

## American Red Cross needs help with local blood drives

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

The American Red Cross, a national organization that comes to the aid of people in need, is looking for help from residents and organizations in Alcona County.

The Red Cross is looking for help in sponsoring or helping with six blood drives a year held at the Lincoln Senior Center. This need for help has developed because the dedicated volunteer who has handled these drives for many years has had to step down for personal reasons, according to American Red Cross representative Cindi Bauer.

"Anne Reames of Spruce has volunteered for the American Red Cross in blood services for over 25 years," Bauer said. "With the loss of her help and expertise as the coordinator over all six community drives, we now have a void in leadership - and a community opportunity. Because so much was handled

by Anne, we are looking at restructuring it so we have one group and leadership team focused on one to two blood drives each year."

She explained that in many communities the schools' youth groups like the national honor society, FFA, student council and parent organizations support community blood drives by volunteering in various capacities needed to conduct the drives. "Many communities also have leaders from organizations like the Lions, Lady Lions, Rotary, Kiwanis, Masons, Eastern Stars and chambers of commerce that facilitate drives," Bauer said. "Churches of various faiths also participate heavily by hosting blood drives. There are multiple combinations that can encourage collaboration," she said.

Ideally, Bauer said, it would be nice to have several area organizations handle two blood drives a year. "We'd like to get into a pattern with



Anne Reames the same groups for continuity and so they can get into a pattern themselves and to be able to get consistent recognition for their efforts. In exchange for their commitment and volunteer hours they can get recognition by having their group highlighted on blood drive posters," she said.

Bauer explained the Red Cross handles the publicity of the drives and all of the medical services. Area groups

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Spring crocus are popping up all over northeastern Michigan. Photo by Al Broadwood.

## Funding low for pavement marking

It's a misty, foggy night. And even though you're traveling along a familiar Alcona County road, it may be difficult to navigate because the center and edge line markings are faded or aren't there at all. Why aren't the roads marked better?

Road edge and centerline painting is usually done in spring so it has the whole season to shine before it is subjected to the rigors of winter weather and winter road maintenance. Even under the best of conditions, the markings begin to dim or lose their reflectivity within one to two years.

The Alcona County Road Commission has under its jurisdiction 333 miles of paved road. In any given year, up to 25 miles of that may be resurfaced, covering existing markings.

About 50 miles of road are scheduled to be painted each season on a rotation basis. Road commission superintendent Harold Truman is in charge of scheduling pavement marking. He said it would be great to be able to have all the roads repainted each year, but it's quite an expensive venture. One mile of centerline marking is \$250, and the cost goes up for areas requiring markings for no passing zones. The cost to paint one mile of road edge is \$450 for both lanes.

In the past, about \$20,000 has been budgeted for painting the lines on roads in Alcona County. A simple calculation and it's obvious why all the roads are not freshly painted each season. This year, in the wake of several years of declining funding and the resulting necessary budget trimming, only \$12,000 has been allotted for pavement painting.

Already, in some instances to stretch the budget, only critical areas of a road, such as in curved or hilly areas, are painted. Stretches of straight road and roads where traffic volumes and speeds

are low, as in subdivisions, are not as high of a priority as those roads where traffic, speed, or road alignment might have a greater impact on navigation.

Also having an impact, in recent years, the chemical make up of paint used for pavement markings was altered to address environmental concerns. The same qualities that make the paint earth friendly are the very ones that also zap or decrease the durability of pavement markings. At the same time, costs for pavement marking have risen dramatically over the last few years.

"This is one more place where we are forced to try to do more with less," said Truman. "While road users still expect the same level, or better service, it's a struggle with prices going up and funding going down."

So, if on that misty, foggy night, you're wondering where the pavement markings are, it might be that: 1.) you are traveling on one of the many roads resurfaced recently; 2.) the road you're

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## Less than average snowfall totals could mean high wildfire danger in Michigan

Winter in Michigan's Upper Peninsula and northern third of the Lower Peninsula saw less than average snowfall this year, which will likely mean high wildfire danger in the state, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Lesser amounts of snow in the UP and northern Lower Peninsula means snow-free conditions will occur earlier in the spring and there will be less moisture in the woodlands going into fire season, said Paul Kollmeyer, DNR's fire prevention specialist based in Cadillac, Mich.

"Spring is wildfire season in Michigan. Dead grass and other vegetation are exposed when the snow melts, and quickly dry under windy warm conditions creating a tinder fuel that easily ignites," Kollmeyer said. "This dead vegetation, coupled with a lack of moisture, creates a perfect mix for high wildfire danger."

The long range forecast models for Michigan show expected average temperatures and rainfall for Michigan this spring, Kollmeyer explained.

"It is always a day-to-day situation during spring fire season in Michigan," Kollmeyer said. "Even if we have average temperatures and rainfall, there will always be several dry, windy days that cause problems if a fire happens to start in the right place at the right time."

The DNR reminds Michigan citizens to use extreme caution with fire this spring, especially when doing yard or property cleanup work, or if enjoying a spring camping or hunting trip. Several significant wildfires in the past few years were started by

these human activities. Consider composting or mulching brush and yard waste. Michigan State University County Extension offices, local garden clubs or local waste reduction authorities,

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George Schultz, Curtis Township Library maintenance engineer, is replacing 56 ballasts at the library in conjunction with the new energy saving lights through a Consumer's Energy Incentive. This incentive program is available to businesses that want to replace their T12 lights and ballasts with the more energy efficient T5/T8 lights and ballasts. The library decided to keep existing fixtures and replace the ballasts and lights. Incentives from Consumers will cover the entire cost of the new T8 ballasts. The library's only expense are the new T8 bulbs, which are approximately \$350. The project began April 1 and is expected to be completed by April 23. The incentive can be found at [www.consumersenergy.com](http://www.consumersenergy.com), search under business energy efficient programs for the "lighting retrofit incentives worksheet." Courtesy photo.

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## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,  
After reading the two April 6, 2011, front page articles written by Kathryn Kniep I feel that it is time for me and others to speak out. I begin by asking the following questions:

Why did the board of commissioners in 1998 not ask for Katona's resignation when "Katona was arrested and charged with two counts of uttering and publishing a false, forged, altered or counterfeit document" that was

connected with his own private business?  
Did Katona not become a felon at that point in time? My Lord, he had control of county monies. Wouldn't asking for a resignation at that time been the appropriate action to take?

At least two commissioners of the current board have served decades on the Alcona County Board of Commissioners and should have known better. At least one commissioner had served on

the board when Betty Perkins was treasurer.

That commissioner should have known what accounts were authorized and were legal. That commissioner should have been aware of how Alcona County treasurer's books should look. Were not any of the commissioners during the "Katona era" astute enough to see problems within the written reports and budgets?

Is it not the responsibility of the county commissioners to oversee the operations of the county and to protect our rights - not just to rubber stamp county records?

Those two commissioners have served also in the capacity as chairpersons and still they keep getting re-elected. How is this possible? They should be held as accountable as Katona himself for not being alert considering all the "experience" they supposedly have in service to the public in our county. Perhaps it is time for them to step down or retire.

Eileen M. Oposnow  
Lincoln

## Death Notice

### William McIver

William McIver, 79, of Hubbard Lake died on Sunday, April 10, 2011 at Lincoln Haven Health care and Rehabilitation community.

His funeral is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, April 14, at 2 p.m., at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

A complete obituary will be published in a future edition of the Alcona County Review.

## Obituary

### Elizabeth J. Yack

Elizabeth "Bette" Jane Yack, 78, of Greenbush, died on Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at her home.

She was born June 9, 1932 to Samuel and Lilly (Cease) Beming in Flint, Mich., where she was raised.

On March 18, 1950 she married Allan Yack in Flint, Mich. They resided in Fenton, Mich. and retired to Greenbush in 1994.

She was a devoted homemaker and also enjoyed collecting antiques.

Mrs. Yack is survived by one daughter, Stacy (Timothy) Rosa of Greenbush; two grandchildren, Erin (Brian) Tambs and Sheridan Rosa; two great-grandchildren, Lily Sanchez and Jaiden Tambs; two sisters, Doris Leonard and Frances (Clyde) Schultz; one brother, Ted (Shirley) Beming; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Allan, on May 8, 2010.

Cremation arrangements have been made by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial service will be announced at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Humane Society.

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## Editorial

### What if the public doesn't notice public notices?

That is a likely consequence of legislation being pushed in Lansing that would hide important information about actions being taken by local governments from broad public view. The bills HB 4117, 4319 and HB's 4474-4477 would allow cities, counties and townships to post public notices about important matters, such as rezoning or special assessment millages, on their websites - and only on their websites.

Supposed cost-savings are driving the effort, though many contend that the change may increase costs to local governments. However, a less accessible and less transparent government are what will result, and that is too high a cost. Lawmakers should kill the bills.

Currently, cities, townships, villages and other government units must publicize legal notice in a newspaper "of general circulation." The notices inform people about upcoming meetings, businesses that might move into their neighborhoods, requests for bids on government projects and other information that directly affects their wallets, property and communities.

The Michigan Press Association (MPA), the state's newspaper group, estimates that the cost for legal notices comprises about .05 percent of government budgets. If governments begin keeping their own permanent legal notice records, as newspapers have done for years and as these bills would demand, there's going to be a steep price tag. Costs are kept lower by privatizing such tasks, not the other way around.

This isn't conjecture. Newspapers in New Jersey, facing similar legislation in their state, sought bids for a content document management system of the sort that would be needed to securely protect and maintain notices. Their estimate: \$1,200 per town in up-front design and development costs, plus \$1,000 a month in website hosting costs - \$12,000 a year to operate. And that doesn't even account for staff to maintain and monitor these systems. Cha-ching.

It is important to note that maintaining the requirement to publish these notices in independent newspapers does not preclude the local governments from also posting their notices online - something many newspapers are also doing. The Michigan Press Association has created a searchable database of legal ads from a majority of state newspapers.

These important notices should be where people will see them.

Also, leaving governments the task of posting these notices increases the possibility that officials may just hide information they know could outrage the public or they don't really want people to see. Hence the MPA's assertion that this legislation would "put public notices where the public won't notice."

Another false assumption is that everybody has access to the Internet or relies on it as a primary source of information. Lower income people and seniors rely less on the Web, statistics show, out of habit and because of the digital divide. Not all people living in rural areas have good Internet access.

This legislation is simply a bad idea that won't deliver the promised savings. But it will deliver a very costly blow to our basic right to know what our government is doing.

*(Editor's Note: This editorial, written by the Michigan Press Association, is completely endorsed by this newspaper. It is our opinion that all public notices should stay in local newspapers where the public has easy access to be informed about what its government is doing.)*

To the Editor:

With the revival of the county's embarrassment over the Katona affair featured in the April 6 Review's investigative reports readers may be interested in learning there's a no less troubling allocation of county millage tax generated funds occurring which begs public transparency.

The March meeting of the Alcona County Library Board authorized the library director's recommendation to hire an attorney as counsel in response to library employees engaged in an election process to organize a union represented bargaining unit.

Curiously, the board didn't see fit to place a limit on this blank check authorization to expend our library funds.

Responding to my objection, a well-intentioned county source justified the board's action, reasoning; they felt they needed legal

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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
April 3	39	27	0.38	5.5	27	SSE
April 4	46	34	0.13	4.2	26	SSE
April 5	46	28	0.00	0.8	24	N
April 6	36	28	0.00	0.6	11	ENE
April 7	43	29	0.00	0.5	10	ENE
April 8	42	28	0.00	0.6	12	S
April 9	49	28	0.00	0.7	13	NE

	Precipitation Summary (Inches)		
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.51	1.6	0.49
April to Date	0.51	1.6	0.63
Year/Season to Date	2.95	66.7	5.87

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.)

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advice so as not to say or do something they shouldn't.

The library director's heavy handed "at will" employee relations precipitated employ-

ees to seek job protection through union representation. Interim director's attempts to coerce and intimidate employees from organizing, including an obvious

human resources consultant generated propaganda employee handout, belies that notion. You can put lipstick on the pig, but it's still a pig!

It's ironic that while the director's anti-union hand-out cautions these relatively low-waged workers that union representation will require paying dues, the director convinces the board into underwriting legal representation as insurance for any missteps either the director or board members may held accountable. I suspect that this "hired gun" on the taxpayer's dime is more about counsel to employ strategies to discourage employee union organizing while avoiding incurring legal liability.

All things being equal; would it not then be fair to expect that fees incurred for either the director's or board member's legal representation might be more properly deducted from the director's rather generous \$54,500 salary, and whatever compensation board members may receive for the performance of their responsibilities?

Al LaBrecque  
Spruce

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are needed to organize the implementation of the drives by finding volunteers to unload and set up equipment at the beginning and end of the drives, providing items for and staffing the canteen (cookies, juice and water provided to donors after they are finished donating blood), volunteers to assist donors to the canteen and staff the registration table for the duration of the drive. "One group doesn't have to do all of the facets of the drive, several groups or many individuals can work together. There are multiple combinations that can encourage collaboration," Bauer said. "I'd really love to get young people involved. Blood drives allow for students to gain skills that can enhance their resumes for future employment and college applications."

Organizations hosting blood drives can make them into community events by offering a variety of involvement and possible fund raising for their group. Bauer said the Cub Scouts who hosted a drive in Glennie worked with local businesses to hold drawings which helped both the scouts and local businesses. "A lot of times food brings people to

blood drives. Really good cookies at the canteen... soup competitions have been successful...There are many things that groups can do to make drives appealing," Bauer said.

The Red Cross is sorry to have lost such an experienced and dedicated volunteer in Reames. "Anne helped hosting organizations with over 150 blood drives in 25 years," Bauer said. "Her time at these drives helped bring in over 7,500 units of blood which touched an estimated 22,500 lives. The dedication of her time, talent and knowledge is irreplaceable, but by pulling together we can collectively make sure that our community has the blood products we need when and where we need them."

The next blood drive scheduled for the Lincoln Senior Center is Wednesday, April 20 from noon to 5:45 p.m. Anyone interested in helping at this drive or future drives is encouraged to contact Bauer at American Red Cross - Great Lakes Region, P.O. Box 487, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, (989) 573-1655 or [bauerocr@usa.redcross.org](mailto:bauerocr@usa.redcross.org). To learn more about Red Cross blood drives call, 800-Red Cross or see [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org).

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are all good sources for information on composting.

"This year is another critical year for us in terms of wildfire suppression," said DNR Director Rodney Stokes. "Weather conditions, historic low number of active fire officers and more people getting outdoors, all combine to make springtime in Michigan dangerous for wildfires. We need the public's help to prevent wildfires, and urge everyone to do their part by using extreme caution when burning brush, leaves or enjoying a campfire."

Kollmeyer reminded residents that burning brush legally in the state of Michigan requires a burn permit. In the Northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula property owners can obtain a free DNR burn permit online at [www.michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit). Persons without Internet access can call toll-free at (866) 922-2876. In southern Michigan, burn permits and information on burning can be obtained from local fire departments and township offices.

Spring outdoor activities many times include cooking and campfires. Without proper precaution, fires can escape causing a wildfire. The following tips can help prevent a fire from escaping:

- Keep campfires small, and do not leave before they

are extinguished.

- Clear away flammable material surrounding the fire so it cannot ignite dry vegetation.

- Be sure and douse with plenty of water, stir, and add more water until everything is wet.

- Turn over unburned pieces and wet the underside.

- Do not just cover a campfire with soil; it could smolder and remain hot for hours and then come back to life when everyone is gone.

For more information on wildfire prevention in Michigan, go to [www.michigan.gov/dnr-fire](http://www.michigan.gov/dnr-fire).



### Picky Eaters

If you are experimenting with different types of bird food — such as fruit, suet and even meal worms — and the birds aren't eating it, just be patient. It may take a few days for them to recognize the new stuff as food. But they'll figure it out soon enough.

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## Pavement

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traveling may have not have been in the rotation for painting this time around; or 3.) the road may be a low traffic volume and low speed area.

No matter what the scenario, road users can be confident that every effort is being made to ensure the highest level of service the budget will allow, Truman said.

Questions or concerns about the pavement marking or other road issues, should be directed to the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake Street, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, Michigan 48742, by phone at (989) 736-8168 or by e-mail at [roads@alcona-crc.com](mailto:roads@alcona-crc.com).

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# Calendar of Events

## NOTICE

3-30 - 4-13

The Harrisville Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hear two separate requests. The first request is a variance request from Emilie Boden of 3036 E. M-72 on parcel 061-210-000-010-00. This parcel is zoned General Residential. The request is to put up a 4 x 8 sign on this parcel.

The second is a variance request from Nick Wilson of 600 Eager Road, Howell, MI on a vacant parcel 060-029-400-005-01, located at the Southwest corner of Dellar and McGregor Roads. This parcel is zoned Agriculture. The request is to split this 20 acre parcel into three (3) parcels. This hearing will be on April 20, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall located on Poor Farm Road. The public is welcome to attend and written comments can be sent to the Harrisville Township Zoning Administrator.

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### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13

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

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at the Greenbush Township Hall at 4 p.m.

The Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce will hold a public general meeting at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

Sewing with Jenny Anderson at the Alcona County Senior Center in Lincoln from 2 to 4 p.m.

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive from 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 167 Ripley, Alpena. Visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) for information on donation requirements.

The Barton City Improvement Association will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the VFW hall on W. Trask Lake Road. All Barton City residents are welcome to attend. Questions, call (989) 736-3160.

### THURSDAY, APRIL 14

The Community Walking Club begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Ev-

eryone is welcome, walk at your own pace.

VitalCare Hospice of the Sunrise Shore will present "Piecing Memories Together," a unique grief support opportunity from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Center Building, 109 N. Second Avenue, Alpena. This program will run each Thursday evening until May 12. Space is limited, call 1-800-664-8587 to register.

Women undergoing treatment and battling cancer are welcome to attend the Look Good Feel Better seminar from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Joseph Hospital, classroom C, Tawas City. This seminar will provide information and cosmetic advice with hands-on instruction on makeup, skin care and wig, turban and scarf usage. This program is free. Call 1-800-227-2345 to register. Registration must take place two weeks prior to the class. There will also be a class on June 16, August 11, October 13 and December 15.

Tops No. MI 1502 Mikado will meet 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.

Celebrate Earth Day at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library today and tomorrow, April 15. Free trees will be given away until supplies run out.

Congressman Dan Benishek will be available for questions and discussion from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Oscoda County Public Library, 430 W. Eighth St., Mio, Mich.

### FRIDAY, APRIL 15

The Knights of Columbus of St. Anne Catholic Church will have a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. in Harrisville. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children and under five are free.

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.

The Barton City Eagles Auxiliary 4141 will serve a BBQ chicken and ribs dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Menu includes chicken, ribs, potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children six to 12 and free for children under six.

The Alcona Drama Department will perform Cinderella at 7 p.m. at the Alcona High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for the general public. Children seven and under are admitted free.

### SATURDAY, APRIL 16

The Oscoda Lions Club will hold their annual bowling fundraiser with 4-man teams at the cost of \$20 per person. Shifts begin at 4 p.m. and 7

p.m. There will be trick shots for prizes, door prizes, 50/50 drawings and much more. For more information or to sign up your team, call Jane Meyer at (989) 739-3911.

The Alcona Drama Department will perform Cinderella at 7 p.m. at the Alcona High School auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for the general public. Children seven and under are admitted free.

There will be an AuSable Valley Audubon outdoor activity featuring ducks and birds at 7 p.m. Meet at the Oscoda end of Tuttle Marsh. Membership is open to all person interested in wildlife and environment. Annual dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per family payable by mail or at meetings. For more information, visit [AuSableValleyAudubon.com](http://AuSableValleyAudubon.com).

Friends of Sprinkler Lake are sponsoring a Spring Clean-up at the Sprinkler Lake Math & Education Center from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lunch will be provided. Contact Joell at (989) 724-6165 or Joan at (989) 724-6546 for more information.

An Easter egg hunt will be provided for children ages 12 and under at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 11 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Cub Scout Pack 3093 will accept non-perishable food donations from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Kris Mart in Lincoln and Mr. Ed's IGA in Harrisville. All donations benefit local food pantries.

The Alcona Farmers Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the garage at the US-23 site.

### MONDAY, APRIL 18

There will be a foot clinic at the Alcona County Senior Center in Lincoln from 1 to 5 p.m. with Connie Cosbett, R.N. Cost is \$20 and appointment must be made by calling (989) 736-8879.

All ladies are invited to play bunco, an easy-to-learn game, at the Greenbush Township Hall at 2:30 p.m. First timers are always welcome.

The Weight Loss Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln United Methodist Church. Visitors are welcome and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

The Alcona Republicans will meet at Ky Cuylers Restaurant at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend.

The Alpena County Republicans invite the public to a Lincoln Day Dinner Celebration from 5:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the A-Plex Convention and Events Center, 701 Woodward Avenue, Alpena. In attendance will be Michigan political figures. Dress is business casual. Tickets are \$35  
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## INVITATION TO BID REAL ESTATE SALES AGENT FOR SALE OF SCHOOL DISTRICT PROPERTY

The Board of Education of the Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan, will receive sealed bids for a real estate sales agent for the sale of district property. Sealed bids will be received until **1:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2011**. All bids will be opened and ready publicly at that time. Bid forms with instructions may be obtained from the Office of the Superintendent at the following address:

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Phone: (989) 739-2033

All bids must be sealed and clearly labeled on the outside of the envelope: **OSCODA AREA SCHOOLS REAL ESTATE SALES AGENT BID.**

Bids received after 1:00 p.m. Thursday, April 21, 2011, will not be accepted. Questions should be directed to Susan Barnhart at (989) 739-2033.

Oscoda Area Schools reserves the right to waive any informalities in bidding, reject any or all bids, accept any bid when, in the opinion of the Oscoda Area Schools, such action will serve the best interest of the Oscoda Area Schools.

## Local Notes

### Correction

The construction company doing the repair work at the Alcona Humane Society's animal shelter was incorrectly identified in the April 6 issue. The contractor is Dave Ashford of Dave Ashford Construction. The Review apologizes for this error and any inconvenience it may have caused.

### Farmers Market

The Alcona Farmers Market will be open on Saturday, April 16 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the sight on US-23 in the back in the garage. There will be hoop house greens, meats, soaps, lotions, breads, handmade cards, holiday decor, room sprays and more.

### Mexican Dinner Fundraiser

The Alcona Humane Society is hosting a Mexican Fiesta dinner at The Flour Garden in Harrisville (at the corner of M-72 on US-23) on Thursday, May 5 from 4-8 p.m. This authentic Mexican meal will fund raising event will help support the animals of the Alcona Humane Society. For more information, call (89) 736-PETS.

### Away at School

Daniel J. O'Connor of Harrisville graduated in December 2010 from Grand Valley State University with a Master of Education degree.

### In the Service

Pvt. Bradly R. Niemann, a 2009 graduate of Oscoda High School, graduated from U.S. Army basic training on April 1 at Fort Sill, Okla. He will be attending his AIT schooling at Fort Lee, Va., where he will be studying HVAC and utilities repair. He is the son of Matt and Tami Niemann of Greenbush.



Brad Niemann

### Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Greenbush, Glennie 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, April 18—Beef chop suey over rice, Brussels sprouts, three bean salad and fruit.

- Tuesday, April 19—Fish almondine, lyonnaise potatoes, peas and carrots, flavored applesauce and fruit.

- Wednesday, April 20—Ham, scalloped potatoes,

green bean casserole, fluff salad, and fruited cheese-cake.

- Thursday, April 21—Herbed chicken, stuffing, squash, pickled beets and fruit.

- Friday, April 22—All centers closed.

### Funds Available

The Region 9 Area Agency on Aging announces the availability of funds for fiscal year 2012. In accordance with the Annual Implementation Plan funds are to provide the following services: Elder abuse prevention, disease prevention health promotion, the Merit Award (adult day services) and National Family Caregiver Support Program. All funds are available for the following counties: Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon. The Region 9 Area Agency on Aging must receive letters of intent to apply for funds by Monday, April 25, 2011. For further information, contact Melissa Timmreck, grants administrator, Region 9 Area Agency on Aging, 2375 Gordon Road, Alpena, Mich. 49707 or call (989) 358-4613.

### Grant Applications

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for youth related programs and projects through the Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council (NEMYAC). This is for the third quarter of the 2011 fiscal year. The application deadline is Monday, May 2, 2011. All 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies and organizations in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle are invited to apply. For more information, call Julie Wiesen at (989) 354-6881, (toll free) (877) 354-6881, or stop by the CFNEM office at 111 Water Street in downtown Alpena. Fillable application forms are also available online at [www.cfnem.org](http://www.cfnem.org).

### Wolverine On Display

Michigan's only known wild wolverine is now on display at the visitor center at Bay City State Recreation Area. The animal was found dead by hikers last winter at Sanilac County's Minden State Game Area, where it had lived for much of the previous six years. The wolverine was first discovered by coyote hunters who treed it while running hounds near Bad Axe on February 24, 2004. It was the first wolverine ever verified as living in the wild in Michigan. Michigan is known as the Wolverine State because it was a center for trade in the early trapping industry and wolverine pelts from the north and west of Michigan came through the state. Biologists say that if wolverines were native to Michigan, they were extirpated about 200 years ago. It is uncertain how the wolverine arrived in Michi-

gan, though DNA evidence indicates it is related to animals native to Alaska.

Park interpreter Valerie Blashcka said the display has become quite an attraction. "It's bringing a lot of visitors who have never been here before," she said. "It's really exciting." The visitor center, located at 3582 State Park Dr., is open Tuesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

### Volunteers Needed

Compassionate and caring individuals are needed to help a hospice organization meet the needs of patients and families facing end-of-life issues. A volunteer training program is being held for those interested in being part of the Hospice of the Sunrise Shore team. The two day training will be held in Rogers City, Mich. on Thursday, April 14 and Friday, April 15. Training sessions will be held from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. at the Rogers City Vital care office.

The organization provides hospice services in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, Presque Isle and Oscoda counties. The training sessions will include an orientation to hospice and discussion of the roles of volunteers. Each class will deal with a different aspect of training: Grief and bereavement, death and dying, communication skills, understanding the family,

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JB's Auto	89	61
Other Team	82.5	67.5
Ark Plumbing	71.5	78.5
Stoney Acres	70.5	79.5
Alcona Abstract	68.5	81.5
Cole's Appl.	58.5	91.5
High game and series: Carla James, 212 and 566.		
High handicap game and series: Carla James, 247 and 671.		

## Huron

April 5		
Rob's Repair	22	116
Carpet One	21	110.5
B & D Sales	10.5	97.5
Lincoln Prec.	22	88.5
Back Alley Bar	9	85
Gary Oil	8	82.5
Big Joe's Motel	8	71
Haglund's	19.5	69
High game: Jim Armstrong, 258.		
High series: Tom Morgan, 677.		
High handicap game: Gary Vick, 283.		
High handicap series: Tom Morgan, 761.		

## Minors

April 9		
Lions	35	15
Star Strikers	32	18
Butterflies	28	22
High Strikers	25	25
Trappers	23	27
Headpins	23	27
Pin Busters	20	30
Bandits	14	36
Boy's high game: Jay Nordstrom, 153.		
Boy's high series: Conner Morgan, 252.		
Boy's high handicap game: Jay Nordstrom, 263.		
Boy's high handicap series: Conner Morgan, 474.		
Girl's high game and series: Taylor Sobock, 114 and 203.		
Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hanson, 231 and 441.		

## Majors

April 9		
Hammers	175.5	124.5
Better Than	165	135
Team 4	159.5	140.5
Ghostbusters	159	141
8 Ball	133	167
Team 3	108	192
Boy's high game and series: Ryan Somers, 211 and 555.		
Boy's high handicap game: Isaak VonFintel, 258.		
Boy's high handicap series: Ryan Somers, 666.		
Girl's high game: Tiffany Younk, 200.		
Girl's high series: Megan Griffith, 464.		
Girl's high handicap game: Tiffany Younk, 272.		
Girl's high handicap series: Kara Gonyea, 627.		

## Early Bloomers

April 5		
Buttercups	195.5	140.5
Bluebells	194	142
Daffodils	178.5	157.5
Marigolds	170.5	165.5
Violets	161.5	174.5
Rosebuds	151.5	184.5
Mums	147	189
Tigerlily	145.5	190.5
High game: Janie Escamilla, 194.		
High series: Linda Bloomer, 487.		
High team game and series: Mums, 457 and 1,320.		

## Elementary Honor Roll

The following Alcona Elementary students were named to the honor roll for the third marking period:

### Fifth Grade

Layla Carriveau, Courtney Church, Kayla Escareno, Jonathan Hudgins, Jack Hutchinson, Tim Hutchinson, Noah Hutchison, Taylor Livingston, Elizabeth Lipscomb, Luke Loyer, Matthew MacMaster, Conner McCoy, Jay Nordstrom, Jacob Schott, Cody Schram, Caitlin Sorensen, Alex Stephenson and Alex Viau.

### Sixth Grade

Amanda Armstrong, Raymond Betz, Michael Bustamante, Skylar Cruse, Keilee Elmer, Zackery Faszczewski, Brock Franklin, Jake Gallagher, Erick Harmon-Davey, Cory Hoffman, Krysta Indish, Katelyn Kline, Kendra LaFave, Madison Lane, David Lindsay, Molly McKay, Mindy Mendyka, Brendan Nelson, Dresdan Parkinson, Jared Sager, Brooke Shultz, Taylor Sobock, Riley Somers and Rachel Warner.

## Local Notes

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spiritual care of the family, care and comfort measures, ethical issues and advanced directives. Volunteers are the backbone of local hospices, providing in-home respite care, errands, companionship, activities, office assistance, and fundraising opportunities. Those interested in attending the upcoming volunteer training, or those seeking more information, should contact the Hospice of the Sunrise Shore Volunteer Coordinator Susan Herndon at (989) 358-1156 or (800) 664-8587.

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## Birding festival draws nationally known experts

The Tawas Point Birding Festival is quickly becoming a buzz word for birders who want to observe the spring migration up close and personal.

Among those birders this year will be Don and Lillian Stokes, nationally known for their field identification expertise, and authors of numerous birding guides and nature series editions. "I have every book they've written, and am absolutely thrilled to have them right here in Iosco County," said Peggy Ridgway, local coordinator for the festival.

The Stokes will be the featured speakers on Friday, May 13 at 6 p.m. during the festival banquet at Wiltse's Family Restaurant in Oscoda. The presentation titled, The Stokes Field Guide to the Birds of North America: You, the Birds, and Birding, will teach attendees how to fast forward bird identification skills. A book signing will follow the presentation.

The annual four day festival is presented by Michigan Audubon and AuSable Valley Audubon, with support from numerous local sponsors.

In its sixth year, the event will begin on Thursday, May 12 and runs through Sunday, May 15.

In addition to numerous field trips and seminars held throughout the weekend, a new tour to Charity Island will take place from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thursday, May 12. This special birding trip will be led by experienced birder

and photographer Roger Eriksson, and is offered by Charity Island Tours. The tour will depart from the East Tawas Dock. Advance registration is required and the cost is \$50 per person.

"Experiencing the island during the peak of the migration should be a unique adventure," Ridgway said.

For those wanting to improve their birding skills, a special Beginning Birding Workshop will be also offered on Thursday, May 12 from 1-4 p.m. at the Bay Inn in Tawas City. Participants will learn some of the basic skills involved in bird identification.

The following morning the group, led by instructor Gary Siegrist, will take a walk at Tawas Point and apply what was learned during the class session. Registration is required as the class size is limited.

A historic presentation and tour of the Tawas Point Lighthouse will also be offered on Thursday, May 12 from 2 -4 p.m. at the lighthouse.

On Saturday, May 14, at 3 p.m. the Bay Inn will sponsor a free Live Birds of Prey presentation at Tawas Point State Park. A State Park Passport or daily fee is required for entrance to the park.

For more information about registration and activities taking place during the event weekend, log onto [www.tawasbirdfest.com](http://www.tawasbirdfest.com), call Michigan Audubon at (517) 886-9144, or Peggy Ridgway at (989) 739-5674.

# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## Technology help for tech-shy seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,  
 What resources can you recommend to help seniors learn how to use technology devices? I am particularly interested learning how to text, e-mail and Facebook so I can keep up with my grandkids.

Tech-Shy Senior

Dear Tech-Shy,  
 Keeping in touch with the younger generation these days is a lot easier if you know how to use basic cell phone and computer technologies.

While seniors make up the fastest growing group of Internet and e-mail users in the U.S., they still lag way behind the younger generations. One of the best places seniors can turn to for help using their cell phone or computer is their own grandkids who have grown up with these technologies and are practically experts at operating them. If that's not an option, ask your friends or other family members who are tech-savvy to help you.

Depending on where you live, you may also be able to get help through your public library, local senior center, schools or community college - many of which also offer basic computer and personal technology classes to seniors. To find out what's available in your community, call your Area Agency on Aging (call (800) 677-1116 to get your local number) or your public library.

Also check out SeniorNet

(seniornet.org, (571) 203-7100), a national organization that offers a variety of basic online computer courses as well as instructor-led workshops at around 60 learning centers throughout the U.S. A first year membership fee of \$40 is required.

Another nice resource that can help you is Eldercare Locator's new publication called "Staying Connected: Technology Options for Older Adults." This simple six-page guide will take you through the basic facts about how to use tools like Facebook, e-mail and texting, including privacy and safety information. The guide also introduces YouTube, Twitter, Skype, instant messaging and blogging - all tools that seniors can use to stay connected. To get a free copy, call (800) 677-1116 or you can read it online at [www.eldercare.gov](http://www.eldercare.gov).

There are also a wide variety of how-to books you can purchase that are very helpful. The "For Dummies" books (see [dummies.com](http://dummies.com)), for example, offer dozens of technology guides for seniors like "Computers For Seniors For Dummies," "Facebook and Twitter For Seniors For Dummies," "Instant Messaging For Dummies" and many others. These books can be found in book stores nationwide or online at sites like [amazon.com](http://amazon.com).

And some great online resources to check out are [seniorconnects.org](http://seniorconnects.org), which provides basic computer, In-



ternet and e-mail training materials tailored to seniors that can be viewed online or printed out for free. And [teachparentstech.org](http://teachparentstech.org), a site created by Google that offers a number of simple videos that explains how to do many computer functions.

Having the right tools can also make technology a little easier. Senior-friendly cell phones like the Jitterbug J ([jitterbug.com](http://jitterbug.com), (800) 733-6632), Doro phones sold through Consumer Cellular's ([consumercellular.com](http://consumercellular.com), (888) 345-5509), and Just 5 ([just5.com](http://just5.com), (800) 709-0509) are all easy to see, hear and operate, and they all have texting capabilities.

For computers, Hewlett-Packard's SeniorPCs ([enablemart.com](http://enablemart.com), (888) 640-1999), the Go Computer ([thegocomputer.com](http://thegocomputer.com), (877) 671-5846) and KiwiPC ([kiwipc.com](http://kiwipc.com)) are three options developed specifically for older adults.

If you find that the technology is too confusing, there are other products and services available today that can help you stay connected to your younger tech-using family members. One example is PostEgram ([postegram.com](http://postegram.com)), a service that will turn your

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## More generics mean lower drug prices

Senior News Line  
 By Matilda Charles

Patents on some expensive brand-name drugs are set to expire this year, with an even larger number in 2012. That means the drug companies won't have a lock on the market. Less-expensive generics are sure to follow as competition rises.

Drugs set to expire this year and next include: Lipitor (expired in November 2010, generic due this year), Seroquel, Avandia, Lunesta and Singulair.

Just before a patent expires, drug companies will renew their efforts to get doctors to prescribe their product. When your doctor prescribes something for you, ask if it's one of the drugs that has come off patent, in which case an inexpensive generic might be available. Drug companies, however, do have exclusive rights to a generic version of their drug for six months after a patent expires. But after that, any company can create a generic, and the prices will fall.

This can be very important for seniors who are approaching the doughnut

hole, where Medicare won't pay for coverage.

Keep in mind that some of these companies are going to court and will be tied up in litigation. Still, from now on, when you get a prescription filled, ask the pharmacist if there is a less-expensive generic to be had. Another trick to keep patients on the brand-name drug is that the cost of the generic version sometimes can go up for a little while. Beware, and ask questions.

A good way to keep track of the expiration of patents on drugs you take is to go online and do a search for the name of your drug and the words "patent expire."

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](mailto:columnreply@gmail.com).

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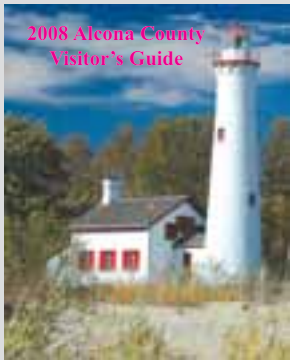



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We are looking for good quality, eye-catching, color photos that represent the best Alcona County has to offer in the way of summertime fun and/or scenic beauty. Some examples: Waterskiing on Hubbard Lake, canoeing on the Pine River, a bonfire at dusk, deer walking the shoreline at sunrise, etc.

**All photos submitted will be posted on the Review's Web site: [alconareview.com](http://alconareview.com). People can vote to select the "People's Choice" winner. The People's Choice winner will receive \$50.**

**One of the photographs entered will be selected for the cover of the 2011 Alcona County Visitor's Guide.**

See our Web site: [www.alconareview.com](http://www.alconareview.com) for contest rules

### Friends of Sprinkler Lake

Friends of Sprinkler Lake met January 27. The goal of this organization is to support educational programs and community activities

### Mikado American Legion Post No. 254

On Thursday, April 14 at 7 p.m. nominations for 2011 officer elections at the Mikado American Legion Post 254 will be taken during the regular membership meeting. Anyone interested is asked to attend.

### Savvy

Continued from page 7 family's Facebook news and photos into stamped letters that you could receive in the mail every week.

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*(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit [SavvySenior.org](http://SavvySenior.org).)*

such as Nature Fest at Sprinkler Lake.

New board member Eric Cardwell was welcomed.

Officers were elected as follows: President - Joell Krejcarek; vice president - Susan Barwick; treasurer - Jack Guy; and secretary - Sandy Kindt. Other board members are KiAnn Kruttlin, Joan Crick, Charles Snyder, Kay Travis and John Swise.

It was decided that Friends would sponsor a clean-up at Sprinkler Lake on April 16 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Lunch will

be provided.

Nature Fest will be held again this year. The date will be October 1 from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Last year approximately 300 people attended this event.

In the near future, Friends of Sprinkler Lake will have a Facebook site.

Anyone wishing to support Sprinkler Lake activities by becoming a member of Friends of Sprinkler Lake should contact Joell Krejcarek at (989) 724-6165 or Susan Barwick at (989) 735-4532.

### VFW Post No. 6754 Ladies Auxiliary

The April 2011 meeting was held with 14 members present. Sandy Light served as chaplain and conductress due to absences. Emma Liske read the minutes from the March meeting and Erma Wyers read the treasurer's report. She also advised that membership stands at 83.

Marie Rhines gave the cancer, community service and legislative reports. Norma Alstrom reported that she sent a card to Dolores Gauthier, who is very ill. Frances Ziesman reported that Dorothy Mousseau is at the K. Lewis Care Home in Alpena.

Norma Alstrom advised that Loyalty Day and Memorial Day are quickly approaching and that she is working on a program for Loyalty Day at Sanborn Elementary School.

The charter was draped for our dear departed sister, Georgiana LaBell, who went to her heavenly home on March 21, 2011. President Vichunas reported that the

following members participated in the memorial service for Georgiana: Norma Alstrom, Donna Bushey, Carol Hansen, Arlene Lay, Sandy Light, Frances Ziesman and President Vichunas.

Elections were held and the officers for 2011-2012 are: President - Kathy Vichunas; senior vice president - Frances Ziesman; junior vice president - Marie Rhines; treasurer - Sandy Light; trustee No. 1 - Erma Wyers; trustee No. 2 - Marie Rhines; trustee No. 3 - Mary Ann Seymour; chaplain - Donna Bushey; conductress - Norma Alstrom and Emma Liske remained as secretary.

Several chairmen submitted their annual reports for the president's signature.

For the good of the order, Norma Alstrom stated that it would be very nice if more members participated in the memorial services for departed members.

The next meeting will be held on May 3.


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## Model business plan helps hoop house growers

Growers experimenting with production in hoop houses are looking for any tools - knowledge, skills or resources - possible to add to their toolboxes.

Project GREEN (Generating Research and Extension to meet Economic and Environmental Needs)-- provided them with a tool every small business needs to get on its feet - a sample business plan.

Although it may sound simple, a good business plan is essential to running a successful business, according to David Conner, assistant professor in the Department of Community Development and Applied Economics at the University of Vermont. Conner, a former assistant professor and research specialist with the C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems at Michigan State University (MSU), built upon previous research to provide hoop house growers with a business plan that can be adjusted to meet their specific needs.

"John Biernbaum and Adam Montri were able to show that you can grow high quality vegetables all year-round through their work with hoop houses at the MSU Student Organic Farm and on farms around Michigan," Conner said. "They've been able to work with growers around the state through horticultural outreach. This project rounded out their work, filling the need to have some marketing and economic outreach."

Biernbaum is an MSU professor of horticulture and Montri is an outreach specialist in the MSU Department of Horticulture and for the MSU Student Organic Farm.

As part of his project titled "Business Plan Development for Hoop Houses," Conner created a model plan that growers can complete using their own farm information. The plan also includes some best practices for being successful, such as marketing tips and the best crops to grow.

"We found that many agricultural lenders were unfamiliar with hoop houses, which made it hard for growers to secure credit," Conner said. "With this plan, they can complete it, take it to

their lender and be approved for credit to start production."

The popularity of hoop house produce production has grown in recent years with the increasing interest in purchasing local food. A hoop house is a low-cost passive solar greenhouse structure that allows growers to extend their production season. In Michigan, one of the limiting factors to fresh produce year-round is the five-month growing season.

By growing produce in a hoop house, growers can minimize this limitation greatly, and in some cases, extend the growing season to the point where fresh produce is available year-round. Hoop house production allows growers to expand their farm income and continue building relationships with customers who otherwise are only seen a few months out of the year.

"If we can get growers to use hoop houses, it can get people in the habit of buying fresh, local produce year-round," Conner said. "That's good for the agriculture industry, and it has health and nutritional benefits."

Producing in a hoop house doesn't come without its fair share of challenges, however. Even those growers who have traditionally grown fruits and vegetables have a significant learning curve, according to Conner. Growers go through inputs more quickly, have to manage weeds differently, must keep a closer eye on soil moisture and deal with different pests.

Conner aims to make their struggles just a little easier by providing resources, like his business plan. He recognizes that not all growers are going to use the business plan the same way, but it is at least something in their toolboxes if they ever run into roadblocks writing their own.

"Not only does this business plan give growers a leg up in writing a plan that can be taken to their lenders - it also gives them an example of what a successful hoop house business might look like," he said.

The "Model Business Plan for Season Extension With Hoophouses" is now available on the C.S. Mott Group for Sustainable Food Systems website at <http://bit.ly/HoopHouseBusinessPlan>.

For more information, contact Conner at [david.conner@uvm.edu](mailto:david.conner@uvm.edu).

For more information about Project GREEN (Generating Research and Extension to meet Economic and Environmental Needs), Michigan's plant agriculture initiative at MSU, visit [www.green.msu.edu](http://www.green.msu.edu).

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**TUESDAY, APRIL 19**  
The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for April is "Mudbound" by Hillary Jordan. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at the Alcona County Senior Center in Lincoln at 4 p.m.

Kids age five-12 are welcome to attend the Good News Club after school at 4:30 p.m. in the Alcona Elementary School cafeteria. Parents are welcome to attend with their children. This is a free, one-hour session including Bible lessons, learning activities, stories and songs.

The Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All levels welcome.

A free meditation class will be offered to benefit Relay For Life from 7:30 to 8 p.m. Contact Laura at (989) 255-9833 for more information.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20**  
A photo editing class will be offered at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9:15 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

There will be an American Red Cross blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Alcona County Senior Center, 207 S. Church street, Lincoln. Visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) for information on donation requirements.

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at the Greenbush Township Hall at 4 p.m.

Sewing with Jenny Anderson at the Alcona County Senior Center in Lincoln from 2 to 4 p.m.

The annual White Breakfast will be served at the Harrisville United Methodist Church at 9 a.m. Coffee, rolls and fruit cups will be served followed by music and a speaker. All are invited.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21**  
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.

Tops No. MI 1502 Mikado will meet 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.

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## If you're headed to the grave, don't blame the hearse

**By Kathryn Fritz Kniep**  
*Columnist*

In the midst of the recent unpleasantness in Washington, a slender attractive African American woman took the floor. As Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards (D., Maryland) began to make her statement, my first thought was that she must either have very young staffers or kids in her life.

That was because she based her comments on the lyrics of a White Stripes song. If you're not familiar with the White Stripes, they're an alternative rock duo from Detroit, who gained fame in the late 1990s. Probably best known for their song "Seven Nation Army," which won a Best Song Grammy in 2004. Not the sort of thing a 53-year-old congressperson tends to have on her play list.

I found the whole thing kind of a nice respite in the tension and bickering of the battle over the 2011 national budget. Until she began to make imminent sense regarding the whole contretemps. These are the lyrics she used in her speech:

"You just can't take the effect and make it the cause."

And after mulling that over for a bit, it occurred to me that that simple sentence pretty much summarizes my whole argument with what I'll refer to as the other team's budget-cutting plan. Many of the hottest arguments are based on taking the effect and attempting to make it the cause. Most specifically, those that will hurt women, children and the poor.

Contrary to what regular readers may believe, I'm not much into argument. Like our president, I'm a big believer in reasoning together, listening to one another and trying to find common ground. And in my innocence, for a very long time I believed that the largely Republican opposition to programs to help those individuals was based on their lack of a realistic image of what real life was like. That the predominantly older white men -- just over half of whom are millionaires, had no idea what many of their constituents dealt with on a day-to-day basis.

Then, just a few years ago, I began to realize that what I'd perceived as the problem wasn't, anymore. A sea change had occurred, becoming

something rich and strange. It wasn't that politicians didn't understand poverty or even lower-class life or didn't know it existed. It was that they didn't care. For me, it was the first recognition of what was to become a class war in our nation.

The times, undoubtedly, they are a-changing. Since 2000, people -- Congress people and real people, as well -- have been increasingly angry. They say things in public they used to only mutter to their closest friends. I thought of that last week, when House Majority Leader John Boehner looked into the cameras and said, "A primary goal of the Republican Party has always been to preserve wealth."

I thought of it in the past couple months, when two people I respect and admire said to me, unprovoked, during such discussions, "Well, I guess I'm selfish."

What all of this is doing, I realized the other night thanks to Congressperson Edwards, is to take the effect and try to make it the cause. In a period of the highest unemployment in years, with the highest rate of home foreclosures, when poverty in this country has reached the highest level since poverty data has been maintained, politicians are attempting to blame the victims.

Let's look at the cuts the other team fought (and will probably continue to fight) for. Here's one: With one in five children and 15 percent of American households facing hunger in the United States, they argued on behalf of cuts to food stamp programs and Community Service Block Grants.

Let's look at women's issues. Lord help the low-income woman -- she can't win. The cuts to Planned Parenthood, which the other team argued long and hard for, would have eliminated affordable access to pap tests and mammograms, birth control and oftentimes, their only source of health care. For many women, it's a no-win situation. Seek abortion counseling and be damned as a sinner, have the baby and become a single or impoverished mom, part of the effect they're presenting as the cause.

And that's where it gets really...well...snake oil-ish, if you will. Because in their attempts to make poor people the cause, rather than the effect, the point is rarely a deeply-held commitment to life or even to fixing the economy. To paraphrase James Carvill, "It's politics, stupid."

If you want to bring about spending cuts that might otherwise make decent people think twice, it's highly effective to link them to issues angry people already feel strongly about. If you think people might feel a tad squeamish about taking away women's right to pap tests, for example, link it instead to right to life. Conveniently overlook the fact that only three percent of planned parenthood's budget goes to

## Puttin' On The Fritz

abortion -- the majority of it to counseling and referral, or that the Hyde Amendment, in place since 1976, bans use of federal funds allocated by the annual appropriations bill for abortions.

If you want to gut the existing funding that protects environmental issues, such as greenhouse gas emissions and defunding the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sell it to those who pooh-pooh the concept of global warming and/or argue that anything that creates jobs has to be a good thing.

And should you find yourself faced with a group of well-spoken, intelligent (albeit, largely liberal) individuals who consistently research the facts and deliver them impartially to the public -- like National Public Radio -- well, de-fund them, too.

Make changes to public policy based on economic negotiating and do it on the backs of the poor, and most specifically poor women and children. And do it with the intent of "protecting wealth." If that seems harsh, consider that many Republican politicians have made no secret of their intent to work next to eliminate national affordable health care.

The cause of the recent economic downturn was never the poor. The poor, as Jesus pointed out, are always with us. It was a vastly overreaching greed that was willing to write mortgages and offer credit cards to a population who clearly could not afford the payments on either, willing to overlook safety requirements and risk our environment in order to produce more oil and greater profits, willing to gamble other people's retirement or life savings on a dubious market and then more than willing to write themselves a whopping bonus check at the end of the year to reward themselves for making a profit. It's a means of protecting wealth, you see.

Those living in poverty are only the effect. And if they're too hungry, ill or overtaxed by pregnancies and children, all the jobs in the world won't help.

What will help is what always helps -- honesty and civility and integrity. And keeping the true cause and effect sorted out. As the White Stripes put it, "If you're heading to the grave, don't blame the hearse."

(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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Anglers may opt for a 24-hour license (good for all species), 72-hour license (good for all species), a season-long restricted license (good for all

species except trout, salmon, lake sturgeon, lake herring, amphibians, reptiles or crustaceans), or a season-long, all-species license (good for all species). An additional (free) lake sturgeon tag is required of anglers who fish for or target lake sturgeon. License prices remain unchanged from 2010.

A number of new regulations have been adopted for 2011-12, including a new possession limit, which allows anglers to possess, in addition to one day's daily

possession limit of fish, an additional two daily possession limits of fish taken during previous fishing days provided that the additional limits of fish are processed (canned, cured by smoking or drying, or frozen).

There is an additional 81 miles of designated trout streams that had new modifications to the type of gear allowed. Some of those streams have seasonal gear restrictions. See the 2011 Michigan Fishing Guide for details.

There are two changes to the 2011 Fishing Guide that go into effect beginning May 1.

- The daily possession limit for walleyes on Lake Erie will increase to six (up from five).

- The maximum size for lake trout and splake in management unit MH-1 in northern Lake Huron will be 24 inches (down from 27 inches), except one fish may measure 32 inches or longer.

Both changes were made when new data became available after the 2011 Fishing Guide went to press.

For more information, visit the DNR website at [www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing](http://www.michigan.gov/dnrfishing).

# Michigan's frog and toad survey begins 16<sup>th</sup> year

This year marks the sixteenth year for the annual Michigan frog and toad survey compiled by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with help from volunteers around the state.

Declining populations of frog, toads and other amphibians have been documented worldwide since the 1980s. Studies suggest amphibians are disappearing due to habitat loss, pollution, disease, and collection.

Michigan's annual survey efforts help biologists keep tabs on frog and toad abundance and distribution in the state.

"We have collected a large, valuable data set to help us evaluate the condition of Michigan's frog and toad populations," said Lori Sargent, the DNR's survey coordinator.

The surveys are conducted by volunteer observers along a statewide system of permanent survey routes, each consisting of 10 wetland sites. These sites are visited three times during the spring when frogs and toads are actively breeding. Observers listen for calling frogs and toads at each site, identify the species present, and make an estimate of abundance.

"We need new volunteers in all parts of the state. Please consider joining us every spring for a fun, educational opportunity and run a route. The continued success of the

program is dependent on strong volunteer support," Sargent said.

Interested persons should contact Sargent by e-mail at [SargentL@michigan.gov](mailto:SargentL@michigan.gov) or phone at (517) 373-9418.

More information on the Frog and Toad Survey and other projects supported by the Nongame Fish and Wildlife Fund is available on the DNR website at [www.michigan.gov/nongamewildlife](http://www.michigan.gov/nongamewildlife).

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The delivery date for our 2011 Spring Tree Sale has changed to **Saturday, April 30, 2011** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 320 S. State St., Harrisville in the garage behind the district building.

If you have any questions, please call 989/724-5272 or 989/724-8229. Thank you for your patience.

Janet Reins, Administrative Assistant  
Alcona Conservation District

## LENT & EASTER OFFERINGS AT ST. ANDREWS BY THE LAKE

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Maundy Thursday, April 21  
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Friday, April 22  
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Saturday, April 23  
7:30 p.m. Easter Vigil, this is the first service of Easter Day. It begins in darkness; we re-light the Paschal Candle and hear the Salvation Story.

Sunday, April 24  
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**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  

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**Haynes Community Church**  
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 Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.  
 989-724-6665 • 989-724-6578  
 Pastor Claire Duncan • [haynescommunitychurch.org](http://haynescommunitychurch.org)


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 • Sunday School 10 a.m.  
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 Wed. 7 p.m. Midweek Service (Bible Study & Prayer Service)


**Harrisville United Methodist Church**  

 217 North State Street  
**(1 block N. of light on US-23)**  
 Pastor Tracy Brooks  
 Worship 10:45 a.m. ~ Church ~ 724-5450


**New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  

 Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,  
 3/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course  
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

**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

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)**  


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


**First Baptist Church of Lincoln**  

 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.  
 Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.  
 AWANA Program Monday at 3:30 p.m.  
 Pastor Dr. Rev. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796

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 6891 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747  
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 Pastor Robert L. Mikkelsen • (989) 727-2496

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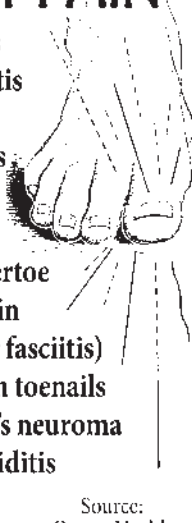
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**NOTICE**

A memorial dedication is being planned to honor Lincoln's native son, Everett Schram. When Everett passed away in October of 2009 the Lincoln Village Council voted to rename the Little League ball field in his memory. Plans are being made to host a celebration/dedication ceremony complete with a ballgame. Everett was instrumental in both playing and coaching baseball in the community for over 50 years. We are looking for anyone who was coached by Everett, played on one of the baseball teams he was on or those who just knew him through his association with the sports teams he supported. Plans are being made to have this event in June. Anyone interested in joining in this fun celebration to honor a wonderful coach, baseball player and friend may call:  
Sharon Ginder (989)736-8314  
or  
Bonny Gauthier (989)736-3844



# “Turtle City” prepares contaminated reptiles for return to the wild

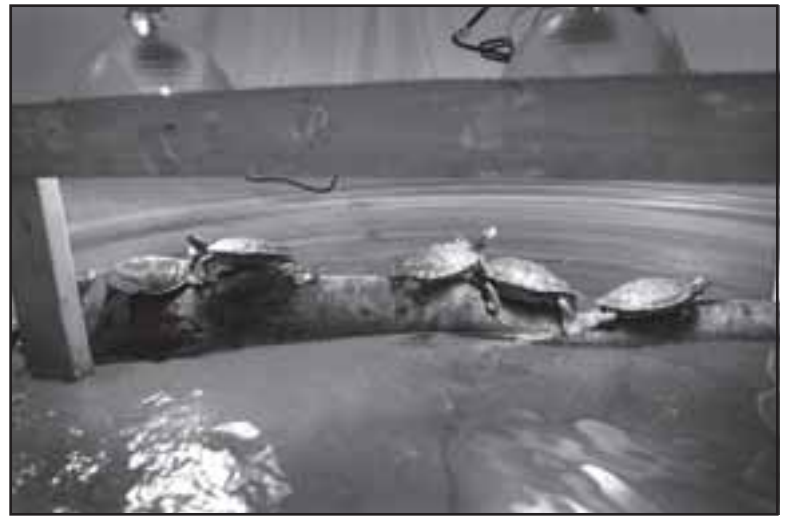
There's a new housing complex in Marshall, Mich. The developers call it “Turtle City.” The 471 residents don't call it anything.

That's because the residents are 470 turtles and one toad.

The housing complex is a large, heated, pole barn-like building filled with metal stock watering tanks. The turtles (and toad) are survivors of last summer's oil pipeline leak that fouled miles of the Kalamazoo River. They were brought in for treatment after running afoul of the oil and are spending the winter in a warm environment instead of hibernating in the mud.

Turtle City is one of the projects oil-pipeline company Enbridge, Inc., has in place to help the Kalamazoo River corridor recover from the more than 830,000 gallons of oil that flowed from a burst pipeline on July 26, 2010.

“The thing that has fascinated me about this project was the degree to which everyone got the sense that saving the wildlife was important,” said Bob Doherty, a consultant assisting Enbridge on the oil spill cleanup. “The whole community of people involved in the spill response felt that way. We'd



Turtles are given an opportunity to bask in their temporary homes as they would in the wild.

get calls from landowners or workers out on the project — that they saw an oiled goose or a turtle — and we'd send someone out to get the animal. And sometimes people would bring a turtle to us in a box.”

Stock-watering tanks range in size from 100 to 600 gallons. They're fitted with sand filtration units — sort of like the systems used for swimming pools — and supplied with groundwater from the area that's flowing into the river. The water is filtered and tested for contaminants and pH and is “pretty close to what's in the river as

you would expect,” Doherty said.

There are a wide variety of turtles wintering at Turtle City. Common map turtles are the most numerous, but the residents include painted turtles, snapping turtles, Blanding's turtles, soft-shell turtles, musk turtles and one common box turtle.

The more easygoing species — painted, Blanding's and map turtles — are in community housing, up to five or six in a tank. The more aggressive turtles — snappers, soft-shells and musks — have their own digs.

But even the community-living specimens are assigned roommates according to their needs, explained Jenny Schlieps, the animal care manager from Focus Wildlife International, a West Coast company that specializes in rehabilitating oil-contaminated animals.

“It depends on the social hierarchy,” Schlieps said. “You don't want three strong alpha turtles in with a turtle that is weaker.”

The turtles have been cleaned up after their oil exposure, though some have medical needs — skin burns or lesions — caused by the spill. They're receiving veterinary care from nearby Binder Park Zoo. But the majority of the turtles are healthy and just waiting until the time is right to return to their natural homes. Doherty said animal handlers took GPS coordinates when they picked up the creatures so they can be returned their old neighborhoods.

The tanks are outfitted with basking platforms, built from branches to simulate wild river conditions, and have heat lamps to mock sunlight so the creatures can resume as much of their normal lifestyle as they can, considering the circumstances.

The turtles are fed “nutritionally balance pelletized diet for freshwater turtles as well as natural prey items that they would normally eat in the wild in Michigan,” Schlieps said. “Depending on the species, that would be snails, crawdads, pan trout worms and nightcrawlers. Snapping turtles may get fish, but the large map turtles have more of crustacean-based diet.

“Natural prey items are live, though some of the fish are not, depending on the species of fish.”

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Turtle City worker Sarah Klepinger feeds krill to turtles. Photos by David Kenyon, Michigan DNR.

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# Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of April 2, 2011

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

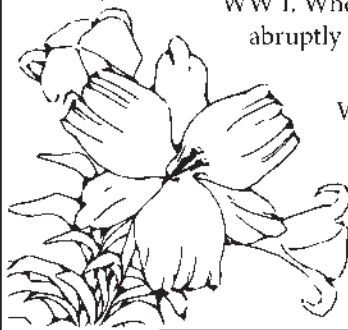
### Complaint Statistics

Traffic	5	Car/Deer	9
Property Damage Accident	3	General Assistance	3
False Alarm	3	Burglary	1
Animal	2	911 Hang Up	3
Larceny	1	Operate While Intoxicated	1
Drive While Lic. Susp./Exp.	2	Well Being Check	1
Civil	1	Miscellaneous Accident	1
Personal Injury Accident	1	Animal Bite	2
Lost Property	1	Property Check	1
Miscellaneous	2	Shoplifting	1
Littering	2	Attempt Burglary	1
Possible Overdose	1	Extra Patrol	1
Suicidal Subject	1	Abandoned Vehicle	1

### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	2	Caledonia	1	Curtis	4
Greenbush	8	Gustin	6	Harrisville	9
Hawes	7	Haynes	0	Mikado	3
Millen	4	Mitchell	1		
City of Harrisville 5		Village of Lincoln 2			

## The Garden Bug



### Easter lilies

*Lilium longiflorum* is native to the southern islands of Japan. A few lily bulbs were brought to the U.S. by a soldier during WW I. When the Japanese source of bulbs was abruptly cut off during WW II, U.S. growers were able to cash in on their stock.

When selecting a lily, choose a plant with just one or two open blooms, three or more unopened buds, and dark, rich green foliage all the way down to the soil line.

Source: www.easterlily.org

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### HAWES TOWNSHIP PLANNING COMMISSION

The Hawes Planning Commission will hold regular meetings on the fourth Wednesday of the following months: April, August and October of 2011. The meetings are open to the public and will be held at the South Shore Fire Hall at the South end of Hubbard Lake on Mt. Maria Road, Hawes Township, Michigan. The meetings will start at 7 p.m..  
Richard VanDam,  
Chairperson

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The idea is to make sure the turtles can be self-sufficient when they leave. Schlieps said the tanks are set up so the critters have minimal interaction with humans and do not become habituated.

"We want them to be as wild as they can be after being in captivity for this length of time," Schlieps explained. "If everything continues to go well, we'll see a lot of happy turtles when we release them."

Jason Manshum, a senior advisor for community relations with Enbridge, said building Turtle City was something the company could do to restore the area. "We made a big mess in this community and we affected the lives of many, many people - and it's not just the people, it's the wildlife," he said. "We want to make sure we get this area back to the condition it was pre-spill and we can't really do that unless we do something for the wildlife.

The wildlife intervention project has already been quite successful, Schlieps said. "We have already released more than 2,217 animals - birds, mammals, reptiles and amphibians - but mostly turtles."

As for the remaining turtles in captivity, they're looking at being paroled when the weather warms up. The caregivers will open the doors of the building, shut down the heat and habituate the animals to the climate. And when the water temperature in the river reaches the temperature in the facility, they'll be released, probably in May, Schlieps said.

And what about the toad, which is living in its own hard-rubber 50 gallon tank?

"It's a lovely American toad - quite an attractive animal," Schlieps said. "It was captured just prior to the season changing, so it wound up staying here because it was too cold to return it to the wild once it had been cleaned."

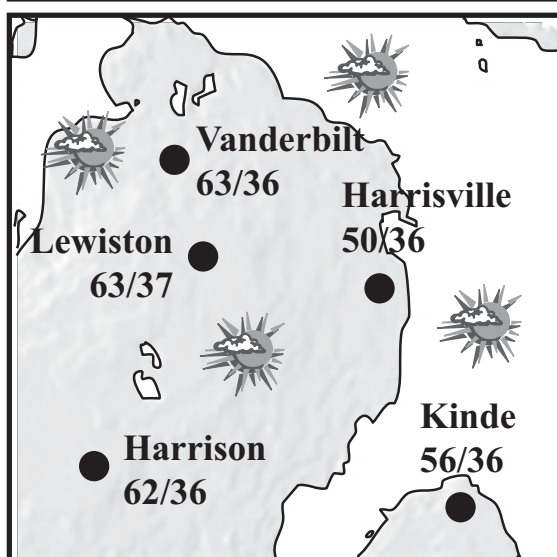
## Alcona Review Weather Report

April 13, 2011

### Seven Day Forecast

	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 50 Low: 36
	<b>THURSDAY</b> Isolated Rain High: 42 Low: 31
	<b>FRIDAY</b> Rain/Snow High: 42 Low: 33
	<b>SATURDAY</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 41 Low: 31
	<b>SUNDAY</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 40 Low: 28
	<b>MONDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 44 Low: 30
	<b>TUESDAY</b> Mostly Sunny High: 42 Low: 31

### Today's Regional Map



### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 50°, humidity of 41%. Southeast wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 72° set in 1968. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of showers, overnight low of 36°. North wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 9° set in 1992.

### \*Last Week's Almanac

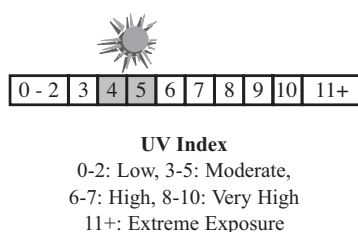
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	45	29	45/26	0.01"
Wednesday	41	24	46/27	0.00"
Thursday	51	29	46/27	0.00"
Friday	50	25	47/28	0.00"
Saturday	57	23	47/28	0.01"
Sunday	69	37	48/28	1.26"
Monday	66	39	48/29	0.01"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Full	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	New
Wednesday	4/17	6:53 a.m.	8:16 p.m.	3:04 p.m.	4:08 a.m.	5/3
Thursday		6:51 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	4:20 p.m.	4:37 a.m.	
Friday		6:49 a.m.	8:18 p.m.	5:39 p.m.	5:05 a.m.	
Saturday		6:47 a.m.	8:19 p.m.	6:58 p.m.	5:33 a.m.	
Sunday		6:46 a.m.	8:21 p.m.	8:19 p.m.	6:03 a.m.	
Monday		6:44 a.m.	8:22 p.m.	9:39 p.m.	6:37 a.m.	
Tuesday		6:42 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	10:55 p.m.	7:17 a.m.	

### Local UV Index



### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 73° in Carbondale, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies today and Thursday, isolated thunderstorms Friday, with the highest temperature of 87° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see scattered showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 62° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 92° in Artesia, N.M.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:33 a.m.	7:39 p.m.
Venus	5:52 a.m.	5:21 p.m.
Mars	6:28 a.m.	6:55 p.m.
Jupiter	6:49 a.m.	7:43 p.m.
Saturn	7:06 p.m.	6:53 a.m.
Uranus	6:12 a.m.	6:18 p.m.

### Weather History

**April 13, 1986** - A major spring storm quickly intensified, bringing blizzard conditions to much of the Northern Plains region. Up to 18 inches of snow was reported in North Dakota. In South Dakota, winds gusting to 90 mph whipped snow into drifts 15 feet high.

### Weather Trivia

Do solar eclipses influence the weather? ?

**Answer:** Yes, the giant shadow cast on the Earth causes temperatures to fall.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Lion on the Loose

There's a cobra on the loose. Nope, I can't talk about that anymore because Bronx Zoo officials caught the sleuthing snake, slithering in the reptilian house. So fellaheen, take note, there is a lion on the loose, and it's being chased by the reaper; but the situation isn't so grim. Both the cobra and the lion have distinctly Egyptian flavors. My wife, Susan, has commented that Nemes headdresses of Egyptian pharaohs have a distinctive cobra's stylishness including the snake's head. It was also the cobra that "nipped" the most famous woman pharaoh of all times, Cleopatra, in 30 BC. The lion too, now known as Leo, served as a warning to the Nile farmers along Egypt's famous river. It was seen in the Egyptian skies as a precursor to the oppressive heat of the summer months, and as a warning to commoners, fellaheen, to be wary of lions coming down from the surrounding dry and dusty hillsides to refresh themselves in the cool waters of Egypt's lifeblood. Egyptians even had an interesting explanation for why the summers were so hot. Leo's alpha star, Regulus, lies nearly along the sun's path through the stars, called the ecliptic. It was the combination of Ra (the sun) and Regulus which caused the stifling conditions of summer. Leo is now visible in the east as darkness falls. If you are outside about 10 p.m., another bright, yellowish star can be observed to be chasing the Lion. That's Saturn, the harvest god with its ring system now opening and starting to cast shadows on the planet's disk when telescopically viewed. Spica of Virgo the Virgin will be visible below Saturn. It is one of the brightest blue supergiants of the sky. I cannot forget to mention another stellar sight to the left of Saturn and Spica, Arcturus, the fourth brightest star of the nighttime heavens and the principal luminary of Bootes the Headsmen. See the online map for a 10 p.m. view. www.astronomy.org

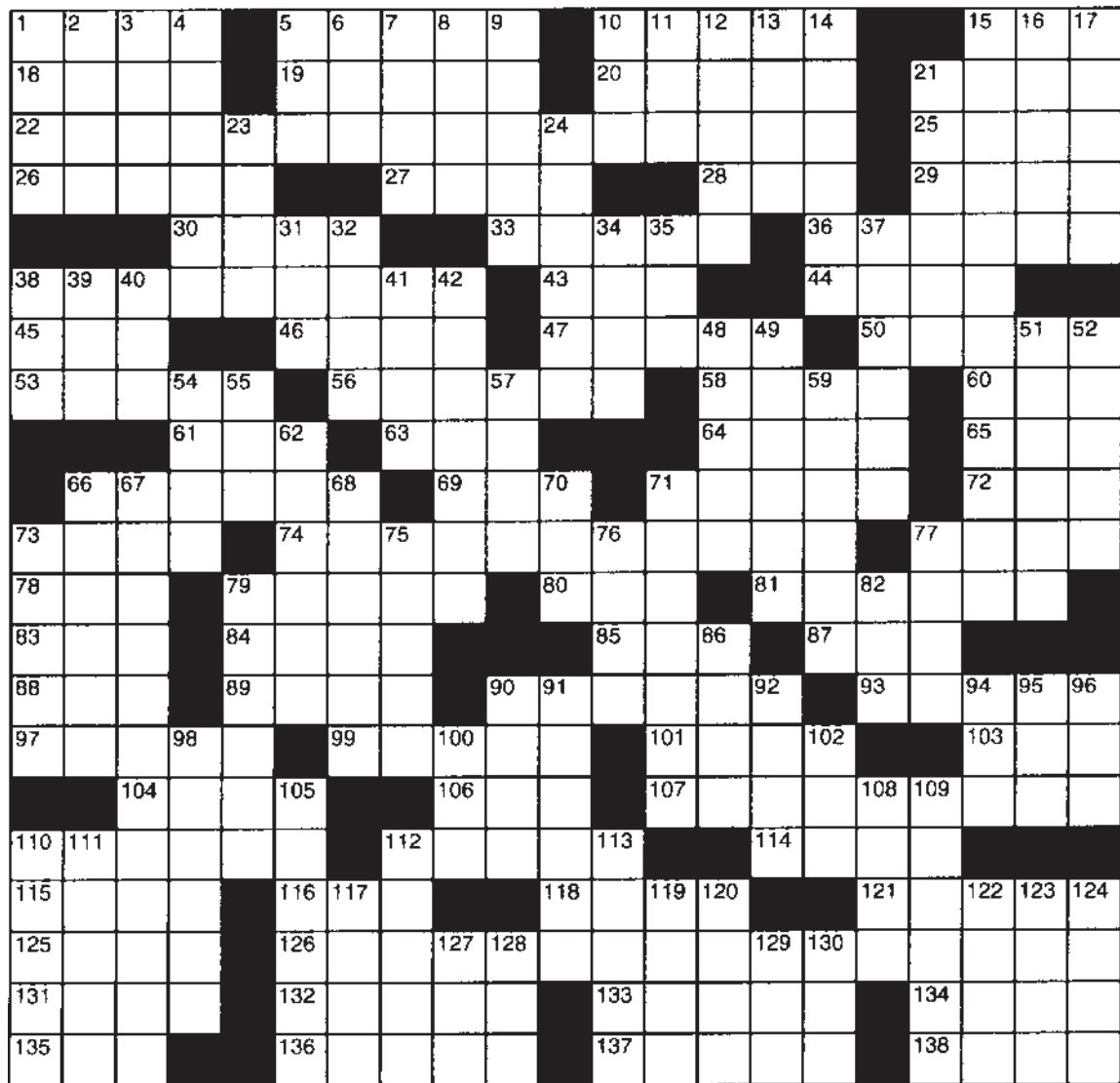
**TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez**

1. **MOVIES:** Duncan Jones, director of "Source Code," is the son of what famous rock musician?
2. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is a dirk?
3. **TELEVISION:** What TV show propelled the career of comedian Robin Williams?
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** Rabat is the capital of what African nation?
5. **HISTORY:** What Nazi war criminal was captured in Argentina 15 years after World War II ended?
6. **MYTHOLOGY:** In what legend does the Sheriff of Nottingham play a major role?
7. **INVENTIONS:** Daimler was an early designer of what kind of machine?
8. **MEASUREMENTS:** Which month of the year is named for Mars, the Roman god of war?
9. **LITERATURE:** What literary form did Thespis invent?
10. **ANATOMY:** Where is the appendix in the human body?

**Answers:** 1. David Bowie; 2. Long dagger; 3. "Mork and Mindy"; 4. Morocco; 5. Adolf Eichmann; 6. Robin Hood; 7. Automobile; 8. March; 9. Greek tragedy; 10. The junction between the small and large intestines. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

**Super Crossword** **APRIL SHOWERS**

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| 1 Renowned rabbit       | 61 Droop                        | 106 Gentle — lamb           | 4 Grand relative              | 39 A mean Amin              | 92 Shampoo additive              |
| 5 Iraqi port            | 63 Composer Rorem               | 107 '68 Temptations song    | 5 Showy scarf                 | 40 Baseball's Steve         | 94 Mohammed — Jinnah             |
| 10 Wing it              | 64 Ordered                      | 110 Bearse or Blake         | 6 French sculptor             | 41 Caution ('77 film)       | 95 Pantyhose problem             |
| 15 Iowa hrs.            | 65 Herriman feline              | 112 World-weary             | 7 Disparage                   | 42 "Raid on —"              | 96 Mellow                        |
| 18 PDQ, politely        | 66 Wont                         | 114 Zeno's home             | 8 Emulated the Valkyries      | 48 Activist Hoffman         | 98 Tree trim                     |
| 19 Synthetic fiber      | 69 Archery item                 | 115 Horror-film extras      | 9 24 Down's home              | 49 TV's "— Afire"           | 100 "For Me and My —" ('17 song) |
| 20 Artemis, in Rome     | 71 Fathers a foal               | 116 — Aviv                  | 10 Citrus cooler              | 51 Actor Jonathan           | 102 Actor Brynner                |
| 21 Costa —              | 72 Get by, with "out"           | 118 Marx or Malden          | 11 Accomplished               | 52 Shoppers' sacks          | 105 Homegrown                    |
| 22 Beatrice Potter book | 73 Identical                    | 121 "Later, Luis!"          | 12 Designer Ashley            | 54 Otherwise                | 108 "Big Bad John" singer        |
| 25 "L—, c'est moi"      | 74 Killjoys                     | 125 Anesthetize an audience | 13 Cuzco native               | 55 73 Down escapee          | 109 Novelist Gordimer            |
| 26 Stadium              | 77 "— bien!"                    | 126 '80 Eddie Rabbitt hit   | 14 They make lots of dough    | 57 Adored one               | 110 Head monk                    |
| 27 Whirl                | 78 Sphere                       | 131 Hurler Hershiser        | 15 '91 Billy Crystal film     | 59 "— Fideles"              | 111 Native New Zealander         |
| 28 — Dawn Chong         | 79 "The Color Purple" character | 132 Feelings                | 16 Inadequate                 | 62 Former military chairman | 112 Hunks of gunk                |
| 29 '60s talk-show host  | 80 "Well, I'll be!"             | 133 Vestige                 | 17 "Soap" family              | 66 King or Lombard          | 113 Big revolver?                |
| 30 "— go brag!"         | 81 Modern lady                  | 134 Hawaii's state bird     | 21 Fix                        | 67 American magnolia        | 117 Director Kazan               |
| 33 Latin rhythm         | 83 Rimsky-Korsakov's "Le Coq —" | 135 Present for pop         | 23 Creche figure              | 68 Actress Mercouri         | 119 Hard to find                 |
| 36 Cooks chestnuts      | 84 Got off                      | 136 Steen stand             | 24 Domestic guanacos          | 70 Witty one                | 120 Inventive sort?              |
| 38 "Hee Haw" regular    | 85 Fitting                      | 137 Long-legged wader       | 31 Rage                       | 71 Doubter                  | 122 "— Around" ('64 hit)         |
| 43 "Cara —" ('65 song)  | 87 Organ of equilibrium         | 138 British school          | 32 Vincent Lopez's theme song | 73 Biblical city            | 123 "What have I done!"          |
| 44 Dirty                | 88 Seville shout                | <b>DOWN</b>                 | 34 Cheerful tune              | 75 Cronus, for one          | 124 British gun                  |
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| 46 Verve                | 90 Kathy of country             | 2 California                | 37 Heaps                      | 77 Austin or Garr           | 128 New citizen's subj.          |
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**STRANGE BUT TRUE**

**By Samantha Weaver**

• It was evolutionary biologist Richard Dawkins who made the following sage observation: "We are all atheists about most of the gods that societies have ever believed in. Some of us just go one god further."

• It's been reported that for one two-year stretch, Elvis Presley ate nothing but meat loaf, mashed potatoes and tomatoes.

• In parts of Asia, tradition holds that if you sneeze once, someone is saying something good about you; if you sneeze twice in a row, something bad is being said; if you sneeze three times, someone is in love with you; and if you sneeze more than three times, you're about to catch a cold.

• If you're like the average human, you have about 1,500 dreams every year.

• We all know that the phrase "dog days of summer" refers to the most sultry days of the year, but have you ever wondered where the term came from? It seems that the ancient Romans believed that when Sirius, known as the dog star, shined the brightest — which was during mid-summer — it added its heat to the heat of the sun, making the hot season even more unbearable.

• Libra is the only sign of the zodiac that is not an animal.

• Even if you don't remember it from its original air dates in the 1950s and '60s, you surely have heard of the iconic American situation comedy "Leave It to Beaver." You might not realize, though, that the original working title was "Wally and the Beaver." The producers thought that made it sound like a show about a boy and his pet, so they changed it.

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**Thought for the Day:** "A conservative is a man who believes that nothing should be done for the first time." — Alfred E. Wiggam

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**MOMENTS IN TIME**

**The History Channel**

• On April 25, 1719, Daniel Defoe's fictional work "The Life and Strange Adventures of Robinson Crusoe" is published. The book, about a shipwrecked sailor who spends 28 years on a deserted island, is based on the experiences of Alexander Selkirk, a Scottish sailor who spent four years on a small island off the coast of South America in the early 1700s.

• On April 29, 1854, the Ashmun Institute, the first college founded solely for black students, is officially chartered in southeastern Pennsylvania. Renamed Lincoln University after the Civil War, its graduates include poet Langston Hughes and Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall.

• On April 27, 1865, an explosion on a Mississippi River steamboat kills an estimated 1,547 people, mostly Union soldiers returning home after the Civil War. The Sultana was built to hold 376 passengers, but reports say that there were as many as 2,700 people on board.

• On May 1, 1931, New York City's Empire State Building is dedicated. The idea for the Empire State Building is said to have been born of a competition between Walter Chrysler of the Chrysler Corp. and John Jakob Raskob of General Motors to see who could erect the taller building.

• On April 30, 1948, the Land Rover, a British-made all-terrain vehicle, debuts at an auto show in Amsterdam. The Land Rover had a boxy, utilitarian design, four-wheel drive and a canvas roof. Seat cushions, doors, a heater and spare tire were considered extras.

• On April 28, 1965, Barbra Streisand's debut television special, "My Name is Barbra," is aired. One sequence was shot on location in the fur department of Bergdorf Goodman, where Streisand vamped in exotic fur coats to a medley of poverty songs, including "Brother Can You Spare a Dime."

• On April 26, 1986, the world's worst nuclear accident to date occurs at the Chernobyl nuclear plant near Kiev in Ukraine. An estimated 4,000 clean-up workers died from radiation poisoning, as many as 70,000 people suffered severe poisoning and a large area of land might not be livable for as many as 150 years.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★**

★ Moderate    ★★ Challenging  
★★★ HOO BOY!

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# Not all scams are high-tech

**DOLLARS AND SENSE**  
**BY David Uffington**

Maybe none of these scams will climb to the Top Ten list at the end of the year, but if you get hit with one, it could cause no end of trouble and annoyance.

It's surprisingly low-tech, but your own home mailbox can be a source of scams and identity theft. Thieves are targeting mailboxes at night and in rural areas, looking for pre-approved credit-card applications (they just change the address on it when they send it in), bank statements, credit-card statements and anything else that will help them re-create your identity.

If your mailbox is out of sight of your house, consider either getting a box at the Post Office or a mail store (which necessitates frequent trips to get the mail), or installing one of those locking mailboxes. For around \$100 you can get a steel curbside box with a key. Be sure that whatever you get is USPS approved. Read online reviews before you buy, because some of the boxes are described as flimsy by those who've bought them, and some don't come with the mounting hardware.

If you buy and sell at online auctions, beware the PayPal scams. The goal of the scam email is to get you to reveal your password and ID name

either by asking for it outright or by giving you a link that will "fix" a problem with your account. Don't do it. You could end up disclosing your personal banking information and putting your auction funds at risk. Close the email, and if you truly suspect a problem with your PayPal account, and use your regular way to get to the site.

Finally, if you or your children swap USB flash drives with someone else as a means of sharing files, your computer could be in danger. Many computers are set to autorun if these small devices are plugged in, meaning that the files start up immediately. Whether it's intentional or not, your computer could get a virus from those USB drives, especially if the drive is plugged in when you boot up and your virus program hasn't had a chance to start. If you're skilled with your computer, consider disabling that autorun feature.

*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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### VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, April 4 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included; President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Lask, Naylor and Stutzman. Council member Richard Somers was excused from the meeting as he is on vacation. Also present was attorney Cook and guests.

The minutes of the March meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Stutzman. The minutes of the budget meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy. The treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Stutzman.

In public comment newly elected Gustin Township Supervisor John Klinger addressed the board. He said he looks forward to working with the Village of Lincoln and hopes to be able to move beyond any issues from the past. He has met with village president Phil Jordan and they will do their best to work together on any concerns for the village and the township. He invited members of the council to attend any of their meetings and get acquainted with his township board. Jordan stated that he looks forward to working with John.

Leroy Hall, fire chief, addressed the board. He stated that three fire fighters are ready to graduate from the fire academy.

President Jordan talked about the brush rig that still needs work done before the

village can get it titled over to them. President Jordan stated that a "conflict of interest issue" must be discussed according to the MEDC Façade grant guidelines. Every business owner in the village was sent a letter asking if they were interested in submitting a proposal for façade grant funds to reface the fronts of their buildings. Two of those who responded, Joe James and Dennis Kruttlin are on the DDA board. With any public official requesting grant funds, the conflict of interest issue must be on the agenda and discussed in the open council meeting. There is a four member façade grant committee.

All business owners within the village were invited to participate. We do not feel that any one has an advantage or conflict in any way. A motion was made by Lask, with support from Stutzman, to note that the Lincoln Village Council has discussed the potential for a conflict of interest involving Dennis Kruttlin and Joe James as it relates to their application for receiving monies from the MEDC Façade grant project. It is further understood that they will refrain from voting on matters associated with this issue. The DDA board will address the same issue at their next monthly meeting which is April 12.

In old business Gauthier gave an update on the memorial dedication that is being planned for Everett Schram. Lask will continue to work to secure some old photos from her grandmother for use in the hall. Gauthier stated that the website information has been coming in and Eileen Oposnow is doing a great job getting things done. Anyone with events they would like to see put on the village website are en-

couraged to contact Bonny Gauthier at (989) 736-3844.

Sara Healy stated the Easter egg hunt is coming up on April 23 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The activity will begin at the village hall where instructions will be given. Following the hunt everyone is invited back to the hall for hot dogs, chips and punch. Jordan stated that Theresa Hart and Naomi Potter are heading up this endeavor. Thanks ladies. He further stated that someone sent an anonymous monetary donation to help support this cause. Any questions or offers of help may be addressed by contacting Theresa at (989) 736-8936.

President Jordan gave his report. He stated that he attended that recent jobs fair held at the Senior Citizens Center. He was extremely impressed and said he will definitely be helping next year. He said that several of the vendors were taking applications for employment in the area. He asked about the fire department grant that still needs to be closed out. Mary and Joan Gonyea will work together with Leroy Hall to finish the project hopefully before next month's meeting. Jordan stated that new flood plain maps and information was received today and needs to be addressed. Kristin Lask will look it over and report back at the next meeting. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Gauthier with support from Healy. Motion to adjourn from Gauthier with support from Lask. Motion carried.

Linda K. Somers  
 Village Clerk

## A shot that stops PTSD

**VETERANS POST**  
**by Freddy Groves**

Back in 2008, I wrote about a possible "shot" to treat Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. At the time it was called a stellate ganglion block.

Doctors knew that in PTSD, something called nerve growth factor is produced during a traumatic event. That NGF would send out "roots" from the site in the brain, making anxiety worse than ever as even more roots grew, feeding on the new anxiety. The sufferer lived in a perpetual state of mental turmoil, with the "fight or flight" response at full speed. For most, the anti-anxiety prescriptions haven't worked well.

In the "shot" treatment, anesthesia is injected into a certain spot in the neck, stopping the growth — and the anxiety — cold. At the time, initial results were promising.

The wheels of science (and research funding) move

slowly, but now this "shot" procedure has a name: the Chicago Block.

A Chicago pain doctor, Dr. Eugene Lipov of the non-profit Chicago Medical Innovations, developed the procedure for menopause (hey, we don't care where it came from, right?) and learned that it also works on PTSD. All of his patients have had relief within a half hour. Some patients experience relief for a few months, after which they need a second shot. Others have had relief for two years. Sufferers can be weaned off their other PTSD medications.

Now there's real forward progress: The Naval Medical Center in San Diego (Capt. Anita Hickey) is about to start a formal study of the procedure.

If you want to learn how the block works, go to [chicagomedicalinnovations.org](http://chicagomedicalinnovations.org) to watch a video of the procedure and read the Frequently Asked Questions.

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### VILLAGE OF LINCOLN BUDGET HEARING

**Public Hearing for 2011-2012 Budget**

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, March 28, 2011 at 6 p.m. at the village hall. The purpose of the meeting was for hearing public comment regarding the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2100-2012. Those present included: President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers, deputy clerk/treasurer Stutzman and council members Gauthier, Healy, Lask, Naylor and Stutzman. Absent was council member Somers.

A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Healy, to raise the following: President's salary from \$3,300 to \$6,000; clerk from \$6,797 to \$7,136.85; treasurer from \$6,432 to \$6,751.50; trustee salary per meeting rate from \$60 to \$75; maintenance supervisor from \$8 to \$9.50 hourly; Motion carried.

A motion to adopt the 2011/2012 budget was made by Kristin Lask. Support was given by Bonny Gauthier. Carried. Treasurer Kossa stated the proposed revenues should support this budget. Gauthier stated that she would like to go on record to say that she believes the work that is being done by president Jordan is well worth the raise he is receiving. Also, she stated that council members are being paid a rate closer to what is in line with other entities around us. Healy stated that anyone can run for these positions and if they do not agree with what is being done they can certainly come to the meetings and talk about it. A discussion was held with much input by members. Jordan thanked all those present for their hard work and dedication.

Motion to adjourn made by Stutzman, with support from Lask. Carried.

The Village of Lincoln Budget follows:

General Fund Expenditures	
General Government	
President	\$ 6,000
Treasurer	\$ 8,786.50
Clerk	\$ 8,191.85
Council	\$ 6,750
Professional Fees	\$ 5,000

Utilities	\$ 8,500
Zoning	\$ 9,000
Insurances	\$13,000
Maintenance	\$12,000
Other	\$ 8,300
Public Safety	
FD Salaries	\$ 7,000
FD Gasoline	\$ 450
FD Utilities	\$ 2,550
FD Insurance	\$ 6,500
FD Supplies	\$ 1,200
FD Maintenance	\$ 1,800
FD Other	\$ 1,934
FR Salaries	\$ 9,200
FR Other	\$ 2,300
Capital Outlay	\$21,000
Debt Service Principal	\$13,000
Debt Service Int.	\$ 3,128
Recreation & Culture Maint. & Improve.	\$ 5,000
Street Lights/Utility	\$12,000
Gasoline	\$ 6,500
Equipment Rentals/Gen	\$ 9,000
Salaries/General	\$16,031.25
Payroll Liabilities	\$ 6,000
Total Expenditures	<b>\$ 210,121.60</b>
Revenues/General Fund	
Current Tax Levy	\$ 50,000
State Cons. Tax	\$ 20,000
Fire Contracts	\$ 44,020.77
Other Revenues/Misc.	\$ 93,600.83
Interest	\$ 2,500
Total Revenues	<b>\$210,121.60</b>
Major Street Fund Expenditures	
Public Works/Transportation	\$13,700
Routine Maintenance	\$14,800

Winter Maintenance	\$ 8,800
Salaries	\$15,000
Administration	<u>\$ 6,700</u>
Total Expenditures	<b>\$59,000</b>
Revenues	
State Revenue Sharing	\$37,000
Village Raised Tax	\$11,000
Fund Equity	<u>\$11,000</u>
Total Revenues	<b>\$59,000</b>
Local Street Fund Expenditures	
Public Works/Transportation	\$5,000
Routine Maintenance	\$6,000
Winter Maintenance	\$3,000
Salaries	\$6,500
Administration	<u>\$2,600</u>
Total Expenditures	<b>\$23,100</b>
Revenues	
State Revenue Sharing	\$12,000
Village Raised Tax	\$11,000
Fund Equity	<u>\$ 100</u>
Total Revenues	<b>\$23,100</b>
Sewer Fund Expenditures	
Salaries	\$ 3,000
Engineering	\$ 500
Insurance	\$ 1,000
Maintenance	\$ 4,234.20
Equipment Rental	\$ 2,000
Capital Outlay	<u>\$ 1,000</u>
Total Expenditures	<b>\$11,734.20</b>
Revenues	
47.7 Units X 20.50 per month	
(977.85) X 12 months	
	<u>\$11,734.20</u>
Total Revenues	<b>\$11,734.20</b>

Linda K. Somers  
 Village Clerk

#### Weekly SUDOKU

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#### Super Crossword

Answers

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 Dated: April 13, 2011  
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 Mortgagee  
 Fabrizio & Brook, P.C  
 Attorney for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Argent Securities Inc., Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-W4  
 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800  
 Troy, MI 48084  
 (248) 362-2600  
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 Deena S. Hagstrom  
 P.O. Box 321  
 Harrisville, MI 48740  
 (989) 724-5557

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 Probate Court  
 County of Alcona  
 Notice to Creditors  
 Decedent's Estate  
 File No. 11-4932 DE

Estate of John David Hagstrom  
 Date of birth: January 12, 1947  
 To all creditors:  
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, John David Hagstrom, who lived at 2504 S. Poor Farm, Greenbush, Michigan died March 27, 2011.  
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## HARRISVILLE TWP. MINUTES

The Harrisville Township special board meeting was held March 31 at the township hall. The special meeting, preposted and called by the supervisor, for the purpose of adopting the 2011-2012 budget and any other issues that need to be taken care of. Present board members: Stone, Jamieson, Johnston and Pyne. Absent Trustee Young. Stone/Pyne: By Resolution No. 33111 to transfer \$2,000 from the 101-000-727 contingency fund to the 101-206-727 fire department fund to cover expenses for repairs. Roll call vote: Four ayes, zero nays and one absent. Motion carried. Jamieson/Johnston: By Resolution No. 33111-A to adopt the 2011-2012 proposed township budget as presented at the 6:30 p.m. March 8 public hearing in the amount of \$362,655.27. Roll call vote: Four ayes, zero nays and one absent. Motion carried.  
 Other business discussed: The county's bill for tax collecting, fire department billing and the future of your township hall. Meeting adjourned 11:56 a.m. Roger Jamieson, Township Clerk  
 Published prior to board approval.

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Prep cooks and dishwashers. Prep cooks must have previous experience, must be willing to work all shifts and have reliable transportation. Apply in person at the Flour Garden, 105 South State Street, Harrisville.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

### Notice of Mortgage Sale

**Default** has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Gary D. Lee to Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, whose address is 1100 South Bagley Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707.

The mortgage is dated October 31, 2008 and recorded in Alcona County records on November 7, 2008 at Liber 456, page 1,369, Alcona County records.

There is claimed to be due on the mortgage at the date of this notice, for principal, interest, and other items paid as allowed by the mortgage, the sum of one hundred thirty-three thousand two hundred eighty-two and 03/100 (\$133,282.03) and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured thereby. The power of sale contained in the mortgage has now become operative.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the applicable foreclosure statute, the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below at public auction to the highest bidder at the Alcona County Courthouse located at 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 at 10 a.m. The property will be sold to pay the amount due on the mortgage with 5.875 percent interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays on or before the date of sale.

The property described in the mortgage and subject to sale is as follows: Parcel A of Certificate of Survey by NorthEast Land Surveys, W.O. No. B 060060-232508 dated May 23, 2006 and recorded July 11, 2008 in Liber 454, pages 122-123, described as: Part of the southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of

Section 23, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the south quarter corner of Section 23, Town 25 North, Range 8 East; thence North 03° 14' 32" east along west line of southwest quarter of the southeast quarter of said section 602.04 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing north 03° 14' 32" east 716.17 feet; thence south 86° 52' 42" east along north line of said southwest quarter of the southeast quarter 1280.20 feet; thence south 02° 56' 25" west 33.00 feet; thence south 86° 52' 42" east 33.00 feet; thence south 02° 56' 25" west along east line of said southwest quarter of the southeast quarter 1286.19 feet; thence north 86° 50' 09" west along south line of said section and centerline of Goddard Road 920.15 feet; thence north 06° 48' 22" east 205.61 feet; thence north 30° 41' 40" east 117.07 feet; thence north 03° 14' 32" east 293.03 feet; thence north 86° 50' 09" west 466.75 feet to the point of beginning. Being subject to the rights of the public over the southerly 33 feet thereof for Goddard Road. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right-of-way purposes. Being in Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan.

The period of redemption will be one year from the date of sale, *unless abandoned* as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale.

Dated: April 1, 2011  
Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union,  
Mortgagee  
Daniel W. White  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
313 North Second Avenue  
Alpena, MI 49707  
(989) 354-4104  
4-6, 4-13, 4-20, 4-27, 5-4

### Notice Pursuant to MCL 600.3205a(4)

Notice is hereby provided to Deborah Woolsey and Dennis G. Woolsey, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter borrower) regarding the property located at: 3755 Roseann Drive, Black River, MI 48721-9711.

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 April 7, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after April 7, 2011.

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: April 13, 2011

For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302

Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer and/or  
Mortgage Holder  
31440 Northwestern Highway,  
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### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donna Surbrook a/k/a Donna L. Surbrook, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated April 21, 2005, and recorded on April 28, 2005 in Liber 415 on page 1,168, and assigned

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kelly Teehan, a single man, to CitiFinancial, Inc., mortgagee, dated September 15, 2006 and recorded September 20, 2006 in Liber 435, page 452, Alcona County records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-three thousand seven hundred twenty-seven and 26/100 dollars (\$53,727.26) including interest at 9 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in

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Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Brad Lee Wassmann and Heidi A. Wassmann, husband and wife (collectively, mortgagor), to Greenstone Farm Credit Services, FLCA, a federally chartered corporation, having an office at 3515 West Road, East Lansing, Michigan 48823 (the mortgagee), dated July 3, 2007, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan on July 6, 2007, as Instrument No. 200700002210 or Liber 443, page 806 (the mortgage). By reason of such default, the mortgagee elects to declare and hereby declares the entire unpaid amount of the mortgage due and payable forthwith.

As of the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on the mortgage the sum of two hundred thirty eight thousand five hundred eighty two and 87/100 dollars

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Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Default having been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005 by Christopher G. Norling of 4890 E. M-72, Harrisville, MI 48740, as mortgagee to Joyce A. Stoops Revocable Trust Agreement dated July 13, 2006, of 4241 Ash Road, Lincoln, MI 48742. Said mortgage given by the mortgagors and recorded on the 7<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2005 in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan in Liber 420, pages 172-174 inclusive and

by said mortgagee to ABN AMRO Mortgage Group, Inc. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-one thousand eight hundred seventy-five and 84/100 dollars (\$51,875.84), including interest at 6.375 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 place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on April 20, 2011.

Said premises are situated in township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and

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 April 20, 2011.

Said premises are located in the township of Haynes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The east half of the west half of the southeast quarter of the southwest quarter of Section 7, Town 27 North, Range 9 East.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accor-

dance 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: March 23, 2011  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 502-1400  
File No. 293.0799  
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(\$238,582.87). No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by the mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, and to pay the above amount, with interest, as provided in the mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fee allowed by law, and all taxes and insurance premiums paid by the undersigned before sale, the mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public venue to the highest bidder at the west entrance to the County Courthouse in Harrisville, Michigan on Wednesday, April 27, 2011, at 10 a.m. in the forenoon.

The premises covered by the mortgage are situated in the township of Mikado, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and are described as follows: The south 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of Section 22, T25N, R8E, except a parcel commencing at the west 1/4 corner of Section 22, T25N, R8E; thence N 00°01'58" west along the west

line of said section and centerline of Cruzen Road so-called, 400.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing N 00°01'58" west along said line, 250.00 feet; thence S 89°58'02" east, 300.00 feet; thence S 00°01'58" east, 250.00 feet; thence S 89°58'02" west, 300.00 feet to the point of beginning. Together with all fixtures, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances belonging or in any way appertaining to the premises. Commonly known as: 3715 Cruzen Road, Mikado, Michigan 48745. P.P. No. 01-091-022-200-040-00.

Notice is further given that the length of the redemption period will be one (1) year from the date of sale.  
Dated: March 30, 2011  
Greenstone Farm Credit Services, FLCA  
Mortgagee  
Timothy Hillegonds  
Warner Norcross & Judd LLP  
900 Fifth Third Center  
111 Lyon Street, N.W.  
Grand Rapids, MI 49503-2489  
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are described as: Lots 58, 59 and 60, Hunters Lake Heights, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 160 of Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: March 23, 2011  
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1301  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway,  
Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan  
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File No. 367510F01  
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15, T26N, R9E and the southerly line of highway M-72; thence south 0 deg. 27' west along the east 1/8 line 175 feet; thence south 85 deg. 52' east 120 feet; thence north 0 deg. 27' east 175 feet to the southerly line of M-72; thence north 85 deg. 52' west along said southerly line 120 feet to the point of beginning. Except highway M-72 right of way. Being located in the township of Harrisville.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 MCL 600.3241(a) in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated this 5<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011  
For more information, please call: David H. Cook  
Attorney for Mortgagee  
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# Alcona County Road Commission recognizes National Work Zone Awareness Week

As the Alcona County Road Commission gears up for road construction season, it joins with road agencies across the country in recognizing National Work Zone Awareness Week (NWZAW).

This year's National Work Zone Awareness week is April 4-8. Now in its 11th year, the 2011 theme is "Safer Driving, Safer Work Zones, For Everyone."

"With the return of the familiar orange barrels used to guide motorists through work zones, we are sending out what has become our annual plea to drivers to slow down and pay attention as they drive through road work projects," said road com-

mission administrative assistant Marlena MacNeill. "It is not just road workers at risk in work zones, but motorists, as well."

More than 85 percent of all people killed in highway work zone crashes are drivers and passengers, not highway workers. Although traffic fatalities are down significantly with increased public education efforts and law enforcement, Michigan experienced 18 fatal work zone traffic crashes and 320 injury accidents in 2009.

It is advised that when encountering a work zone, motorists minimize distractions inside the car by (for example), closing cell phone

conversations, setting the sandwich or beverage down, and turning the radio volume down. It may also be advisable for motorists to plan on work zone delays so they are not pressed to ignore work zone speed limits.

In Michigan, most work zones are posted at 45 m.p.h. where workers are present. Motorists speeding in work zones are subject to doubled fines and additional points against their driver's license. Causing the injury of another person in a work zone is a misdemeanor punishable by up to one year in prison and \$1,000 in fines, and causing the death of a person in a work zone is a felony punish-

able by and up to 15 years in prison and \$7,500 in fines.

The Alcona County Road Commission uses the NWZAW as a time to prepare for the upcoming construction season. "We review work zone signing and traffic control requirements, make sure our work zone warning signs are up to specification and in good repair, and generally refresh our emphasis on work zone safety," MacNeill said.

"It is also a good time," MacNeill said, "to remind motorists that whether it's a small work zone here in Alcona County where the workers might be your friends and neighbors, or a large work zone on a major highway out-

side of the county where the workers are anonymous, it is so very important to slow down and pay attention to help make it a 'Safer driving, Safer Work Zones, For Everyone' construction season."

The National Work Zone Awareness Week campaign began in 2000 as an initiative of the Federal Highway Administration, American Traffic Safety Services Association, and the Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials to build public awareness of work zone safety. A YouTube public service announcement is available at, [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=\\_a4gr-WrIZcM](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_a4gr-WrIZcM).



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