 | Larceny | 3 |
| Neighbor Trouble | 2 | Lost & Found Property | 1 |
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| Fire | 3 | Suspicious Events | 5 |
| Gunshots Heard | 1 | | |

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Youngsters learn the basics of archaeology at summer Dig Camp

Kids dig digging. So the Michigan Historical Museum gave a number of them the opportunity to spend a week hanging out with professional diggers.

No, not heavy equipment operators or agricultural workers -- archaeologists.

The museum, located in the Michigan Historical Center on the state government campus in downtown Lansing, put on a pair of "Dig Camps" this summer -- weeklong plunges into the world of archaeology. Eighteen eight to 10-year-olds, and 15 11 to 13-year-olds spent a week at the center learning about what archaeologists do, and don't do.

"We tell the kids that we don't do dinosaurs," said Dean Anderson, the state archaeologist. "That's what paleontologists do."

What archaeologists do, Anderson said, is people. "Archaeologists are interested in human history," he said. "That's our thing." In Michigan, that means roughly the last 14,000 years.

Dig Camp is in its second year. After last year's pilot program was deemed a success, the museum expanded it to two camps and the class size -- originally set at 10 -- was increased because of demand.

Stacy Tchorzynski, an archaeologist who works at the



Youngsters sift through make-shift archaeological sites at the Michigan Historical Museum's Dig Camp this summer. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

historical center and in the State Historic Preservation Office, said the camp was designed to give youngsters an overview of archaeology in an age-appropriate manner. The state's annual official Archaeology Day (October 10, this year) has been "so ragingly popular the last few years, we thought, 'Why not have a whole week instead of just a day?'"

The weeklong camp involves a variety of activities at the historical center and elsewhere on the Capitol complex grounds.

One exercise had the youngsters dividing into teams and meeting up with museum staffers at various "habitats" to gather resources (actually, just pictures) that are available in those habitats during the appropriate seasons. In the wetlands, for instance, they could gather cattails or wild rice in fall or black willow for medicinal purposes, while in the sum-

mer they could collect fish from the river.

The idea was show how early peoples in Michigan used the natural environment to provide for their needs and how they had to choose the appropriate environments to live in at various times of year.

"The session was on how to live a whole year before people could go to McDonalds," Tchorzynski said. "It builds respect for earlier people -- how creative and technically innovative they were -- and how they lived in their environment."

But it isn't all games. "We take them into the lab so they can work with artifacts," Tchorzynski said. "They get to touch real pieces of Michigan history. It's different when you can hold a stone axe in your hand instead of just looking at it in a glass case. You get a feel for

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A youngster pieces together shards of an old dish uncovered at the Michigan Historical Museum's summer Dig Camp.

August Programs at the Alcona County Library Harrisville branch for more info call 989-724-6796 Or visit the Web www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us

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Friday, August 13
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1 – 2:30 p.m. at the LINCOLN Branch
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Monday, August 17
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Tuesday, August 18 — noon
Alcona Book Club discusses "Secret Heroes" by Paul Martin
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Tuesday, August 18 – 2:30 – 4:30 p.m.
Drop in Craft for Children at the CALEDONIA Branch

Friday, August 21 – 10:15 a.m.
Hawaii Day Storytime & Craft – Celebrate all things tropical!

Monday, August 24 – 1 - 4 p.m.
Paint, Mat & Frame workshop with Kathleen Baker**
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how heavy it is and what it took to make it.”

Other activities include touring the Capitol complex grounds and viewing historic photographs of what the area looked like before it was developed.

Jessica Yann, a student assistant at the State Historic Preservation Office who helped develop the program, said the camp is designed to be fun and a learning experience at the same time. “Archaeology isn’t a topic most kids learn in school,” she said. “But at the same time, you’re doing math, learning history, using language arts – just by doing this one topic you can teach kids a lot of different skills.”

One of the highlights of the camp is when the kids have their own dig at a 900-square-foot, makeshift archaeological site created by the staff. The instructors install an area with several feet of various types of soil in which they bury artifacts. The youngsters are taught the proper way to excavate and screen the soil for historical clues.

“The oldest stuff is at the bottom,” Tchorzynski said. “They might find a Coke can in the top layer and at the bottom, pieces of broken pottery. It’s what you’d learn in a basic field school – how to excavate carefully and how to keep the time periods separate.”

“They enjoy the day and enjoy trying to figure out what kind of site they excavated – an old schoolhouse or an old fishing village.”

The camps seemed to be a hit with the kids – who ranged from physical, outgoing types to introspective thinkers. Two youngsters at this year’s dig for the older students were



Dig Camp participant Preston Bayus shows off some items he uncovered from the 1970s at the Michigan Historical Center.

participants last year who came back again because the camp was fun.

Julia Droscha from Mason, Mich., who’ll be a seventh-grader this fall, said it was “super fun” last year and “even more fun” this year, even though she doesn’t see herself heading into archaeology. “I want to go into astronomy or astrophysics,” she said. “But I like the past, too, so it’s cool.”

About half the week’s activities are inside, half outside, Tchorzynski said. The youngsters may be out throwing spears or using a map or compass, or they might be inside studying artifacts or playing games. During one exercise, the kids visit offices in the historical center and try to determine the occupants’ jobs, based on the artifacts they see. “There’s field work, lab work and research,” Tchorzynski said. “There’s a place for everybody in archaeology.”

The Michigan Historical Museum will begin advertising next year’s Dig Camps in the spring. For more information on this and other pro-

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Participants at the Michigan Historical Museum’s summer Dig Camp are taught to excavate carefully so as not to damage any artifacts they might find.

Super Crossword

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 19

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Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass.

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

Learn about the sport of geocaching. There are geocaches hidden all over the world. During this program you will learn about using a GPS and a compass to find geocaches hidden at Lumberman's Monument. This event will be held at 1 p.m. at Lumberman's Monument, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road. Call (989) 362-8961 for details.

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.

"Free Range Crafts", something new for crafters, will meet from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Bring in your crafts in progress, crafts to do, ideas and questions to share with others. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

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

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21
Hawaii Day storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Review, 312 West Main Street. Hawaiian attire encouraged. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

A craft and bake sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the parking lot of the United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23) in Harrisville. For more information, call Connie at (989) 724-6643 or Joan at (989) 724-6546

My Brother's Hope Potluck Cafe - Take 2 will serve a free meal and offer free haircuts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

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• Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



County organized state wide prohibition

Important Meeting of Anti-Saloon Workers Held at Lincoln

100 Years Ago ~ August 12, 1915

A meeting of the Anti-Saloon forces of Alcona county, recently organized for the purpose of taking care of the submission of State-wide prohibition movement in this county, was held at Lincoln August 4th, last.

It was a meeting called for the purpose of getting together the various township committees to take into consideration a complete canvass of the entire county for names upon the petitions.

At this meeting there was a nice representative attendance and the substance of the proceedings ordered published in both papers. There was a splendid spirit manifested for earnest and thorough work.

The meeting was called to order by President O. H. Smith. Prayer was offered by Rev. Roe of Alcona township. The secretary, Mrs. Plew, was present and read the record of the first meeting, organizing for this work. The first meeting having decided to have committees in each school district where possible, the meeting at once took that part of the work.

The following committees were appointed by the chairman of the townships represented. Alcona township: Rev. Roe chairman, appointed Richard Nicholson, Samuel Roe and Rev. Roe for the Liston school district; Hector McKinnon and Mr. Kennedy for the Black River school district. Harrisville township, Frank Chapelle chairman, appointed John McIntyre, Wm. Gilpin and W. J. Anderson for Fisher school district; Stanford Clemens, Mr. Higbee and Geo. Forsythe for Dean school district; Frank Spencer and Fred Ricker for Spencer district; Geo. Emerick and Dick Procnunier for Wilson district. For Harrisville City and township school district, Ward I, Ed. Green, Ward 2, Geo. Cuyler, Ward 3, Clark Smith and John Greenfield for the township part. Haynes township, Alex McNeil chairman, appointed D. McClellan., Jas. McCollough, Henry Beaton for school district No. 1.; Jas. Henderson and Geo. Holmes for district No. 2; Robt. Somers, Walter Slater and Alex Yuill for district No. 3; Wm. Goodsell, Geo. Jack and Alex McNeil for district No. 4 and Wm. Bushey for Fr. district No. 5. (This last appointment to apply merely to territory in Haynes township.) Gustin township, Fred. A. Becker chairman. In this township previous arrangements had been made and the Rev. Hiser was given charge of all the territory of Lincoln district lying in Gustin township and Fred A. Becker was given the Killmaster school district.

The chairman of each township not represented at the meeting is requested to organize his own township as soon as possible. The following are the chairman of the unrepresented townships: Mitchell township, John Pattee; Curtis, C. E. Schoolcraft; Mikado, Ambrose Thompson; Greenbush, Duncan McRat;

Caledonia, D. E. McDonald. Rev. Brown of Barton City has the handling of the townships of Hawes and Millen.

At the close of the meeting a very interesting incident took place in the way of deciding upon a picnic at Lincoln September 8, for the workers, Committees and friends of the cause. This picnic is one of the kind known as a Basket picnic and all will feel at home by

doing as they please in the way of tables, etc. It was thought that inasmuch as many would come from a distance that a basket picnic would be much more convenient for all. Everyone is invited to this gathering, which will be in charge of the following committee: The Revs. Hiser, Roe, Brown, Smith and Andrews and Irving Eddy of Mikado and Frank LaChapelle of Harrisville.

It was explained by the chairman that the method of trying to get an amendment to the Constitution was what is known as the Initiatory method; That by it, if the requisite names (between 45 and 60,000) are secured upon the petitions that the secretary of the State orders the submission of the question at the next regular election of either Fall or Spring, as the case may be,

unless the legislature should in the meantime meet and throw out the petitions for some irregularity. Hence it was urged upon each committeeman to be very careful to see that the signers were electors, and petitions circulated within their own territory so that each could make an affidavit of the same.



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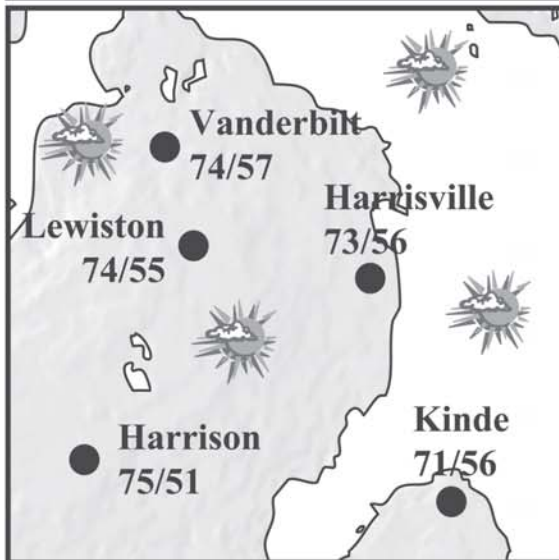
Alcona Review Weather Report

Aug. 12, 2015

Seven Day Forecast

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| | WEDNESDAY Mostly Sunny High: 73 Low: 56 |
| | THURSDAY Isolated T-storms High: 76 Low: 64 |
| | FRIDAY Mostly Sunny High: 78 Low: 61 |
| | SATURDAY Sunny High: 76 Low: 60 |
| | SUNDAY Sunny High: 79 Low: 62 |
| | MONDAY Partly Cloudy High: 78 Low: 59 |
| | TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 76 Low: 58 |

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 73°, humidity of 64%. North wind 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 91° set in 1988. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 56°. The record low for tonight is 40° set in 1979. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms.

*Last Week's Almanac

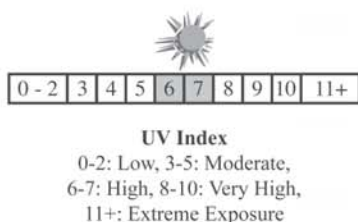
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| Wednesday | 76 | 51 | 78/55 | 0.00" |
| Thursday | 75 | 47 | 78/55 | 0.00" |
| Friday | 76 | 47 | 78/54 | 0.00" |
| Saturday | 76 | 58 | 78/54 | 0.00" |
| Sunday | 80 | 52 | 78/54 | 0.00" |

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset |
|--------------------|---------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| New 8/14 | Wednesday 6:32 a.m. | 8:43 p.m. | 4:41 a.m. | 7:22 p.m. |
| Thursday 6:34 a.m. | 8:41 p.m. | 5:40 a.m. | 7:58 p.m. | |
| Friday 6:35 a.m. | 8:40 p.m. | 6:39 a.m. | 8:31 p.m. | |
| Saturday 6:36 a.m. | 8:38 p.m. | 7:38 a.m. | 9:00 p.m. | |
| First 8/22 | Sunday 6:37 a.m. | 8:37 p.m. | 8:36 a.m. | 9:28 p.m. |
| Monday 6:38 a.m. | 8:35 p.m. | 9:34 a.m. | 9:55 p.m. | |
| Tuesday 6:39 a.m. | 8:33 p.m. | 10:32 a.m. | 10:22 p.m. | |

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 86° in Patuxent River, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 96° in Biloxi, Miss. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 105° in Lewiston, Idaho. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 110° in Yuma, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

| | Rise | Set |
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| Mercury | 8:10 a.m. | 9:31 p.m. |
| Venus | 7:21 a.m. | 8:14 p.m. |
| Mars | 4:59 a.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| Jupiter | 7:28 a.m. | 9:12 p.m. |
| Saturn | 3:07 p.m. | 12:47 a.m. |
| Uranus | 10:52 p.m. | 11:59 a.m. |

Weather History

Aug. 12, 1989 - Thunderstorms were scattered across nearly every state by late in the day. Thunderstorms produced wind gusts to 75 mph at Fergus Falls, Minn., and golf ball size hail and wind gusts to 60 mph at Black Creek, Wis. In the Chicago area, seven people at a forest preserve in North Riverside were injured by lightning.

Weather Trivia

Are thunderstorms the only source of lightning?
 Answer: Lightning is also produced by steam clouds from volcanoes.
 www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Fire in the Sky!

When John Denver wrote in his iconic song, Rocky Mountain High, "I've seen it rain fire in the sky," he was referring to the annual Perseid Meteor Shower which is now active. Highest rates are predicted for the morning of Thursday, August 13. Temperatures will be tolerable; it's vacation time, and unlike last year when faint meteors were hidden by a bright gibbous moon that bleached the inky sky, Luna is not even a consideration in 2015. An extremely thin crescent moon rises near daybreak, not in any way affecting observations. Watching a major meteor show is certainly like witnessing fire in the sky. Unexpected streaks of light caused by the dross left behind by Comet Swift-Tuttle's many orbital passages around the sun will dash across the sky, with an occasional brilliant fireball burning its impression onto your retina as well as your senses. An evening with the Perseids is always time well spent; but don't forget to dress warmly or at least have extra clothing on hand as the night progresses. I've always found it most comfortable to snuggle within the confines of a light sleeping bag on an air mattress with plastic ground tarps under and over my sleeping gear to protect it from the dew. You'll find a pillow handy and also a thermos containing a warm, caffeinated beverage. Start observing around or after midnight. Face towards the northeast but view overhead, usually the darkest part of the sky. Perseids will appear to fan away from this area of the sky near the border between Perseus and Cassiopeia. Many Perseids leave residual wakes and trains of glowing air after the initial meteor phenomenon subsides. The farther away you are from city lights, the more meteors you will see, but one meteor every minute or two is a reasonable expectation from a rural locale—half of that from the suburbs. If you can't observe on the morning of the 13th, a few days earlier is better than later because Perseid rates decline rapidly after maximum night. Much success! www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MEASUREMENTS:** A quindecennial refers to what period of time?
2. **CARTOONS:** Who was the voice of Nigel in the animated series "The Wild Thornberrys"?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** In what U.S. state did the Battle of Kennesaw Mountain take place during the Civil War?
4. **ASTRONOMY:** What shape is the Milky Way galaxy?
5. **LANGUAGE:** What is the meaning of the Latin phrase, "Cogito ergo sum"?
6. **MOVIES:** What was the name of Meg Ryan's bookstore in "You've Got Mail"?
7. **LITERATURE:** What is the name of the bookstore in Diagon Alley in the "Harry Potter" series?
8. **EXPLORERS:** Which European explorer discovered a sea route to India?
9. **HISTORY:** During what war did the Battle of Trafalgar take place?
10. **MATH:** What is the decimal equivalent of the fraction 1/5?

Answers: 1. 15 years; 2. Actor Tim Curry; 3. Georgia; 4. Spiral; 5. "I think, therefore I am"; 6. The Shop Around the Corner; 7. Flourish and Blotts; 8. Vasco da Gama; 9. Napoleonic Wars; 10. 0.2 (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword X-TENSIONS

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 "Get — case!"</p> <p>6 1980s Chrysler line</p> <p>10 Walk</p> <p>15 Stockpile</p> <p>19 Writer — Boothe Luce</p> <p>20 Top-grade</p> <p>21 Say hi, in modern slang</p> <p>22 Baa maids?</p> <p>23 Jungle guy who loves high points?</p> <p>26 Corn-on-the-cob units</p> <p>27 Farming prefix</p> <p>28 Italian gold</p> <p>29 Input info</p> <p>30 Formal letter</p> <p>32 System of pontiffs</p> <p>35 Plea from an allergic person to a pair of gloves?</p> <p>37 Christmas quaff</p> <p>38 Piebald pony</p> <p>39 Auld lang —</p> <p>40 Fan setting</p> <p>41 Period of constant change?</p> <p>44 Wrap-up</p> <p>46 Derby, e.g.</p> <p>49 "I'll do it"</p> | <p>50 V preceders</p> <p>53 Young baby</p> <p>57 Request that one attend</p> <p>61 Glassware for a burial urn?</p> <p>64 — serif</p> <p>67 Seized vehicle, often</p> <p>69 Actress Talbot</p> <p>70 Eye narrowly</p> <p>71 From — Z</p> <p>72 Luxury watch moving counter-clockwise?</p> <p>75 "... — penny earned"</p> <p>76 Numerous</p> <p>78 Swamp plant</p> <p>79 Mermaids' realms</p> <p>80 Preowned</p> <p>81 Take sailor Drake for oneself?</p> <p>84 Edifice tops</p> <p>86 Altar boy</p> <p>87 Letter-shaped hardware bit</p> <p>89 "— it!" (cry upon arrival)</p> <p>93 Copy cats</p> <p>94 Miami loc.</p> <p>97 Writer Haley holding a grudge?</p> <p>101 Down dinner</p> | <p>104 See 106-Down</p> <p>107 Swimmer Janet</p> <p>108 Family guy</p> <p>109 Cuban revolutionary who loves cereal?</p> <p>113 Twinkling</p> <p>115 Part of EDT</p> <p>116 Jethro —</p> <p>118 Alias letters</p> <p>119 "... — it Memorex?"</p> <p>121 Stud money</p> <p>122 Chem lab reaction all over again?</p> <p>126 Hershey toffee bar</p> <p>127 "Milk" co-star Hirsch</p> <p>128 Old music halls</p> <p>129 "It pleases me!"</p> <p>130 "Baseball Tonight" ainer</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Bi- x four</p> <p>2 It may hold Old Glory</p> <p>3 Admiral who captured New Orleans in 1862</p> | <p>4 Old U.S. postal mascot</p> <p>5 "Pro" vote</p> <p>6 Pop's — and the Waves</p> <p>7 Joint emcees</p> <p>8 Prop- or hex-ender</p> <p>9 Part of ROM</p> <p>10 1982 Pryor/Gleason comedy</p> <p>11 First hit for the Police</p> <p>12 Boat wood</p> <p>13 Meek as —</p> <p>14 Biblical lion's den survivor</p> <p>15 Tilting board</p> <p>16 Be in store</p> <p>17 Vivacity</p> <p>18 New Jersey county west of Hudson</p> <p>24 "I swear it!"</p> <p>25 Water lily leaves</p> <p>31 — Poke (candy on a stick)</p> <p>33 Church projections</p> <p>34 Anchor</p> <p>36 Finger count</p> <p>37 Grid org.</p> <p>42 Dec. 25</p> <p>43 Bad-check abbr.</p> <p>45 Genetic helix</p> <p>46 Actor Ed</p> <p>47 Not anxious</p> | <p>48 Classified notice, e.g.</p> <p>51 Hip (to)</p> <p>52 Harvard or Yale: Abbr.</p> <p>54 City in Texas</p> <p>55 German automaker</p> <p>56 "Science Guy" of PBS</p> <p>58 "H.R. Pufnstuf" producer Sid or Marty</p> <p>59 — Aviv</p> <p>60 "Fidelio," e.g.</p> <p>62 Summers, in Sedan</p> <p>63 Seen less</p> <p>64 Respectful</p> <p>65 Immediately</p> <p>66 "Some other time"</p> <p>68 Plow team</p> <p>72 Classic theater name</p> <p>73 Domino's shape: Abbr.</p> <p>74 — Tomé and Príncipe</p> <p>77 Salt, in Sedan</p> <p>80 Plebes' sch.</p> <p>82 Mediator, for short</p> <p>83 Deli creation</p> <p>85 Initial</p> <p>88 "— yellow ribbon ..."</p> | <p>90 Belgian king who abdicated in 2013</p> <p>91 Frameworks over oil wells</p> <p>92 Lead-in for skeleton</p> <p>95 Tyler of "Jersey Girl"</p> <p>96 Poet France</p> <p>98 Handheld plug-and-play diversions</p> <p>99 Delivers a lecture to</p> <p>100 Seminal '40s computer</p> <p>101 Nonresident doctor</p> <p>102 Survey info</p> <p>103 Tank topper</p> <p>105 Main points</p> <p>106 With 104-Across, 1/24 of a foot</p> <p>109 — and desist</p> <p>110 Actor Tom</p> <p>111 Prevent, in law</p> <p>112 Opponent</p> <p>114 "— the Girls I've Loved Before"</p> <p>117 Writer — Hubbard</p> <p>120 Patsy Cline's "— Got You"</p> <p>123 Dunk</p> <p>124 Lyric verse</p> <p>125 Leaf vein</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Aug. 28, 1877, Charles Stewart Rolls, co-founder (with Henry Royce) of the Rolls-Royce automobile company, is born in London. In 1900, Rolls reportedly was responsible for changing the national speed limit from 4 mph to 12 mph.
 - On Aug. 30, 1918, in Belfort, France, Colonel Arthur L. Conger plants a false operational order for an impending Allied attack in the wastebasket of a hotel where a German agent was on staff. As intended, the order was found and the Germans chose to withdraw from the area.
 - On Aug. 26, 1939, the first televised Major League baseball game is broadcast between the Cincinnati Reds and the Brooklyn Dodgers at Ebbets Field. There were only two stationary camera angles: down the third base line, and above home plate.
 - On Aug. 29, 1949, in Kazakhstan, the USSR successfully detonates its first atomic bomb. To measure the effects of the blast, the Soviets constructed buildings and bridges, and placed animals in cages nearby. The atomic explosion destroyed those structures and incinerated the animals.
 - On Aug. 24, 1958, Maria Teresa de Filippis, the first woman ever to compete in Formula One racing, drives a Maserati in the Portuguese Grand Prix. Her racing career began after two of her brothers made a bet that she couldn't drive fast.
 - On Aug. 27, 1967, Brian Epstein, age 32, manager of the Beatles, is found dead of a drug overdose in his Sussex, England, home.
 - On Aug. 25, 1984, Truman Capote, author of the pioneering true-crime novel "In Cold Blood", dies at age 59 in Los Angeles. After reading about murders of a farm family, Capote traveled to Kansas to do research with his childhood friend, Harper Lee, who later wrote "To Kill a Mockingbird."
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was noted 18th-century German scientist, philosopher and satirist Georg Christoph Lichtenberg who made the following sage observation: "It is almost impossible to carry the torch of truth through a crowd without singeing somebody's beard."
- Sometimes looking at local ordinances can make you wonder what inspired lawmakers to pass such laws. For instance, in Florida it's illegal to wear nothing but liquid latex while in a public place.
- The lyrics to that favorite Irish ballad "O Danny Boy" were actually written by an Englishman.
- Famed comedic actor Charlie Chaplin was born in England, but at the age of 19 he came to the United States as a performer with the prestigious Fred Karno company. Interestingly, Stan Laurel, of Laurel and Hardy fame, emigrated to the U.S. at the same time, as part of the same company -- as Chaplin's understudy.
- In a recent survey of pet owners, nearly half of all respondents said that the best description of their relationship with their pet would be "soul mate."
- Sardinia, the second-largest island in the Mediterranean Sea, also is an autonomous region of Italy. If you ever decide to vacation there, keep an eye out for "casu marzu," a cheese that's produced locally. Whether you're keeping an eye out in order to sample it or avoid it depends on whether or not you have an appetite for adventurous eating. The makers of "casu marzu" deliberately introduce into the process the larvae of a particular cheese fly. Though the cheese is sometimes cleaned out before it's served, it's often presented in its original state, wriggling maggots and all.

Thought for the Day: "There is nothing more dangerous than a government of the many controlled by the few." -- Lawrence Lessig
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Clue: **W** equals **L**

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Alpena, Mich. 49707
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Debra K. Reames
P.O. Box 143
Mikado, Mich. 48745
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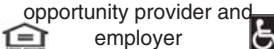
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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert L. Fink, Revocable Living Trust dated August 20, 2001 By Robert L. Fink, Trustee, original mortgagor(s), to Financial Freedom Senior Funding Corporation, a subsidiary of IndyMac Bank, F.S.B., mortgagee, dated May 5, 2006, and recorded on May 22, 2006 in Liber 431 on page 131, and assigned by mesne assignments to OneWest Bank

N.A. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-nine thousand twenty-three and 25/100 dollars (\$89,023.25).

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 August 19, 2015.

Said premises are situated in township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 130 and 131, of Brownlee Lake Park Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 57, Alcona County records.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: July 22, 2015
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 Attorneys For Servicer
 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200
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 File No. 452758F01
 7-22, 7-29, 8-5, 8-12

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There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-seven thousand one hundred thirty-two and 77/100 dollars (\$57,132.77), including interest at 7.5 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on August 19, 2015.

Said premises are located in the township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 77 of Rainbow Crest Subdivision Number 3, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 81 and 82, Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined aban-

doned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

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 Attorneys for Servicer
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007
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 7-22, 7-29, 8-5, 8-12



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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Aug. 3 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those present included president Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers, assistant clerk/treasurer Hussain and council members Gauthier, Healy, Somers and Stutzman. Council Member Glenn was absent. President Jordan expressed condolences to Glenn in the loss of his wife, Arleen. Services will be held Wednesday, Aug. 5 at Trinity Lutheran Church.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved on a motion from Healy with support from Gauthier. The treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy. President Jordan discussed the possible replacement of sidewalks in the near future using funds in Local and Major Street funds. Our auditors have talked to him about the percentage of street funds that can be used for this endeavor. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to put an ad out requesting bids for repairs to village sidewalks. Motion carried.

One application was received for the open council position. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to appoint Patricia Somers to fill the remainder of the term of Phil Phillips. Motion carried. Pat was sworn in by attorney David Cook. Welcome aboard Pat.

Mike Serafin gave the fire and medical run report for the month. He stated there were a total of 13 medical and fire runs for the past month. He also has new applicants to introduce at the September meeting. He stated the group will be hosting the pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Lincoln Lions car show on Saturday, Aug. 22.

Village maintenance man, Steve Slater, gave an update of work that has been done in the village. Following a discussion Stutzman made a motion to purchase various signs and reflective strips in the amount of \$280. R. Somers gave support. Motion carried.

The parent of one of the young men who vandalized the Flights of Imagination property addressed the board. She expressed concern that she has asked for an itemized bill in regards to damages done by the two boys. President Jordan stated that he will get her the requested information and further stated that he is very pleased and proud of the boys for their completing their required community service hours, paying the damages and for their appearance at the July meeting. He said he believes they've both shown their remorse and it's time to move forward.

President Jordan informed council members that all criteria have been met regarding the Parks and Recreation

Plan. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to pass the Resolution for Adoption of the Parks and Recreation Plan for 2015-2019. A roll vote was taken: Gauthier, Healy, P. Somers, R. Somers and Stutzman – all ayes. Nays, none. Absent was G. Kohn. It reads:

Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan Resolution of Adoption Lincoln Village Council

Whereas: The Village of Lincoln has undertaken a five-year recreation plan which describes the physical features, existing recreation facilities and the desired actions to be taken to improve and maintain recreational facilities during the period of 2015-2019, and

Whereas: A public input session was held on June 17, 2015 at the Lincoln Village Hall to provide for an opportunity for citizens to discuss the Recreation Plan, and

Whereas: After a 30 day public review period and at least seven days public hearing notice, a public hearing was held on August 3, 2015 to receive public comment and public comment has been accepted, and

Whereas: The Village of Lincoln has developed the plan for the benefit of the entire community.

Now, therefore be it resolved, the Lincoln Village Council hereby adopts the Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan as a guideline for improving recreation for the residents of the Village of Lincoln.

Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Yeas: 5 - Nays: 0 - Absent: 1
 I hereby certify that the forgoing resolution was adopted at a regular meeting of the Lincoln Village Council held on August 3, 2015.

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

Following a brief discussion an amendment to the sewer ordinance amendment was made. Gauthier made a motion to pass the Resolution to Amend the Sewer Amendment Ordinance. It reads:

Resolution to Amend
 Village of Lincoln
 Sewer Ordinance No. 87-2

Whereas, the Village of Lincoln adopted the Sewer Connection Ordinance No. 87-2 on April 7, 1987, and amended the same on July 4, 1994 and February 7, 2011, and

Whereas, said ordinance governs sewer use within the Village of Lincoln and said ordinance originally assigned the number of units applicable to each user based upon the usage anticipated when the ordinance was adopted in 1987 and, Whereas, the character and nature of the users in the Village of Lincoln has changed and the Village of Lincoln is now desirous of amending the number of units paid for

each used to conform with current usage of property within the Village of Lincoln, and to eliminate user fees for those buildings which have been removed from the property, and Whereas, the Village of Lincoln retained the right to amend the number of units assessed to each year by resolution to reflect changes in the actual use being conducted by said user on the system, now, therefore it is hereby resolved that the Village of Lincoln connection Ordinance No. 87-2 is hereby amended to modify the number of units being assessed to each user and to eliminate those owners which are no longer using the system as set forth on the attached list which also incorporated the number of units to be assessed to each user, effective October 1, 2015.

All other provisions of this ordinance including the per unit charges as passed and amended by the Village of Lincoln are hereby ratified and shall remain in full force and effect.

This resolution passed by the Village of Lincoln Council this third day of August, 2015.

Ayes 5 - Nays 0

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

- 1. Scott Latham 1
- 2. Kirk Belt 1
- 3. Lincoln Truck & SUV 1
- 4. Lenny Bobick 4
- 6. Gustin Township Hall 1
- 7. Robert Whiting 1
- 8. Ralph Diamond 1
- 9. Durfee's Restaurant 3.6
- 10. Mary Ross 1
- 11. John McClellan 1
- 12. Steve Golbeck 1
- 14. Gary Becker 1
- 16. Our Place 3.6
- 20. Julie Stevens 1
- 21. Lisa Bolam 1
- 22. Brian Ankner 2
- 23. John Budreau 1
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- 25. HBDA 1
- 26. Post Office 1
- 27. Gary Becker 1
- 28. Cass Associates 1
- 29. Timothy Hutchinson 1
- 30. Mary Rivera 1
- 31. David Snyder 1
- 32. David Snyder 1
- 34. Alcona Motors 4
- 35. Outdoor Center 2
- 36. Heather Phinney 1
- 37. Laundromat 5.5
- 39. Kohlers Flowers 1
- 41. Alcona Motors 1
- 43. Methodist Church 1

The sewer report was given. Septic tank cleaning has taken place on the scheduled units. Things are going very well. The street report was given. Directional arrows, stop bars and pedestrian strips have been painted. Stop sign posts will be painted red; caution and

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN PUBLIC HEARING

Public Hearing for Parks & Recreation Plan

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Aug. 3 at 6 p.m. at the village hall. The purpose of this meeting was to hear comments regarding the proposed Parks & Recreation Plan for the years 2015-2019. Those present included president Phillip Jordan, clerk Linda Somers, council members Sara Healy, Richard Somers and John Stutzman. Also present was Patricia Somers representing the planning commission. Council Members Gauthier and Kohn were absent.

President Jordan gave an overview of the public input session that was held in June. He detailed the importance of including any and all items for consideration in the new/updated plan. He stated that this will help us plan for the future needs of the citizens of Lincoln and surrounding areas as well as helping us with grant application processes. Richard Somers commented that he was pleased with the plan and felt it looks very good. Sara Healy and John Stutzman agreed.

President Jordan called for any other public comment. No comment was heard. Patricia Somers made a motion to adopt the Parks and Recreation plan with support heard from Sara Healy. All ayes. The plan will be presented to the village council for adoption at the regularly scheduled meeting at 7 p.m. Meeting adjourned at 6:22 p.m.

Linda K. Somers

stop ahead posts will be painted yellow ;and speed sign posts will be painted white. Signs for F-41 have already been painted blue. Sidewalk repairs will be done as soon as possible.

In old business, it was stated that the bubblers on Brownlee Lake are still turned off. It appears the pods are in need of repair by Savin. They are to come out and reevaluate the situation soon. The Brownlee Lake Boat Parade was well attended as evidenced by the number of spectators at the boat launch and beach areas. R. Somers asked about having the ditch by the senior apartments repaired. Steve and Phil will look into it. In new business, Healy reminded everyone that the Alcona County Fair will be held August 18 - 22. The car show is also being held on August 22.

President Jordan gave his report. He welcomed Pat Somers to the council. He said he intends to seek help from the DDA in having siding and a new roof put on the village hall. The pontoon/dock at the beach will be removed in the next week. The ladder has once again been broken off and swimmers are getting cut. It appears that someone is intentionally damaging the ladder and constantly moving the structure from the swim area. President Jordan stated that he is unsure if it will be put back in service again next year.

A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Gauthier with support from R. Somers. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman. Carried.

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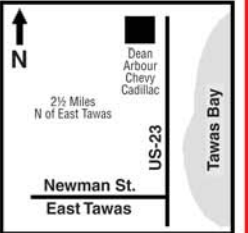
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Fair tradition continues with some new surprises

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

It's mid August and once again there is an air of anticipation throughout the community. It's fair time. Time for family, friends, fun, food and enough excitement to make even the grumpiest of beings smile brightly.

To celebrate its 44th year the Alcona County Fair Board has worked to compile, schedule, plan and deliver the annual fair to be held Tuesday, Aug. 18 through Saturday, Aug. 22.

Doug Travis, president of the fair board, said the board has been working on this year's fair since last year and has included a few new surprises to this year's attractions: Let's Get Kids Geared Up, a new truck, quad, snow machine and motorcycle mud drag, a science spectacular with bubbles, a forest walking tour to discuss sustainable forestry and invasive species and a sprint-type triathlon.

The Let's Get Kids Geared Up event will take place Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 6 p.m. Patrol cars, fire trucks, emergency vehicles and others will be on hand for children to get "geared-up" in hats, shirts and other attire just like the individuals who operate those vehicles. Parents will have an opportunity to take pictures of them dressed up at the vehicles. Kevin Boyat, county commissioner and fair volunteer, explained this was a good way for kids to understand some of what these professionals do and not be afraid

to talk to them if they ever have a problem.

The mud drag will be held on Thursday, Aug. 20 at 6 p.m. Participants entering trucks, quads, snow machines or motorcycles will race in twos on a mud track for trophies and cash prizes. Both Boyat and Travis said they had never seen a mud drag before but Bari MacNeill, who manages the annual bump and run, assured them it's a lot of fun in the mud.

Michigan State University Extension will Explore the Science of Bubbles on Tuesday, Aug. 18 from noon to 2 p.m. with challenges on how to make the biggest bubbles and the most bubbles and discuss what bubbles are made from and how they are formed.

The forestry walking tour and discussion about sustainable forestry and invasive species will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 19 hosted by the Alcona Conservation District.

The first Alcona County Fair Triathlon will take place on Saturday, Aug. 22. In this sprint-style triathlon, athletes will swim across Brownlee Lake, bike for 12 miles, and then run a 5K to finish on the fair grounds. For more information see related story on this page or visit www.alconacountyfair.com for a registration form.

Travis said many of the attractions from last year will return -- Barnyard Express, God's Most Valuable Puppets and free laser tag -- as

they were all really popular and the kids had a great time.

Most everything else -- animal judging, horse pull, horse shows, livestock market sale, steak dinner, pancake dinner, kids games, flapjack eating, truck and tractor pull, bump and run and kids' bike giveaways will remain the same as it has been for years with one big exception -- there will be no live birds shown at this year's fair.

"We were sorry no poultry will be shown at the fair this year, but it was for good reason due to the avian influenza," Travis said. He explained that the Alcona Junior Livestock Market Club has been coming up with creative ideas to show what the kids have been doing with their birds and will still sell their birds without them being present at the market sale.

The home arts building will continue its tradition of showing off the best of Alcona County's talent in needle crafts, culinary arts, agriculture, fine arts, folk art, photography, and antiques, in both adult and youth classes. There is a new contest this year: A cash prize for the exhibitor of the year which will go to the exhibitor accumulating the most points. The more award winning items entered increases the chance to take home the title and prize.

D&R Shows will once again rule the midway with amusement rides for all ages. The family run company has been operating their amusement rides for over 50 years. Kids ride free on Wednesday, Aug. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. courtesy of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners.

Boyat and Travis said to look for some improvements made to the fairgrounds this year such as ground asphalt from the gate to the ticket booth, relieving some of the dust problems, restroom renovations and freshly painted barns and arena which were paid for in part by

a timber sale on 10 acres of property towards the back of the fairgrounds and a \$5,600 matching grant from the Michigan Soy Bean Promotion Committee.

Boyat said fair board members attended a soybean

seminar at the annual fair conference last winter and learned about the benefits of using soy bean ink and paint and how to qualify for the grant.

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New event brings athletic challenge to annual fair

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Traditional memories of attending the Alcona County Fair are probably filled with images of barns filled with farm animals, home arts exhibits, Bump and Runs and forbidden fair food that can only be acquired once a year.

However, after this year memories of a new event will be part of the fair -- the Alcona County Fair Triathlon. The event, which will be held on Saturday, Aug. 22, is being planned by Lincoln residents Nate Leeseberg and Roger Klukowski.

This sprint-style triathlon will include a .35 mile swim across Brownlee Lake, 12 mile bicycle ride around the Lincoln area and a 5K run through the Village of Lincoln and ARA Site. The event will begin at 9 a.m. at the public beach of Brownlee Lake (at Millen and Church streets). "If we could get 20 participants for this first year, that would be amazing," Leeseberg said. "That is a goal for Roger and me."

Registration for the triathlon is through the Alcona County Fair Triathlon Facebook page, the Alcona County Fair website; and at Home Town Fitness in Lincoln. Participants 16 and older are welcome. Cost for registration is \$20 for individuals ages 16-18 and anyone over the age of 55. The standard entry fee is \$40.

"Sprint triathlons are a great way for anyone who has wanted to see what it's like to compete in a triathlon -- it's a condensed form of a full triathlon or iron man contest," Leeseberg said. "It's also a fun activity that friends or families can do together." He explained that besides specific age categories, the event allows for teams to split up the legs of the race -- one person can swim, another can ride in the bike race and another can do the 5k run.

Leeseberg and Klukowski hope to help improve the fair, not only by bringing in a new event, but all proceeds will go toward the fair.

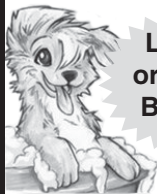
In addition to participants, volunteers are also needed. Leeseberg said these types of triathlons don't usually take more than a couple of hours, so anyone who volunteers will most likely be finished before noon. "We hope to see a lot of people come out on Saturday -- not only to participate or volunteer -- but to watch and cheer on the athletes who are participating," Leeseberg said.

To register or for more information, check out the online forms or stop in at Home Town Fitness, 306 E. Fiske Street, Lincoln, during daytime business hours. Or contact Klukowski by calling (989) 916-7769.

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Birds will be marketed despite statewide ban at county fair

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

No poultry or waterfowl will be shown at this year's Alcona County Fair, or at any other Michigan fair or exhibition.

This was the news handed to quite a few 4-H and market clubs across the state in March.

The birds were banned to prevent the spread of a highly pathogenic avian influenza. The decision was made after much deliberation and consideration with the Michigan Association for Fairs and Exhibitions, Michigan 4-H Leadership, Michigan Allied Poultry Industry, and the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development's State Veterinarian Dr. James Avril.

"Youth will still be able to market their birds during the Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale, despite being unable to bring the bird to the arena with them," said Melissa June, livestock club advisor. June said some fairs have decided not to market the birds since they couldn't be present at the sale but she felt it was unfair to the child and the community who

purchase the birds not to have them marketed.

Since the news of the ban, June, 4-H leaders and the fair board have been working to keep the kids interested in raising their bird projects and marketing them.

Shannon Rifenbark who is a 4-H leader for the Ace Riders said the news about the ban couldn't have come at a worse time. "Many kids had just received their turkey poults and had already prepaid for chickens when the news was given there would be no birds. They knew about the avian flu back in January but didn't ban it from fairs until March when it was too late for some to change their plans," Rifenbark said.

Rifenbark said she felt the sorriest for the young people who were raising poultry for the first time because they had the biggest outlay of cash to take care of the birds. She estimated the cost of the poults, the grain to feed them, medical care and the cost of building pens for them to be about \$300.

She explained how a few of the younger kids took the news very hard and were ex-

tremely upset by the decision. Some have decided not to market their birds at all and are doing rabbits or other animals instead, with parents left to pay for butchering the birds for their own family. A few, however, are still going through with their projects even though their birds won't be at the fair.

Twelve-year-old Brielle Keyser and her sister, Trinity Keyser, 14, both chose to raise birds for market this year before learning about the avian flu. Their mom, Jessica Keyser, said both are still enjoying their first year in 4-H and the market club and are continuing to care for and raise their birds. Brielle is raising turkeys; Trinity is raising chickens and rabbits.

Keyser spent quite a bit of time discussing the avian influenza with her daughters and why the birds were banned from fairs in Michigan.

Les Thomas, Alcona County Michigan State University Extension 4-H Coordinator, said a lot of work went into figuring out just

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This year's fair book and brochure were printed with soy bean ink and were paid for by the matching grant. Boyat said the barns were also painted with soy paint which not only looks nice and leaves a shiny coat but should hold up well.

Fair board members thank the community for helping to make the fair a success every year, especially all who volunteer their efforts before, during and after the fair. Boyat didn't know how many local volunteers they have every year but said they all work as hard as they can to put on a great fair year after year.

He explained that more volunteers are needed and if anyone can spare five hours or five minutes, whatever they can offer, is most appreciated.

Admission prices are the same as last year. The only exception, according to Boyat, was the annual steak dinner on Wednesday at 5 p.m. which went up to \$14 each. He said the price increase was simply because the price of steaks went up. Typically, the dinner tickets sell out early as they only have 125 tickets to sell and he didn't see much change with selling out early again even at the increased price. Steak dinner tickets are avail-

able at the fair office. There is free parking included with admission entry to the fair which is \$5 with children 12 and under free at all times.

Tuesday is free admission day for all. Wednesday is Senior Day for seniors 55 and over admitted for \$1. Thursday is car load day when all passengers in the car can get in for one entry fee of \$10 per car. There is also a weekly pass of \$15 available for the general public.

Fair admission does not include the D&R amusement rides and midway activities which will be offered Tuesday through Saturday from 2 p.m. to closing. Tuesday is \$5 arm bands all day. Wednesday the price goes up to \$15 but youth 17 and under can ride free between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. Thursday and Friday \$5 arm bands are available between 2 and 6 p.m. and the price returns to \$15 from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday the arm bands are \$15 and sold in blocks from 1 to 6 p.m. and 6 to 11 p.m.

The Alcona County Fairgrounds is located on Barlow Road in Lincoln, north of M-72 east of F-41. For additional information on the fair or to volunteer, call Kevin Boyat at (989) 335-0307, Debbie Boyat at (989) 335-0308 or Doug Travis at (989) 736-6169.

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A salute to dear friends of the Alcona County Fair

By Mary Weber

Saying good-bye is never easy. This year the Alcona County Fair had to say good-bye to two very dedicated and trusted volunteers.

The first to pass was a member of the community I don't think I ever met, though I heard his name mentioned countless times, especially around fair time. Leslie Patrick "Pat" Reames Jr. who lost his life suddenly after a heart attack last February at the young age of 50. Pat is being honored in memory and the fair board has dedicated this year's fair to him.

He was a lifelong resident of Mikado and owned and operated Reames Masonry. He was the commander of the Sons of the American Legion Mikado Post No. 254. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. Above all he enjoyed his family and helping anyone he could.

Kevin Boyat, volunteer for the fair board, said Pat was the kind of man you could ask anything of and the next day it was done. He just did it. Without fanfare or praise, he did it out of the goodness of his heart and usually out of his own pocket.

Boyat said he called on Pat to pour some cement for the new pavilion and not only did

he do a wonderful job he wouldn't take payment for it. "I'd just holler and he'd be there. He was always hard working and helped with a number of other projects in the community. He was a good kid I could always count on," Boyat said.

Pat is survived by his wife Debbie; three children, Jessica (Jesse) Smith, Adrian (Chris) Reames, and Anthony (Missy) Reames -- all of Mikado; four grandchildren; five step grandchildren; his parents Pat and Judy Reames Sr.; one sister, Yvonne (Carl

Reames-Pierce of Mikado; many close friends, a large extended family and his pets, Daisy, Tanner and Mr. D.

Another member of the community who helped with the fair immensely and just recently passed was Jim Pyne, who, years ago, I affectionately dubbed Mr. Alcona County Fair.

Jim was recognized along with his wife, Judy, who helps chair the Home Arts Building, with a fair dedication in 2013.

I will always remember his friendly smile and wave from



Alcona's Backyard By Mary Weber



Jim Pyne on his trusted and loved Farmall B tractor in 2012. He could always get the crowd excited about the event. Photo by Mary Weber.

the seat of his red Farmall B tractor doing the first sled pull on tractor pull night at the fair. Of course, the pull sled was really no match for Jim's small farm tractor and pretty much just pushed Jim along, but his happy smile behind the wheel told spectators a great and exciting evening of entertainment was about to unfold.

Jim was the president of the fair board for 10 years until just a few years ago when he stepped down to vice president. He once said his term as president was a lot of work, but enjoyable; but as vice-president he could say "no" when he wanted to. Obviously, vice president was a much better gig in his opinion.

Fair time was Jim's favorite time of year. He would be as giddy as a small boy with the excitement of it. He was always busy, always working, fixing something, doing

something, lending a hand to get things ready and as perfect as possible for everyone to have a great time. His fair time enthusiasm was infectious, when Jim smiled, you couldn't help but smile back.

He loved the Alcona County area and the people. They were his kind of folks and he once told me in all the years he lived downstate he never knew as many people as he did once he retired and moved to Harrisville. It was probably a very true statement considering all he did for the community.

Jim not only served on the fair board, but was president of the Harrisville Lions Club for many years; served as trustee on the Harrisville Township Board for many years and sat on the road improvement committee and the planning committee.

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what to do with the youth raising turkeys, chickens and ducks and other fowl in Alcona County.

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Alcona County Chamber of Commerce and was involved in the annual July events held under the "Big Top." He also organized the Antique and Small Engine Tractor Club, which really put a twinkle in his eye -- he loved his tractors.

Jim is survived by his wife, Judy; one son, James M. Pyne of Winona, Miss; one daughter, Karen L. (Stephen M.) McKown of Lakeland, Fla., five grandchildren and his dog, Dalton, who rarely, if ever, left his side.

We salute Pat and Jim, for their dedication and service to our community. You will definitely be missed.

(Mary Weber was born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit, Mich. She moved to Alcona County in 2005 with her husband Willy, when he retired. Life in the north woods presents new experiences not only with nature but with a community of caring, friendly people, they now consider family...and they love every minute of it.)

Thomas said it was unfortunate for the birds not to be able to be at the fair. However, the whole ordeal was a unique opportunity which will teach kids to be resilient and excel when things happen beyond their control. "That's what farming is all about, you're constantly at the mercy of external forces, conditions too wet, conditions too dry, storm damage, infestations, disease, it's always something, Thomas said. "It will be interesting to see how well the kids bounce back from this adversity, to not throw in the towel and work through it. Agriculture is certainly not risk free. Working through adversity is one of the life skills 4-H teaches and is a skill everyone should be equipped with no matter what type of career they decide on."

Prior to the auction, youth would decorate pens with posters and information about their birds along with stuffed animals or replicas to help the public understand how they raised their birds and what they learned from them. There will be no judging poultry or waterfowl during the fair.

June explained during the livestock auction, youth will

stand in the Joslyn Arena when it is there time to market their bird and have a picture of the bird for sale. No birds will be butchered before the market sale and each youth must be truthful about the birds they are selling.

"They went to a lot of work raising these birds and we hope the community rallies around that. If a child decides early in the year they will market two turkeys, they usually get four turkey poults to make sure they bring the best of their pen to market. It's a lot of work, day in and day out to get their turkeys, chickens and ducks to market," June said.

Even though the birds won't be present the youth will still have to know about their birds. June said each youth will have to do a short presentation about the birds they raised with the younger kids telling how they raised them and the older kids talking about bird diseases during their allotted barn slot.

Keyser was happy about how the livestock club was handling the ban and that her girls, who would have had to spend time taking care of and cleaning up after birds in the barn, will now spend



Trinity Keyser (left) holds a chicken and Brielle holds a turkey at their farm in Barton City. Both girls are planning on marketing poultry at the Alcona Junior Livestock Market Sale Auction despite the ban on birds due to the avian influenza. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

their time giving presentations instead.

June stressed there will be no resale of any birds at the market sale this year. A resale is generally when someone wins the highest bid, pays for the animal and then donates it back to the youth for them to sell again at auction resale, making

additional income off the same animal.

The barns will be open at the Alcona County Fair Tuesday, Aug. 18 through Saturday, Aug. 22 from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale Auction begins at 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 20 at the Joslyn Arena.

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Motor-heads, mud drags and bump and runs

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

For years fairgoers have enjoyed attending the Bump and Run held annually on the last day of the fair, and this year spectators will also be able to see a mud infused drag race too.

The mud races begin at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Aug. 20. Although these races have never been at the Alcona County Fair before, they are a good draw and fun to watch at other fairs, according to Bari MacNeill who brought the idea to the Alcona County Fair Board.

MacNeill, who describes himself and all racers as "motor-heads" officiates races at the Alpena County Fair and Posen fair, but always likes coming back to Alcona fairgrounds because of the strong family ties he has in the county.

He explained mud drags are for cars, trucks, quads, snow machines and motorcycles -- pretty much anything with an engine -- race by twos on a four to five inch dirt/mud track. He said professional mud draggers have some radical machines with nitrous oxide and alcohol blowers.

MacNeill said this race has



Bari MacNeill

some competition in getting drivers to the mud drag track because there is another race in Hale the same night as Alcona County, but only Alcona County is offering cash prizes.

He explained the mud drag prize, which about \$1,000, will be split between six classes determined by tire size and suspension.

According to MacNeill, the difference between a bump and run and a demolition derby -- one is a race, the other is about smashing cars. "Bump and runs are more of a race, it's about doing their eight to 10 laps, it's not about smashing the cars -- it's more about finishing first," he said.

Some of the drivers use the same car, racing two years or more with it. Although the cars do get pretty beat up.

"They put a lot of money and effort in their cars going from show to show and they do a good job following the rules. It's quite a thrill for them to be out there racing," MacNeill said commending the drivers he has worked with over the years.

Safety is a concern and it

isn't taken lightly. There are numerous rules about every vehicle having a roll cage and a safety switch to cut off power. Gas tanks have a metal cover over them so they don't become a ball of fire to the driver upon impact. And, of course, seat belts and helmets are mandatory. Mac-

Neill said that he has only witnessed a few minor cuts and scrapes on drivers competing but there was a spectator injured in Posen, Mich.

He explained spectators need to realize this is a motor sport and they need to be

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Bari MacNeill (center, standing on podium next to race flags) during last year's Bump and Run. MacNeill said he began wearing his Scottish kilt to the fair races after his cousin, Warren MacNeill, dared him to. He said now the kilt is as much of the show as the race is. Photo by Mary Weber.

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ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS



We are getting ready for another great year at Alcona Community Schools. School will begin for students with a full day on **Tuesday, September 8, 2015**. Building schedules follow:

BUILDING SCHEDULES

Alcona Elementary School (Grades K-6): The daily schedule is from 8:05 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday. **Alcona Community Middle & High School (Grades 7-12):** The daily schedule is from 8:15 a.m. to 3:25 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

NEW THIS YEAR: Fridays will be early release days for students so that faculty and staff can participate in ongoing professional development and training. Friday daily schedules for each building will be as follows:

Alcona Elementary School (Grades K-6): 8:05 a.m. to 1:45 p.m.
Alcona Community Middle & High School (Grades 7-12): 8:15 a.m. to 1:55 p.m.

A detailed list of Friday early release dates will be provided by each building and listed on the district website and in the student handbook.

NEW STUDENTS

Alcona Community Schools welcome new students! Students who are new to the district should register with their parent at the school building they will attend. Building offices will be open from the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

OPEN HOUSE

Alcona Elementary School and Alcona Community Middle & High School invite parents, students and community members to attend our annual fall Open House in all buildings. **Alcona Elementary School** will host its building Open House on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 from 5 to 7 p.m. **Alcona Community Middle & High School** will host their Open House on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 from 5 to 7 p.m.

STUDENT HANDBOOK INFORMATION:

Student/parent handbooks are available this school year on the district website. Go to www.alconaschools.net and select the school building your child attends to view an electronic copy of the handbook. The handbook contains important information regarding district policies, discipline, computer usage agreement, and more. Parents should review the handbook in detail with their child. Contact your school office if you need to make arrangements to use a school computer to view or download a hard copy of the handbook.

IMPORTANT STUDENT DRESS CODE AND PARKING INFORMATION:

While fashion changes rather regularly, the reason for being in school does not. Students are in school to learn. Updated and revised student dress code rules and regulations are published in student & family handbooks. Student dress code rules and regulations will be strictly enforced. Student parking will be strictly enforced. ALL student drivers will be required to register their vehicles in the high school office. ALL student drivers will be expected to comply with rules and regulations regarding student parking and to display their school issued student parking pass at all times. Students who park in unauthorized spaces on school property will be towed at the owner's expense.

IMPORTANT Information Concerning Student Wellness and Nutrition

The Board of Education has established a District Wellness policy that addresses nutrition, physical activity and the physical education of our students. To support this focus on student wellness, students and staff will be expected to follow all rules and regulations outlined in the District Wellness policy regarding food and beverages brought onto school grounds.

SMART SNACKS IN SCHOOLS USDA FOOD AND BEVERAGE POLICY

Students are not permitted to bring carbonated beverages (soda pop) to school or consume carbonated beverages in the school lunchrooms. Elementary and Middle School foods and beverages must be caffeine-free. No beverages may be brought into the building that are larger than 20 ounces and all authorized beverages must be in the original sealed containers.

Food brought into classrooms for student celebrations and/or classroom activities must comply with Smart Snacks in School USDA guidelines and must be approved by the classroom teacher and building principal in advance. Student celebrations or parties not authorized by the building principal will not be permitted during the school lunch periods. Students may purchase breakfast and lunch in the school cafeterias or pack a breakfast or lunch to bring from home. Students will not be allowed to have food or beverages delivered to the school cafeterias during school lunch times (Subway, pizza, etc.).

SYNERGY ONLINE PARENT PORTAL

Parents and students will once again be able to access student academic progress and attendance reports 24/7 online via the Synergy online reporting system. Parents will be sent login information after school begins.

NOTICE OF NON-DISCRIMINATION AND EQUAL EMPLOYMENT & EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy-Title IX Specifics for Compliance

1. No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training or any other educational program or activity.
2. All educational agencies or activities receiving federal funds must comply with the employment provision of Title IX regulations which include but are not limited to recruitment, pre-employment inquiries, employment procedures assignment, salaries, fringe benefits and any other term, condition or privilege of employment.
3. Equal Opportunity for members of both sexes must be provided in interscholastic, intercollegiate, club or intramural athletics operated or sponsored by a recipient.
4. No person shall, on the basis of sex, be denied admission or be subject in discrimination in admission by any recipient subject to the admissions provisions of the Title IX.

The Board of Education has resolved that:

1. The Superintendent will act to coordinate efforts to comply with Title IX.
2. The Superintendent will notify students, parents and employees of the specifics for compliance.
3. A grievance procedure has been established for resolution of student and employee complaints.

PESTICIDES

Public Act 131 of 1993 requires that school officials notify parents and guardians of children attending that school of their right to be informed prior to application of pesticides at that school. MCL26.536d. From time to time, the school's contracted pest control company or school employees will apply substances to deal with weed control, ants, bees, wasps, etc. Notice of such application will be provided to parents in advance by posting notice on main school building entrance doors and by posting notice on the district website. If you would like to be notified prior to the application of these substances, please notify the school office in writing. We will then notify you prior to applying any type of pesticide control substance.

ANNUAL AHERA NOTIFICATION

Asbestos Management Plan Available for Review by Parents, Teachers and Employees.

Alcona Community Schools conducted a three-year mandatory re-inspection for the presence of viable asbestos in our schools. Based on the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan was updated. This plan details the response action the district will take regarding any asbestos containing material.

The AHERA Management Plan is located at the Board of Education Office and the Director of Transportation/Facilities office and is available for inspection without cost or restriction during normal business hours. All new construction and renovation projects contain written specifications stating that no asbestos containing materials will be used.

Our procedures for dealing with asbestos in our schools reflect our desire to make our schools a safe place in which students learn. If you have further questions, please call the school superintendent.

ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS ENDOWMENT FUND

Alcona Community Schools offers an Endowment Fund through the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan. The purpose of the fund is to create a principal investment fund to support innovative student activities and programming through investment earnings.

Charitable contributions made to the fund may qualify contributors for *Federal Tax Savings*. Call Alcona Community Schools at (989) 736-6212 or the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan at (989) 354-6881 to learn more about how you can give and gain.

To make a contribution to the Alcona Community Schools Endowment Fund, please send a check payable to Alcona Community Schools to:

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PROTECTION OF PUPIL RIGHTS AMENDMENT (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents and students who are 18 or emancipated minors certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom the respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:

1. Any protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
 3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
- Inspect*, upon request and before administration or use:
1. Protected information surveys of students;
 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

Alcona Community Schools has adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Alcona Community Schools will directly notify parents and eligible students of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Alcona Community Schools will also directly notify parents and eligible students at least annually at the start of each school year of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by the Department of Education.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents and eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with: *Family Policy Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20202-4605.*

THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate. Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the School principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible students, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the

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student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the Schools as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

4. Michigan Revised School Code Section 1135 requires that a school record include a student's disciplinary record, including any suspension or expulsion action against the student.

5. The right to file a complaint with the US Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Alcona Community Schools to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are: *Family Policy Compliance Office, US Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202-4605.*

P.A. 226 REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE ANNUAL MEETING

The district PA 226 Reproductive Health Advisory Committee will hold its annual meeting on September 16, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

DISTRICT & ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PARENT INVOLVEMENT MEETING

Alcona Elementary School will host the annual building and district parent involvement meeting on September 23 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this annual meeting is to discuss opportunities for parent involvement in the schools. All parents and community members are welcome. Both meetings will be held at Alcona Elementary School.

DRUG FREE SCHOOLS

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute or substance that could be considered a "look-alike" controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by State law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials. The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which s/he receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

DIRECTORY INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS

The following student directory information will be made available for publication in directories, sports programs, and other publications: student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight, dates of attendance, date of graduation, awards received, honor rolls, and scholarships. Parents and eligible students may refuse to allow the District to disclose any or all of such "directory information" upon written notification to the District within forty-five (45) calendar days after receipt of the District's public notice.

RIGHT TO INSPECT INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

Parents have the right to inspect, upon request, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum. Parents will have access to the instructional material within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal. Instructional materials do not include academic tests or assessments.

SCHOOL VISITORS

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages visits to school by parents, community members and interested educators. In order to protect the education program of the schools from undue disturbance, the Board of Education has established visitor guidelines. Please contact the building principal for a copy of the guidelines.

BLOODBORNE PATHOGEN NOTIFICATION

Federal government and OSHA regulations require that the District take steps to restrict the spread of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immune deficiency virus (HIV). Because of the very serious consequences of contracting HBV or HIV, the District is committed to taking the necessary precautions to protect both students and staff from its spread in the school environment. Part of the federally mandated procedures include a requirement that the District request consent for HBV and HIV testing if an injury occurs with blood exposure. The law does not require parents or guardians to consent to the examination, but it does require the District to request the consent. We expect that incidents of exposure will be few and that with this advance notification, parents will understand the District's request for consent should it be necessary.

COMPREHENSIVE HEALTH EDUCATION

The District, in compliance with state law, implements a comprehensive program of health, reproductive health, and AIDS education. The District will notify parents, in advance of the instruction, and provide parents with an opportunity to review the materials and to opt out their child from instruction.

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| Yearly Athletic Pass – Senior (60+) | \$90.00 |
| Yearly Athletic Pass – Student | \$30.00 |
| Yearly Athletic Pass – Family | \$250.00 |

Annual District Improvement Plan Meeting

The annual meeting to review the District Improvement Plan is scheduled for September 17, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. All parents and community members are welcome.

2015/2016 School Calendar

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| Teachers Start | Tuesday, September 1 | |
| Professional Development | Wednesday, September 2 | No Students |
| Students Start | Tuesday, September 8 | |
| Early Release | Friday, September 11 | |
| | Friday, September 18 | |
| | Friday, September 25 | |
| | Friday, October 2 | |
| | Friday, October 9 | |
| | Friday, October 16 | |
| | Friday, October 23 | |
| Professional Development | Friday, October 30 | No Students |
| End of 1 st Marking Period | Friday, November 6 | |
| Early Release | Friday, November 6 | |
| | | |
| Evening Parent Teacher Conferences | Thursday, November 12 | |
| Morning Parent Teacher Conferences | Friday, November 13 | No Students |
| Early Release | Friday, November 20 | |
| Thanksgiving | Thursday, November 26 | |
| | Friday, November 27 | |
| Early Release | Friday, December 4 | |
| | Friday, December 11 | |
| | Friday, December 18 | |
| Winter Break | First Day of Break | Wednesday, December 23 |
| Classes Resume | | Monday, January 4 |
| Early Release | | Friday, January 8 |
| | | Friday, January 15 |
| | | Friday, January 22 |
| End of 1 st Semester | | Friday, January 22 |
| Records Day | | Monday, January 25 |
| Early Release | | Monday, January 29 |
| Evening Parent Teacher Conferences | | Thursday, February 4 |
| Early Release | | Friday, February 5 |
| Professional Development | | Monday, February 8 |
| Early Release | | Friday, February 12 |
| | | Friday, February 19 |
| Professional Development | | Friday, February 26 |
| Early Release | | Friday, March 4 |
| | | Friday, March 11 |
| | | Friday, March 18 |
| End of 3 rd Marking Period | | Friday, March 24 |
| Spring Break Begins | | Friday, March 25 |
| Classes Resume | | Tuesday, April 4 |
| Early Release | | Friday, April 8 |
| | | Friday, April 15 |
| | | Friday, April 22 |
| Professional Development | | Friday, April 29 |
| Early Release | | Friday, May 6 |
| | | Friday, May 13 |
| | | Friday, May 20 |
| | | Friday, May 27 |
| Memorial Day | | Monday, May 30 |
| Early Release | | Friday, June 3 |
| Last Day for Students | | Thursday, June 9 |
| Last Day for Teachers | | Friday, June 10 |

District and Building Newsletters

Alcona Community Schools is going green! This school year, all building and district newsletters will be sent home and published on our website. Publications come out quarterly. Please check out www.alconaschools.net for news you can use!

District Facility Use Policy

Alcona Community Schools District Facility Use Policy and Request Forms can be found on our website at www.alconaschools.net. Electronically completed facility use request forms may be emailed to leesebergc@alconaschools.net or returned to Alcona Community Schools' District Office.

School Cancellation Information & School Messenger Instant Notification System

Instant school closing alerts are available again! School closings will be announced this year via local media sources and by School Messenger instant telephone alerts. Please check your student's handbook for radio and television station information. All families will be automatically signed up for School Messenger notifications this year. If you wish to have your name removed from the instant notification system or need to make a telephone number change, please contact our technology department via email at notifications@alconaschools.net.

ANNUAL NOTICE OF EDUCATIONAL SERVICES FOR HOMELESS CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Our school district provides equal access and comparable services to all students regardless of their home living situation. Homeless students are not required to attend a separate school for homeless youth and have the right to benefit from programs for which they are eligible. Some examples of these programs are for students who are disabled, gifted, limited-English proficient, or participate in vocational education and preschool programs.

You also have the right to be enrolled immediately in school and to participate in and benefit from such programs as: free or reduced price school lunch program; Title I services; transportation services.

If you are a homeless student, please contact your school building main office for assistance or the district homeless liaison, Mrs. Jacqueline Kelly, at (989) 736-8534.

SCHOOL BREAKFAST PROGRAM

Alcona Community Schools offer a complete, nutritious school breakfast daily for students in grades K-12. If you would like more information about the school breakfast program, cost of meals, or menus, please contact Jan Faulman at (989) 358-5021.

BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

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ID program not just for kids

Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The thought of having a loved one go missing is incomprehensible and something no one should ever have to go through, but having a child or adult's proper identification can help authorities in such times of crisis.

The Michigan Child Identification (ID) program is one of the most comprehensive ID programs available, according to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Since 2005 over

70,000 Michigan children have received this service.

The program is will be available at the Alcona County Fair next week free of charge. The program is sponsored by the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation.

Mark Lewis of Masonic Lodge No. 292 said the Masons have been bringing the ID program to the fair for several years and, together with the help of the Alcona High School FFA, the program has given identification packets to about 80 children and adults each year during the fair's first two days.

The program is not just for children and there is no age limit in getting an ID packet. Lewis said the youngest child he knew of was a three-week-old baby, the oldest was 81 years old.

Lewis said often children will ask their parents to participate in the program, especially adult children whose parents are beginning to suffer dementia or Alzheimer's symptoms. "It's good information to have on hand in case they accidentally wander off and can't find their way back home. We did have a mother ask her adult son to get an ID packet; the son was an airline pilot and the mother wanted the information in case his plane went missing," Lewis said.

The process is simple and takes about 10 minutes to complete, but in that short time a lot of information is gathered for the packet.

Lewis stressed that the information is not kept by the Masons or FFA. "The only information kept is the permission slip we have parents sign. All other information is given to the parents. We burn all the information taken to a compact disc (CD) which is given to the parent and then the computer is wiped clean. No personal information is ever stored on it," Lewis said.

The first step in the process is to receive basic information such as name, parent/guardian, gender, height, weight, eye color, hair color,

race, date of birth, address and phone number.

Then digital fingerprints are taken of each 10 fingers through the use of infrared technology which is recorded.

Next, four photographs are taken -- a serious face, a funny face, and so on. The photographs are printed on a photo ID card for parents to carry.

After that a two to five minute video is taken where a volunteer will try to get the child talking by asking questions -- the child's favorite pet or favorite teacher, where the child lives, where they play and where they hide. Lewis said the idea is to get video of the person talking to capture their speech, appearance, mannerisms and other characteristics which cannot be changed by cosmetic means. The video is then burned to the CD.

A tooth print kit, along with instructions, is given for parents to take home and do when the child is in a relaxed environment. The paraffin tooth print records the unique size, shape, and position of teeth in the mouth. It will also collect DNA, which is universally considered one of the most accurate identification tools.

Lewis said each CD is labeled with the name and date prepared and given to the parent, along with a Michigan Child ID Program deal to be placed in the front window of their home. Lewis said this is so police going to the home on a missing child call know to ask for the CD as often parents are too consumed with fear and worry to remember it.

Lewis explained all children should repeat the program every two to three years as they grow and change.

The child ID package contains all the vital information necessary to expedite law enforcement efforts to locate a missing child and provides a complete profile for authorities to issue an Amber Alert.

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Races

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responsible about viewing at a safe distance. MacNeill liked Alcona County's track the most for this reason because most of the spectator seats are far off from the track.

MacNeill doesn't officiate alone. He works with an experienced pit crew of four and has about 10 lap counters. He said Susie Bock is in charge of the lap counters and said she is "top-dog" when it comes to managing lap counters which are extremely important to the Bump and Run race.

MacNeill said he got the racing bug as a young boy driving in derbies. He raced in bump and runs for about 12 years. When MacNeill started officiating races he stopped racing, but said he misses it and some day may choose to race again.

MacNeill is not only known for his love of motor sports but also his love of ancestry. For each race he dons a Scottish kilt prior to raising the checkered flag. He said wearing the kilt was something his cousin, Warren MacNeill, dared him to do years ago and is just as much a part of the show as the races are.

The Bump and Run, with a \$1,500 prize, begins Saturday, Aug. 22 at 7 p.m. For more information, contact MacNeill at (989) 657-4600.




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Equestrian drill team to perform during fair's first evening

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

A tale of betrayal, mayhem and magic will be played out on horseback by a cast excited about bringing an evening of enchantment to the fair.

The Eponas Midnight Eclipse drill team will perform "Arabian Nights" Tuesday evening. This all adult team began practicing together once a week last April. Eponas is a horse goddess, and the team felt confident it represented the perfect name for their group.

The group has also had weekend practices where they spent the weekend camping at the fairgrounds which helped develop a closer bond with their horses and with each other as friends. Recently, the group had a weekend of fun together, not

paint and Lindsay Nardi, riding Stormin' Norman, an 18-year-old bay, are both knights in the performance. Lauren Karsen, on 10-year-old sorrel, Sky Commander, also plays a knight.

The princess, because all good Arabian nights fairy tales must have a princess, is played by Stephanie Maturen on her horse, Klowee, a 10-year-old sorrel.

Maturen is the president of the group. She explained the script was written by Lindsay Nardi and her husband Rob, who plays a shopkeeper and narrates from the arena floor as the story unfolds on horseback.

Maturen began riding as a teenager and said she just fell in love with horses. "I never belonged to the market club or FFA, the only

the fair and in general. It's important to get our horses out there doing something and although it was a lot of work, it was enjoyable for us and our horses," Maturen said.

Jill Gonyea designed and made the costumes and the entire group helped put together the props. Maturen said the horse riding is easy; it was putting the props together that took numerous hours.

Outdoor props are never easy and using outdoor props along with horses is even more difficult. Just getting the curtain up and positioned on dress rehearsal night took the whole group working together, despite the wind.

There is also plenty of music to carry the story of greed, community prosperity and the hope of tomorrow



Rob Nardi, Lauren Karsen, Stephanie Maturen, Lindsay Nardi and Ashley Kellogg run through a dress rehearsal of "Arabian Nights," a short play written by Rob and Lindsay Nardi for the Eponas Midnight Eclipse Equestrian Drill Team. This free performance will be presented during the Alcona County Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 18 at 7 p.m. Photo by Mary Weber.

holding onto reins, but paint brushes instead as they tackled painting the arena fence.

The cast and crew are county residents and consist of Matt Kellogg riding Tucker, a 12-year-old Appaloosa. Kellogg plays two roles, that of a knight and the genie willing to grant three wishes. Ashley Kellogg, (Matt's wife) riding Georgia, a 9-year-old

animal I ever wanted was a horse," Maturen said.

For the past three years Maturen was a 4-H leader for a youth drill team but said youth involvement dwindled and they couldn't get enough local interest to form a club. "We just wanted to put something together for the community to have a little fun. We'd like to get the horse community back in action at

in which the horses and riders look light, fast and effortless.

Also playing minor roles are Kaitlin Nardi, Nathan Nardi and Josh Maturen.

"Arabian Nights" will be performed one night only at 7 p.m. on August 18 in the horse arena. The performance and admission to the fair that day are free of charge.

Program

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The free ID program will be available at the Alcona County Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 18 and Wednesday, Aug. 19 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Campbell Building. Parents or guardians of children who participate must be present and fill out the permission slip for the child to receive this service.

For more information on the child ID program or to find out the next dates available for the program, call (269) 612-7424 or visit www.michiganchildid.org.



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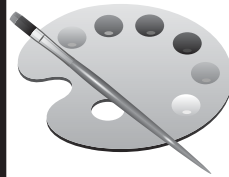
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Following family tradition: Raising market sale animals

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Some children are just farmers by nature; others have a long line of farming lineage in their family and grow up deeply entrenched in all things farming.

Fifteen-year-old Sarah Sweet of Mikado is a lot of both; she has a natural ability to calm and guide her animals and comes from a long line of dairy farmers.

Her father, Jim, still lives on the dairy farm where he grew up and is the fourth generation in his family to farm. Although he sold off his dairy herd last year, Jim and his wife, Jenny, still work on a dairy farm.

Sweet, who is going into her sophomore year at Alcona High School, is raising a heifer and a two-and-a-half month old calf that was abandoned by its mother. Sweet said her mother named the tiny red Angus calf Ginger. "My mom had four daughters, all with red hair, but the calf gets named Ginger," Sweet said.

Sweet explained she will be showing the heifer for the judges and will probably bring Ginger along just to share her cuteness with the public going through the cattle barn.

She is also raising two pigs that she calls Bonnie and Clyde. One of them will end up in the Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale auction during the fair. The other will be butchered for her family.

As Sarah moved around her animals, she showed as much compassion for them as she would dear friends. She also stood her ground,

and did not give much leverage against the will and weight of strong animals, yet she made sure they comprehended what she was asking of them.

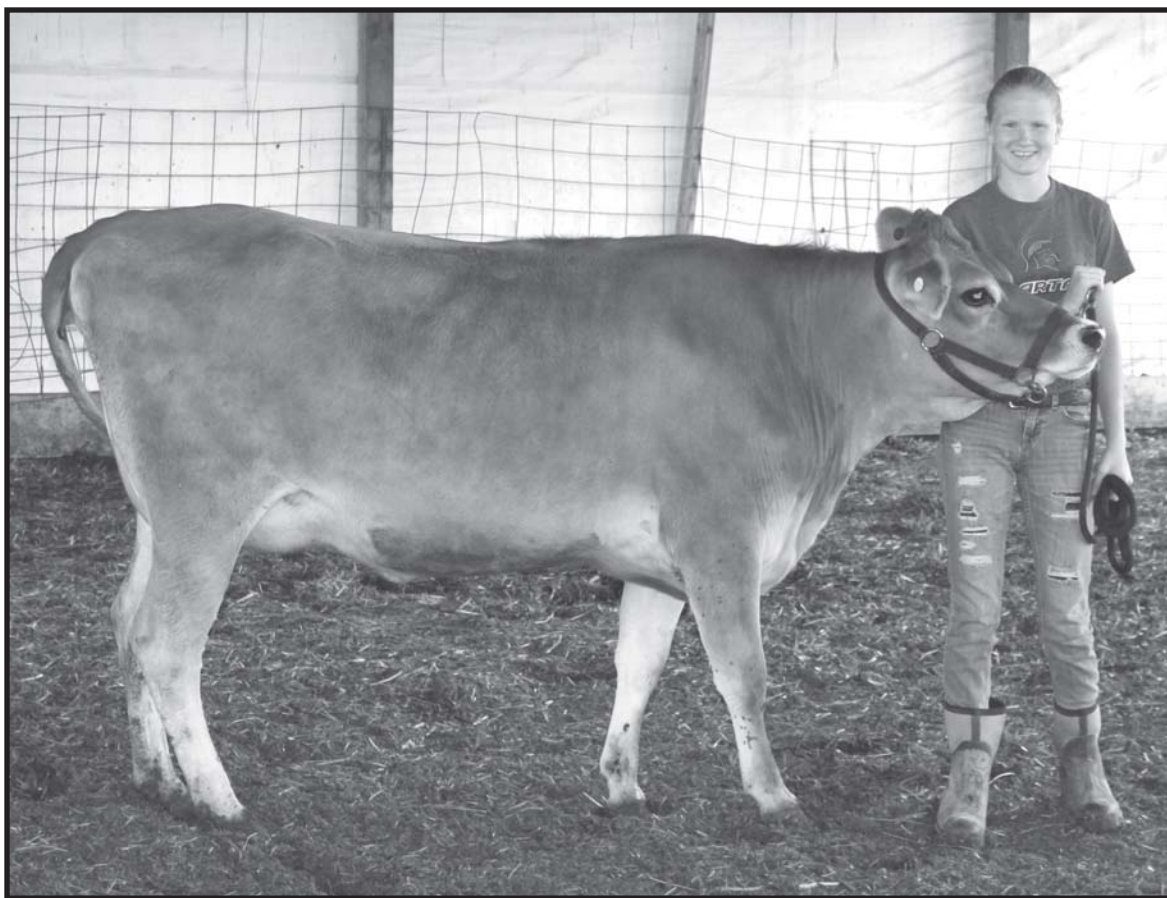
Sarah has marketed rabbits, swine and beef. Typically, the pigs are her biggest seller at the market sale. She had a difficult time as a child working so closely with animals which would end up on someone's table for food, but as she grew older she understood it was all a part of farming.

Sarah's parents help her with the animals, but she brushes the heifer quite a bit and walks with the cow to get her used to moving for the judges. She said dairy cows are shown differently than beef cattle. She must walk backwards, while her cow walks forward, to keep an eye on both the judges and her cow.

Money earned from the market sale mostly goes into a college savings account, but Sweet said she takes a little of it to shop for school clothes and necessities. "If I spend any of it on something fun I really have to weigh the pros and cons of how I'm using the money and it has to be for something I seriously want or need," Sarah said.

She enjoys volunteering for community projects and recently spent two weeks as a volunteer youth counselor at the Sprinkler Lake Day Camp. She has helped cleaning cemeteries and spends quite a bit of free time at the Alcona County Fairgrounds helping with whatever she can.

She belongs to three 4-H clubs, Bird Brains, Apple Hill



Sarah Sweet with the dairy heifer she will be showing at the Alcona County Fair. Cattle judging begins at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, Aug. 18. Photo by Mary Weber.

Variety Club and the Dairy Heirs, a name her dad came up with, which is basically a group of younger children whose parents have dairy cows. She is also the president of the Alcona Junior Livestock Club, which meets once a month throughout the year. She joined the Alcona FFA last year, something her three older sisters never had a chance to do because they went to Oscoda Area Schools which didn't have an FFA program. "I changed to Alcona schools because I thought it was a better fit for me," Sweet said.

She explained the junior livestock club does a lot to help get the grounds ready for the fair by painting and cleaning. Members typically range in age from nine to 19 and their purpose is raise animals for market for food and not as pets.

Jim Sweet said the exposure to the market club was good for his girls who have all taken part in it or 4-H clubs. "It teaches them a lot of responsibility. The outcome is determined by how much they put into a project," he said.

Sarah explained it was

necessary to get out and talk to buyers about market sale projects and really sell what they were doing and all the work they put into their animals. "It is a lot of work and responsibility every day. When I want to leave to do something else, I still have to make sure my animals are being taken care of," Sarah said. She explained brushing, feeding and watering down her pigs on hot days was all a part of raising an animal for market. Making sure they are visited by vet-

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DNR, Sea Grant team up to highlight Lake St. Clair's fishery on Discovery cruise

Mike Thomas is a fisheries research biologist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). Most days, you'll find him at the Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station or on the lake aboard the DNR's Channel Cat research vessel.

But a couple of days a year, Thomas switches gears and becomes a guest lecturer on another boat: The one Michigan Sea Grant charters for its Discovery cruises.

That's where he was recently as he entertained and educated an audience of 20 people with stories and demonstrations about the fishery in Lake St. Clair. In his 12th year of partnering with Sea Grant on Discovery cruises, Thomas said it's a fairly easy way for the DNR to get its message out. "It's a unique outreach program, and Sea Grant does all the heavy lifting," Thomas said. "It's a relatively low amount of effort for us to be involved in a really cool outreach activity."

Steve Stewart, an outreach coordinator for Sea Grant, said Sea Grant, which is a federally funded cooperative effort between the University of Michigan and Michigan State University, hosts some 20 different themed cruises on Lake St. Clair, Lake Erie and the Detroit River. Some focus on history - shipwrecks or bootlegging, for instance - but the fisheries cruise and a similar wetlands and wildlife

cruise, conducted in cooperation with the DNR's Wildlife Division, are among the most popular.

"The whole idea is to allow people to learn more about the Great Lakes by being on the Great Lakes," Stewart said. "The DNR has been a great partner throughout the years. We couldn't do it without the DNR." The scheduled cruises are open to the public, though cruises also are held for school groups during spring and fall and Sea Grant can arrange additional cruises for interested groups.

Thomas begins his program with a simple discussion of where the water in Lake St. Clair comes from, and before he's finished he's touched on food webs, invasive species and, of course, fishing.

Once the 50-foot converted commercial fishing boat is well up in Anchor Bay from its launch site at Lake St. Clair Metropark, the captain throttled down the engine to idle and the crew dropped a camera overboard to view the bottom.

Thomas explained the various types of aquatic vegetation visible on the monitor, and when the camera is hoisted back aboard, he removed some of the vegetation hanging on the cable to give the passengers a closer look at it. Then he dropped it

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Youngsters aboard a recent Sea Grant Discovery cruise on Lake St. Clair unwrap frozen fish specimens brought along by DNR fisheries biologist Mike Thomas. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

Tradition


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erinarians for a clean bill of health is also important. One of the more interesting things she learned in 4-H was how to give a cow a vaccination.

Sarah said she enjoys talking to prospective buyers and meeting new people. She explained the responsibility involved with having animals at the fair and how each marketer and 4-H club member has a vital role in staying with animals in shifts in order to be available to answer questions anyone may have while walking through the barn.

Sweet said fair time is special, "It's just fun going to the fair to get to see animals and all your friends, its fun marketing and showing the animals, it's fun talking to people and I like the rides too."


The Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale begins Thursday, Aug. 20 at the Joslyn Arena at 6 p.m. A dinner for all who purchase livestock follows at the pavilion.



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into an aquarium on board so they can observe, close up, what it looks like in the water.

Then it's on to fish. Lake St. Clair's sport fishery is largely comprised of four species: Walleye, smallmouth bass, muskellunge and yellow perch, Thomas explained. He talked about where on the lake the fish can be found, the types of habitat they prefer, and how the anglers pursue them. But he spends time on other species, too, and that's a big part of the education portion of the program.

The planned highlight of the trip was a rendezvous with the Chanel Cat, which had been scheduled for a day's trawling for sturgeon on the lake. But high winds made it impossible for the research vessel to tow nets, so instead the cruise showed a video (made by the U.S. Geological Survey) of scuba divers visiting a man-made spawning reef created for sturgeon. The video showed the giant creatures visiting the reef, undeterred by the presence of divers.

Thomas brought more than a dozen frozen, foil-wrapped fish specimens with him. He handed out rubber gloves to the youngsters and invited them to unwrap and hold up the fish, see if they can guess them, and then described the significance of the fish to the lake's ecosystem and how it interacts with other species.

From there, he moved on to mussels, unloading a box full of native specimens to show their relative size and shapes. "We had a diverse and abundant collection of mussels in Lake St. Clair, but we've lost a lot of them to invasive mussels," Thomas explained, saying they were once important to the button industry. "Zebra mussels attach to these mussels and it becomes a mass of zebra mussels. When that happens, the native mussels can't move around. They can't bury in the bottom over the winter. And they die."

Thomas directed passengers' attention to the aquarium - which has masses of zebra mussels and quagga mussels attached to rocks, showing how the invasive mollusks adhere to hard materials. He pointed out another invasive species in the aquarium that no one can see, until he put his hand in and began moving the mussels and round gobies dart out from their hiding places.

Also in the tank are a couple of silver lamprey, native parasitic fish that resemble - in shape and habits, though not size - the sea lamprey, which devastated lake trout stocks in the Great Lakes. It's just one more way to make the point about the problems with invasive species.

As the captain took the boat toward its mooring, Thomas and Stewart unfurl a poster of Great Lakes fishes, point out various specimens, and hold a quick quiz - is it native or not? Most of the passengers had been paying attention during the presentation and know the answers,

though one species stymies them: Rainbow smelt (which is not native).

"That points out the fact that everything that's non-native is not necessarily bad," Thomas said.

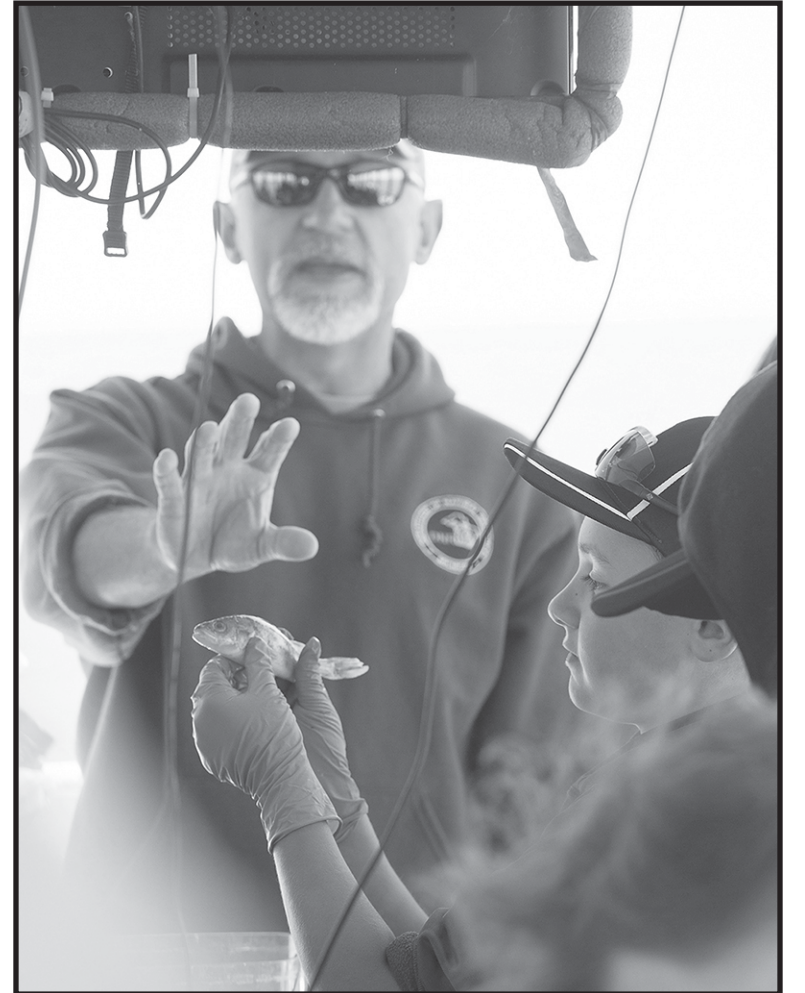
Barb Stantiszewski, a retired Shelby Township teacher who said she'd taken a similar cruise many years ago, brought her two nephews aboard. They'd attended the wetlands and wildlife cruise, she said, and liked it so much they came back for the fisheries tour.

Michael Schoenherr, who brought his wife and two sons - Peter, 9 and Thomas, 7 - for the day, said as an outdoor-oriented family that likes to

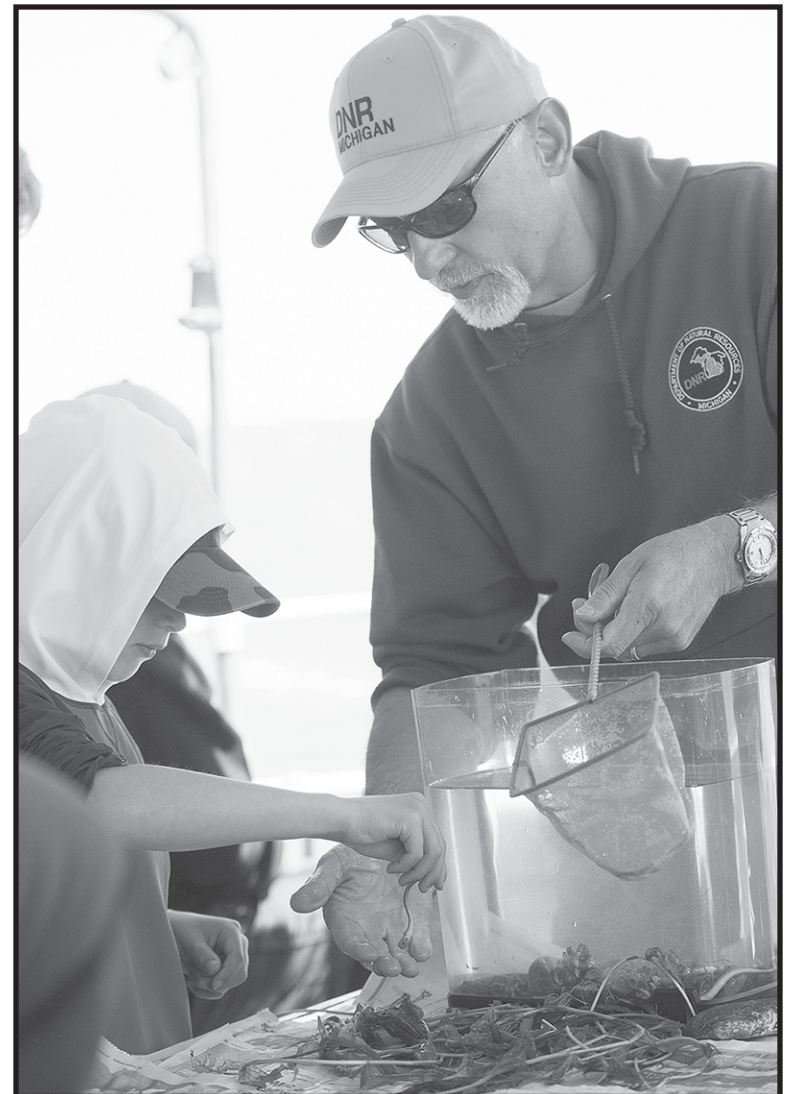
fish, the cruise was right in their wheelhouse.

Michigan Sea Grant is the only organization providing educational cruises in southeastern Michigan that are available to the public, Stewart said. The cruises attract about 1,500 people a year. The cost for most cruises is \$20 for adults and \$10 for youngsters, but some of the longer cruises cost a little more.

For information on the cruises and other Sea Grant activities, visit www.miseagrant.umich.edu. To learn more about the DNR's fisheries research efforts, visit www.michigan.gov/fishresearch.



DNR fisheries biologist Mike Thomas discusses Lake St. Clair perch aboard a Sea Grant Discovery cruise.



A youngster handles a native silver lamprey that Thomas brought to a Sea Grant Discovery cruise on Lake St. Clair.