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DNA evidence gives police suspect in cold case homicide

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Detectives are asking for assistance from the public in the 16-year-old homicide of a downstate woman found in a ditch near Curran. The murder investigation, which has been open, but without many leads, became active this spring when DNA evidence gave authorities a strong suspect.

In March of 2000, the body of Patricia Lenee Leeper, 39, of Flint, Mich. was found in a ditch near Curran. It was determined that she was the victim of a homicide.

Since Leeper's body was found, the Alcona County Sheriff's Office and Michigan State Police, Alpena post, have continued to investigate her death in the

hope of identifying her killer. DNA evidence associated with the crime scene and the unknown killer was collected and added to the Combined DNA Index System (CODIS).

According to a press release from Crime Stoppers, over the past 16 years since the homicide, investigators developed several persons of interest and submitted their DNA for comparison on the case. However, none of those persons were a match for the DNA profile of the unknown killer.

In April of 2016, investigators were notified that an association had been made with a subject whose DNA was recently submitted on a felony arrest and conviction. According to a press release from Crime Stop-

pers, a DNA sample was acquired from that person and confirmed that he was a match for the unknown male DNA from the crime scene and victim.

That person has now become the focus of the investigation and is the prime suspect in the death of Leeper. Although authorities are reluctant to release the name of the suspect at this time, the suspect is described as being a light-skinned biracial male, now 40 years of age (24 years old at the time of the homicide) with ties to both Flint, Mich. and Curran. This suspect is currently incarcerated on unrelated charges.

Investigators are requesting the public's assistance in providing additional details regarding this homi-

cide, including any known associations between the victim and her killer.

According to the press release, Leeper frequented the area of Saginaw Street between Carpenter and Pierson Roads in Flint, Mich. She was known to be involved in prostitution and suffered from drug addiction. She was known to family and friends as "Pat" or "Treece".

Anyone with any information is asked to call Crime Stoppers at (800) 422-JAIL (5245). Tips received through the Crime Stoppers' tip line that help lead to an arrest for this homicide are eligible for a cash reward up to \$2,500. All calls and cash rewards are completely anonymous.



Patricia Leeper

Alcona County Food Pantry receives truck load of food

By Mary Weber
Staff writer

It was the answer to prayers when the large Food Bank of Eastern Michigan (FBEM) semi pulled into a church parking lot with 12,000 pounds of free food for people in need.

Harrisville resident Barb Potter and over 40 volunteers stood in the lot of Harrisville's First United Methodist Church in awe as Lloyd Wright, long time delivery driver for FBEM, opened the semi lift gate and revealed crates upon crates of free food.

Giddy with excitement Potter simply couldn't believe her eyes. A month ago she was wondering how the Alcona County Food Pantry could survive more than a few more pantry days and was praying hard for a small miracle.

Potter volunteers to help operate the food pantry with the assist of another volun-

teer, Shelly Dunn.

She said their prayers were answered just shortly after an article about the plight of the food pantry appeared in the Alcona County Review.

"Checks started coming in the mail from the community. It made our day to go to the box and get another check," Potter said. More than \$5,000 rolled into the almost

depleted pantry fund. The funds are used to purchase food from the food bank where the pantry can get the most for their money.

Less than a week after the

article appeared she received a call from FBEM asking her if she would like to set up a special mobile food pantry for those in need in Alcona County and the food, which they estimated at the time to be about 20,000 pounds, would all be free and supplied by FBEM.

"I don't know why they chose us. They do this from time to time when they have extra food, but they've never called on us before. I don't believe in coincidence, God sent that truck to us," Potter said.

The delivery was set up to arrive in the morning with a special pantry day in the afternoon so the food would not have to be stored. When the truck arrived most thought it was 20,000 pounds of food --12,000 pounds is still a lot of food. Potter wasn't concerned about the amount of food being less than first thought, because there was quite a bit of specialty items which the pantry doesn't usually purchase due to price.

There were two huge crate boxes full of frozen items like pizzas and dinners. There were fresh baked items too such as big birthday and graduation cakes, crates of fresh melons and 50 flats of red peppers. Crackers, bread, cookies, donuts and many baby items were also included in the delivery.

Potter explained the
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More than 50 volunteers, including (center of photo, from left) Keegan Bonzheim, Merry Paulson, Gavin Walker and Collin Walker (yellow shirt) help distribute 12,000 pounds of food to Alcona County residents in need last Thursday. *Courtesy photo.*

Harrisville Harbor playground to get facelift

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The children's playground at the Harrisville Harbor will get a make-over with a little help from friends, and, the community, if all goes as planned.

The condition of the playground, which is located on City of Harrisville property, has been a concern of the city's mayor and a community member for the last several years. Both had been thinking about the need to make improvements to the

well-used site, and when they put their heads together, a plan was formed to raise money within the community and through a state grant.

John Dobis, mayor of Harrisville, said he'd wanted to give the playground a make-over for several years, but funding was an issue. When he was approached by Harrisville resident Becky Stoddard, who had been thinking the same thing, he researched possible grant funding sources and she ap-

proached the Harrisville Lady Lions.

"I kept looking at the playground and wanting to do something with it - improve it," Dobis said. "I approached the city council about looking into redoing the playground... (council members) liked the idea, but the 25-30 percent match that the city would have to put up for any grants that might be awarded wasn't an option."

That's where Stoddard came in. A longtime Lady Lions member, she approached

the city with a request to clean up the playground area, make sure an improvement goal was stated in the city's recreation plan and asked if the city would "lend" its 501 (c) (3) to the group, so a grant could be written for a makeover.

"I work in the garden (across from the playground) and know that it is used quite a bit," Stoddard said. "My grandma's side (kicks in) when looking at the play-

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 **Memorial Services** 

Theodore "Tom" Miks

There will be a graveside service for Theodore "Tom" Miks on Saturday, July 2 at 10 a.m. at the Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Barton City.

Mr. Miks died on February 21, 2016.

Brad DeJarlais

A memorial celebration for Brad DeJarlais will be held on Saturday, July 2 from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Haynes Township Hall on MacNeill Road.

Mr. DeJarlais died on February 2, 2016.

Joseph McFarland

There will be a graveside service for Joseph McFarland on Sunday, July 3 at 2 p.m. at Maple Ridge Cemetery in Barton City.

Mr. McFarland died on September 13, 2015 at his home in Centerville, Tenn.

 **Obituary** 

Donna J. Katrinic

Donna J. Katrinic, 68, of Black River, died on Thursday, June 23, 2016 at home.

She was born on July 19, 1947 to Joseph and Jonnie Francis (Bush) Mazzola in Flint, Mich., where she was raised.

On February 12, 1965, she married Joseph Katrinic. They were residents of Swartz Creek, Mich.

She was employed as a merchandise representative for Crossmark and owned and operated LaDonna's Jewelry and Gifts in Flint, Mich. She retired to Black River in 2006.

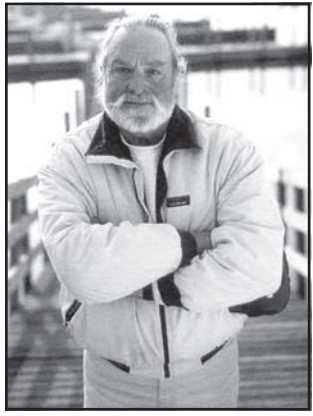
Mrs. Katrinic was a member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Burton, Mich. and St. Gabriel Catholic Church in Black River.

She enjoyed baking and canning, especially jelly. She was an avid reader and history enthusiast. She enjoyed camping, and loved spending time with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Katrinic is survived by her husband, Joseph; one daughter, Chandra (Brian) Katrinic-Hoss of Kalamazoo, Mich.; one son, Joseph (Linda) Katrinic Jr. of Flint, Mich.; and three grandchildren, Joseph Katrinic III, J.J. Hoss and Sierra Hoss.

The funeral was held on Monday, June 27 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Burton, Mich. Burial was in Crestwood Cemetery, Grand Blanc, Mich. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, 112 W. Chisholm, Alpena, Mich. 49707.

Hazen "Jim" Hamather
22 April 1936 ~ 3 July 2012



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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
The Soloing Singles Club celebrated Father's Day with a picnic at Spencer Park in Greenbush. This year it was perfect. The park was immaculate and the pavilion, you couldn't even find a cobweb on it.

Thank you Greenbush for your beautiful and well maintained park.

Barb Taylor
Greenbush

To the Editor,
On June 22 a letter was submitted to the editor by Steve Arens, owner and Mark Kovachevich, store manager at the Harrisville Harbor Grocery. Their message was "a grocery store is a necessity to make a town thrive."

We agree with that statement totally and this letter is to let the community and surrounding areas know that we support the store and strongly encourage local residents to do the same. As the old saying goes "if you don't use it you might lose it" and that would be a terrible loss for our beautiful town and community.

Please shop locally and support our beautiful grocery store in downtown Harrisville. Steve listened to us and he and his team built a beautiful store so now it is our turn to support him and his team.

Terry and Paula Boucher
Harrisville Township

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Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
June 19	89	60	0.00	3.4	27	SSW
June 20	89	59	0.00	4.0	24	SW
June 21	75	53	0.03	1.9	19	W
June 22	66	49	0.01	3.2	17	ENE
June 23	65	47	0.00	2.6	9	ENE
June 24	69	50	0.00	1.8	8	NE
June 25	74	55	0.00	5.6	23	SSW

2015-16 Season Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	2016	2015	Normal
Weekly Total	0.04	0.47	0.63
June to Date	1.65	4.05	2.08
Year to Date	12.36	10.58	12.24

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 29

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

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

Chair yoga at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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 General Motors Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their regular monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Sanctuary Inn, 1000 US-23 North in Alpena. Guest speaker will be Hal Neiman and local businessman and community activist. Reservations and payment in advance. Call Chuck Griffin at (989) 727-3350 or Don Cantleberry at (989) 354-5504 for more information.

THURSDAY, JUNE 30

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.

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.

Zumba class at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

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.

Learn about Michigan's state bird at 10 a.m. and the brook trout at 2 p.m. at the day-use pavilion at Harrisville State Park. A Recreation Passport is required for entry to the park. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

FRIDAY, JULY 1

Reading is Fun Beach Party with Rick Kelley, musician extraordinaire at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Color Craze, coloring for adults from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils will be provided. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Enjoy popcorn and a

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

Learn about friendly fires and how to keep yourself safe at the campground and at home at 10 a.m. At 2 p.m. get crafty and learn about the bald eagle at the day-use pavilion at Harrisville State Park. A Recreation Passport is required for entry to the park. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site (fairgrounds) in Lincoln. Call (989) 724-5077 for details.

Smokey Bear will be at the Harrisville State Park at the campground host's site at 11 a.m. to visit and take pictures. After that follow Smokey into Harrisville to watch or participate in the annual parade. Contact the park at (989) 724-5126 for details.

40th annual Children's Parade is at 1 p.m. in Harrisville. Youth are encouraged to decorate their bike, wagon, pets and just themselves to celebrate Independence Day. Gather at Richard's Pharmacy at 12:30 p.m. and parade down Main Street. Call

(989) 724-6301 for details.

Fireworks will be held at dusk at the Harrisville Harbor. Come early and enjoy music by Rex Manning. Contact the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce at (989) 724-5107 for details.

MONDAY, JULY 4

Glennie's Fourth of July parade is at 2 p.m. There are also children's games and other events before and after the parade in the ball fields. Fireworks at dusk. Contact Teresa Perkins (989) 370-8855 for details.

Barton City celebrates the Biggest Little Fourth in the North. Parade line-up is at 10 a.m. at the VFW Hall, parade is at 11 a.m. through Barton City. There will be kid's games at 1 p.m., and fireworks at dusk. Contact Bill Lossing (989) 335-3895 for more information.

TUESDAY, JULY 5

Drop in Craft for children and teens from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

The Sunrise Side Carving Club will meet at 7 p.m. at the Oscoda AuSable Senior Center, 653 State Street,

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Local Notes

Reading Beach Party

People of all ages are invited to join the "Reading is FUN Beach Party" with Rick Kelley, musician extraordinaire, on Friday, July 1 at 10:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Learn the benefits of reading with sing-alongs, dance-alongs, beach balls and Hula Hoop and limbo contests. Weather permitting, this program will be held on the front lawn of the library, so attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. This activity supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. For more information on this or other Library programs, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the Web at www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

Color Craze

A new coloring class for adults will be held on Friday, July 1 from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Studies show coloring can have a calming effect on the adult mind and helps promote overall wellness. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils and markers will be provided. This class will meet on the first Friday of every month. This is an adults only class. For more information, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the Web: www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

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, July 4—All sites are closed.
- Tuesday, July 5—Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, tossed salad, and pears.
- Wednesday, July 6—Chicken salad on flat bread, macaroni salad, and peaches.
- Thursday, July 7—Meatloaf with gravy, mashed potatoes, broccoli, and tropical fruit.
- Friday, July 8—Pork tips in gravy, egg noodles, Prince Charles blend vegetables, and pineapple.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be held in the Campbell Building on the Alcona County Fairgrounds in Lincoln on Saturday, July 2 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Available this week: Garlic, cucumbers, sorrel, lettuce, garlic scapes, asparagus, arugula, Swiss chard, fresh herbs, rhubarb, kale, sunflower shoots, eggs, soup chickens, all cuts of grass-fed and grain-fed beef, snack sticks, brats, honey, maple syrup, jams and jellies, bread, cookies, quick breads, coffee cakes, popcorn, coffee, cut flowers, flower seeds, tomato and pepper plants, perennials, bedding plants, herb plants, handmade soaps, homemade laundry detergent, custom signs, burlap bags, wooden items, and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Amateur Radio Exams

The Alcona County Amateur Radio Group is sponsoring a Federal Communications Commission (FCC) exam session for all amateur radio levels. It will be held on Sunday, July 10 starting at noon in the Campbell Building on the Alcona County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) located at 854 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln. The standard FCC exam fee applies. At 10 a.m. a complete review for the Technician Level only exam will be held. Contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550 to obtain additional details and/or to register for the exam session.

Family Fun in Mikado

Mikado Days, an annual family-oriented event, will be held on July 9 this year. According to organizers, Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas and Rita Sands, more events have been added for this year. The event will kick off with the Alcona FFA Alumni Pancake and Sausage at 9 a.m. Lineup for the parade starts at 10 a.m. on Tait Road south of Mikado. The parade starts at 11 a.m. Any organization or businesses with floats, any marching group, decorated bicycles, a dancing group, or any other type of parade entry can enter, including entries by candidates involved in upcoming elections.

After the parade, the following events will open for business: Food sales by the Lincoln Order of Eastern Star No. 184; Bouncy and Water

branch of the Alcona County Library. All materials are provided. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Cirque Amongus

People of all ages are invited to experience Cirque Amongus, a program with a combination of comedy, circus skills and audience participation on Wednesday, July 6 at 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. There will be juggling, magic, music and comedy to entertain all ages. Weather permitting, this program will be held on the front lawn of the library and those planning to attend are encouraged to bring lawn chairs. This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. For more information on this or other library programs, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the Web at www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

Away at School

- Xavier Donajkowski of Hubbard Lake recently graduated Summa Cum Laude from Northern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in environmental science.
- Amanda Temple of Spruce recently graduated Cum Laude from Northern Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in individualized studies.

Drop in Craft

Children and teenagers are invited to participate in a drop-in craft on Tuesday, July 5 at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville

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pantry's clients were to arrive at 2 p.m. but volunteers opened the pantry a little early because some of the frozen and cake items were beginning to melt. "Any food recipient celebrating a birthday went home with a beautiful whole cake, something most of them could never afford to buy for themselves," Potter said.

The special mobile pantry fed 158 families -- almost 500 people -- with only a 12-inch by 12-inch box of food left over and 20 10- pound bags of potatoes which will be stored until regular food pantry day on Saturday, July 9.

Potter said the parking lot had been transformed into a grocery store by many volunteers who arrived at 9 a.m. to meet the truck. Amongst the volunteers were several football players from Alcona High School and some younger, Alcona Packer football players, along with high school coach, Jason Somers and his family.

The young men made the

process of moving tables out of the church easier as well as setting up boxes and boxes of food. Potter said the tables are quite heavy and the youth moved them like they were Tinker toys.

The young athletes were

"I don't know why they chose us. They do this from time to time when they have extra food, but they've never called on us before. I don't believe in coincidence, God sent that truck to us."

~ Barb Potter
Volunteer Organizer
Alcona County Food Pantry

happy to help the community and were astonished by the amount of food delivered. "It doesn't take much effort in order to brighten someone's day," Somers said. He explained that his own young son took away the importance of helping people who are less fortunate from the experience.

Assistance also came to that special pantry day from Harrisville resident Joan Crick who planned and

served food to the volunteers and the Harrisville Harbor Grocery who supplied beverages for volunteers.

Many of the recipients were truly thankful for the extra food and shared their appreciation with Potter by telling

her how much the food would help them get through the summer. "It's amazing. So many times we worry about things and in the end it all works out. We've been blessed. Blessed by a community who came together, a community of great volunteers and caring and compassionate people," Potter said.

According to Potter, the Alcona County Food Pantry is still not out of the woods as far as dollars donated, despite getting an additional \$2,500 from United Way recently.

Potter expected, because of the special mobile pantry day, many more of the food deprived will know about the regular pantry held at the church on the second Saturday of every month and will be seeking assistance from it now that they know where the church is and feel comfortable about going there. "The poor will always be with us. There is a need, a great need. These people need our respect. They are just like you and me, they've just fallen on hard times. For anyone in doubt of that need they should come and volunteer to see for themselves," Potter said.

Donations can be made to Alcona County Food Pantry; P.O. Box 342, Harrisville, Mich., 48740. To volunteer or for more information, contact Shelly Dunn (989) 724-6451 or Barb Potter (989) 724-6268.


Fireworks: Understanding what is legal and safe

With the Fourth of July fast approaching, I have received many questions about fireworks. Fireworks remain a staple for evening and weekend enjoyment.

Due to a change in Michigan's law, consumers may now legally purchase and use

provided in this section, a person that violates this subsection is responsible for a state civil infraction and may be ordered to pay a civil fine of not more than \$500.00."

Sec. 12.(3) states, "An individual shall not discharge, ignite, or use consumer fire-



Ask A Trooper

By Ashley Simpson

more powerful fireworks, including firecrackers, bottle rockets, sky lanterns, and Roman candles. The sale and use of consumer fireworks became legal January 1, 2012.

There was also legislation that allows any city, township or village to enact an ordinance banning overnight "ignition, discharge or use" of consumer fireworks on the day before, the day of, and the day after a national holiday. Local units of government already have the ability to limit usage on all other days of the year. Violations could be punished by a maximum civil fine of \$500. Always be sure to check local ordinances prior to using fireworks or sky lanterns.

Michigan Fireworks Safety Act 256 of 2011, section 28.462 talks about Prohibited Conduct as it relates to fireworks. Sec. 12.(1), states, "A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another person without that organization's or person's express permission to use those fireworks on those premises.

"Except as otherwise pro-

works or low-impact fireworks while under the influence of alcoholic liquor, a controlled substance, or a combination of alcoholic liquor and a controlled substance."

Please remember to be safe and responsible when using fireworks over the holiday weekend. Here is a list of a few safety tips to keep everyone safe when enjoying fireworks displays:

- Read and always follow all safety instructions.
- Never allow children to play with fireworks or sparklers unattended.
- Only use fireworks outside.
- Only light devices on smooth, flat surfaces away from residential areas, dry leaves and flammable material.
- Always keep a hose or bucket of water nearby in case of malfunction.
- Never try to relight fireworks that have not fully functioned.

(Ashley Simpson is a Community Service Trooper for the MSP Alpena Post. To ask her a question, send an e-mail to: asktrooper-simpson@gmail.com or mail it to Ask A Trooper, Michigan State Police - Alpena Post, 3283 W. Washington Ave, Alpena, Mich. 49707.)



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ground. It needed help."

The Lady Lions also had some money that could be dedicated to making improvements to the playground. "We have accumulated money over the last several years and wanted it to go back into the community," Stoddard said. "We formed a committee and it was a unanimous decision to do something with the playground. As we explored it, we were going to write the grant, that's why I approached the city - for their permission; to have it in the recreation plan and permission to write the grant."

The city planning commission added the project to the

port of Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) to help us in this process... the deadline for these is every April, whether it happens within the next cycle or the one after that, the important factor is the city council supports this idea to work with the Lady Lions and we will keep working on this no matter how long it takes. We are excited with the possibilities."

Dobis explained initial research into the cost of upgrading the playground with new equipment and some special features came in around \$100,000. "That is a little unrealistic. Becky and I

We'd like to have a design that fits the area. The earliest it could start is possibly fall of next year. It just depends on how everything comes together."

Regardless of the cost, any granting entity will require a local match of funds - usually 25 to 30 percent, according to Dobis. That is where the Lady Lions and the community fundraising effort comes in. "The duck race is a big fundraiser for us (Harrisville Lions), the two groups split the money. That's where our contribution is coming from," Stoddard said.

The Lady Lions playground committee will be sending



Harrisville Harbor playground, the focus of an improvement project, recently received new sand, new boards where necessary and equipment was adjusted by city crew members and volunteers from the Harrisville Beautification Committee, according to City of Harrisville Mayor John Dobis. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

recreation plan and the mayor offered to write the grant on behalf of the city. "The city council, planning commission and the mayor have been very supportive through this process," Stoddard said.

The Lady Lions, according to Stoddard, has pledged \$4,000 to the project and has taken on the task of raising an additional \$21,000 to match a grant request of approximately \$100,000 in which Mayor Dobis is applying for through the state's Natural Resources Trust Fund.

"We will also be looking at any other DNR recreation grants that are available," Dobis said. "We have the sup-

met again and picked out a couple of designs and she is contacting a manufacturer... Becky and I think we can do this without spending that kind of money."

"It's a fun project," Stoddard said. "We would love to have it started by next year... but we don't have a timeline yet. Once the design is chosen, there will be a determination on price and a timeline will fall into place."

letters to businesses, organizations and individuals asking for donations, there will be canisters in area businesses for donations and other money raising avenues are being considered as well. Anyone interested in donating to the project can mail a check to Harrisville Lady Lions, Playground Campaign, P.O. Box 31, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate 2004-2006

Philip Terman is a Pennsylvania poet who, with his family, lives in a former one-room schoolhouse. And whenever there's a one-room schoolhouse you can count on just a little wilderness around it. This is from his new and selected poems, *Our Portion*, from Autumn House Press.

Deer Descending

Perhaps she came down for the apples,
or was flushed out by the saws powering
the far woods, or was simply lost,
or was crossing one open space for another.
She was a figure approaching, a presence
outside a kitchen window, framed
by the leafless apple trees, the stiff blueberry bushes,
the after-harvest corn, the just-before-rain sky,
a shape only narrow bones could hold,
turning its full face upward, head tilted to one side,
as if to speak.

I want my life back.

Morning settles around her like a silver coat.
Rustling branches, hooves in flight.

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How Medicare handles second medical opinions

Dear Savvy Senior,
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Dear Searching,

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Yes, Medicare does pay for second opinions if your current doctor has recommended surgery, or some other major diagnostic or therapeutic procedure.

If you're enrolled in origi-

nal Medicare, 80 percent of the costs for second medical opinions are covered under Part B (you or your Medicare supplemental policy are responsible for the other 20 percent), and you don't need an order or referral from your doctor to get one. Medicare will even pay 80 percent for a third opinion, if the first two differ.

Most Medicare Advantage plans cover second opinions too, but you may need to follow certain steps to get it paid for. For example, some plans will only help pay for a second opinion if you have a referral from your primary care doctor, and/or they may require that you can only use a doctor in their network. If you have a Medicare Advantage plan, you'll need to call it to find out their rules.

To find another doctor for a second opinion you can either ask your current doctor for a name or two, or you

can ask another doctor you trust for a referral, or you can find one on your own.

Whatever route you choose, it's best to go with a doctor that's affiliated with a different practice or hospital than your original doctor. Hospitals and practices can be set in their ways when it comes to treatments and are likely to offer similar advice.

If you choose to find one on your own, use the Physician Compare tool at Medicare.gov/physician-compare. This will let you find doctors by name, medical specialty or by geographic location that accept original Medicare. You can also get this information by calling Medicare at (800) 633-4227. Or, if you're enrolled in a Medicare Advantage plan, call or visit your plan's website for a list of candidates.

After you've got a few doctors names, there are a number of free online resources



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to help you research them like HealthGrades.com and Vitals.com. Or, consider AngiesList.com (888-888-5478), which is a membership service that offers doctors ratings and reviews from other members in your area for \$3.50 for one month, or \$11.32 for the year, but will be offering free reviews this summer.

After you find another doctor, before you get a second opinion you'll need to have your current doctor's office send your medical records ahead to the second doctor, or you may have to pick them

up and deliver them yourself. That way, you won't have to repeat the tests you already had. But, if the second doctor wants you to have additional tests performed as a result of your visit, Medicare will help pay for these tests too.

For more information, see the Medicare publication "Getting a Second Opinion Before Surgery" at Medicare.gov/pubs/pdf/02173.pdf.

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Oscoda. Anyone interested in wood carving is invited to attend.

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.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

Cirque Amongus, a program with comedy, circus acts and magic will entertain all ages at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 1:30 p.m. Program will be held on the front lawn, weather permitting. Please bring lawn chairs. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information about this free program.

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.

Chair yoga at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold its mem-

bership meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon in Alpena. Bring a can of food for needy. For more information, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

The Harrisville United Methodist Church will be offering Vacation Bible School for children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the hostess lot in Harrisville State Park. Story, craft and a snack provided.

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.

The Pool Boys kick off

Harrisville's Summer Concert Series. The group, which consists of Sal Agnello, a long-time resident of Harrisville and Lincoln and Bob Hughes, original lead singer of the group, will play a wide range of music beginning at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville Harbor. Anyone planning to attend is encouraged to bring blankets or chairs as seating is on the lawn.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

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.

Join your fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian

Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

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

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

Zumba class at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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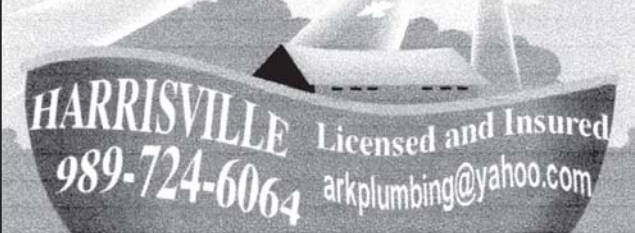
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"Free Range Crafts" will meet from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Bring your crafts in progress, ideas and questions to share with others. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

FRIDAY, JULY 8

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.

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

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

SATURDAY, JULY 9

The 21st annual Antique and Collectibles Show has

something for serious collectors or those who just want to take a stroll through the past. Held under "the big tent" at the Harrisville Harbor the show will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$3.

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077 or (989) 724-6546.

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site (fairgrounds) in Lincoln. Call (989) 724-5077 for details.

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.

My Brother's Hope Potluck Cafe will be serving a meal from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

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Slide (free to kids and bring a towel); kids carnival games; Mikado Fire Department dunk tank; Grace Community Puppet Show; Search & Rescue Mission; craft tables; a balloon booth; a Car Cruise-in; and much more.

The Alcona Masons Child ID Program will be joined by the Lincoln Lions Kids Sight sponsoring vision screening for one to six year olds. At 12:30 p.m. the Mikado Fire Department will hold a Jaws-of-Life demonstration. At 2 p.m. there will be a 1860s era baseball game with the Mikado Clubbers against the Midland River Hogs. Anyone interested in watching the game is encouraged to bring their own chair in case the bleachers are full. Don't forget to bring umbrellas and sun screen.

The American Legion is having a pig roast dinner at 3 p.m. and is opened to the public. From 4 to 8 p.m. the band Grounded will play at the pavilion that is east of the Mikado Civic Center. This event is being sponsored by

Nicki and Jeff Bartz of the Mikado Market.

For more information about entering the Car Cruise-In, call (989) 736-0741. The entry fee is nonperishable food donations which will be donated to St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

All times are approximate and subject to change. Inclement weather will cancel outdoor activities. For information, call Sands or Yruegas at (989) 736-7721. Look for Mikado Days books at local businesses for a schedule of events and local supporters.

Pageant Changes

Changes are coming to the Miss Iosco Scholarship Pageant this summer. The Miss Iosco County and Miss Iosco Outstanding Teen Scholarship Program will soon be the Miss Huron Shores and Huron Shores Outstanding Teen Scholarship Program. The change in name has resulted in the pageant expanding its geographical area to include Alcona County, Arenac

County, Iosco County and Ogemaw County.

The first Miss Huron Shores and Miss Huron Shores Outstanding Teen will be crowned at the pageant on Friday, July 15 at 7 p.m. at the MaryAnne Bartels Auditorium at Oscoda High School. In addition to a new name for the pageant, the scholarship awards have been increased to \$1,500 for the Miss Scholarship, \$400 for the first runner-up and \$300 for the second runner-up.

This year's pageant will also include a Princess Camp for girls ages four to 12. "This is an opportunity for these little girls to be introduced to the Miss America Organization," said Sarah Negro, co-executive director. Princesses will be mentored by Miss Iosco Kaylee LaFave and Miss Iosco Outstanding Teen Hollie Fort.

For more information about the Princess Camp, email aia1missioscocounty@gmail.com. For more information about Miss Iosco County see Facebook or the website at: http://missioscocounty.webs.com.


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2015 Water Quality Report for The City of Harrisville

This report covers the drinking water quality for the City of Harrisville for the calendar year 2015. This 2015 information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2015. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from two (2) groundwater wells located at 417 Mill Creek Rd. The state performed an assessment of our source water in 2014. Copies of the reports are available from the Harrisville City Clerk's Office. Our wells were determined to have moderately low susceptibility to contamination.

Contaminants and their presence in water: Drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Vulnerability of sub-populations: Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).

Sources of drinking water: The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

- Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**
- * **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
 - * **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
 - * **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
 - * **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
 - * **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.



Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2015 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2015. The state allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.

Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG): The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

N/A: not applicable **ND:** not detectable at testing limit **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter.

Action Level (AL): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Samples collected at the Wellhouse:

Regulated Chemical Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Our Water	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminants
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.19 MG/L	8/11/15	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Chemical Contaminants ²	Our Water	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminants
Sodium (ppm)	6 MG/L	8/11/2015	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	17 mg/L	8/11/2015	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits

² Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

Samples Collected in the Distribution System:

Contaminants Subject to an Action Level	Action Level, MCL, or MRDL	Our Water	Sample Date	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminants
Lead (ppb) ³	AL = 15	(90 th percentile) 2.0ppb	9/16/2015	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm) ³	AL = 1.3	(90 th percentile) 240 ppb	9/16/2015	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives

³ 90 percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water. Lead and copper monitoring sample results were provided to all people whose site was tested in 2015.

Microbial Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Positive Samples	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminants
Total Coliform Bacteria	1 positive monthly sample (5% of monthly samples positive)	0	0	no	Naturally present in the environment
Fecal Coliform and <i>E. coli</i>	Routine and repeat samples are total coliform positive, and one is also fecal or <i>E. coli</i> positive	0	0	no	Human and animal fecal waste

We will update this report annually and will keep you informed of any problems that may occur throughout the year, as they happen. Copies are available at the Harrisville City Clerk's Office, 200 N. Fifth St., Harrisville, MI 48740. This report will not be sent to you.

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The Harrisville City Council meets regularly at 7 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the Harrisville City Clerk's Office at 200 Fifth St., Harrisville MI 48740. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact The City of Harrisville (989)724-6666. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater/.

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. The City of Harrisville is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to two minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791 or at <http://water.epa.gov/drink/info/lead>.



Northland Area Federal Credit Union (NAFCU) was recently presented with a first place 2016 Innovation Award from the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL). The state-level award recognizes credit unions which move the industry forward in service to their membership through advancements in product or service offerings. Northland was recognized for its award-winning 2015 MyLOAN campaign. The presentation took place during the MCUL Annual Convention and Exposition in Detroit, Mich. on June 11. (From left) Judy Sharma, treasurer, NAFCU board of directors; Jerry Erickson, emeritus director, NAFCU board; Jack Eling, NAFCU vice president of lending and business development; Mike Palumbo, chairman, NAFCU board; and Jimmie Luthmann, member, NAFCU board. *Courtesy photo.*

Community Foundation Scholarship awards total nearly \$400,000 for area students

One-hundred-thirty scholarships were awarded to students from Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle Counties on June 16 in Alpena at the 21st Annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon hosted by the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM).

Sixty unique scholarship funds established by generous members of communities throughout the four-county area in northeast Michigan made these scholarships possible. "We are so fortunate to have such forward-thinking individuals and families in northeast Michigan who want to make sure future generations of students can pursue a college education or advanced training now and forever," said Barbara Frantz, CFNEM executive director.

"Each year the number and amount of scholarships and student awardees increases as a result of those who deeply care about their local community and create opportunities for our youth to compete and thrive in a complex and challenging world," Frantz said. In 2016, once all scholarships are designated, approximately \$400,000 will be awarded through the Community Foundation on behalf of donors in northeast Michigan.

"The Scholarship Review Committee is continually amazed and impressed with the caliber of students graduating from area high schools," said Julie Wiesen, CFNEM Scholarship Program Director. "These students fully appreciate the importance of staying focused on their studies, while still making time to volunteer, pursue extracurricular interests, and/or work to help out at home or save for college," she said.

Keynoting this year's scholarship awards ceremony was Alpena High School 2014 graduate Hannah MacDonald. She is a recipient of the Carl and Helen Basel Michi-

gan State University Scholarship (2014, 2015, 2016) and the Jesse Besser Scholarship (2016, 2017). MacDonald just completed her sophomore year as an honors student at Michigan State University where she was encouraged to apply for and received a National Oceans and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Ernest F. Hollings Undergraduate Scholarship as well.

"Hannah is majoring in environmental geosciences in MSU's College of Natural Science. She is a great example of a student who has wisely complemented her college major with volunteering and internships that reinforce her career interest," Frantz said.

During MacDonald's speech, she encouraged students to use their scholarship to help discover their passion. "This community has chosen to support us because we have shown promise of intelligence, creativity, focus, involvement and hard work. Although receiving the funding may seem to be the end of the scholarship process, it is only the beginning of living up to one of our new titles as a "scholar." We were not given the funding just to help out with tuition, we were given the funding so that we could build upon the scholarship to discover a passion, make ourselves more knowledgeable and reach our full potential. "

One of the aspects of the CFNEM scholarship program is that many of its scholarships are not just determined by academic achievement. Each scholarship reflects the intentions of the donor, and in some cases, that means the emphasis is placed on student interests such as farming, a trade such as welding or plumbing, the arts, or healthcare. All graduating seniors and adults interested in pursuing a college degree or training certificate are encouraged to apply for scholarships, regardless of

whether they plan to attend a trade-certification program, community college or a four-year university.

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BIDS WANTED

Alcona County EMS is accepting bids for new flooring at both of their ambulance stations. We will be available to meet with potential bidders and show them what needs to be done and answer any questions on Thursday, June 30 at 10 a.m. and on Thursday, July 7 at 10 a.m. at 2600 E. M-72, Harrisville, MI 48740

6/22 & 6/29

Publication and Notice of Friend of the Court Annual Statutory Review 2016

State of Michigan, 23rd Judicial Court, Oscoda County
Public Notice

Annual Review of Performance Record of the Friend of the Court

Pursuant to Michigan law, the chief circuit judge annually reviews the performance record of the friend of the court. The review will be conducted on or about August 1, 2016. This review is limited by law to the following criteria: whether the friend of the court is guilty of misconduct, neglect of statutory duty, or failure to carry out the written orders of the court relative to a statutory duty; whether the purposes of the Friend of the Court Act are being met; and whether the duties of the friend of the court are being carried out in a manner that reflects the needs of the community. Members of the public may submit written comments to the supervisor relating to these criteria. Send your written comments with your name and address to Supervisor, Friend of the Court, P.O. Box 837, Tawas City, MI 48764.

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7. Bid to include the cost of any building permits and delivery charges associated with the same.
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9. The Village of Lincoln reserves the right to reject any and all bids for any reason. Sealed bids should be submitted to the Village of Lincoln Clerk at 117 W. Fiske Street, P.O. Box 337, Lincoln, MI 48742 no later than July 5, 2016 at 12:00 p.m. Bids will be opened at the regular meeting of the Village of Lincoln Council meeting on Wednesday July 6, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.

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Alcona cornerback attends Yale camp


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By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Very few students from northeast Michigan dream of attending an Ivy League college, let alone play football for one.

However, for one Alcona High School student, the possibility may not be all that farfetched -- he has been getting some interest after attending a football prospect camp at Yale University.

Dakota Oke will begin his senior year by taking his role as cornerback for the team a bit more seriously after his experience and encouragement from Yale Bulldog defense coach Steven Vashel.

Being watched by an Ivy League football team was not on Oke's radar when he was a child. In fact, until his family, father, Bill Oke Jr., mother, Teresa Oke and older brother, Ryan, made an overnight decision to move to Lincoln in 2012, the 17-year-old Yale prospect had never played football.

"I never thought I was good enough or strong enough but after we moved here some friends wanted me to try football," Oke said. He began weight lifting and playing junior varsity in his freshman year. In his junior year he was selected by the Michigan High School Athletic Association as a first team all-conference cornerback for northeastern Michigan. An honor, according to his mother, because the distinction is voted on by coaches.

His invitation to Yale University began last season when he was playing in a



Dakota Oke and his mom, Teresa Oke at home in Lincoln. Photo by Mary Weber.

game in Oscoda. He had no idea there was a Yale scout in the stands with a video camera. The scout had intended to watch a player on the Oscoda team when his attention was diverted and he began filming Oke instead.

Alcona varsity football coach, Jason Somers, said it is never his intention to get athletes noticed for their football talents and prefers they get noticed by how they handle themselves in the community and the school. He said Oke was probably noticed because of his body size and speed in combination with playing cornerback.

Shortly after the Oscoda game, a letter of interest from

Yale arrived and was followed by e-mails to Oke from Vashel informing him of the prospect day camp. Yale wanted a better look at Oke's skills and also wanted him to experience a little of what they would expect of him.

Yale also started investigating Oke's grades -- all of his test scores from his years at Alcona schools as well as before the family moved to Lincoln were requested. His mother said they even checked his elementary grades where they lived in the Lamphere School District of Madison Heights, Mich.

It turned out Oke's grades

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Steven Vashel (left), defensive coach for Yale University, talks to Oke, about what is expected if he is selected to be on the team. Courtesy photo.

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were in perfect alignment of becoming a Yale football candidate. He has been an exemplary academic student all of his life and currently maintains a 3.65 grade point average. Oke was just recently inducted into the National Society of High School Scholars. He is slated to begin college courses at Alcona High School this fall.

Oke's parents weren't about to let the opportunity of attending the Yale prospect camp slide by their son, so they drove to New Haven, Conn. His mother explained it was quite an honor for her son to step onto the field of one of the oldest stadiums in the country and be coached by Yale coaches. She said it was rather ironic that Yale's team is the Bulldogs and they had two pet bulldogs at home.

Oke explained that Yale has several days when they run camps like this. His camp day was June 17 and there were hundreds of athletes there. "There were many running backs but there were only five cornerbacks including myself. It was the hardest I've ever worked in my life. I came away very, very sore. I learned something completely different -- at Alcona we do zone defense and at Yale they taught me man coverage defense. I've never learned that before and it was hard to comprehend, but something new. I told Coach Somers and we may start doing that at Alcona," Oke said. His day-long training included long jumping, power lifting and a 40-yard dash in addition to many other exercises.

The power lifting aspect came easy to Oke -- he is on the power (weight) lifting team at the high school which has made it to state competitions two years in a row. Oke said he also played baseball, but gave it up to focus on track which -- helps him with his football game.

Before leaving, Vashel gave Oke his personal cell phone number telling him to stay in constant contact with him. Vashel was extremely interested in knowing how the Alcona High School team does its first three weeks of season and said he would come to Alcona to scout Oke again.

Somers said he gets many letters of interest from schools for his athletes, but it was rare for a rural high school athlete to be noticed by an Ivy League college scout. "All I do is deliver the letters. Sometimes I have athletes who will ask my opinion. I



Oke takes a minute to pose with the team's mascot while on the campus at Yale University. *Courtesy photo.*

give them my advice and leave it to them and their families to choose what is best for them. The difference with this letter is Dakota followed up on it with the encouragement of his parents who made this happen," Somers said.

According to Oke's mother Ivy League colleges do not give out scholarships but their alumni, which is very serious about football, puts money into athletic funds to pay tuition for bright and promising football players. She has already received some information about obtaining athletic funding from the alumni association at Yale.

"Dakota brings an ability to persevere, an ability to lead by example and most importantly a great work ethic to the team. This opportunity will set Dakota up for a great senior season. He is already a great worker in the weight room and on the field, but I think he will see this opportunity as a challenge to push himself even harder," Somers said.

Dan O'Connor, principal of Alcona High School said, "Dakota is an excellent example of what type of young adult we strive to produce as a product of our school system. He works hard, has a solid moral compass and is a model for younger students. We are thrilled for Dakota that his hard work has put him in a potential position to be accepted to a school as high caliber as Yale."

As for Oke's parents, they couldn't be prouder of their son's accomplishments. "We told Dakota to focus on his sports and schooling and we will take care of everything else. We want him to be a kid. He keeps his grades up and deserves it. The best decision we ever made was to move here. It was a quick decision but we felt the schools up here would be better. He absolutely loves school, the teachers, the coaches and the community up here is awesome. We've met so many amazing friends. Coach Somers and Coach Franklin are like fathers to Dakota," Teresa Oke said.



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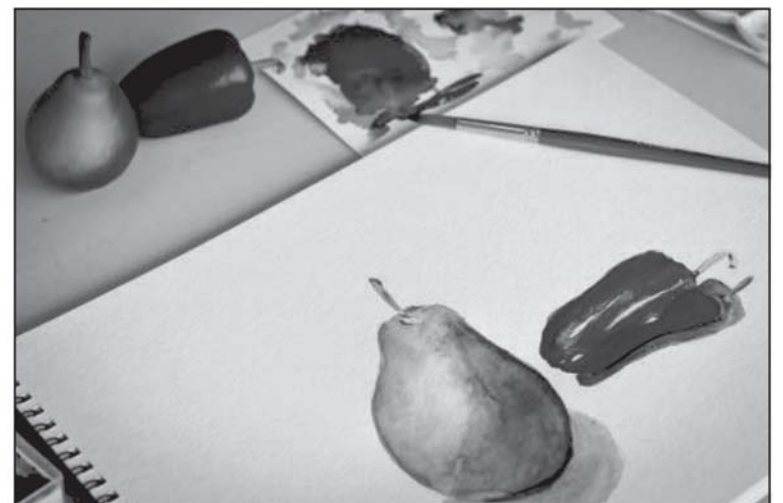


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Northeast

Lower Peninsula

June 23

- Cheboygan: Lake trout fishing slowed as warmer water had the fish scattered. Some days they were in 30 to 50 feet and other days in 60 feet and deeper. There has been an occasional steelhead, Atlantic or Chinook but very few were landed.

- Cheboygan River: Anglers caught some walleye, smallmouth bass, a few pike, lots of rock bass and freshwater drum. The walleye action was still slow with only a few fish taken on crawler harnesses.

- Mullett Lake: The smallmouth bass have pretty much moved off the beds. A few were found in shallow waters but most were struggling to catch them. Walleye anglers were doing well after dark

Northeast Michigan

Fishing Report



and very early morning when using crawler harnesses or body baits in front of the Aloha State Park and around the Sunken Island on the north end. A few pike were still being caught in Pigeon River Bay.

- Rogers City: Anglers were taking limit catches of lake trout in 45 to 60 feet. The fish are suspended and near the bottom and were hitting on cowbells and dodgers with spin-glos. Green was the hot color.

Atlantic salmon are also being caught. Try fishing up high with green and orange, silver and orange or gold and orange spoons. Chinook, steelhead and pinks are starting to mix in. Try fishing the top 55 feet in 65 to 120 feet with green, blue, orange, white or black and white spoons.

- Presque Isle: Has been great for lake trout and Atlantic salmon. The lake trout were caught in the entire water column in 20 to 85 feet. For the Atlantic salmon, fish up higher in the water column.

- Alpena: Lake trout fishing was best from Rockport and throughout Thunder Bay. Anglers are using down riggers with sliders, dipseys, inline planer boards and lead core in 60 to 120 feet. Try spoons in yellow tail, purple and blue. The occasional steelhead and pink salmon are also being picked up. Water temperatures were still a little cool so most anglers are targeting smallmouth in the shallows around Grass Island.

Walleye are starting to pick up. Late evening, throughout the night and early morning are the best times with body baits and crawler harnesses off planer boards.

- Thunder Bay River: Smallmouth bass can be found throughout the river.

- Hubbard Lake: A few smallmouth bass were caught on the beds but most anglers had better luck in the East Bay in 10 to 12 feet.

- Oscoda: Oscoda pier fishing has been slow. Lake trout, steelhead and the occasional pink salmon have been caught but these fish are moving around and usually not in the same place the next day. Try spoons with dodgers or cowbells in 80 to 120 feet. Colors vary so change up often.

- AuSable River: A couple of brown trout were caught on crawlers near the Mio Dam. A few walleye have started to show up. Try up river late in the evening and early morning. Just outside the mouth has been slow but worth a try. Drifting crawlers and body baits worked best.

- Higgins Lake: Boat anglers trolling in 100 to 110 feet were getting some lake trout just off the bottom. One 40 inch fish was reported. A couple rainbow trout were caught out in deeper water when fishing up high in the water column. Anglers are catching lots of rock bass and a few perch. The big surprise was a few smelt caught on perch rigs with spikes.

- Houghton Lake: Had good walleye fishing with a few bigger ones taken recently. Most were caught by those jigging. Bass fishing was also good. Bluegills were on the weed beds in six to eight feet.

- Lake St. Helen: Is producing bluegills, pumpkin-seed sunfish and rock bass. Some nice largemouth bass were caught on top water lures and a wacky-rig with an artificial worm. Some walleye up to 22 and 23 inches have been caught when drifting leeches. Target the major weed beds.

- Tawas: Boat anglers reported slow fishing and were actually trailering their boats down to AuGres where walleye fishing was very good. A few walleye along with a lot of freshwater drum were caught out beyond Buoy No. 2 in 35 to 70 feet. Some looking for trout and salmon were heading north of Au Sable Point. They caught lake trout in 120 feet. Pier fishing was slow.

- Tawas River: Was giving up some smallmouth bass right along with catfish and carp for those bottom fishing.

- AuGres: Has had a lot of fishing activity and lots of walleye caught including a good number of limit catches. The best fishing was in 35 to 45 feet out near the NOAA weather buoy which is east and southeast of Pointe Au Gres. Crawler harnesses were the ticket. Anglers have also caught lots of freshwater drum.

- AuGres River: Shore anglers were getting a few catfish in the lower river.

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State urges travelers to leave firewood at home

As the summer travel season begins, the Michigan departments of agriculture and rural development and natural resources remind vacationers to leave firewood at home to prevent the spread of invasive tree insects and diseases.

Hauling firewood from one part of the state to another is a common way for these destructive pests to move to new locations, which could be devastating to Michigan's native trees.

According to Gina Alessandri, Michigan Department of Agriculture Rural Development's (MDARD) Pesticide and Plant Pest Management Division director, the emerald ash borer has already wiped out millions of ash trees across the state. High-impact diseases, including oak wilt and beech bark disease, are now making their way through Michigan - often helped by travelers with trunkloads of wood harboring unseen fungi that can spread to healthy trees in new areas.

"Visual inspection does not always reveal disease or insect damage in wood," Alessandri said. "Disease may be in an early stage, and insect larvae can be hidden under bark. The safest choice is to burn firewood at or near the location it was harvested."



Perfectly round exit holes, just smaller than a dime, in tree limbs and trunks can be a sign of Asian longhorned beetle infestation. Photo courtesy of Joe Boggs, Ohio State University, Bugwood.org. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

violation of the MDARD EAB Quarantine.

"It's recommended that travelers do a little firewood homework before their trip," said Jason Fleming, chief of the Resource Management Section in the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Parks and Recreation Division. "Many out-of-state visitors live in areas under quarantine for pests such as thousand cankers disease or Asian longhorned beetle, and it is illegal to move any regulated items (including items such as firewood and wood chips) from quarantined zones out of those

sible through the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Asian longhorned beetle website, www.asianlonghornedbeetle.com or contact MDARD at (800) 292-3939 or MDA-info@michigan.gov.

More information on the Asian longhorned beetle and other invasive forest insects and tree diseases can be found at www.michigan.gov/invasivespecies. Select the "take action" tab to learn more ways to avoid transporting invasive species during the recreation and travel season.



The fungus that causes oak wilt is visible under the bark of this split log.

Travelers are encouraged to buy firewood at their destination, burn it all onsite and not take it home or to their next destination. In most public and private campgrounds, firewood is available on the premises or from nearby firewood vendors.

Alessandri explained it is a good idea to purchase firewood within a short distance of where it will be used. For ease in finding a local vendor, use www.firewoodscout.org. For day trips that include a cookout, bring charcoal or a cook-stove instead of firewood.

In- and out-of-state quarantines limit movement of regulated wood items to prevent the spread of invasive species and tree diseases. In Michigan, it is illegal to transport hardwood firewood in

states and into Michigan."

Quarantines for Asian longhorned beetle include areas of New York, Massachusetts and Ohio. The Asian longhorned beetle is not known to be in Michigan, but the public is asked to look for signs of this invasive beetle, including round, 3/8-inch-diameter exit holes in tree trunks or limbs. Asian longhorned beetle larvae feed on a wide variety of tree species including maple, birch, elm, willow, buckeye, horse chestnut and other hardwoods. The damage caused by Asian longhorned beetles ultimately will destroy an infested tree.

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Lake Michigan bird carcasses make waves in botulism research

By Colleen Otte
Capital News Service

Using satellites to follow dead birds drifting on Lake Michigan may hold the key to locating the source of the elusive botulinum toxin, which causes paralysis and death in birds.

To track down where waterbirds might be exposed to the toxin, a recent study developed a model of how loon carcasses drift using an approach similar to that of search-and-rescue operations, said Jennifer Chipault, a wildlife biologist for the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) National Wildlife Health Center.

The idea stems from previous evidence that loons – the most plentiful victims of avian botulism – feed as deep as 250 feet. That suggests the birds may be contracting the toxin further offshore than originally thought.

several days,” Kenow said. “The location data was beamed up to the satellite, and then we also retrieved the carcasses and our equipment.”

Next, the model was used to backtrack the carcasses of non-radiomarked birds that died from botulism and washed ashore. It used wind, wave and current conditions to identify the paths they drifted.

The gene that produces the botulism toxin is fairly widespread, but not in high concentrations, explained Stephen Riley, a USGS research fishery biologist in Ann Arbor.

“We had very few places where we called them hot spots, and those kind of places are where we think the birds would ultimately be getting the toxin from,” he said. “Outbreaks have become somewhat more com-

waving around in the current,” Riley said. “At some point in the summer, it gets weak because it’s grown so much, and storms can peel it off the rocks or the mussel beds, and it ends up settling somewhere and then starts to rot.”

The bacterium that produces the toxin requires conditions with absolutely no oxygen. According to the researchers, the settling and rotting of the algae may form those conditions. Storms may stir up the algae, releasing the toxin where it’s taken up by bugs scavenging in the algae.

Fish eat the bugs and birds eat the fish. “That’s what we think is happening,” Riley said. “But we don’t know where is the problem.”

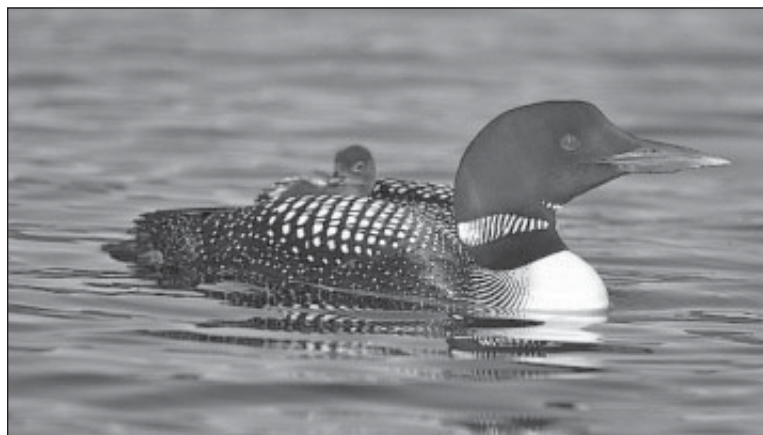
Kenow said that once that’s solved, addressing the problem depends on the source of toxin production or its pathways up the food chain.

“Is there something specific that can be done to eliminate the conditions for toxin production in those areas?” he said. “Is there perhaps something going on at that site that could be interrupted somehow? Or, is it a really focal site where you might engage in trying to disturb and disperse birds away from that area so they aren’t exposed to the toxin?”

In Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore alone, 500 to 600 loons died from botulism in 2012. Around 300 deaths were concentrated in one week in October, according to Riley. There are only 10,000 to 15,000 breeding pairs of loons in the Great Lakes states, so if that happens every year, it could become a significant cause of death.

The 2012 die-off concerned the National Park Service which has been monitoring bird carcasses with the Geological Survey, said Brenda Lafrancois, a regional aquatic ecologist for the Park Service. The agencies coordinated volunteers to report or send in bird carcasses found on a section of the beach at Sleeping Bear.

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A common loon. Photo courtesy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife.

The impact of the disease can be massive. For example, the carcasses of hundreds of loons that died of botulism were found at Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore in 2012.

The carcass drift model provides an opportunity to focus on where toxin production is likely occurring or where it is being transferred to the birds, according to lead author and USGS research wildlife biologist Kevin Kenow said.

Information was gathered from satellite transmitters and GPS devices attached to loon carcasses collected by the state of Minnesota, he explained. “We put those carcasses out in Lake Michigan and allowed them to drift for

mon lately,” Riley said. “They’re finding more dead birds than they used to for a while.”

One reason may be the increasing growth of cladophora, an algae native to the Great Lakes, the researchers said. The increase is due to invasive mussels, like quagga mussels, that attach to the sand and provide a hard surface for the algae to attach, Riley said. Mussels also clear the water, allowing light to penetrate more deeply. That lets the algae to grow deeper.

And the mussels excrete soluble phosphorus that fertilizes the algae.

“Sometimes there will be three or four feet of this algae

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Recreation Passport – the first five years

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Recreation Passport has been providing visitor vehicle access to Michigan state parks since October 2010.

The passport replaced motor vehicle permit stickers many visitors had considered badges of honor, lining their windshields for more than five decades.

The transition took quite a bit of education, both for DNR staff and for visitors, but today the Recreation Passport is a successful funding model that has gained national attention.

Today, when drivers register their vehicles with the Secretary of State's office, they have the option to check "yes" to purchase a Recreation Passport for access to 102 state parks, 138 state forest campgrounds and hundreds of miles of trails.

That a park manager shared an idea for a funding model similar to the Montana State Park system, which tied the purchase of a park pass to the vehicle registration process," Olson said. "The citizens committee explored this idea and felt it could work for Michigan."

Working with bipartisan cooperation in the state House and the Senate, the Recreation Passport bill was signed into law in April 2010 and went into effect six months later.

The success of the Recreation Passport relied on the idea that more people would buy it than already were buying a motor vehicle permit.

Prior to the Recreation Passport, an annual motor vehicle permit was \$24 for a Michigan resident. The Recreation Passport initially cost

This funding allocation has resulted in big improvements statewide. There already has been \$17.4 million in improvements to state parks, such as new electrical upgrades and pull-through sites at Interlochen State Park in Grand Traverse County, as well as \$1 million in historic renovations, including repairs to Sturgeon Point Lighthouse in Alcona County and Fayette Historic State Park in Delta County.

Community recreation grants from Recreation Passport proceeds have made possible \$4.2 million in improvements in 53 of Michigan's 83 counties. These grants allow parks and recreation agencies to build communities, generate tourism, improve public health and increase property values.

"There's more to Michigan's parks, trails, commu-



Workers in progress on a repair project at the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse in Alcona County. The project was aided by funding from a Recreation Passport grant.

Revenue generated by passport purchases is helping improve all of Michigan's parks and preserve Michigan's history for future generations.

Most Michigan residents believe their tax dollars in some way support Michigan state parks. However, this is no longer true. In 2004, state parks were removed from the General Fund because it was believed that camping fees could sustain the then 99-park system.

"At that time the parks were facing a \$350 million infrastructure deficit – meaning it would cost \$350 million to make the needed restorations to existing buildings, campground utilities, roads and historic sites," said Jason Fleming, resource protection and promotion section chief for the DNR Parks and Recreation Division. "Camping fees were unable to generate enough money to sustain operations, and combined with the infrastructure deficit, many historic facilities began to fall into disrepair."

In 2007, the Citizens Advisory Committee for Michigan State Parks began researching options. At this same time, DNR Parks and Recreation Division Chief Ron Olson challenged staff to become more efficient, to find innovative ways to preserve facilities, and to share ideas to generate revenue.

"It was through this pro-

only \$10 for the year – less than half the amount of the former vehicle permit.

The hope was that by putting the option to purchase the Recreation Passport in front of every vehicle owner, rather than just those who came to parks, there would be an increase in the number of people who opted to support the park system.

It worked. In its first year, the Recreation Passport was purchased for 24.7 percent of all vehicles registered in Michigan, generating \$7 million more for state parks.

Since it began in 2010, the Recreation Passport has generated millions for parks in Michigan, and not just state parks. From the inception of the passport, its originators had big plans for helping Michigan improve its parks and recreation opportunities, with funds being distributed according to a formula.

That distribution included:

- Fifty percent to state park infrastructure.
- Thirty percent to state park operations.
- Ten percent to a grant program for community recreation agencies, such as townships, counties and cities.
- Seven percent to state forest campgrounds and pathways.
- There is 2.75 percent to cultural and historic restoration.
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nity centers and other recreation facilities than meets the eye. These are places where memories are made," said Ann Conklin, chief operating officer for the Michigan Recreation and Park Association (mParks). "We all want those opportunities to thrive, and fortunately for Michigan residents, that's as simple as checking 'yes' for the Recreation Passport."

Since the Recreation Passport's beginnings, Michigan's state's park system has grown by three parks, with the addition of the Rockport State Recreation Area in Alpena County, the Menominee River State Recreation Area in Dickinson and Menominee counties and Belle Isle Park in Detroit.

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Dog/Animal Complaint	9	Traffic	5
Malicious Destr. of Property	1	Trespassing	2
Alarm	6	911 Hang Up	1
Harassment/Threats/Stalking	2	Marine	3
Civil	1	Breaking & Entering	2
Open Door	1	Larceny	1
Suicidal Subject	1	Lost/Found Property	1
Fire	1	Juvenile	1
Suspicious Events	4	Gun Shots	1

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Greenbush	5	Gustin	8	Harrisville	14
Hawes	5	Haynes	1	Mikado	3
Millen	6	Mitchell	6		
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recreation Division assumed responsibilities for managing state forest campgrounds and pathways in 2012, adding to the infrastructure needs, without providing additional staff or funding sources.

“This is a double-edged sword; it means that the Recreation Passport provides access to more locations, but it also means that funding is being stretched to meet the needs of more destinations,” Olson said. “In 2015, some General Fund money was allocated to Belle Isle to assist with the transition from city of Detroit to DNR management. This cannot be considered a permanent funding source.”

In 2015, more than 30 percent of Michigan drivers were checking “yes” for the Recreation Passport when registering their vehicles. The DNR’s goal is to reach 50 percent, which would provide \$25 million in state park and state forest campground improvements and \$2.8 million in community recreation grants – all in just one year.

“That doesn’t include the economic benefit that would be realized if everyone with a Recreation Passport planned road trips, explored new Michigan communities and instilled a love of the outdoors with their children and grandchildren,” Olson said. “That would be a model that truly would make Michigan’s state parks sustainable for future generations.”

“Beyond that, we sincerely hope more Michigan residents take advantage of what a tremendous value the Recreation Passport really is,” Olson said.



A couple of old Michigan Department of Natural Resources park permits still affixed to a windshield. The permits have been replaced with the Recreation Passport. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

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The Community Foundation urges all parents and teachers to encourage and support their students to start planning early for college or training opportunities well before they graduate from high school. Dual Enrollment, Advanced Placement and Early-College programs are great ways for students to gain real university-level learning experiences, as well as transferable college credits that can help reduce the high price tag of a degree or certificate.

To learn more about scholarship opportunities offered through CFNEM, visit cfnem.org. The next online-application process for the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan will open in early 2017. Individuals interested in setting up a scholarship fund are encouraged to call or stop by the Community Foundation headquarters at 100 N. Ripley Street, Ste. F in Alpena or call (989)354-6881.

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan is a nonprofit charitable organization committed to providing people who care about the future of our area with unique and effective ways of supporting their community now, and for generations to come.

Bird

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"Botulism is probably the single biggest killer of wild birds in the world," Riley said. Some studies say up to a million birds a year die from it. The toxin can kill people in doses measured in nanograms, which are millionths of a gram, he said. Typically it must be ingested to kill.

Chipault said the toxin can also enter the system via the eyes or a cut in the skin. She encourages people to report dead birds on beaches to local natural resources agencies.

Riley said that if loons contract the toxin in 150 feet of water, which is about 10 miles offshore, people are unlikely to encounter it swimming. The bigger danger is from poking around at a dead bird on the beach and then accidentally touching their mouths, which is improbable, he said. Dogs can get sick or die if they pick up the birds.

"The fish you eat probably aren't going to have it either, because it's more likely to occur in the small forage fish that eat bugs rather than the game fish that are eating other fish," Riley said.

And affected fish die quickly, he said. If you catch one, it'll be obviously sick-looking, and you're probably not going to want to eat it.

The toxin tends to affect the limbs, neck and eyelids first, Chipault said. "You'll see birds that can't control their inner eyelids, or can't keep their heads up, or can't walk or can't fly."

The study appeared in the Journal of Great Lakes Research.



Sixteen veterans receive hand carved eagle head canes from the Sunrise Side Woodcarvers Club of Oscoda during the Lean on Me cane presentation held June 21. Cane recipients are: (Front row, from left) Vietnam veterans, William R. Young of Harrisville; David Teachworth of Gains, Mich.; Joseph L. Szatkowski of Alpena; Patrick T. Smylie of Spruce; Edward R. Schmidt of Mikado; Mickey Potter of Oscoda; World War II veteran, George James Keeble of Oscoda (obscured);

(back row) Korea veteran, Doyle Ira Brindley of West Branch, Mich.; Vietnam veteran, Norman Buckler of Lincoln; Korea veteran, Donald James Daws of Glennie; Vietnam veterans, Richard D. Rose of Oscoda; Richard Kehrer of Glennie; Gerald Anton Krall of Alpena; World War II veteran, John R. Milroy of Alpena; Vietnam veterans, James Pangonis of Barton City; and Dan M. Richardson of Barton City. The woodcarving club has given 237 canes since it began making them. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & Youth Programs (Grades K-6th)
 *Fall-Spring programs • Website: www.bcbmikado.com

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 Rev. Karen Thompson, Wednesday office hours 1 - 4 p.m.

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Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



Local postmaster to receive citation

June 30, 1966 - A special "Citation of Merit" for cooperation in President Johnson's Natural Beauty Program will be presented July 6, 1966 at 2 p. m. to Harrisville, Postmaster Otto Klein has announced.

Postmaster Klein will accept the award on behalf of the citizens of Harrisville at the ceremony which will be held in the dining room of the new Methodist Church addition.

Sam A. Coffee, Postal Ser-

vices Officer who will represent Postmaster General Lawrence F. O'Brien at the presentation ceremony said: "Only those communities which have made a concerted effort to improve the appearance of their post offices are recipients of the award."

The citation is presented after the postal facility has received a superior rating in a very rigid inspection by postal officials from 1 regional head quarters and reviewed

carefully by the Assistant Postmaster General for Facilities.

President Johnson's Natural Beauty Program is designed to improve the landscape of the nation.

The Harrisville post office will receive the award as result of the planting of shrubbery, trees and flowers and perpetual lawn care.

The emphasis on aesthetics should make our post office a more pleasant place to visit and do business, Post-

master Klein commented. It should be emphasized that our project was begun to enhance the appearance of the area and we hope that others in the community will be encouraged to make Harrisville more attractive.

The public is cordially invited to attend this ceremony after which refreshments will be served by the W.S.C.S. of the Harrisville Methodist Church.

News Of servicemen

June 30, 1966 - DaNang, Vietnam (FH TN C) June 16. Engineering Aid Third Class, William E. Woods, USN. son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Woods of Mikado, Michigan, is serving with Mobile Construction Battalion 6 (M CE-6) near DaNang, South Vietnam, after flying half-way around the world from Davisville, R. I.

Prior to deployment, the entire unit spent a month at Camp LeJeune, N. C., Marine Corps base, to become familiarized with some of the combat conditions it would encounter in Vietnam.

MCE-6 is one of several Civil Engineer units (C'Seabeas") supporting American and South Vietnamese ground troops on duty in South Vietnam.

Wilhite family of ten have reunion

June 30, 1966 - Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Wilhite of Lincoln, have returned from Chillicothe, Missouri, where they attended a family reunion on June 19 at Simpson Park in that city. 145 were in attendance and a picnic dinner and happy reunions made the day an enjoyable one.

For the first time in 19 years the Wilhite family of ten children were re-united in their former home town. Gathering for the occasion were: Mr. and Mrs. Rollie Wilhite, their son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wilhite, and Mrs. Lee Singleton of Los Angeles, California; Mr. and Mrs. James Beever of Hawthorn, California; Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Wilhite of Houston, Texas; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stoddard of Hershey, Nebraska; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wilhite of Kansas City, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Broyles of St. Louis, Missouri; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Kriner of Clarncce, Mr. and Mrs. Jewel Miller of Chillicothe, and Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Wilhite of Lincoln.

The Wilhites left Lincoln June 6 and returned home Sunday.

Graduates As Nurse

June 30, 1966 - Miss Rosalee Godt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Werner Godt of Barton City, was a member of the graduating class of Mounds-Midway School of Nursing, Saint Paul, Minnesota. Miss Godt received her diploma and pin at the commencement exercises on Sunday afternoon, June 12, 1966.

The exercises were held at the First Baptist Church, Minneapolis Minnesota.

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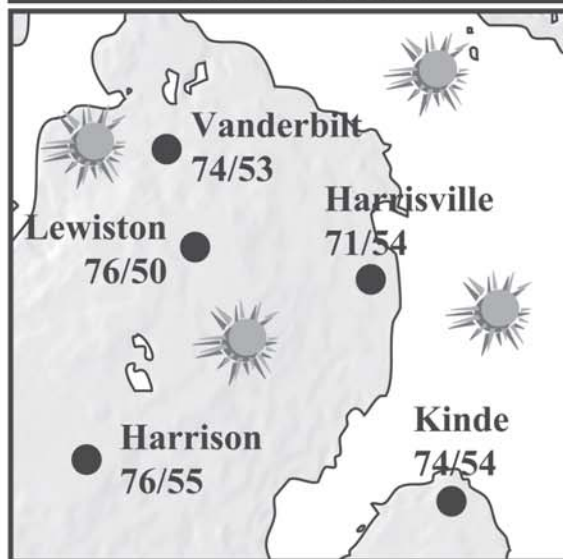
Alcona Review Weather Report

June 29, 2016

Seven Day Forecast

- WEDNESDAY**
Sunny
High: 71 Low: 54
- THURSDAY**
Isolated T-storms
High: 77 Low: 58
- FRIDAY**
Showers Likely
High: 69 Low: 52
- SATURDAY**
Sunny
High: 73 Low: 55
- SUNDAY**
Sunny
High: 76 Low: 56
- MONDAY**
Sunny
High: 76 Low: 54
- TUESDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 75 Low: 51

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 71°, humidity of 49%. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 95° set in 1964. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 54°. Southeast wind 5 mph. The record low for tonight is 38° set in 1989.

*Last Week's Almanac

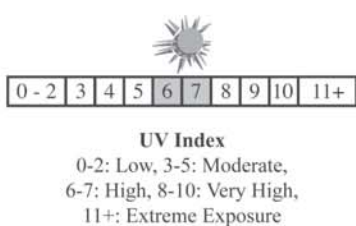
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	89	59	75/50	0.00"
Tuesday	79	48	75/50	0.00"
Wednesday	74	47	75/51	0.00"
Thursday	79	44	76/51	0.00"
Friday	82	47	76/51	0.00"
Saturday	91	49	76/51	0.00"
Sunday	86	69	76/51	0.08"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 7/4	Wednesday 5:51 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	2:21 a.m.	3:58 p.m.
Thursday 5:51 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	2:58 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	
Friday 5:52 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	3:39 a.m.	6:21 p.m.	
Saturday 5:53 a.m.	9:21 p.m.	4:26 a.m.	7:28 p.m.	
First 7/11	Sunday 5:53 a.m.	9:21 p.m.	5:19 a.m.	8:28 p.m.
Monday 5:54 a.m.	9:21 p.m.	6:18 a.m.	9:22 p.m.	
Tuesday 5:55 a.m.	9:20 p.m.	7:21 a.m.	10:08 p.m.	

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 85° in Philadelphia, Pa. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 94° in Alma, Ga. The Northwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 101° in Mountain Home, Idaho. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today and Thursday, isolated thunderstorms Friday, with the highest temperature of 115° in Thermal, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:10 a.m.	8:47 p.m.
Venus	6:18 a.m.	n/a
Mars	5:45 p.m.	2:56 a.m.
Jupiter	11:46 a.m.	12:44 a.m.
Saturn	7:02 p.m.	4:19 a.m.
Uranus	1:54 a.m.	3:09 p.m.

Weather History

June 29, 1954 - Hurricane Alice dumped as much as 27 inches of rain on the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. The Rio Grande River at Laredo reached a level 12.6 feet above its previous highest mark, and the roadway of the U.S. 90 bridge was 30 feet below the high water.

Weather Trivia

Is your car a safe haven with an approaching tornado?
Answer: No, pull over immediately and seek shelter in the closest sturdy structure.
 www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Gravity Waves Confirmed for Second Time

When I introduce astronomy to my classes, I can't help touching upon the four forces of nature which govern our natural world: the strong, the weak, the electromagnetic, and gravity. "Which of these forces is the strongest?" I query. "Well, it's clearly gravity," is the standard answer. Jump off a building and gravity will kill you. "Well not exactly," I explain. Gravity will cause you to accelerate towards the center of the Earth, but your very rapid deceleration upon hitting the pavement is what kills you. Because matter is mostly empty space, the more fundamental question is "Why don't we simply pass through the pavement and just keep on going?" All matter is composed of protons and neutrons which form the nuclei of atoms, but atomic nuclei are surrounded by a haze of electrons. When you get very close to the pavement in your death plunge, the electrons of your body repel the outermost electrons of the pavement, and you STOP really, really fast. Gravity is the weakest of the four forces, but it governs how the universe behaves—how space (dimensions) and time get stretched and squeezed by the presence of matter as predicted by Einstein a century ago in his general theory of relativity. What better way to detect these fluctuations than with the dance between two massive black holes spiraling into each other and then amalgamating themselves into one. This scenario has now been detected twice by the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO), the most recent event announced on June 16, detailing the gravitational distortions created by two black holes, 7.5 and 14.2 solar masses that merged. About one solar mass was converted into gravitational energy that traveled at light speed for 1.4 billion years to reach LIGO. That was a whisper compare to LIGO's first detection of the amalgamation of two 30 solar mass black holes last December 26. Refinements will continue to make LIGO more sensitive so that the detection of less massive events may soon be seen on a weekly basis. www.astronomy.org

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SALES

Garage sale, July 1-5; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.; 1919 North US-23 (four miles north of light in Harrisville or one and a quarter miles south of Beaton Road. Lots of tools, fishing gear, compound bow, outdoor lawn decor, bird feeders, some antique baby dolls, quilts, Longaberger baskets, home decor, black bear rug and much more.

Big moving sale! 5905 Pine Street, Hubbard Lake (off Bennett Road), July 1 and 2; 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Antiques, books, 18 foot AuSable canoe, casement window like new, large capacity GE washer and dryer like new, Christmas, kitchenware, framed pictures, window air conditioner, cushion sets, everything must go.

Multi family sale, July 1, 2, 3; 9 a.m. Cargo trailer, parade car, card scrapbook supplies, jewelry, nice clothes and accessories (men's too), furniture, carpet samples, 210 Huron Avenue, Harrisville.

Garage sale, July 1, 2, 3, 660 North Poor Farm Road. Couch, chair, lots of stuff.

Estate sale this Friday, Saturday and Sunday 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., 1131 North Montana, Barton City. Collectibles, Avon, Ezra Brooks and Jim Beam decanters, albums, 8-tracks, 1990 truck, household goods and appliances. No early sales.

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 3639 M-65, Glennie, is having a yard sale Friday and Saturday, July 1 and 2; 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

One day antique sale inside former Daisy's Antique Store, 115 North Lake Street, Harrisville. July 9; 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Preview and presale July 8, 4-6 p.m. Library lamps, furniture, pictures and more. (352) 382-1928.

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

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Accepting applications for experienced farm help. Must have experience in farm equipment operation, hay production, and a clean driving record required. Mechanical experience a plus. Apply P&G Farms, 1120 South Everett, Harrisville, Michigan 48740, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday - Saturday.

Alcona Humane Society, animal caregiver. Ability to work with dogs and cats essential. Includes giving medications and shots, cleaning animal cages and facility. Must be computer literate. Working with the public important aspect of position. Must have valid Michigan driver's license. Submit resume or contact information and work history to: Animal Caregiver, P.O. Box 310, Lincoln, Michigan 48742 by July 5.

Alcona Health Center Lincoln services currently has a full time opening for a medical support staff CMA, LPN or RN. This position offers excellent fringe benefits including health, dental and vision insurance, a 403B savings plan, paid vacations and holidays and more. For more information, the application and instructions, go to www.alconahealthcenters.org select job postings. You may also send your letter of interest and resume to: Alcona Health Center Site Supervisor, P.O. Box 279, Lincoln, Michigan 48742. The deadline to apply is July 5, 2016. Equal opportunity employer.

Occasional cleaning help needed from now until Labor Day. Work is mostly on Fridays 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. but other days may be needed. Good pay. Please call (989) 724-5471 after 4 p.m.

Home health aid, Greenbush areas, three day a week, paid travel. Household duties, health meal prep and exercise. Must be honest, responsible, dependable for regular routine. Send resume to: P.O. Box 83, Greenbush, Michigan 48738.

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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 the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by April Lee Holmes (f/k/a April Lee Smolen) as mortgagor, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated February 6, 2008, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on February 12, 2008, in Liber 449 at pages 1,268-1,282, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$40,213.10, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; Now, therefore, by virtue of a 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 Wednesday, Aug. 10, 2016, at 10 a.m., on the front steps of the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, that being the place for holding circuit court for the county of Alcona where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 2.99 percent per annum. Together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the township of Harrisville, county of Alcona, State of Michigan, and described as follows: That part of Lot 7 of Supervisor's Plat of Ottawa Acres, a recorded plat, further described as follows: Beginning at the northeast corner of said Lot 7, thence south 02 deg. 46'30" west 229.52 feet; thence south 89 deg. 57'27" west 189.73 feet; thence north 02 deg. 46'30" west 212.77 feet; thence

south 89 deg. 57'27" west 140.00 feet; thence north 02 deg. 46'06" west 16.75 feet (recorded as north 02 deg. 40'15" west) thence north 89 deg. 57'27" east 329.79 feet (recorded as south 89 deg. 57'16" east 331.32 feet), to the point of beginning. Please be advised that you and any other person liable on the mortgage is liable to the purchaser at the sale, or the mortgagee, payee, or other holder of the obligation secured by the mortgage if the mortgagee, payee, or other holder takes or has taken title to the property at sale either directly or indirectly, for any physical injury to the property beyond wear and tear resulting from the normal use of the property if the physical injury is caused by or at the direction of you or other person liable on the mortgage. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: June 13, 2016 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662) Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street Bay City, Mich. 48708 (989) 893-9511 6-22, 6-29, 7-6, 7-13

Case No. 15-2477-CH Circuit Court Sale

In pursuance and by virtue of a judgment of the circuit court for the county of Alcona, state of Michigan, made and entered on the 5th day of April, A.D., 2016, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union was the plaintiff and Daniel Wetherhult and Kimberly Wetherhult were defendants. Notice is hereby given that I shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder, at public venue, at the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (that being the place of holding the circuit court for said county), on the 10th day of August, A.D., 2016 at ten o'clock (10 a.m.) in the forenoon, Eastern Standard Time, the following described property, viz: All certain piece or parcel of land situated in the township of Caledonia, county of Alcona, state of Michigan and more particularly described as follows: All that part of NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 Section 12, T28N, R8E, Caledonia Township, Alcona County, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the northeast section corner of said Section 12; thence N 89°34'54" W 686.16 feet along the north section line and centerline of Spruce Road; thence S

01°44'56" W 50.02 feet to the point of beginning, said point being on the south 50 foot R.O.W. line of Spruce Road; thence continuing S 01°44'56" W 149.96 feet; thence N 89°34'54" W 101.96 feet parallel to the north section line; thence S 01°27'02" E 164.90 feet; thence S 89°34'54" E 340.00 feet parallel to the north section line to the southwesterly 100 foot R.O.W. line of F-41; thence northwesterly 256.88 feet along the arc of a 01°5'13" degree curve to the left (long chord bearing N 22°45'45" W 258.82 feet) along said southwesterly 100 foot R.O.W. line to the southwesterly boundary of a clear vision area; thence N 49°10'40" W 116.83 feet along said southwesterly boundary of a clear vision area; to the southerly 50 foot R.O.W. line of Spruce Road; thence N 89°34'54" W 52.66 feet along said southerly 50 foot R.O.W. line of Spruce Road to the P.O.B. containing 1.68 acres. Subject to a 15 foot ingress-egress easement in the NE 1/4 of the NE 1/4 section 12, T28N, R8E, Caledonia Township, Alcona County, Michigan described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast Section Corner of said Section 12; thence N 89°34'54" W 686.16 feet along the north section line and centerline of Spruce Road; thence S 01°44'56" W 50.02 feet to the

point of beginning, said point being on the south 50 foot R.O.W. line of Spruce Road; thence continuing S 01°44'56" W 149.96 feet; thence N 89°34'54" W 15.00 feet parallel to the north section line; thence N 01°44'56" E 149.96 feet to the southerly 50 foot R.O.W. Line of Spruce Road; thence S 89°34'54" E 15.00 feet along said southerly 50 foot R.O.W. line of Spruce Road to the P.O.B., containing 1,949 square feet or 0.04 acres. Subject to other easements, restrictions and reservations of record, if any. Bearing established from a recorded survey by D.R. MacNeill and Associates in said Section 12 along the north section line. Tax I.D.: 022-012-100-032-01. Commonly known as: 2946 E. Spruce Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762. This property may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the sale. Dated: June 9, 2016 Kilpatrick & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union 903 N. Opdyke Road, Suite C Auburn Hills, MI 48326 (248) 377-0700 6-15, 6-22, 6-29, 7-6, 7-13, 7-20

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 Kathleen M. Morgan, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Independent Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated January 25, 2008, and recorded on January 28, 2008 in Liber 449 on page 754, and modified by agreement dated November 13, 2015, and recorded on November 30, 2015 in Liber 519

on page 928, and assigned by said mortgagee to Independent Bank 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 thirty-eight thousand seven hundred thirty-two and 69/100 dollars (\$38,732.69). 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 20, 2016. Said premises are situated in township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 19 of Ridgeway Estates No. 2, a subdivision recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page

76, 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 22, 2016 For more information, call: (248) 593-1311 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334-5422 File No. 463594F01 6-22, 6-29, 7-6, 7-13

Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by William J. Purcell, a single man, mortgagor, to Independent Bank, mortgagee. The mortgage is dated June 29, 2006, and was recorded on July 24, 2006, in Liber 433, on page 257 of the Alcona County records. The balance owing on the mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$16,554.13, including interest at 9.25 percent per year. The mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing. The mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on August 3, 2016 at 10 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Alcona county court facility, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan, that being the place of holding circuit court for Alcona County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, including inter-

est, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale. The property to be sold is located in the township of Alcona, county of Alcona, Michigan and is described as: Commencing at the W 1/4 corner of fractional Section 21, T28N, R7E, Alcona Township, Alcona County, Michigan; thence S 86°13'14" E along the E and W 1/4 line of said section, 3,650.88 feet to the point of beginning; thence N 21°58'38" E 465.64 feet; thence along the S'ly line of Hardwood Point Subdivision, a plat recorded in Liber 1 of plats page 41 of Alcona County records, in the following two courses, S 51°32'35" E 671.20 feet and S 86°30'00" E 131.78 feet; thence along the W'ly right of way line of Mt. Maria Road, 64.17 feet along the arc of a curve to the right with a radius of 166.90 feet through a central angle of 22°01'51" having a chord which bears S 21°05'50" W 63.78 feet; thence N 86°13'14" W along the E and W 1/4 line of said section, 810.20 feet to the point of beginning, said parcel being a part of government Lot 3 of said fractional Section 21.

Commonly known as 5133 Mt. Maria Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747. Tax I.D. 010-021-100-014-00. If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the buyer of the property at the foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period. The redemption period will expire twelve (12) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later. Smith, Martin, Powers & Knier, P.C. By: Henry L. Knier Jr. (P46393) Attorney for Independent Bank, Mortgagee 900 Washington Ave. P.O. Box 219 Bay City, Mich. 48707 (989) 892-4574 6-29, 7-6, 7-13, 7-20

ALCONA COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held June 22 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve the minutes of the June 8 meeting; to pay open accounts in the amount of \$98,311.08; accept the auditor's report; advertise for bids to demolish a building; table action on a contract for mining road material; approve the purchase of a used Durapatcher; approve the purchase of a grade control device; approve the submittal of the annual Certification of Employee-related Conditions report; approve submittal of the ballot for the board of directors for the Michigan

County Road Commission Self-Insurance Pool; approve a road improvement agreement with Hawes Township; approve a road improvement agreement with Mikado Township; approve a salary adjustment for salaried employees. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Upon approval, complete minutes are available at alconacrc.com, by request via e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com, or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly-scheduled meeting is July 13 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

A special Harrisville Township Board meeting was held on June 23 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The preposted special meeting was called by the supervisor and was attended by supervisor Stone, clerk Jamieson, treasurer Harvey and guest Mike Johnston. After some discussion, the four drove around most of the roads in the township (40 miles covered), and arrived back at the hall where they discussed the roads that need maintenance. A meeting will be set up with the Alcona County Road Commission next week to decide which roads can be taken care of this year. Meeting adjourned at 9:23 p.m. Roger D. Jamieson, clerk Published prior to board approval.

Notice of Judicial Foreclosure Sale

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therein pending, wherein U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for the certificate holders of Citigroup Mortgage Loan Trust Inc., asset-backed pass-through certificates series 2007-AMC1 was the plaintiff and Douglas Williams was the defendant. The aforementioned judgment(s) and/or order(s) established a debt owing to plaintiff in the amount of \$80,537.15, plus post-judgment interest at an annual rate of 6.400 percent and other amounts recoverable pursuant to said judgment(s) and/or Order(s). Notice is hereby given that in order to satisfy said judgment(s) and/or order(s), in whole or in part, the property described below shall be sold at public auction, by an authorized sheriff/deputy sheriff or county clerk/deputy county clerk, to the highest bidder, at the circuit court for the county of Alcona, on the 17th

of August, 2016 at 10 a.m. local time. On said day at said time, the following described property shall be sold: Property located in the Village of Lincoln, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, particularly described as Lot 43 of Brownlee Lake Park, according to the plat thereof as found in Liber 1 of plats, page 57, Alcona County records. Tax Parcel ID: 073-100-000-043-00. More commonly known as: 327 E. Main Street. Redemption period is six months. For more information, call (248) 642-2515. Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys for Specialized Loan Servicing 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334-5422 T No. 452643L02 6-29, 7-6, 7-13, 7-20, 7-27, 8-3



Veterans Host

By Freedy Groves

Good news on PTSD

A clinical trial has shown that the addition of just one care component can improve outcomes for those with PTSD. The component was specially trained care managers and telephone therapy. After one year, those who had telephone-based therapy saw significant improvements in recovery, compared with those who didn't have the teletherapy.

The telephone therapy aspect was seen as a way to get around the stigma of showing up to see a mental-health specialist. The specially trained care managers were key, too, and served to coordinate between the patient and the overall care team.

The non-profit research organization RAND Corporation, in collaboration with the Department of Defense and two universities, began the study back in 2012. More than 600 military personnel at various bases were divided into two programs. One group got the standard care: screening for PTSD and depression. Nurses would call monthly to ask about symptoms.

The other group got the upgraded care: In addition to the above, the nurses were specially trained, and psychologists would make the telephone calls to do therapy, as well as offer face-to-face meetings. Psychologists, psychiatrists and care manag-

ers would review the information on a weekly basis and suggest changes if necessary.

The bonus is that the telephone therapy likely will get more people to seek care sooner, reducing the time to begin treatment.

It's thought that between 13 percent and 18 percent of active military or veterans suffer from PTSD, depression or anxiety after they've been deployed. Only half of those receive mental-health services.

The clinical trial isn't currently taking on new participants. Still, if you want to read the particulars, go online to clinicaltrials.gov/show/NCT01492348. If you're in-

terested, it wouldn't hurt to talk to your care provider about it. The contact info for medical personnel is at the bottom of the webpage.

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How to determine if downsizing is for you

As men and women retire or approach retirement age, many opt to downsize their homes. Such a decision can save older adults substantial amounts of money while also liberating them from the hassle of maintaining large homes they no longer need.

Downsizing to smaller homes or apartments is a significant step, one that homeowners should give ample consideration before making their final decisions. The following are a handful of tips to help homeowners determine if downsizing to smaller homes is the right move.

- Get a grip on the real estate market. Downsizing is not solely about money, but it's important that homeowners consider the real estate market before putting their homes up for sale. Speak with a local realtor or your financial advisor about the current state of your real estate market. Downsizing can help homeowners save money on utilities, taxes and mortgage payments, but those savings may be negated if you sell your house in a buyer's market instead of a seller's market. If you think the current market won't get you the price you are hoping for, delay your downsize until the market rebounds.

- Take inventory of what's in your house. Empty nesters often find that their homes are still filled with their children's possessions, even long after those children have entered adulthood and left home. If the storage in your home is dominated by items that belong to your children and not you, then downsizing might be right for you. Tell your children you are thinking of downsizing and invite them over to pick through any items still in your home. Once they have done so and taken what they want, you can host a yard sale, ultimately donating or discarding what you cannot sell. Once all of the items are gone, you may realize that moving into a smaller place is the financially prudent decision.

- Examine your own items as well. Your children's items are likely not the only items taking up space in your home. Take inventory of your own possessions as well, making note of items you can live without and those you want to keep. If the list of items you can live without is extensive, then you probably won't have a problem moving into a smaller home. If you aren't quite ready to say goodbye to many of your possessions, then you might benefit from staying put for a little while longer.

Many retirees downsize their homes, but this decision requires careful consideration of a variety of factors.

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