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### New Curtis Township library director brings unique experiences

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

The new Curtis Township Library director is a long way from where she grew up in southern California, however she brings with her a wealth of life experiences to the position.

Becky Kyes has a unique take on the position because of the variety of work she has performed in the past. Kyes has 25-years of work experience as a museum curator working for several museums across the country.

"I've worked in art museums, history museums, and museums which have a natural science component. Every museum I have ever worked at, no matter how small, has a library. In a museum, you don't loan out the volume we do at a library, but we did loan out collections to class-

rooms and events," Kyes said. She explained being a museum curator is similar to a library director position except museums want older collections of things and libraries want newer collections.

She also has a love of reading and her taste in books is eclectic, everything from how to fix an engine to bestselling mystery books. She explained when she met her husband, Doug, he was a cross country truck driver and they had phone dates where she read to him over the phone while he was driving.

"We read a lot of great books that way. I'm a bibliophile. I collect books and I'm always reading. It was very hard to keep real books while living on a sailboat though," Kyes said.

She explained for almost

five years, prior to coming to Michigan to live she and Doug lived aboard a 30-foot sailboat they docked off Tampa Bay and Key West, Florida and the Georgia Bay after they retired. Aboard the boat, she read mostly from her tablet.

A few years ago, the couple decided they wanted a more permanent home than boat life could offer. They had camped in northern Michigan and had always enjoyed it. Another driving push to live in Michigan was that Doug had a large family of five children, 20 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren and they wanted to be closer to them.

"We must have looked at over a hundred homes in the Upper Peninsula and on the west side of the state but didn't see anything that felt



Becky Kyes, new director of Curtis Township Library.  
Photo by Mary Weber.

like home, or if it did, it was sold before we could buy it. We love being by the water, so we came to see what was along Lake Huron," Kyes said. They saw a house listing

that looked promising in Oscoda but dismissed it because it was over their price range. While calling on another listing, the realtor told them, unfortunately, it had already been sold, but he had a similar house they may be interested in that was just reduced in price. It was the house they dismissed because of the price.

"It was meant to be. We just love it and we can see Lake Huron from our mailbox. We love the people here, it's peaceful. We love to hunt, fish and kayak. Being by the water is where we wanted, so this is the perfect place to live," Kyes said.

One of her duties as library director will be to bring in new programming and find funds for the programs and to support the library in gen-

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### Shelter wishes homes for all animals in the New Year

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

While most Alcona County residents take time off on Christmas and New Year's Day, a few Alcona Humane Society employees will be heading to work to make sure the animals housed at the shelter are taken care of.

The shelter is filled to capacity with about 15 dogs and 33 cats who are waiting for their new fur-ever home. All hoping 2020 will be the year they find it.

"The animals wait as long as it takes to find a good home. They are all really good about it, but the stress of shelter life can get to them," Jenna Richardson said. She has been the manager at the humane society for about three years.

She explained, however, the animals simply can't wait a day without care. "It doesn't matter if it's a Sunday, a weekday or a holiday, every day the animals must be cared for. Even when we aren't open, someone must come in twice a day and feed them, give them fresh water, clean the cages and pick up poop. There is no calling in sick. Here the animal's care comes first, above everything else," Richardson said.

Richardson took a few minutes out of her busy day to sit with Bonnie Braden, Alcona Humane Society board president, to talk about changes made in the shelter over the past year.

The biggest change is it no longer accepts more animals than it can house. "It's been

wonderful since they made that change. There is a lot less sickness. We don't euthanize an animal unless we have tried everything we possibly can to make the animal healthy and adoptable. Lowering the number of animals taken in has reduced euthanizations a lot," Richardson said.

Braden said in the past as many as 80 plus cats were accepted into the shelter at one time, causing not only health issues to rise for the animals, but also wore on the physical demands and hearts of the staff who had to care for so many ill animals.

"Being in an area with a high population of feral cats who came in sick was one of the reasons so many other cats became ill. It is so much

better now running it this way," Richardson said. She explained in addition to lowering the number of animals coming into the shelter, daily medical logs are kept on each animal in their care to maintain optimum health throughout the facility.

Another plus for the shelter and the community is Richardson reaching out to Jamieson Nursing Home to make monthly visits with a few of the adoptable pets.

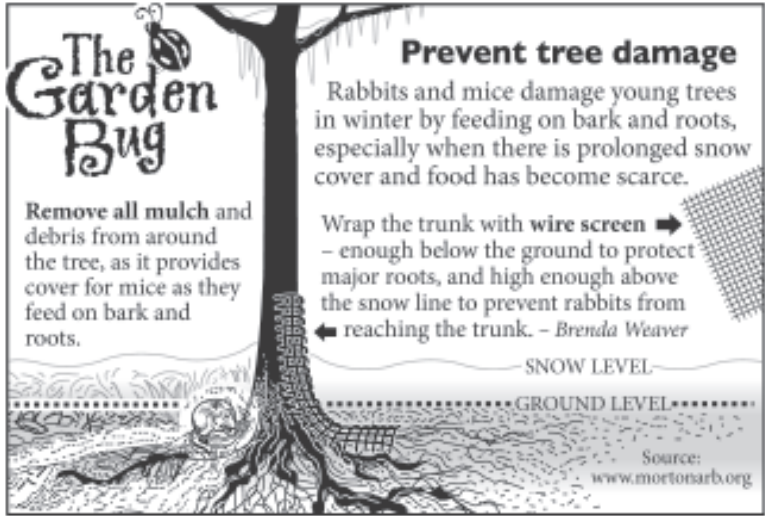
She explained the exchange between the nursing home residents and the animals is truly emotionally uplifting for all. "Having a resident hold a purring cat and watching their eyes light up with excitement and grati-

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## Americanisms



“An optimist stays up until midnight to see the new year in. A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves.”  
 — William E. Vaughan

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## Obituaries

### Abigail L. Dunckel

Abigail L. Dunckel, 26, died on Monday, Dec. 23, 2019 in Tigard, Ore.

She was born May 6, 1993 to Eric L. and Kathleen J. (Stineman) Dunckel in Midland, Mich. She was raised in Haynes Township.

Ms. Dunckel had a masters degree in library and information science from Wayne State University and an Associate of Arts degree in sign language interpretation from Lansing Community College.

She enjoyed reading, travel and online gaming.

Ms. Dunckel is survived by her parents, Eric and Kathleen Dunckel; one sister, Elena Dunckel; her grandparents, Elbridge and Marion Dunckel; and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Russell and Shirley Stineman.

A memorial service and visitation will be held on Sat-



urday, Jan. 4 starting at 1 p.m. at New Life Lutheran Church, 25 Kirche in the Woods, Spruce. Interment will be in the memorial garden at New Life Lutheran Church.

Memorial contributions may be made to Up North Prevention or National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

Arrangements were handled by Autumn Funerals, Tigard, Ore.

### Marilyn K. Sohn

Marilyn Kay Sohn, 72, of Hopewell Junction, N.Y., died on Wednesday, Dec. 25, 2019 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

She was born December 8, 1947 to Frederick J. and Anna (Layman) Ritchie in Harrisville. She was raised in Mikado, where her father owned the local gas station.

On February 15, 1969 she married George A. Sohn in Oscoda.

Mrs. Sohn worked as an office secretary for Dow Chemical. She enjoyed sewing, reading, family history, puzzles and crosswords.

Mrs. Sohn is survived by her husband, George A. Sohn, of Hopewell Junction, N.Y.; one daughter, Suzanne (John-David) Wellman; and two grandchildren, Georgeanna Wellman and Campbell Wellman.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Kenneth L. Ritchie, on April 6, 2018.

Arrangements were handled by McHoul Funeral Home in Hopewell Junction, N.Y. Cremation has taken place and interment will be at the Mikado Township Cemetery in the spring.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 15829, Arlington, Va. 22215 or the Mikado Goodfellows, 2515 South Armstrong Road, Mikado, Mich. 48745.

### Writing Letters to the Editor

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## Director

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eral. She was excited to begin writing grants and get started on helping the community funding by getting a millage renewal passed in 2020. She said without the millage the library would have to close its doors.

“The library does a lot for the community,” Keys said. “Last summer they took in three Oscoda students who needed summer school instead of bussing them to Oscoda.”

According to Kyes, the library also proctors college exams, holds well-attended veteran programs, and hosts a variety of local meetings with no cost to the public.

She already has a few ideas for programming which will not cost the library anything which she could present herself including preserving heirlooms and, possibly, a program on the dangers in museums.

“People aren’t aware of the dangers. You must know a lot of things to work in a museum and not die. Mummies have all kinds of toxic spores and pathogens that can make people ill. Taxidermy over 50 years old used to be sprayed with arsenic. Old hats have mercury in them. The story of “Alice in Wonderland” and the Mad Hatter, -- he went mad due to mercury poisoning in the hat,” Kyes said.

In addition to programming and finding funds to keep the doors open, Kyes will have a variety of other duties including, general finances, cataloging, and working on the library’s Facebook and website pages and other duties as necessary.

Kyes said she loves her co-workers at the library and Linda Howell, who has worked at the library for about 18 years and part-time clerk, Amy Root, have been invaluable to her as she is still settling in.

Moira Maus, past interim library director and current president of the Curtis Township Library board, said they were impressed by Kyes, “With her job history, she has had to juggle multiple variables on a daily basis, managing volunteers, providing public tours, cataloging artifacts and updating databases. Being a rural library director requires the same level of flexibility -- she could have to shovel snow, help someone log onto the Internet, proctor an exam and catalog books all in a single workday. She also loves books.”

The Curtis Township Library is located at 4884 Bamfield Road in Glennie. For hours call, (989) 735-2601.



The cartoon strip “Krazy Kat,” introduced in 1913, in the New York Evening Journal was the first animated cat (drawn by George Herriman).  
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# Calendar of Events

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 9 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-32. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and the meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. First meeting is free. Handicap accessible. Call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-8600 for details.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Storytime and craft for children from 10:30 to 11:30 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 recovery program, will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 South State Street. For more information, call Pastor Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Genealogy 101 plus, genealogy classes for all levels, will be held from noon to 2 p.m. at the Iosco County Historical Museum, 405 West Bay Street (US-23) in East Tawas. Sessions will be tailored from beginners to advanced. Bring questions, thoughts and ideas. For more information, call Judy Sheldon at (989) 984-9305.

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

Sunrise Side Strummers ukulele jam session from 2 to 4 p.m. at Wiltse's Brew Pub, 5606 North F-41 in Oscoda. All levels of ukulele players are welcome. Family and friends are encouraged to come and sing along. There is a \$1 donation to defray costs. For more information, call Paula at (989) 724-5080.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 6

A town hall style meeting to discuss the benefits and opportunities associated with recreational marijuana, will be held at the Alcona Township Hall, 5576 North US-23, Black River at 6:30 p.m. Guest speakers will be Rich Thompson from the Michigan Cannabis Industry Association; Tom Reif, municipal consultant; and Jamie Lowell, contributor and associate author of the Michigan Recreational Marijuana law. For more information, call John Schlicker at (989) 335-3873.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Individuals whose lives are affected by depression or another mental health condition are welcome to attend Fresh Hope, a Christian-based support group for those with mental health challenges. Loved ones are also welcome. Meetings are from 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Old Stone Church on the corner of Shaw and Poor Farm roads, Harrisville. For more information, contact Claire at (989) 724-6665.

Knitting Klub and 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. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

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. Bring a box or bag. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

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The Newcomers Lunch Group will meet at noon at the Big Boy Restaurant on Ripley Avenue in Alpena. Call Terry at (989) 340-0676 if planning to attend.

The Sunrise Ringers Bell Choir of Harrisville is seeking new members. Anyone who has wanted to ring handbells is encouraged to attend an organizational dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian in Harrisville. Attendees are asked to bring a potluck food item to share. Being able to read music is not a requirement. All bells and music are provided. For more information, contact Susan Haight at (248) 871-8710.

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

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## MONDAY, JANUARY 13

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## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Homeschoolers at the library – children of all ages are invited for a fun and educational activity at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 1 p.m. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

*(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. The Deadline is Friday at noon. 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.)*

## CryptoQuip answer

That rock band's new album "Ebb and Flow" includes a tune of the same name. It's the tidal track.

## NOTICE

The Curtis Township Planning Commission will be holding the first quarterly meeting on January 14, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. at the township offices, including in this meeting will be a "Public Hearing" on a proposed noise ordinance.

Teresa J. Perkins, Township Clerk

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**

**City of Harrisville – Zoning Ordinance Amendment**

The City of Harrisville Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Monday, January 13, 2020 at 7 p.m. to recommend adoption of a zoning ordinance amendment relating to animals to the City Council. The public hearing will be held at 200 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. The full text of the amendments is available at the Harrisville City offices at the above address during regular City Hall hours. Written comments may be sent to the above address prior to the meeting. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by counsel. The proposed amendments modify the City of Harrisville Zoning Ordinance as follows: Amend Section 3.29 (Animals) to address prohibited animals, permitted animals, confinement to premises, access to public ways and places, and removal of defecation.

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**Senior Menu**

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at the United Methodist Church and at 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. No reservations are required at the Lincoln Senior Center, however call (989) 736-8879 by 7 a.m. for meals served in Glennie. No membership is required. Suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, Jan. 6—Pork chop, baked potato, hubbard squash, pineapple tidbits, two percent milk and wheat bread.
- Tuesday, Jan. 7—Beef chop suey, brown rice, peas, diced pears, and two percent milk.
- Wednesday, Jan. 8—Oven fried garden chicken, broccoli, sweet potatoes, hot cinnamon apples, and two percent milk.
- Thursday, Jan. 9—Beef stew, biscuit, diced pears, two percent milk, and an ice cream sandwich.
- Friday, Jan. 10—Stuffed green peppers, buttered noodles, wax beans, tossed salad, mixed fruit, two percent milk, and wheat bread.  
*(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

**Educational Scholarships**

Northland Area Federal Credit Union is accepting applications for 2020 Jerry Erickson Educational Scholarships beginning January 20. Northland student mem-

bers can earn awards to use for college expenses.

Deanna Reeves, vice president of member service said, "Our commitment to financial education begins with our members. Northland is honored to recognize those who plan, study, and sacrifice to earn college degrees."

The scholarship program is named for the late Jerry Erickson, who served as a volunteer at the credit union for 46 years. Scholarship applications are decided with equal importance placed on academic achievement, community service/involvement, and essay content. The 2020 Jerry Erickson Education Scholarship applications will be available online at northlandcu.com beginning January 20. Mail applications to Northland Area Federal Credit Union, Jerry Erickson Scholarship Award P.O. Box 519, Oscoda, Mich. 48750. Applications must be received by March 1.

**Away at School**

- Autumn Schwarz, of Glennie, was named to the 2019 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average of a 4.0 scale.
- Brianna Fogle, of Harrisville, was named to the 2019 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average of a 4.0 scale.
- Eric Gill, of Harrisville, was named to the 2019 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average of a 4.0 scale.
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- Jacob Schott, of Harrisville, was named to the 2019 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average of a 4.0 scale.
- Sara Whitten, of Harrisville, was named to the 2019 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, stu-

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- Tiffany Younk, of Harrisville, was named to the 2019 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average of a 4.0 scale.
- Peter Huizinga, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the 2019 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average of a 4.0 scale.
- Christian Malaney, of Hubbard Lake, was named to the 2019 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average of a 4.0 scale.
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- Cody Schram, of Lincoln, was named to the 2019 fall semester at Alpena Community College. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average of a 4.0 scale.
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tude is truly wonderful and the pet gets an outing and some additional loving," Richardson said.

Braden said it probably doesn't do much to get the animal adopted, but Richardson explained much to her surprise, bringing a kitten to the home did end up in an adoption because an employee of Jamieson's fell in love with the kitten during the visit and adopted him shortly after.

According to Richardson, between the months of January to November 2019, 37 dogs and 97 cats were adopted out of Alcona Humane Society and 42 lost pets were returned to their owners through the shelter.

"The most important thing when someone is missing a pet is to call the shelter first. We may not have their animal, but someone else may have already called us saying a stray dog is in their yard. Communication is key. If we know you are missing an animal, we may be able to help you find it quickly," Richardson said.

When strays do come in, the shelter first checks to see if the animal is identification chipped, after that, a photo is taken and put it on the Facebook page. Richardson said Facebook has been extremely helpful in reuniting lost pets with their owners.

Braden said everything looks good for the coming year for the society -- it just received an infusion of new board members doubling its numbers from four to eight.

She is happy with the improvements being made to the building including the new roof that was put on this past year and the new epoxy floor which will be installed this spring.

The humane society employs one full-time and three part-time employees and has an annual budget of about \$110,000 per year.

Braden said 50 percent of its funding comes through Precious Paws, a resale store located in the Harbortown Mall in Harrisville. The store, run by volunteers, receives donated quality goods and sales at the store are especially good during the summer months and at Christmas.

For several years, the store has been managed by Connie Sysak, however, a change will be made in 2020 as she will be retiring from her volunteer position. Marlene Hawes will become the new manager.

Braden said the store is always looking for volunteers and said the work is typically an easy, 3.5-hour shift once or twice a week. "I enjoy it a lot. Living in Lost Lake Woods I feel isolated and don't get out much, but when I come and volunteer at the store I get to chit chat with customers, help them find something special and I get to shop a bit too," Braden said.

Volunteers are also needed at the shelter to help walk dogs, cuddle kittens and take animals to the veterinarian. Braden said many people tell her they wouldn't be able to volunteer where there are



Alcona Humane Society board president Bonnie Braden (left) takes a moment for a photo with Jenna Richardson, manager (kneeling), Bailey an 8-year-old pit bull mix and Hannah Hart, animal caregiver holding a cat named Orange. Both Bailey and Orange are waiting for their fur-ever home at the humane society shelter. Bailey loves car rides, social outings and is good with cats and kids but not other dogs. Orange is a one-year-old cat who gets along with other cats, dogs and kids, loves being held and playing with balls. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

## Humane Society Wish List

The Alcona Humane Society has recently updated its wish list for the shelter. All of the items can be found locally at Lincoln Hardware on Barlow Road across from the fairgrounds, but do not have to be purchased there.

If items are purchased for the humane society at Lincoln Hardware, shoppers are encouraged to tell employees they are for the shelter and the hardware store will cover the sales tax.

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- Cat nip
- Dog and cat treats
- Kong dog toys

- Hallow boiled bones
- Note pads and Post-it notes

- Copy/printer paper; first class stamps;

- Distilled water
- Lincoln Hardware gift cards
- Gas cards

- Volunteers to help clean the property, walk dogs, cuddle cats and run errands

- Volunteers to help staff Precious Paws resale shop.

- To keep all dogs on a regular diet the humane society only feeds dogs Purina Dog Chow and cats are fed Purina Cat Chow in the blue bag or Purina Kitten Chow.

- The shelter uses a specific litter called Envirozorb which is ordered by the ton. If making a monetary donation specifically for cat litter, please note so on the check memo.

- Bring items directly to the shelter (at 457 W. Traverse Bay Road in Lincoln, north of M-72 off F-41).

- Monetary donations should be sent to Alcona Humane Society, 457 W. Traverse Bay Road, Lincoln, Mich., 48742.

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## Monitoring solutions for loved ones with dementia

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Exhausted Spouse

Dear Exhausted,

This is a concern for millions of Americans caring for a loved one with dementia at home. About 60 percent of people who suffer from dementia wander at some point, according to the Alzheimer's Association.

For caregivers, this can be frightening because many of those who wander off end up confused and lost, even in their own neighborhood, and are unable to communicate who they are or where they live. Here are some product and service solutions that may help.

For starters, there are a number of simple home modifications you can do to keep

your husband from wandering away. Some solutions include adding an extra lock on the top or bottom of the exterior doors out of the line of sight or installing door alarms on the exterior doors that let you know when they're opened. See AlzStore.com for a variety of product solutions. And, be sure you hide the car keys to keep him from driving.

You should also alert your neighbors that your husband may wander so they can keep an eye out and have a recent picture of him on hand to show around the neighborhood or to the police if he does get lost.

For high-tech solutions, there are a variety of wearable GPS tracking devices available today that can help you keep tabs on him. Some top options to consider include AngelSense (AngelSense.com), which can be attached to clothing or worn around the waist; wrist-watches like the Theora Connect (TheoraCare.com) or NurtureWatch (Nurture-

Watch.com); and the GPS SmartSole (GPSSmartSole.com), which is a shoe insole tracker.

All of these products come with smartphone apps that would alert you if your husband were to wander beyond a preestablished safe area and would let you know where to find him if he did. These products (except the GPS SmartSole) also provide two-way voice communication and auto pickup speakerphone so you can talk to him if he does wander off.

If the previously listed options don't work for you, there are also locating services – like the MedicAlert + Safe Return program (MedicAlert.org/alz) and Vitals Aware Services (TheVitalsApp.com) – that can help you if he does wander off.

The MedicAlert + Safe Return program comes with a personalized ID bracelet that would have your husband's medical information engraved on it, along with his membership number and the toll-free MedicAlert emergency phone



Savvy Senior

number. If he goes missing, you would call 911 and report it to the local police department who would begin a search, and then report it to MedicAlert. Or, a good Samaritan or police officer may find him and call the MedicAlert number to get him back home.

The Vitals Aware Service works a bit differently. This is a free app-based network system that comes with a small beacon that your husband would wear. If he did go missing, anyone in the Vitals app network community that came within 80 feet of him would receive an alert and information about him so they could contact you.

Another option that could help, depending on where you live, is a radio frequency locator service like SafetyNet and Project Lifesaver, which are offered by some local law enforcement agencies.

With these services, your husband would wear a wristband that contains a radio transmitter that emits tracking signals. If he goes missing, you would contact the local authorities who would send out rescue personnel who will use their tracking equipment to locate him.

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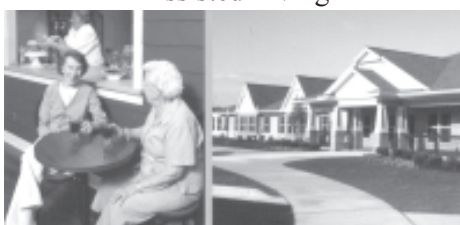
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# For one butterfly, Michigan may be its last, best hope

**By Eric Freedman**

*Capital News Service*

Going! Going! Soon gone?

That may be the plight of the endangered, awkwardly named Poweshiek skipperling butterfly, now known to survive in the wild in only two places on earth, Michigan and Manitoba.

A new study estimates that only 231 adults survive in Michigan, all in three prairie fens – a type of biologically diverse wetland community – in Oakland County. It is what scientists label the butterfly's "last remaining stronghold" in the world.

Back in 1995, the butterfly was "so abundant that you'd see so many of them you almost couldn't count them," said plant biologist Anna Monfils of the Institute for Great Lakes Research at Central Michigan University.

Even eight or 10 years ago, butterfly conservation biologist Erik Runquist of the Minnesota Zoo, who was not part of the study, said, "You could

go to some of these sites and see 200 in an area the size of a parking lot without even an effort."

Today, Monfils said, "in terms of urgency, it's in the ER (emergency room) and we're trying to keep the patient alive."

The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service says the Poweshiek skipperling may have been wiped out in Minnesota, Iowa and the Dakotas which "until recently contained the vast majority of the surviving populations."

A 2016 survey counted 104 of them at four Oakland County sites, five at two sites in Manitoba and two at a Wisconsin site, but a later survey spotted none in Wisconsin.

Scientists don't know for certain what caused the calamitous crash of the Poweshiek skipperling. They speculate that habitat de-

struction and fragmentation, disease, loss of genetic diversity, climate change and weather variations, invasive woody plants that damage biodiversity, insecticides and prescribed fire may be to blame.

"We can look at it as a canary in the coal mine – for them to crash so drastically indicates something is going on. Could this be an indicator of other dynamics causing problems across the landscape and what is happening with other species?" Monfils said.

The Minneapolis Zoo where Runquist works is the only place in the United States where efforts are underway to rear the Poweshiek skipperling from eggs collected from wild females in Michigan and to release them into an Oakland County site in Springfield Township.

Fish & Wildlife Service

funding for the "managed population" project comes from the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.

The program released two adults in 2018 and 14 this year. And although the numbers seem small, they are significant, Runquist said. "When we're seeing only 50 there for the whole year that might be a pretty good percentage."

The goal is to increase survivorship and to produce more butterflies than would be produced in the wild, he said.

"We're trying to add adults back" who will breed in the wild, Runquist said. "There are so few of them left. We're trying to keep it from going extinct in the short-term."

Meanwhile, the Assiniboine Zoo in Manitoba is undertaking a similar rear-and-release program. It's difficult to accurately estimate the abundance or scarcity of rare but-

terflies in general, according to the study by Monfils and her coauthors from the Michigan Natural Features Inventory and the Florida Museum of Natural History.

As for the Poweshiek skipperling, the study in the Journal of Insect Conservation said "numerous knowledge gaps" about their biology and ecology "limit the potential success of conservation efforts in and out of the wild. Critical knowledge gaps are limiting the ability to manage this federally endangered species."

For example, Monfils said scientists don't know where it lays its eggs and "don't know a lot about its life stages. Meanwhile, the tiny populations make it difficult to observe its behaviors. We just need to get out there and get eyes on these insects and see what they are doing, what their routines are like," she said.

## Homes

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animals waiting to find homes because they would want to adopt them all, but she explained it is quite possible to volunteer at the shelter and not take an animal home.

"The gift of their time to an animal in need is exceptionally gratifying. Once they see how calm and rested the animal is after they get back from a walk or an outing, they understand they don't have to take every animal home with them," Braden said.

There are many other events and fund-raisers the shelter holds annually including two garage sales -- a community sale in Harrisville in the spring and a larger sale at the Alcona County Fairgrounds in September, an annual spaghetti dinner in August with silent auction, the annual Critter Cash raffle and a soup and dog walk event which is by invitation only held at Lost Lake Woods.

In addition to memorial, honoree and other private donations, the humane society received some community generosity through Giving Tuesday, a day dedicated to encourage giving and help organizations worldwide. The event netted an additional \$3,460, this year, enough to help offset the cost of the new epoxy floor.

Richardson said all the dogs and cats at the shelter are waiting anxiously to meet their new owners. Photos of all adoptable pets can be found on the website at [alconahumanesociety.org](http://alconahumanesociety.org).

The Alcona Humane Society shelter is open Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed Sunday and holidays. It is located at 457 W. Traverse Bay Road in Lincoln, north of M-72 off F-41.

For information about adoption fees or events happening, such as Bissel's Clean out the Shelter adoption events, call the society at (989) 736-7387.

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## LeClair retires after nearly 30 years on commission

**January 4, 1995** ~ By Marion Tartaglia

It was his decision not to seek another term as District #1 commission on the Alcona County Board of Commissioners, but it was a poignant moment when Commissioner Willard LeClair offered the motion to adjourn the final board meeting for 1994 after serving almost 30 years on the board.

LeClair began his almost 40-year political career in 1956 when he was elected to the 14-member Board of Supervisors. A state constitution action in 1963 changed the county governing body to a five member board of commissioners. LeClair remained on the board for 18 years, after which he left for a period of about 11 years while he served as Alcona Township Supervisor. He returned to the county board in 1984 and has served continuously since that time.

## Burglars force entrance to Fuqua's Drug Store

Was Work of Thief Familiar With the Premises

**January 1, 1920** ~ Some one forced an entrance into Fuqua's Rexall Drug Store last week Tuesday night and made away with between \$40 and \$60 in cash.

Entrance was gained by breaking out a glass from the front door. The thief rifled the cash register and a money drawer or till kept at the back of the store, drew the bolt of the rear door and walked out. So far, as has been discovered, money was the only thing taken.

The crime was undoubtedly the work of someone who was familiar with the layout of the store and with the practice of keeping the cash in more than one place. The money drawer at the rear of the store, where the greater amount of money was kept, was located in a small cabinet that was used as a desk and would not be likely to attract attention as a place where money was kept. The drawer was locked but the key was kept in another drawer nearby. Whoever committed the theft, knew just what he was about.

Mr. Fuqua has been the victim of several burglaries. Prior to coming to Harrisville the till referred to here had figured in at least two other burglaries. Mr. Fuqua estimates that he is about \$1,000 out as the result of the work of thieves who have burglarized his places of business some five or six times.

Rebecca Counsellor of the Cooperative Extension office presented a letter of appreciation outlining the many extension activities LeClair has participated in for the benefit of county residents. Among the many items cited were his direct involvement in the planning, protection and usage of Negwegon State Park and his effort to protect land owners during oil and gas leasing.

LeClair traveled extensively to other northern counties several years prior to any activity in Alcona County to study the effects drilling would have on land now and in the future and to discern any problems landowners might encounter in dealing with representatives of the drilling companies.

LeClair supported 4-H activities, enjoyed and recommended bus tours highlighting land use and attended, without fail, the extension's monthly breakfast planning meetings.

"I'm happy to be moving on, but I am going to miss this. I have maybe been at it too long," LeClair commented.

Commissioners hosted a get together honoring LeClair following the meeting.

## Jim Frederick leaves road commission after 30 years

**January 4, 1995** ~ Thirty-year Road Commission veteran James O. Frederick handed in his orange hat on Wednesday, December 28, at the final road board meeting of 1994.

Frederick, a lifelong Alcona County resident and former Alcona school teacher, was appointed to the road commission board in 1965. During his tenure, Frederick served 10 years as chairman and 10 years as vice-chairman. Of his many contributions over the years, Frederick is perhaps best known for the quiet, unimposing way he carried out his responsibilities as road commissioner, said a spokesman for the commission.

"I remember him at a fairly heated public meeting one

## Trailer home destroyed by fire

**January 1, 1970** ~ A trailer home on Pine Street, one half mile south of Harrisville, was gutted by fire early Sunday morning.

The Harrisville Fire Department was called at about 12:15 a.m.

Mr. and Mrs. Willard Ross, owners of the trailer, were not at home at the time of the fire. Origin of the fire has not been determined.

time," related Road Commissioner Engineer-Manager Ronald Young

"He very efficiently smoothed the ruffled feathers and kept the meeting on track. He was a calming, yet strong voice on the board, what was in the best interest of the motoring public of Alcona County," said Young.

Frederick was honored at an informal gathering following Wednesday's meeting. Road Commission staff presented him with a cake and an inscribed mantle clock commemorating his years with the road commission. Retired Road Commissioner Donald Gillard, who was on the road board throughout Frederick's 30-year career, and Road Commissioner-elect Everett Schram were also on hand.

### Super Crossword

#### Answers

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## Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2019

### Weekly Report

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		Dominant Direction
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	
December 22	47	30	0.00	4.4	17	SSW
December 23	44	31	0.00	3.8	15	SW
December 24	33	31	0.00	8.5	19	SSW
December 25	37	32	0.00	4.0	19	SW
December 26	37	33	0.00	4.2	15	SSW
December 27	38	32	0.00	1.7	13	WNW
December 28	37	25	0.00	2.1	12	SSW

### Precipitation Summary (Inches)

2019-2020 Season

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.00	0.0	0.39
December to Date	1.30	7.0	1.65
Year/Season to Date	22.90	21.4	28.22

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.)



# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** What was the name of the main character in "National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation"?
2. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which U.S. president was the nation's first known speleologist?
3. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Greek prefix "tele" mean in English?
4. **MUSIC:** What was the main title of the 1979 song that is popularly known as "The Pina Colada Song"?
5. **PERSONALITIES:** Which actress was born Betty Joan Perske?
6. **MEDICAL:** What is a more common name for the condition known as canities?
7. **HISTORY:** When did daylight savings time go into effect in the United States?
8. **COMICS:** Which newspaper did reporter "Brenda Starr" work for?
9. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the novel "Mrs. Dalloway"?
10. **AD SLOGANS:** Which laundry detergent introduced the "ring around the collar" campaign?

**Answers:** 1. Clark Griswold; 2. Thomas Jefferson, who visited and mapped caves.; 3. Distance; 4. "Escape"; 5. Lauren Bacall; 6. Gray hair; 7. 1966; 8. The Flash; 9. Virginia Woolf; 10. Wisk (c) 2019 King Features Synd., Inc.

# Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 16, 1605, Miguel de Cervantes' "El ingenioso hidalgo Don Quixote de la Mancha," better known as "Don Quixote," is published. The novel gave rise to a number of now-common idioms, including the English phrase "tilting at windmills."
- On Jan. 18, 1803, Thomas Jefferson requests funding from Congress to finance the Lewis and Clark expedition. Though he did not disclose his intentions to Congress, Jefferson planned to send Meriwether Lewis on a reconnaissance mission to assess future territorial expansion into the west.
- On Jan. 19, 1915, during World War I, Britain suffers its first casualties from an air attack when two German zeppelins drop bombs on the eastern coast of England.
- On Jan. 13, 1939, Arthur "Doc" Barker is killed while trying to escape from Alcatraz Prison in San Francisco Bay. Barker, of the notorious "Bloody Barkers" gang, was spotted on the rock-strewn shore of the island after climbing over the walls. As he waded into the water, the guards shot and killed him.
- On Jan. 15, 1951, Ilse Koch, wife of the commandant of the Buchenwald concentration camp, is sentenced to life imprisonment in a court in West Germany. Nicknamed the "Witch of Buchenwald," Ilse collected lampshades, book covers and gloves made from the skin of tattooed camp prisoners.
- On Jan. 14, 1969, an explosion aboard the aircraft carrier USS Enterprise kills 27 people in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. A rocket accidentally detonated, destroying 15 planes and injuring more than 300 people. The Enterprise was the first-ever nuclear-powered aircraft carrier when it was launched in 1960.
- On Jan. 17, 1977, Gary Gilmore, convicted in a double murder, is executed by a firing squad in Utah, becoming the first person to be executed in the United States since the death penalty was reinstated in 1976.

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## Super Crossword

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Will, in the Bible</p> <p>6 Sang like a bird</p> <p>13 Modify</p> <p>19 Pages, e.g.</p> <p>20 Stone Age tool</p> <p>21 Simple shack</p> <p>22 "Well ... hop to it!"</p> <p>25 Pa's ma</p> <p>26 Mega-years</p> <p>27 Big record label, once</p> <p>28 Angers</p> <p>30 "Hamlet" monologue exhortation</p> <p>38 Singer DiFranco</p> <p>39 Skeletal bit</p> <p>40 Told fibs</p> <p>41 Fancy resort</p> <p>42 "Very sorry to hear that"</p> <p>49 Skidded</p> <p>51 Penn of film</p> <p>52 Compass pt.</p> <p>53 Divested (of)</p> <p>55 Intl. cultural gp.</p> <p>59 Like lambs</p> | <p>61 Voicing a question of curiosity</p> <p>66 Bush barb</p> <p>68 Misery</p> <p>69 Battery size</p> <p>70 Suffix with e.g. convert</p> <p>71 Army sites</p> <p>73 "Look ahead," to a drill instructor</p> <p>77 Wicked acts</p> <p>78 Regarding</p> <p>79 Downed</p> <p>80 Charged bit</p> <p>81 — Lauder</p> <p>83 Was the right thing, but didn't happen</p> <p>88 Steeds</p> <p>91 Set of seven</p> <p>92 That dude's</p> <p>93 Ad about DUI, maybe</p> <p>95 Just makes, with "out"</p> <p>96 Prune a bit</p> <p>98 Be published</p> <p>103 — Moines</p> <p>106 "Back in Black" band</p> <p>108 Actress Poehler</p> <p>109 Many a charity gp.</p> | <p>110 Poem that's the source of the phrase comprising the first words of 22-, 30-, 42-, 61-, 73-, 83- and 98-Across</p> <p>118 Viral GIF, e.g.</p> <p>119 Sci-fi saucer</p> <p>120 — Party</p> <p>121 Cookie giant</p> <p>123 Alternate title of</p> <p>131 Director May</p> <p>132 Shady giant</p> <p>133 Island ring</p> <p>134 Expunge</p> <p>135 More diluted</p> <p>136 Body of art?</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Like cut wood</p> <p>2 Pair of drum-kit cymbals</p> <p>3 "A Bell for —"</p> <p>4 Unleash on</p> <p>5 Airport org. flagging bags</p> <p>6 Parody-filled newspaper</p> | <p>7 Gretzky of hockey</p> <p>8 Brian of rock</p> <p>9 School URL ender</p> <p>10 "... — a puddy tat!"</p> <p>11 Orals, e.g.</p> <p>12 Clear, as a windshield</p> <p>13 Boxing great</p> <p>14 Bear's home</p> <p>15 Bender</p> <p>16 Not suited</p> <p>17 Town that's home to the University of Connecticut</p> <p>18 Shredded</p> <p>23 Blitzen, e.g.</p> <p>24 6'6", say</p> <p>29 Brine source</p> <p>31 Solo in films</p> <p>32 Mine find</p> <p>33 Game aim</p> <p>34 It aired "ER"</p> <p>35 Hi- — (stereos)</p> <p>36 Caviar fish</p> <p>37 Suburb of Minneapolis</p> <p>42 "Umami" taste source</p> <p>43 "— -haw!"</p> <p>44 Simply must keep going</p> <p>45 At variance</p> <p>46 Dr. Kildare player Ayres</p> | <p>47 "I heard him exclaim, — he drove out of sight ..."</p> <p>48 "Fine fellow"</p> <p>50 Paperboy, for one</p> <p>54 Gorilla guru Fossey</p> <p>56 Actress Leelee</p> <p>57 Pick out from others</p> <p>58 Some poems</p> <p>60 Plural of "el"</p> <p>62 Be in debt</p> <p>63 Some votes</p> <p>64 Zapping ER treatment</p> <p>65 Silver of statistics</p> <p>67 Neighbor of Belg.</p> <p>71 Party</p> <p>72 Netman Arthur</p> <p>74 "Uh-huh"</p> <p>75 Caviar base</p> <p>76 Inseparable</p> <p>77 DDE's WWII sphere</p> <p>79 Chocoholic, e.g.</p> <p>82 Chinese port</p> <p>84 Oahu patio</p> <p>85 Road, in Italy</p> <p>86 Seer's "gift"</p> <p>87 "Fresh Air" network</p> | <p>89 Dusk, to a bard</p> <p>90 Old Brit. Airways jet</p> <p>94 More heartfelt</p> <p>97 PC file that's shareable</p> <p>99 Fathers</p> <p>100 First-aid pro</p> <p>101 Writer Rand</p> <p>102 Nanki- — ("The Mikado" son)</p> <p>103 Block up</p> <p>104 Made level</p> <p>105 "Good as gold," e.g.</p> <p>107 Mötley — author Erich</p> <p>112 "He's a man — words"</p> <p>113 Dinero</p> <p>114 "With this ring — wed"</p> <p>115 Keno's kin</p> <p>116 Knight's mail</p> <p>117 Some pups</p> <p>122 Norway port</p> <p>124 Make haste</p> <p>125 Blast stuff</p> <p>126 Flying stinger</p> <p>127 Apartment divs.</p> <p>128 Archaic verb ending</p> <p>129 Dernier —</p> <p>130 Used a pew</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Nobel Prize-winning French poet, journalist and novelist Anatole France who gave the following sage advice: "Never lend books -- nobody ever returns them; the only books I have in my library are those which people have lent me."
  - One-quarter of the city of Los Angeles is taken up by automobiles.
  - Ancient Egyptian priests were bald. And not just on their heads -- they would pluck every hair from their bodies, including their eyebrows and eyelashes.
  - In many parts of Spain, Dec. 28 is traditionally observed as the Feast of the Holy Innocents. To celebrate, the young boys of a town gather together and light bonfires. One of them is designated as the mayor for the evening, and he goes about ordering citizens to do tasks such as sweeping the streets. Anyone who refuses is fined.
  - The deluge of mail around the holidays has been an issue longer than you probably realize. In 1822, the postmaster of Washington, D.C., was disgruntled by the surge and complained about having to hire 16 extra mail carriers. He wanted a law to be passed limiting the number of cards a person could send.
  - Have trouble remembering all the words to our national anthem? Be glad you're not Greek -- their national anthem has 158 verses.
  - If all the blood vessels in one human body were stretched out end to end, they would stretch all the way around the world.
  - The rivalry between those Ivy League giants, Harvard and Yale, is legendary. Not many people know, however, that Yale was founded by graduates of Harvard.
- Thought for the Day: "He who wants to grow rich in a year will be dead in a month." -- Spanish proverb  
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## CryptoQuip

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

Clue: Z equals T

ZCVZ QGEI PVXB'M XSO

VNPXH "SPP VXB TNGO"

JXENKBSM V ZKXS GT ZCS MVHS

XVHS. JZ'M ZCS ZJBVN ZQVEI.

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# Stray dog finds fur-ever home for Christmas

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

Stray dogs and cats are brought into shelters every day. Often, they have been neglected by people, some abused, and all, despite their confidence to be man's best friend, come into their new surroundings confused and afraid.

It takes a while for their rescuers to find them a perfect home, some longer than others. Such was the case with an eight-year-old black pit bull mix dog the Alcona Humane Society named Zorro.

Zorro was a boomerang, a term used for shelter animals who seem to find suitable adoptive owners only to be returned to the shelter a few days later. Boomerang pets typically have high energy, don't get along with other animals or people in their new household, or for whatever reason, just don't work out in their new home.

"Zorro came into Alcona Humane Society as a stray in 2017," Jenna Richardson wrote in a recent article of the society's newsletter, Critter Chat. Richardson is the manager of the Alcona Humane Society.

She explained the man who found him wandering the streets and brought him in couldn't stop thinking about the dog and came back to adopt him.

Zorro lasted just a day with

the man when he brought him back to Richardson saying he had too much energy.

Upon getting to know the dog, it was clear to Richardson that Zorro had not had an easy life before reaching the shelter doors. "He was thin, and he would bite at the kennel until his mouth bled, a sign that perhaps he had been locked in a kennel for most of his life. He had severe kennel anxiety and was destructive with toys and blankets. We could not trust him around children or cats," Richardson said.

Clearly, Zorro would not be an easy dog to adopt out, but he had Richardson's heart completely. She, as with all animals who come into the building, devoted herself to finding the right owner for the black pup.

Nine long months passed before anyone even thought about adopting the dog.

Finally, they thought maybe Zorro had found his match when he was adopted again. Unfortunately, the boomerang moniker stuck, and Zorro was brought back to the shelter a week later with the new owner saying he didn't get along with their other dog.

A month later, Zorro was adopted again, this time during a Bissell's "Empty the Shelters" event which reduces the price of adopting pets. Again, through no fault of his own, he was returned.

Richardson said with each boomerang adoption, Zorro's behavior worsened. "His kennel aggression piqued and so did his depression. Manners went out the window. It was questionable on whether he was safe to adopt out," Richardson said.

For nearly three long years, he had struggled to find his fur-ever home, a place where he felt safe and could find his true happiness. Zorro needed a miracle.

Stephanie DeVoy, her husband Larry and their 16-year-old son, Jerod Goodson, of Oscoda, had lost one of their three dogs to bone cancer last summer. As hard as it is to get over the loss of a pet, they knew something was missing from their lives and began the search of finding another dog to add to their pack, one that deserved a good home.

"We saw Zorro's photo on (Alcona Humane Society's) Facebook (page) and thought it would be worth a visit to the shelter," DeVoy said. Their family already had a good experience working with the Alcona Humane Society when they adopted their dog Sadie from them in 2008.

"When we got to the shelter Zorro wasn't there, but we saw another dog and thought maybe a meet and greet with our two dogs would determine a good fit. When we came back with our dogs for the meet and greet it didn't go



After waiting almost three years in the shelter, Zorro found his home. *Courtesy photo.*

well at all, they just didn't get along. The shelter suggested Zorro may be a better fit, so we waited until Zorro finished his walk. As soon as Zorro came through the door he got along well with our dogs. It was magical," DeVoy said.

While the transition hasn't been completely smooth at all times, because all dogs take a little time to get used to their new surroundings and the dogs already established in the home need to get used to the new one, DeVoy said all three dogs have settled in nicely together.

Zorro has been happy and comfortable in his new home for three months and Richardson is optimistic that Zorro's boomerang days are over forever.

DeVoy said she highly recommends Alcona Humane

Society if anyone is looking for a pet. "They are great people. They care so much for their dogs and cats. We are a busy family and we knew we didn't have time for a puppy. We knew an older dog wouldn't require as much time. It just worked and was meant to be. All those other owners he went through, it was like he was waiting for us."

"All I can say is adopt, don't shop. There are plenty of animals out there looking for a good home and they have so much love to give," DeVoy said.

For a complete list of adoptable pets available at the Alcona Humane Society, visit the website at [alconahumane-society.org](http://alconahumane-society.org) or call (989) 736-7387.

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