

Manhunt for murder suspect ends in suicide

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

An 11 hour man hunt for an alleged murderer ended in the suspect taking his own life as police closed in to arrest him last Thursday.

The suspect, Kelby L. Skiba, 40, of Alpena was wanted for the murder of Kecia M. Gauthier, 29, of Hubbard Lake.

According to Michigan State Police Detective Sgt. Steve Harshberger of the Alpena post, the hunt for Skiba

began at approximately 8 a.m. on Thursday, July 22 when deputies from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department and Alcona County EMS were called to a residence near the north end of Hubbard Lake in Caledonia Township for a person in distress.

Gauthier was the person in distress and was being assisted by a family member when deputies and EMS arrived. She was unconscious and suffering from a severe wound to the chest. She was

transported to Alpena Regional Medical Center and died a short time later.

Harshberger said Skiba "became the prime suspect based on information provided by the victim's mother and other individuals." He said Skiba and Gauthier had dated for approximately eight months and Gauthier had broken off the relationship one week prior.

"It is my understanding that there was one personal protection order (PPO) out on

this individual (Skiba) by another individual that was not the victim," Harshberger said. "However, I do believe that Kecia was in the process of obtaining one herself. I know she had filed reports with police. There was no evidence that allowed for his arrest prior to this happening."

Because Skiba lived in Alpena, the sheriff's department requested the assistance of the Michigan State Police (MSP) Alpena post in

locating him. Due to limited resources, the sheriff's department turned over the investigation as the lead agency and continued to fully support and assist in the investigation. According to Harshberger, detectives from the MSP in Alpena, Gaylord, Mich. and Houghton Lake posts were activated to conduct the investigation while additional resources from the MSP 7th District Fugitive

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EMS, ACCOA ask for millage renewals

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Next Tuesday when Alcona County voters go to the polls they will be asked to renew two countywide millages - to support the ambulance service and senior programs.

The Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) is asking voters to renew .375 mills for five years (2011-2015). "If approved the millage will provide funding to operate, maintain and expand programs and services and maintain Alcona senior centers, raising an estimated \$291,000 in the first year," according to the ballot.

Suzan Krey, executive director of the Alcona County Commission on Aging, said the millage will "pretty much provide all of the food distributed to seniors throughout the year - including dinners at the centers and the Meals on Wheels program."

The ACCOA serves dinners at three senior centers four days a week in Greenbush, Glennie and Lincoln (Monday through Thursday) and one meal on Friday in Lincoln. It also delivers approximately 125 meals daily to house-bound seniors throughout the county.

"In the last six months the number of Meals on Wheels has doubled," Krey said. "I don't know what is going on, but we've gone from 65 meals daily to over 125. We are adding about two to three (new deliveries) per week. That is over our budget."

Krey explained the millage also assists in paying for in-home care providers who travel to seniors in need of special assistance at home.

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Downstate man dies in motorcycle accident

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

A downstate man was killed on his motorcycle in a three vehicle accident in Glennie last Friday.

According to a report from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, Richard John Onaga, 57, of Macomb, Mich. was riding his motorcycle north on M-65 at approximately 12:23 p.m. when he crossed the centerline and struck a Chevy pickup truck pulling a pop up camper in the southbound lane.

The motorcycle lost control and crossed the centerline striking a semi truck in the northbound lane.

Curtis First Responders and Alcona EMS transported Onaga to Tawas St. Joseph Hospital where he died from his injuries.

The driver of the pickup, Gale O'Neill, 57, of Au Gres, Mich. and the driver of the semi, Scott Rodriguez, 34, of Flushing, Mich. were not injured.

The accident remains under investigation and alcohol was not a factor in the accident, according to the sheriff's department.



Twin fawns frolick under an apple tree during a rainstorm. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

Three candidates vie for road commission seat

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Since three Republican candidates are running for one seat on the Alcona County Road Commission and no Democratic candidates are on the ballot for the August primary election - voters will decide who will get the position next week.

Mike Glore and Theodore Somers are running against incumbent Richard Karsen Sr. for the six-year seat on the three person board which oversees the operation of the Alcona County Road Commission.

• **Mike Glore** was born and raised in Detroit, Mich. and graduated from John F. Kennedy High School in Tay-

lor, Mich. in 1971. Following graduation he continued operating two gas stations that he owned. When he sold the businesses, he drove truck in a five state area until purchasing the Mikado Market with his wife Ann (LaVigne) in 1983. They live in Mikado and have two grown children.

Glore works at the market helping with maintenance and repairs and business operations, while Ann has the more hands-on responsibilities. He worked as a truck driver for the road commission from 1995 to 2003 when he was injured. After he recovered from his injury, Glore went into business with his son, Edward, and formed E&M Builders where he fo-

cuses on the business end of the operation. Glore said he is in the process of retiring so he can pursue other interests.

He was involved in "behind the scene" planning of Bruce Park in Mikado, was on the road committee for Mikado Township for "awhile" and briefly sat on the Mikado Township Board of Review.

Glore decided to run for the position because he was unhappy with some of the commissioner's representation. "They forgot who they are working for - the voters," Glore said. "Costs have gotten out of control...the townships' portions have gotten

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Mike Glore



Richard Karsen Sr.



Theodore Somers

Obituaries

Leonard E. Hoffman

Leonard E. Hoffman, 81, of Flint Township, Mich. and Harrisville, passed away July 25, 2010 at McLaren Regional Medical Center.

He was born September 7, 1928 in Flint, Mich. to Raymond and Ethel (Hayes) Hoffman.

He was a member of the Ossineke Eagles Aeire 3762. He bowled in the Flint, Mich. area for many years. He was a meat cutter in Flint, Mich. and Harrisville for 60 years.

Mr. Hoffman is survived by four daughters, Nancy (Gregg) Nordman of Cadillac, Mich., Carol (Charles) Scott of West Branch, Mich., Darlene (Richard) Laws of Flushing, Mich. and Lauren (Richard) Charles of Flint Township, Mich.; two sons, Frederick (Donna) Hoffman of Virginia, Leonard Hoffman of Flushing, Mich.; six step-children; 18 grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren.



He was preceded in death by his wife, Donna (Dreuth) Hoffman; his second wife Eleanor (Collins) Hoffman; one daughter, Deneen Jackson; and one granddaughter.

Cremation has taken place. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the family or the charity of one's choice. Arrangements were handled by Sharp Funeral Home in Flint, Mich.

Beverly A. Moore

Beverly A. Moore, 78, of Fenton, Mich. died on Wednesday, July 21, 2010.

She was born April 6, 1921 in Pontiac, Mich. to Harold and Ruby (Barrett) Thompson.

Mrs. Moore loved being with family and friends and spending time at her vacation home in Alcona County.

She is survived by one son, Bruce Hammond of Holly, Mich.; one daughter, Dawn (Justin) Thorington of Holly, Mich.; seven grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her husband, William R. Moore.

Cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to the Michigan Humane Society. The arrangements were handled by Dryer Funeral Home in Holly, Mich.

Kecia M. Gauthier

Kecia Marie Gauthier, 29, of Hubbard Lake and Midland, Mich. died at Alpena Regional Medical Center on Thursday, July 22, 2010.

She was born April 1, 1981 to Ronald D. and Gena G. (Yockey) Gauthier of Harrisville.

She graduated from Alcona High School in 1999. She was a longtime member of Alcona 4-H programs and the 4-H horse club. She was a member of the Alcona FFA and played on the Alcona girls' varsity softball team. She was pursuing a bachelor's degree in nursing.

Miss Gauthier was an avid equestrian. She participated in horse shows throughout Michigan at state level competitions. She earned the title of reserve champion in saddle seat competition. While living in Oklahoma she attended a farrier school and apprenticed under a certified farrier in Texas, later becoming a certified farrier. While in Texas she competed in roping competitions.

She was a "bonafide" stone mason, an outdoorswoman who enjoyed deer hunting with bow and rifle and fishing on Hubbard Lake and area streams and downhill skiing.



Miss Gauthier is survived by her parents, Gena Yockey of Hubbard Lake and Ronald Gauthier of Harrisville; one brother, Nathan Marcus Gauthier of Harrisville and Saginaw, Mich.; her grandparents, Lorraine and Joseph Gauthier of Black River; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins; her dog, Willie; and her horse, Charm.

She was preceded in death by her grandmother, Betty Kidd; her grandfather, Jim Yockey; her great-grandmother, Zoe Yockey; and her cousin, Gabriel Voigt.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, July 27 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. The Rev. Earl Elowsky officiated.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alcona 4-H Advisory Council, 320 S. State Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
I would like to thank the voters for your road millage in your township. I have personally enjoyed your support. The voters elected me to do my job as road commissioner. In the past 18 months of a six year team I have been ineffective.

I've seen policy broken and conflict of interest. In my opinion there should be some heads rolled. The people at the top won't give up anything, the good ol' boy syndrome has to stop. This coming election the voters have an important decision to make. I hope it is for "change."
Harry Harvey
Harrisville

To the Editor,
Thank you, Mr. Layton, for proving my point about the "I gotta shoot a buck" mentality of the Michigan hunter (Outdoor Corner, July 21). Your story, while touching and tearing at the heart strings of us all, isn't the mind set we should be instilling in our youth. All "first deer" are trophies not just bucks.

If we want to have whitetails to hunt long into the future of that young man in your story, we need to teach him that deer management, in the "zone" require that we take all steps necessary to rid the area of bovine TB.

Secondly, the parent in your story should have educated himself, if he wanted to shoot "any" buck he should have purchased the proper license to do so.

"Some bucks will never be more than spikes." This kind of thinking belongs back in the 1960s with the "did you get your buck" mentality. Short of an injury or starvation it would be very unusual for this to be the case.

One thing is for sure, that if you shoot that spike -- it for sure will never be anything more.

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Death Notice

Harry R. Begian

Harry R. Begian, 89, of Alpena, died on Monday, July 26, 2010 at home.

Visitation will be at the Bannan Funeral Home in Alpena on Thursday from 2-8 p.m. The funeral is scheduled for Friday at 11 a.m. at the funeal home.

Memorials

Elmer Deller

There will be a memorial luncheon for Elmer Deller on Sunday, Aug. 1, at 3 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. Mr. Deller died June 27, 2010 in Lincoln.

Melvin "Mike" Kenyon

There will be a memorial service for Melvin "Mike" Kenyon on Saturday, August 14, 2010 from 3 to 6 p.m. at the family cabin at 2800 Healy Road in Glennie.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2000/2010

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	July 18	71		59	2.82	3.5
July 19	72	63	0.01	3.1	13	NE
July 20	78	63	0.22	4.8	15	E
July 21	83	63	0.75	2.7	13	NE
July 22	74	60	0.72	5.1	29	NE
July 23	83	65	0.06	4.3	27	WSW
July 24	73	65	0.09	1.3	12	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	2010	2009	Normal
Weekly Total	4.67	1.32	0.75
July to Date	6.96	1.55	2.40
Year/Season to Date	17.88	17.86	15.09

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.)

Letters to the Editor

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The purpose of the regulation, in case everyone has forgotten, is to encourage hunters, the tools of deer management in Michigan, to shoot antlerless deer.

The goal is to reduce the herd in the deer management unit (DMU) to a point of eradication of bovine TB. It's not

the goal of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE), in this DMU, to make sure little Johnny gets his first spike.

Teach little Johnny about deer management and the problems associated with

bovine TB in this area and why we need to shoot antlerless deer, lots of them, so we can ensure there is a white-tail herd for his children to hunt.

Jim Ferguson
Harrisville and
Dickson, Tenn.

To the Editor,

I don't understand this whole mess with bovine TB and the deer herd. Our deer and our bovine TB didn't just arrive magically. They have been here, together since the beginning of both species.

When we had less deer we had less TB. Probably almost to the point of nonexistence. I recall a time when the deer were almost non-existent too. Remember when our dads and grandpas would leave for hunting camp and more often than not come home with nothing, and tenderloins were a rare experience? I like it better the way it is now.

The Michigan Department

of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) is controlled by the state, which is controlled by politicians, who are controlled by whoever gives them the most money. Could it be that the folks with the most money are insurance companies, lobbyists, and law makers?

Whoever is coming up with this eradication idea doesn't seem to be concerned with how much venison is in their freezers and canning jars. Remember when the state thought it was a big deal when a car would hit a deer? Those deer belonged to the state, and you had to get permis-

sion to keep the animal. Not such a big deal now is it? That's because all it took was a threat from the insurance companies to start holding the state responsible for all those damaged vehicles. The answer -- get rid of the deer.

Maybe instead of eradication we could start by not planting rye next to the roads where new construction has been completed and brainstorm a few other little ideas like that. We should not focus our anger towards the DNRE. They are just front line pawns in this chess game. We need to go after the queen.

Stephen T. Lovelace
Houston, Alaska

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" or "raffle ticket sales" information is also not eligible.)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28

Harrisville State Park presents "Squirrels, Squirrels and more Squirrels" at 4 p.m. Meet at the pavilion. A motor vehicle permit is required for park entry. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

Harrisville Harbor Nights Concert Series presents Da Bourbon Boyz at 7 p.m. free to the public with donations appreciated. Seating is on the lawn.

Alcona County MSU Extension master gardeners are available to answer gardening and horticulture questions from 1 to 4 p.m. at the MSUE office on US-23 in Harrisville or over the phone by calling (989) 724-6478.

A wireless internet connection class for laptop computers will be offered at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

The Alcona County Library board will meet at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m.

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will meet for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Alpena Holiday Inn. Guest speaker will be a DNRE representative from the Harrisville and Negwegon State Parks. All salaried retirees

from all GM divisions are welcome. Reservations and payment are due in advance by calling Chuck at (989) 727-3350 or Frank at (989) 595-2789.

A free tai chi class will be offered for everyone, instructed by Joe Salas, at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 7 p.m. No registration required. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

THURSDAY, JULY 29

Harrisville State Park presents "Scavenger" at 10:30 a.m. and "Beach Fossil Hunt" at 4 p.m. Meet at the pavilion. A motor vehicle permit is required for park entry. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

A family movie matinee will be at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 2 p.m. featuring a newly released DVD and theater style popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

The American History Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (989) 727-2641.

Tops No. MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-4483.

The Community Walking Club begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Everyone is welcome, walk at your own pace.

The Alpena City Band will perform a concert at the Bay View Park band shell in Alpena at 7:30 p.m. free to the public.

Join Anne Bloss from MSU Extension for hands on gardening and creating a nutritious snack from the garden from 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Mikado branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 736-8389 for more information.

FRIDAY, JULY 30

Harrisville State Park presents "Trees" at 10:30 a.m.

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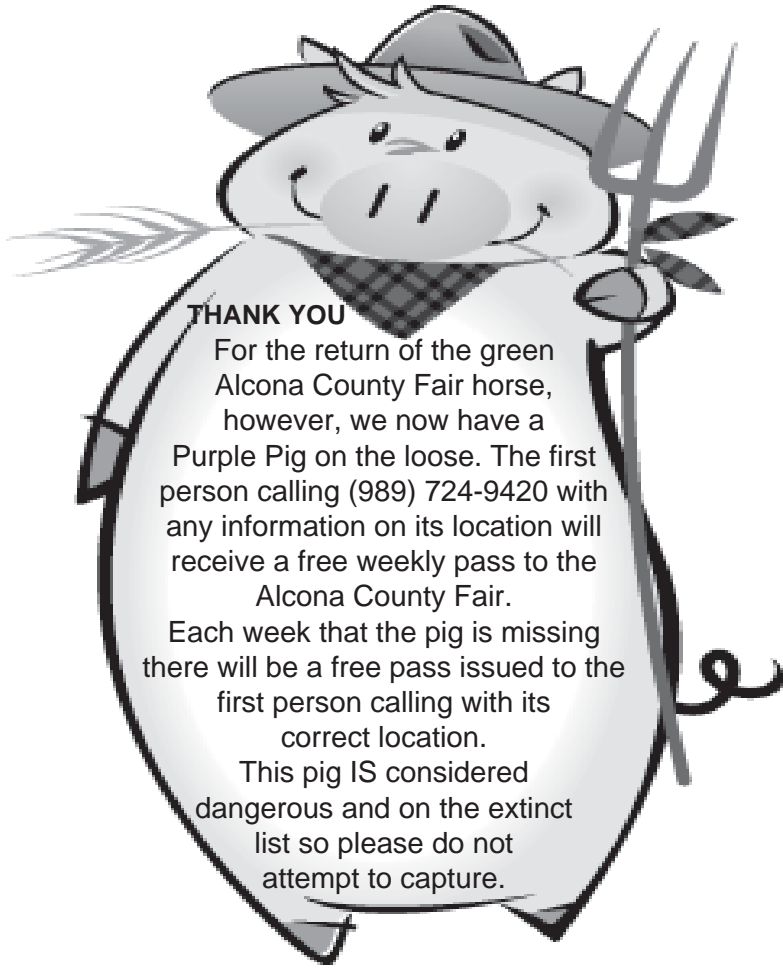
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Local Notes



THANK YOU

For the return of the green Alcona County Fair horse, however, we now have a Purple Pig on the loose. The first person calling (989) 724-9420 with any information on its location will receive a free weekly pass to the Alcona County Fair. Each week that the pig is missing there will be a free pass issued to the first person calling with its correct location. This pig IS considered dangerous and on the extinct list so please do not attempt to capture.

Summer Programs at the Alcona County Library
Harrisville branch

For more info call, 989-724-6796
Or visit the web www.alcona.lib.mi.us

WEDNESDAY, JULY 28 – 7 P.M.

Tai Chi with Joe Salas

MONDAY, AUGUST 2 – 11 A.M.

Watercolor Art Card Workshop with Artist Mary Iwanski
For adults, all levels – call to register; \$5 for supplies

TUESDAY, AUG. 3 – 3:30 – 5 P.M.

Drop-in Craft for Children of all ages

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4 – 11 A.M.

Drummmunity with Musician Lori Fithian *
Hand drums, percussion & games for everyone!

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12 – 7 P.M.

Yoga with Jean Prevo for teens & adults

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 2 P.M.

“Lake Invaders—the Fight for Lake Huron”
Don’t miss this Special Documentary Presentation!
Q&A session following with Fisheries expert Jim Johnson

THURSDAY, AUGUST 19, 2 P.M.

Birds of Prey — Hawks & owls & more! *
Falconers Jennifer Schroeder & Karen Young

Thursdays, Aug. 5, 12, 26 – 2 p.m.

Family Movie Matinees on the only
Big Screen in Alcona County
(call or check our webpage for movie titles)

*Activity supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs
and the Kirtland Community College Foundation.



Correction

The Review erroneously stated that the Glennie Senior Center was closed in last week’s issue. The center remains open, it is just not serving a meal on Friday. The Friday meal has been moved to the Lincoln Senior Center. The Review apologizes for this error and any inconveniences it may have caused.

Vacation Bible School

The Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2430 S. State Street in Greenbush, is holding Vacation Bible School for boys and girls ages four through fifth grade on August 2-6 from 6 to 8 p.m. There will be games, prizes, singing, Bible lessons, crafts, snacks and much more. For more information or for transportation, contact the church office at (989) 724-5264.

Drummmunity

Drummmunity is rhythmic fun for everyone. All ages are invited to experience this unique interactive program on Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Using hand drums, percussion and games, musician Lori Fithian creates a fun and energizing experience that leaves everyone smiling. This free program is sponsored in part by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Kirtland Community College Foundation. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

New Arrival

Nolan Xavier Byelich is the new son of Jill and Jordan Byelich of Lansing, Mich. He was born on Thursday, June 10, 2010 at Sparrow Hospital in Lansing, Mich. He weighed 10 pounds, two ounces and was 22 inches long. He joins brother Tristan, age two. He is the grandson of Louella Byelich of Harrisville and William Brege of Black River. He is the great-grandson of Myron Brege of Presque Isle, Mich.

Summer Nails

by Helene

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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 Thursday and by 9:30 a.m. on Friday.

- Monday, August 2—Bourbon pork chop, rice pilaf, green beans, tropical fruit and pears.

- Tuesday, August 3—Beef and gravy over noodles, cauliflower, tossed salad and fruit.

- Wednesday, August 4—Ham, potato salad, baked beans, pickle tray and fresh fruit.

- Thursday, August 5—Smothered chicken, stuffing, peas, marinated carrots and fruit.

- Friday, August 6—Baked fish, hash browns, broccoli, coleslaw and peaches.

(Friday meal served in Lincoln only.)

Away at School

- Aimee Byce of Lincoln recently received a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree from Central Michigan University.

- Vanessa Watters of Hubbard Lake recently received a Bachelor of Applied Arts degree from Central Michigan University.

- Ryan Keen of Ossineke recently received a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Central Michigan University.

- Sean Tilley of Ossineke recently received a Bachelor of Science degree from Central Michigan University.

- Heather N. Rudnik of Barton City was named to the honor list for the spring semester at Central Michigan University. To achieve honor list recognition, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

- Eric B. Stymiest of Lincoln was named to the honor list for the spring semester at Central Michigan University. To achieve honor list recognition, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

- Andrew S. Tymczyn of Mikado was named to the honor list for the spring semester at Central Michigan University. To achieve honor list recognition, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

- Lauren E. Goeller-Ness of Ossineke was named to the honor list for the spring semester at Central Michigan University. To achieve honor list recognition, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

- Trisha L. Paul of Ossineke was named to the honor list for the spring semester at

Central Michigan University. To achieve honor list recognition, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

- Andrew M. Stiger of Ossineke was named to the honor list for the spring semester at Central Michigan University. To achieve honor list recognition, students must earn a grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale.

Yoga with Jean Prevo

Jean Prevo is back at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library with an hour-long yoga workout, suitable for every age and shape, on Thursday, August 12 from 7 to 8 p.m. Improve posture, stretch muscles and relax with these simple poses. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel to stand on. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Alcona Farmers Market

Market goers may choose from cucumbers, peas, tomatoes, broccoli, homemade jams and jellies, raspberries, zucchini, summer squash, potatoes, carrots, beets, celery, turnips, kohlrabi, sorrel, chard, spinach, onions, lettuce, fudge, coffee, honey, firewood, vegetable books, grass-fed meats and poultry, free-range eggs, pizza by the slice, breads, cookies, and other bakery items, as well as a large selection of fresh herbs. There may also be some blackberries and blueberries available.

Saturday only, there will be cabbage, radishes, green and wax beans, rhubarb, fresh trout, more varieties of fresh herbs, dried herbs, Adirondack furniture, birdhouse gourds, handmade greeting cards, all-natural air fresheners, room scents and insect spray and other items. Saturday at the master gardeners’ booth watch a demonstration of the correct way to preserve jams and jellies, given by Alcona County master gardener Becky Stoddard.

It is believed that jams and jellies were first made centuries ago in the Middle East, where sugar cane grew naturally. The earliest known cookbook, “Of Culinary Matters,” which dates back to 1st century Rome, contained recipes for jam and preserved fruits. It has been suggested that the Crusaders brought these delicacies to Europe, where they became popular by the late Middle Ages. Jam was often eaten on long sea voyages to prevent scurvy.

The market is open Wednesdays from 3 – 6 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon. It is located on US-23 in Harrisville, one third of a mile south of the M-72 intersection. Park at the back of the market, or, with a handicap sticker, in the handicap parking near the building. In order to receive weekly updates of market offerings, send an e-mail to HarrisvilleMarket@gmail.com.

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It helps in maintaining senior centers in three communities and pays for activities for seniors including Wii games, computers, onsite programs and speakers and the Senior Health Fair.

"I'd like to be able to provide seniors with an open building all day for five days a week so they can walk (upstairs at the Lincoln center), come in and use computers, play the Wii games and attend the Wednesday sewing class. Without the millage we would have to put limited hours on the building," Krey said.

She explained food isn't the only benefit seniors receive when they attend the

daily meals at centers, they also spend time visiting with their friends talking about what is going on in their lives. "I love to see seniors sitting around talking after meals," Krey said. "They are talking about their day, current events, politics, community events... There's a lot going on in their lives and they have a lot to offer... I don't know what we'd do if the millage doesn't get renewed."

Alcona County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is also requesting a millage renewal of 1 mill for four years (2010-2013) to provide funding to operate and maintain the ambulance service. If approved by voters it will raise

an estimated \$776,051 in the first year.

According to Kristin Hoffman, director of Alcona EMS, the millage is approximately 75 percent of the annual budget for the ambulance service in Alcona County. "The millage is what allows us to have both (ambulance) stations staffed 24 hours, seven days a week (on M-72 near Lincoln and on M-65 north of Glennie). It also allows us to provide advanced life support to patients by employing paramedics who can give medications, breathing treatments, cardiac monitoring and start intravenous (IV) lines."

Hoffman has been the director of Alcona EMS since 2002 and has worked for the ambulance service since 1996 and remembers what it was like before the millage was approved - basic level (no paramedics) service where employees responded from their homes. "Which means a lot of minutes lost and that is the big thing," Hoffman said. "Without the millage renewal we would have to revert back to when I first started working here."

District Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in June by the Honorable Allen C. Yenior and the Honorable Laura A. Frawley.

- Christopher Todd Taylor, 42, of Harrisville was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and court costs of \$1,070 for operating while intoxicated.

- Carl Thomas Kohut, 47, of Lincoln was sentenced to three days in jail, one year probation and fines and court costs of \$1,370 for operating while visibly impaired.

- Mary Ann Jack, 50, of Alpena was sentenced to two days in jail, one day of community service, six months probation and fines and court costs of \$1,220 for operating while visibly impaired.

- Brandon Lee Daniels, 33, of Alpena was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$400 for no valid license in possession.

- Eva Isabel Roberts, 53, of Freeland, Mich. was sentenced to three days in jail and fines and court costs of \$1,070 for operating while visibly impaired.

- Annie Marie Cox, 20, of Mikado was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$395 for falsely reporting a misdemeanor.

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Team and Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) were called in to begin searching for Skiba.

"We had just about every law enforcement agency in two counties looking for him," Harshberger said.

In addition to the manhunt, local, county and state law enforcement agencies from Alcona and Alpena counties worked together to investigate Gauthier's apparent homicide. The MSP Crime Lab from Grayling, Mich. assisted in processing what "evolved into four separate crime scenes associated with this homicide," Harshberger said.

Harshberger explained the first crime scene was where Gauthier was killed and two others were where Skiba had parked most likely the day before and the morning before he killed her. The investigation found that Skiba had been stalking Gauthier several days prior to the incident. "We have reports from neighbors who observed his truck in the area," he said.

The fourth crime scene was the location where Skiba died of a self inflicted gunshot wound.

Harshberger explained the search for Skiba spread out over Alpena and Alcona counties for much of the day until efforts became focused in the Black River area. "We had a general area of where he

might be and officers were checking locations in the area," Harshberger said. At approximately 7 p.m. officers from HUNT and the MSP Fugitive Team located a cabin off of Tolan Road that appeared to have been forcibly entered.

According to Harshberger, as officers announced themselves and began entering the cabin, a gunshot was fired from inside the cabin. Officers initially took cover and then re-entered the cabin. Once inside, they found Skiba dead.

Autopsies have been conducted on both the victim and the suspect. According to Harshberger, preliminary findings show Gauthier suffered from two gunshot wounds from a hand gun. It is believed that Skiba used the same gun to kill himself hours later, although ballistics tests have yet to confirm that belief.

Harshberger said the investigation is closed and a final report will be submitted to the Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas Weichel for review. "This is obviously a formality," Harshberger said, "since there is no one to prosecute in this case. The prosecutor will decide, after reviewing the report, if anyone else was part of this incident. Right now we have no information to that effect."

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Three people were taken to St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas last Thursday after they were involved in a six vehicle accident on US-23. *Courtesy photo.*

Police Report

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department was called to a multi vehicle personal injury accident on US-23 near Smith Road in Greenbush Township on Thursday, July 22 at 2:37 p.m. According to a report from the sheriff's department, a southbound vehicle occupied by Donna Baer, 49, and David Baer, 22, of Mikado was attempting to make a turn from US-23 into a private driveway when a southbound vehicle driven by Catherine Stedman, 56, of

Southfield, Mich. collided into the rear of the Baer vehicle, sending it into the northbound lane. The Baer vehicle collided with a northbound vehicle occupied by Alfred and Bernice Roehling of Clinton Township, Mich. Both vehicles were forced off the roadway and into a private drive where the Baer vehicle collided with two parked vehicles. The parked vehicles were unoccupied and had minor damage. Stedman, Donna

Baer and David Baer were transported to Tawas St. Joseph Hospital via Iosco County EMS for non-life threatening injuries as a result of the crash. The sheriff's department was assisted by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE), Greenbush Fire Department and Greenbush First Responders. The accident remains under investigation and alcohol is not believed to be a factor in the crash.

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3	No Availability	
4	4 seats	
5	No availability	
6	No availability	
7	No Availability	
8	No Availability	
9	4 seats	
10	No availability	
11	No availability	
12	No availability	

Applications for limited seats available for the 2010-2011 school year will be accepted from **August 2, 2010 to August 16, 2010**. Applications received after August 16 cannot be accepted. Successful applicants will be notified by mail between August 17 and August 31, 2010. For further information or an application, call or write the Alcona Community Schools' District Office at (989) 736-6212.

St. Joseph Health System Foundation receives \$98,100 in planned gifts

St. Joseph Health System Foundation is proud to announce three residents named Tawas St. Joseph Hospital as a beneficiary of their estate, gifting \$98,100 to support the health care needs in our community. Floyd Pierson of East Tawas, Mich. gifted the Foundation \$12,900. Pierson retired from the Burroughs Adding Machine Company where he worked for 45 years. Marion E. Lilley, of Harrisville, Michigan gifted \$15,200 from the Samuel and Marion

Briggs-Lilley Memorial Scholarship Fund she and her husband established several years ago with the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan. Lilley worked as a licensed practical nurse at the Sisters of Mercy Montgomery Hospital in Battle Creek, Mich. Michael Charles Olenik from National City, Mich. was a regular contributor to the foundation and gifted \$70,000 to St. Joseph Health System. Olenik was a retired pharmacist and a first lieutenant in the U.S. Army serving during World War II and the owner of the LeMieux Pharmacy in Flint, Mich. He retired to National City, Mich. in 1985.

"It is the selfless acts of kindness and such quiet generosity of people like Mrs. Lilley, Mr. Olenik and Mr. Pierson that make me proud of the work we do at the foundation, stated executive director Shelley Buresh. "We are honored to act as stewards of their generous gifts to support the care provided at St. Joseph." The Foundation Board of Directors designated a portion of each of the gifts to St. Joseph's new Endowment Fund to ensure a lasting legacy of their generosity and care for the community. To learn more about the foundation, call (989) 362-0113.

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out of whack. They have gone from paying 25 percent of the share (for road projects) to paying 75 percent of the share. There has to be cost saving measures...it can't keep going on this way."

If Glore is elected to the position he plans to take on various issues including - Blue Cross benefits: "I'm not against them, but I want to reduce the cost to the county;" road maintenance issues for the townships: What they are being charged (verses what the county pays), "I'm willing to look at private companies" instead of the road commission doing the work; making road commission business more accessible to the public - "the minutes should be accessible. The more cooperative with the public the better...and townships too, some of the contracts (with townships) are pretty vague; reinstating some of the roads that were deemed not maintainable by the county several years ago - "not all of them, but I didn't think that was fair;" reworking the maintenance and snow removal schedules so they are more efficient - "that's the name of the game, to run as efficiently as possible;" investigate some of the salaries - "I'd like to make some comparisons with comparable counties and try to keep them in line;" change the board meeting time - "I firmly believe they should be in the evenings. This would free up people's time to be able to attend;" and keep the road commission office open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday even when the road crews are on four 10 hour days - "to keep the office accessible to the public."

Glore said if he wins the election he will immediately begin attending meetings to get up to speed on other issues. "Since I'm retiring, I will have a lot more time to spend on this," Glore said. "I plan on investigating each complaint myself and plan to be available to look into things as they come up. I've done my homework. I'm always available at the Mikado Market and by being there I get a lot of (opinions) from people who walk in the door."

"I can guarantee people that I will work for the voters and the townships - the two most important issues as far as I'm concerned," Glore said.

• **Richard Karsen Sr.** was born and raised in Alcona County. He attended Alcona High School until 1955 when he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force and served until 1959.

After his honorable discharge, he returned to Alcona County and worked for the road commission for one summer. Then he spent six months working in Midland, Mich.

When he returned to Alcona County in the fall of 1961 he purchased the Sunoco gas station in Lincoln. He owned and operated it until 1968 when he leased the station to someone else and became a fuel distributor. In 1970 he built Karsen Oil in Lincoln and continued working in fuel distribution. In 1976 he sold Karsen Oil to his brother, Robert Karsen. In 1979 he was appointed to the Alcona County Board of Commissioners and eventually served six and a half years. He was involved with the Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) until 1998.

He and his wife, Anne, have seven children, 13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Karsen has served 18 years on the Alcona County Road Commission - completing his third term at the end of this year. He has been chairman of the commission for the last eight years and a total of 12 years. He is an ordained minister since 1986 and has been the pastor of the Community of Christ in Mikado "on and off" for the last 10 years.

Karsen decided to run for re-election because "We are in a severe financial crisis with the economy the way it is...it's important to continue to understand and have the background of what has taken place in times like this."

He explained the road commission's finances are based on the gas tax paid when people fill their vehicles with gas - not property taxes "like many people believe." Because of the economy, he said, consumption has fallen off and that puts the road commission in a financial crisis. "We lose three, four and five percent (of income) each year," Karsen said.

"We don't have a millage - but nine out of 11 townships have road millages. If it wasn't for (those) we wouldn't be able to do any repair work on our roads at all. It is a blessing. If it wasn't for the townships, this county would be in really tough shape," Karsen said.

If he is re-elected to the position, Karsen said he would "continue to work on budget and policy - which is what representatives on the road commission do - that's the two biggest things that

keeps us going and afloat...Until something changes with the tax base we have to keep tightening our belts."

"I'd like to thank the townships for their support in the past," Karsen said. "We have a great relationship in working together to get roads fixed. I'd also like to thank voters for their past support. It's been very rewarding to see the accomplishments in our roads in the last 10-12 years. I'd like to urge voters to vote on August 3 - after this election it is already decided."

• **Theodore Somers**, of Lincoln, was born and raised in Lincoln and has lived there his entire life. He graduated from Alcona High School in 1984. Following graduation he began working at Hillman Extrusion in Lincoln and worked there for 20 years. For the last seven years he has worked full time with his brother, Ryan Somers, in their excavating company Somers Construction.

He is the supervisor of Gustin Township, a position that he has held for six years. In that capacity he has handled road millage budgets and worked with the road commission on road projects. He is the chairperson of the Michigan Townships Association chapter in Alcona County.

He has two sons, and his father, Ray Somers, worked for the road commission for 40 years.

Somers decided to run for the position because "while I'm happy with my position as supervisor, I'm ready to move to the next level," he said. "I think we need to look at policies that need to be changed - 20 year old policies don't work today."

Somers said he has heard some "things that, if they are

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As part of the new healthcare reform law, CLASS is the government's first long-term care insurance program that will provide its participants with cash to help pay for long-term care services when they need it. CLASS will help pay for things like home health care, respite and adult day care, home modifications and homemaker services, as well as assisted living facilities and nursing home care. Statistics show that roughly two out of every three Americans, age 65 and older, will need long-term care at some point.

While many of the details of this new program are still being worked out, we do know that CLASS will be a voluntary program offered through employers, so to be eligible you'll

have to be working. Retirees will not be eligible (unless they continue to work part time), nor will nonworking spouses or the unemployed. You'll also have to pay premiums for a vested period of five years before you can receive benefits, and you have to continue working for three of those years.

If you're self-employed, or if your employer does not offer CLASS coverage, you'll be able to sign up through a public program that has yet to be established.

Another great aspect of CLASS is that you can't be rejected for coverage because of your health, so it will help people with pre-existing medical conditions or a disability who don't qualify for private long-term-care insurance.

You also need to be aware that because of the size and scope of CLASS, it will be several years before the program is up and running. The U.S. health and human services secretary actually has until October 2012 to present the full details of the plan, so sign-up won't likely start until 2013.

The premiums you'll have to pay to participate in CLASS are not yet known, but the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that they'll average around \$123 per month (less for young enrollees, more for older ones). However, people living below the

Savvy Senior

poverty line will pay only \$5 a month. You also need to know that CLASS is an "opt out" program. That means that if your employer participates, you'll automatically be enrolled unless you decline.

The law says the average minimum CLASS benefit must be at least \$50 a day, but the CBO expects the benefit average to be in the \$75 per day range - enough to help pay for a home health aid but well below nursing home costs, which currently average around \$200 a day.

To receive benefits, you'll have to be unable to perform two or three activities of daily living like eating, bathing, dressing, using the toilet or be cognitively impaired. Once you qualify, however, the benefits continue as long as you need care.

Savvy Tips: The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services will provide more information on CLASS as the details of the program unfold. In the meantime, the American Association of Homes and Services for the Aging offers some useful information on their Web site at aahsa.org/classact.aspx.

Are you due a \$250 check?

Senior News Line
By Matilda Charles

Did you receive a \$250 check from the government? Chances are that means you're in the no-man's land of the doughnut hole - also called the Medicare Part D coverage gap - along with the 300,000 others who also received the check. The money is to help with drug costs.

The Medicare coverage gap works like this: You must spend \$2,830 for your deductible and drugs. Once you reach amount, the doughnut hole kicks in, and there's no more help until you pay \$4,550 out of pocket. Then your coverage starts again. Once you hit that amount, the government will send you a check for \$250 in about six weeks.

Thankfully, this amount is going to go up. Until 2020, the Affordable Care Act dictates that the doughnut hole will get smaller and smaller until it disappears. And soon those who get Medicare and who are in the doughnut hole will be able to get a 50 percent discount on certain medications.

Meanwhile, if you're in the doughnut hole, there are a few ways to get help. Ask your doctor if you can switch to generics. Find out if any

drug companies are offering help with the cost of your drug at the Patient Assistance Program. Put that name in the search box at www.medicare.gov. Also check the state program. If your income is very low, call Social Security at 1-800-772-1213 for help programs.

Beware the scammers, as usual. They're trying to convince seniors that the check won't arrive without an application, which the scammers will fill out for a fee. Meanwhile, they'll ask for your personal information, bank account number and Social Security number. Don't fall for it. If anyone approaches you with this offer, report them. Call 1-800-633-4227 (the Medicare number) as well as your local police.

Matilda Charles regrets that she cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into her column whenever possible. Write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.

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true, I'm not real happy about" and he'd like to find out first-hand if they are true to make some changes.

If he is elected to the road commission he will be "someone that is approachable, accessible and someone who can work between employees and management." Somers said he would like to see a five person board for the road commission instead of three that is in place now. "I think that five people would have to make better decisions than three - on a three person board it is easy for one person to gain control."

Somers also wants to continue to expand off road vehicle (ORV) trails - "ORV trails work, they bring people to

the county. I think we need more trails. It is a good thing for the county." He also wants to continue improving roads. "Anytime you can improve roads it is better for the county. I have some experience as an excavator and that doesn't hurt to have new ideas to discuss. I feel that someone new can come up with new and more efficient ways for things to be done. Even between management and employees - new ideas aren't a bad thing."

Somers said if he is elected he brings to the position his experience as a heavy equipment operator who knows how to maintain the equipment and manage a profitable a business. "My busi-

ness is much smaller than the road commission, but it still has to be managed properly and it has to be profitable," Somers said. He also brings to the position his experience as a township supervisor who has handled millage money and keeps township roads on a "proper maintenance schedule." He also has the experience of working on a board and dealing with "negative types of situations."

"In my business I'm interacting with the community all of the time and I feel that should be a huge part of the road commission position," Somers said.



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Calendar of Events

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and "Night Predator Hike" at 8:30 p.m. Meet at the pavilion. A motor vehicle permit is required for park entry. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

A story and craft project will be offered to children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10:15 to 11 a.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 31
Harrisville State Park presents "Herbarium" at 10:30 a.m. and "Family Campfire" at 8:30 p.m. Meet at camp host site no. 2. A motor vehicle permit is required for park entry. Children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

A forest discovery hike will be held at Lumberman's Monument at 11:30 a.m. Walks start at the visitor cen-

ter and last about an hour. Come prepared to hike through the forest. The monument is located in Iosco County at the junction of Monument and River roads.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 1
Enjoy a meat at the Greenbush Fireman's Chicken Barbecue and Bake Sale beginning at noon at the Greenbush Township Hall.

The program "Turtle Tales" will be presented at 2 p.m. for children at Lumberman's Monument. The monument is located in Iosco County at the junction of Monument and River roads. For more information, call the visitor center at (989) 362-8961.

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All are invited to attend a pre-primary election ice cream social at Simple Miracles restaurant in Harrisville from 4 to 6 p.m. Meet the candidates and learn about the issues. Contributions only.

MONDAY, AUGUST 2
Get Crafty for Adults will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Craft for August is a watercolor art card with Mary Iwanski. Cost is \$5 per person for supplies. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

The Weight Loss Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln United Method-

ist Church. Visitors are welcome and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

The senior center in Lincoln will distribute food commodities from 9 to 10 a.m. Questions, call (989) 736-8879.

Everyone is welcome to attend Vacation Bible School at New Life Lutheran Church on Hubbard Lake Road from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. today through Friday, August 6. The theme is Baobab Blast featuring Kalahari crafts, grassland games, Madagascar music and Serengeti science. For questions and to pre-register, call (989) 736-7816.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 3
There will be a drop in craft project for children at

the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

The program "Leave No Trace" will be presented at 1 p.m. for children at Lumberman's Monument. The monument is located in Iosco County at the junction of Monument and River roads. For more information, call the visitor center at (989) 362-8961.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4
The Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library will host Drummunity, a hands on, high energy, interactive program for all ages at 11 a.m.

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at the Harrisville branch at 1 p.m.

Harrisville Harbor Nights Concert Series presents Old Skool at 7 p.m. free to the public with donations appreciated. Seating is on the lawn.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold its membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena. Bring a can of food for the needy. Lunch will be served, call for reservations at (989) 356-4959.

A basic computer class will be offered at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 5
The Alpena City Band will perform a polka concert at the Bay View Park band shell in Alpena at 7:30 p.m. free to the public.


Tops No. MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-4483.

The American History Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 6:30 to 8 p.m. For more information, call (989) 727-2641.

A family movie matinee will be at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 2 p.m. featuring a newly released DVD and theater style popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Artwork by Mike Lempinen will be exhibited at Thunder Bay Arts Council, 309 1/2 N. Second Ave., Alpena, beginning today with a "meet the artist" reception from 5 to 7 p.m. open to the public. This exhibit will run through September 30.

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St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

 Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.,
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 9:30 a.m. Sunday service


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 2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.


Family Heritage Baptist Church
 4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)
 Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org
 Sunday Worship Services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 • Sunday School 10 a.m.
 Wed. 6:30 p.m. Patch the Pirate Club
 Wed. 7 p.m. Midweek Service (Bible Study & Prayer Service)

New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,
 1/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

 Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
 Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227
 Pastor Michael Sheppard ~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

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 6891 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class at 11 a.m.
 Pastor Robert L. Mikkelsen • (989) 727-2496

Our Savior Lutheran Church

 3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan
 Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 Rev. Carlo Sgambelluri, Pastor


St. Anne Catholic Church
 Harrisville, MI ~ Rectory Phone: 724-6713
 Rev. William Livinus, Pastor
 Sunday Masses: 11 a.m. (Saturday Eve 4:30 p.m.)
 Confessions: Saturday, 4 - 4:25 p.m., Sunday 10:30 - 10:50 a.m.

Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

 201 N. Second at Jefferson, Harrisville
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 Tuesday office hours 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.
 Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor ~ 724-6734

Haynes Community Church
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Lincoln United Methodist Church

 101 E. Main Street
 Church School 9 a.m. ~ Worship 9 a.m.
 Pastor Tracy Brooks
 Parsonage 724-6266 ~ Church 736-6910

First Baptist Church of Lincoln

 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.
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 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & *Youth Programs (Grades K-6th)
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 Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday

Put Jesus In Your Heart


Gardeners: Protect tomatoes and potatoes from late blight now

Gardeners who grow tomatoes and potatoes need to be protecting their plants from late blight (phytophthora infestans) now with fungicide sprays. This disease, which caused the Irish Potato Famine beginning in 1845, has been found in southwestern Michigan and five other states so far this year.

"This disease is on the march early this year, and we need to make everyone who grows tomatoes and potatoes aware of the problem," Chris Long, potato specialist at Michigan State University (MSU), said. "It has the potential to wipe out all tomato and potato plantings in the state."

Long said this year's wet, cool spring has favored the development of the disease. The first symptoms of late blight are small, dark, circular to irregularly shaped lesions that appear on the leaves three to five days after they are infected. These lesions spread rapidly in cool, moist weather into brown to black spots that are often surrounded by a green border.

The disease is spread from infected plants in one area to another by wind, splashed rain, animals and mechanical transport such as equipment.

Potatoes and tomatoes are members of the solanaceae family of plants, which is why both are susceptible to late blight. Because conditions for this disease is so favorable this year, vegetable specialists at MSU and the Michigan Potato Industry Commission are urging growers to be proactive by spraying preventative sprays on their plants as soon as possible and to keep up the regimen over the summer months. Plants that show signs of the disease as well as plants surrounding the diseased plants should be removed and completely destroyed.

"Late blight can take out a planting of tomatoes or potatoes in five days, so anyone growing these crops must be vigilant," Long said. "We also have to care about our neighbor next door or down the road who may also be growing tomatoes or potatoes. We need to work together to keep late blight from ravaging everyone's crop."

Commercially grown pota-

atoes in Michigan represent a \$138 million farm gate crop, Long noted. Though commercial growers have registered products to help slow the spread of the disease, home gardeners do not, and the care they take to keep the disease out of their gardens will ultimately help the commercial growers as well.

Both conventional and organic products are available for gardeners to use to prevent late blight from attacking their plants. There are no products that can "cure" a plant once it has the disease, according to Jan Byrne, MSU plant diagnostic technician.

"There are several fungicides available to home gardeners that are effective in preventing late blight," she said. "Gardeners need to read the fine print on the product label to make sure it is used on tomatoes or potatoes. Products that contain chlorothalonil or ethylene bisdithiocarbamate (EBDC) will protect plants from infection. Organic chemicals, such as copper-based fungicides, have some efficacy against late blight, and organic gardeners should check the OMRI (Organic Materials Review Institute) database [www.omri.com] to verify

whether or not a particular fungicide meets organic standards."

"This is a nationwide problem," Long said. "It is very important that home gardeners arm themselves with information about late blight in an effort to keep it from destroying not only their plantings, but their neighbors' — and commercial growers' — as well."

For more information, contact your local MSU Extension office or visit the following resources:

• <http://www.lateblight.org> (Michigan State University).

• <http://www.veggies.msu.edu/> (Go to: "Tomato Late Blight News.")

• <http://ipmnews.msu.edu/landscape> (Type the words "late blight" into the search window, then hit "go.")

• http://www.ndsu.edu/potato_pathology (North Dakota State University. View photos to identify late blight. Click on "Additional Late Blight Information.")

• <http://www.mipotato.com/> (Scroll down to "Items of Interest" then click on "Tomato and Potato Late Blight Alert.")

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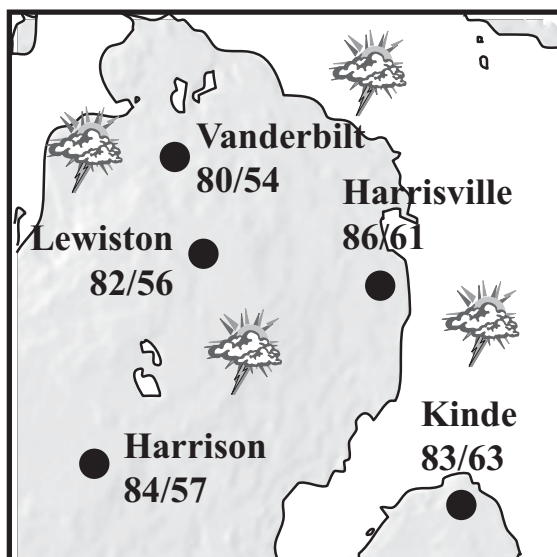
Alcona Review Weather Report

July 28, 2010

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Scat'd T-storms High: 86 Low: 61
	THURSDAY Mostly Sunny High: 72 Low: 56
	FRIDAY Sunny High: 74 Low: 55
	SATURDAY Mostly Sunny High: 77 Low: 59
	SUNDAY Mostly Sunny High: 79 Low: 58
	MONDAY Mostly Sunny High: 81 Low: 58
	TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 76 Low: 54

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 86°, humidity of 61% and an overnight low of 61°. The record high temperature for today is 95° set in 1988. The record low is 44° set in 1978. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 72°.

*Last Week's Almanac

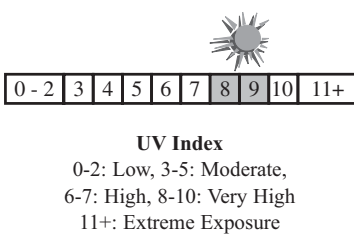
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	80	62	80/55	0.00"
Tuesday	83	61	80/55	1.93"
Wednesday	83	58	80/55	0.19"
Thursday	78	58	80/55	0.00"
Friday	83	64	80/55	0.00"
Saturday	80	65	79/55	0.00"
Sunday	80	59	79/55	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:15 a.m.	9:04 p.m.	9:59 p.m.	8:53 a.m.
Thursday	6:16 a.m.	9:03 p.m.	10:18 p.m.	9:55 a.m.
Friday	6:17 a.m.	9:02 p.m.	10:38 p.m.	10:56 a.m.
Saturday	6:18 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	10:59 p.m.	11:58 a.m.
Sunday	6:19 a.m.	8:59 p.m.	11:23 p.m.	1:01 p.m.
Monday	6:20 a.m.	8:58 p.m.	11:51 p.m.	2:06 p.m.
Tuesday	6:21 a.m.	8:57 p.m.	No Rise	3:13 p.m.

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered thunderstorms today and Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 95° in East St. Louis, Ill. The Southeast will see scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 99° in Augusta, Ga. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 101° in Hanford, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 114° in Needles, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:32 a.m.	10:08 p.m.
Venus	10:12 a.m.	10:52 p.m.
Mars	11:00 a.m.	11:11 p.m.
Jupiter	11:18 p.m.	11:26 a.m.
Saturn	11:04 a.m.	11:22 p.m.
Uranus	11:08 p.m.	11:12 a.m.

Weather History

July 28, 1952 - A severe storm with hail up to an inch and a half in diameter broke windows, ruined roofs and stripped trees of their leaves near Benson, Ariz. The temperature dropped to 37 degrees and hail was three to four inches deep.

Weather Trivia

What is the temperature of lightning?

Answer: It is estimated at 50,000 degrees Fahrenheit.

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Planets Steal the Action

In the west the beautiful conjunction of Venus, Mars, and Saturn is rapidly unfolding. Monday's full moon, rising at sunset, presents an opportunity of seeing the hazy, mellow hues of a summer twilight fade and blend into the long shadowed bluish whites of a bright moonrise. In order to catch the light show with all of its continuously morphing colors, observers will need a good western horizon to view the planets as well as a good southeastern vista so that the moon's illumination can wash across the landscape against which the conjunction is taking place. Binoculars will make it obvious that Mars is gaining on Saturn. On Sunday, Mars will be one third degree from the star Beta Virginis, also known as Zavijava. The following evening that angular distance has increased to nearly one degree, 1.5 degrees by Tuesday, and over two degrees by Wednesday. At week's end the Red Planet has caught up to and passed Saturn, looking as if it has left Venus in its dust. Fast forward two weeks, however, and the tables get turned on Mars as Venus seems to make its move and passes the God of War by mid-August. Venus will then nosedive towards the horizon as the planet comes about ready to pass between the Earth and the sun on October 29, leaving faint Mars the only survivor in the afterglow of sunset. Mars too will become lost in twilight in the SW after sundown by the end of October. Although this week's dance of the planets in the west will be fun to watch, don't forget about brilliant Jupiter debuting earlier and earlier each evening in the east. Jupiter is now rising just before 11 p.m., but give it some time to gain altitude. By 1 a.m. mighty Jove is just a little over two stacked fists held at arm's length above the ESE horizon. If you are a night owl, this week will afford observers the opportunity of witnessing the moon catch up to and pass this giant world by Saturday morning. www.astronomy.org

Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

Fruits and Berries
 If you want to attract non-seed-eating birds into your yard, fruits such as grapes, raisins and orange halves will attract mockingbirds, gray catbirds, orioles, towhees, cedar waxwings, blue birds, tanagers and many, many more. Use a tray feeder or place on the ground near brush cover.

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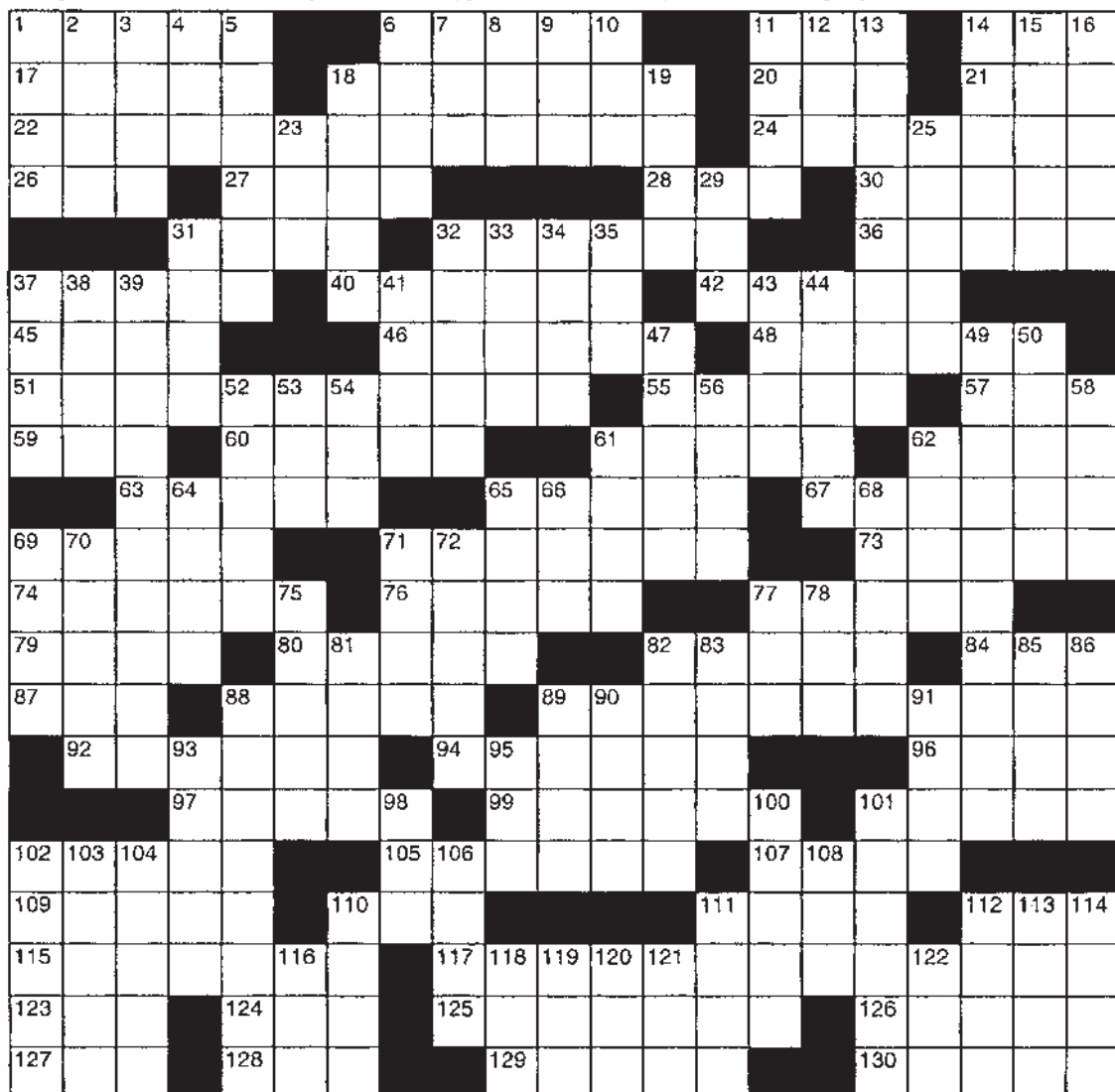
TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. ADVERTISEMENTS:** What was the name of the finicky eater in the Nine Lives cat-food commercials?
- 2. LITERATURE:** Who is the author of the best-seller "Roots"?
- 3. TELEVISION:** What was the setting for the "I Dream of Jeannie" TV show?
- 4. GEOGRAPHY:** What was the Netherlands' basic currency before it adopted the euro?
- 5. ABBREVIATED TITLES:** What is an M.P.?
- 6. ARCHITECTURE:** Who designed St. Paul's Cathedral in London?
- 7. HOLIDAYS:** What holiday is celebrated on July 14?
- 8. MOVIES:** In "Forrest Gump," what was the nickname of Forrest's best friend in the Army?
- 9. ASTRONOMY:** What is the first planet beyond Saturn in our solar system?
- 10. MEASUREMENTS:** What does the Mercalli Scale measure?

Answers: 1. Morris; 2. Alex Haley; 3. Cocoa Beach, Florida; 4. The guilder; 5. Member of Parliament; 6. Sir Christopher Wren; 7. Bastille Day; 8. Bubba; 9. Uranus; 10. Intensity of earthquakes. (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword DIS MOUNT

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| ACROSS | 48 Andes animals | 89 Part 4 of remark | 4 Craggy hill | 43 Or --- (threat words) | 85 Had on |
| 1 TV's "The --- of Life" | 51 Part 2 of remark | 92 It may be subordinate | 5 Cake and candy | 44 On one's toes | 86 --- about (approximately) |
| 6 See 23 Down | 55 Art supporter? | 94 Showy shrub | 6 Neighbor of Thailand | 47 It makes rye high | 88 Division result |
| 11 Brit. fliers | 57 Create a reservoir | 96 Architect Saarinen | 7 Pantry pest | 49 Called attention to | 89 Lots |
| 14 Canine grp. | 59 Poetic monogram | 97 Mr. Topper | 8 Utmost | 50 Susan --- | 90 Ray or Moro |
| 17 Shining | 60 "Jaws" setting | 99 Termination | 9 Musician Winding | 51 Susan --- | 91 Flat rate? |
| 18 "Black Magic Woman" rockers | 61 Origami supply | 101 Beneath | 10 Richards or Reinking | 52 Hit the ceiling | 93 --- squash |
| 20 Vigoda of "Fish" | 62 Saucony competitor | 102 In progress | 11 Valuable | 53 "--- Man" ('67 hit) | 95 Road to enlightenment |
| 21 Mauna --- | 63 Phantom instrument | 105 Ravine | 12 --- Simbei | 54 Hullabaloo | 98 Cal. page |
| 22 Start of a remark | 65 Cosmetic purchase | 107 Spellbound | 13 Celebration | 56 Lhasa --- | 100 Prepare the Parmesan |
| 24 Samara citizen | 67 Aptitude | 109 Rousseau or Matisse | 14 Excuse | 58 Engineering course | 101 Scheduled maintenance |
| 26 Director Wanamaker | 69 Crusoe's creator | 110 Missouri airport abbr. | 15 Adorable Australian | 61 Limerick or haiku | 102 Winning |
| 27 Desire deified | 71 Part 3 of remark | 111 Universal tradesman? | 16 Worked on a chair | 62 Young of "Mr. Ed" | 103 --- fatale |
| 28 Cyclone center | 73 Country star | 112 Herd word | 18 Stallion sound | 64 Make murky | 104 Soubise ingredient |
| 30 Word with talk or tennis | 74 New York native | 115 Distinguished | 19 "It's been ---" | 65 Crossword puzzle part | 106 --- Romeo |
| 31 "--- Crazy" ('80 film) | 76 Soporific substance | 117 End of remark | 23 With 6 Across, Ceylon, today | 66 Baton Rouge coll. | 108 Pretense |
| 32 Dancer Juliet | 77 Canvas cover? | 123 I love, to Livy | 25 Hawthorne milieu | 68 Lithé | 110 Manuscript imperative |
| 36 Ancient epic | 79 Perfume bottle | 124 Dundee denial | 29 Evergreen tree | 69 Pigeon kin | 111 Kid |
| 37 He had a guilt complex | 80 Stuck in the mud | 125 Unfavorable | 31 Fill to the gills | 70 Early computer | 112 --- synthesizer |
| 40 New Orleans campus | 82 Relish a rose | 126 "--- Gay" | 32 Roman writer | 71 Israeli dance | 113 "Man --- Mancha" |
| 42 Emulate Arachne | 84 --- Jima | 127 Snug spot | 33 Tolloed | 72 "Tommy" or "Tosca" | 114 In the twinkling --- eye |
| 45 Be adjacent to | 87 Corn portion | 128 Cable channel | 34 Draft status | 75 Pile up | 116 Palindromic name |
| 46 Excellent grade | 88 Doha's country | 129 Coup --- | 35 Moist | 77 Snow --- | 118 "Kookie" Byrnes |
| | | 130 Heathen | 37 Beer ingredient | 78 Monte Rosa, for one | 119 First lady? |
| | | | 38 Wading bird | 81 News bit | 120 Allow |
| | | | 39 '62 Gene Chandler smash | 82 Group of geese | 121 Undergarment |
| | | | 41 Component | 83 Signify | 122 Genetic info |



STRANGE BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

• It was American actress and comedian Lily Tomlin who made the following sage observation: "Man invented language to satisfy his deep need to complain."

• According to Henry Heimlich, the inventor of the abdominal thrust technique known as the Heimlich Maneuver, the food upon which people most commonly choke is peanut butter straight out of the jar.

• Astronauts on the International Space Station see the sun rise every 90 minutes.

• You've probably heard that Eskimos have 50 words for different types of snow, but you might not realize that their language doesn't have a word for just plain snow.

• You might recall Glenn Ford, an actor from Hollywood's Golden Era, from such films as "3:10 to Yuma," "Blackboard Jungle" and "The Big Heat." You probably didn't know, though, that when he was born in Quebec he was named Gwyllyn Samuel Newton Ford. The inspiration for his stage name was the town of Glenford, Canada.

• Those who study such things say that every day in the world, 62 square miles of land becomes desert.

• When groups of shrimp end up with too few males to sustain the population, some of the females turn into males.

• Michael Crichton is best known as an author and screenwriter, and most of his fans are aware of the fact that he was a medical doctor, as well. It's interesting to note, however, that as an undergraduate student he majored in anthropology.

• If you're like 80 percent of Americans, you will experience some kind of back trouble at least once in your lifetime.

• Businesswoman Mary Kay Ash, before she founded the Mary Kay Cosmetics empire, sold encyclopedias door-to-door.

Thought for the Day: "To err is human, but to really foul things up you need a computer." — Paul Ehrlich

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MOMENTS IN TIME
The History Channel

• On Aug. 11, 1921, Alex Haley, author of "The Autobiography of Malcolm X" is born in Ithaca, N.Y. Haley's next novel, "Roots" (1976), was a fictionalized account of his family's history, traced through seven generations. The novel was translated into 37 languages and won a special Pulitzer Prize.

• On Aug. 10, 1937, the electric guitar was recognized by the United States Patent Office with the award of Patent No. 2,089,171 to G.D. Beauchamp for an instrument known as the Rickenbacker Frying Pan.

• On Aug. 13, 1952, "Hound Dog" is recorded for the first time by rhythm-and-blues singer Ellie Mae "Big Mama" Thornton, a native of Montgomery, Ala., who started her professional career in 1941 at the age of 14. Four years later, Elvis Presley also had a hit with the song.

• On Aug. 15, 1969, a press party to promote the building of a professional recording studio in the vicinity of Woodstock, N.Y., turns into the biggest music festival the world had ever seen. The outdoor concert was expected to draw less than 5,000 people; instead, the Woodstock Music and Art Fair attracted a crowd of 500,000 over three days.

• On Aug. 9, 1974, Richard M. Nixon officially resigns as the 37th president. Minutes later, Vice President Gerald R. Ford was sworn in as the 38th president of the United States. After taking the oath of office, President Ford spoke to the nation in a television address, declaring, "My fellow Americans, our long national nightmare is over."

• On Aug. 14, 1985, Michael Jackson takes control of the publishing rights to the vast majority of the Beatles' catalog for \$47 million, outbidding Paul McCartney himself. In the years that followed, the catalog — estimated to be worth in excess of \$1 billion — allowed Jackson to remain solvent by serving as collateral for several enormous personal loans.

• On Aug. 12, 1990, fossil hunter Susan Hendrickson discovers three huge bones jutting out of a cliff near Faith, S.D. They turned out to be part of the largest Tyrannosaurus rex skeleton ever discovered, a 65 million-year-old specimen dubbed Sue, after its discoverer.

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GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Ed Roddy called the meeting to order on Tuesday, July 6 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Eight guests were present who joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Ed Roddy, clerk Art Winter, treasurer Tracie Beatty, trustee Sally Olin and trustee Gary Abraham. Motion Olin/Beatty: To approve agenda as adjusted. Carried. Motion Abraham/Olin: To accept the May minutes as written. Motion carried.

Dave Dailey, resident, went on record thanking county commissioner Brummund for her attendance at the trial for the money that was taken by the county treasurer. He was the jury foreman. Mr. Dailey also questioned the money that was taken at township level. Mrs. Beatty gave Mr. Dailey a brief summary of what the payments from Tammie Niemann should be. Dean Pawlowski, resident, questioned if we are ever going to replace our siren at the fire hall. Mrs. Brummund stated there might be some homeland security money available to replace the siren and stated she will look into it. Much discussion.

Motion Winter/Abraham: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Motion carried. Bills will be given next month, due to computer error. Miscellaneous reports: Carolyn Brummund, county commissioner, stated that quite a few changes are going on at the county building pertaining to security.

The "Forgotten Eagles" will be coming through Greenbush on Thursday, Aug. 5. Mrs. Brummund is asking everyone who can to support these motorcyclists by greeting them by either standing near US-23 with a flag, or place flags along US-23 highway at or near 12:30 p.m. There will be a two hundred mile garage sale coming to the east side of the state. Some discussion.

Chief Franks reported one fire call and 10 first responder calls for the month of June. He asked the board if he should give the seniors an inspection of the building (township hall) for fire safety. He was advised by the board that that was not his responsibility and he should notify the seniors. Some discussion. Pete Langlois, zoning administrator, gave a brief report, had four permits and one violation. He is having a zoning issue with the green/red house on Cedar Lake Drive that the township board had given some concessions to last fall. Some discussion. Hall rentals: Supervisor Roddy stated a possible rental. He has had a few inquiries, but are all to governmental units. Assessor Schwickert present at this meeting gave a brief report stating that tax bills have gone out and that the board of review will be meeting at the hall on July 24. Also, taxes can be checked at www.greenbushtownship.com which is our township website.

Supervisor Roddy had no correspondence to with the board.

Clerk Winter had no correspondence.

Pending business: Supervisor Roddy gave some figures on what the cost of the resurfacing of F-30 will be and if we will be able to do it without federal funds. Motion Olin/Winter: To enter into a contract with the county to survey Cedar Lake Road. Roll call vote: All ayes. Carried. Motion Winter/Roddy: To purchase the historical building from the Greenbush Historical Society for the sum of \$1. Roll call vote: All ayes. Carried. New business: Clerk Winter stated due to the election being on the first Tuesday of the month, it will be necessary to change our meeting date to Wednesday, Aug. 4.

Motion Abraham/Olin: To adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Art Winter
Greenbush Township Clerk
Note: Published prior to board approval. Next regular township meeting is Wednesday, Aug. 4 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Next regular scheduled planning commission meeting is Thursday, Aug. 5 at 7 p.m. at the township hall.

CALEDONIA TWP. MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting on July 14, was canceled due to the lack of a quorum present. A special meeting was held July 20 for the purpose of approving July bills, and any other urgent business needing attention in July if necessary. The special meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. in the township hall. Motion to approve the minutes of June 9 were approved, so they can be posted on our website. Motion to pay the bills for July. Clerk mentioned the primary election is August 3, and the election inspectors are all lined up to work. The township will have a proposal on the ballot to renew the one mill for roads.

A brief discussion on items for next month's meeting to be put on agenda. Motion to adjourn at 6:15 p.m. All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Planning Commission meets August 2. Township website is: Caledoniatwp.net.

Helen Timm, Clerk

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CLASS REUNION

The Alcona High School class of 1970 will be holding its 40th year reunion on July 31, 2010 at the Springport Hills Golf Course. Golf during the day with dinner at 6 p.m. All friends and classes before and after 1970 are encouraged to join us at 8 p.m. or after.

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SALES

Garage sale July 30 and 31, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., furniture and household items, Senior Center, 207 Church, Lincoln.

One day sale, Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m. 214 Fifth Street, Harrisville. Name brand clothes, toys, antiques, wicker rocker, wool rug, lawnmower, Longenberger, housewares, too much to mention. No early sales.

Garage sale Friday and Saturday, July 30 and 31, 8 a.m.-5 p.m., two helicopters, diamond ring, lots of miscellaneous: 376 North Mill Creek Road, Harrisville between Walker and Swamp Road.

BINGO

New bingo-Knights of Columbus No. 6851, Spruce-Sunday 6:30 p.m. Papers and hard cards, two progressive jackpots and one jackpot that could be worth \$300-\$500 each week and much more.

Barton City Eagles 4141 and Auxiliary Bingo - Saturday night. All paper, Michigan Progressive, quickies 6:30 p.m. Doors open at 5 p.m. No smoking room available.

Bingo - Every Wednesday in Mikado Civic Center. Early bird at 6:30 p.m., air conditioned. Mikado Area Development.

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. New members needed and always welcomed. All proceeds to charity.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Mortgage Sale

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert A. Teefey II and Renee Ladrigue Teefey, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Independent Mortgage Co. Central Michigan, having its principal office at 4200 East Beltline, Grand Rapids, MI 49525, mortgagee, dated September 23, 2006 and recorded September 29, 2006 in Liber 435 of mortgages, page 795. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith. At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage the sum of twenty two thousand seven hundred eighty eight and 78/100 (\$22,788.78) dollars, including interest at the rate of 8.625 percent per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges, and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the west entrance of the courthouse, 106 5th Street, the place of holding the Circuit Court within the county of Alcona, City of Harrisville, Michigan, on September 1, 2010, at 10 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971 [MCLA 600.3240(12), MSA 27A.3240(12)] the redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned under MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241(1), in which case the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale or expiration of statutory notice period.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the township of Mikado, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, described as follows, to wit:

Parcel 7: Commencing at the northeast corner of Section 23, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan; thence north 86 degrees 10'57" west along the north line of said Section 649.02 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 03 degrees 14'31" west 441.51 feet; thence along the centerline of a 66 foot wide road easement (Deerfield Trail) in the following two courses; North 80 degrees 35'55"

west 410.72 feet and south 76 degrees 47'13" west 567.65 feet; thence north 03 degrees 14'31" east 567.81 feet; thence south 86 degrees 10'57" east along the north line of said Section 952.80 feet to the point of beginning. Said parcel being a part of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of said section having and granting rights for ingress and egress over a 66 foot wide easement described under road easement following. Also having rights for Pine River access described under walking easement following.

Road Easement: A 66 foot wide road easement (Deerfield Trail) for ingress and egress and for public utilities, together with the right to trim and remove trees as necessary for the construction and maintenance of said facilities, the centerline of which is described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Section 23, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan; thence south 02 degrees 34'00" west along the east line of said section 786.29 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 87 degrees 26'00" west 279.49 feet; thence north 36 degrees 30'24" west 448.18 feet; thence north 80 degrees 35'55" west 503.46 feet; thence south 76 degrees 47'13" west 908.43 feet; thence north 86 degrees 22'06" west 652.76 feet to a point on the north-south 1/4 line of said Section 23 which is the point of termination. Walking easement: An easement to provide walking ingress and egress to the Pine River described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Section 23, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan; thence north 86 degrees 10'57" west along the north line of said Section 1,601.82 feet; thence south 03 degrees 14'31" west 567.81 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 76 degrees 47'13" east along the centerline of a 66 foot wide road easement (Deerfield Trail) 31.28 feet; thence south 03 degrees 14'31" west 570.67 feet; thence south 86 degrees 45'29" east 30.00 feet; thence south 03 degrees 14'31" west 60.00 feet; thence north 86 degrees 45'29" west 30 feet; thence south 03 degrees 14'31" west 143.62 feet; thence north 86 degrees 33'13" west along the south line of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of said section 30.00 feet; thence north 03 degrees 14'31" east 621.81 feet to the point of beginning.

Independent Mortgage Co. Central Michigan, a Michigan banking corporation, mortgagee

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Notice Pursuant to MCL 600.3205a(4)

Notice is hereby provided to Charles A. Hannert, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter borrower) regarding the property located at: 5540 Ridge Road, Black River, MI 48721-9753.

The borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the mortgage servicer and/or mortgage holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1311

The borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432.

If the borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from July 27, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after July 27, 2010.

If the borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the Borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

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File No. 334589F01

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Laurie M. Gauthier, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, mortgagee, dated June 28, 2007 and recorded July 10, 2007 in Liber 443, page 954, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by NationStar Mortgage, LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty thousand six hundred thirty-two and 87/100 dollars (\$80,632.87) including interest at 8.25 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mort-

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward D. Kennedy a/k/a Edward D. Kennedy Jr. and Diane L. Kennedy, husband and wife, to Royal Mortgage, Inc., a Michigan corporation, mortgagee, dated May 16, 2002 and recorded May 28, 2002 in Liber 364, page 1,093, and an affidavit of scrivener's error was recorded on May 15, 2009 in Liber 461 page 1,168, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee for Option One Mortgage Loan Trust 2002-3 asset-backed certificates, series 2002-3 by assignment. An affidavit of scrivener's error was recorded on May

Foreclosure Notice

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Robert Aron and Linda Aron, husband and wife to Wilmington Finance, a division of AIG Federal Savings Bank, mortgagee, dated February 15, 2005 and recorded February 25, 2005 in Liber 413 page 689 Alcona County records, Michigan and assigned through mesne assignments to: The Bank of New York Mellon (fka The Bank of New York) as trustee on behalf of CIT Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 by assignment of mortgage dated June 14, 2010 and subsequently recorded in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage

Foreclosure Notice (All Counties)

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Mortgage sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Albert Menter, a single man of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor to PNC Bank, N.A., successor by merger to National City Bank dated the 16th day of February, A.D. 2001, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 13th day of March, A.D. 2001, in Liber 347, page 638 of Alcona records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$9,026.52 (nine thousand twenty-six and 52/100) plus accrued interest at 6.00 (six point zero zero) percent per annum.

gage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville in Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on August 11, 2010.

Said premises are located in the township of Alcona, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Town 28 North, Range 9 East, Section 21, commencing at the east quarter corner, north 88 degrees, west 962.98 feet to the west row US-23; south 29 degrees east along row 1,026.92 feet; north 88 degrees west 250.21 feet to the point of beginning; south 1 degree west 210.00 feet north 88 degrees west 250.00 feet; north 1 degree east 210.00 feet; south 88 degrees east 250.00 feet to the point of beginning.

18, 2009 in Liber 461, page 1,294, Alcona County records, Michigan.

There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ninety-seven thousand eight hundred thirty and 69/100 dollars (\$97,830.69) including interest at 5.14 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville in Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on August 11, 2010.

Said premises are located in the township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 30 and 31 of Stuve Ranch Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 191, Alcona County

there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred four thousand five hundred twenty-six dollars and twenty cents (\$104,526.20) including interest 7.875 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on August 4, 2010.

Said premises are situated in township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The west one half of the east one half of the west one half of the southeast one quarter of Section 5, Town 25 North, Range 9 East, excepting therefrom the south 1,995.0 feet, further excepting any part thereof that may be used road right of way.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 25th day of August, A.D., 2010, at 10 a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich., Alcona County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Greenbush, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: Parcel 1: West half of the west half of the west half of southeast quarter of Section

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: July 14, 2010
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 502-1400
File No. 426.1596
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Commonly known as 3820 E. F-30, Mikado MI 48745.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: July 7, 2010
The Bank of New York Mellon (fka The Bank of New York) as trustee on behalf of CIT Mortgage Loan Trust 2007-1 Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
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Notice of Right to Negotiate Mortgage Loan Modification

This notice is given to Betty Jo Gilmore (deceased) (borrower), whose address is 66 Pilgrim Drive, Holden, Mass. 01520, and concerns a real estate mortgage (mortgage) granted by the borrower to First Federal of Northern Michigan, a Michigan banking corporation (mortgage holder), whose address is 100 South Second Avenue, Alpena, Mich. 49707. The mortgage covers property commonly known as 4175 North Ash Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, which is legally described as follows: Situated in the township of Alcona, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, described as: Lots 13 and 14 of Block 32 of Lost Lake Woods Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 59, 61 and 63, Alcona County records. Certain defaults have occurred under the mortgage and the mortgage holder has or concurrently is mailing a notice to borrower (the notice by mail) pursuant to MCL 600.3205a(3) notifying borrower of rights borrower may have to request

a meeting with the mortgage holder to negotiate certain types of modifications to the mortgage loan documents. Mortgage holder gives further notice hereby in accordance with MCL 600.3205a(4). The borrower is hereby notified that: (a) Borrower has the right to request a meeting with mortgage holder. (b) Mortgage holder has designated Claudia James as the person (contact person) that the borrower may contact about the mortgage and the matters that are described in this notice. The contact person has authority to make the agreements described in this notice on behalf of mortgage holder. The contact person's contact information is as follows: Website: www.first-federal.com; telephone: (989) 356-9041. (c) Borrower may contact a housing counselor (housing counselor) by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority. The website address and telephone number of the Michigan State Housing Development Authority is: Website: www.michigan.gov/mshda; telephone: (517) 373-8370. (d) If the borrower wishes to participate in

an attempt to work out a modification of the mortgage loan, the borrower must contact a housing counselor within 14 days. (e) If the borrower requests a meeting (using a housing counselor) with the contact person within the time period provided in the notice by mail, mortgage holder will not start foreclosure proceedings until 90 days after the date the notice by mail was sent to the borrower. (f) If the borrower and the contact person reach a written agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed so long as the borrower abides by the terms of the modification agreement. (g) The borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is: (800) 968-0738. Dated: July 28, 2010
Bodman LLP
By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Debt Collector for First Federal of Northern Michigan
229 Court Street
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Notice Pursuant to MCL 600.3205a(4)

Notice is hereby provided to Charles R. Pruitt and Phyllis Pruitt, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter borrower) regarding the property located at: 3415 E Dellar Road, Harrisville, MI 48740-9545. The borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the mortgage servicer and/or mortgage holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1302. The borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432. If the borrower requests a meeting with

the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from July 26, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after July 26, 2010. If the borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the borrower abides by the terms of the agreement. The borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Date: July 28, 2010
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302
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Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
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File No. 314585F02

Notice of Borrower's Rights

This notice concerns Jerry P. Krone and Phyllis C. Krone (borrower) regarding property located at 2945 Lincoln Drive, Lincoln, MI 48742. The borrower has the right to request a meeting with Huron Community Bank and should contact Steven G. Leonard at (989) 362-1728 to schedule a meeting if desired. This person has the authority to make agreements under MCL 3205b and MCL 3205c. The borrower may contact the Housing Counselor by visiting the MSHDA website (www.mshda.info/counseling_search/) or by calling the MSHDA (866) 946-7432. If the borrower requests a meeting with the person designated above within the statutory period foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after the date that notice was mailed to the borrower. If the borrower and the person designated above reach an agreement to modify the borrower's mortgage loan the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the borrower abides by the terms of the agreement. The borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The Michigan State Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service telephone number is (800) 968-0738. Dated: July 19, 2010
Prepared by:
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State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 2010-4853 DE

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Hiring contractors for remodeling

DOLLARS AND SENSE BY David Uffington

If you have a remodeling project in mind, late summer is a good time to line up your contractors. Construction crews are coming to the end of their busy season and looking for work to keep themselves going over the cooler months, especially the winter.

Before you begin: Take written bids from at least three contractors. Be detailed in your specifications when it comes to the type of wood you want, the model and color of cabinets, the number of coats of a specific paint, etc. Ask for references of any contractors you interview, of course, and call them. Ask if the project was completed on time and at the promised cost. But don't stop there. While it's still warm and crews are out, drive around your area and make note of the addresses of homes where work is being done, as well as the company name and phone number of any work vehicles in the yard. When the projects are complete, approach the homeowners and ask whether they were satisfied with the work. They might even show you around to see the completed project.

Make sure any contract you write is for a fixed price that includes materials and labor. That way you know the bottom line. If you sign a standard contract, read it carefully. Remember: If it's not in writing, it doesn't exist.

Don't agree to any clause that can change the deadline, price or materials on your job.

While it's tempting to save money by acting as your own general contractor, you may be happier in the long run if you hire a residential general contractor with the expertise to order supplies and hire and schedule subcontractors.

Remember that while the general contractor will be responsible for a lot of things, you can't step completely out of the process. With liability insurance and workers' comp, for example, all crews who step foot on your property need to produce a copy of their certificate before they begin work. When new materials show up, be there when it's being unloaded and look for damaged or missing material. The general contractor also is responsible for paying the subcontractors, so you need to require a performance bond to be in place for all levels of contractors.

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Write to him in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.

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Disability claims going paperless

VETERANS POST by Freddy Groves

I don't know whether to laugh or cry. The Department of Veterans Affairs wants to go paperless for disability claims.

On the one hand, millions of pieces of paper (multiple pages for each and every claim) are hard to track, and the VA isn't always good at it. Remember the tales of mail being ditched or shredded?

On the other hand, it's far too easy to blame missing documents on computers. "It never got here," is always a handy excuse.

The VA hasn't had a good track record of taking things online either. Look at the \$127 million it spent on an appointment scheduling system. Then it had to start over.

But we still hear about cases of rigging the appointments. It's called "gaming," and employees are doing it so their performance looks better. All it takes is one (or dozens) of wayward employees to make changes in the data. There are cases of clerks canceling appointments moments

before the veteran arrives, or changing the date the appointment was initially made to make it look like the veteran is getting a fast appointment, and more.

Still, the VA is going to try to get it right this time, and it's awarded a \$9.1 million contract to IBM for a fully automated online-claims processing system. To his credit, VA chief Eric Shinseki wants to start small. Initial claims will be limited to Vietnam veterans with the following illnesses: B-cell leukemia, Parkinson's disease or ischemic heart disease. At this point, those three haven't been completely cleared for presumptive service-related disability, but that's supposed to happen later this year.

The new claims system is slated to be ready in November. The hope is that this will allow claims decisions in 125 days.

Write to Freddy Groves in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.

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Financial specialist helps domestic violence survivors

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Helping survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault find their path to a happy and healthy life is a multifaceted task, and a local organization recently added another component to help survivors in that goal.

Shelter, Inc. a private, non-profit agency that provides safe shelter and supportive services to victims of sexual assault and domestic violence recently added an employment /life skills specialist to its staff.

Kendra Bartz comes to Shelter, Inc. as the employment/life skills specialist with 18 years experience in the financial community and three years of experience in the insurance industry in Alpena. She started as a teller in a bank and moved up over the years to loan and mortgage departments. She worked with people to improve their credit scores and handling disputes - something she is doing now, but from the other side of the desk.

Bartz, an Alpena native, graduated from Alpena Community College with an associate degree in marketing. She

entered the financial community and, several years ago, received an associate degree in management. In May 2009 she graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree in the human services field.

Then Sandra Pilgrim-Lewis, the executive director of Shelter, Inc. called.

"Kendra comes with a skills set that many of us don't have," Pilgrim-Lewis said. "We were just thrilled to be able to hire her. She's such an unassuming person so willing to share her knowledge... She's accomplished phenomenal things in a very short time."

Bartz explained that most of the Shelter, Inc. clients she works with never handled money because they were kept in a very controlled situation. "Normally they don't know how to handle money," Bartz said. "I teach them how to make a budget, take care of past (money problems) and handle corrections, so when they stand on their own two feet they can do it successfully."

Bartz also encourages clients to get more education and job skills. She works with



Kendra Bartz

them to develop resumes and helps them find jobs. "It really improves their self-esteem. Many have been told they are stupid, etcetera. When they find out they aren't stupid and they can accomplish things, it gives them self confidence," she said. "I also act as an advocate for clients who need that kind of help."

Bartz joined Shelter, Inc. last August and hasn't looked back at her former career. "My days (now) aren't measured in dollars anymore,"

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Environmentally friendly shoreline development the aim of new partnership

Environmentally friendly landscaping for waterfront properties has often been long been a challenge for Michigan property owners. Many of the traditional approaches, such as using rock riprap or installing vertical seawalls, are hard on lake ecosystems. But a new organization -- the Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership -- is working to make green options available to homeowners.

The Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership (MNSP), which is made up of Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment staffers, Michigan State University Extension

staff, industry representatives, trade associations, academic institutions and non-profit organizations, has created a course for contractors on ecologically friendly landscaping methods for inland lake shorelines: The Certified Natural Shoreline Professional (CNSP). MNSP will also be providing workshops for homeowners and shoreline product research and development.

"MNSP is good example of the DNRE working hand-in-hand with industry and stakeholders to address important resource issues, while working to expand green business opportunities

in Michigan's marketplace," said John Skubinna, a DNRE compliance assistance specialist and MNSP facilitator.

MNSP certifies that contractors have successfully completed a four-day training course -- three days in the classroom and one day of field training -- and have passed a certification exam.

A total of 56 participants from across the state attended the classroom component offered in Kalamazoo, Mich. and Pontiac, Mich. this year. MNSP experts taught a course packed with information on green landscaping and erosion-control methods, shoreline environments, lake health and shoreline permits. The course included a training manual, lectures and small-group activities where participants learned to design natural shorelines. The field day involved hands-on construction of a bioengineered natural shoreline project on a lakeshore.

Scott Brown, executive director of the Michigan Lake and Stream Association, took the Pontiac, Mich. course out of a personal interest in natural shorelines.

"The Certified Natural Shoreline Professional training course was outstanding," Brown said. "Those (participants) whom I spoke to

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Landscapers plant perennials through a burlap mat placed on top of the soil on a Ford Lake site to prevent erosion at the lake-front property. *Photot courtesy of David Kenyon, Michigan DNRE.*

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With love and sorrow

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

I'm going to be straightforward about this. Last week, a much-loved family in our community became the victim of a terrible, tragic crime. It was horrible in its commission and horrible in its conclusion. And in our part of the world, when sorrow comes, it comes to us all.

Several people asked me if I intended to write about it. Initially, I said no, I wouldn't. My reasoning was simple. I didn't know what to say. I still don't. Nonetheless, it is the matter on all of our minds, and in all of our hearts, and while some people make casseroles, writing is what I do.

So I hope you'll forgive this attempt if my words stumble this time. Since last Thursday, I've watched our collective community mourn. I've seen it happen a handful of times. It is both awesome and humbling. Young people, not long out of high school, mothers and fathers, lifelong residents and those newer to the community, those who knew Kecia well and those who only said hello in passing, all lowered their heads and their voices.

People shared what they knew, not in the spirit of gossip, but in the stunned realization that such a thing could happen here, to one of our own. Here in our own tiny, beautiful dot on the map, where people are good and care about one another.

I fall into the mothers and fathers category. In this particular instance, I consider Ron and Gena to be very, very dear friends, known for most of my lifetime. But I know that even if that were not true, my heart, like every other mother or father I know, would still be breaking.

Many of us -- most of us, I would think -- who chose to remain in our hometown did so at least in part because it is a good village in which to raise a child. Alcona County raises good kids, at least in part because we do know one another. Before we become friends or coworkers or fellow committee members, we come to know one another as "Jessica's mom" or "Brad's

dad." Most of us also come to know our children's friends well and their classmates, teammates, fellow club members by sight, at the very least. We take pride in their accomplishments and shake our heads at the mistakes young people make on their way to maturity. One of the reasons we feel safe here is because we look out for each other's kids, too -- offering rides home or shared pizza or the occasional reminder that the grown-ups are watching.

A good portion of the mom and dad's club spends their evenings and weekends gathered at one field or arena or community fundraiser, and we come to know one another in that context. And while parents may present the honors and awards to the outside world, there are lots of days when we share the frustration and the stress of raising children with one another. We laugh at the most recent foolishness of it all. We reassure the younger parents, "Oh that's nothing. When Billy was little..."

There are a lot of young adults in Alcona County who would probably be surprised to realize how much I know about their formative years from conversations with their parents. Just as the younger parents who come behind us will be surprised to discover that after they've made sure to get all the immunizations, after they've taught them to ride a bike and drive a car and seen them graduate and go on their way into adulthood, it doesn't end. When you have a child -- when you choose to walk through the world with your heart outside your body -- it's a forever proposition.

And so, when we lose a young person here, a series of snapshots run through our collective minds. A million megawatt smile, as the dark-haired girl takes her third blue ribbon of the day. A ponytail, streaming out behind her as she streaks around the bases. The image of a father and a daughter, sitting side by side at the restaurant counter, looking so alike that no one would have to guess the relationship between them. A mom, laughing with tears in her eyes at the latest antics of her beautiful, beautiful girl.

It hurts. It hurts us so badly, that we say to one another, "I can't imagine..." But that's just the problem, you see. We can. We can imagine it. We have, on many

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sleepless nights over many long years. We just can't think how we would survive it. And we want to help. We want, so badly, to help.

Here is the only thing I can think of that might offer even a modicum of comfort. It's a question I heard put to a parent in a similar situation, many years ago. If you knew that all of it -- the first smiles and the first steps and the late nights and the early morning meltdowns, the all-A report cards and the failed math classes and the dandelion bouquets and the slammed bedroom doors, the pride and the embarrassment and the inordinate, overwhelming unconditional, unquenchable love -- if you knew all of that would end in so much pain, would you rather not have known it?

The parent who was asked, in the midst of mourning a child, said, "I would do it all again."

That is all I have to offer. I wish it were more. But for my two dear friends and their families, I hope that they will be able to take "all of it" -- all of the precious moments of pride and frustration and laughter and love -- and form it into a rough approximation of the warmth and comfort they placed, so many times, over their daughter's heart. It will not make the pain go away. But perhaps, in some small way the knowledge of what they have had will help to assuage the pain of what they have lost.

As for me, I will hold on to the image of a beautiful girl on a tall horse, flying down the beach at the water's edge, kicking up sand in the absolute epitome of all that is joy.

There's a beach and a horse in heaven, Ron and Gena. Of that much, I am absolutely certain.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 27 years. A *Voices of Michigan 2002* author, she has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville. The couple has one daughter, Katrina -- "the Princess," two dogs, Lady and Henry, and grand-dog, Bastian, all of whom are frequent victims of her column.)

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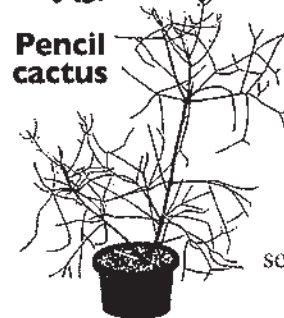
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The Garden Bug

Pencil cactus



The pencil cactus (also known as a "milk bush") is not really a cactus at all -- it's a tropical plant native to Africa and India, though it needs very little water (probably the reason it's perceived as a cactus). It can grow as tall as 30 feet outside. Wear gloves when working with this plant and thoroughly wash hands afterwards, as the toxicity of its milky sap is well-known. Contact can cause allergic reactions ranging from mild to severe enough to require hospitalization.

source: www.gardeningcentral.org

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of July 18-24, 2010

84 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 1 Drive While License Suspended; 4 Operate While Intoxicated.

Complaint Statistics

Traffic	8	Car/Deer	3
Property Damage Accident	5	General Assistance	7
False Alarm	6	Domestic	5
Animal	9	Patrol Check	2
Found Property	1	Larceny	1
Operate While Intoxicated	4	Drive While Lic. Suspended	3
Suspicious Person	2	Well Being Check	2
Suspicious Situation	3	Miscellaneous	6
Attempted Burglary	1	Kennel Inspection	1
Extra Patrol	2	Personal Injury Accident	2
Family Dispute	1	Suspicious Vehicle	2
Animal Bite	1	Homicide	1
Missing Person	1	Civil	2
Fatal Accident	1	Neighbor Dispute	1
Harassment	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	8	Caledonia	8	Curtis	10
Greenbush	14	Gustin	6	Harrisville	7
Hawes	8	Haynes	5	Mikado	6
Millen	2	Mitchell	1		
City of Harrisville 7		Village of Lincoln 2			

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she said. "They are measured in other forms of success - I love it. I like that I don't have a set schedule of what I have to do. It revolves around the clients. But this position also gives me time to spend with my family."

Some of the ways she's been able to assist clients recently was saving one client \$47,000 in a dispute and then, simply going with another to register for college courses at Alpena Community College. "I didn't do anything. But just being there helped give her the courage to make that step," Bartz said. According to Bartz clients are grateful for "any help and suggestions. They are so appreciative in any way. They aren't used to anyone helping them."

Several guidelines that Bartz shares with her clients, and are important for anyone, include:

Don't ignore your credit status. You can't fix what you don't know about.

She recommends only one truly free credit reporting web site - annualcreditreport.com. It is sanctioned by the FDIC. By accessing this site individuals can get one credit report every 12 months (from Transunion, Equifax and Experian).

Use the prompts on that site to work on your credit score if necessary.

Shelter, Inc.'s primary service area encompasses the northeast Michigan counties of Alcona, Alpena, Iosco, Montmorency and Presque Isle. The organization is a vision, mission, philosophy driven organization dedicated to ending personal violence in communities through advocacy, education, community collaboration and systems change.

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ACC PROGRAMS OF STUDY

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Anthropology (AA)	Concrete Technology (AAS)**	Natural Sciences (AS)*
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Automotive Body Repair (C)	Customer Energy Service (C, AAS)	Nursing, Registered Nursing (AAS)
Auto Service & Repair (C, AAS)	Economics (AA)	Physical & Health Education (AA)
Biology (AS)	Education, Elementary (AA)	Physics (AS)
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• Executive Assistant (AA)	English (AA)	Pre-Law (AA)
• Medical Info Specialist (AAS)	Fine Arts (AA)	Pre-Medical Technology (AS)
• Medical Transcriptionist (C)	General Sciences (AS)*	Pre-Medicine (AS)
• Office Assistant (C)	General Studies (AGS)	Pre-Occupational Therapy (AS)
• Office Info Tech Specialist (AAS)	Geography (AA)	Pre-Pharmacy (AS)
Business Management (AAS)*	Graphic Design (C, AA)	Pre-Physical Therapy (AS)
CAD Engineering Tech (AAS)	History (AA)	Pre-Radiology Technology (AS)
CAD/CAM, Advanced (C or AAS)	Industrial Sales (AAS)	Pre-Veterinary (AS)
Chemistry (AS)	Journalism (AA)	Psychology (AA)
Computer Info Systems (AA)	Law Enforcement	Small Business Management (C, AAS)*
Computer Integrated Machining Technology (Machining Option) (AAS)	Liberal Arts, General (AA)*	Social Sciences (AA)
Computer Integrated Machining Technology (Welding Option) (AAS)	Manufacturing Tech, Basic (C)	Social Work (AA)
Computer Science, General (AS)	Marketing (AAS)	Sociology (AA)
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Admissions Policy: Alpena Community College grants admission to all persons who have earned a high school diploma or GED, or who are 18 years of age or older, and who demonstrate the ability to benefit from a particular program of study.

Ability to benefit may be demonstrated by those who:

1. Have satisfactory skills as measured by institutional placement testing for reading, language and numerical skills or
2. Enroll in specialized training programs not leading to a degree or certificate
3. Can produce Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) test score results of 500 or better when coming from a non-English speaking country.

The age requirement is waived for a high school student who:


1. Is a dually enrolled high school student* as provided for by the State School Aid Act, as amended, or
2. Is certified as having attained junior status toward graduation as determined by the high school or the home schooling association issuing the diploma. College course enrollment will be determined in accordance with the Alpena Community College COMPASS placement test results for reading, language and numerical skills.

* Interested high school students should contact their high school principal or guidance counselor for further information.

This admissions policy applies to admission to the College only and is intended to assure students of both opportunity and quality in programs. Admission to a specific curriculum or course is based on student interest, achievement, and test scores necessary for preparation to enter a specific program or course.

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seemed really enthused about the class and the untapped potential for serving the needs of riparians looking to give back to their lakes."

The Pontiac, Mich. group recently completed the course during a final construction day on Ford Lake, building a bioengineering demonstration project at a park in Ypsilanti Charter Township in Washtenaw County.

The project was sponsored by the township, JFNew, Inc., Eastern Michigan University, the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC), and the Middle Huron Stormwater Advisory Group (MHSAG).

Ric Lawson, a Watershed Planner with HRWC, and facilitator of the MHSAG, assisted in the development of the project.

"The Ford Lake Demonstration Project not only served to train contractors from the CNSP courses, but will be used by its collaborators to educate the local communities on the benefits of natural landscaping methods and their impact on Ford Lake health and water quality," Lawson said.

"Development of lakefront properties has impacted the shoreline of Ford Lake, as it has on lakes across the state, by removing the deep-rooted plant material that hold the shore in place, and prevent lawn fertilizers and pesticides from running into the water. This training in natural protection techniques, as an alternative to traditional construction methods, is sorely



Five years after a lakefront landscape was bioengineered on Big Paw Paw Lake, native vegetation has taken over and protects the shoreline. Photo courtesy of David Kenyon, Michigan DNRE.

needed."

Participants completed their certification exams that same day.

The Kalamazoo, Mich. group finished in early June, taking their exam and participating in a construction day on Gull Lake sponsored by Wildtype Nursery, Gull Lake Quality Organization and the Kalamazoo Community Foundation. The construction day provided participants with experience installing a natural shoreline including native plants, erosion control blankets and coir fiber logs -- biodegradable logs made from coconut husk fiber -- that protect plantings from wave and ice action until they can get established.

Ed Schmitt, a marine contractor who owns Trident Dock & Dredge, Inc. in Watervliet, Mich. is a member of MNSP who sees bioengineering as a viable alternative to rock riprap and vertical sea walls on low- to moderate-energy shorelines. Both Ed and his son, Matt, attended the Kalamazoo, Mich. course and said it provided a balanced and technically sound approach to bioengineered shoreline erosion control. Schmitt said he re-

gards "soft" shoreline erosion control techniques as a service he can offer to his customers to respond to the demand for green landscaping options.

MNSP has also assisted the DNRE in developing a new Bioengineering Minor Permit for low-energy sites on inland lakes. The DNRE plans to issue the new permit category in the next few months to enable property owners to obtain permits more quickly for soft shoreline projects.

The partnership plans to offer CNSP in 2011. Locations have yet to be determined. Shoreline property owners looking for more information about MNSP can go to the partnership's website at <http://www.michigan-lakes.msue.msu.edu/MichiganNaturalShorelinePartnership.aspx>.

Those looking to hire a Certified Natural Shoreline Professional should watch for the list on this same site. For more information about the Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership and its activities contact Jane Herbert at jherbert@msu.edu or John Skubinna at skubinnaj@michigan.gov.

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Northland Area Federal Credit Union

The Food Bank of Eastern Michigan is providing food to over 50,000 individuals each week throughout its 22 county service area in eastern Michigan. Unfortunately, this number increases during the summer months when free and reduced lunches are not an option at the schools. Many parents and children must then rely on summer feeding programs and agency outreach to get by.

Employees of Northland Area Federal Credit Union responded to the need and donated \$1,021.92 to the cause. The money for this charity was raised by Northland employees from donations to a special fund. Northland management allowed employees to wear blue jeans and tennis shoes on Fridays for a donation into a special

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union

Through the hard work of its employees and the generosity of its membership, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union's main branch and Ossineke branch were able to raise a total of \$909.78 for St. Bernard's Friendship Room.

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union employees select four community or charity organizations that they would like to raise money for during each quarter of the year. During the second quarter of 2010 (April 1 through June 30) the staff of both the main branch and the Ossineke branch of AAACU chose to focus their efforts on St. Bernard's Friendship Room.

St. Bernard's Friendship Room, located at 322 W. Chisholm in Alpena, provides hot meals Monday through Friday from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Saturday from 3 to 4 p.m. Anyone asking for a meal will be fed without charge and without questions asked. St. Bernard's Friendship Room is a volunteer service subsidized by financial and food contributions from the Alpena community and surrounding area. For more information, the Friendship Room can be reached at (989) 354-8018.

The Ossineke Branch of Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, located at 11610 US-23 S., was able to raise \$309.15 through several fundraisers, including selling bags of "Just Because" candy, York mints, and raffling a gift certificate to Connie's Café in Ossineke, and a Father's Day gift basket.

The Alpena main branch, located at 1100 S. Bagley, raised \$660.63 with a "cutest pet" contest and raffles. They also collected non-perishable items for the friendship room. Both offices allowed employees to dress down in jeans or tennis shoes if employees made a \$2 donation for the charity. Between the two offices, they were able to present St. Bernard's Friendship Room with a check for \$909.78 and five boxes of non-perishable food items.

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relief fund that began over a year ago. When Northland learned of the special need to feed families in eastern Michigan, all the money in the fund was donated to the Food Bank.

Northland members also responded by giving donations during the week of June 21 and donated an additional \$127 to the cause. Anyone needing Food Bank assistance may call Tim Curry at (810) 396-0215.

Pete Dzuris, (left) president and CEO of Northland Area Federal Credit Union presents a check to Timothy Curry, development coordinator of the Food Bank of Eastern Michigan. Brianna Crandall and Dawn Poltz, service member representatives from the West Branch, Mich. branch are in the background. *Courtesy photo.*



Income Guidelines for National Free and Reduced Priced Meals For Schools, and Child and Adult Care Programs are Announced

The Michigan Department of Education has announced the household income guidelines established by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for free and reduced price meals and free milk through the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, Special Milk, and Child and Adult Care Food Programs. The income guidelines are effective from July 1, 2010, through June 30, 2011.

Contact your school, school district, child care center, or family child care home, to find out whether it participates in these programs.

Schools and child care centers will provide a form for applying for free or reduced price meals. Only one application is required per household. Most participating centers and all participating family child care homes provide meals to all enrolled participants without any separate charge.

Children who are recipients of Michigan's Family Independence Program, Food Assistance Program, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations households, or enrolled in Head Start, Even Start, and At-Risk afterschool center, or an emergency shelter, automatically qualify for free meals. Households with incomes less than or equal to the following guidelines qualify for free or reduced price meals or free milk.

Scale for Free Meals or Free Milk		
Total Family Size	Annual	Monthly
1	\$14,079	\$1,174
2	\$18,941	\$1,579
3	\$23,803	\$1,984
4	\$28,665	\$2,389
5	\$33,527	\$2,794
6	\$38,389	\$3,200
7	\$43,251	\$3,605
8	\$48,113	\$4,010

Scale for Reduced Price Meals	
Annual	Monthly
\$20,036	\$1,670
\$26,955	\$2,247
\$33,874	\$2,823
\$40,793	\$3,400
\$47,712	\$3,976
\$54,631	\$4,553
\$61,550	\$5,130
\$68,469	\$5,706

For each additional family member add:

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	\$6,919	\$577
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An application to a school or child care center can be approved if it contains complete documentation of household income, or documentation of current participation in Michigan's Family Independence Program, Food Assistance Program, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations. Foster children usually qualify for free meals or free milk without regard to the foster parents' income. Information supplied on an application for free or reduced price meals may be verified at any time. An appeal procedure is available for households where applications are denied.

Participating schools and centers accept applications for free or reduced price meals at any time during the year. A household may qualify for free or reduced price meals due to a temporary loss of income, such as a period of unemployment.

If a doctor has determined that a child has a disability, and the disability would prevent the child from eating the regular school or child care meal, the school or child care facility will make any substitution prescribed by a doctor at no charge. The doctor's statement, including prescribed diet and/or substitution, must be submitted to the food service department of the school or child care facility.

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) policy, no participant will be discriminated against because of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or (202) 720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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Justin Southard, loan interviewer at the Alpena main branch said, "We chose to raise money for the friendship room to stick to the credit union motto of 'people helping people.' We wanted to help those less fortunate than ourselves—and what better way to do that than to raise money for the Friendship Room."

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union serves members primarily in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency and Iosco counties with eight locations.



(From left) Randy MacAulay from St. Bernard's Friendship Room and AAACU employees Colleen Miller, Erin June, Angie King, Justin Southard, Jamie Quick, Denise Chapman and Cheryl Christensen. *Courtesy photo.*

AnJ State Wide Real Estate

State Wide Real Estate Corporation held its annual awards convention in Escanaba, Mich. on July 10 and AnJ State Wide Real Estate of Harrisville received numerous awards for the 2009 calendar year.

AnJ State Wide received special recognition for having achieved third place in the Class A Division within the State Wide organization and they were the top office in the Lower Peninsula. "We are very proud of this award," said broker and owner Joyce Hook. "This is a tribute to all the hard work our sales associates do for their customers and clients. I am extremely proud of them."

Barbara Bartlett, associate broker, received three

awards. She was recognized for having achieved over three million dollars in sales volume for 2009. She also received the prestigious Hugh D. Harris Top Lister Award for listing the most properties in a year's time throughout the entire State Wide Real Estate network of 25 offices. In addition, Bartlett was honored for having achieved the second Top Sales Associate in the State Wide Real Estate's entire network of 25 offices in 2009.

Ronald Yokom, sales associate, received two awards. He was recognized for having achieved over two million dollars in sales volume for 2009. Yokom was also hon

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Mark Kilmer, sales associate, received two awards. He was recognized for having achieved over one million dollars in sales volume for 2009. He was also honored for having achieved ninth Top Sales Associate in the State Wide Real Estate's entire network of 25 offices.



AnJ State Wide Real Estate award winners (back row, from left) Mark Kilmer, Barbara Bartlett and Ronald Yokom with owner and broker Joyce Hook. *Courtesy photo.*

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2010 Water Quality Report for The City of Harrisville

This report covers the drinking water quality for the City of Harrisville for the calendar year 2010. This information is a snapshot of the quality of the water that we provided to you in 2010. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from two (2) groundwater wells located at 417 Mill Creek Rd. The state performed an assessment of our source water in 2003. Copies of the reports are available from the Harrisville City Clerk's Office. Our wells were determined to have moderately low susceptibility to contamination.

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

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

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

* **Contaminants that may be present in source water include:**

* **Microbial contaminants**, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.

* **Inorganic contaminants**, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.

* **Pesticides and herbicides**, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.

* **Radioactive contaminants**, which can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.

* **Organic chemical contaminants**, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

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



Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2009 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this

table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2009. The state allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** The level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- N/A:** not applicable **ND:** not detectable at testing limit **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter
- Action Level (AL):** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

Samples collected at the Wellhouse:

Regulated Chemical Contaminants	MCL	MCLG	Our Water	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminants
Fluoride (ppm)	4	4	0.22 MG/L	6/24/2009	No	Erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated Chemical Contaminants ²	Our Water	Sample Date	Violation Yes / No	Typical Source of Contaminants
Sodium (ppm)	6	6/24/2009	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits
Sulfate (ppm)	25	6/24/2009	N/A	Erosion of natural deposits

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

Samples Collected in the Distribution System:

Contaminants Subject to an Action Level	Action Level, MCL, or MRDL	Our Water	Sample Date	Number of Samples Above AL	Typical Source of Contaminants
Lead (ppb) ³	AL = 15	(90 th percentile) 0	7/29/2009	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits
Copper (ppm) ³	AL = 1.3	(90 th percentile) 0.100	7/29/2009	0	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits; Leaching from wood preservatives

³ 90 percent of the samples collected were at or below the level reported for our water.

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

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

We invite public participation in decisions that affect drinking water quality. The Harrisville City Council meets regularly at 7:00 p.m. on the second Monday of the month at the Harrisville City Clerk's Office at 200 Fifth St. Harrisville MI 48740. For more information about your water, or the contents of this report, contact The City of Harrisville (989)724-6666. For more information about safe drinking water, visit the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at www.epa.gov/safewater/.

Organization Notes

Alcona Lodge No. 292

On July 8, Alcona Lodge No. 292 held a dinner in honor of the 2010 scholarship recipients.

The class of 2010 marks the 24th consecutive year that Alcona Lodge has awarded scholarships to local graduating students. In that time, more than \$108,000 has been awarded to 115 students. The scholarship began in 1987 with awards of \$800 each to two students.

Funds for the scholarships

come from the annual golf outing, memorial donations, and the Michigan Masonic Charitable Foundation. The annual Alcona Lodge No. 292 Scholarship Golf Outing - to be held this year on August 21 - is the main source of funding and the success is largely due to the generous support of the many sponsors in the community.

Anyone who hasn't participated in this tournament, is encouraged join in the fun

- there are still spots available. Sign up sheets are available at Loggers Trace and must be submitted no later than August 15.

Scholarship applications for the class of 2011 will be available this fall and must be completed and submitted to Alcona Lodge no later than December 17, 2010 to be eligible for consideration. Masonic affiliation is not an eligibility requirement.



(From left) Mike Kerr, secretary of Alcona Lodge and chairperson of the annual Masonic Scholarship Golf Tournament; scholarship recipients Mackenzie Sims (Alcona), Shannon Fowler (Oscoda), Mike Suitor (Alcona), Lelia Cotton (Oscoda), Kathryn Bates (Alcona); and John Guynn, master of Alcona Lodge No. 292. *Courtesy photo.*

Agrens celebrate 50th anniversary

Andy and Nancy Agren celebrated their 50th anniversary recently at The Old Place Inn in Harrisville with family and friends.

They met and graduated from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich. They married June 25, 1960 at the First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, Mich.

They moved to Harrisville in 1992 when Andy retired from Ford Motor Company and Nancy from teaching art. She is involved with the Craftmakers' Cabin and both enjoy gardening.



Nancy and Andy Agren

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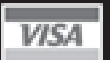
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Volunteers help band woodcock

For the majority of pointing-dog enthusiasts, nothing compares to autumn, when hunting season is open and hunters can spend their days with their best friends in pursuit of upland birds. But for a small minority of bird-dog aficionados, there's even more fun to be had in spring.

Spring is the other bird season: Banding season, when hunters exchange their firearms for landing nets and pursue woodcock with the express purpose of capturing them, only to release them as soon as they've been festooned with small metal leg bands.

From April until June, a small contingent of dedicated bird-dog owners takes to the wood lots of Michigan to locate and band the needle-nosed migrants. The bands that are returned by hunters provide important information to wildlife managers about the population, distribution and life history of woodcock.

Woodcock are migratory birds that are more closely related to shore birds than they are to other upland game birds, but have adapted to forested habitat. Woodcock prefer early-age forests with moist soils.

Mottled brown birds with long beaks that they use to feed by probing the moist earth for invertebrates, woodcock are so well camouflaged that their first instinct, when approached, is to freeze. That makes them perfect for pursuit with pointing dogs.

Michigan leads the nation in woodcock banding, largely because of its volunteer army of woodcock banders. Every year, volunteers spend more than 1,000 hours in Michigan wood lots, banding 1,000 or more mostly recently hatched woodcock.

Michigan has been in the forefront of banding since 1960, when federal wildlife officials asked state natural resources agencies in woodcock production states to help band large numbers of woodcock for a population study. Michigan wildlife biologist G. A. "Andy" Ammann participated in the banding effort and helped refine the tech-



Woodcock chicks, like this week-old bird, depend on their natural camouflage to avoid danger. Photo by David Kenyon, Michigan DNRE.

nique of using pointing dogs to locate woodcock broods.

By 1965, six people, mostly professional wildlife biologists, were actively banding woodcock in Michigan. But as time progressed, Ammann and others trained volunteers to join the effort. By the mid 1990s, there were about 100 volunteers banding woodcock in the state.

The drill is fairly simple: Volunteers take to the forests with their dogs. The dogs point nesting or brooding woodcock hens. Using long-handled nets, the volunteers capture the hens -- if they can -- which they'll band before they release them. But they also look for nests or chicks on the ground.

When a brooding hen is flushed, she'll typically fly just a short distance and then feign a broken wing, a behavior designed to draw the bander away from the chicks. It's a tip-off to banders that chicks are present.

The mottled brown and yellow chicks blend perfectly into the early spring vegetation; it takes eagle eyes to spot them as they remain motionless, waiting for the perceived danger to pass. After the banders have searched the area visually, identifying what chicks they can find, the banders gently pick up the chicks. That usually prompts the chicks to start peeping; the calls typically spur the remaining chick to begin running, making them

more visible.

The banders work quickly to minimize stress to the chicks. They measure the chick's beak to help determine its age. (Woodcock are born with a 14 millimeter beak and it grows 2 millimeters a day). They attach a thin metal band with a serial number to the chick's leg and record all relevant data. Then they release the chicks. The hen and chicks soon reunite. In fact, many woodcock banders recount having a hen fly back and sit nearby while they band the chicks.

Not just anyone can band woodcock. Would-be woodcock banders must attend a mandatory workshop, study under the guidance of an experienced bander, and have their dogs certified as able to perform the task without jeopardizing the birds' safety. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) issues permits to allowing individuals to band woodcock.

Randy Strouse, a retired skilled tradesman in an auto plant, has been banding woodcock since 1991. Strouse said he tries to spend at least 60 hours in the woods banding each spring and usually bands more than 50 birds, though he has surpassed 80 some years.

"I hunt, just like anyone else, but if I see a woodcock on the ground and it has a band, I won't shoot it when it flushes," Strouse said. "If it's this year's bird, you wouldn't be able to gather any information from it."

Strouse will gladly say he'd rather band woodcock than hunt them. "The banding community really likes doing this," Strouse said. "If I had to give up one or the other, I'd give up hunting."

Banding woodcock makes it possible for hunters to contribute to conservation efforts in a hands-on manner. And it makes the whole effort practical.

"Without the volunteer banders, we wouldn't be able to band anywhere near the number of woodcock we band each year," said Al Stewart, the DNRE's upland game bird specialist. "It's the main reason Michigan leads the nation in the number of woodcock banded."

Banders worked in Michigan woods through early June, by which time the bulk of the chicks have developed enough that they can fly and further banding efforts are fruitless.

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Sturgeon study designed to enhance population

There are a lot of reasons why lake sturgeon have captured the public's imagination.

Sturgeon are by far the largest fish in the Great Lakes, with individuals exceeding 100 pounds. They are often thought of as living fossils, having evolved very little from a prehistoric family of fishes.

They are unusual in appearance - elongated with a wedge-shaped head and four barbels in front of their rubbery under-slung lips. And they are rarely caught, except by a tiny coterie of anglers who actively pursue them.

Native to the Great Lakes, sturgeon are rarely seen in Michigan - except in the northeastern Lower Peninsula in spring, where sturgeon enthusiasts flock to the Black River to observe the leviathans during their spawning run.

Once widespread and numerous in the Great Lakes, sturgeon populations have been decimated by overfishing, poaching and dam construction that has cut them off from their upstream spawning habitat. But a small population of fish persists in the inland lakes of the Cheboygan River system, most notably, Black Lake. Here, sturgeon are the subject of intense study as fisheries managers hope to preserve and enhance the population.

Every spring, a crew of fisheries technicians, under the direction of Michigan State University professor Kim Scribner, captures sturgeon in large landing nets in the shallows of the Black River. The staff measures, weighs and tags the fish, collecting eggs and milt from the creatures to produce young in a streamside hatchery to be released back into the system in the late summer, giving them a helping hand during those first few months of life when they are especially vulnerable.

"We have problems with natural recruitment," said Scribner, whose work is funded by grants from a variety of sources, including the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) and the Great Lakes Fishery Trust. "Almost all of them are eaten on their way downstream."

The process begins with a team of fisheries technicians working on a stretch of Black River that includes seven distinct spawning areas. This year, four technicians and an MSU graduate student (studying a somewhat-related topic) worked on the project.

Greg Hill, from Oregon, Wisc., came equipped with a wet suit, mask and snorkel. Hill, carrying a large but handleless landing net, dives into the upstream end of the deeper pools, swimming downstream looking for sturgeon. He either nets the fish or spooks them out of the holes and into the shallows, where the other technicians use landing nets to corral the fish.

When a fish is captured, it's examined for previous tags or scars that might indicate they were previously



After a quick exam, sturgeon are released back into the Black River. Photo by David Kenyon, Michigan DNRE.

tagged. Tags are applied near the dorsal fin, (left of the fin on females, right of the fin on males). The technicians use different colored tags for the sexes and different colored tags for early in the run and late in the run. By noting the position and color of a tag, workers can immediately identify the sex and when the fish was tagged.

The technicians perform a quick physical examination - length, weight, circumference, sex - then check the females to see if they're ready to spawn. If females are ripe, technicians take eggs, collect milt from males and send the products to the hatchery where they'll be mixed for fertilization.

The fisheries workers also implant sturgeon with passive integrated transponder (PIT) tags. PIT tags give fisheries workers the opportunity to retrieve data from the fish by using a receiver that's waved over the PIT. By comparing the data from when the fish was tagged to when it was recaptured, fisheries staffers can determine growth rates and compare other biological data.

The hatchery - which was quickly built in a partnership involving the DNRE, hydro-power company Tower-Kleber Limited Partnership, and the nonprofit Sturgeon for Tomorrow - probably exceeded expectations for a brand new facility last year: It produced about 1,500 four to seven-inch fish that were stocked into Black Lake and the Cheboygan River system in late summer.

"As far as I'm concerned, it was a success," said DNRE fisheries biologist Kyle Kruger. "Despite dealing with a new facility, the technicians and students did a great job. We had fish in the facility, and we had fish at the end to stock out to help in the rehabilitation of the Black Lake system and even allow a

couple of tiny plants over at Burt and Mullet (lakes) as well.

"At one point of time, we didn't even think we'd have water in the facility. Hopefully next year we'll be even more successful," Kruger said.

The goal is to produce 1,500 fish annually for stocking, Scribner said.

But the efforts are producing other benefits as well.

"We've captured and recaptured hundreds of these individuals and we're able to genotype the adults and the offspring," Scribner explained. "We can collect larva and trace them back to individual male and female adults, trace them to specific spawning sites and dates, and correlate that data with current flow and temperature."

Because sturgeon do not reach sexual maturity until they are 15 to 25 years of age, "it'll be a long, long time before any of the larva return to spawn," Scribner said.

Sturgeon larvae hatch with no eyes and no mouth. They burrow into the substrate and spend two to three weeks absorbing their yolk sac and developing. When they emerge, they begin drifting downstream toward the lake. Very few make it.

Scribner said the hatchery-raised fish should survive at a far greater rate. He's also hopeful that by raising the fish right on the river - instead of shipping them to an off-site hatchery elsewhere - the fish will be better suited to survive in their home habitat.

Although the future of Black Lake's sturgeon population is far from secure, sturgeon enthusiasts are hopeful that the research being conducted on the Black River will give the population of mysterious leviathans an important boost going forward.

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The 2010 Boys 9-10 baseball tournament team players (from left) Erik Harmon-Davey, Jack Hutchinson, Matthew Krisan, Alex Stephenson, Brendan Nelson, Caleb Finn, Damion Stewart, Jacob Dettmer, Luke Krentz, Ezra Stoley, Luke Loyer and Tim Hutchinson. Coaches (from left) Jason Loyer, Tim Hutchison and Tim Hutchinson. Not pictured: Jacob Smith. The team's tournament record was 1-2. *Courtesy photo.*

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