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Interest in broadband Internet service spurs group to action requesting surveys

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

In what seems to be a never-ending battle to secure widespread broadband services for Alcona County, another survey is being circulated in an effort to provide data to prospective Internet companies.

The group leading this effort is Leadership Alcona, an independent volunteer organization. This group met with Connect Michigan to go over what prospective Internet companies are looking for in order to be interested in an area and what data has already been collected over the past year.

Last year the group, then under the auspices of Michigan State University Extension (MSUE), pursued interest in broadband services by

meeting with the public and Internet companies.

Unfortunately, the very first survey issued was not able to provide necessary information to prospective Internet companies because it failed to ask where the resident was located. A new survey asking either the resident's address or cross streets closest to the resident was quickly reissued.

According to Marlena MacNeill, spokesperson for Leadership Alcona, the group thought they had a good representative sampling of the county with the second set of surveys they received, but found out this year it wasn't enough. The number of surveys submitted was insufficient to complete the detailed profile.

"To be successful, this en-

deavor needs a response rate of at least 10 percent of the population. We only received less than one percent in 2014. Countywide participation to map the need for broadband services is crucial to bringing

"I have no doubt widespread broadband services will help the economic development of this county. This new survey will hopefully provide a much better understanding of what areas in the county are underserved. It's not uncommon for one side of a street in our county to have service while the other side has none. This survey is the only way we can show our interest to prospective providers."

Marlena MacNeill
Spokesperson,
Leadership Alcona

expanded and improved service to Alcona County," according to a press release issued by Leadership Alcona last week.

Tom Stephenson, a representative from Connect Michigan, explained Internet service providers are looking for population density and an interest for Internet service in an area.

He said other counties with smaller populations than Al-

cona County have received broadband services because the bulk of the people wanted it. Stephenson explained the population of an area isn't as important as providing data showing that the community

fer high speed connectivity to the Internet," MacNeill said.

She said bringing widespread Internet service to the area equates to when residents realized the importance of having telephone service. In today's fast moving world, internet service is almost as important as electricity.

The new survey is available at locations throughout Alcona County. Businesses offering the survey will have a bright yellow and blue sign with "Alcona Broadband Survey Here." The public can fill out the survey and return it where they picked it up. (See page 7 of this week's issue of the Alcona County Review.)

"It's extremely important people fill out a survey and include either their address or the cross streets near their residence, even if they did so last year and even if they already have internet service," MacNeill said.

Diana Zeimen, volunteer for Leadership Alcona, explained by having everyone fill in the new survey guarantees every respondent has

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State police canine trooper dies at home

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Second chances don't happen very often, but when they do they can be life changing.

This was the case for Michigan State Police canine trooper, Vadas, and his second handler, trooper Jamie Bullis.

That second chance gave Vadas several more years of service "on the job" and a laid back retirement with Bullis and his family before dying in his sleep on June 19 at age 13.

Vadas served as a canine trooper for roughly nine years, working out of the Monroe, Mich. post with his first handler, Sgt. Bradley Martin, for seven years and with Bullis at the Alpena post for two years. His training included: Narcotics detection, tracking, article searches, listening post-observation post (LPOP), aggression, handler protection and crowd control.

He began service with Martin when he was roughly a year old. "We didn't have the number of canine handlers in the state that we do now," Martin said. "We were all over the southeast portion of the state - Wash-tenaw, Monroe, Wayne and Lenawee counties; right along I-75 which is a major drug smuggling cor-



Vadas resting after conducting a search at Alcona High School in 2012.

ridor from Detroit to the southern part of the country."

Seven years later, a soft tissue injury on a hind leg put him into early retirement with Martin and his family. Retirement did not set well with Vadas, according to Martin. "He was miserable... he lost weight, developed hot spots... It wasn't good."

Around that time, some several hundred miles north, Bullis was miserable in his own way. His first canine trooper, Bane, had been lost during a missing person search in Presque Isle County

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The schooner Madeline, a replica of the schooner by the same name built in 1845, will be docked at the Harrisville Harbor on June 30. The schooner is celebrating its 25th year on the Great Lakes and is traveling from Traverse City to Fairport, Ohio, where the original Madeline was built. For more, see page 9. *Courtesy photo.*

Obituaries



David L. Summers

David L. Summers, 62, of Harrisville, died on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at Tendercare in Alpena.

He was born January 17, 1953, to Gerald and Hazel (Brown) Summers in Kingman, Ind., where he was raised.

On April 5, 1980 he married Gillian Roberts in Titchmarsh, England, and moved to Harrisville in 1981.

He spent his career with the U.S. Air Force and retired as a master sergeant in 1991.

He loved playing golf and enjoyed reading.

Mr. Summers is survived by his wife, Gillian; one sister, Kay Tillson of New Jersey, and extended family members who live in England.

A memorial gathering will be announced at a later date.

Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Katherine L. Boyd

Katherine L. Boyd, 85, of Mikado, died on Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at her home.

She was born November 4, 1929 to Cleo "Bud" and Anna Matilda (Koch) King in Detroit, Mich. She was raised in Centerline, Mich.

On April 15, 1948, she married L. Franklin Boyd in Baseline, Mich., and they were residents of VanDyke, Mich. (now Warren).

Mrs. Boyd worked as a nurse's aide at Holy Cross and Warren Memorial hospitals. She was a devoted homemaker who loved spending time with her children and grandchildren.

She was very active in the Parent Teacher Association and the Girl Scouts when her children were growing up. She was a great cook and made excellent banana cream and chocolate cream pies. She enjoyed quilting, sewing, and playing bingo.

Mrs. Boyd is survived by her husband, Frank; two daughters, Pamela (Ed) Sera of Port Austin, Mich. and Linda (Jay) Schick of Warren, Mich.; one son, Craig (Mary Bens) Boyd of Mikado; nine grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren; one daughter-in-law, Chris Boyd of Madison Heights, Mich.; one sister, Ada Reichert of Gibraltar, Mich.; one sister-in-law, Kathy King of Arkansas; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Donald King and Harry King; and two sisters, Laura Brown and Mary Romano.

The funeral was held on Sunday, June 21 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Pastor Wayne Whitten officiated. Memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital, The Salvation Army, or Hospice of the Sunrise Shore.

Christopher J. Gansen

Christopher James Gansen, 41, of Alpena died on Sunday, June 7, 2015 in Alpena.

He was born on August 28, 1973 to Gary and JoAnn (Timreck) Gansen Sr. in Alpena. He was raised in Harrisville and attended Alcona High School

He was self-employed.

He married Ema Fletcher in 1994 in Harrisville.

Mr. Gansen is survived by his daughter, Ashly Gansen; his parents, Gary and JoAnn Gansen Sr.; one brother, Gary Gansen II of Glennie; two sisters, Tamara (David) Stern of Oscoda and Valeria (Bill) Holloway of Burton, Mich.; two uncles, Ronald (Vickie) Timreck and Charles Stuart; one aunt, JoAnn (Harold) Busch; one niece, Cassandra (Brian) Kienzle; four nephews, Charles (Anna) Gansen, Douglas Stern, Joseph Lince and William (Julie) Lince; one great nephew, Lucas Kienzle; and his former wife, Ema Benton of Oscoda.

He was preceded in death by one brother, William; and his grandparents, Charles and Stella Timreck III, Annetta (Barlow) Gansen, and James and Marge Gansen.

Cremation has taken place. Arrangements were handled by Bannan Funeral Home, Alpena.



Roy F. Harmon Jr.

Roy Frederick Harmon Jr., 79, of Barton City, died on Thursday, June 18, 2015 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born July 23, 1935 to Roy "Fred" and Mary "Blanche" (Katona) Harmon Sr. in Hammond, Ind. He was raised in Lincoln.

He served in the U.S. Army.

On February 3, 1962, he married Kaye Henderson in Lapeer, Mich. They were residents of Drayton Plains, Mich., while he worked as a lineman with Jacobs Electric in Troy, Mich. Mr. Harmon was a member of the Local No. 17 IBEW.

In 1977, he moved to Barton City. Mr. Harmon was a member of the Barton City VFW Burger Wiedbrauk Post No. 8135, the Barton City Eagles Aerie No. 4141, and Alcona Lodge No. 292, F. & A.M.

He enjoyed the outdoors and liked to hunt and fish.

Mr. Harmon is survived by two daughters, Beverly Harmon of Barton City and Barbara (Ron) Brisson of Clawson, Mich.; one son, Thomas (Veronica) Harmon of Barton City; eight grandchildren, Andrew High, Kathryn Gifford, Erik Davey, Alex Harmon, T.J. Anderson, Donna Mae Anderson, Bryan Brisson and Aaron Brisson; one sister, Maureen (Ron) Kinney of Waterford, Mich.; one sister-in-law, Sue Henderson of Lapeer, Mich. and his faithful canine companion, Lucy.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Kaye, on June 21, 2008.

There will be a memorial service at the Burger Wiedbrauk VFW Hall in Barton City, on Sunday, July 26 at 1 p.m. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

Mary A. Sanford

Mary A. Sanford, 68, of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

She was born February 23, 1947 to Arthur and Goldie (Stoneburner) Peterson in Omaha, Neb., where she was raised.

On October 2, 1964 she married Lyle Russell Sanford Jr. in New York. They moved to Warren, Mich. in 1982.

They moved to Alcona County in 1985. Mrs. Sanford was a member of Family Heritage Baptist Church in Harrisville, and was active with the ladies' group and Reformers Unanimous, but enjoyed singing there most of all.

She loved butterflies and bird watching, and working number crossword puzzles and crochet.

Mrs. Sanford is survived by one son, Brian (Anna) Sanford of Harrisville; one daughter, Joy (Neil) Lantto of Harrisville; two grandchildren, Cora Beverlin and Terrence Wolfe; and three nephews, David Laycock, Michael Laycock and Terry (Laurie) Sanford.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle, on October 28, 2012.

Visitation is at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln, on Saturday, June 27, from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at 1 p.m. Pastor Ernie Ruemenapp will officiate. Burial will be in West Lawn Cemetery, Harrisville.

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Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	June 14	61		54	1.49	2.6
June 15	64	57	0.02	1.9	11	SSE
June 16	74	55	0.00	4.9	26	NNE
June 17	62	50	0.00	2.3	9	N
June 18	76	55	0.27	2.8	19	SE
June 19	61	45	0.00	5.8	25	NE
June 20	63	42	0.00	3.5	14	NE
Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2015						
	2015	2014	Normal Water Content			
Weekly Total	1.78	0.86	0.59			
June to Date	3.58	1.14	1.63			
Year/Season to Date	10.11	12.35	11.59			
Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)						

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, JUNE 24
Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Senior Center, 5039 Campbell Road.

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

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

Painterly Pottery from Bay City will host a pottery workshop for ages 10-18 at 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. To register for this free program, call (989) 724-6796.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch.

A retirement open house for Library Director Carol Luck will be held from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

A salad luncheon will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church located at 5625 North US-23 in Oscoda.

General Motors Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees of Northeast Michigan will hold their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Sanctuary Inn, 1000 US-23 North in Alpena. The guest speaker will be Harry McCown, retired member of the U.S. Air Force. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Griffin, (989) 727-3350 or Don Cattleberry, (989) 354-5504, for more information.

Learn all about seagulls at the Harrisville State Park at 10 a.m. These beachy birds are all over the park. Come and get crafty and learn about these common creatures. At 2 p.m. the program will all about trees! Meet at the day use pavilion. A Recreation Passport is required for entry

to the park. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (989) 724-5126.

THURSDAY, JUNE 25
The Alcona County Republicans will meet at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 South Poor Farm Road.

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.

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

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

The Greenbush Chamber of Commerce will host a chicken dinner and social event at 6 p.m. at the township hall located at 5037 East Campbell Road. Dinner and refreshments \$9. The guest speaker will be Denise Richardson who is the wellness coordinator for Alcona Health Center. Reservations required. Call Sharon at (989) 724-5216.

Many mammals roam the Harrisville State Park. Learn to identify the basics and become a mammal detective at 10 a.m. at the day use pavilion. A Recreation Passport is required for entry to the park. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (989) 724-5126.

FRIDAY, JUNE 26
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.

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

Learn all about ladybugs at 10 a.m. and ducks at 2 p.m. at the day use pavilion at the Harrisville State Park. A Recreation Passport is required for entry to the park. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (989) 724-5126.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27
My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across

from the high school). For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

Enjoy an afternoon of family fun and fellowship at The Chosen Ranch, 4571 Beaton Road, Harrisville from 3 to 7 p.m. This event is free and open to everyone. There will be games for kids and wagon rides around the property. At 5 p.m. hot dogs and ice cream will be served. Anyone planning to attend is asked to bring a blanket or chairs as is a picnic style event. Beaton Road is located about five miles north of Harrisville off of US-23. Take the first driveway on the right.

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

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

The Lincoln Lions 8th annual golf scramble. Four person teams compete at Loggers Trace at Springport Hills Golf Course. Entry fee is \$60 per person which includes dinner. All proceeds go to scholarships awarded to Alcona High School graduates each year. For more information, call Lonnie Crampton at (989) 724-9900 or Frank Belloli at (989) 335-0546.

Log Cabin Day at Bailey School from noon to 4 p.m. on the grounds at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse north of Harrisville. Contact Arlene Good at (989) 736-3151 for details. This event is sponsored by the Alcona Historical Society.

Experience life as it was over 100 years in Alpena at the 29th annual Log Cabin Day at Besser Museum of Northeast Michigan, 491 Johnson Street will be held from noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and seniors or \$12 for families. This event is free to museum members and children under five years old. For more information, call (989) 356-2202.

Learn all about skunks at 10 a.m. and birds at 2 p.m. at the day use pavilion at the Harrisville State Park. A Recreation Passport is required for entry to the park. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, call (989) 724-5126.

SUNDAY, JUNE 28
Rally for the Cure golf outing. Four person, 18 hole scramble to benefit the fight against breast cancer at Eagle Ridge Golf Club in Glennie. Contact Barb Orefice at (989) 735-3500 for details.

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Summer Fellowship

The public is invited to The Chosen Ranch on Saturday, June 27 from 3 to 7 p.m. to enjoy an afternoon of free family fun and fellowship. There will be kids games and wagon rides through the property. Hot dogs and ice cream will be served at 5 p.m. Everyone planning to attend is asked to bring a blanket or chairs for their comfort as it will be a picnic style affair. The Chosen Ranch is located at 4571 Beaton Road, ap-

proximately five miles north of Harrisville off of US-23. The Chosen Ranch is under development as a home for abandoned, abused, neglected and homeless children. It sits on 160 acres that was purchased in February 2015.

branch of the Alcona County Library. Audience participation is encouraged. This activity supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. Call (989) 736-8389 for more information.



**Alcona High
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Soccer Game**

**Celebrate
15 years of
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**Sun., July 5th
4 p.m.**

**Call to register,
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ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be open Saturday, June 27 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the Alcona County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) in Lincoln. Available this week: Garlic, strawberries, sorrel, radicchio, Swiss chard, fresh herbs, sugar snap peas, carrots, beets, rhubarb, spinach, mixed lettuces, asparagus, kale, all cuts of grass-fed and grain-fed beef and snack sticks, honey, eggs, pies, catnip, dill, vegetable and herb plants, perennials, cut flowers, vegetable seeds, marigold seeds, plant markers, vegetable wash, homemade laundry detergent, and more. Vendors accept bridge cards and Project Fresh coupons. Double Up Food Bucks are offered on qualifying purchases. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Away at School

- Megan Crowder of Mikado recently graduated Cum Laude from Northern Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in public relations. In addition, she was named to the dean's list for the winter 2015 semester with a 4.0 grade point average.
- Xavier Donajkowski of Hubbard Lake was named to the dean's list for the winter 2015 semester at Northern Michigan University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.25 grade point average on a 3.99 scale.
- Alyssa Miller of Oscoda was named to the dean's list for the winter 2015 semester at Northern Michigan University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.25 grade point average on a 3.99 scale.
- Amanda Temple of Spruce was named to the dean's list for the winter 2015 semester at Northern Michigan University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.25 grade point average on a 3.99 scale.

Hole In One

Brian Jansen of Colorado, aed number 17 at White Pine National Golf Course recently. He used a seven iron to sink his 137-yard hole-in-one – his first. He was in the area to attend his best friend's bachelor party (golfing at White Pine). This was his first hole-in-one and was witnessed by Trevor Brusseau, Kyle Heika and Greg Prychadko.



Brian Jansen

- Catherine Bair of Black River received a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Ross University School of Veterinary Medicine on May 30. She received her undergraduate degree from Michigan State University in 2010, and was a 2006 graduate from Alcona High School. She is the daughter of Steve and Janine Bair of Black River and has accepted a position at Jensen's Animal Hospital in Petoskey, Mich.



Catherine Bair

Drop in Crafts

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in Drop in Crafts on Tuesday, June 30 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All materials are provided, no registration is required. Call (989) 736-8389 for more information, or visit the Web at www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

Astute Artistry

Individuals of all ages are invited to watch the cosmeticians from Astute Artistry demonstrate make-up application and special effects design, including theater painting, face painting, glitter tattoos, zombie make-up and more on Wednesday, July 1 at 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville

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, June 29—Sweet and sour chicken, brown rice, winter blend vegetable, three bean salad and pears.
- Tuesday, June 30—Pork roast, mashed potatoes and



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been included in the final outcome.

Leadership Alcona is asking for just one survey to be filled out per household/business. All full-time and part-time households and business owners, property owners or not, are urged to fill out the survey. A shorter version of the survey will be available at the Harrisville State Park and the Alcona Park campground for non residents to fill out. Deadline for survey submission is July 31.

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For more information, a copy of the survey, or to volunteer to hand out surveys, contact Diana Zeimen, at (989) 724-6353, e-mail leadership@gmail.com or find them at Leadership Alcona on Facebook. Surveys can be dropped off at participating businesses or mailed to Leadership Alcona, c/o Diana Zeimen, 1905 South Poor Farm Road, Mikado, Mich. 48745-9784.

Gonzalez/Dewar plan wedding

Alexis Marisa Gonzalez and Joshua Lloyd Dewar announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Kim and Al Gonzalez of Black River. She is a 2010 graduate of Alcona High School and is employed at Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union.

The future groom is the son of Cindy and Kevin Laur of Hubbard Lake. He is a 2010 graduate of Alcona High School and is employed at Manus Tool.

A May 2017 wedding is planned.



Alexis Gonzalez and Joshua Dewar

Organization Notes

River Aux Sables Chapter

On June 9, the River Aux Sables Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) met in Oscoda at Taitery Row for a presentation by Teresa Jones, state chairman of DAR supported schools. DAR gives over \$1 million annually to support six schools with needed supplies for the school and the children who attend those schools. Most are in rural mountain areas, such as Tamasee DAR School, Tamasee, S. C., founded by DAR in the 1920s, Crossnore School in Crossnore, N.C., Hindman School in Hindman, Ky. and Berry College in Mt. Berry, Ga. Others are inner city schools -- Kate Duncan Smith School in Grant, Ala. and Hillside School in Marlborough, Mass.

The chapter also was made aware of the Children of the Revolution (CAR) sponsored Michigan War Dog Cemetery that was discovered in 2010 in South Lyon, Mich., near Milford, Mich. This cemetery was founded in 1939 as a pet cemetery, but in 1946, because of the contribution of war dogs to the protection and assistance of soldiers in World War I and World War II, a monument was placed in that cemetery to honor all dogs who had served in the armed services during those wars.

Today, with renovation after 25 years of neglect, it has become the resting place of Michigan State Police, federal service and armed services dogs who are given full military honors upon their burials.

Local Notes

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gravy, corn and applesauce.

• Wednesday, July 1—Fish almonidine, buttered rotini, peas and raspberry apple-sauce Jell-O.

• Thursday, July 2—Taco salad, baby carrots and dip and mandarin oranges.

• Friday, July 3—Lemon pepper chicken, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, tossed salad and mixed fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Habitat Presentation

Brian Piccolo, a wildlife biologist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, will give a presentation about wildlife habitat "From the Backyard to the Forest" on Wednesday, July 15 at 6 p.m. at Alpena Community College (Oscoda Campus), 5800 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda. This free, informative presentation will provide practical ideas which residents can implement to improve the wildlife habitat on their property whether they own one acre or 1,000 acres. A free pizza dinner will also be provided. Reservations are required. Call Alcona County District Forester Andrew Beebe by July 10 at (989) 335-1056.

Genealogist Seminar

The Alpena Family History Center, 411 Long Rapids Plaza, Alpena, will host a "Roots Tech" seminar on Saturday, June 27 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Roots Tech is the largest family history conference seminar in the world and it is held in Salt Lake City, Utah in February each year. The seminar will address the needs of the beginner genealogist as well as the advance researcher and will enlighten all in the online tools of family history research. Space is limited, registration is not necessary. Call (989) 358-9809 to reserve a seat. The public is welcome. Attendance is free.



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• Shop around: If you're not attached to a particular veterinarian, call some different vet clinics in your area and compare costs. When you call, get price quotes on basic services like annual exams and vaccinations, as well as

bigger-ticket items, like to repair a broken leg, so you can compare. Also, check to see if you live near a veterinary medical school (see aavmc.org for a listing). Many schools provide low-cost care provided by students who are overseen by their professors.

• Ask your vet for help: To help make your vet bills more manageable, see if your vet's office accepts monthly payments so you don't have to pay the entire cost up front. Also, find out if your vet offers discounts to senior citizens or reduces fees for annual checkups if you bring in multiple pets.

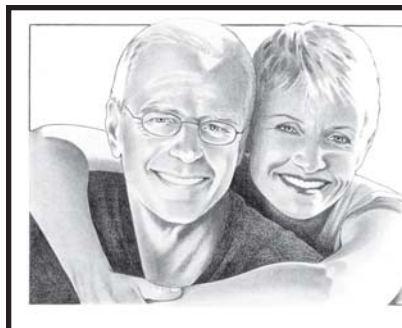
• Search for low-cost care: Many municipal and non-profit animal shelters offer free or low-cost spaying and neutering programs and vaccinations, and some work with local vets who are willing to provide care at reduced prices for low-income and senior pet owners. Call your local shelter or humane society to find out what's available in your area.

• Look for financial assistance: There are a number of state and national organizations that provide financial assistance to pet owners in need. To locate these programs, the U.S. Humane Society provides a listing on their website that you can access at humanesociety.org/petfinancialaid.

• Buy cheaper medicine: Medicine purchased at the vet's office is usually much more expensive than you can get from a regular pharmacy or online. Instead, get a prescription from your vet (ask for generic is possible) so you can shop for the best price.

Most pharmacies such as Walgreens, CVS, Walmart, Kmart, Rite Aid and Target fill prescriptions for pets inexpensively, so long as that same drug is also prescribed to humans. And, many pharmacies offer pet discount savings programs too.

You can also save by shopping online at one of the Veterinary-Verified Internet Pharmacy Practice Sites ac-



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credited by the National Association of Boards of Pharmacy, like (800) PetMeds (1800petmeds.com), Drs. Foster & Smith (drsfoster-smith.com), KV Supply (kv-supply.com), and PetCareRx (petcarerx.com).

• Consider pet insurance: If you can afford it, pet insurance is another option worth looking into. You can get a basic policy for under \$10 per month, and some insurers provide discounts for insuring multiple pets. See petinsurancereview.com to compare policies. Membership discount plans like Pet Assure (petassure.com) are another way to save, but you'll

need to use a vet in their network.

• Look for other ways to save: In addition to cutting your veterinary bills, you can also save on pet food and other supplies depending on where you shop. Target, Walmart, Costco and the dollar stores typically offer much lower prices than supermarkets and specialty retailers like Petco and PetSmart. You can also save on treats and toys at sites like coupaw.com and doggyloot.com.

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



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Tips for snake encounters

This time of year, as snakes are out and about in the great outdoors, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) gets many questions about Michigan's snakes. Michigan is home to 18 different species of snakes, 17 of which are harmless to humans.

There are two that are very similar and often cause a stir when people encounter them. Eastern hognose snakes, when threatened, puff up with air, flatten their necks and bodies, and hiss loudly. This has led to local names like "puff adder" or "hissing viper." If this act is unsuccessful in deterring predators, the snakes will writhe about, excrete a foul-smelling musk and then turn over with mouth agape and lie still, as though dead. Despite this intimidating behavior, hognosed snakes are harmless to humans.

The eastern massasauga rattlesnake, the only venomous snake species found in Michigan, is quite rare and protected as a species of spe-

cial concern due to declining populations from habitat loss. As the name implies, the massasauga rattlesnake does have a segmented rattle on its tail. It should not be confused with the other harmless species of snake in Michigan that do not have segmented rattles but also will buzz their tails if approached or handled.

Eastern massasauga rattlesnakes are shy creatures that avoid humans whenever possible. Also known as "swamp rattlers," they spend the vast majority of their time in year-round wetlands hunting their primary prey, mice. When encountered, if the snake doesn't feel threatened, it will let people pass without revealing its location. If humans

do get too close, a rattlesnake will generally warn of its presence by rattling its tail while people are still several feet away.

If given room, the snake will slither away into nearby brush. Rattlesnake bites, while extremely rare in Michigan (fewer than one per year), can and do occur. Anyone who is bitten should seek medical attention immediately. To learn more about the massasauga and for more snake safety tips, visit <http://mnfi.anr.msu.edu/emr/index.cfm>. Those who encounter a snake of any kind should leave it alone and should not try to handle or harass the snake - this is primarily how snake bites happen. A snake can only strike roughly one-third of its body length, so it is physically impossible for people to get bitten if they do not get within 24 inches of the snake's head. Michigan snakes do not attack, chase or lunge at people or seek out human contact. Simply put,



The only venomous snake species found in Michigan, the rare eastern massasauga rattlesnake, is shy and avoids humans whenever possible. *Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

if left alone, Michigan snakes will leave people alone.

To learn more about Michigan's snakes, visit www.michigan.gov/wildlife, click on the "Wildlife Species" button and select "Amphibians and Reptiles."

Also, be sure to check out the DNR's 60-Second Snakes video series for identification tips and information about Michigan's snake species.

The DNR asks Michigan residents to consider reporting any reptile or amphibian sightings to the Michigan Herp Atlas research project to help monitor amphibian and reptile populations in Michigan and protect these valuable resources for future generations.

Visit www.miherpatlas.org for more information.

The Garden Bug

Algae blooms

BY BRENDA WEAVER

Soils have a great capacity to filter pollutants. But when nutrients, particularly nitrogen and phosphorus, are applied to soil, the excess can pollute local bodies of water, causing extensive algal growth that leads to oxygen depletion. In 2011, record torrential spring rains washed fertilizer into Lake Erie, promoting the worst algae bloom in decades.

Source: www.nature.com, wikipedia.org, www.cdc.gov



Lake Erie,
October 2011

Alcona County Broadband (High-Speed Internet) Survey June 2015

Sponsored by Leadership Alcona

This survey is to gather data concerning the availability of Internet services. This data will be mapped to demonstrate the need for enhanced Internet services in Alcona County and to encourage Internet service providers to offer more Internet options. **Answering this survey does NOT obligate you to subscribe to any services.**

Please answer the following questions for only one Alcona County address where you have a residence, either owned or rented, or a business. If you have more than one Alcona County property that you wish to include in the responses, please make a copy of this survey and fill it out for that property as well. **Please respond to all applicable questions to ensure mapping accuracy.**

1. The property for which I am responding is located at: *address or nearest cross streets and zip code*):
Address or cross streets _____

Township: _____

2. Please indicate your residency and property ownership status:

- I am a full-time year-round resident and property owner.
- I am a full-time year-round resident, but not a property owner.
- I am a part-time resident and property owner.
- This is a business address.

3. If you DO subscribe to an Internet service for this address, what type of service is it:

- Dial-up Internet
- Satellite based Internet
- DSL Internet
- Wireless Internet – not cell phone based
- Cable Internet
- Cell Phone Based Internet
- Dedicated T-1 Line

4. If you DO subscribe to an Internet service at THIS ADDRESS, does the service meet your needs:
 Yes No

5. If you answered "no" to question #4, *choose only 1 reason* why this service does not meet your needs.

- Speed is too slow
- Price is too high
- Connection is unreliable
- Customer service is poor

6. If you do NOT currently subscribe to an Internet service at THIS ADDRESS, why not:
 I/we have adequate access to Internet somewhere else (work, school, at another residence, etc.).

- I/we do not use or desire to use the Internet here or anywhere else.
- I/we cannot get adequate access to the Internet at this address (The only Internet services available here are too slow or expensive.).

7. Are you interested in having alternative choices for Internet service for this address:
 Yes No

8. How much are you willing to pay per month for high speed Internet service at this address:

- \$20-30 \$31-40 \$41-50 \$51-60 \$61-80 \$81-100 More than \$100

9. If an alternative service included a one-time installation fee, how much would you be willing to pay?

- Less than \$100 \$100-200 \$201-300 \$301-400 \$401-500 More than \$500

10. Some providers offer a "bundled" group of services, such as TV, Internet, and landline telephone as a package, usually at a reduced rate. Would you be interested in this kind of service?

- Yes, interested in TV, Internet, and telephone bundle
- Yes, interested in TV and Internet only
- Yes, interested in Internet and telephone only
- Yes, interested in TV and telephone only
- Not interested in bundled services

Additional comments: _____

Optional contact information: _____

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Organizations Organization Notes

VFW Post No. 6754 Ladies Auxiliary

The June meeting was held with nine members in attendance. Secretary Emma Liske read the minutes for the May meeting as well as Shannon Oliver's note thanking the auxiliary for the \$500 scholarship. Treasurer Sandy Light read the financial report and Sharon Jack provided a brief update of June highlights.

The auxiliary paid for the individually wrapped cookies and small cakes which were donated to the Alpena VA Clinic. Frances Ziesman advised that auxiliary mem-

ber, Norma Alstrom, is doing well. President Kathy Vichunas reported that all the required paperwork for the 2015-2016 year has been submitted. She also advised the auxiliary that the incoming district president will probably select Post No. 6754 for the annual inspection which usually occurs at the August meeting.

Laura Bey's birthday is July 7 - which is also the date for the auxiliary and post meeting at 7 p.m.

Horseshoe League

Northern June 4

Mikado Legion I	52
Glennie I	34
BC II	33
Swamp I	32
Glennie II	27
BC I	23
Mikado Legion II	21
Eagles I	18

June 11

Mikado Legion I	64
BC II	43
Glennie I	40
Swamp I	32
BC I	29
Glennie II	29
Eagles I	26
Mikado Legion II	25

June 18

Mikado Legion I	75
Glennie I	51
BC II	50
Swamp I	39
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Madeline Schooner visits Harrisville

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

The twin-masted schooner Madeline will be docked at the Harrisville Harbor on Tuesday, June 30.

Maritime Heritage Alliance's (MHA) schooner is celebrating its 25th year on the water this summer.

Madeline is a replica of an 1840 Great Lakes commercial vessel and serves as an educational floating center for the interpretation of Great Lakes maritime history.

According to Laura Quackenbush, program coordinator for Madeline, the Harrisville Harbor is just one of the ports-of-call the tall ship will make on her 25th anniversary tour as it sails to Fairport, Ohio, where the original Madeline was built and launched in 1845. Other ports-of-call along the way include Algonac, Mich., Lake Erie's Put-in-Bay in Ohio and Toledo, Ohio. Later this summer the schooner will visit Beaver Island, Mich.

The original Madeline's mission was to carry freight. It sailed between 1845 and the 1870s. Most of its career was spent carrying package freight, salted fish and a few passengers between Mackinaw Island and the small outposts along the shore of northern Lake Michigan.

Madeline had a unique role in Grand Traverse County history by serving as the first non-Indian school in the region during the winter of 1851 and 1852. That year the captain of the Madeline and his brothers, a crew of four, decided they needed an education to become successful. The Fitzgerald brothers docked Madeline at Bowers Harbor, north of Traverse City, Mich. when the lakes were frozen and hired Stephen Wait, a 17-year-old teacher, who spent the winter aboard the ship teaching reading, writing and arithmetic.

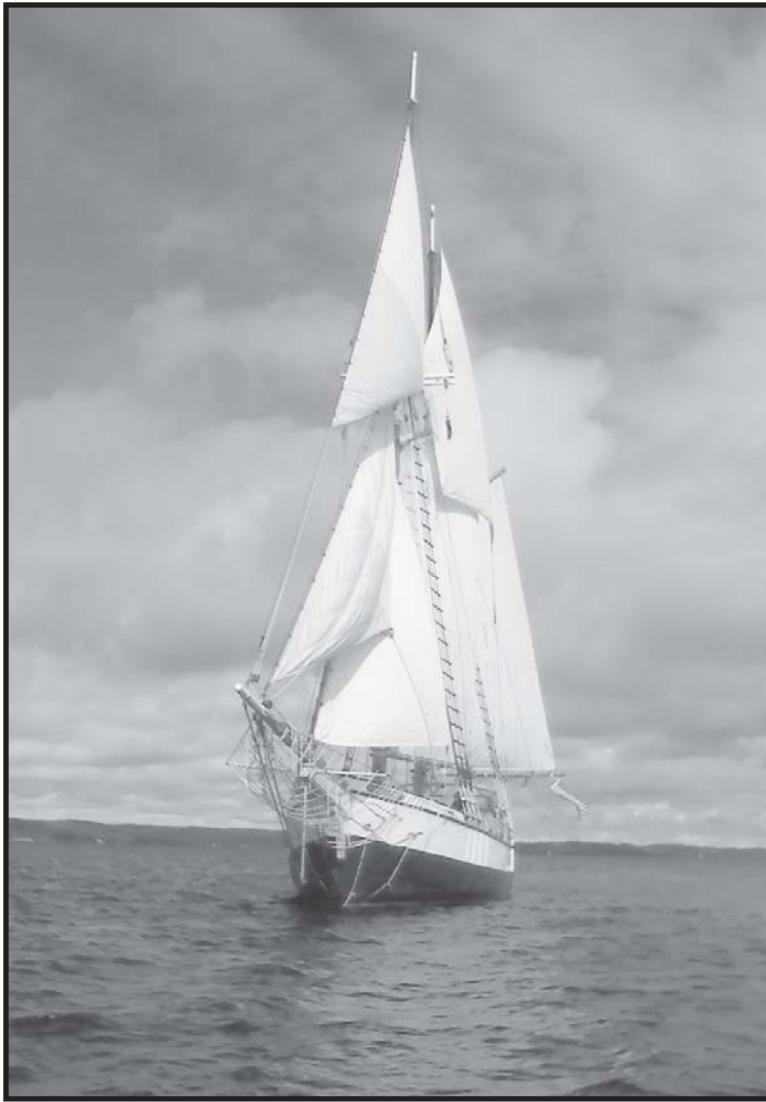
The MHA website states the school must have been good for the men as all five went on to have successful careers on the Great Lakes. Years later, one of the Fitzgerald grandchildren headed an insurance company which named and owned another famous boat: The S.S. Edmund Fitzgerald.

Madeline was also noted for a rescue mission to help evacuate Beaver Island's Mormon population after the fall of Mormon king James Strang.

A hundred plus years ago, schooners were the most popular type of sailing boat on the Great Lakes and it is estimated there were more than 2,000 sailing the lakes, although few were built after 1870.

Great Lakes schooners were different from ocean schooners as their rigs were adapted to sail closer to the wind and were easily maneuvered. The boxy shape of the hull was to accommodate the maximum amount of cargo to travel in the canals of the Welland and the Soo.

The original Madeline was a very small schooner at about 52 feet on deck. The largest Great Lake schooners



Madeline had a unique role in Grand Traverse County history by serving as the first non-Indian school in the region during the winter of 1851 and 1852. *Courtesy photo.*

were several hundred feet long and had three to five masts. Today's Madeline has an overall length of 92 feet. Its beam is 16 feet with a draft of seven feet; masts are 68 feet and 71 feet; is rigged with 1,539 square feet of sail and its gross tonnage is 50 tons.

Since the launch in Traverse City, Mich. in 1990, the schooner Madeline and all volunteer crew has sailed on all five Great Lakes with an educational mission of to teach, practice and share Great Lakes maritime history and traditions, which has included visits to more than 100 ports on the lakes.

The schooner crew has welcomed thousands of visitors of all ages aboard for a tour and lessons. Madeline has served as the official Good Will Ambassador for the City of Traverse City and has also

represented the state of Michigan as an official historic Tall Ship.

The MHA, nonprofit organization, engages in charitable, scientific, literary, social or education activities. Between 1985 and 1990, 165 MHA volunteers gave 40,000 hours to build Madeline. The all volunteer crew learn and practice traditional sailing skills, modern seamanship and safety and perform all the repairs and maintenance of the boat.

The public is invited to learn and experience maritime heritage by the crew of the Madeline on June 30 at the Harrisville Harbor of Refuge on Lake Street between 5 and 8 p.m. The event is free with donations welcomed.

For more information visit their website at www.maritimeheritagealliance.org.

Writing Letters to the Editor

The Alcona County Review welcomes Letters to the Editor so readers can express their opinion or draw attention to issues.

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- *Letters should be no longer than 300 words.* Inappropriate content will be deleted and letters will run on a space available basis.

- This forum is not intended as a thank you section for groups and organizations. *Thank yous are considered personal messages and therefore advertising.*

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Dredging at harbor complete for 2015

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The scheduled maintenance dredging at the Harrisville Harbor of Refuge for 2015 has been completed. This leaves the harbor fully functional around the boat docks, gas dock and there is a newly built station for sailboats to anchor.

The dredging began almost six weeks ago by J&B Dredging, owned by John Bernard, with a business location in Lincoln.

Bernard explained his dredger is a cutter head suction dredge for hydraulic dredging. It was able to pump 7,500 cubic yards of material from around the docks. "Before we could even start dredging we had to construct a dike spoil area on state land to place the sediment of

north end of the harbor on state land.

Harrisville Harbor Commission Chairman, Neal Gehring said, "Per our agreement with the state, the holding site will be restored to its original condition after the material has dried out and by the end of 2015. Dredged material will be removed and taken to the disposal site just north of Walker Road and just west of the airport."

Bernard said the material collected last year from the mechanical dredging was 100 percent sand which "dewatered" quickly and was able to be relocated to the disposal site almost immediately. But the material he hydraulically removed from around the docks was approximately 75 percent water and 25 percent "material

the commission purchased in order to maintain in the harbor. An idea conceived when the late Hazen James "Jim" Hamather was harbor-master. Hamather's son, Mike, now operates the dredger for Bernard.

According to Bernard, part of the agreement in purchasing the dredger was to perform a certain amount of dredging for the Harrisville Harbor.

Bernard takes pride in the fact the dredger was built locally in Greenbush in 2000 by a company now called Dredging Supply Co. (DSC), Inc., formerly the W&S Dredge Manufacturer. DSC is an award winning dredging supply company and describes itself as a world leader in customized dredging solutions.



This dredger, owned by John Bernard of Lincoln, was built in Greenbush and is operated by Mike Hamather, son of the late Jim Hamather, former harbormaster. Photos by Mary Weber.

the dredge to dry until we could collect it to take it to the airport in Harrisville," Bernard said.

A larger, mechanical dredging performed last year around the harbor entrance prompted an outcry by homeowners south of the harbor where the dredged material was to be deposited. As a result the Harrisville Harbor Commission was able to secure a temporary dredged material holding area at the

separates," which looks like muck. As the sediment sinks in the holding area, a weir barrier is in place to help drain the water from the muck, returning the water back to the harbor without recontamination of the sediments.

J&B Dredging began its business in 2006 when Bernard bought the dredger from the Harrisville Harbor Commission. Bernard said that dredger was the second one

Steve Baksis, Harrisville harbormaster, said the job J&B performed was excellent and they were able to take out much more than expected leaving a depth of 12 to 15 feet throughout the harbor.

Baksis said that, and the fact the water levels remain high, should mean no boat will be inhibited from using the harbor. "Harbor activity still hasn't ramped up to full swing, but we are up almost twice of what we did last year



Residue from the dredging project is deposited on state land located north of the harbor until it dries out, then it will be removed and the area will be restored.

Planning for the Hex hatch

Many anglers eagerly await the Hex hatch on northern Michigan rivers each summer, although it's tough to pinpoint exactly when it will happen.

Fly anglers wait anxiously in June and July for the hatch to begin - when it does it often lasts for two to three weeks. The river and the weather are factors that impact this activity, including water temperature, length of day and water levels. It should also be noted that hatches often begin downstream and then work their way upstream.

Northeastern Lower Peninsula June 18

• Cheboygan River: Anglers are catching some walleye at the mouth.

• Mullett Lake: Fishing has been sporadic at best. Anglers are catching fish one day and getting skunked the next. On the good days, they caught some decent pike, walleye and panfish. Bass fishing has been slow because they tend to cruise the calm water which has not been possible with the windy conditions.

• Rogers City: Fishing for lake trout has been fantastic with lots of limit catches coming in. Fish are being caught just about everywhere but some of the favorite spots have been north to Seagull Point, the sand dunes, the state park and Forty Mile Point. To the south, anglers can be found off of Calcite, Swan Bay or Adam's Point.

They are fishing from the shoreline out to 70 feet and fish have been caught on spoons close to the bottom or suspended. Green, orange, white and blue were good colors. Anglers are using cowbells or dodgers with spin-glo's in the bottom 10 feet. The occasional Atlantic salmon was caught by those trolling high-lines with orange spoons in 20 to 50 feet.

Northeast Michigan Fishing Report



The breakwall was on the slow side but anglers may still find the occasional Atlantic salmon or lake trout when casting orange, gold and silver crocodile spoons.

• East and West Twin Lakes: Walleye fishing was slow on both lakes and many small ones were caught in 13 to 14 feet on West Twin but a few up to 18 inches were caught in the 10 foot holes. Fish were caught in 17 to 20 feet on East Twin but it was not easy fishing. Bass fishing has been great on both lakes and bluegills were caught on the east side of West Twin.

• Alpena: Walleye fishing continues to improve with a few limit catches taken. The night bite has been very good. The early morning or evening bite has also taken fish and overcast days were productive. Try along the city beach, out from the Blair Street access, Grass Island, Sulphur Island, Scarecrow Island and Partridge Point in eight to 30 feet. Anglers are using a 50/50 mix of body baits and crawler harnesses. Hot colors were green, purple, orange, chartreuse, and fire-tiger.

• Thunder Bay River: Has been on the slow side with anglers catching mostly small panfish, rock bass, bluegills and freshwater drum. Walleye anglers were casting body baits or fishing live bait such as crawlers and leeches off the 9th Street Bridge but catch rates were slow.

• Harrisville: Boat anglers can still get out even with the

ongoing dredging operation. Good numbers of lake trout have been caught in 80 to 100 feet when using spoons, wobble glows, cut bait and body baits. Walleye fishing slowed with the changing weather patterns however fish were caught late evening or very early morning before the sun comes up. Try crawler harnesses, body baits, stick baits or small spoons.

• Oscoda: Pier fishing has slowed because of the inconsistent weather or because the fish are not making their way north in good numbers yet. Boat anglers are having a lot of success catching lake trout with the occasional Chinook or steelhead in 100 to 120 feet. Lake trout are in the bottom third of the water column and hitting on spoons, cut bait and spin-glos.

• AuSable River: Anglers are still having some luck when drifting crawlers and casting body baits.

• Tawas: Walleye fishing was slow in the bay but those trolling in 50 to 70 feet are getting some lake trout. A couple of walleye were taken around Buoys 4 and 6. Pier fishing was slow.

• Tawas River: Fishing was slow and limited to small-mouth bass, carp and gar.

• AuGres: Had excellent walleye fishing in waters 30 to 35 feet deep.

• AuGres River: Is producing a few catfish. Try crawlers, cut bait or shrimp.

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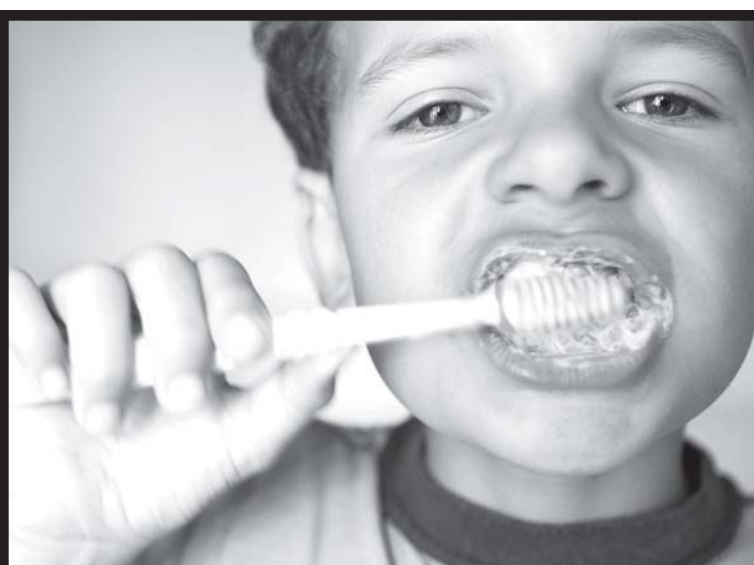


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Complaint Statistics

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Miscellaneous	5	Agency Assist	3
Dog/Animal	4	Traffic	12
Malicious Destruction of Prop.	1	Trespassing	2
Alarm	2	Drug Crimes	2
911 Hang Up	2	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	3
Patrol Check	1	Warrant Arrest	1
Civil	2	Medical	1
Breaking and Entering	1	Marine Complaint	4
Larceny	1	Suicidal Person	1
Fire	3	Noise Complaint	3
Suspicious Events	5	Entry without Permission	1
PPO/Probation Violation	1		

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Vadas with Trooper Jamie Bullis following one of the numerous demonstrations they gave in the area. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

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on November 13, 2010. He was not found, and Bullis was left without a partner and, possibly, a six month wait to train another one.

Vadas' injury had healed after several months and after being cleared by a veterinarian, he was considered "employable" again. By that

time Martin had begun training another canine partner.

On a suggestion from MSP Canine Unit Commander Sgt. David Yount, Martin agreed to bring Vadas out of retirement as Bullis' partner – an unprecedented action within the unit. Bullis was relieved and appreciative.



Vadas with his first handler (then) Trooper Bradley Martin (left) and Trooper Rob Prause after a drug search in southeastern Michigan. *Courtesy photo.*

Canine handlers must spend a minimum of 10 weeks of training with new dogs and become certified before they are assigned to a post. In this case, Bullis and Vadas spent two weeks training to become certified. Bullis said that time was more like an orientation rather than training. They got to know each other, executed maneuvers together and learned to read each other. They also had a lot of time to bond.

Bullis and Vadas were "up and running" in January of 2011.

"He (Martin) offered Vadas to me when I was going through a very tough time... I cannot begin to describe the bond that handlers have with their dogs – from all of the training they go through to the high stress and anxiety of situations we end up in..."

"It's hard to put into words the feeling when you are out there relying on a dog... His job was looking out for me, the guys we are working with and relying on his nose to find drugs, suspects... they (canine troopers) are really our first line of defense," Bullis said. "The fact that he (Martin) was willing to give up his dog... I am very appreciative."

As appreciative as Bullis was to have Vadas, Martin said he was just as appreciative to be able to give Vadas a second chance to go back to work. "Vadas was a great working dog... He was not adjusting to retirement... At that point, if I had kept him it would have been for selfish reasons. I missed him, but I was happy that he was able to go back to work," Martin said.

In June of 2012 Vadas officially retired a second time, and accepted the arrangement more easily. "He was happy, laid back. He had lost a bit of his edginess," Bullis said. "My 13-year-old son took him for a walk around our property every day without a leash... he swam in the pond. He spent time with my wife and my sons. He looked after my boys like he had looked after me."

Bullis, who works out of the Lincoln detachment, has been working with his third canine trooper, Marshall, since June of 2012.

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Nelson the Animal Guy shows off some interesting animals during the Wildlife Safari event held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library last week. A Burmese python (top left), a Eurasian eagle owl (above), and a handful of sugar gliders were a few of the animals who entertained attendees. *Photos courtesy of Joe Thomas.*

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Great Lakes muskie-rearing program has been decades in the making

The conversion from northern muskellunge to Great Lakes muskies for its stocking program is going swimmingly now, but it took the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) a long time to get here.

Switching from the northern strain - native to only the westernmost tip of the Upper Peninsula - to the more widespread, native Great Lakes strain has been on the DNR's wish list for decades. It's finally happening.

Back in the 1970s and '80s, Michigan's muskie-stocking program centered on tiger muskies, the laboratory offspring of pike and muskies. The program depended on a solar-heating system at Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery, which provided enough warm water to rear the hybrids. By the 1990s, the solar system was failing and repair costs were deemed too high.

"The (Fisheries) Division made a decision to get out of the tiger muskie business," said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter, then a biologist in Plainwell, Mich. "We moved into northern muskies, though what we really wanted was Great Lakes muskies. We didn't have a good source of brood stock. Lake St. Clair wasn't the muskie mecca it is today."

When the DNR finally located what it thought was a potential source of Great Lakes muskie brood stock - the Indian River system - biologists decided that population wasn't large enough to support a full-scale rearing program. And a fish disease - piscirickettsia - set the program back as the DNR decided it was too risky to add a possible pathogen to the hatchery system. "That set us back at least five years," Dexter said.

By the turn of this century, the muskellunge population in the Lake St. Clair system had exploded and it looked like it was a viable brood stock-source. The piscirickettsia problem had been solved. That's when viral hemorrhagic septicemia (VHS) reared its head.



DNR fisheries crews go out at night to electro-fish the Detroit River for Great Lakes muskellunge. *Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

"Everything was put on hold until the science was able to catch up with the disease," Dexter said. Once plans were in place for an isolated rearing facility, the DNR ran into yet another problem: acquiring sufficient brood stock. Initial attempts to net Lake St. Clair muskies did not go well.

The department switched its efforts to the Detroit River, but netting there didn't go any better. "In 2009 and 2010, we netted and it just didn't work out," said Todd Somers, the DNR fisheries technician supervisor who oversaw egg take this year at the Detroit River. "So we started electrofishing at night. The first year we electrofished, we caught 215."

But that doesn't mean the DNR got what it wanted. "We don't always get ripe fish," Somers said. "We'll get green ones, but they won't ripen in the cage. They've got to swim around to get ripe. It's very disappointing when you catch

a 35-pounder and she won't ripen up.

"And it's 10-to-1 males to females," he said. "Some nights we catch 20 males and one female. The ratio is crazy."

Matt Hughes, who spawns the fish on the river and transports them to Wolf Lake for rearing, said the DNR is getting as many eggs as it needs, but it's still not collecting as many brood-stock specimens as it would like.

"The total egg goal is 500,000, and we can get that with a handful of good girls," Hughes said. "So it's more about the number of pairs we can get in a season. We can take as many as 18 pairs, but we've never even come close."

Collecting eggs from numerous pairs is important to ensure genetic diversity. It's not a good idea to build populations with limited genetics; low diversity leads to low survival and the DNR wanted to build potential brood-stock

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A DNR fisheries crew electro-fishes at night near Grosse Ile on the Detroit River.

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populations in two inland lakes for future egg takes.

The eggs are collected over a three-week period and it wouldn't help to extend brood-stock collection longer. Last year, Wolf Lake produced 36,000 fall Great Lakes muskie fingerlings.

"The current goal is 48,000, but that's a high goal, given our lack of rearing space," Hughes said. "We've hit it once."

The DNR continues to raise a smaller number of northern muskies for stocking in western U.P. waters and in a few land-locked inland lakes in southern Michigan, including two brood-stock lakes as something of an insurance policy should problems with the Great Lakes strain ever develop. Northern muskies currently are obtained from Wisconsin in exchange for Great Lakes muskellunge fingerlings.

Great Lakes muskie fingerlings remain in the hatchery until late August or early September, when they are transferred into lined ponds at Wolf Lake that have been stocked with fathead minnows. Ponds are drained beginning in late October and fingerlings are stocked by mid-November.

"Once they get on minnows they grow like weeds in the lined ponds," Hughes said. "We shoot for a 4 1/2- to 5-inch fish before they're transferred to the ponds. That's typically when they are large enough to eat straight-run minnows so we don't have to buy the more expensive, smaller minnows."

This year, field staff was joined dockside by researchers from the University of Michigan's School of Natural Resources, who are studying muskellunge diet. The grad students prop open the fish's mouth, insert a length of PVC, and then pump water into it, washing the stomach contents into a bucket. "Last year we collected 86, but only 12 had anything in their stomachs," said Ellen Spooner, who is working on her master's degree. "I'm trying to find out if they don't eat



Todd Somers, a DNR fisheries technician supervisor, nets a muskie stunned by electrical current in the Detroit River.

during the spawn - that's my hypothesis. Most of them have empty stomachs."

What she's found are white suckers, catfish, bass and sunfish. She didn't find any perch or walleyes - so far - which is what the average angler believes the muskies are eating.

The Great Lakes muskie-rearing program is only half-way there production-wise, said Dexter, who praised the Michigan Muskie Alliance for its help maintaining ponds, harvesting fingerlings and

providing money for minnows.

"We just don't have the capability to raise more," he said. "Most of our hatchery facilities are geared toward cold-water species. We're going to have to invest in diversifying our hatchery facilities if we're going to increase our muskie production."

For more information on muskellunge and all fish species found in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/fishing.



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Opossum facts BY BRENDA WEAVER

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Rabies is very rare in opossums, perhaps because they have a lower body temperature than other warm-blooded animals.

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Forensic training for conservation officers paying dividends

At 9 a.m. on November 18, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Conservation Officer Richard Cardenas received a complaint that had been phoned in to the DNR's Report All Poaching line about a deer that had been shot.

The caller said she was awakened by a loud thud against her house at approximately 3 a.m. When she went outside to investigate, she discovered a deer lying near her house between a woodshed and the back porch. She then witnessed her neighbor come into her yard, claim the deer and drag it by the antlers to his property.

After speaking to the witness, Cardenas went to the suspect's residence next door, where he contacted the suspect and observed a bait

pile in the backyard, with spotlights from the house pointed toward it.

Cardenas questioned the suspect about the deer in the back of his pickup truck, including about what time of day he shot the deer. The suspect first told Cardenas that he shot the deer at 6 a.m. After further questioning, the suspect changed his answer to say he didn't know what the time was when he shot the deer.

Cardenas used his Traceable thermometer, part of the forensic equipment issued to DNR conservation officers for crime scene investigations, to take the internal thigh temperature of the deer. The thermometer gave a reading of 91.7 degrees Fahrenheit. Cardenas also took note of the outside air temperature

and estimated the weight of the deer. Using this information, Cardenas consulted "A Guide to the Time of Death" - also part of his forensics kit.

In addition to this equipment, conservation officers now have a new computer application to help them calculate time of death once all information regarding an incident is gathered. The information added up to the deer being dead approximately nine hours when Cardenas took the internal thigh temperature at 12:10 p.m.

Approaching the suspect again, Cardenas asked him what time he had shot the deer. The suspect replied 7 a.m. - again changing his story. Cardenas seized the

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DNR conservation officer Richard Cardenas, who graduated from the DNR conservation officer training academy in 2014, recently used the techniques taught by David Stephens in the crime scene and evidence collection training to pursue a case against a deer poacher in Oakland County. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

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deer and took it to a local processor and had it weighed. It weighed 191 pounds. Using this weight, the officer was able to confirm the findings that the deer had been dead about nine hours when the internal thigh temperature was taken, putting the time of death at approximately 3 a.m.

In other words, the deer had been shot during the middle of the night, when hunting is prohibited. During firearm deer season, hunting can only occur from one-half hour before sunrise until one-half hour after sunset. On November 18, hunters could legally hunt between 6:57 a.m. and 5:38 p.m. The suspect was also hunting using artificial lights and violated the safety zone regulations by hunting so close to his neighbor's house. When the case proceeded to court, the suspect entered into a plea deal, saying the evidence against him was too compelling.

Cardenas is in his first year as a conservation officer. He graduated from the DNR's conservation officer training academy last June. While at the academy, he received a

week of crime scene investigation and evidence collection training both in the classroom and in the field from David Stephens, executive in residence for Forensic Wildlife and Environmental Outreach at the School of Criminal Justice at Michigan State University (MSU) and a forensics liaison to the DNR.

Stephens is regarded as a leader in the field of wildlife forensic science, and the DNR Law Enforcement Division has a partnership with Stephens and MSU to develop online training courses for conservation officers in forensics.

"With violators becoming savvier, it is important that we keep our officers current and up-to-date with the forensic tools available to them," said DNR Law Enforcement Division Chief Gary Hagler. "This partnership with MSU and development of the online courses for our officers will make them among some of the most highly trained conservation officers in the nation, and will aid us tremendously in our investigations."

The online courses are created and administered by

Stephens and Capt. Wade Hamilton of the DNR Law Enforcement Division. The first module, "Time of Death Estimation by Temperature Study of White-Tailed Deer," provided training that is valuable to officers investigating poaching cases.

"We are fortunate to have a forensics expert like David Stephens at our disposal to help develop training that involves subjects that are relevant to conservation law enforcement," Hagler added. "He is a valuable asset to our officers and our agency."

The online modules will allow conservation officers across Michigan to access the training and complete it at a time that is convenient for them. The modules are from 20 minutes to an hour in length and include worksheets and quizzes to measure learning comprehension.

Hamilton said the next module that will be available to officers is one on the chain of custody for evidence collection.

When Stephens trained conservation officer recruits last spring for the DNR, each



Michigan State University instructor David Stephens uses the special thermometer issued to every Michigan DNR conservation officer to help them determine time of death in cases of illegally killed wildlife.

recruit received a 40-piece evidence collection and preservation kit. That training, along with the training module on time of death estimation in white-tailed deer, was invaluable to Cardenas in the case he made in November.

"I am grateful for the training I obtained from David Stephens during the academy," Cardenas said. "Mr.

Stephens' training on the time of death was a key factor that helped in my investigation on this case."

For more information about Michigan conservation officers, go to www.michigan.gov/conservation-officers.

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Calendar of Events



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

TUESDAY, JUNE 30
 Drop in Craft for children and teens from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of

the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

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

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

Kid's Day! Have you ever used a Pulaski, been inside a fire shelter or handled the hose of a fire truck? Learn how firefighters do their jobs and about the equipment they

use at 1 p.m. Then watch for a visit from Smokey. Free face painting with Razmatattz from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. These events will be held at Lumberman's Monument located 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

The schooner Madeline will be at the Harrisville Harbor

from 5 to 8 p.m. As one of Michigan's official tall ships, the Madeline travels to Great Lakes ports sharing the history of the Great Lakes and its past industries. Learn about turn of the century history by visiting this sailing schooner. For more information, call (989) 724-5712. Donations accepted.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

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

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

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

The Alcona Conservation District will be hosting a walnut greenwood budding demonstration at 10 a.m. at the Harrisville Institute of Culture and Learning, located across from the district office at 320 US-23 in Harrisville. Greenwood budding allows growers to propagate hard-to-graft trees like walnut and heartnut. The demonstrations will last approximately one hour. For more information, call (989) 335-1056.

THURSDAY, JULY 2

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.

Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All retirees welcome to attend. Bring a dish to pass. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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

FRIDAY, JULY 3

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

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(BPT) - Difficulty hearing may be more than just a quality-of-life issue. Growing evidence indicates that untreated hearing loss in older adults can lead to other health conditions, and one of the most concerning is cognitive decline.

In fact, a Johns Hopkins Study found that cognitive diminishment was 41 percent more likely in seniors with hearing loss. Because maintaining the health of the brain is such a priority for older people, hearing difficulties should not be ignored.

To hear well, the brain and ears work together. Sound is heard through the ears and then the brain translates the noise so you can understand what it is. This means you not only hear language, music and traffic, but you comprehend these are all different sounds with different meanings.

With untreated hearing loss, the signals to your brain are weaker, and therefore you have to think much harder to understand the noises around you. When the brain is using more cognitive resources to understand sounds, other brain activities like memory and comprehension can suffer, often causing cognitive decline.

In addition to diminished mental health, untreated

hearing loss can lead to numerous health conditions:

- Mental fatigue and stress
- Poor memory
- Concentration difficulty
- Social withdrawal
- Depression

Just like maintaining muscle mass or speaking a foreign language, hearing health should be approached with a "use it or lose it" mentality. Audiologists agree that early intervention is key because when the brain doesn't hear certain noises for a long time, it can actually lose the ability to comprehend those sounds. For example, the longer the brain is deprived

of hearing high-frequency sounds, the more difficult it will be to process those sounds, even if corrective measures are taken.

If you or a loved one may be experiencing hearing loss, visit www.Starkey.com for a free and simple online hearing test. For a complete evaluation of your hearing, visit a licensed hearing care professional in your area.


An estimated 26.7 million Americans ages 50 and older suffer from hearing loss, yet only one in seven uses a hearing aid, according to a Johns Hopkins study published in "The Hearing Review." After

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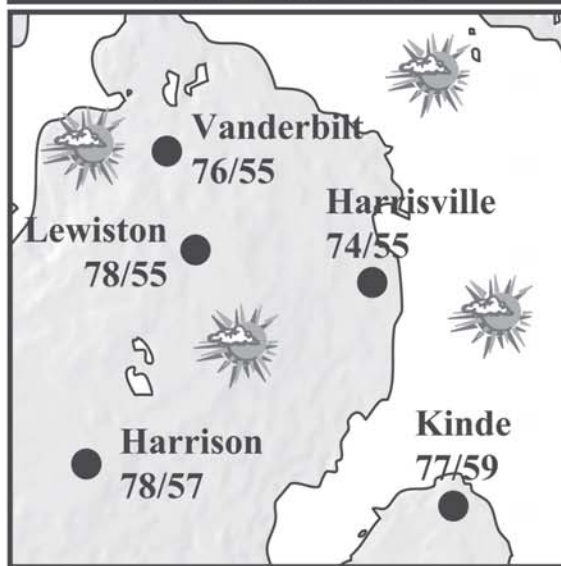
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WEDNESDAY
 Mostly Sunny
 High: 74 Low: 55
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THURSDAY
 Scat'd T-storms
 High: 69 Low: 53
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FRIDAY
 Mostly Sunny
 High: 67 Low: 52
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SATURDAY
 Mostly Sunny
 High: 69 Low: 54
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SUNDAY
 Mostly Sunny
 High: 69 Low: 51
- 
MONDAY
 Mostly Sunny
 High: 74 Low: 51
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TUESDAY
 Partly Cloudy
 High: 75 Low: 54

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 74°, humidity of 53%. West wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1997. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 55°. The record low for tonight is 36° set in 1978. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms.

*Last Week's Almanac

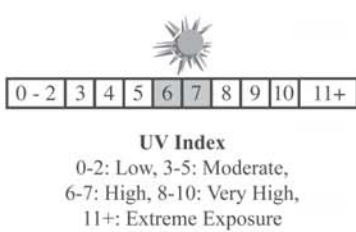
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	76	62	74/49	0.00"
Tuesday	75	54	74/49	0.00"
Wednesday	73	50	74/49	0.00"
Thursday	80	54	75/50	0.01"
Friday	71	40	75/50	0.00"
Saturday	74	38	75/50	0.00"
Sunday	79	53	75/50	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Last
Wednesday	5:48 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	1:55 p.m.	1:22 a.m.	7/8
Thursday	5:49 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	2:53 p.m.	1:49 a.m.	
Friday	5:49 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	3:53 p.m.	2:17 a.m.	New
Saturday	5:49 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	4:53 p.m.	2:48 a.m.	
Sunday	5:50 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	5:54 p.m.	3:22 a.m.	7/15
Monday	5:50 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	6:55 p.m.	4:02 a.m.	
Tuesday	5:51 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	7:53 p.m.	4:47 a.m.	

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear skies today, scattered thunderstorms Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 95° in East St. Louis, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 102° in Columbia, S.C. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 97° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 115° in Needles, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	4:40 a.m.	7:23 p.m.
Venus	9:28 a.m.	11:54 p.m.
Mars	5:35 a.m.	9:12 p.m.
Jupiter	9:49 a.m.	12:04 a.m.
Saturn	6:24 p.m.	4:04 a.m.
Uranus	2:08 a.m.	3:10 p.m.

Weather History

June 24, 1924 - Six men at a rock quarry south of Winston-Salem, N.C. sought shelter from a thunderstorm. The structure chosen contained a quantity of dynamite. Lightning struck a nearby tree, causing the dynamite to explode, and the men were killed instantly.

Weather Trivia

Do hurricanes spawn tornadoes?



Answer: Yes, indeed, this phenomenon is quite common.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Finally, It's Summer

We have finally made it to the summer solstice. Yes, spring may have been a little too cool at the start and a little too warm and muggy near the end, but at least we know what to expect for the next three months before the frosty chill of a mid-October morning awakens us to the realization that big changes are in the forecast. The sun has been climbing steadily in the sky since December 21 after reaching its lowest position beneath the celestial equator, shining directly over the Southern Hemisphere's Tropic of Capricorn. Sol's change is a result of Earth's 23.5 degree axial tilt to the perpendicular of its orbital plane (the ecliptic), causing Earth's equator to be tilted 23.5 degrees to its orbit. As Earth traces its yearly track around Sol, the sun reflects this motion by tracing a path along the ecliptic, a journey which shifts it above the equator for half of the year and below the equator for the other half. The Northern Hemisphere is favored between the vernal and autumnal equinoxes, allowing Sol to be visible for a longer duration of time and be positioned higher in the sky for a greater portion of each day. The outcome is more direct energy and greater absorption resulting in warmer conditions. However, we all know that the hottest stretch of the year does not occur at the time of the summer solstice. Beyond the solstice the Northern Hemisphere still experiences a net energy gain, and average temperatures continue to climb, reaching a maximum near late July for the Mid-Atlantic region. Drier locations have less of a seasonal lag while areas like the Caribbean, under the influence of large bodies of water, have an increased lag in the seasons. This greater lag for the subtropics is reflected in the Atlantic hurricane season which starts on June 1 and continues through November 30, a result of water's insatiable ability to absorb and retain heat. The transitional months for us are May and November. Happy summer! It's finally here, but not to stay. www.astronomy.org

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ADVERTISEMENTS:** What was the name of the finicky cat in the Nine Lives commercials?
2. **RELIGION:** Where in the New Testament can the full version of the Lord's Prayer be found?
3. **TELEVISION:** Where did the astronaut Tony Nelson live in "I Dream of Jeannie"?
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of Cambodia?
5. **TITLES:** What is an M.P. in Great Britain?
6. **ARCHITECTURE:** Who designed St. Paul's Cathedral in London?
7. **MUSIC:** What is the means of conveyance in the Christmas song "Jingle Bells"?
8. **MOVIES:** In "Forrest Gump," what was the nickname of Forrest's best friend in the Army?
9. **ASTRONOMY:** What is the next planet beyond Saturn in our solar system?
10. **MEASUREMENTS:** What does the Saffir-Simpson scale measure?

Answers: 1. Morris; 2. Matthew; 3. Cocoa Beach, Florida; 4. Phnom Penh; 5. Member of Parliament; 6. Sir Christopher Wren; 7. Sleigh; 8. Bubba; 9. Uranus; 10. Hurricane winds (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On July 10, 1887, an 80-foot-high concrete dam breaks in Zug, Switzerland, releasing a wall of water that kills 70 people. Rescue boats were ineffective, as they capsized in the roiling waters.
- On July 7, 1930, construction of the Hoover Dam begins. Over the next five years, 21,000 men would work to produce what would be the largest dam of its time, as well as one of the world's largest manmade structures.
- On July 6, 1946, FBI agents arrest George "Bugs" Moran in Kentucky. Once one of the top organized crime figures in America, Moran had been reduced to small bank robberies. His criminal career took an abrupt downturn after the infamous St. Valentine's Day Massacre in 1929.
- On July 8, 1951, Paris celebrates its 2,000th birthday. The history of Paris can be traced back to a Gallic tribe known as the Parisii, who settled an island (known today as Ile de la Cite) in the Seine River, which runs through present-day Paris.
- On July 9, 1960, President Dwight Eisenhower and Soviet Premier Nikita Khrushchev trade verbal threats over the future of Cuba. Khrushchev fired the first shot when he warned that the Soviet Union was prepared to use its missiles to protect Cuba from U.S. intervention.
- On July 11, 1978, a truck carrying 1,500 cubic feet of pressurized liquid gas crashes into a campsite crowded with vacationers in Spain. The resulting explosion killed more than 200 people.
- On July 12, 1995, a heat advisory is issued in Chicago warning of a record-breaking heat wave. When the heat breaks a week later, nearly 1,000 people are dead in Illinois and Wisconsin. The temperature in the city hit 106 degrees F.

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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Nora Joyce, wife to the Irish novelist James Joyce, who wrote the notoriously difficult -- and influential -- stream-of-consciousness novel "Ulysses," who asked her husband, "Why don't you write books people can read?"
- You might be surprised to learn that contemporary model and actress Brooke Shields is descended from that notorious figure of the Italian Renaissance, Lucretia Borgia, who was suspected of such crimes as adultery, incest and murder.
- In this era of helicopter parenting, some are shocked to learn that in the 1960s, nearly half of all children in America walked to and from school by themselves.
- What do "Where's Waldo," "Where the Sidewalk Ends," "My Friend Flicka," "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" and "Harriet the Spy" have in common? Aside from being books meant for a young audience, all of these titles have been banned at one time or another.
- There are about the same number of chickens as there are humans on the planet.
- If you're like 83 percent of pet owners who responded to a recent survey, you feel that you receive more unconditional love from your pet than from your kids, your best friend or even your romantic partner.
- I'm sure you've heard the term "Podunk" used to describe a small, unimportant town, but you might not know where the word came from. It seems that a Native American tribe in Connecticut was known as the Podunk, and a nearby river was called by the same name. Local small towns on the river were referred to as "Podunk," too, and so the word entered the lexicon.

Thought for the Day: "I have lived in this world just long enough to look carefully the second time into things that I am most certain of the first time." -- Josh Billings
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Super Crossword

HOLDING THE LINE

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| ACROSS
1 Boat docks
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15 Stair face
20 Generally
21 Infused with carbon dioxide
22 Cosmetics queen
23 Holiday tree brighteners
25 Figure skating category
26 Baby blues, say
27 Detroit loc.
28 By way of
29 — Babies
30 Info on a library slip
31 Thing swung on a court
34 Undermined
38 Federal case, so to speak
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41 German's "one"
42 With 40-Across, headwear for doing laps
46 William Tell wielded one | 50 Nine-footer with 88 keys
53 Game with a cue stick
54 "Cat on — Tin Roof"
55 Bakery treat
56 Atypical pets
57 Taco sauce brand
59 Everyone, in German
61 Topic in question
62 Beddy-bye clothes
65 Gravity-defying party decoration
69 Have a go at
70 Reply to "You are not!"
72 Spoiled stars' problems
73 Running back Smith
75 Pro at PR
78 Crude abode
79 "Hud" actress
80 Morales of film and TV
84 Pinocchio, for one
86 Rosary's nonreligious relative | 88 Like a spud-slicing GI
89 Aide to Santa
90 Some small batteries
91 Holiday tree topper
92 Really mad
95 Film director
98 Alternative to drapes
102 Merit
103 Spanish province capital
104 Cellular stuff
105 Rick's love in a 1942 film
106 Farmland unit
110 Cleaned up some leaves
111 What eight of this puzzle's answers have
115 Saw wood
116 Capital of New Jersey
117 Paying to stay at
118 Disburdened
119 Like mustard
120 Post-Trojan War tale | 2 White-faced
3 Seldom seen
4 Pupil site
5 Greek letters
6 "Nashville" director
7 Arab, e.g.
8 Unduly quick
9 Slender fish
10 Force to rise
11 Shutting in
12 Fuel gas
13 Court divider
14 Grid stats
15 Annul
16 Sci-fi's Asimov
17 Smell awful
18 Uncanny
19 Turn to 000
24 Did perfectly
29 Secret taste-test label
30 Strike mark
31 Defreeze
32 Conception
33 Fisher's net
34 Tinfoil, e.g.
35 Irish money
36 BP gas brand
37 Painter Frida
40 Instructed jointly
42 Uses a divan
43 Belt's place
44 Acquire, as debt
45 Stroll | 47 Be worthy of
48 Kids' writer
49 Bacall's first hubby
50 — monster
51 Chiles — (Mexican dishes)
52 Gist
55 Blatz brewer
58 West Virginia's state flower, for short
60 Fudd of cartoon
62 California's — Beach
63 Osaka's land
64 Smarmy smile
66 Pouty face
67 Epps of TV's "House"
68 Smarmy
71 Barber's cut
74 Some minors
76 Boxing combo
77 H'wood type
81 Wise soul
82 Some Snapple products
83 Cruise stop
85 Big brand of nonstick cookware | 86 Joking types
87 Cowshed site
90 It's faster than adagio
92 Laid down the lawn?
93 "The Queen" star Helen
94 Seventh- — stretch
95 Ward of TV
96 Fidel of Cuba
97 Sounded off
98 Poorer
99 Donald's first wife
100 "Zorba the Greek" novelist
101 John — (tractor maker)
105 Lacks entry
106 Play units
107 Greek letters
108 Artist
109 Irritable
111 Fuel additive brand
112 Mr. Capote, to his pals
113 Weed B — (lawn care product)
114 In — case |
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CryptoQuip

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

Clue: I equals T

RA SUP JOS "TC JYUPKQ ZU
 WGUTM O JKRNC UA WGCOQ,"
 NUPKQ SUP NOKK IYOI
 EGUEUJRMZ O IUOJI?

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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SALES

Garage sale, June 26, 27 and 28; 2700 South Poor Farm Road between Ridley and Wissmiller, 10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Garage sale July 4 and 5, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Computers and much more, art sale, framed art and handmade jewelry, 411 East Church Street, Harrisville. (248) 840-1493.

Huge garage and barn sale, July 2-3, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Black River corner of north Lakeshore and north Ridge across from 5780 Lakeshore. Tools, housewares, antiques, grandfather clock, 19 foot lightning sailboat (project boat), 14 foot 1956 Elgin power motor, hydraulic lift for ATV cycle, portable electric cement mixer, 7 foot x 16 foot twin axle electric brakes trailer, yard stuff, dishes, linens, new auto parts cleaner, furniture, collectibles, clay launcher and clays.

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LOST / FOUND

Lost Wednesday (June 17) at 8:30 p.m. on East Ridley Road in Greenbush, an eight year old male, black and tan Doberman with a docked tail named Mauler and an 11 year old female, fawn Chihuahua mixed named Girly-girl. A woman picked them up. Any information, call or text (989) 464-0691.

BIDS WANTED

Harrisville State Park is re-bidding the firewood sales concession for the Harrisville State Park. Bid packages will be accepted and may be requested by calling Harrisville State Park at (989) 724-5126 or by visiting the park headquarters at 248 State Park Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740. Final bid applications are due at the park headquarters no later than 2 p.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2015.

BINGO

Bingo-Every Saturday at the Barton City Eagles from 5:30 to 11 p.m.

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Winner take all game and cookie jar. All proceeds to charity.

MIKADO TOWNSHIP

Mikado Township is seeking applications for the position of Ordinance Enforcement Officer/Zoning Administrator. This position involves ordinance enforcement, inspection and issuing of zoning permits.

We are also seeking applications for a position in the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission meets four times a year.

Mail Letters of Interest to: Mikado Township Clerk, P.O. Box 60, Mikado, MI 48745-0060 no later than July 11, 2015. For additional information or questions, call 989-736-7721.

Rita D. Sands, Mikado Township Clerk

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General handyman with experience in carpentry, painting and building maintenance. Apply at P & G Farms, 1120 South Everett, Harrisville, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-noon only.

Day servers and experienced cook. Apply in person, Wednesday-Friday, at the Old Place Inn, 309 East Main Street, Harrisville.

Alcona Health Center, Ossineke services currently has a full time opening for a certified pharmacy technician. For more information, the application and instructions on applying go to www.alconahealthcenters.org and select the job posting tab. Deadline to apply is end of business, June 29, 2015. Equal opportunity employer.

Alcona Health Center, Lincoln services currently has a full time opening for a master level behavioral health consultant (LMSW). For more information, the application and instructions on applying go to www.alconahealthcenters.org and select the job posting tab. Deadline to apply is end of business July 8, 2015. Equal opportunity employer.

Alcona Health Center, Oscoda services currently has a full time opening for a licensed registered nurse care manager. For more information, the application and instructions on applying go to www.alconahealthcenters.org and select the job posting tab. Deadline to apply is end of business June 29, 2015. Equal opportunity employer.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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LEGAL NOTICES

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William A. Schwickert and Liliith J. Schwickert, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Generation Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated August 18, 2008, and recorded on August 25, 2008 in Liber 455 on page 204, and assigned by said mortgagee to Nationstar Mortgage LLC d/b/a Champion Mortgage Company 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-three thousand nine hundred ninety-four and 92/100 dollars (\$83,994.92).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on July 8, 2015.

Said premises are situated in City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The N 1/2 of Lots 1 and 2 and the East 1/2 of the N 1/2 of Lot 3, Block 28 of the City of Harrisville as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 1, Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, un-

less 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: June 10, 2015
 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1300
 Trott Law, P.C.
 Attorneys For Servicer
 31440 Northwestern Hwy.
 Ste. 200
 Farmington Hills, Mich.
 48334-5422
 File No. 451058F01
 6-10, 6-17, 6-24, 7-1

Foreclosure Notice (All Counties)

As a debt collector we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty.

Mortgage sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Robert L. Miracle and Elenita O. Miracle, married, of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor, to National City Bank dated the fifth day of July, 2005; and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 19th day of July, 2005, in Liber 420, page 888 of Alcona records.

On which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of thirty-one thousand four hundred seventy and 99/100 (\$31,470.99), plus accrued interest at 0.00 percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to

recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 15th day of July, 2015, at 10 a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County building in Harrisville, Mich., Alcona County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situated in the township of Greenbush, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: Lots 12 and 13 Block C, Birchland Shores Subdivision as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 149, Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 4174 West Cedar

Lake Road. Tax Parcel No.: 04111000301200.

If the property is sold at a foreclosure sale the borrower, pursuant to MCLA 600.3278, 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. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: June 10, 2015
 By foreclosing attorneys
 Attorney for plaintiff
 Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
 2155 Butterfield Drive,
 Suite 200-S
 Troy, MI 48084
 WWR No. 10136180
 6-10, 6-17, 6-24, 7-1

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by 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 Indy Mac 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-eight thousand four hundred ninety-seven and 01/100 dollars (\$88,497.01).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on July 22, 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: June 24, 2015.
 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1309
 Trott Law, P.C.
 Attorneys For Servicer
 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200
 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334-5422
 File No. 452758F01
 6-22, 7-1, 7-8, 7-15

If you are now on active military duty or have been in the prior one year, please contact our office at (248) 502-1400.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Lorne L. Harmon and Lisa R. Harmon, husband and wife, to Household Bank, F.S.B., mortgagee, dated March 26, 2002 and recorded April 1, 2002 in Liber 362, page 957, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as trustee for LSF8 Master Participation Trust, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred ten thousand three hundred seventy and 62/100 dollars (\$110,370.62), including interest at 8.781 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 July 22, 2015.

Said premises are located in the township of Millen, Alcona County Michigan, and are described as: Lot Two (2) of Oak Park Subdivision, a recorded plat as found in Alcona County records, Town 26 North, Range 7 East, Section 4.

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

To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person

who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: June 24, 2015
 Orlans Associates, P.C.
 Attorneys for Servicer
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, Mich. 48007
 File No. 15-009538
 6-22, 7-1, 7-8, 7-15

State of Michigan Probate Court Alcona County Notice to Creditors Decedent's Trust

In the matter of Allan L. Poellet, deceased.

To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Allan L. Poellet, date of birth: October 16, 1938, who lived at 5824 Mount Maria Road, Hubbard Lake, Michigan died April 14, 2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Tri-Star Trust Bank, 200 East Main Street, Suite 100, Midland, Michigan 48640, named trustee within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: June 16, 2015
 Debra Briguglio, VP/Trust Officer
 Tri-Star Trust Bank
 200 East Main Street, Suite 100
 Midland, Mich. 48640
 (989) 492-7620

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN RECREATION PLAN

Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan 30-Day Review Notice

Village of Lincoln has finalized a draft Recreation Plan. The purpose of the Recreation Plan is to inventory recreational facilities in the village and to provide an action plan for future recreational improvements. In addition, recreation plans that have been approved by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources allow the village to be eligible for state recreational grant funding. After gathering public input, the Recreation Plan Planning Committee has drafted goals and an action plan for recreation in the Village of Lincoln.

The final draft of the Village of Lincoln Recreation Plan is available for public review at the public library, the village hall, the village clerk's personal residence, www.lincolnmi.com, and www.nemcog.org. Written comments may be submitted to:

Kyle Robinson, NEMCOG
 P.O. Box 457
 Gaylord, Mich. 49734

GREENBUSH TWP. MINUTES

The Greenbush Township Supervisor Ed Roddy called the meeting to order on Tuesday, June 9 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Four guests were present and joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Roddy, clerk D. Dailey, treasurer P. Dailey, trustee Sally Olin and trustee Gary Abraham. Motion Olin/P. Dailey: To approve the agenda as submitted. All ayes, motion carried. Clerk D. Dailey arrived from first responder run during miscellaneous reports. Motion P. Dailey/Olin: To approve the minutes as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

Public comment: Received letter from Loyer residents and the complaints that they have submitted. Some discussion, will continue to look at. Financial report: Treasurer P. Dailey; \$129,396.85 general fund; \$168,015.39 road fund; \$92,775.19 fire fund; \$31,056.62 Prince Drive; \$481.37 Tillie/GRAC. Motion Olin/D. Dailey: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. All ayes, motion carried. Presentation of bills: Clerk D. Dailey - Payroll check numbers 16063-16074 for \$3,630.87; bills check numbers 16013-16077 with two electronic payments for \$20,664.60. Motion P. Dailey/Abraham: To approve the bills as presented. All ayes, motion carried. Miscellaneous reports: OWWA report by supervisor about a problem that they are having with the Air Force; letter has been written and problem solved. Constable Parent: Red Rooster open but license still in escrow, Lakewood Shores has a couple of violations that they have been sent a letter about; Cedar Lake Grocery and Lakeside Superette are compliant. Mark Parent has resigned due to liquor control licensing regulations.

Carolyn Brummund, county commissioner: Harbortown Marketplace will continue Selling Saturday; Gun and Knife Show at ARA site on the third Saturday in June; Homeland Security grants are wrapping up and report was given; draft county audit is back but need a few adjustments; new boilers are being researched and looked at. Fire chief

Franks: Three fires, seven first responder calls; starting to prepare for the next barbecue on August 2.

Zoning administrator Major: Five permits, complaints. Check for copy pricing for zoning. Hall rental Roddy: One rental, no inquiries. Assessor Schwicker: Prepped for summer tax bills. GRAC: Olin - two park rentals set for this summer. Need two new buoys. Will be installing dog clean-up bags and a new sign. All going well. Planning commission Swanson: No report. Clerk D. Dailey stated that Rick Duvall will be here in July. Road commission Campbell: Supervisor Roddy reported people happy about the stripping being done; resident reported pot hole has been filled on Cedar Lake Road.

Correspondence: Supervisor Roddy - none. Clerk D. Dailey: Emergency services meeting on June 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the county ambulance barn; Bank of America rewards card refund issued to Art Winter; some discussion turned over to Supervisor Roddy; county letter about properties that are in default, some discussion. Motion D. Dailey/P. Dailey: To not take possession of the defaulted properties and let Alcona County take them. All ayes, motion carried. Miscellaneous - none.

Pending business: Update on IRS situation was given; one address has changed for turning in information that we have returned; two letters stating they received our information and not to contact them, they will contact us when they are ready. Road commission ride along has still not been done. Civil infraction discussion: MTA and Dave Cook were contacted results from those conversations were given, some discussion. Motion D. Dailey/P. Dailey: To adopt civil infractions and added to zoning ordinances. All ayes, motion carried.

New business: FOIA coordinator - a resolution must be adopted stating the Greenbush Township clerk is the FOIA coordinator by July 1, 2015. Motion D. Dailey/P. Dailey: To adopt the resolution. All ayes, motion carried.

Public comments: Resident asked how will civil infractions help state equalization value? Values have been brought down by the way things are going. Where do complaints go now, still to zoning administrator. Website problem updates were talked about. With the civil infractions, please check on consecutive violations and daily charges. Motion Abraham/P. Dailey: To adjourn at 8:26 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

David W. Dailey
 Greenbush Township Clerk
 Note: Published prior to board approval. Next regular scheduled meeting Tuesday, July 14 at the Greenbush Township Hall.

ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's June board meeting was called to order by Supervisor MacNeill at 7 p.m. with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: MacNeill, LaLonde, Gauthier, Bouchard and Mead. Motion to approve minutes, financial report and bills; to join NEMCOG and contract with them to update the recreational master plan; to approve a credit card policy; to contract with Blarney Castle for fuel; to sign the agreement with the Hubbard Lake Community Association for

fire protection; to adopt a Freedom of Information Act; to sign an agreement with the Red Cross concerning the township hall being an emergency shelter; and to approve the fireworks permit for Lost Lake Woods Club. All motions passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk
 This synopsis published prior to board approval.

Real Estate Guide

Make the most of your home appraisal

When homeowners think about renovating their properties, many first need to secure some funding to finance such projects. Some may tap into the equity of their homes by refinancing an existing mortgage, while others may apply for home equity loans. Taking the latter approach may require certain steps, including an assessment of how much the home and property is worth.

Home appraisals compare your home to neighboring properties to determine your home's current market value. Homeowners can facilitate the process by having certain information readily available for the appraiser. When preparing for appraisers, homeowners should consider and collect

the following information:

- If your home was built on the largest lot in the community.
- If you have made significant upgrades since it was last appraised, such as installing a new roof or siding. Don't overlook smaller renovations, like extra insulation added or sealing drafty windows, which can increase a home's value.
- Proof that you have used sustainable resources or if you participated in any energy-savings programs. Naturally, any expansion projects, such as adding another bedroom or extending the footprint of the home, should be mentioned.

A real estate appraiser is a certified, licensed professional who will do his or her best to determine the value of your home. The appraisal provides banks with information that can tell loan officers if the house is worth the loan amount. Expect to pay a fee for the appraisal, which is generally included in your closing costs.

The appraiser gathers information for the appraisal report from a number of sources, but the process often begins with a physical inspection of the property, both inside and out. He or she also will compare your home against a few others in the neighborhood, which are known as comparables, or comps.

Appraisals will be based on recent prices of comparable properties as well as other factors.

It is wise to consider curb appeal and ensure the home is clean and maintained when the appraiser arrives. Minor repairs or common maintenance can impress the appraiser. Removing clutter and cleaning up the home's interior can make the home appear larger, possibly increasing its value as a result.

It may be worth it to invest some more money into the property before having an appraisal done.

An appraiser will spend roughly 30 minutes in a home. Try to give that person space to do his or her job. Following the appraiser around during an inspection can raise a red flag that something is wrong with the house that you don't want to be seen. Turn lights on throughout the house, make sure the heating or cooling system is functioning at full capacity and keep pets locked away. Move items that can impede access to basements or attics.

An accurate assessment of the value of your home will give banks the information they need to determine loan amounts for future renovation projects. Providing background information on the home and having a well-maintained property can improve the chances of a favorable appraisal.



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