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Retiring science teacher reflects career at Alcona schools

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

A longtime Alcona County resident will be retiring after spending 57 years at Alcona Community Schools.

Beth (Schroeder) Read has spent most of her life, first attending and then teaching, at Alcona schools. She graduated from Alcona High School in 1971.

Becoming a teacher wasn't exactly on Read's radar after graduating high school. She enjoyed science in school, so she thought becoming a nurse would be her goal. She tried by attending Hurley Medical Center in Flint, Mich. "I made it a year and a half. I didn't succeed because I had to come home every weekend to visit my boyfriend who is now my husband. There was no time for studying," Read said.

Little did she know at the time that Hurley's loss would be Alcona school's gain.

Read realized she needed to switch gears. Her sister was in the teaching program at Central Michigan University. She thought perhaps that would be a better fit. It was.

She graduated from Central Michigan University with a bachelor's degree in education with emphasis in science in 1974. That same year she married her high school



Beth Read

sweetheart, David Read. David is also a lifelong resident of Alcona County and graduated Alcona High School in 1970.

After getting her degree, Read's first working assignment was with Alcona Community Schools as a substitute woodshop teacher.

"I have done a lot of different things teaching here. I was a Title One math and reading teacher and traveled from school to school. I've taught every class at Alcona schools except kindergarten and first grade. I've even taught physical education, while it wasn't my favorite class, it wasn't bad," Read said.

In the 42 years Read has worked at the school she has taught second through sixth grade elementary classes, middle school science,

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A Memorial Day service at the Alcona County Courthouse featured guest speaker Warren MacNeill (right) of Harrisville. (Top) Dale Cole of American Legion Mikado Post 254; Char Blevins from American Legion Mikado Post 254 women's auxiliary; John DeWyse, representative of Purple Heart; Michael Serafin, Commander of American Legion Mikado Post 254 and Teresa Somers participated in the program. Photos by Mary Weber.



The Loyal Ladies unveil their window dressing project in downtown Spruce on Saturday during the Spruce Day event. The ladies, a group of eight, wanted to do something to cheer up the abandoned buildings in Spruce and had window clings made out of photography that Cyndi Apsey and her granddaughter, Liberty Kimball, a junior Loyal Lady, took of local agriculture. Photo by Mary Weber.

Alcona Tigers sweep Posen and Atlanta

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

Game one was a battle. Game two was all Alcona. The Tigers, playing at Posen on Wednesday, May 24 in a North Star League double-header, picked up 12-8 and 13-0 victories.

In the opener, the Vikings held a 5-3 lead after three innings, though Alcona rallied with four runs in the fourth and four more in the fifth to take control.

In the top of the fourth, Matt Krisan scored on an error and Jake McFadden came around to tie the game at 5-5 on a single by Jake Gallagher.

Already leading 11-7, Krisan smacked a solo home

run in the top of the sixth to make it 12-7.

Brock Franklin picked up the win in relief, tossing two innings and giving up three runs on four hits, four strikeouts and one walk.

Krisan led the way with a home run, two singles and two RBI. Jake Gallagher and Josh Kilbourn also had one hit and one RBI.

In game two, Alex Stephenson got the win, giving up no runs in four innings of work while striking out three and walking three. Gallagher came in to pitch the final inning and the duo held the Vikings to just four hits in the contest.

Erik Davey led the offense with two hits, two runs and

one RBI and Gallagher had a double, single, two RBI and scored two runs.

On Monday, May 22 the Tigers played a NSL double-header at Atlanta and cruised to 19-2 and 5-0 victories.

Winning game one was Jacob McFadden. The offense was paced by Gallagher, Davey and Krisan with two hits apiece.

In game two, Davey was the winner with Franklin also

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Obituaries



Charles R. Curtis

Charles R. Curtis, 88, of Curtisville died on Monday, May 22, 2017 at Lincoln Haven in Lincoln.

He was born on September 3, 1928 in Curtisville to Charles and Alberta (Simons) Curtis. He was a graduate of Hale High School.

Mr. Curtis worked for the U.S. Forest Service prior to moving to the Detroit, Mich. area where he became an industrial sheet metal worker, Local No. 80.

He was an avid fisherman and musician. He enjoyed reading books and being with friends and family. He was always the comedian and was always fun to be around.

Mr. Curtis is survived by two daughters, Sandy (Carl McGhee) Curtis of Flushing, Mich. and Penny (Scott Volrath) Curtis of Curtisville; eight grandchildren, Heather (Michael DiGiovanni Jr.) Curtis, Brooke Clayton, Asher McGhee, Maya McGhee, Kayla McGhee, NaArah McGhee, Noah McGhee, and Seth McGhee; four great-grandchildren, Alexander Curtis DiGiovanni, Charles Michael Curtis DiGiovanni, Marlee McGhee and Ava McGhee; one brother, Eugene (Geraldine) Curtis of Curtisville; and one sister-in-law, Dorothy Curtis of Detroit, Mich.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Stanley Curtis. An Irish wake will be held at a later date.

Verna M. Kuenzli, 92, of Alpena, formerly of Mikado, died on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at Tendercare Greenview in Alpena.

She was born July 30, 1924, to Harry and Gertrude (McGillis) Lee in Mikado. She was a lifelong resident of the area.

On April 16, 1947, she married Lawrence Kuenzli.

Mrs. Kuenzli was a devoted homemaker and avid card player.

She enjoyed playing bingo and camping with her family. She was a member of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Lincoln, and its ladies guild.

Mrs. Kuenzli is survived by two daughters, Donna

Verna M. Kuenzli

(Bruce) Baumler of Alpena and Carol (Malcolm) McDougal of Glennie; two sons, David (Phyllis) Kuenzli of Kissimmee, Fla. and Tim Kuenzli of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; seven grandchildren, Cort Baumler, Jessica Stauffer, Matthew McDougal, Leigh McDougal-Smith, Daniel McDougal, Jeff Kuenzli, and Stacey Watkins; 12 great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Lawrence, on December 25, 2005; one daughter-in-law, Jan Kuenzli; and four brothers, Van Lee, Alvie Lee, Harold Lee, and Gerald Lee.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, May 31 from 10



a.m. to the time of the funeral at 11 a.m. at the Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Lincoln. Burial will be in Mikado Cemetery. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Betty J. Throop

Betty Jean Throop, 73, of Lincoln died on Thursday, May 25, 2017 in Alpena.

She was born on June 20, 1943 to Glenn "Bucky" and Mary (Thompson) Buchanan in Harrisville.

She married Jack Throop on February 4, 1961.

Mrs. Throop was a lifelong resident of Alcona County. She owned and operated the local laundromat in Lincoln with her husband.

She was also a member of the Lincoln United Methodist Church, played on the local softball league for the Larks, and loved bowling, playing bingo, gardening, and birdwatching. She loved to be around her family, espe-

cially her grandchildren.

Mrs. Throop is survived by her husband, Jack; two daughters, Debbie (Sherry) Throop of Ossineke and Dana (Jeff) Ramus of Lincoln; one son, John (Crystal) Throop of Lincoln; three grandchildren, Jordan Ramus, Kristin Ramus and Zoe Throop; two great-grandchildren, Cora Ramus and Lila Ramus; four sisters, Nora Somers of Traverse City, Mich., Alice Hackman of Harbor Springs, Mich., Nancy (Roger) Silverthorn of Harrisville, and Sandy (Bill) Ross of Oscoda; as well as several nieces, nephews, and in-laws.

She was preceded in death by two brothers-in-law, Jim



Somers and Art Hackman. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Private services will be held.



Memorial

Foster Wakeman

There will be a memorial gathering for Foster Wakeman at his home, 5911 Bay View Drive, Spruce from 1 to 3 p.m. on Saturday, June 3. Mr. Wakeman died on April 7, 2017.

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Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
May 21	53	45	0.93	3.0	11	E
May 22	64	46	0.00	3.5	20	W
May 23	57	43	0.00	3.7	14	NNE
May 24	56	46	0.01	6.6	25	NNE
May 25	51	47	0.10	8.3	30	NNE
May 26	59	49	0.00	4.0	18	NE
May 27	57	46	0.00	2.2	8	ESE

Precipitation Summary (Inches) for 2017			
	2017	2016	Normal
Weekly Total	1.04	0.09	0.61
May to Date	1.54	1.78	2.29
Year/Season to Date	12.58	10.65	9.84

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



Calendar of Events



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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

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.

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

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

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.

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.

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

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

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.

FRIDAY, JUNE 2

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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.

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

State Representative Sue Allor will hold office hours from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. at Cabin Creek Coffee House, located at 201 North Second Avenue in Alpena and from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the Iron Skillet Restaurant, located at 101 North Lake Street in Lincoln. Residents also may contact her at the Lansing office at (517) 373-0833 or e-mail at SueAllor@house.mi.gov.

SATURDAY, JUNE 3

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site (fairgrounds) on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Everything is grown or made locally. Double-up Food Bucks, Snap and Bridge cards are accepted. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

The 4th annual Indoor Auto Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Northern Lights Arena in Alpena. Car show spectator admission is free. For more information, call (989) 358-0652 or visit www.northernlightsarena.com.

MONDAY, JUNE 5

The planning committee for Mikado Days will meet at 7 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. Mikado Days will be held on July 8. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee, volunteering, providing an entertainment or service or to offer new ideas is welcome to attend. The meetings are open to the public. For more information, call (989) 736-7721.

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

Get Crafty for Adults from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The project for June is rock painting with Judy Sullivan. There is a \$5 charge. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

TUESDAY, JUNE 6

Griefshare Recovery Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 12365 US-23 South in Ossineke. Call (989) 471-5428 for details.

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing available to residents of Alcona County

with newborns to age five. Layettes available for the soon to be born.

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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 noon to 5:45 p.m. at Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, visit redcrossblood.org or call (800) 733-2767.

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ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be held at the Campbell Building on the Alcona County Fairgrounds in Lincoln on Saturday, June 3 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Available this week: Carrots, sugar snap peas, pea shoots, rhubarb, asparagus, onions, mushrooms, turnips, beets, sorrel, spinach, micro greens, all cuts of grass-fed and grain-fed beef, snack sticks, brats, maple syrup, honey, jams and jellies, bread, scones, cinnamon rolls, cookies, herbed popcorn, dried herbs, seasonings, nuts, bedding plants, hanging baskets, vegetable plants, homemade laundry detergent, paper creations, handmade jewelry, honey dippers, tote bags, and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077. Double-Up Food Bucks are distributed and accepted and SNAP/Bridge cards are also accepted.

Accessible Garden Space

The Alcona Local Food Association has two small garden spaces that were built to be handicapped accessible. The gardener who has used them in the past is unable to use them this season, so they are available to anyone with physical limitations. They are outside of the enclosed hoop space, inside the fenced area and elevated making it pos-

sible to tend the four feet by four feet spaces without bending over or getting up and down. It should be possible for a gardener to use a wheelchair or walker around the beds also. The spaces are located in the Harrisville Township park at the end of Lake Street in Harrisville. Anyone who is interested in using one or both of the beds this year, contact Patty Thomas by June 10 at (989) 607-0187.

Quilt Show

The White Pine Quilt Guild presents the results of their "Modern Quilt Challenge," at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from June 1 through June 17 during regular library hours. A dozen quilts of various sizes, each creatively using the "modern" theme, will be displayed throughout the Library. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Color Craze

Adults are invited to attend Color Craze on Friday, June 2 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1:30 p.m. Coloring pages from books designed especially for adults as well as colored pencils and markers will be provided. Attendees should bring a bag lunch (optional); dessert and beverages are provided. This free, adults-only class meets the first Friday of every month. For more information call (989) 724-6796.

Senior Menu

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

- Monday, June 5—Stuffed green pepper, red bliss potato, cauliflower, and peaches.

- Tuesday, June 6—Tuna salad on a croissant, macaroni salad, baby carrots and dip, and mixed fruit.

- Wednesday, June 7—Hawaiian pork, brown rice, winter blend vegetables, and flavored applesauce.

- Thursday, June 8—Barbecued chicken, baked beans, peas, tossed salad, and pineapple.

- Friday, June 9—Beef stew with stew vegetables, mandarin oranges, and a biscuit. *(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

Away at School

- Victoria Keerl, of Harrisville, was named to the dean's list at Michigan Technological University for the 2017 spring semester. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Hannah Riggs, of Harrisville, was named to the dean's list at Michigan Technological University for the 2017 spring semester. To achieve dean's list recognition stu-

dents must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. She is the daughter of Thomas Riggs and Donna Sagash.

- Allen VanDenBoom, of Lincoln, was named to the dean's list at Michigan Technological University for the 2017 spring semester. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale. He is the son of Ellen Van-DenBoom.

- Margot Alvey, of Freeland, Mich., received a master's degree in health administration and leadership on May 5 from Saginaw Valley State University. She is a 2005 graduate of Oscoda High School and is employed as a medical laboratory scientist/technician at the Saginaw



Margot Alvey, V.A. Hospital. She is the daughter of Michael and Deborah London of Mikado.

Rock Painting

Turn a rock into a rabbit at the Harrisville Branch of the Alcona County Library on Monday, June 5 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the monthly adult "Get Crafty" session. Local artist Judy Sullivan will instruct all levels of adult artists in the art of rock painting. If possible attendees are asked to bring a rock about the size and shape of a large baked potato; some rocks will be available. Other supplies and light refreshments included for \$5 per person. Registration is required, call (989) 724-6796.

Fresh Fruit Frenzy

The Community Walking Club will celebrate the beginning of summer with a one or two mile walk followed by a Fresh Fruit Frenzy on Thursday, June 8. Meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 8:30 a.m. for a walk around town, followed by a snack of various types of fresh fruit at the library. Everyone is invited to walk with the group (check with your health care professional to be sure you can walk 20 to 40 minutes on pavement). No one walks alone; there are groups of slow, medium and speedy walkers. The Community Walking Club meets every Thursday the library is open, all year around. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Alcona softball drops games at Posen

By Ben Murphy
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity softball team dropped a pair of heart-breakers in Posen Wednesday night. The Lady Tigers, playing on the Lady Vikings home field, dropped both sides of the North Star League (NSL) doubleheader, 8-7 and 9-8.

In game one, Alcona got off to a good start by scoring four runs in the top of the first inning, keyed by a Britany Decker double that scored Keilee Elmer and Janelle Carpenter.

The Vikings trimmed it to 4-1 with a run in the bottom of the first, though Alcona plated a run in the top of the second, getting a Ragan Eller

RBI single to score Elmer.

Posen stormed back to tie it at 5-5 with four runs in the bottom of the fourth inning, where the score remained after six innings.

In the top of the seventh, Alcona got an RBI single from Abby Lobaugh to score Eller and after Hailee Gordy reached on a double, she was driven in by Taylor Livingston.

The Vikings had the final swings however, scoring three runs for the walk-off victory. Eller took the loss for the Lady Tigers.

In game two, Posen carried a 5-3 lead after four innings but the Tigers tied it up at 5-5 and it was 6-6 after six innings.

In the top of the seventh, the Lady Tigers scored a run after Eller came in on a wild pitch for a 7-6 margin.

The Lady Tigers couldn't hold the lead once again however, as Posen plated two runs to pull off the come-from-behind win.

On Monday, May 22 the Lady Tigers played at Atlanta and picked up a pair of lopsided NSL wins, 18-8 and 22-2. Stats were not provided for this contest.

Alcona was at Tawas on Tuesday and hosts the division four districts on Saturday. The Lady Tigers open with Whittemore-Prescott while Hale, Mio and AuGres are also in the district.

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seeing time in relief. Stephenson had the offensive spark with two hits.

On Monday, May 15 the Tigers played another NSL doubleheader at Hillman. Hillman claimed an 8-3 win in the opener but Alcona answered with a 9-8 win in game two. McFadden had two hits in game one.

In game two, Gallagher had a key two-run double

that tied the game at 8-8 in the top of the sixth inning.

Alcona accepted two walks and a hit to load the bases. Tim Hutchinson followed that with another hit to score Gallagher.

In the bottom of the sixth, Gallagher retired Hillman in order to preserve the win.

Offensive leaders were McFadden with two hits and three RBI, Gallagher and

Krisan with two hits and one RBI apiece. Davey added two hits and Luke Loyer and John Huggins had one hit and one RBI.

Alcona (20-8 overall, 14-4 NSL) played at Tawas on Tuesday and plays Whittemore-Prescott in a division four district semi-final on Saturday. Hale, AuGres and Mio are also in the district. Alcona is the district host.

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middle school math, high school biology, high school general science and agri-science classes. This year she has been teaching seventh and eighth grade science.

One of Read's favorite teaching experiences was being the interim agri-science teacher for three years after Brian Matchett left the school and before the current agri-science teacher, Connor Hubbard, began last September.

She took on agri-science with a lot of hesitation. "When I was approached for the position I told them I didn't think so, but they encouraged me to do it. I was happy I did. I enjoyed it. We were outside, we were cutting wood, we were doing maple syrup. It was all hands-on and a lot of fun. We were just waiting for Connor," Read said.

Read has two daughters, both graduates of Alcona High School, and explained it was wonderful having her daughters in the same school where she could keep an eye on them. "I knew their every

movement, at least I thought I did. If there was a problem, other staff members would tell me," Read said.

She explained teaching has changed over the last 42 years and that technology has improved the way students get and study information, but some things were better at the beginning of her career than now. "When I started, students didn't expect to be given everything by just asking for it. They had to earn it. Today, some student's think it is their right to be able to have material things when they want (them)," Read said.

Although she is still having a lot of fun teaching, Read said she is tired. She chose this year to retire because she wants to spend her days doing things she wants to do such as play with her grandchildren, travel and hunt.

Hunting is a passion for both Read and her husband, who is a taxidermist and has many of his mounts still gracing the Alcona High School science and FFA classrooms. The couple is planning a trip

to Africa in 2018 to hunt plains game animals.

Her hobbies also include fishing, watching sports, especially NASCAR and baseball, reading and crocheting.

Read's advice to new teachers coming into the school is to treat everyone fairly. "Don't have favorites, you may have a favorite in your heart, but don't treat them that way," Read said.

To parents trying to decide where they should send their children to school she said they should seriously consider Alcona Community Schools because it is a small school where teachers are a caring family who actually know what is happening to their child and will look out for them.

She'd like students to know they can come to teachers if they have a problem and not be afraid the teacher will be mad at them. She said the teachers at Alcona schools want to help and truly want their students to succeed. They are there to help students get a diploma and become successful in life.

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

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Girls track wins league championship

The Alcona varsity track team did well overall during last week's North Star League meet in Whittemore-Prescott. The girls won the Big Dipper division championship.

The following are the results of that meet.

Girls Results

100 Meters
Third place: Kameesha Fuqua, 14.10.

Ninth place: Katherine Edwards, 14.77.

Tenth place: Alex Lask, 15.08.

200 Meters
Third place: Fuqua, 29.08.

Seventh place: Lask, 31.21.

Fifteenth place: Emma Johnston, 36.59.

400 Meters
Eighth place: Faith Wallenmaier, 1:15.78.

Ninth place: Alyssa Dellar, 1:18.62.

Tenth place: Sarah Sweet, 1:19.17.

800 Meters
Eleventh place: Chloe Schram, 3:39.84.

1600 Meters
Ninth place: Schram, 7:49.56.

100 Meter Hurdles
Second place: Rose Schopfer, 18.75.

Third place: Courtney Winter, 19.49.

Seventh place: Annabelle Rowe, 21.32.

300 Meter Hurdles
First place: Winter, 57.58.

Fourth place: Schopfer, 1:01.50.

Seventh place: Rowe, 1:02.79.

4 x 100 Relay

Second place: Edwards, Fuqua, Brooke Shultz, Rachel Warner, 57.87.

4 x 200 Relay
Edwards, Fuqua, Shultz, Warner, 2:02.03.

4 x 400 Relay
Second place: Edwards, Warner, Sweet, Wallenmaier, 5:01.20.

4 x 800 Relay
Fifth place: Sweet, Wallenmaier, Taylor Murray, Jordan Joyce, 13.15.19

Shot Put
Eighth place: Anna Alfaro, 23' 07.5"

Fifteenth place: Taylor Murray 22' 03.5"

Nineteenth place: Wallenmaier, 20' 04"

Discus
Sixth place: Taylor, 69' 04"

High Jump
Fifth place: Dellar, 4'

Sixth place: Lask, 4'

Pole Vault
First place: Shultz, 8'

Second place: Schopfer, 7'

Sixth place: Winter, 6'

Long Jump
Sixth place: Shultz, 13' 06.75"

Boys Results

100 Meters
Fifth place: Dakota Oke, 11.91.

Eleventh place: Koedy Berryhill, 13.06.

200 Meters
Fifth place: Oke, 24.43.

Eleventh place: Cory Hoffman, 26.17.

400 Meters
Thirteenth place: Alex Harmon, 59.08.

800 Meters

Ninth place: Brett Nelson, 2:30.62.

1600 Meters
Seventeenth place: Brendan Nelson, 5:55.15.

3200 Meters
Twelfth place: Yuki Nishibashi, 12:23.53.

300 Meter Hurdles
Tenth place: Berryhill, 51.47.

Fourteenth place: Riley Somers, 59.74.

4 x 100 Relay
Second place: Oke, Cody Leeseberg, John Sharboneau, Cory Hoffman, 48.54.

4 x 200 Relay
Fourth place: Oke, Leeseberg, Elliot Dubuque, Hoffman, 1:43.41.

4 x 800 Relay
Sixth place: Brett Nelson, Dubuque, Nishibashi, Brendan Nelson, 9:55.35.

Shot Put
Eleventh place: Sharboneau, 34' 01"

Fourteenth place: Chris Kamisehke, 33' 05"

Twenty-third place: Konnor Webster, 25' 03"

Discus
Third place: Sharboneau, 128' 10"

Thirteenth place: Kamisehke, 92'

Twenty-first place: Konnor Webster, 76'

Pole Vault
Seventh place: Brett Nelson, 8' 06"

Long Jump
Ninth place: Leeseberg, 16' 09.5"

Fifteenth place: Harmon, 13' 08.5"

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Girls track team members with the trophy for winning the North Star League Big Dipper title (front row, from left) Taylor Murray, Rachel Warner, Kameesha Fuqua, Katy Edwards, Faith Wallenmaier, (back row) Coach Lary Spare, Courtney Winter, Emma Johnston, Sarah Sweet, Alyssa Dellar, Annabelle Rowe, Lexie Lask, Chloe Schram, Rose Schoffer and Coach Brianna Griffiths. *Courtesy photo.*

Basketball camp deadline nears

The deadline is approaching for the Alcona Community Schools' Individual Offensive and Defensive Improvement Basketball Camp.

The entry deadline is 10 a.m. on Friday, June 5 for youth in first through twelfth grades. The camp will be held June 22 through June 24. Players in first through sixth grades will participate from 10 a.m. to noon. Players from seventh through twelfth grade will participate from 2 to 5 p.m.

According to Coach Ryan

Bilby, elementary students will enjoy an interactive experience with a variety of games, competitions and drills designed to teach fundamentals in a playful manner. He said middle school and high school students will experience an intense drill oriented program designed to improve their game.

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Health coverage options for pre-Medicare-age spouses

Dear Savvy Senior,
My wife, who is 62, is on my health insurance plan through my employer. When I retire in a few months at 65, and go on Medicare, what are my wife's options? Is there some kind of Medicare coverage for dependent spouses, or do we have to purchase Obamacare?

Approaching Retirement

Dear Approaching,
Medicare, unfortunately, does not offer family coverage to younger spouses or dependent children when you qualify for Medicare. Nobody can obtain Medicare benefits before age 65, unless eligible at a younger age because of disability. With that said, here are some coverage options, including Obamacare, to consider for your wife.

• **Keep working:** If possible, consider working past age 65. This would allow your wife to continue coverage under your employer health insurance until she becomes eligible for Medicare.

• **Employer options:** If your employer provides retiree health benefits, check with your benefits administrator to find out if they offer any options that would allow your wife to continue coverage under their plan. Or, if your wife works, see if she can she switch to health insurance provided by her own employer.

• **COBRA:** If you work for a company that has 20 or more employees, once you make the switch to Medicare, your wife could stay with your company insurance plan for at least 18 months (but could last up to 36 months) under a federal law called COBRA. You'll need to sign her up within 60 days after her last day of coverage. But be aware that COBRA isn't cheap. You'll pay the full monthly premium yourself, plus a 2 percent administrative fee.

To learn more, see DOL.gov/ebsa/publications/cobraemployee.html or call (866) 444-3272.

If, however, the company

you work for has fewer than 20 employees, you may still be able to get continued coverage through your company if your state has "mini-COBRA." Contact your state insurance department to see if this is available where you live.

• **Individual insurance:** Buy your wife an individual health insurance policy through the Health Insurance Marketplace (aka Obamacare) until she turns 65. The Marketplace, as it stands now, offers comprehensive health coverage and they can't deny her coverage or charge extra for preexisting health conditions.

And, if your income falls below the 400 percent poverty level - anything below \$47,520 for an individual or \$64,080 for a couple in 2017 - you may be eligible for a tax credit that will reduce the amount you'll have to pay for a policy. To see how much you can save, see the subsidy calculator on the Kaiser Family Foundation website at



Savvy Senior

KFF.org/interactive/subsidy-calculator.

To shop for marketplace plans in your state, visit Healthcare.gov or call the toll-free helpline at (800) 318-2596.

If, however, your wife isn't eligible for the government subsidy, or you want additional policy options to what the Marketplace offers, you can also buy health coverage outside the government marketplaces directly through a private insurance company, an online insurance seller, or an agent or broker. This option is not available if you live in Washington D.C. or Vermont.

These policies do not offer the federal tax credits, but they are required to offer the same menu of essential benefits as Marketplace policies do, and they can't deny coverage or charge extra for pre-existing health conditions. You might even find slightly lower premiums on outside policies, assuming that you don't qualify for the tax credits.

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On Proposed 2017-18 Budget

5/24 & 5/31

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The Board may not adopt its proposed 2017-2018 budget until after a public hearing. A copy of the proposed 2017-2018 budget, including the proposed property tax millage rate, is available for public inspection during normal business hours at Alcona Community Schools, District Office, Michigan.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

This notice is given by order of the Board of Education.

American woodcock – Michigan's leading the nation

Spring means many things to many people – more mushrooms, trout fishing, turkey hunting or viewing migrating birds overhead. The American woodcock is one of those migrating, part-time Michigan residents that split time between the southeastern United States and Michigan.

“For decades, Michigan has helped gather information on woodcock populations, which spend time in numerous states and provinces from Canada to the Gulf,” said Michigan Department of Natural Resources upland game bird specialist Al Stewart.

“A male woodcock has a unique call that sounds like ‘peent,’” said Stewart. “During the spring singing ground survey, we listen to the number and locations of ‘peents’ along established routes, giving us an idea of the number of woodcock present.”

In the spring, breeding activity causes woodcock to be more vocal and visible, making spring a great time for surveying. Annually, DNR staff members take to their established survey routes

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tory. But keep in mind that agents won't necessarily show you all available policies, just the ones from insurers they work with.

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answer

Popular old Hawaiian tune about minuscule ornaments that are showy and cheap: “Tiny Baubles.”



Michigan leads the nation – in both amount of woodcock surveying done and number of woodcock hunters and harvested woodcock. *Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

just after sunset, to count “peents” as part of a multistate spring singing ground survey.

Unique in appearance, woodcock have plump, round bodies with long, skinny, pointed bills. Their buff bellies and black and tan, speckle-patterned feathers give them great camouflage. Woodcock can be found throughout forested regions where their food is plentiful. Woodcock use their bills, perfect for piercing through the soil, to find and eat earthworms.

After the audible “peent,” the woodcock will start its aerial display, lifting off the ground 200 to 350 feet in a spiral dance.

“If you're in the right place at the right time, you can witness this dance,” Stewart said.

The Michigan DNR is just one of the state agencies that devote time in the spring to assist in this joint multistate survey that began back in 1968. The survey technique used today to monitor woodcock was developed in 1960 by Bill Goudy at Michigan State University. Each route is 3.6 miles long, with 10 listening points. Survey dates vary based on latitude and, in Michigan, run April 20 to May 20.

In 2016, there were a total of 820 woodcock survey routes run in North America. (Canada also runs routes as

part of this monitoring program.)

“Michigan is an important woodcock production state, meaning they are born here,” said Stewart. “We run more routes in Michigan than any other state or province.”

Michigan generally runs 115 survey routes annually, providing long-term information to guide management of woodcock in North America. Woodcock are a popular game species in the United States, and in Michigan approximately 26,000 upland bird hunters target them, leading the nation in both the number of hunters and birds harvested.

Other outdoor enthusiasts also appreciate the glimpse of a woodcock. An upcoming evening “Woodcock Walk” Thursday, May 4, at the Lame Duck Foot Access GEMS near Gladwin, offers a unique opportunity different from a typical spring birding event. Call 989-385-0336 for more information.

Wildlife viewers also can find a calm evening and an open country field and keep their eyes and ears open for the spring “peent” of the woodcock this year.

This fall, Michigan will host the 11th American Woodcock Symposium, where biologists from different states and continents will gather on behalf of the woodcock. Learn more about this Oct. 24 -27 event.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of May 22-28, 2017

140 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests; 1 Warrant Arrest; 1 Drive While License Suspended; 6 Traffic Tickets Issued.

Complaint Statistics

Car Deer	5	Traffic/Traffic Stop	52
Medical	28	Warrant Arrest	1
Property Damage Accident	2	Assist	4
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Animal/Dog	13
Fraud	1	Miscellaneous	3
Patrol Check	1	Well Being Check	2
Burglary	1	Larceny	6
Marine	1	Fire	1
Personal Injury Accident	3	Harassment	3
Malicious Destr. of Property	1	Drive While Lic. Suspended	1
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Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	12	Caledonia	8	Curtis	7
Greenbush	11	Gustin	5	Harrisville	24
Hawes	13	Haynes	10	Mikado	12
Millen	4	Mitchell	12		
City of Harrisville	12	Village of Lincoln	10		

Efforts under way to bolster declining Monarch butterfly population

With spring now sprung in Michigan, it is time to welcome back to the state one of the most distinctive signs that summer is on its way – the brightly colored monarch butterfly.

Monarchs are on their way north from Mexico, where they spend the winter months. While National Start Seeing Monarchs Day is observed annually on the first Saturday in May, it may be a few more weeks before they make their way across Michigan.

One of the most well-known and beloved butterfly species in North America, with their easily recognized orange and black wing pattern, monarchs have become a much less common sight in recent decades.

The eastern monarch butterfly population has declined by 90 percent over the last 20 years due mainly to habitat loss, both in their summer range – including Michigan – and in Mexico, where they overwinter.

“Because of the tremendous migration they make, monarchs need a variety of habitats,” said Dan Kennedy, Michigan Department of Natural Resources endangered species coordinator. “In the early summer, they lay their eggs on milkweed because that’s the only plant their caterpillars will eat.”

“Monarchs also need habitat to overwinter in, not to mention habitat where they can stop and refuel along the way. They are very active insects and require a wide variety of flowering plants to provide the food they need to survive and make their long journey.”

Scientists monitor the eastern overwintering population of monarch butterflies in Mexico. This year’s population reports indicate that monarch butterflies continue to decline, according to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

The forest area the eastern monarch population occupied decreased 27 percent from winter 2015-2016, due to a series of severe storms.

“This year’s population numbers accentuate how imperative it is for our countries to continue working together to protect and conserve this amazing species – as well as the role every person plays in ensuring a future filled with monarchs,” said Tom Melius, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Midwest regional director and the service’s lead for the Monarch Butterfly Conservation Initiative.

“It will take all of us working together in city backyards and across vast agricultural acres, to reverse this population decline.”

Monarchs are pollinating insects that travel to flowering plants, drinking nectar and transporting pollen.

They’re not the only pollinators on the decline – bee populations worldwide also have decreased dramatically in recent decades, and the rusty patched bumble bee recently was listed as an endangered species.

“Pollinators, like butterflies and bees, are responsible for approximately one-third of the world’s food source,” said Kennedy. “Because of the important role pollinators play in people’s lives, it is up to us to help keep these pollinator populations abundant and healthy.”

The alarming declines in monarchs and other pollinators have sparked conservation programs across the nation.

Kennedy said the DNR has been working with the Mid-

strategic and effective pollinator protection practices across the state,” Campbell said. “These efforts will help both pollinator populations and the success of Michigan’s farms.”

The DNR also is undertaking projects to enhance habitat for monarchs and other pollinators on land it manages.

Sleepy Hollow State Park in Clinton County, for example, has had a Monarch Waystation – a place, officially designated by Monarch



A monarch butterfly caterpillar travels on a milkweed plant.

west Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies to develop a regional monarch conservation strategy that will cover key breeding and migration habitat across 16 states.

In addition, the DNR and more than 25 partners in the state have been working to develop Michigan’s Monarch and Wild Pollinator Strategy.

The Michigan Farm Bureau, the state’s largest general farm organization, is one of the key partners in the strategy to conserve monarch butterflies.

“Michigan’s farmers recognize the importance of both native and managed pollinators to support our state’s incredible diversity of crop production,” said Laura Campbell, manager of Michigan Farm Bureau’s Ag Ecology Department. “We help support farmers in this interest.”

The Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development has developed a Protection Plan for Managed Pollinators in Michigan, which is our state’s response to the national strategy to protect managed pollinators from pesticide risk.

In addition to partnering with other agencies on both a pollinator protection plan for pesticide management and a monarch and native pollinator habitat plan, the Michigan Farm Bureau also encourages farmers to take advantage of technical assistance and cost-share programs available through the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

These programs have helped farmers establish almost 10,000 acres of pollinator habitat across nearly 500 farms, according to the U.S. D. A.

“We look forward to continuing our support of farmers’ efforts to implement smart,



A monarch butterfly is shown on a flower. Photos courtesy of U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Watch, that provides resources necessary for monarchs to produce successive generations and sustain their migration – in place since 2011.

About an acre in size, the waystation was planted through a cooperative effort of the Friends of Sleepy Hollow, the Clinton County Soil Conservation District and the DNR.

Sleepy Hollow also is planning a larger pollinator habitat improvement effort of more than 20 acres. Still in its infancy, this project will

use the gas line right-of-way that bisects the northern part of the park property.

Tim Machowicz, unit supervisor at Sleepy Hollow State Park, said of the planned habitat improvement, “The win is on multiple levels – more pollinator habitat, better use of what is presently land with limited wildlife value, and less work for Consumers Energy to maintain the right-of-way.”

There are many ways that Michigan residents can con-

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COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

PARTICIPANTS WANTED

Participants for the Annual Community Garage to be held on **Saturday, June 17**, beginning at 8 a.m. in Harrisville and surrounding area.

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Anglers reporting marked, tagged fish provide DNR with critical information



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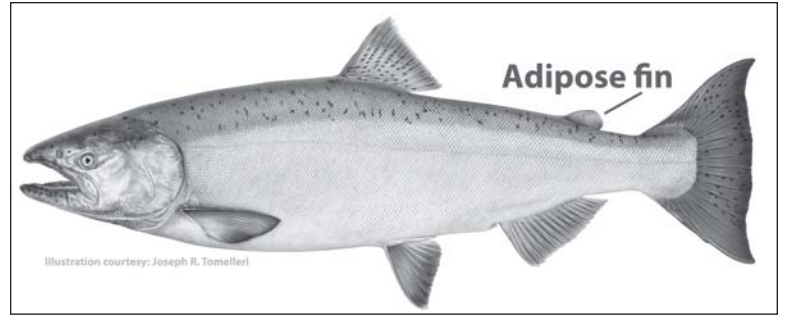
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Great Lakes anglers who catch marked and tagged fish to report them are asked to report them to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The DNR has used the coded-wire tag program to mass mark various fish species in Michigan since the 1980s. Mass marking provides critical data as fisheries biologists look to determine the value of naturally reproduced fish versus stocked fish, and lakewide movement of fish.

The coded-wire tag program involves implanting a small, coded-wire tag, which is invisible to the naked eye, into the snout of a fish. A fish containing a coded-wire tag can be identified because its adipose fin (the small, fleshy fin between the dorsal and tail fins) has been removed. An angler who catches a tagged fish can then record needed information about the fish, remove and freeze the fish's snout, and drop it off at a designated location. A statewide list of dropoff locations can be found on the DNR website.

For years the DNR primarily tagged Chinook salmon and lake trout as part of its



Anglers who catch a fish missing its adipose fin (as diagrammed here) are encouraged to report it to the Michigan DNR. *Courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

mass marking effort in Lake Huron. Tagging these fish has helped biologists understand more about lakewide natural reproduction and how many wild fish are available in the Great Lakes. It also has helped determine if the percentage of wild fish varies from year to year and how fish stocking locations contribute to lake and river fisheries.

Additionally, it provides insight into fish movement and where fish are stocked compared to where they are caught.

Because of the value of the information the mass marking effort brings, the DNR, in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, has continued to coded-wire tag

all lake trout, Chinook and Atlantic salmon stocked into lakes Huron and Michigan, as well as a subsample of rainbow trout (steelhead) from the AuSable River.

"We rely heavily on Michigan's anglers to return tagged fish and are appreciative of their cooperation," said Randy Claramunt, the DNR's Lake Huron Basin coordinator. "Participating in the DNR's mass marking effort allows us to learn more about the state's fish species so we may manage them more effectively in the future."

Because of the vast number of fish marked by this method (millions annually), there are no longer rewards

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NOTICE

The Harrisville Township Planning Commission will hear two requests on June 7, 2017 at the Township Hall at 7 p.m. One request will be from Amor Sign Studios to Revise a sign on parcel 060-014-400-265-00, which is located at 499 S. US-23. This parcel is Zoned General Commercial. The second request will be heard from Ronald Frayer for a variance to build closer to the lot line on parcel 060-007-300-055-00 (3091 E M-72). This parcel is zoned General Commercial. Any comments can be sent to the Harrisville Township Zoning Administrator or can be expressed at the public meeting

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Report All Poaching hotline accepts text messages

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has made it easier for citizens to report fish and game violations through the convenience of text messaging.

The Report All Poaching (RAP) hotline (800-292-7800) now accepts text messages in addition to telephone calls. Text messages may include photos.

The RAP hotline is a toll-free, 24-hour, seven-day-a-week number that enables citizens to report violations of fish and game laws, as well as other natural resource-related laws. It is operated by DNR's Law Enforcement Division. The DNR also offers a web-based reporting form.

"Poaching is a crime against every Michigan resident. Fish and game are shared resources that must be respected and properly managed," said Gary Hagler, DNR Law Enforcement Division chief. "The addition of texting to the RAP system makes it more convenient for the public to do its part in protecting our resources. It also provides law enforcement with immediate and visual information, which are valuable to officers conducting an investigation. This is a great way to harness technology for the benefit of our entire state."

Upon receiving a text, the RAP system immediately replies with a message stating that a dispatcher soon will be in touch with the complainant. A link to the RAP webpage is included. A dispatcher will begin a conversation with the complainant via text, collecting information just as dispatchers would do during a phone call. Complainants wanting to speak to a dispatcher can request a return phone call or call the RAP hotline.

According to Hagler, RAP dispatchers are highly trained professionals. They operate with state-of-the-art technology and can immediately contact DNR conservation officers in the field. This ability to quickly collect and relay information has led to the arrest and prosecution of numerous violators.

The Report All Poaching system was created by legislation in 1980 to address the public's concerns about the detrimental effects of poaching. The system has paid off, Hagler said, and it remains a critical tool in safeguarding Michigan's natural resources.

In addition to protecting the personal information of complainants, RAP provides for monetary awards for information leading to the arrest and conviction of poachers.

Michigan conservation officers are fully commissioned state peace officers who provide natural resources protection, ensure recreational safety and protect citizens by providing general law enforcement duties and lifesaving operations in the communities they serve, Hagler explained.

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Calendar of Events



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An open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Michigan State Police Alpena Post in celebration of its 100th Anniversary. Visitors will be able to view the inside of the post and a patrol car as well as meet some of the personnel. Displays of different divisions such as the dive team, recruiting, emergency support team, the bomb squad, motor carrier, motorcycle unit, K-9 unit and the lab. For more information, call (989) 354-4101.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall located at 2900 Connon in Alpena. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be present to answer questions.

Bring a can of food for the needy. For more information, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

THURSDAY, JUNE 8
The Harrisville Business Association will meet at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Open to the public.

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.

Zumba class at 10 a.m. at

the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

A Fresh Fruit Frenzy will follow the walking club at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9
Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

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

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

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site (fairgrounds) on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Everything is grown or made locally. Double-up Food Bucks, Snap and Bridge cards are accepted. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Local Notes

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Home Safety Program

Anyone who needs their fire extinguisher checked or wants to make sure they know how to use it, plus understand safety regarding smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors, is invited to learn about home safety equipment on Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to noon at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. Attendees are encouraged to bring their fire extinguisher and have it checked by an expert from Alpena Fire Equipment Sales and Service Company.

Dining with the Docs

Pharmacist Terry Krumbach will discuss drug/food interactions and adult vaccinations on Thursday, June 15 at noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. A light lunch is included, must call (989) 724-6796 to register. This program is a cooperative effort between the Alcona Health Center and the Alcona County Library to bring health information to Alcona citizens.

Business Brief

MidMichigan Medical Center in Alpena was one of 20 facilities in the U.S. to recently be named a Top Rural Community Hospital. This was the first time the Medical Center in Alpena received this recognition. The determining factors for the top 20 rural community hospitals were based on eight indices, as established by iVantage Health Analytics: inpatient market share, outpatient market share, quality, outcomes, patient perspectives, costs, charges and financial stability.

"Receiving this award further demonstrates our commitment to delivering excellent patient care. It's the people at our Medical Center in Alpena working together that make the difference," said Karmon Bjella, president, MidMichigan Medical Center - Alpena.

Frog-Bit Challenge

Huron Pines is seeking volunteers to participate in the summer-long annual European Frog-Bit Challenge. This hands-on, community-led environmental restoration project will kick-off at Duck Park in Alpena on Friday, June 9 at 9 a.m. and go until September 1. The goal of this challenge is to pull 20,000 pounds of this aquatic invasive plant out of the Thunder Bay River Watershed, including the Wildlife Sanctuary, Fletcher Pond, and the Thunder Bay River.

Participants are asked to dress comfortably and be prepared to wade or float in canoes or kayaks. Attendees should plan to bring their own waders, canoe, kayak or float; if they don't have one they may participate by helping find the frog-bit from shore.

The Frog-Bit Challenge on June 9 will start at 9 a.m. and go until 2 p.m. Snacks and lunch will be provided. At the kickoff event volunteers can also sign up to pull frog-bit independently dur-

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Local and personal

May 26, 1892 ~ Rev. Fr. Mahar will hold services in the Catholic church Monday evening, May 30th, also Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, and at Black River Wednesday eve., June 1st.
-X-

A word from Peter Cooper: "In all towns where a newspaper is published every man should advertise in it, even if

Birdie Dean

May 26, 1892 ~ After a lingering illness of nearly a year's duration Miss Birdie Dean gained that haven of rest whither all are drifting, at 6 o'clock p.m. Sunday last. The end had been long anticipated by friends and the patient sufferer looked forward with a cheerfulness and Christian fortitude that well became the closing scenes of a pure and gentle life on earth.

The remains were placed beside those of her sister and father, who have only preceded her by a short period of time. The funeral services were held Tuesday morning in the Methodist church, the Rev. W. J. Bailey officiating. A very large concourse of people followed the remains to their last resting place in the cemetery of south Harrisville.

The deceased was born Sept. 22, 1870. She was a member of the Harrisville Baptist church and was ever known as a devout and exemplary Christian character. The first serious symptoms of consumption manifested themselves in June, 1891 and since that time she has gradually drawn nearer and nearer to the border of that undiscovered land where sorrow and pain and anguish are unknown.

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The discovery produced no particular excitement at Killmaster, as would have been the case had they tapped a gusher, but it has served to strengthen the hopes of those who have pinned their faith for so long a period on the oil prospects. Tuesday the drillers expected to finish boring the present well 1,500 feet, the apparatus on hand not being sufficient to go to any greater depth.

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All preliminary arrangements for the second term of

the Harrisville Normal School have been completed. The Supt. of Public Instruction has granted the petition for a Teachers' Institute to be held the last week in June under the conduct of Prof. Rankin. That gentleman will also be the principal instructor during the Normal term, which begins the week following the Institute. Prof. Sheehan, who conducted the school last year with such marked success and general satisfaction, will divide the work with Prof. Rankin. Indications are that

the attendance and interest will be far greater this year than ever before.
-X-

Geo. W. LaChapelle "hoofed it" out to Killmaster and return Monday. The 20 mile tramp was just an appetizer.
-X-

K. K. McDonald, representing the Churchill laundry of Alpena, was in town Monday doing business for that institution.
-X-

H. K. Gustin has gone to

the "Soo" for a week or ten days, where he expects to do some work on a government job soon.
-X-

The Rev. S. Boundy has decided to locate here and expects to arrive next week and fill appointments the following Sunday.
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Jno. Dewey and Miss Cora Tower were united in marriage by the Rev. W. J. Bailey last Thursday evening at the home of the bride's mother.



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Seven Day Forecast




WEDNESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 62 Low: 43




THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 67 Low: 49




FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 66 Low: 47




SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 62 Low: 46



SUNDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 62 Low: 48

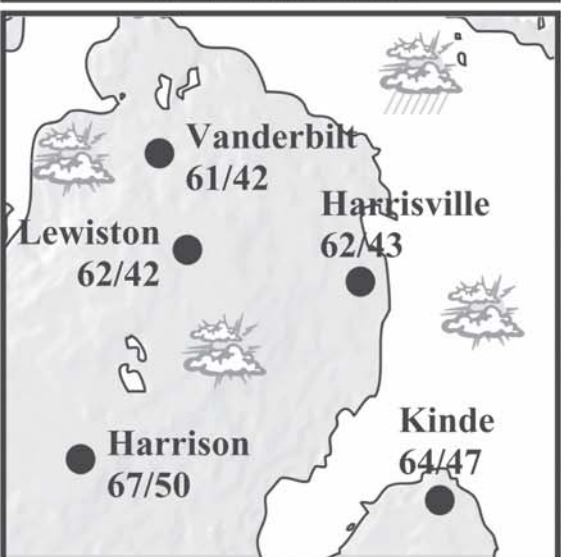


MONDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 63 Low: 51



TUESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 56 Low: 51

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast





Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 62°, humidity of 47%. West wind 7 to 14 mph. The record high temperature for today is 93° set in 2011. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 43°. West wind 6 to 13 mph. The wind chill for tonight could reach 39°.

*Last Week's Almanac


Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	66	38	67/43	0.02"
Wednesday	64	47	67/43	Trace
Thursday	57	51	68/43	0.38"
Friday	70	49	68/43	0.02"
Saturday	73	45	68/44	0.00"
Sunday	75	54	69/44	0.30"
Monday	73	49	69/44	0.03"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

		Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
First 6/1		Wednesday	5:51 a.m.	9:13 p.m.	12:18 p.m.	1:37 a.m.	 Last 6/17
		Thursday	5:50 a.m.	9:14 p.m.	1:24 p.m.	2:11 a.m.	
		Friday	5:49 a.m.	9:15 p.m.	2:28 p.m.	2:41 a.m.	
		Saturday	5:49 a.m.	9:15 p.m.	3:30 p.m.	3:09 a.m.	
		Sunday	5:48 a.m.	9:16 p.m.	4:31 p.m.	3:36 a.m.	
Full 6/9		Monday	5:48 a.m.	9:17 p.m.	5:31 p.m.	4:03 a.m.	 New 6/23
		Tuesday	5:48 a.m.	9:18 p.m.	6:30 p.m.	4:31 a.m.	


Local UV Index



0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

UV Index
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate,
6-7: High, 8-10: Very High,
11+: Extreme Exposure

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see isolated showers and thunderstorms today and Thursday, scattered showers and thunderstorms Friday, with the highest temperature of 82 in Easton, Md. The Southeast will see isolated thunderstorms today and Thursday, scattered thunderstorms Friday, with the highest temperature of 94 in Winter Haven, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 87 in South Big Horn, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 100 in Goodyear, Ariz.

Weather Trivia

Do the Great Lakes ever freeze over?

?

Answer: Rarely, but a severe winter can cause it to happen.

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Thermochromic Eclipse Stamp to be Issued

The moon was new on Thursday, May 25, so as you watch it blossom towards first quarter during the fireworks displays this Memorial Day weekend, note that we are now less than 90 days away from the Great American Eclipse, a total solar eclipse where the only land traversed by the moon's main shadow will be the continental US from Oregon to South Carolina. In all other locations, the eclipse will be a partial event, a portion of the moon covering the sun, but it will still be an occurrence worth viewing if you possess the correct filtration. Ill talk more about that next week. Locally, the amount of sun that will be obscured by the moon will reach 75 percent at 2:43 p.m., Monday, August 21. First contact, when the eclipse begins will take place at 1:20 p.m., while second contact, when the partial eclipse concludes, happens at 4:00 p.m. Locations west of the East Coast see it earlier, not only because the moon's shadow moves from west to east, but because of time zone differences. The farther north or south an observer is distanced from where the moon's main shadow will traverse, the less obscuration of the sun will occur. The US Postal Service is also getting into the act by celebrating this historic event with a special philatelic gem to be released on the summer solstice, June 20. The Forever Stamp will be printed with thermochromic pigments, an ink that changes color with temperature, a first for any US stamp. Under cooler conditions the imprint will feature an image of the eclipsed moon with wispy strands of solar corona emanating from it; but putting the warmth of your thumb on the stamp will cause thermochromism to occur, changing Luna from an eclipsed moon into a full moon. One word of caution the Postal Service warns. The pigment will become desensitized by ultraviolet radiation, so the US Postal Service will be selling the Forever Stamp, as well as a UV blocking envelope for an additional nominal fee. Appropriately, the solar image has used a composite photograph of a total solar eclipse taken by Mr. Eclipse, astrophysicist Fred Espenak, who may hold the world's record for spending more time in the shadow of the moon than any other human being. The actual images were recorded from Jalu, Libya, on March 29, 2006. Thanks, Mark Balanda, from Hershey, PA for tipping me off to this event. www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** Which 1974 movie featured a character named Jake Gittes?
2. **LANGUAGE:** What are three letters of the Greek alphabet that begin with the letter "p"?
3. **HUMAN ANATOMY:** What part of the brain regulates body temperature and controls the autonomic nervous system?
4. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is a hussar?
5. **MYTHOLOGY:** Which figure in Greek mythology possessed the gift of prophecy?
6. **GEOGRAPHY:** What artificial structure connects the Mediterranean Sea and the Red Sea?
7. **TELEVISION:** Who played the lead role in the drama "Columbo"?
8. **MUSIC:** What Barry Manilow song started with the line "'Her name was Lola"?
9. **GOVERNMENT:** What amendment to the Constitution authorized federal taxes on income?
10. **FOOD & DRINK:** What shape is the pasta called farfalle?

Answers: 1. "Chinatown" (Jack Nicholson); 2. Phi, pi and psi; 3. The hypothalamus; 4. A horseman in a European light cavalry unit; 5. Cassandra; 6. Suez Canal; 7. Peter Falk; 8. "Copacabana"; 9. Sixteenth Amendment; 10. Bows or butterfly (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On June 13, 1381, a large mob of English peasants marches into London and begins burning and looting the city. The Peasants' Revolt began when Parliament restricted voting rights by raising the poll tax.
- On June 17, 1579, during his circumnavigation of the world, Francis Drake anchors his ship, the Golden Hind, just north of present-day San Francisco and claims the territory for England's Queen Elizabeth I. Drake called the land "Nova Albion."
- On June 14, 1777, during the American Revolution, the Continental Congress adopts a resolution stating that "the flag of the United States be 13 alternate stripes red and white" and that "the Union be 13 stars, white in a blue field." The "Stars and Stripes" are commemorated every June 14 on Flag Day.
- On June 15, 1877, Henry Ossian Flipper, born a slave in Georgia in 1856, is the first black cadet to graduate from the United States Military Academy at West Point, New York. Flipper was appointed a second lieutenant in the all-black 10th Cavalry.
- On June 12, 1920, Man O' War wins the 52nd Belmont Stakes, and sets the record for the fastest mile ever run by a horse to that time. "Big Red" was the greatest thoroughbred of his generation.
- On June 16, 1961, Rudolf Nureyev, the young star of the Soviet Union's Kirov Ballet, defects at an airport in Paris. Nureyev broke from the company and threw himself into the arms of airport security, screaming, "Protect me!" The high-profile defection was a blow to Soviet prestige.
- On June 18, 1984, talk-radio icon Alan Berg, the self-described "man you love to hate," is shot and killed in his driveway. The 50-year-old host had stirred up controversy with his outspoken personality, abrasive approach and liberal views. His story provided inspiration for the 1988 film "Talk Radio."

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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Ousts</p> <p>7 Fig. on a new car sticker</p> <p>11 Isle of Minos</p> <p>16 Pro music providers</p> <p>19 Lost lady in "The Raven"</p> <p>20 "That clarifies it"</p> <p>21 Saabs, say</p> <p>22 Use scissors</p> <p>23 Enron scandal figure was inactive?</p> <p>26 Suffix of fruit drinks</p> <p>27 — Pie (cold treat)</p> <p>28 Sternward</p> <p>29 Lucas of film</p> <p>31 By way of, briefly</p> <p>33 "Three's Company" actor started dozing?</p> <p>38 See 82-Across</p> <p>40 Money owed</p> <p>41 Floral wreath</p> <p>42 Pappies</p> <p>43 Lyric writer Gershwin</p> <p>44 Lyric work</p> <p>47 Toe part</p> <p>49 "Lulu" composer Berg</p> | <p>52 Watergate whistleblower had anxiety?</p> <p>59 Island near Molokai</p> <p>60 — for "apple"</p> <p>61 Charles of CBS News</p> <p>62 "CSI" actress Elisabeth</p> <p>65 Solar system members</p> <p>69 Ending for pent- or hex-</p> <p>70 Citi Field stat</p> <p>71 Reds great met a tough challenge?</p> <p>76 Santa — (hot desert wind)</p> <p>77 Unveil, in poetry</p> <p>78 Swiss resort lake</p> <p>79 Greek mountain</p> <p>80 "Is there an echo —?"</p> <p>82 With 38-Across, they have film bloopers</p> <p>83 "This —!" (fighting words)</p> <p>86 Teen sleuth noted the subtle difference?</p> <p>94 "Gladiator" actor Davis</p> | <p>95 Mrs. Addams, to Gomez</p> <p>96 Bygone flight inits.</p> <p>97 "Aquarius" network</p> <p>98 Chilly</p> <p>101 Hereditary helices</p> <p>103 Small needle case</p> <p>105 Have one's cake and eat —</p> <p>107 "The Ward" actress hallucinated auditorily?</p> <p>113 Te- — (giggles)</p> <p>114 Blueswoman Smith</p> <p>115 Fuzz figure</p> <p>116 Machine for sowing</p> <p>118 Become old</p> <p>119 "The Great Ziegfeld" figure caused a road jam?</p> <p>126 UNLV part</p> <p>127 Valuable store</p> <p>128 River of Pisa</p> <p>129 Not coastal</p> <p>130 Pack carrier</p> <p>131 Targeted</p> <p>132 In order</p> <p>133 States of change</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Bugling beast</p> <p>2 Winning sign</p> <p>3 Cochlea site</p> <p>4 Relative of an attaché</p> <p>5 Trying trip</p> <p>6 Take effect</p> <p>7 What to call an English nobleman</p> <p>8 Retirees' fund org.</p> <p>9 Marina del —</p> <p>10 Like a smug know-it-all</p> <p>11 OPEC, e.g.</p> <p>12 Mai tai liquor</p> <p>13 Sked guess</p> <p>14 Pacific island nation</p> <p>15 Actor Will and environs</p> <p>16 U.S. capital</p> <p>17 Deemed</p> <p>18 Infuses</p> <p>24 Wellness gp.</p> <p>25 Awry</p> <p>30 Horse-track has-been</p> <p>31 Slim and fit</p> <p>32 Greek Juno</p> <p>34 Eatery card</p> <p>35 Impose — on (forbid)</p> <p>36 Pages (through)</p> <p>37 "— & Stitch"</p> <p>39 Long couch</p> <p>45 Room with a 39-Down</p> <p>46 Pass</p> <p>48 Hate</p> <p>50 Horse to bust</p> <p>51 All mixed up</p> <p>53 Abstract artist Paul</p> <p>54 Scrabble pick</p> <p>55 Tight-fisted type</p> <p>56 Karloff of film</p> <p>57 Timber wolves</p> <p>58 City near Minneapolis</p> <p>62 Seville locale</p> <p>63 Hair dye</p> <p>64 Fan of the Jazz, usually</p> <p>66 Attorney or heir follower</p> <p>67 Nutty candy</p> <p>69 Nails the test</p> <p>72 Actors Cullin and Calhoun</p> <p>73 Pages for think pieces</p> <p>74 Handling the matter</p> <p>75 Kind</p> <p>81 Schools, to the French</p> <p>82 "Hero" co-star Davis</p> <p>84 NYC-to-Seattle dir.</p> <p>85 Berry from Brazil</p> <p>87 Bike, e.g.</p> <p>88 Weight-loss strategy</p> <p>89 Narrow strip of land: Abbr.</p> <p>90 Feng —</p> <p>91 Russian news agency</p> <p>92 Penetrating woodwind</p> <p>93 Sarges, say</p> <p>98 Jewish mystical tradition</p> <p>99 Last letters</p> <p>100 Dwell (on)</p> <p>102 Like insteps and rainbows</p> <p>104 Hip place</p> <p>106 Winter bug</p> <p>108 Gaucho rope</p> <p>109 "The Dance" artist</p> <p>110 Female goat</p> <p>111 Fetch</p> <p>112 Sans — (font style)</p> <p>117 Pioneer Boone, to townfolk</p> <p>120 — de plume</p> <p>121 Hail, to Ovid</p> <p>122 Rap's Dr. —</p> <p>123 A, in Italy</p> <p>124 Opal ending</p> <p>125 LPs' successors</p> |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, beloved creator of Sherlock Holmes, who made the following sage observation: "I should dearly love that the world should be ever so little better for my presence. Even on this small stage we have our two sides, and something might be done by throwing all one's weight on the scale of breadth, tolerance, charity, temperance, peace and kindness to man and beast. We can't all strike very big blows, and even the little ones count for something."
- In France, writing a bad check is not just bad form -- it's illegal. Violators of the "cheque sans provision" law are subject to criminal fines and can be banned from writing checks for up to five years.
- You might be shocked if you came across the term "lust-house" in, say, a newspaper. You shouldn't be, though -- it doesn't mean what you think it means. The term comes to us (unsurprisingly) from German, where the word might refer to either a country house or a tavern with a beer garden.
- There was a time when the game of checkers was commonly -- and condescendingly -- called "chess for ladies."
- Avian veterinarians agree: One of the main health problems faced by pet parrots is obesity. Evidently, Polly wants more than just a cracker.
- It's interesting to speculate whether American singer, songwriter and record producer Kid Rock would have met with as much success had he kept the name he was given at birth, Bob Ritchie.

Thought for the Day: "Wear your learning, like your watch, in a private pocket, and do not pull it out and strike it merely to show you have one. If you are asked what o'clock it is, tell it, but do not proclaim it hourly and unasked, like the watchman." -- Lord Chesterfield

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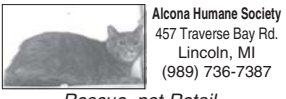

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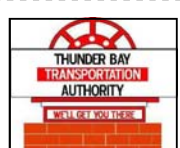
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tribute to ongoing monarch conservation efforts as well. Creating habitat for monarchs and other pollinators, whether it's in your backyard or a large field, is a great place to start.

"Monarch habitat includes several species of milkweed and multiple flowering plants that bloom throughout the spring, summer and fall," Kennedy said. "Milkweed is important as a food source for monarch caterpillars, and flowering plants provide food for adults during migration and breeding."

Kennedy stressed that it's important to use plants that are native to Michigan so invasive species are not introduced into the state. More information about native plants is available from the Michigan Native Plant Producers Association.

Ten milkweed species are native to Michigan – the most widespread are common

milkweed, butterfly milkweed and swamp milkweed.

According to Duke Elsner of Michigan State University Extension, milkweeds can be started from seeds – which can be collected from existing plants or purchased from commercial suppliers – or as young container plants.

Older milkweed plants are very difficult to transplant, so that approach isn't recommended. Seeds need a three-month period of exposure to cold, so it is a good practice to plant seeds in autumn.

Container plants can be planted in spring, but it is advisable to wait until the threat of spring frosts has passed. Elsner provides more helpful tips in "Growing milkweeds for monarch butterflies."

In an excerpt from "Smart gardening to support monarchs," Elsner writes: "The adult monarch butterfly can feed on the nectar of many

species of flowering plants. As they travel throughout Michigan from May through October, select flowers with a wide range of blooming times to support monarchs. You should have something blooming throughout the growing season. A series of blooming plants will also benefit many species of pollinating bees and natural enemies of pests.

"Some of the trees, shrubs and other plants monarch butterflies visit for nectar include wild cherry, lilac, Labrador tea, blazing star, red clover, dogbane, goldenrods, ironweeds, joe-pye weed, marigolds, asters, rattlesnake-master, sunflowers, thistles, vetches and milkweeds."

Other resources include the Create Habitat for Monarchs web page from Monarch Joint Venture and "How to build a butterfly and pollinator garden in seven steps" from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Another way you can contribute to monarch butterfly conservation efforts is to monitor monarch populations by reporting any sightings at Journey North or getting involved in other monarch citizen science opportunities.

"Much of what we know about monarch biology, migration, and conservation is informed by data collected by citizen scientists throughout North America" said Karen Oberhauser, founder of the



A close-up view of a monarch butterfly egg on the underside of a leaf.

Monarch Larva Monitoring Project and co-chair of the Monarch Joint Venture.

The Monarch Conservation Science Partnership is looking for volunteers to participate in its national monitoring effort by collecting data, testing field techniques and providing feedback on the monitoring program.

A free training session for volunteers will be held at Fenner Nature Center in Lansing, Michigan, on June 10-11. Register for the training.

For more about what can be done to help pollinators in Michigan, monarch biology, current projects helping pollinators, and activities and resources for kids and teachers by visiting michigan.gov/wild-life and clicking on "Monarchs in Michigan."

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CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Special meeting was held May 23 to hire a township sexton at the township hall at 6461 Gillard Road in Spruce. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. with "The Pledge of Allegiance." All board members were present. Motion to hire Martha Dahl, add \$2,222.00 to the sexton's salary for 2017-2018 and pay her assistant \$150 a month until the end

of October 2017. Sexton starts June 1 as a contractor. Both sexton and assistant will be bonded. Supervisor and sexton will sign job description contract. Motion to adjourn at 6:20 p.m. All motions were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next regular township board meeting June 14.

Kerry Scott, Clerk

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given to anglers for returning tagged fish. Any angler returning a coded-wire tagged fish to the DNR will receive a letter describing the history of the fish caught

(such as stocking location and age).

To learn more about the DNR's mass marking efforts, visit michigan.gov/tagged-fish.

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