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106th District Representative Allor sits on House Appropriations Committee

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Severe weather conditions caused the cancellation of several coffee hours scheduled by 106th District Representative Sue Allor last week, however, she is planning to reschedule for later in the month. She also plans to meet with constituents throughout the district on a monthly basis.

Allor, (R-Wolverine) who is four months into her first term as a state representa-

tive, said she is settling into her new position. "Everything is going good," she said. "It's a huge learning curve, but that's the case with any new position."

She has been appointed to the House Appropriations Committee, where she is chairperson of the Natural Resources subcommittee. She also is vice chairperson of the Appropriations' subcommittee on Health and Human Services, and serves on the General Government,

School Aid and Michigan Department of Education, and Military and Veterans Affairs subcommittees.

The Michigan Legislature is working on balancing the state's budget and Allor, like many representatives, has been working within House committees to present proposed budgets. "Each of these subcommittees have very large budgets that are finalized in subcommittee and then go to the Appropriations Committee on the House side. All the while, the Senate is doing the same thing," Allor said.

"The Governor also has a budget that will be presented. So, we end up with three suggested sets of budgets that need to have them approved by June. The intensity of the process was surprising. But, it's interesting and I like it," she said in an interview with the Review.

According to a press release, she recently, voted to increase the state's allocation for each individual K-12

student by \$100 as part of a \$14.3 billion education budget. "I know firsthand how this budget will help students throughout northeast Michigan," Allor said. "Our state's continued recovery and success is dependent on every one of our students getting the best possible education. I look forward to seeing how this helps our classrooms and programs move all of Michigan's students forward."

Spending time with constituents is a priority and is hosting a coffee hour in Iosco County on Thursday, April 13 from noon to 1 p.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant in East Tawas. Other dates will follow as her schedule develops.

She also encouraged anyone with questions or concerns to contact her office calling (517) 373-0833, Fax: (517) 373-8446 or email to: sueallor@michiganhouse.gov. For more information about Allor, her website is: www.repallor.com.



Jo Ann Parent, who lives west of Harrisville, has had a bourbon red turkey visiting for the last week or so. This tom, along with eight others and several hens, have been demonstrating their spring mating ritual. According to Wikipedia, the bourbon red is a breed of domestic turkey named for its unique reddish plumage and for Bourbon County, Ky. In the past, the breed has alternatively been called Kentucky reds and bourbon butter-nuts. The bird originated in Kentucky and Pennsylvania in the late 19th century, and was created by crossing buff, standard bronze and white Holland turkeys. It was first recognized as a turkey variety by the American Poultry Association in 1909. The breed's feathers are a dark base color, with white primaries in the tail characterized by a soft red band and white flight feathers; both the tail and wings feature chestnut coverts. *Courtesy photo.*

Board approves ambulance service write offs

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Providing emergency medical services is an expensive endeavor; even more so when over \$70,000 goes uncollected in four months.

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners was asked to approve write-offs for Emergency Medical Services (EMS) was presented at the April 5 meeting.

The write off amount of a total of \$74,195.98 as uncollectable funds from November 2016 through February 2017, was submitted by Kristin Hoffman, director of Alcona County EMS. Hoffman did not attend the meeting to explain the write off amounts of:

- November 2016: \$18,992.69;
- December 2016: \$18,547.90;
- January: \$20,249.01;
- February: \$16,406.38.

Commissioner Carolyn Brummund explained to the new commissioners, Adam Brege and Gary Wnuk, what the write offs covered. "These are ambulance costs which have incurred but there is no means to pay so they are written off. There are people who do not pay who are indigent. A lot of this amount is from people who have passed away and there is nothing to collect from," Brummund said.

Commissioner Kathleen Vichunas said she thought the amount was quite high, but commissioner and chairperson, Craig Johnston said the amount was over \$100,000 a few years ago.

Alcona County Treasurer Cheryl Franks explained the county raised its EMS fees last year. "Part of the write off is

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New laws expand medical marijuana industry – if cities agree

By Laina Stebbins
Capital News Service

Depending on who's talking, Michigan's new medical marijuana laws could streamline marijuana operations into a lucrative source of local revenue, or allow for an unnecessary expansion of the medical marijuana industry in the state.

Still another group says the laws overlook confusion about dispensaries' legality, which has led to police raids and facilities going out of business.

The new legislation — which was signed into law in December 2016 and takes effect in December 2017 — creates three classes of medical marijuana growers, allows dispensaries to apply for licenses according to the new three-tiered class system, creates a statewide tracking system for commercial marijuana and sets a state tax on dispensaries.

One thing that will stay the same, much to the dismay of many medical marijuana providers, or "caregivers" — is a provision left over from the 2008 "Medical Mari-

juana Act" allowing communities to decide whether to allow medical marijuana facilities to operate in their area, and on what terms. That means cities and townships can still pass ordinances banning medical marijuana facilities in their area, even if facilities were already in existence.

"The real power is in the local units of government," said Muskegon County Prosecutor D.J. Hilson. "They have the ability to say yes or no."

Some medical marijuana providers say the local authority is not good for business. Paul Miller, an employee and former owner of the Muskegon Compassionate Patient Center, previously the Muskegon County Provisioning Center, said the new legislation "left out the most important part" by allowing local governments to opt out.

When communities are unfriendly toward the medical marijuana business, dispensaries and caregivers can be subject to police raids and

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Obituaries

Lynda A. Skiba

Lynda A. Skiba, 69, of Harrisville, died on Monday, April 3, 2017 at home.

She was born November 11, 1947 to Lloyd A. and Evangeline (Frennett) Saker in Windsor, Ontario. She was raised in Mt. Clemens, Mich.

She worked as a cosmetologist and taught cosmetology at Utica Community Schools.

On February 7, 1986 she married Ronald Skiba; they were residents of Shelby Township, Mich. They moved to Harrisville in 1983.

Mrs. Skiba loved to cook and worked as a cook at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville and the Alcona County Jail.

She enjoyed the outdoors, especially hunting and fishing. She was a member of St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado.

Mrs. Skiba is survived by her husband, Ronald; one son, Michael Messerschmidt; one stepdaughter, Joan (Michael) Whitfield; numerous grandchildren; many



great-grandchildren; two sisters, Sharon (Lon) Fairchild, and Elizabeth (Terry) Robinson; two brothers, Michael (Lisa) Saker and Patrick Saker; one sister-in-law, Carole (John) Wright; and one brother-in-law, Clement (Norma) Skiba.

She was preceded in death by her parents; and four stepdaughters, Nancy Kowalewski, Lisa Irvin, Marie Barylski, and Karen Richter.

Private services will be held. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Foster Wakeman

Foster Wakeman, 85, of Spruce and snowbird resident of Holiday, Fla. died on Friday, April 7, 2017 at home.

He was born November 26, 1931 to Earl and Shirley (Gaunt) Wakeman in Hartland, Mich. He was raised in Spruce.

As a young man Mr. Wakeman was a teacher in a one-room school in Spruce. Later, he served in the U.S. Army.

While stationed in Austria he met his wife, Frances Biergeder. They married on May 21, 1955 in Austria.

The couple raised a family in Midland, Mich. where Mr. Wakeman worked. He retired from Dow Chemical in 1995.

In retirement he enjoyed golfing, gardening and traveling.

Mr. Wakeman is survived by one daughter, Karen (Dan) Scherzer of Freeland, Mich.; two sons, Gary (Carmen) Wakeman of Newport, N.C. and Earl (Ingrid) Wakeman of Hartland, Mich.; seven grandchildren; six great-



grandchildren; one sister, Margaret Heffelfinger of Holiday, Fla.; several nieces and nephews; and his companion, Doris Biergeder.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances; and one brother, Donald Wakeman.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

A celebration of life will be announced at a later date. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Gregory L. Indish

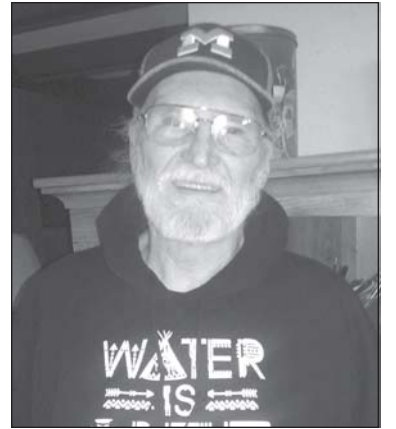
Gregory L. Indish, 61, of Spruce, died on Sunday, April 9, 2017 at MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena.

He was born July 23, 1955, to Leonard and Helen (McGregor) Indish in Highland Park, Mich. He was raised in Auburn Heights, Mich.

In 1978 he moved to Hubbard Lake, and later moved to Spruce.

Mr. Indish worked at and, eventually owned and operated, L&A Centerless Grinding, where he was known for his attention to detail.


He was a philosophical man who loved reading and enjoyed a good debate. He was an athlete and loved coaching softball. He also enjoyed working in his garden.



Mr. Indish is survived by his mother, Helen Indish; two sons, Matthew Indish and Nicholas Indish; two daughters, Heather (Jon) Nardi and Krysta Indish; three grandchildren, Zachry Indish, Taryn Indish, and Vincent Nardi; one sister, Linda McNeill; two nieces, Stephanie McNeill and Alyssa McNeill; two great nieces, Kiera Beland and Aurora McNeill; two great nephews, Charlie Brown and Jackson McNeill; and many aunts, uncles, and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Indish in 2004.

There will be a memorial visitation on Wednesday, April 19 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.



The dogwood is known to us for its graceful blossoms and distinctive bark, but it also attracts wildlife. Silk moths and several species of butterflies favor dogwoods as hosts. The flowers provide nectar to bees and other pollinating insects, including spring azure butterflies. American robins, northern mockingbirds and sparrows will build nests on its horizontal branches. Many birds eat its berries, including cardinals, titmice, bluebirds, juncos and waxwings. — Brenda Weaver

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2017

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	April 2	46		35	0.00	1.2
April 3	45	38	0.70	3.6	17	SSE
April 4	44	37	0.28	6.2	21	NNE
April 5	41	32	0.02	3.9	22	NNE
April 6	38	32	0.76	17.9	46	NNE
April 7	50	31	0.00	7.2	32	NNE
April 8	48	32	0.00	5.9	21	SSW

Precipitation Summary (Inches) for 2017			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	1.76	1.1	0.49
April to Date	1.76	1.1	0.56
Year/Season to Date	7.77	41.9	5.80

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.)

grade from 10:30 a.m. to noon at Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road in Hubbard Lake. Bring a basket to collect your eggs!

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

The Village of Lincoln will host the annual Easter Egg Hunt at the fire hall located at 117 West Fiske Street from 11 a.m. to noon. Hot dogs and prizes awarded from noon to 1 p.m. Call (989) 736-8936 for details.

THURSDAY, APRIL 20
Zumba class at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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.

Retirees will meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center. Bring a dish to pass.

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

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

Celebrate Earth Day with a free tree giveaway at all branches of the Alcona County Library, while supplies last. Sponsored by the Alcona Conservation District.

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. First meeting is free, handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107, or (989) 739-4483.

Anyone interested in amateur radio emergency and public service communications is invited to attend the Alcona County Amateur Radio Group meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building located at 2600 East M-72. Free refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550 or visit www.alconaradio.org.

MONDAY, APRIL 17
White Pine Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. Join them for fellowship, inspiration and quilting ideas. For more information, call Joanne at (989) 255-7880.

All ladies are invited to play bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is an easy game to learn, first-timers are always welcome.

TUESDAY, APRIL 18
The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The selection for April is "Thunderstruck" by Erik Larson. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Play euchre at 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet from 1:15 to 3:15 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. All levels welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19
A blood drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

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

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

A blood drive will be held from 11 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 South Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12
Sunrise Community Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

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Representative Sue Allor will host a coffee hour from noon to 1 p.m. at the Big Boy Restaurant located at 1222 South US-23 in East Tawas.

FRIDAY, APRIL 14
Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions program, will meet at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2480 South State Street. For more information, contact Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

SATURDAY, APRIL 15
Easter egg hunt for all toddlers and kids through fifth

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Hops & Health

Alcona Masonic Lodge in Lincoln
Thursday, May 4, 2017 - 6:00pm

Join us for a fun, informative evening!
Hops & Health - a free, fast-paced men's health program and dinner. Featuring local healthcare providers and food by JJ's Catering.

Doors open @ 5:30pm; Program begins @ 6pm.
Public Welcome!

Reservations required by April 27, 2017.
Call Friends Together: (989) 356-3231



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Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of April 3-9, 2017

137 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 1 Warrant Arrest; 9 Traffic Tickets Issued.

Complaint Statistics

Car Deer	4	Traffic/Traffic Stop	55
Medical	26	Mental	1
Property Damage Accident	6	Personal Injury Accident	2
Assist	1	Animal/Dog	5
Fraud	2	Suspicious Event	2
Malicious Destr. of Property	1	Civil	4
Operate While Intoxicated	1	Fire/Lines Down	12
Harassment/Threats	3	Larceny	2
Miscellaneous	2	Child Neglect	1
Alarm	1	Identity Theft	1
Dog Bite	1	Drug Disposal	1
Domestic	1	Burglary	1

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	23	Caledonia	6	Curtis	16
Greenbush	9	Gustin	10	Harrisville	19
Hawes	8	Haynes	11	Mikado	9
Millen	8	Mitchell	2		
City of Harrisville	9	Village of Lincoln	7		

BID ADVERTISEMENT ALCONA HIGH SCHOOL RAMP REPLACEMENT AND ENTRY IMPROVEMENTS LINCOLN, MI

Sealed proposals for the replacement of exterior concrete ramps and exterior entry improvements at the Alcona High School in Lincoln, MI will be received at the Board of Education, Office of the School Superintendent, to the Att. Dan O'Connor, Supt., 51 N. Barlow Road, PO Box 249, Lincoln, MI 48742.

Mark outside of envelope with:
"ALCONA HIGH SCHOOL RAMP REPLACEMENT AND ENTRY IMPROVEMENTS"

Bids must be received by 3:00 P.M., local time, May 3, 2017 at the above referenced address. BIDS RECEIVED AFTER THIS TIME WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED. **NO ELECTRONIC SUBMISSIONS.**

Bids will be opened publicly 3:15 P.M., May 3, 2017 in the meeting room of the Office of the Superintendent.

Proposals will be accepted from General Contractors and shall include all trades required for complete and proper installation.

A Mandatory (General Contractors/masons and concrete sub-contractors), on-site meeting will be held at 10:00 AM on April 20, 2017.

The Contract Documents, Plans and Specifications may be examined at the following:

- R.S. Scott Associates, Inc., 405 River Street, Alpena, MI
- Northeast Michigan Plan House, Alpena, MI
- Builders Exchange of NW Michigan, Traverse City, MI
- Tri-City Builders Exchange, 334 W. Water Street, Saginaw, MI 48607
- REED Construction Data Plan House
- CAM, 43636 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302

Copies of the Contract Documents, may be obtained at the offices of: R.S. Scott Associates, Inc., 405 River Street, Alpena, MI. (tel: 989-354-3178 ext 6 (Susan Edwards)) or spedwardsaia@gmail.com

A PDF file will be provided to contractors upon request free of charge. Hard Copy sets available upon payment of \$75.00 set plus \$15.00 shipping. Call ahead for plan availability.

Bidders shall comply with various Federal, State and Local Laws.

Bidders shall furnish a sworn and notarized familial disclosure statement disclosing any familial relationship that exists between the Owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the school board or superintendent.

All proposals shall be made in accordance with Information for Bidders, Plans and Specifications. The right is reserved by the Owner to accept any proposal and to waive informalities in bidding when it is deemed to be in the interest of the project.

ALCONA COMMUNITY SCHOOLS
Dan O'Connor, Superintendent



Good Friday Service

A Community Good Friday service will be held on Friday, April 14 at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. Pastors from the First Baptist Church, Harrisville United Methodist, St. Andrew's Episcopal, Solid Rock Church of God, Community of Christ, and Haynes Community Church will all take part in this service. All are welcome. For more information, contact any of the participating churches.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Monday, April 17—Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, Brussel sprouts, and peaches.
- Tuesday, April 18—Goulash, peas and carrots, tossed salad, mixed fruit, and garlic bread.
- Wednesday, April 19—Pork chop, baked potato, Prince Charles blend, and applesauce.
- Thursday, April 20—Stuffed green pepper, buttered noodles, wax beans, pea salad, and pears.
- Friday, April 21—Baked fish, red bliss potato, winter blend, and tropical fruit.
(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Water Well Public Meeting

On Tuesday, April 25 representatives from several agencies will provide updates to the community regarding PFAS contamination in drinking water wells near the former Wurtsmith Air Force

Base in Oscoda. The event will be held at the Oscoda Methodist Church, located at 120 West Dwight Avenue in Oscoda, with representatives from District Health Department No. 2, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services, the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality, and the U.S. Air Force.

The meeting will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. and will cover topics such as sampling results, alternate water supplies, monitoring of the situation and the status of the investigation. From 2 to 4 p.m. there will be an open house which will allow for one-on-one conversations. District Health Department No. 2 strongly encourages individuals to attend these events.

The area of concern remains properties between the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base and Van Ettan Lake, and properties between Van Ettan Lake and Lake Huron, from the US-23/F-41 split north to Chippewa Road. District Health Department No. 2 staff will be available at the Oscoda Township Library on Thursday, April 13 from 2 to 6 p.m. to meet with property owners in this area who may have questions regarding eligibility for an alternate water supply. Property owners can also call (989) 343-1852 for questions or concerns.

"It has now been over a year since the initial health advisory and we remain committed to keeping residents informed of the evolving situation as well as advocating for safe drinking water. Senator Stamas has worked very hard to introduce and have passed Senate Bill 950. It is time these residents get the long-term solution they are needing," stated Denise Bryan, Health Officer at District Health Dept. No. 2.

Walleye clinic features Hall of Fame pro walleye fisherman

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources Outdoor Skills Academy will offer an in-depth opportunity to learn about Saginaw Bay walleye fishing Tuesday, May 9 and Wednesday, May 10, at the Saginaw Bay Visitor Center in Bay City, Mich.

The two-day Saginaw Bay Walleye Clinic will begin May 9 with a tips and techniques session, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Instructors Captain Mark Martin, walleye trail world champion and full-time Hall of Fame professional walleye fisherman, and Captain Brandon Stanton of Team Gunsmoke Sportfishing and Guide Service will cover the equipment and skills needed to catch Saginaw Bay walleye.

The class will take the novice angler through rod and reel selection, rigging and presentation techniques, and natural history tips about walleye in Saginaw Bay.

On the second day of the clinic, running 6:30 a.m. to 2

p.m., participants will have an opportunity to experience hands-on, one-on-one time with Martin's pro-staff as they board pro boats and fish Saginaw Bay. Cost for the clinic is \$165, which includes lunch both days and pro boat trips. Participants are encouraged to bring the fishing gear they already have.

Registration is limited to 28 participants. Sign up for the Saginaw Bay Walleye Clinic in the Michigan e-Store. For more information, contact park interpreter Valerie Blaschka at (989) 667-0717 or blaschkav@michigan.gov.

The Saginaw Bay Visitor Center is located inside Bay City State Recreation Area at 3582 State Park Drive in Bay City, Mich. A Recreation Passport is required for entry into the recreation area and the Saginaw River Boat Launch.

Learn more about the Outdoor Skills Academy at michigan.gov/outdoorskills.

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finer until they can no longer afford to operate, Miller said.

Before April 2015, Miller's shop in Norton Shores was more than just a smoke shop selling medical marijuana paraphernalia to patients. His business was gaining traction as one of the largest dispensaries in West Michigan, where he said there was high patient demand for quality medical marijuana. "That's where we drew the attention of the state police," Miller said. "They raided [dispensaries] all over within the period of a month, and they started with us."

In December 2016, the Norton Shores City Council adopted an ordinance prohibiting marijuana facilities within city limits. By way of that vote, the Muskegon County Provisioning Center's existence in the city was no longer legal.

"If somebody decides to open up or run a dispensary in a jurisdiction that doesn't allow it, they're running an illegal operation," Hilson said.

Miller said police confiscated everything in his shop and made him pay large fines on top of that. Many other businesses in West Michigan and across the state that received the same treatment were unable to start back up.

A shortage of dispensaries can limit patients' access to the medicinal care they need, Miller said. These patients find themselves having to drive across the state to just a few cities that are fully supportive of medical marijuana access. Miller named Lansing, Ann Arbor and Traverse City as examples. "What they're trying to do is cut the caregiver right out of the program," Miller said and "when caregivers can no longer sell to dispensaries, they sell it on the black market."

Ann Meisch, city clerk and marijuana licensing officer for the city of Muskegon, said she anticipates making changes based on the new laws, although she will wait until December to do so. Meisch likes the legislation, although she notes that she

has talked to a number of public safety officers who are against it.

"[A city] can charge up to \$5,000 per dispensary or 'grow' - so there is that revenue stream, and there are some funds that come back to the state as well," she said. Meisch also supports the inclusion in the law of governor-appointed advisory boards for state policies regarding medical marijuana use, which Meisch feels "takes away some of the pressure from local municipalities."

As prosecutor for Muskegon County, Hilson has made it a priority to make sure communities in the area are educated about the new legislation and what the changes will mean. "Before, there really wasn't any structure, rules or regulation outside the parameters of the 2008 law. The new laws, Hilson said, will commercialize the industry in Michigan and change the current caregiver system.

"Up until the point of this legislation, dispensaries were illegal unless you were dispensing to your own patients," Hilson said. Since the maximum number of patients allowed for each caregiver is just five, "nobody opens up a storefront just to dispense to your own patients, to five people."

But now the industry in Michigan will be more commercialized, Hilson said, and "as long as you have a valid medical marijuana card, you can walk into any dispensary in any part of the state and purchase medical marijuana."

Hilson stressed the importance of keeping a close eye on the effects of the new legislation, so in a broader sense there may be a better understanding about how commercialization of the industry - and someday, maybe even the legalization of recreational marijuana - will play out in Michigan.

Efforts are underway by groups like MI Legalize to get the legalization of marijuana for recreational use on the state ballot for 2018.

Ambulance

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what is allowable by Medicare and insurance companies. We bill \$300 but they may only allow \$250 so \$50 of that bill is written off. Medicare has a set amount of what they will pay. If we bill \$500 they may only pay \$250.

"We have no option but to write it off because we have accepted Medicare or whatever insurance plan. We've agreed to whatever their payment is to receive payment. Whatever we do not get we write off. The amount is a little higher than we've seen in the past, but it's not unreasonable," Franks said.

Brummund moved to accept the write off amount of \$74,195.98. It was unanimously approved.

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answer

When I had grown completely bored being a percussionist, I suppose I was in the dol-drums.

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The Township of Caledonia Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the draft 2017 Tri-Townships Master Plan at 7:00 p.m. on May 1, 2017, at the Caledonia Township Hall located at 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce, MI. The Township Hall is handicap accessible. If additional accommodations are required, please contact the Chair, Kathleen E. Vichunas at 989-727-2300 at least two days prior to the public hearing.

The draft Master Plan can be viewed on Caledonia Township's Web Site: <http://www.caledoniatwp.net>
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Sealed bids will be accepted by the Board of Education of Oscoda Area Schools (the "District") for the sale of real property commonly known as "Glennie Elementary School" located at 4932 Bamfield Road within the Township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan (the "Property").

The conditions of the bid are:

1. Sealed bids must be received for the Property on or before 1:00 p.m. on Monday, May 1, 2017, at the office of Scott M. Moore, Superintendent of Schools, 3550 E. River Road, P.O. Box 694, Oscoda, Michigan 48750-9298, telephone number (989) 739-2033, at which time the bids will be opened and read aloud.
2. A certified or cashier's check in the amount of One Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$1,000.00) shall accompany each bid for the Property and shall be forfeited if a bid is accepted and the bidder fails to execute the Purchase Agreement or close the transaction in accordance with the Purchase Agreement. The deposit amount will be credited to the purchase price at closing of the sale of the Property to the successful bidder. The deposit amount will be returned to all unsuccessful bidders within ten (10) days from the date that the District has accepted a bid for the Property or has rejected a bid for the Property.
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5. The Board of Education will review all bids at its meeting on Monday, May 8, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.
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Rain, evaporation make predicting Great Lakes water levels tricky

By Steven Maier
Capital News Service

Predicting water levels in the Great Lakes isn't as straightforward as it may seem.

A warm winter has led to lower ice coverage — just five percent of the Great Lakes was covered with ice as of March 1. The average coverage at this time for the last 40 years has been 43 percent, according to the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Less ice means less protection from evaporation and, theoretically, lower water levels, said Jacob Bruxer, a senior water resources engineer with Environment and Climate Change Canada.

But it's not quite that simple. And not the case now.

That's because water levels are a function of many factors, Bruxer said. "Everyone wants to make that into a

big story — about how ice cover is affecting water in the lakes," Bruxer said. "I would just stress that evaporation is very complicated."

Last winter was also warm and with less ice than usual, he said. But that didn't result in below-average water levels either.

Water levels in the Great Lakes are driven mostly by evaporation, precipitation and runoff, according to Drew Gronewold, a hydrologist at the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory. Of the three factors, precipitation has the most influence. And, Bruxer said, there's no correlation between ice cover and precipitation.

Gronewold and his colleagues use water gauging stations around the Great Lakes for year-round monitoring, entering the data into an online display. Despite the scant ice cover, each lake is slightly higher than average.

But that's not much of a story, according to Bruxer. "The notion that they're high is vague and maybe not very accurate," Bruxer said.

Over the last three years, water levels have been higher in Lake Huron, Lake Michigan and Lake Superior than they had been in the last decade. But the past decade

has been a period of low water for each.

Gronewold said shifts in water levels tend to make people uneasy but are actually natural. He thinks people tend to forget "that there is a range of variance in the Great Lakes water levels."

He's not referring just to seasonal changes. Water levels can shift dramatically over years. People often get used to a certain level and forget to account for the possibility of changes, Gronewold said, and they may be alarmed about higher water because they'd become used to lower levels over the last 10 years.

Warm winters don't appear to be wreaking havoc on water levels. The question then is whether the warming global climate will change that.

Current climate change models predict more precipitation in the region because warmer air is able to collect more moisture, Gronewold said. But warmer air also means more evaporation, and scientists aren't sure which factor will win out.

The lakes follow a similar pattern each year, rising in the spring and falling in the autumn. And Bruxer said what lake levels will be like this summer depends on the amount of rain in the spring.

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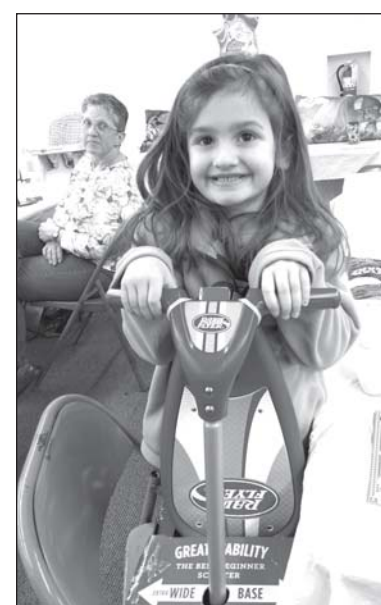


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How working in retirement can affect Social Security benefits

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You can collect Social Security retirement benefits and work at the same time, but depending on how old you are and how much you earn, some or all of your benefits could be temporarily withheld.

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But if you earn more than the \$16,920 limit, you'll lose

\$1 in benefits for every \$2 over that amount.

In the year you reach your full retirement age, a less stringent rule applies. If that happens in 2017, you can earn up to \$44,880 from January to the month of your birthday with no penalty. But if you earn more than \$44,880 during that time, you'll lose \$1 in benefits for every \$3 over that limit. And once your birthday passes, you can earn any amount by working without your benefits being reduced at all.

Wages, bonuses, commissions, and vacation pay all count toward the income limits, but pensions, annuities, investment earnings, interest, capital gains and government or military retirement benefits do not.

To figure out how much your specific earnings will affect your benefits, see the Social Security Retirement Earnings Test Calculator at SSA.gov/OACT/COLA/RTeffect.html.

It's also important to know

that if you do lose some or all of your Social Security benefits because of the earning limits, they aren't lost forever. When you reach full retirement age, your benefits will be recalculated to a higher amount to make up for what was withheld. For details and examples of how this is calculated, see SSA.gov/planners/retire/whileworking2.html.

For more information on how working can affect your Social Security benefits see SSA.gov/planners/retire/whileworking.html, or call the Social Security at (410) 965-2039 and ask to receive a free copy of publication number 05-10069, "How Work Affects Your Benefits."

In addition to the Social Security rules, you need to factor in Uncle Sam too. Because working increases your income, it might make your Social Security benefits taxable.

Here's how it works. If the sum of your adjusted gross income, nontaxable interest,



Savvy Senior

and half of your Social Security benefits is between \$25,000 and \$34,000 for individuals (\$32,000 and \$44,000 for couples), you have to pay tax on up to 50 percent of your benefits. Above \$34,000 (\$44,000 for couples), you could pay on up to 85 percent, which is the highest portion of Social Security that is taxable. About a third of all people who get Social Security have to pay income taxes on their benefits.

For information, call the IRS at (800) 829-3676 and ask them to mail you a free copy of publication 915 "Social Security and Equivalent

Railroad Retirement Benefits," or you can see it online at IRS.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p915.pdf.

In addition to the federal government, 13 states - Colorado, Connecticut, Kansas, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Dakota, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and West Virginia - tax Social Security benefits to some extent too. If you live in one of these states, you'll need to check with your state tax agency for details.

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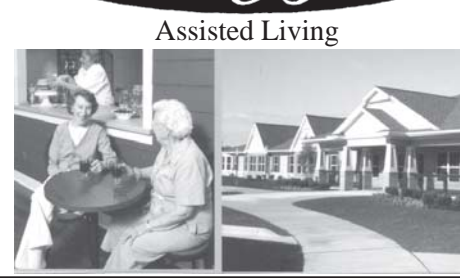
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Tomfoolery

By Gregg Schefferly

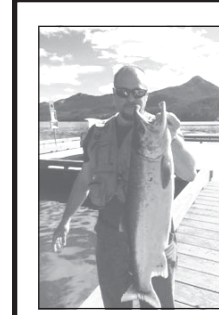
Outdoor Writer

While growing up I remember hearing how the local turkey population was first established.

For those of you who aren't aware of it, the first attempt at planting turkeys in the Lincoln area took place in the late thirties by members of the Lost Lake Woods Club. Turkeys were finally established in Alcona in the sixties by the DNR.

I started turkey hunting in the late seventies. Since then tactics used to hunt them have changed considerably.

Fortunately for me, when I first started hunting turkeys they were numerous, very



Exploring the Outdoors

By Gregg Schefferly

ing on my own and what I used to finally bag my first jake. I was practicing with it while hunting and, to my surprise, a couple of jakes came running. There is little comparison to the excitement of having a tom turkey respond and come in to your calling.

So much has changed

ing from different directions trying to beat the other birds to the position as a result of a hunter's seductive hen yelping.

Shock gobbling doesn't work nearly the same as it used to. Even in the morning the toms aren't as vocal as they used to be. This is definitely the case once the tom comes off the roost. Increasing predator populations since the seventies and eighties are to blame. When I first started hunting, predators weren't as plentiful, today they are more numerous. Vocal turkeys either became lunch or, after escaping the jaws of a predator, learned that silence is golden.

Hunters today must understand the habits of turkeys more than years past, this holds especially true if hunters are attempting to bag a mature tom. The old saying of one in hand beats two in the bush definitely holds true here. This is because the tom is listening to one hen in the bush (the hunter) and are already in the company of three to four hens.

After being in the roost all night hens have two things in mind and that's to eat and reproduce. Understanding where they will travel after flying down from the roost and proper positioning will definitely increase odds of success.

A tom has only one thing on his mind and that's to breed. Because the mature tom is the boss, he won't tolerate any tomfoolery from the jakes within the flock. As a result, jakes are often more vocal, and the first to leave the flock to come to a call. A mature tom is wary and cautious that being vocal will get the attention of unwanted predators. So not only will he often stay silent, but I believe, he might steer away from vocal birds (turkey hunters calling too much).

Middy can be a great time to hunt; this is because after being breed the hens often move away from the tom. Don't forget, turkeys have incredible eyesight and hearing and they also have the uncanny ability to pinpoint a hunter's exact location -- so call sparingly and be ready for they will often times come in silently.

Another tactic to try is instead of calling the tom, try calling the hens. Simply put in turkey talk you're challenging the hens and they come in looking for a fight. The tom is sure to follow and be pretty fired up as a result of the ladies fighting over him. Sometimes, if you're confident in your set up location it's better to set up, call sparingly, and wait that mature tom out. This holds true later



Turkey hunters should scout toms prior to the season opener. *Courtesy photo.*

vocal, and responded eagerly to anything that sounded remotely like a hen turkey. Turkey hunting in the seventies and eighties was the best. Back in the day tom turkeys were almost suicidal. I used to joke that you could drop your box call on the ground and the resulting squawk would have toms gobbling and running to you from every direction.

Dad called in countless birds for me; fortunately for the turkeys I was a terrible shot and over the years I educated a number of them.

When I first started hunting everyone used a box call and carried chalk. Chalk was the key to the sweet sound. I remember dad teaching me to keep the call in a plastic bread bag to keep it dry. If it got wet, the call was ruined.

Several years after I started hunting turkey the mouth call was introduced. This was about the time I started hunt-

since the good old days. Early morning is still the best time to bag a tom turkey. Hunters must quietly set up well before daylight and must be camouflaged from head to toe. Turkeys have uncanny eyesight and it's important to cover even your hands and face with paint or netting.

Nothing is more exciting than being in the woods before daylight in the spring. As the sun comes up the peepers and songbirds are very vocal. However, it's hard to beat hearing tom turkeys gobbling all around you as they prepare to fly down from their roost. Savvy hunters spend a good deal of time scouting and locating a mature tom to hunt. Turkeys are easily patterned and hunters often try to roost them the evening before the hunt. In the past this was accomplished by shock gobbling.

Shock gobbling was a great way to locate a tom turkey after they've gone to roost. Shock gobbling is simply blowing on a crow or owl call. When blowing on the call every lovesick tom turkey in the neighborhood would gobble loudly giving away their position. This tactic helped hunters locate them in the roost. In the morning a hunter would slip in near the roost and wait for them to fly down.

When setting up on roosting turkeys, the trick is understanding where they will fly down. Turkeys prefer to fly down to an open area. This is because in an open area it's easier to land and more challenging for a predator to put the sneak on them. Back in the day, it wasn't uncommon to have three or four toms gobbling and rac-

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One lucky octogenarian is home in Harrisville

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona County is blessed with a large amount of octogenarians, but not many have the memory for dates, a career filled with challenging experiences, or just the plain luck like one Harrisville man has had.

Jack High describes himself as an average 88-plus-year-old, but ask him a date or a name and his memory serves him well. He can name just about any date that made an impact on his life, including when he has moved, the day he graduated, when he went into the service, when he has taken a job or a vacation and, even when he built his kitchen cabinets.

The fireplace mantel in his home is lined with photographs of family and Jack can name almost everyone in the pictures including some great-grandparents and great-grandchildren. He has nine grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren, and 11 step great-grandchildren.

Jack came to the Harrisville area in April of 1961 to continue a job he started the year he got married (1954) with then Consumers Power Company. He said not much has changed about the town he came to love and appreciate in the last 56 years. "It's quiet here, not all congested like the city, there's a few more houses now," he said. Jack was instrumental in bringing electric and gas to many of the homes in the area while working for Consumers.

Jack was born in 1928 in Mercer County, Ohio. At three years of age he came to live in Michigan when his father, an oil worker, came to work for Dow Chemical. He lived most of his life in Porter Township in Midland County, Mich.

He grew up with three brothers and a sister and said they didn't have "a heck of a lot," but they always had something to eat. He played in the woods near his country home and when he got old enough, he learned to hunt.

Jack played sports in high school -- baseball, basketball and track. "Dad said no to football, period, there was no arguing it," he said. He's not sure why his dad didn't want him to play football but thinks it was probably because of the greater chance for injury and back in those days his family had no health insurance.

He graduated from Breckenridge High School on May 29, 1946. He still has his class year book and school sweater.

After graduation Jack went to Dow Chemical to ask for a job, but since he wouldn't turn 18 for another four months, the company told him to come back in September. He never did. Instead, he got a job working for a saw mill until his parents moved their house from the country into Merrill, Mich. "I have no idea why they moved it. It wasn't a very big house, only 24 x 36," he said.

After moving to Merrill, Jack got a job working for L.E. Myer Construction who

was building big power lines from Saginaw to Alma. He began climbing poles in 1947.

To say Jack is lucky is an understatement. He missed the draft for World War II by one month, but was called up when the Korean War started. He went into the Army on January 2, 1951 and got out December 7, 1952. "I got off the boat in Germany on Friday the 13th of July, 1951 -- that date I will never forget," he said.

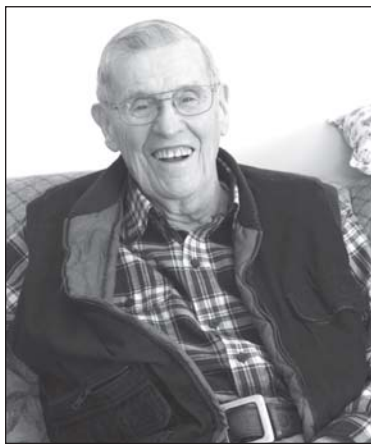
Jack never saw combat and tells people that his time in service was like a vacation, "I got to go to France, Belgium, Amsterdam, and Switzerland. My brother was stationed in Austria so I went down to see him and he got a three-day pass and we went to Berchtesgaden, Germany for the weekend. What would you call that? I call it a vacation," he said.

Jack explained he was a field wire lineman or what he describes as a telephone man in the Army and there really wasn't a lot for him to do. The Army gave him a set of tools but he never used them.

After his military service, Jack continued working for L.E. Myers and traveled a bit -- he and a buddy went down the Pacific coast from Washington to California in 1953. It wasn't the last time he made a road trip. Jack has driven through almost every state in the country and, sometimes more than once. He's made a trip to the west coast states at least three or four times and has also traveled to Alaska and Hawaii. There are only four states which he hasn't been through at least once including Florida.

During his career as a linesman Jack's good luck continued. He came very close to losing his life two times. The first time was when he was on a tower arm and it folded up, which caused Jack him to come crashing down to the ground. The second time was even scarier. "In April of 88 I got into 4800 volts. I have a scar on the middle of my back about the size of a quarter where the voltage went in and a scar on my knee where it came out. It looks like a snake bite," Jack said.

His hard hat fell off on his way to the ground and afterwards he stood up, picked up his hat and made it back to his truck to call in the



Jack High

accident. He retired four months later after a 34-year career with Consumers Power.

Jack met his bride-to-be, Edna Eunice Kemitz at a roller rink in Saginaw, Mich., the same year he and his buddy took their Pacific coast trip. The couple married on August 21, 1954. Edna was a northeast Michigan girl, born and raised in Alpena.

The couple had the frame of their house on US-23 built in 1963 and Jack completed the rest of the work himself.

The couple had four children, two sons, Gary and Jere, and two daughters, Mary and Teri, and for over 60 years had a very happy life together until Edna's passing in 2015.

Jack explained that since his wife's death he now drives to the Senior Center in Lincoln for supper nearly every day because they cook better than he can. He enjoys the center a lot and said the best part about it is socializing with others before eating.

He is an avid reader and borrows most of what he reads from the Senior Center. He listens to country music, watches the news on television and occasionally does jig saw puzzles. He rides his stationary bike for exercise and tries to eat healthy.

He still loves to take road trips and is planning a trip to Oregon this summer for a grandson's wedding.

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Lured into fishing by the art of decoys

When most people see a cedar fence post or an old, broken cedar limb on the ground, Dave Kober sees a trout; or a perch; or maybe, a bluegill.

Kober carves fish decoys. Decoys have long been used by ice fishermen to lure large fish – generally pike, but also sturgeon and others – within range of the spearing hole, though some hook-and-line anglers use them as well.

Primarily turned out by home-shop artisans, fish decoys were once manufactured by major bait companies – James Heddon's Sons Co. in Dowagiac produced them decades ago – but the home-made models have become highly collectable, unique examples of American folk art that can fetch six figures.

Kober, 78, has been carving decoys since he was a young boy.

"It's grandpa's fault," said Kober. "My grandfather was an ardent hunter and fisherman and he liked to carve decoys. He taught me everything I know I guess. I started it as a hobby.

"That artsy thing kind of runs in our family," he said. "I have a brother and sister who are commercial artists, though I never pursued anything artsy. When I was a kid it was the furthest thing from my mind. But I could always draw."

That's where it starts. When Kober begins, he

sketches out his design on a chunk of wood, cuts out the rough form with a band saw. Then he gets after it with a draw plane and rasp. He finishes a decoy with power tools and hand-paints it with acrylics.

Kober works with white cedar, most of which he scavenges from nearby woodlots, though it isn't unusual, he said, to come home and find a cedar limb on his porch, left there by one of his buddies.

"I like the texture of it (cedar) and the smell of it," he said. "It's pleasant to work with and it takes paint well. I really like that old worn cedar, like fence posts. If it's got flaws in it that just adds to the character of the piece."

As his reputation grew, Kober moved on from basic decoys to decorative decoys – designed for display – and though he still makes working decoys "now that the cost is so high, there's not a lot of people who want to put them in the water."

But there are plenty of wood carvers who stay in the working decoy end of the pool.

Fred and Jo Anne Campbell, a husband/wife team who live in Benzie County, have run BenzieJo Decoys out of their backyard shop since 1997. All they produce are working decoys.

"Though I have to say that probably 90 percent of our buyers are collectors," Jo Anne Campbell said.

The pair got into decoy making when Fred saw some at a market, remembered using them as a kid, bought some, and was enthralled by them.

"I thought he was crazy for buying them," Jo Anne said. But when Fred decided he was going to start carving them, Jo Anne volunteered to do the painting.

BenzieJo Decoys begin at \$50 for an 8-inch Red and White (their best seller) and can go up to \$145 for a 10-inch model.

"We'll never get rich on it, but we have fun doing it and make a little money on the side," she said. "They're not anatomically correct, but they work."

Michigan has a long history of fish decoy carvers.

Perhaps the best-known among them was Oscar Peterson of Cadillac, who died in 1951. He's well-known enough in the art world that his wooden fish have been sold by Sotheby's, and a single piece once fetched \$18,000.

Al Nelson, 72, who helps teach a class on decoy carving at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center in Cadillac, has been around decoy carving his entire life.

"My older brothers started back in '38, and we've been associated with it since then," he said. "When we grew up – there were 16 of us in the

family – we all speared and we sat around and made decoys. I probably started when I was 10 years old."

The Nelsons were family friends with Peterson, who allowed the boys to watch

him work. Al's late brother Jim became a well-known carver and produced thousands of pieces, which are now considered collectables.

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Jim Anderson of Cadillac, Mich. carves the tail of a trout decoy in progress. Photos courtesy of Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

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"Michigan has so many great opportunities for birders and wildlife watchers, with more events popping up all the time," said Holly Vaughn, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) wildlife communications coordinator. "There is no better place to begin birding than Michigan, and there are opportunities to observe birds anywhere you may be in the state."

In addition to the many festivals listed below, Michigan is home to a growing number of birding trails, with six already existing (in Oscoda and Harrisville) and more planned. Michigan's birding trails are open to the public and provide great opportunities for family recreation.

Spring birding events in Michigan include:

- Spring Fling at Whitefish Point Bird Observatory in Paradise, April 29-30
- Thornapple Woodpecker Festival in Middleville, April 29
- Brockway Mountain Hawk Watch in Copper Harbor, now through June 15
- Keweenaw Migratory Bird Festival in Copper Harbor, May 20
- Zibiwing Annual Bird Celebration in Mt. Pleasant, May 13
- Tawas Point Birding Festival in East Tawas, May 18-20
- Warblers on the Water on



Common yellowthroats (right) and scarlet tanagers are among the many bird species that can be found on Michigan's birding trails and that will be celebrated with birding events around the state this spring. *Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

Beaver Island, May 27-28

- Kirtland's Warbler Tours at Hartwick Pines State Park in Grayling, May 14 through July 4
- Kirtland's Warbler Festival in Roscommon, June 2-3
- Cerulean Warbler Weekend in Hastings, June 10-11
- Keweenaw Migratory Bird Festival in Copper Harbor, June 3, 10 and 11

"These birding events contribute significantly to the local economies, and attract attention to the value of local birds and habitats," said Caleb Putnam, Michigan bird conservation coordinator for Audubon Great Lakes and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "As birders from across the country converge on Michigan's diverse habitats, the energy continues to grow for conservation in Michigan."

Birding events and trails are made possible through the efforts of Audubon chapters, government agencies, land conservancies, private industries and many dedicated individuals working together to create opportunities for people to experience the outdoors and visit local communities.

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in the day as the birds move toward their roosting area.

In closing, there are a number of different types of calls -- box, mouth and slate -- to name a few. They make a variety of different sounds and they all work in the right place at the right time. There's calls that yelp, purr, and even gobble. YouTube is an incredible place to search for videos that will help a novice hunter prepare that will improve their odds of success.

Good luck this spring turkey hunting!

(Editor's Note: After spending the last several years in Afghanistan, Alaska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin, Gregg Schefferly has recently returned to writing and Lincoln where he grew up hunting, fishing, and trapping. He welcomes success stories and pictures at NE Lower MI Tacklebox on Facebook, or contact him at northwriter@hotmail.com.)

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But the Nelsons never went in the decorative decoy direction.

"We emphasize decoys -- not replicas of fish," Nelson said. "They've got to swim so you can take them out and use them."

Nelson said their decoys are made the traditional way -- whittled from white pine with upholstery tacks for eyes, fins made from scrap sheet metal and weighted with lead so they perform properly in the water. And Nelson said he still uses his own, or some made by his

buddies, in the spearing shack.

"We go out, not so much to spear them, as to lure them in and watch them," he said. "We want to pass on the legacy of decoy carving."

Anglers interested in ice fishing decoys may want to check out some of the items that are part of the collection at the Carl T. Johnson Center. There are a number of them, including a display of Kober's process -- from a hunk of wood to a finished decoy -- some of Oscar Peterson's and others as well.



Decoy carvers begin with a blank (piece of formed wood), prime it, then add the final colors.

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Alpena Community College is seeking comments from the public about the College in preparation for its periodic evaluation by its regional accrediting agency. The College will host a visit September 25-26, 2017, with a team representing the Higher Learning Commission (HLC). Alpena Community College has been accredited by the HLC since 1963. The team will review the institution's ongoing ability to meet HLC's Criteria for Accreditation.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the College to the following address:

**Public Comment on Alpena Community College
Higher Learning Commission
230 South LaSalle Street, Suite 7-500
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The public may also submit comments on HLC's website at . Comments must address substantive matters related to the quality of the institution or its academic programs. Comments must be in writing.

All comments must be received by August 25, 2017.

Spring is a great time for targeting steelhead

The month of April is often a perfect time to fish for steelhead in Michigan's rivers. Michigan is thought to offer some of the best steelhead fishing in the country.

A variety of techniques can be used to fish for this aggressive species; including live bait, artificial lures and flies. Rivers all across Michigan provide access for steelhead fishing. Some better-known rivers include the Betsie, Grand, Little Manistee, Manistee, Manistique, Pere Marquette and St. Joseph rivers in the Lake Michigan watershed, the Au Sable River in the Lake Huron watershed, the Huron River in the Lake Erie watershed, and the Huron and Two Hearted rivers in the Lake Superior watershed.

Northeast Lower Peninsula April 6

- Ocqueoc River: Anglers continue to target steelhead. Try drifting spawn and beads in the deeper holes.
- Rogers City: The marina and launch ramp were still ice covered.
- Rockport: Was ice free and boat anglers were trolling for Atlantic salmon and lake trout in shallow waters. Shore anglers were targeting fish off the wall.

Northeast Michigan Fishing Report



- Oscoda: Pier anglers have caught a few Atlantic salmon and some lake trout.
- AuSable River: Water levels were up and running fast which will make fishing more difficult. The steelhead bite should pick back up by the weekend.
- Houghton Lake: Is ice free and the dock is in at the launch on the south end. Anglers are starting to get crappie in and near the canals with fathead minnows. Bluegills are also starting to bite and were hitting on leaf worms. Try pink and purple jigs.
- Tawas: A few perch were caught near the floating docks inside the harbor but anglers were sorting to get some keepers. Outside the wall, anglers caught lake trout, brown trout, a couple pike and the odd walleye on live minnows or when casting spoons and body baits.

- Those trolling inside Tawas Bay were also taking fish with body baits.
- Tawas River: A lot of suckers were caught on worms in the lower river.
- AuGres: When they can get out, boat anglers were fishing around the various points in 10 to 25 feet. Those trolling body baits were catching more lake trout than walleye. Those surf-casting with body baits were targeting walleye at night.
- AuGres River: Shore anglers fishing the cuts and marina basins along the river were getting a mix of perch, crappies and bluegills. On the East Branch, shore and surf anglers were getting some steelhead when drifting spawn bags or wax worms down at the Singing Bridge.
- Rifle River: The sucker runs continue at Omer but water levels were high and fast.

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Contest to stop invasive carp gets many bites

By Laina Stebbins
Capital News Service
The clock is ticking.

What happens when state and federal agencies lack the technology to prevent a potential ecological disaster? What happens when the well-being of Michigan's ecosystems and economy is on the line?

If it's up to the governor, legislature and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), you hand the problem over to the international community. You make it a contest.

The state has set aside \$1 million for a "carp challenge," a contest to crowdsource an innovative solution to save the Great Lakes from a looming invasive carp problem. Half of that \$1 million will be designated as prize money.

Since the contest was announced in Gov. Rick Snyder's State of the State address in January, some 3,000 people from around the world have expressed interest in participating, according to DNR Director Keith Creagh.

Bighead carp and silver carp, two species that pose an immediate threat to Michigan's waters, continue to close the distance between Chicago's waterway system and Lake Michigan. The fish have been swimming past lock and dam barriers that were designed specifically to keep them contained. "Where the carp are established, they really do take over the biomass and outcompete the native species," said DNR public information officer Ed Golder. "They can have a dangerously detrimental effect."

According to Golder, the silver and bighead carp can reach up to 100 pounds and

lay up to one million eggs per year. When they're still small, they are able to group up or attach themselves to barges in order to pass through lock and dam barriers. "They eat at a point in the food chain that could really disrupt and challenge native species, so there's a potential to do significant ecological and economic damage to the Great Lakes because of these fish," Golder said.

Now, "they are way too close" at just 47 miles from Lake Michigan, Golder said – a proximity which necessitates "immediate action."

But Michigan senses a lack of urgency from its neighbors and the federal government. "It's very difficult to get action," Creagh said, adding that White House budget calls for major cuts to environmental programs like the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative could add yet another roadblock.

So state officials decided to open up the problem globally, Snyder said in an interview with Capital News Service. The idea of soliciting ideas from around the world to find solutions to a problem demonstrates "true innovation in government," Snyder said.

"The idea there is to not just solicit ideas, in addition to the electric barrier that currently exists," Snyder said, but "to bring attention to the issue. ... All of us need to be part of the solution." The attention-seeking seems to have worked. "We've gotten entries from around the world," Golder said. The contest officially begins in July and a winner will be announced no later than April 2018.

According to Golder, the

DNR has contracted with the Massachusetts-based company InnoCentive to "design, market and administer" the challenge. InnoCentive creates programs for organizations to crowdsource solutions from their audiences. A website specifically for the carp contest is still in the works, but Golder said those interested can sign up to get more information at michigan.gov/carpchallenge. The department has been handing over that contact information to InnoCentive, which will send information to those individuals about how they can submit their idea.

Focus on stopping the invasive carp has mostly centered on the Brandon Road Lock and Dam near Joliet, Illinois, which serves as a control point for part of the Chicago waterway system.

The DNR has been pushing for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to take action at the lock and dam to prevent further movement of the fish, but Creagh said they "have not gotten appropriate nor acceptable action yet" from the federal agency.

Financially speaking, Michigan's \$7 billion boating and fishing industry and \$22 billion tourism industry are on the line, but Creagh said there are longer term implications for the environment. "Invasive carp in the Great Lakes should not be acceptable to anybody, from a natural resources perspective," he said, noting that Lake Michigan holds about 20 percent of the world's fresh water.

"We ought to be able to say we did everything we can to keep invasive carp out of the Great Lakes, and I don't think we can say that yet," Creagh said.

Veterans qualify for burial, marker at national cemeteries

By Carl Stoddard
Capital News Service

More than 640,000 veterans live in Michigan, and nearly all are entitled to a benefit reserved for them — burial at a national cemetery with military honors.

But many Michigan veterans are unaware of that benefit or many others available to them.

In Michigan, burials are provided at two national cemeteries operated by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs:

- The Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly Township, about 15 miles south of Flint.

- The Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, about six miles west of Battle Creek.

At both cemeteries, burials as well as headstones or markers are offered at no charge to veterans and their spouses.

Jerry Gorski, commander of the Lansing-based Veterans of Foreign Wars of Michigan, said most of his 45,000 members are aware of burial and other benefits available from the VA. Members of other veteran organizations in Michigan also are aware of their benefits, he said.

It's the veterans who aren't members of any veteran group in Michigan who are missing out on the information, Gorski said. "If they don't belong to any organization, they aren't aware of the benefits, and not just burial benefits, from the VA," he said. "It's sad."

Ronald Runyan, state adjutant for the Lansing-based American Legion Department of Michigan, said he believes the majority of his members also know the benefits of the national cemeteries.

What some American Legion members and their families may not know, Runyan said, are that some funeral costs are not covered by the VA. Those costs can run into thousands of dollars, Runyan explained. He urges military family members to get infor-

mation about military funerals ahead of time. The American Legion of Michigan is available to assist all veterans, not just its 60,000 members, with questions about funerals or other issues.

Approximately 641,000 U.S. military veterans were living in Michigan in 2015, according to the VA, giving Michigan the 11th largest veteran population in the country. Despite that, Michigan ranked near the bottom nationally in terms of spending per veteran.

The Fort Custer cemetery, founded in 1943, has more than 30,000 people interred there and is adding about 1,300 a year, said Peter Sardo, director of the cemetery. "We do a lot of outreach to inform the community" about the cemetery and its services, Sardo said.

Still, only about three to five percent of area veterans use the Fort Custer cemetery, he said. National cemetery officials are not concerned about running out of space for these veterans anytime soon.

American veterans aren't the only ones buried at Fort Custer. During World War II, more than 5,000 German prisoners of war were held there and 26 are buried there. Ten died of natural causes. Another 16 died when their truck collided with a train as they were returning from a work detail near Blissfield, Mich.

The Great Lakes cemetery opened in 2005. More than 32,000 people are interred there, including 4,064 added last year, said Roy Luera, director of the cemetery. Most of the veterans and spouses buried at the cemetery were from Michigan.

Because not all veterans are aware of the VA cemeteries and the services they offer, Luera said he spreads the word to people in the VA system, funeral homes and veteran organizations such as the American Legion and

VFW.

Michigan's veteran population is significantly older than the state's overall population, according to the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, a state government agency. "In fact, 72 percent of the state's veterans are 55 or older, compared to only 37 percent of all state citizens," the agency noted in its 2015 report.

In addition to the Great Lakes and Fort Custer cemeteries, the VA also manages the Fort Mackinac Post Cemetery on Mackinac Island and the Lakeside Cemetery Soldiers' Lot in Port Huron. Both are closed to new burials.

Michigan also operates a veterans cemetery in Grand Rapids, but it is only open to residents of the nearby, state-operated Grand Rapids Home for Veterans and their spouses, said Brian Stedman, director of facilities. About 5,300 people are interred there.

According to Jason Wilkinson, strategic communications manager for the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency, state law says that if no one claims the remains of a veteran, a funeral director or medical examiner may have those remains interred at a national veterans cemetery. The law also provides for the same handling of the remains of a veteran's spouse, Wilkinson said.

In all, the VA maintains 135 national cemeteries in 39 states and Puerto Rico, as well as 33 soldiers' lots and monument sites. Burial in any national cemetery is open to all members of the armed forces who have met a "minimum active duty service requirement" and were discharged under conditions other than dishonorable.





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New ad campaign urges veterans to review benefit eligibility

Like many Vietnam vets, coming home wasn't easy for Air Force veteran Bill Arvo.

He returned home to public disdain and suffered from skin issues he later discovered were due Agent Orange exposure.

"I had cysts all over my arms and they just gave me some cream," he said "It was kind of disheartening to go to the VA back then. It really left a bad taste in my mouth."

He avoided VA health care for about 40 years until he developed heart problems and his wife, Michelle, urged him to reconsider.

"My wife said I should

think about going back to the VA, that there might be some benefits that I was eligible for now," he said. "I went back and received a 30 percent disability rating. Thanks to her determination, I now have a primary care doctor at the VA who really cares about veterans and their well-being."

The Arvos are now urging other veterans to review their benefit eligibility in the Michigan Veterans Affairs Agency (MVAA) new ad campaign. The Southeast Michigan couple is featured in television, radio, cable and digital ads.

The commercial is a continuation of MVAA's campaign to alert veterans that the agency is available 24/7/365 to help connect veterans of all eras to the benefits they have earned through their service. MVAA is a state agency that partners with the VA, state and local government and numerous veteran service organizations to provide assistance to veterans.

"New research and medical advances have contributed to numerous changes in benefits eligibility for Vietnam-era veterans in the last 15 years," said MVAA Director James Robert Redford.

"Veterans who haven't looked back to the VA in a number of years could be missing out on valuable benefits."

Veterans can be connected to state and federal benefits as well as local resources by calling 800-MICH-VET (800-

642-4838) or visiting MichiganVeterans.com.

"It's been a long time coming to be recognized and I know some have given up," Arvo said. "But I'm really glad I went back."

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provided by the appropriate branch of service when requested by either the funeral director or next-of-kin.

Military funeral honors include the presence of an "honors detail" to fold and present the U.S. flag to the

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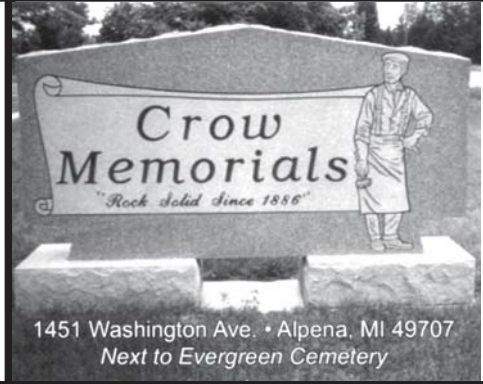
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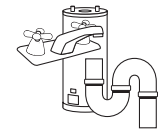
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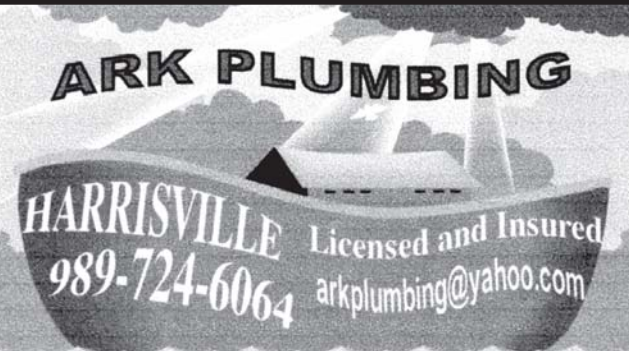
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Bills would create opioid education program for schools

By Isaac Constans
Capital News Service

In his 32 years of recovery from cocaine, marijuana and alcohol abuse, Rep. Joseph Bellino, R-Monroe, has seen coworkers, friends and constituents fall victim to his former vice.

Recently, he's seen more preventable deaths than before, as the lure of opioids in his community has intensified. "I lost a cousin a few years ago to a heroin overdose — it started with pills after a surgery. I have a small store in Monroe. I lost a bottle boy," Bellino, who owns an alcohol shop, said. "He took opioids, he couldn't get them anymore, he tried heroin and bam, he's dead."

"It's touched my city of Monroe big time. We've lost a couple of hundred of kids in the past 10 years."

Opioids, which include prescription painkillers such as OxyContin and Fentanyl, have led to addictions and death across Michigan, as part of a wave that has swept through the United States.

The pills, when taken unnecessarily or excessively, function as gateway drugs to heroin, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

Bellino is fighting back. By sponsoring two bills in the House, he and Rep. Beth Griffin, R-Mattawan, aim to inform Michiganders — from school children to older adults — about the seriousness of opioids and overused painkillers.

The bills would establish a statewide curriculum that schools could adopt to teach children about opioid usage. It would also mandate that prescribers inform minors and parents about the adverse effects that painkillers can have.

"Districts that do wish to add this information then will have curriculum ready for them to call to use," Griffin said. "Sometimes that is a struggle — they might see this as a problem, but they don't have any material to pull from. These two bills would create that curriculum for them."

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Michigan had 1,980 opioid-related deaths in 2015, the seventh largest total in the country. Nationally, fatalities quadrupled between 1999 and 2015.

Because of the abundance of opioids, Griffin said that many schools already have general health education courses in place that touch on the topic of prescription drugs. However, there are relatively few state resources to turn to for help when developing lessons based on painkillers, she said.

Within the state, opioids have become as big a business as they have a risk. Last year, Oscar Linares, a physician, was convicted in Monroe for unnecessarily dealing 250 prescription painkillers a day for more than three years.

The wide availability of the drug within his district inspired Bellino to take action.

"I would love to see the docs come out and say, 'Part of the problem is our fault.' I would love to see the docs

the problem is our fault," Bellino said, referring to the company that invented and sells OxyContin. "But we're not going to have that, so starting at a young age, and maybe tweak the classes that kids get about not drinking, not smoking marijuana, not doing heroin."

Griffin is a teacher, and she said a uniform, certified education program could make the difference in some communities. "It's an addition of curriculum material written by people who are experts on opioid abuse," Griffin said. "I think it's going to be well received. If they're like my area, they already see the problem."

Griffin said that while the bills wouldn't mandate schools to adopt the opioid abuse curriculum, it would give them the option. More importantly, schools that

were vulnerable or struggling would be provided with a ready-made plan for explaining a relatively new topic. "Opioid abuse today is an issue. Five, 10 years ago, it wasn't," Griffin said. "I think to be responsive to new problems is a good thing. I do not think that opioid prescription, painkiller abuse is covered right now in any official health education curriculum."

Maureen Smith, substance abuse prevention specialist for the Michigan Prevention Network, said that what she had seen in classrooms had been satisfying to date, but that more messaging on the topic would be beneficial. "More people are becoming aware of the problem. It's important to make sure that all aspects are addressed," Smith said.

Bellino said painkillers also

do plenty to alleviate the agony of patients after surgeries and medical procedures, and that he didn't wish to scare off doctors from prescribing medications in the right situations. Instead, he hopes that increased educa-

tion will discourage unwarranted use and street sales. "If they put too much paperwork on the hospitals and doctors, and you have a kidney stone — well, Motrin's not going to help a kidney stone," Bellino said.

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Addison Silverthorn taken by death

April 16, 1942 ~ Addison Silverthorn a life-long resident of Alcona County, died at his Harrisville home at seven o'clock Friday morning. He had been ill for several years and was confined to his bed for the past ten days.

Mr. Silverthorn was born at Sturgeon Point, August 21, 1857 the son of Mr. and Mrs. Perley Silverthorn. He was

one of the first white children born in Alcona County. His father came to Sturgeon Point from Ashtabula, Ohio, in 1856 and started commercial fishing operations, later being appointed first Keeper of the Lighthouse at the Point In 1876. Addison joined the Life Saving service when this station was commissioned and served continuously at Sturgeon Point for 38 years,

until his retirement in 1914. He served as No 1 Surfman for many years.

Mr. Silverthorn witnessed passing of the schooner as a freight carrier on the Great Lakes and the advent of steamers carrying passengers and freight during his period of service. He featured in the rescue work of passengers from the ill-fated steamer Marine City, which burned

off shore three miles north of Sturgeon Point In 1880.

During the close of navigation in winter months the Life Saving station was closed and crew members found other employment. Mr. Silverthorn kept busy as a photographer, repaired jewelry and did carpenter work. He organized the first Boy Scout Troop in Harrisville and was Scoutmaster for many years, keep-

ing this troop alive and active. His hobby in later years was growing of flowers and his garden of roses and other flowers was a beauty spot in Harrisville until his health prevented his caring for it.

In 1873 he married Grace Aird of Harrisville. They were blessed with one daughter and four sons. The family made their home at Sturgeon Point until his retirement when they moved to Harrisville. Mrs. Silverthorn died In 1933. In 1935 he married Mrs. Dennis Sutton a widow of an old friend and one of the pioneer residents of the county.

Mr. Silverthorn was an active member of Harrisville Lodge No. 292 I.O.O.F; Alcona Lodge No. 218 F. & A. M. and Lake Huron Chapter No. 184, O. E. S.

Surviving him are his widow, one daughter and three sons: Mrs. Florence McKinnon of St. Ignatius Montana; Ray of Fcmdale; Howard of Detroit; and Ernest of Royal Oak 19 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren also survive.

Funeral services were at 2:00 o'clock Sunday afternoon. A short prayer service was held at the home followed by services at the Presbyterian church. Rev. C. R. Jones officiated. Services were under the auspices of the Masonic Lodge. Boy Scout Troop No. 93 also took part in the burial service. Interment was made in Springport Cemetery.

Out of town relatives here for the funeral were Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Silverthorn, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Silverthorn and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Silverthorn and family.

Here and there

April 16, 1942 ~ Probably the first game of golf on the Greenbush Inn course this season, was played Wednesday morning when Rev. C. S. Brown won over his opponent Dist. Supt. Dr. W. C.S. Pellowe by a ten point margin. The "golf bug" is biting early.

When the Martins come back to Alcona, it is a sure sign that spring and fair weather is here to stay. They began spring-cleaning of their homes on the Davis property on Lake Street this week.

Burning of rubbish and grass on vacant lots has kept local residents busy this week. An early bee in the cemeterias would improve appearances.

Garden spots are at a premium in all communities in Alcona County. This year ought to bring forth many Victory gardens and a well-filled cellar of canned vegetables and fruits.

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High: 47 Low: 35

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High: 51 Low: 40

SATURDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 60 Low: 47

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 57 Low: 35

MONDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 45 Low: 24

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 44 Low: 28

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 49°, humidity of 61%. Northwest wind 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 81° set in 1968. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 32°. East wind 5 mph. The wind chill could reach the upper 20s. The record low for tonight is 12° set in 1957.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	51	40	45/26	0.42"
Tuesday	46	39	45/26	0.53"
Wednesday	47	28	45/26	0.03"
Thursday	41	34	46/27	0.50"
Friday	50	31	46/27	0.00"
Saturday	61	24	47/28	0.00"
Sunday	77	50	47/28	0.04"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:52 a.m.	8:15 p.m.	9:44 p.m.	7:56 a.m.
Thursday	6:50 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	10:42 p.m.	8:26 a.m.
Friday	6:48 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	11:39 p.m.	8:59 a.m.
Saturday	6:46 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	No Rise	9:36 a.m.
Sunday	6:45 a.m.	8:20 p.m.	12:33 a.m.	10:17 a.m.
Monday	6:43 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	1:24 a.m.	11:03 a.m.
Tuesday	6:41 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	2:12 a.m.	11:54 a.m.

Local UV Index

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National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 73° in Philadelphia, Pa. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 86° in Crestview, Fla. The Northwest will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 74° in Billings, Mont. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 93° in Chandler, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:06 a.m.	9:20 p.m.
Venus	5:34 a.m.	n/a
Mars	8:11 a.m.	10:59 p.m.
Jupiter	7:33 p.m.	6:59 a.m.
Saturn	1:32 a.m.	10:29 a.m.
Uranus	7:02 a.m.	8:18 p.m.

Weather History

April 12, 1989 - Twenty-two cities in the south central and eastern United States reported record low temperatures for the date, including Elkins, W.Va. with a low of 15 degrees and Baton Rouge, La. with a reading of 37 degrees.

Weather Trivia

When was the first weather satellite launched?

Answer: On April 1, 1960.

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - The Glass Universe

I recommend reading Dava Sobel's *The Glass Universe: How the Ladies of the Harvard Observatory Took the Measure of the Stars*, Viking, 2016, as a sobering and scholarly work about how the women calculators of Harvard Observatory influenced and guided early 20th century research in astronomy. They were called "Pickering's Harem," and for a long time, I felt as if they were more of an ornament to the routine of the observatory, when in fact, these women were its soul. Edward Pickering, director of the cash-strapped facility between 1877 and 1919, at a time when it was divorced from Harvard's money, encouraged the hiring of talented women calculators for many reasons. They were paid less than their male contemporaries, but they were also meticulous in their work habits, even-tempered, and were willing to embrace with enthusiasm the mundane tasks of reducing the information gleaned on the hundreds of thousands of photographic glass plates taken in Cambridge and Arequipa, Peru. This was accelerated in no small part by two great benefactors of the fledgling Harvard facility, wealthy New York heiresses, Anna Palmer Draper and Catherine Wolfe Bruce, who kept the wheels greased by contributing yearly stipends to Pickering, while encouraging him to continue hiring women to augment his staff. Sobel, however, does not cast Pickering in any disparaging light, considering him well ahead of his time with regards to women's rights, nurturing their efforts, and championing their successes to the worldwide astronomical community. And contribute they did! Our magnitude system for quantifying the brightnesses of stars resulted from the work of Harvard's female calculators. Annie Jump Cannon and Antonia Maury created the majority of the system in use today to classify stars. Cannon ordered the spectra of stars via a temperature sequence, OBAFGKM, hot to cool, and Maury understood that similar spectral classifications could yield dissimilar luminosities, i.e., red giants (bright) and red dwarfs (faint), as examples. Finally, Henrietta Leavitt discovered the period-luminosity relationship of classical Cepheid variables, providing her male contemporaries with the ammunition to prove that the Milky Way was just one of many galaxies in our cosmos. The Glass Universe is well worth reading to understand the complexities and triumphs of women astronomers working only one century ago. www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **METALS:** What alloy is created by mixing copper and zinc?
2. **MATH:** What is an obelus in mathematical formulas?
3. **THEATER:** What long-running play featured the song "Luck Be a Lady"?
4. **ACRONYMS:** What does LED stand for?
5. **ANATOMY:** What is a more common name for the hallux?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** In what country is Port Said located?
7. **FASHION:** What is a more common name for "frogs" on military-type jackets?
8. **LANGUAGE:** What is the name for the type of marriage where a woman has more than one husband?
9. **HISTORY:** How many soldiers were in an Imperial Roman legion?
10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** In what country did the dance called the tango develop?

Answers: 1. Brass; 2. Division sign; 3. "Guys and Dolls"; 4. Light-emitting diode; 5. Big toe; 6. Egypt; 7. Braided fasteners; 8. Polyandry; 9. 5,000; 10. Argentina (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

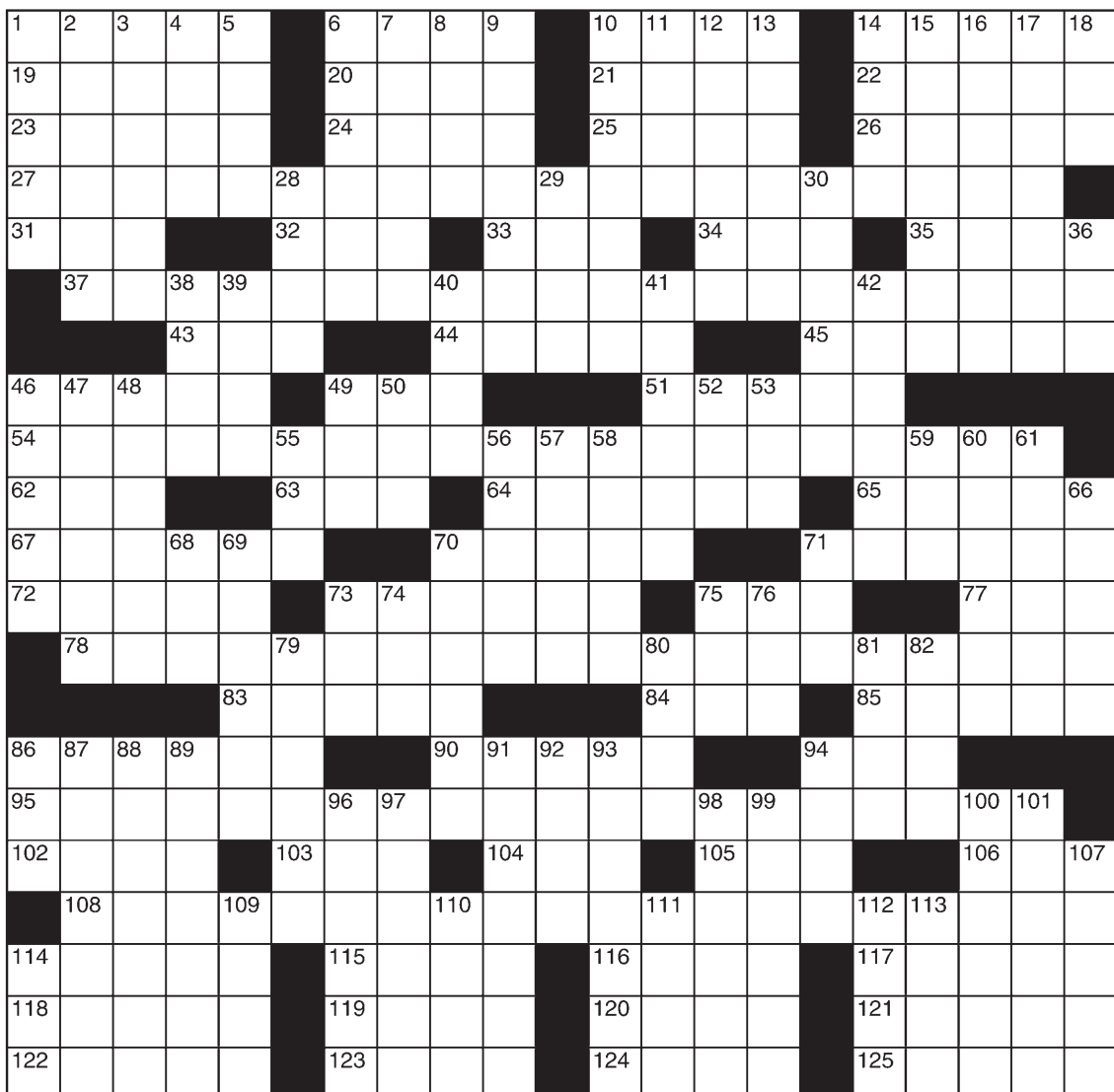
- On April 27, 4977 B.C., the universe is created, according to German mathematician and astronomer Johannes Kepler, considered a founder of modern science. Scientists in the 20th century showed that Kepler's calculations were off by about 13.7 billion years.
- On April 28, 1789, the HMS Bounty is seized in a mutiny led by Fletcher Christian, the master's mate. Captain William Bligh and 18 of his loyal supporters were set adrift in a small, open boat. They reached Timor in the East Indies on June 14, after a voyage of about 3,600 miles.
- On April 24, 1800, President John Adams approves \$5,000 to establish the Library of Congress. The first library catalog, dated April 1802, listed 964 volumes and nine maps.
- On April 30, 1939, the New York World's Fair opens on 1,200 acres at Flushing Meadow Park in Queens. New technology exhibits included FM radio, robotics, fluorescent lighting and a crude fax machine. Sixty-three nations participated.
- On April 25, 1947, President Harry Truman officially opens the two-lane White House bowling alley in the West Wing. President Dwight Eisenhower closed the alley in 1955 and turned it into a mimeograph room.
- On April 26, 1986, the world's worst nuclear accident to date occurs at the Chernobyl nuclear plant near Kiev in Ukraine. The full toll from the disaster is still being tallied, but experts believe that thousands of people died and as many as 70,000 suffered severe radiation poisoning.
- On April 29, 1974, President Richard Nixon announces that he will release transcripts of 46 taped White House conversations in response to a Watergate trial subpoena, but not the actual tapes. Nixon cited executive privilege, which the Supreme Court rejected. On Aug. 8, 1974, Nixon avoided a Senate impeachment trial by becoming the first U.S. president to resign from office.

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Super Crossword

TEN-CHARACTER MIX

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 See 19-Across</p> <p>6 Bird refuge</p> <p>10 Girl, to Scots</p> <p>14 Tree thicket</p> <p>19 With 1-Across, spring prank victims</p> <p>20 Difficult duty</p> <p>21 Jai —</p> <p>22 Not inclined</p> <p>23 Papal topper</p> <p>24 Long hike</p> <p>25 Crooner Crosby</p> <p>26 Tomb artifact, e.g.</p> <p>27 Failure to keep developing a villain's character?</p> <p>31 Summer zodiac sign</p> <p>32 On an ad — basis</p> <p>33 "Sprechen — Deutsch?"</p> <p>34 Decade count</p> <p>35 "I — care"</p> <p>37 Person forging duel weapons for a big film studio?</p> <p>43 Trailer-park parkers, for short</p> | <p>44 "— deal?" ("Are we on?")</p> <p>45 Nun's string of beads</p> <p>46 Lederer who was better known as Ann Landers</p> <p>49 Poke (out)</p> <p>51 Nomadic sort</p> <p>54 Head demons licensed to market products?</p> <p>62 Article south of the border</p> <p>63 It increases on a birthday</p> <p>64 Single-file</p> <p>65 Somewhat, informally</p> <p>67 Alternative to a Cert or a Tic Tac</p> <p>70 Hamburger unit</p> <p>71 More gutsy?</p> <p>72 "— is human"</p> <p>73 Estevez of the screen</p> <p>75 Letter #26</p> <p>77 Gobble down</p> <p>78 Newly coined synonyms for depression?</p> <p>83 — buddy (close friend)</p> <p>84 Dad's mate</p> | <p>85 Anxious</p> <p>86 Volcanic peak in N. Oregon</p> <p>90 Limerick's rhyme pattern</p> <p>94 Cedar's kin</p> <p>95 Providing refuge for people who use bleach?</p> <p>102 Granola bit</p> <p>103 Adore, cutesily</p> <p>104 Hosp. test</p> <p>105 Exist</p> <p>106 Go quickly</p> <p>108 Babies seen moving wavily in prenatal scans?</p> <p>114 Shaw of jazz</p> <p>115 Rear, as legs</p> <p>116 Film director Ephron</p> <p>117 Puts freight on</p> <p>118 Very best performance</p> <p>119 Met melody</p> <p>120 A part of scene</p> <p>122 Fight off</p> <p>123 Nastassja Kinski film</p> <p>124 Camp sight</p> <p>125 Cheeky</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Lethal</p> <p>2 Shared views</p> <p>3 Speaking pro</p> <p>4 Old Italian coin</p> <p>5 Mill refuse</p> <p>6 Later</p> <p>7 Tenor Caruso</p> <p>8 Files a case against</p> <p>9 Gives a double cluck of reproach</p> <p>10 Diagnostic procedure</p> <p>11 Et —</p> <p>12 Wooed with a melody</p> <p>13 Contract inker, e.g.</p> <p>14 Rudely terse</p> <p>15 New York tribe</p> <p>16 LummoX</p> <p>17 Device used in Twister</p> <p>18 End-of-list abbr.</p> <p>28 Units of resistance</p> <p>29 "Oh yes, Juan!"</p> <p>30 Russia's Gromyko</p> <p>36 Go for it</p> <p>38 "— go brag!"</p> <p>39 With, to Yves</p> <p>40 Act of liturgy</p> <p>41 Battle shout</p> <p>42 To a greater extent</p> <p>46 Key above D</p> <p>47 Literary intro</p> <p>48 Pale shade</p> <p>49 Sprightly dance</p> <p>50 Consume</p> <p>52 "Looky here!"</p> <p>53 Ex-combat Gls' gp.</p> <p>55 Possessed</p> <p>56 Watch faces</p> <p>57 "Nay" voters</p> <p>58 Betray by blabbing</p> <p>59 And not</p> <p>60 Most arid</p> <p>61 Cooks, as some clams</p> <p>66 Dilettantish</p> <p>68 Gold, to Juan</p> <p>69 1950 Asimov classic</p> <p>70 "Simple Simon met a — ..."</p> <p>71 Prefix with caching</p> <p>73 Frozen water, to Wilhelm</p> <p>74 L followers</p> <p>75 Beastly site?</p> <p>76 Elegant tree</p> <p>79 First Ford car</p> <p>80 Online 'zine</p> <p>81 Increase</p> <p>82 Apropos of</p> <p>86 Eds.' piles</p> <p>87 See 94-Down</p> <p>88 Lift in the back of a shoe</p> <p>89 Quaint</p> <p>91 Task lists</p> <p>92 Ran in the wash</p> <p>93 Baseballer Randy Johnson's nickname, with "the"</p> <p>94 With 87-Down, get a strong desire</p> <p>96 Charge to attack</p> <p>97 Côte d'—</p> <p>98 Strong-force particle</p> <p>99 AWOL pupil</p> <p>100 Greek island</p> <p>101 Vampy types</p> <p>107 Elia offering</p> <p>109 Angling need</p> <p>110 États- —</p> <p>111 Nil</p> <p>112 "Ah, so sad"</p> <p>113 O'Hara home</p> <p>114 Swiss river</p> |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Founding Father and renowned polymath Benjamin Franklin who made the following sage observation: "Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it."
- Those looking for a new, somewhat more relaxing line of work might want to consider becoming air farmers. Yes, that is an actual job title. Since 2015, the British company Aethaer has employed air farmers to "harvest" air in jars at locations all over the British Isles -- largely in rural areas, away from roads and their attendant pollution. This pure British air is then sold for \$115 per bottle, mostly to consumers in China, where cities are plagued by unprecedented levels of pollution.
- Everyone, it seems, has a patron saint -- even those oft-reviled professionals, dentists. Images of Saint Apollonia show her holding a molar in one hand and an enormous pair of pliers in the other.
- If you're both a lover of books and a travel junkie, then the Tolstoy Train is just the holiday for you. On this luxuriously appointed train -- complete with a library -- you can take a 14-hour overnight journey between Moscow and Helsinki, Finland, traveling through pine forests, rolling hills and quaint Russian villages.
- Pepsi-Cola was introduced originally in 1898 with the far less appetizing name "Brad's Drink."
- Those who study such things say that when a woman's husband dies, the length of her remaining life does not seem to be affected. When a man loses his wife, though, his lifespan decreases -- unless he marries again.

Thought for the Day: "Success isn't how far you got, but the distance you traveled from where you started." -- Steve Prefontaine

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, April 3 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included: President Jordan, treasurer Hussain, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Mahalak, Putsky, Somers and Zielinski. The minutes of the March 6 budget hearing were approved on a motion from Healy with support from Zielinski. The minutes of the regular March meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Mahalak. The treasurer's report for February was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Zielinski.

Ann Eddinger of the fire department auxiliary appeared to ask for approval for application to the state of Michigan to obtain a license to hold fundraisers. She stated there are a lot of new fire fighters and she would like to hold a meeting to get more of the spouses of firefighters involved in fund raisers. The group have met their five-year obligation for existence as an organization and they can now qualify for a permit to hold fundraisers. A resolution was presented for council consideration.

It follows: Resolution 17-1 Local Governing Body Resolution for Charitable Gaming Licenses.

At a regular meeting of the Village of Lincoln Council called to order by President Phillip S. Jordan on April 3 at 7 p.m. the following resolution was offered: Moved by Mahalak, and supported by Zielinski, that the request from the Village of Lincoln Fire Department Auxiliary of Village of Lincoln county of Alcona, asking that they be recognized as a nonprofit organization operating in the community, for the purpose of obtaining charitable gaming licenses, be considered for approval. Approval: Yeas - 6, nays zero, absent zero.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of a resolution offered and adopted by the Village of Lincoln Council at a regular meeting held on April 3, 2017. Signed: Linda K. Somers, Village Clerk, 117 W. Fiske St., P.O. Box 337, Lincoln, Mich. 48742. Organization information: 3109 E. Trask Lake Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742 Ann M.

Eddinger, (989) 335-3206.

Motion from Mahalak with support from Zielinski. Roll call vote: all ayes.

Teresa Hart and Naomi Potter appeared before the council to bring them up to date on their recent meeting with officials from the health department regarding the chili cook-off. They need to apply for a nonprofit corporation status. They will also need to apply for a 501(c) 3 and set up a board of directors in order to allow participation by individual business owners. Attorney Cook stated that it is a good direction to go if they are looking to do something for the community. However, if they are looking to do something to make money they may want to consider doing something other. It was suggested that the group try to go with an established organization and use their status until they are able to branch out on their own.

A discussion followed and many suggestions were talked about. President Jordan urged them to continue to pursue other avenues and in the meantime council members will see if they can come up with more ideas. Regardless of what ever happens the Trick or Trunk event will still take place in October.

In other public comment, Phil Potter brought a letter to ask for permission to purchase a pitching machine and batting net that has sat in a building and not been used for over 25 years. He offered to buy both items for \$20. A motion was made by Mahalak, with support from Gauthier, to accept the offer.

Mike Serafin, fire chief, stated that there were 11 medical runs and four fire runs. They participated in one mutual aid with Mikado Township. There haven't been any new gains but we are losing one fire fighter, Dylan Sands. He will be relocating. There were a few of the group that attended a pipeline training recently in Alpena. A wildland fire training seminar was held in Mikado and attended by some of the firefighters. They will be helping set up for the Easter egg hunt in the Village Hall on April 15.

President Jordan gave the street report. He attended the Region 9 task force meeting in Atlanta on March 24. The sewer report was given. He stated that Gary Bartow and Rich Gillespie have been helpful in getting the ground water discharge permit ready for application.

The flow meters are having problems and we are hoping to have them replaced soon.

MEDC has been very helpful in grants for our community. They are going on a new course and will be doing a program for Redevelopment Ready Communities. If we were to get everything in line to qualify for grant funds it could be a costly venture to get things ready. Attorney Cook advised that we should talk with surrounding communities before we jump on board.

No old business was discussed. In new business, Zielinski stated that she is continuing to work on the website and is adding things. Putsky said the pumps have been turned on at Brownlee Lake. He read a letter of congratulations from Senator Stamas for the approval of the DNR grant for the boat launch. Mahalak asked about vehicles being parked on Second Street that are blocking the clear vision area by stop signs. She is also concerned about vehicles possibly causing damage to the sidewalks by parking on them. President Jordan will talk with the business owners involved and see what can be done.

President Jordan gave his report. He asked if anyone from the council would like to be on the board for the Michigan Township Participating Plan. The Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for April 15 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the village hall. A local 4-H group is going to do a clean-up at the Flights of Imagination Park on April 20. A new map has been made and includes the new 40 acre area as well as the DDA District. Healy will be working with NEMCOG to get the new master plan started. We will be paying for this project over a two-year period. President Jordan will be ordering a replacement street light in the next few weeks. Kathy Jo Schwartz is working on getting the village welcome signs fixed. Kathy Putsky will be looking at the damaged Christmas white lights. Several plugs/peadocks need to be fixed or replaced due to ice damage this past winter.

A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Healy, to pay the bills as presented. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Zielinski with support from Healy. Carried.

Linda K Somers
Village Clerk

Veterans Host

By Freddy Graves

VA regulations let bad apples linger

A recent press release details the Department of Veterans Affairs' difficulty in firing an employee for misconduct, saying it will take 30 days to get rid of him. The employee in question was removed from patient care, but he's still there, pulling in a paycheck.

The steps to dismiss an employee generally have taken 270 days. There has to be 30 days advance written notice ... after multiple other steps are first taken to gather evidence. Then there are replies, and appeals, and a long period during which the disciplinary board takes it all under advisement, and more replies and appeals, while the employee is still getting paid.

It could be worse ... and it is. Take the case of the surgical nurse who showed up for work drunk, and then operated on a veteran. It will take nine months to get him out of there, at a minimum. Extensions can increase that time.

He was charged with reckless endangerment, being drunk in public and driving drunk after spending time at a casino, but the VA can't quickly fire him.

Now the VA is working with Congress to speed legislation that would cut the time needed to get wayward employees off the rolls. The VA Accountability First Act will give the VA secretary the power to expedite a firing. Still, there's the required advance notice, the response time, the appeal, a final ruling ... and those all add up.

Another bill, H.R. 27, signed off by the House and handed to the Senate, has a hope-inspiring title, "Ensuring VA Employee Accountability Act." The devil is in the details, though. All the act requires is that copies of reprimands and admonishments remain in the employee's permanent record, yet it's been sitting there since January. (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

Collecting

By Larry Cox

Book of Mormon

Q: I have an early copy of the Book of Mormon that is more than a century old. Could you tell me the value of it, or direct me to where I can find out? --Betty, Leadure, Illinois

A: I contacted several established book dealers about your book. The consensus seems to indicate that it is worth in the \$25 to \$50 range if, and this is a big if, you can find a buyer who is interested. Religious books are difficult to sell. For example, copies of the Bible from the 19th century are fairly common and despite their antiquity, often sell for less than \$50. In order to get a second opinion, I suggest you search for the edition of your book at abe.com. It will take a little time, but it will reveal what various editions are selling for throughout the country. ***

Q: I have an accordion from the 1950s. It is a 120 key and was made by Stanell & Bernelli, an Italian company. I still have its original case and all of the papers and documents that came with it. Where can I sell it? -- Pat, Godfrey, Illinois

A: Reverb is a company that buys, sells and consigns accordions, and that might be a good place to contact first. The toll-free contact number is 888-726-2728. Call for details. ***

Q: I have a board game titled "Peanuts: The Game of Charlie Brown and His Pals." Although my brother and I played the game a couple of times, it is in excellent condition. What is it worth? -- Sam, Kileen, Texas

A: Your game was issued by Selchow & Righter in 1959. It generally sells in the \$20 to \$35 range depending, of course, on condition and assuming it is complete. ***

Q: I have a Canada Dry plate issued in 1958 to mark the golden anniversary of the company. It looks to be in pristine condition. I have been offered \$35 for it. -- Cody, Lakewood, Colorado

A: I checked with several sources and they all seem to agree that your plate is worth somewhere in the \$20 to \$35 range. In other words, take the offer.

Write to Larry Cox in care of KFWS, 628 Virginia Drive, Orlando, FL 32803, or send e-mail to questionsforcox@aol.com. Due to the large volume of mail he receives, Mr. Cox cannot personally answer all reader questions, nor does he do appraisals. Do not send any materials requiring return mail.

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GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Greenbush Township Board held its regular meeting on March 14 starting at 7:02 p.m. Roll call was taken. All present except clerk Dailey. Agenda approved with the addition of fire service radio reception. Minutes approved as submitted. Public comment on roads, trailer blight and street lights.

Financial report given and approved. Bills presented and approved. Reports from constable, fire chief, zoning and ordinance administrator, hall rental, and planning commission.

Supervisor Major discussed road commission, truth in taxation statement read, planning and zoning news and Charter Uniform Video Service Local Franchise Agreement.

Pending business: Timberlakes sub division, street lighting resolution, and township hall lighting. New business: 2017-18 general appropriations act approved, with 2017-18 budget adoption by reference.

Public comment on lack of mail service on S. Poor Farm Road. Meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. Full minutes available at township hall on request from clerk at (989)274-0046, and online at www.greenbushtownship.com. Next meeting is on April 11.

Submitted by supervisor Major and clerk Dailey.

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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, May 17, 2017, 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 that 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 City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows:

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way US-23, 511.25 feet to a point of beginning, thence westerly to section line between Sections 13 and 14, thence N. 3°30'00"E 127.05 feet, thence easterly 334.61 feet to the west right-of-way line of US-23, thence south 109.52 feet to point of beginning. Parcel 3 – That part of the SW-1/4 of the NW-1/4 of Section 13, T26N, R9E described as: Commencing at the west 1/4 corner of said Section 13, thence S. 89°33'10"W along the East-west 1/4 line of said section 7.05 feet to a point on the westerly right-of-way line of Highway US-23, thence N. 26°49'10"E along said right-of-way 323.26 feet to the point of beginning, thence continuing N. 26°49'10"E, 222.00 feet, thence N. 63°10'50"W 123.96 feet, thence S. 0°32'25"E 70.00 feet, thence N. 63°10'50"W 150.00 feet to a point on the West line of said Section 13, thence S. 0°32'25"E, along said west line, 180.00 feet, thence S. 63°10'50"E, 159.07 feet to the point of beginning.

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Notice: Alcona Township is seeking bids for remodeling a bathroom at the Alcona Township hall. Bid specifications/forms are available at alconatownship.com or by contacting Supervisor Marlena MacNeill at (989) 727-3788. Interested bidders must be licensed and insured.

CPL Class

May 20 - \$50
 For information, call
(989) 335-5074

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 17-005711 DE

Estate of Richard Henry Burgoyne, deceased.

Date of birth: January 3, 1941

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Richard Henry Burgoyne, died March 21, 2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mary M. McGlocklin, personal representative, or to both the probate court at county building, 106 Fifth Street, P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 5, 2017

Robert K. Myles, P.C. P36055
 109 South State Street
 Oscoda, Mich. 48750
 Mary M. McGlocklin
 1901 Creek Road
 Sunbury, Ohio 43074
 (614) 580-1054

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 17-5697 DE

Estate of Florence M. LaForge
 Date of birth: January 26, 1921
 To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Florence M. LaForge, died January 6, 2017.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Karen R. Johnson and Donald A. Leeseberg, co-personal representatives, or to both the probate court at 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the co-personal representatives within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: April 10, 2017

Donald A. Leeseberg
 310 Crescent Drive
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 Karen R. Johnson
 4171 Francis Shores Avenue
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 111 Lake Street, Harrisville
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Easter Sunday Schedule of Services

GRACE EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN

Easter Worship 10:45 a.m.

Everyone Welcome

739-3424 • graceonthebase@gmail.com

www.grace-epc.org • www.epc.org

6012 N. Skeel, Oscoda, Next to Parks Library

Alcona County Catholic Churches

Holy Thursday: St. Raphael (Mikado) 5:30 p.m.
 St. Catherine (Ossineke) 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday: St. Catherine (Ossineke) 1 p.m.
 St. Anne (Harrisville) 6 p.m.

Easter Vigil: St. Raphael (Mikado) 9 p.m.

Easter: St. Catherine (Ossineke) 9 a.m.
 St. Anne (Harrisville) 11 a.m.

Spruce Presbyterian Church



Friday, April 14th

Good Friday Service at 7 p.m.

6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37) Spruce, MI 48762

(989) 471-5464 • Worship 9 a.m.

Rev. Ken Krause - Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH

3639 M-65, Glennie

Maundy Thursday, April 13 – 10:30 a.m.

Good Friday, April 14 – 3 p.m.

Easter Sunday, April 16 – 10:30 a.m.

Spruce Lutheran Church ELCA

1246 E. Spruce Rd., Spruce MI. • (989) 471-5013

Easter Sunday

Worship 8:45 a.m.

Fellowship Afterwards

Pastor Leslie Nye



Westminster Presbyterian Church

201 Second St., Harrisville • (989) 724-6734

Rev. Ken Krause

Maundy Thursday–

April 13 ~ 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday – April 16

11 a.m. Easter Worship with Communion

Followed by a fellowship/Coffee Hour at noon



A Time to Rejoice! A Time for New Beginnings

GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

2430 S. State St., Greenbush • A.C. Caincross, Pastor

Sunday, April 16

“Son-Rise” Service, 9 a.m.

Easter Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.

Sunday School, 10 a.m.

Morning Service, 11 a.m.



UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



101 E. Main St., Lincoln
217 N. State St., Harrisville

Maundy Thursday – 7 p.m. Lincoln

Community Good Friday – 1 p.m. Harrisville

Easter Sunday – 9 a.m. Lincoln

Easter Sunday – 10:30 a.m. Harrisville

EASTER DAY, EGG HUNT & WORSHIP

Bring yourself, your family, or your friends to join us **EASTER SUNDAY at 11 a.m.**

Worship/Praise & God’s Word until Noon.

EASTER EGG HUNT immediately afterward (12:15 pm) for ages 7 years & younger & 8 -12 years outside on our beautiful grounds.

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Hubbard Lake, MI 49747

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Pastor Mike Wigle
(989) 464-1362

(989) 727-3443

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Hope Lutheran Church (NALC)

5462 W. Nicholson Hill Rd., Hubbard Lake • (989) 727-3206
Rev. Randall M. Conley, Pastor

Holy Week Services

Thursday, April 13

Maundy Thursday Worship at Ossineke UMC at 7 p.m. (no potluck)

Friday, April 14

Good Friday Tre-Ore Worship at New Life Lutheran, Spruce, Hubbard Lake Road south, Noon & 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 15

10 a.m. **EASTER EGG HUNT** for all preschool, kindergarten and elementary age children at Hope Lutheran on Nicholson Hill Rd.

Sunday, Easter Sunday, April 16

7 a.m. Easter Sunrise Worship

8 a.m. Easter Breakfast

10 a.m. Easter Celebration Worship