

## Alcona School District's fund equity diminishes drastically due to state aid cuts, loss of students

**By Kathryn Fritz Kniep**  
*Special to the Review*

Cuts to state aid and declining enrollment have resulted in layoffs and decimated fund equity as Alcona Community Schools opens its doors for the 2011-2012 school year.

According to business manager Alan Shillair, cuts

to state aid totaled almost \$650,000 in the district's general fund budget and reduced its fund equity (the district's "savings account") from \$950,000 to just \$78,000.

"The cuts hit pretty hard, coupled with the declining enrollment and normal increases in expenses of three

to five percent," Shillair said. The district projects about 800 students by the state's Fall Count Day, the fourth Wednesday following Labor Day, he said, down from its 820 student projection.

In addition, the state's allocation of aid money to the district was reduced by almost \$500 for each student,

from \$7,359 to \$6,889 per pupil. The district had created a "dire straits" budget in June, Shillair said, but did so without a solid per pupil figure and without the results of the 2010-11 budget audit, which begins this week. "We knew we couldn't operate on (the budget as written)," he said. "We told

the board we'd have to revisit cuts."

In order to bring the budget into balance, the board of education authorized layoffs of elementary art and special education teachers, a custodian, two bus drivers and a cook at the elementary school and chose not to replace two retiring teachers at the high school.

Shillair added that audited figures may result in some additional available funds in the form of carry over from the previous year. "We are normally a little better off than we think we are," he said.

Despite the layoffs, Shillair said, class size at the elementary school should not be dramatically higher. The elementary will maintain the number of special education teachers it had last year, five, but no art program will be available. Art classes continue at the high school level, however the entire music program - both band and choir - have been eliminated, he said.

As an additional cost-saving measure, the district has eliminated two bus routes and reconfigured those remaining, Shillair said. This school year, students will be required to come to school and return home on the same bus route, reducing the cost of changing students on each bus on a daily basis.

Shillair said at this time he doesn't see any light on the horizon for next year. "We are really actually projecting to be in the same situation for the 2012-2013 school year," he said, "Probably just as bad if not worse."

"We are keeping our heads above water," Shillair said, "and doing everything we can to keep class size reasonable. Our doors are open."

The first day of school for Alcona students will be a half day on Wednesday, Sept. 7 with teachers reporting on Tuesday, Sept. 6.



Phase One of the streetscape project in the Village of Lincoln is nearing completion. According to village president Phillip Jordan, the last layer of pavement will be put down this week and finishing touches are being put on the sidewalks and some of the landscaping (above). Lights will be placed in September and trees will be planted after the lights are put in. Finishing touches are just in time for the 13th Annual Lincoln Lions Antique and Classic Car and Tractor Show which will be held on Second Street Saturday. For more details see pages 10 and 11. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

### Leftover fall turkey licenses go on sale soon

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources reminds hunters fall turkey hunting license drawing results and leftover license quantities are available at [www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings](http://www.michigan.gov/huntdrawings). Hunters are encouraged to visit the website for updated license availability information.

Unsuccessful applicants may purchase one leftover license online or from any license agent on a first-come, first-served basis for a one week period beginning August 22 at 10 a.m. The licenses will be sold until the quotas are met.

Beginning August 29 at 10 a.m. EST, remaining fall turkey hunting licenses may be purchased by any hunter,

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The road barriers and detour are in place and soil removal is underway in Mikado at the corner of F-30 and F-41. The project, which began roughly two weeks ago, will be ongoing until early October. The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) identified the contaminated site in 2008. The project is being funded by federal dollars. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

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## Obituaries

### Harley H. Hopp

Harley Henry Hopp, 94, of Glennie died on Saturday, Aug. 20, 2011 at the Home of AuSable in Fairview.

He was born January 22, 1917 to Henry and Elizabeth "Bessie" (Monahan) Hopp in Rogers City, Mich., where he was raised.

A 1935 graduate of Rogers City High School, he was a fullback on the state championship football team.

He lived in Pontiac, Mich. and worked for Berry Door for many years. He also lived in Green Bay, Wisc. working as a welder for 17 years before returning to northeastern Michigan.

Mr. Hopp is survived by one son, Harley R. Hopp (Jo Tanner-Hopp) of Glennie; three grandchildren, Dawn Harroun, Wendy Shinde and Gary C. Hopp; and four great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by two sons, Gary V. Hopp and Edward C. Hopp; one brother, Clayton Hopp; and two wives, Ava Hopp and Syble Hopp.

Cremation arrangements were handled through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

### Ruth A. London

Ruth Annette London, 74, of Mikado, died on Sunday, Aug. 21, 2011 at her home.

She was born January 7, 1937 in Kalamazoo, Mich. to Jacob and Flora (Reinbold) Westra. She was raised in Kalamazoo, Mich.

On January 14, 1956, she married Leon R. London in Kalamazoo, Mich. where they were residents until moving to Mikado in 1979.

She was a devoted homemaker. Mrs. London was a member of the Oscoda V.F.W Auxiliary No. 3735, the American Legion Mikado Post No. 254, the Barton City F.O.E. Aerie No. 4141 and a lifetime member of the Mikado Goodfellows.

Mrs. London is survived by her husband, Leon; three daughters, Ruth Ann (Pat) Crill, Diane London and Flora (Ken) Spears of Kalamazoo, Mich.; three sons, James London of Oscoda, Dale (Debbie) London of Kalamazoo, Mich. and Richard London of Harrisville; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; five sisters, Henrietta Johnson and Sylvia Westra of Kalamazoo, Mich., Marjorie (Al) Thomas of Vicksburg, Mich., Connie Westra of Schoolcraft, Mich. and Lena Roberts; three brothers, Jacob (Nancy) Westra of Grand Haven, Mich., Martin (Rose) Westra of Portage, Mich., and Mike (Sue) Westra.

She was preceded in death by one grandson, Jimmy Douglas; five sisters, Anne Ritesma, Jerry Cole, Gert Reinbold, Betty Pollard and Jenny Westra; and one brother, Fred Westra.

The funeral is Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 1 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial will be in Mikado Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

### Iva A. Cornelius

Iva Arlene Cornelius, 89, of Hubbard Lake died on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

She was born April 19, 1922 in Spruce to Milo and Ruth (Martin) Thompson.

She married Maurice C. Cornelius on May 2, 1942 in Spruce. Mrs. Cornelius lived in Texas while her husband served in the U.S. Air Force.

The family owned and operated the Spruce Hardware in the 1940s and 1950s. She taught Sunday school at the Spruce Presbyterian Church where she was a lifelong member.

Mrs. Cornelius later served on the Alcona Community School Board. In 1955 she moved to Hubbard Lake where she operated Cornelius Real Estate. In 1964 the family started clearing the slopes and opened the Mt. Maria Ski Lodge which they operated for many years.

She loved the outdoors, she enjoyed fishing in Ontario, deer hunting in Hubbard Lake, partridge hunting in Lost Lake Woods Club and going on nature hikes with her grandchildren. She loved to travel and visited Germany, Alaska, England, Mexico, Newfoundland and South America.



Mrs. Cornelius is survived by one son, Mike (Jeanne) Cornelius of Hubbard Lake; seven grandchildren, Clay (Danielle) Cornelius, Darby Prater, Tess Hopkins, Sarah (Andrew) Benson, Kyla Cornelius, Chris Ratliff and David (Krystal) Ratliff; two great-grandchildren, Mason Prater and Abigail Cornelius; two ex-daughter-in-laws, Patricia J. Cornelius and Suzanne Hopkins.

She was preceded in death by one son, Tom; and three brothers, Claude, Clifford and Richard Thompson.

A funeral service has been held and interment was in Pleasant View Cemetery, Spruce. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home.

## Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

Has anyone seen our black bear? About three years ago my husband made a life-sized family of bears for our yard. There was one adult and two cubs. The cubs are attached to a split rail fence and the adult was staked to the ground in a wooded area behind the fence. Early this week the adult bear went "missing."

This was not something you could walk away with under your arm. If you have seen this bear anywhere please encourage the person(s) holding it to return it to its family.

Lorna Lemere  
Harrisville

To the Editor,

September 17-23, is Constitution Week, the 224th anniversary of the signing of this great document. Did you know that nowhere in the Constitution does it say, "It's a free country"?

Amendment 1 of the Constitution does not include the words "freedom of expression" but over time it has been ruled to include limits to the freedom of speech/press/assembly for defamation, perjury, contempt of court, hate speech, size of public demonstrations, trade secrets, noise pollution, classified information and treason.

Our Constitution, the cornerstone of our freedoms, was written to protect every American from the abuse of power by government. The Fifth Amendment states "No person shall be ... deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law" and it protects us from double jeopardy and incrimination.

However, the phrases "innocent until proven guilty" and "presumption of innocence" are not found in the Fifth Amendment nor in any part of the Constitution. These phrases are derived from English law and are part of our system and considered common law today.

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including those that did not apply for a fall turkey license. A hunter may buy one license per day until the quotas are met.

As of August 21, there are licenses available in fall turkey management units L, M, W, HA (private land) and YY (private land). The majority of the licenses are available in unit YY (45,000 licenses) for private land in southern Michigan and Beaver Island. Currently, there are over 800 leftover licenses available in Unit M.

Fall turkey season opens September 15 and runs through November 14.

Hunters have an additional opportunity to get a fall turkey license by applying for the 2012 Pure Michigan Hunt drawing. Each application is \$4 and hunters may apply as many times as they would like. Three lucky winners will receive a hunt package that includes a fall turkey, spring turkey, elk, bear, antlerless deer license and a reserved waterfowl hunt. For more information, go to [www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt](http://www.michigan.gov/puremichiganhunt). Season dates and regulations have not yet been established for the 2012 hunting seasons.

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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 |
| Aug. 14 | 71               | 61  | 0.03                 | 10.0           | 24         | NNE                |
| Aug. 15 | 74               | 57  | 0.00                 | 4.1            | 15         | NNE                |
| Aug. 16 | 77               | 57  | 0.00                 | 3.4            | 14         | NE                 |
| Aug. 17 | 81               | 60  | 0.00                 | 3.4            | 20         | S                  |
| Aug. 18 | 85               | 61  | 0.00                 | 2.7            | 15         | SSW                |
| Aug. 19 | 81               | 58  | 0.01                 | 2.7            | 12         | SSW                |
| Aug. 20 | 72               | 59  | 0.67                 | 2.1            | 14         | W                  |

#### Precipitation Summary (Inches)

|                     | 2011  | 2010  | Normal Water Content |
|---------------------|-------|-------|----------------------|
| Weekly Total        | 0.71  | 0.26  | 0.80                 |
| August to Date      | 2.96  | 1.37  | 2.29                 |
| Year/Season to Date | 22.79 | 19.25 | 18.15                |

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

# Calendar of Events

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

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

Sewing with Jennie Anderson from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Laptop, WiFi and personalization class at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 9:15 to 10 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Harrisville branch at 6 p.m.

Live birds of prey program at 2 p.m. at the Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Rd., Glennie. Call (989) 735-2601 for more information.

Free child identification program from 2 to 5 p.m. at the ARA site 854 N. Barlow Rd., Lincoln. This program is sponsored by the Alcona Masonic Lodge No. 292. Each child will receive a dental impression kit, CD containing a photo, video, digital fingerprints and vital information at no cost to parents. Parents or guardians must be present to fill out permission slip for the child.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**  
Falconer Jennifer Schroeder presents Birds of Prey at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 2 p.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Bible study at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Harrisville from 3 to 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Call (989) 335-4054 for more information.

Community Walking Club for everyone meets at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 8:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Weather program with hands on experiments for kids of all ages at 2 p.m. at the Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Rd., Glennie. Call (989) 735-2601 for more information.

TOPS MI 1502 meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh in

at 9:15 a.m.; meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome, handicap accessible, first meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 278-9344 or (989) 739-4483.

The Alcona Women's Pool League will hold their organizational meeting at 7 p.m. at the Glennie Tavern, 3229 S. State Rd., Glennie for the 2011-2012 season. A representative for each team must be present. For more information, contact Rita Sands (989) 736-8869.

## FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

The Lincoln Lions Car Show will be held in downtown Lincoln through Saturday, August 27 featuring a parking lot party, cruise night and a large display of cars and motorcycles today and Saturday. For more information, contact Joe James (989) 736-8151.

Storytime and craft for children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County

Library, 10:15 to 11 a.m. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Volunteers are needed from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Village Park in Lincoln to help retreat and scout the site for new patches of the invasive plant phragmites. Dress to get wet and work with dyed herbicides. Instruction, protective gloves and eyewear will be provided. For more information, call Jill Scarzo at (989) 344-0753 ext. 21.

Video exercising at 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Registration deadline for the MSUE Master Gardner Volunteer Certification Program to be offered September 13 through November 9. For details, call (989) 724-6478.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 27**  
Spruce Lutheran Church will offer an emergency food

pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. No qualifying ID required. Volunteers needed at the pantry, call Donna at (989) 727-2521.

The ARA Farm Market is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with fresh local produce, baked goods and more across from Kris Mart in Lincoln.

A bake sale will be held at the historic Lincoln Train Depot at the corner of Fisk and Lake Streets in Lincoln from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. hosted by the Village of Lincoln Volunteer Fire Department in the parking lot next to the post office.

The Alcona Farmers Market located on US-23 one third mile south of the stoplight in Harrisville, will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be seasonal fruits and vegetables, baked goods,

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The U.S. Constitution is the oldest constitution still in active use in the world and is the basic document of our republic, which protects the individual liberties of all citizens through written law.

Did you know that you cannot be denied the right to vote because of race or gender? But remember, the Constitution never clearly ensures us the "right to vote." The 26th Amendment requires that 18 year-olds must be able to vote; however, states can allow persons younger than 18 to vote if they choose. The qualifications for voters are left to the states, as long as they do not conflict with anything in the Constitution. In some states, felons who are in prison or on probation are denied the right to vote. Study the Amendments and the Constitution.

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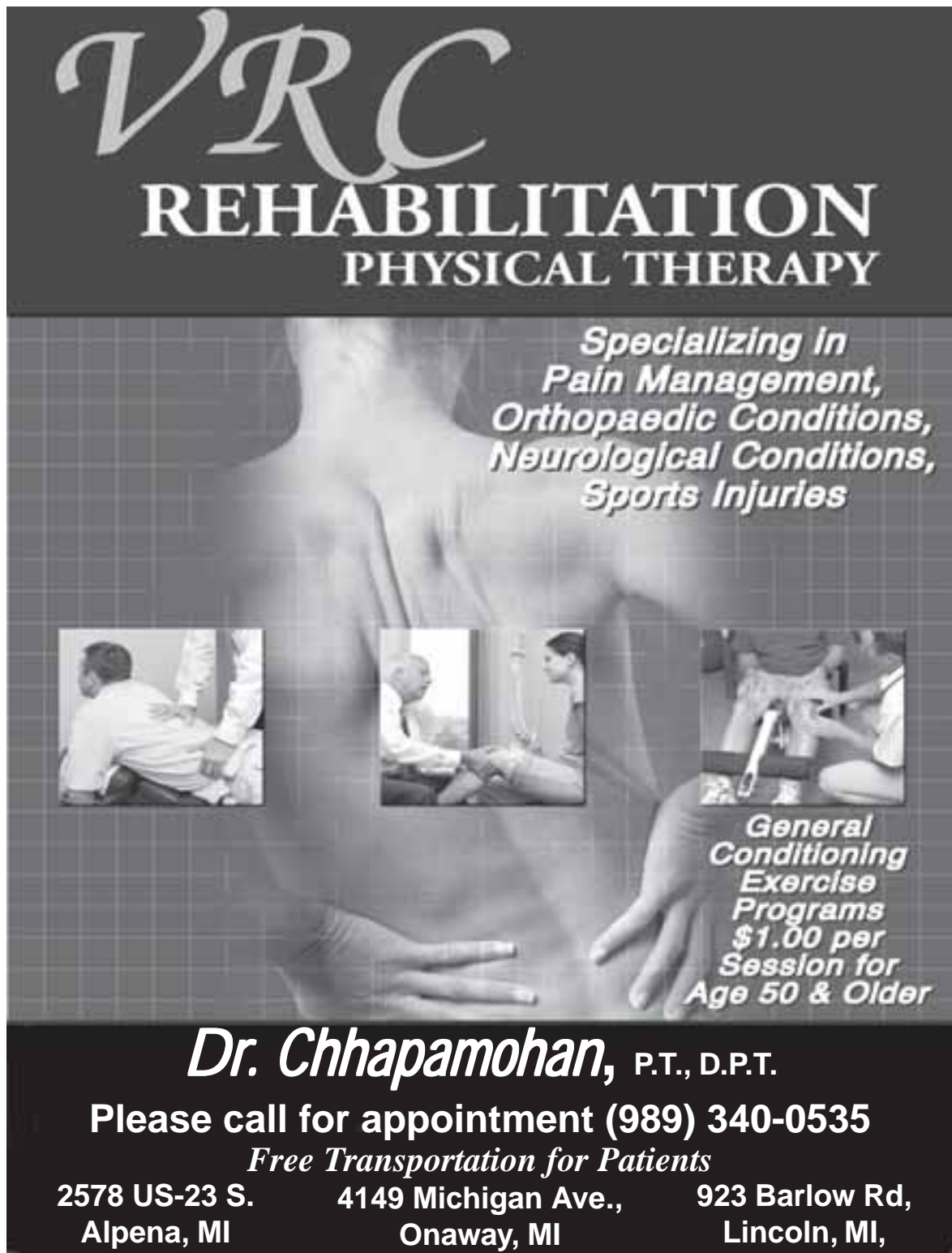


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**Local Notes**

**ARA Farm Market**

The ARA Farm Market, where everything is locally grown, locally created and locally produced in Alcona County, will be open five days during Alcona County Fair week at the ARA site across from Kris Mart in Lincoln. Booths will be open from 8:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. from Tuesday, Aug. 23 through Saturday, Aug. 27. This week you will find a wide variety of locally grown produce and locally created products each day. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

**Memorial Dedication**

A presentation of the James A. Basselman Baseball Memorial plaque will take place at the Millen Township baseball diamond in Barton City, on Saturday, Sept. 3 at 9 a.m. Friends and family are encouraged to attend. Donations to the James A. Basselman Baseball Memorial fund are being used to enhance the baseball diamond and purchase a scoreboard. Donations to the fund can be sent to: James A. Basselman Baseball Memorial fund, 1433 W. Trask Lake Road, Barton City, Mich. 48705

**Blood Drive Results**

The American Red Cross blood drive on August 17 was successful as 63 individuals presented to donate. There

were two first time donors. A total of 59 units were collected and with a total of 56 productive donors. The American Red Cross appreciates everyone who made the time to donate. The sponsors were the Community of Christ Church. The next drive will be October 19.

**In the Service**

Barbara Rowan McNeill, a 2009 graduate of Alcona High School, has enlisted in the U.S. Navy and ships out Wednesday, Aug. 24 to Great Lakes Naval Academy in Illinois for basic training. She is the daughter of Barry and Robin McNeill of Greenbush and the granddaughter of Madeline Bedward of Greenbush and Boone and Catherine McNeill of Oscoda.

Since graduating from Alcona High School Barbara has spent two years at Central Michigan University where she was pursuing a degree in accounting and was a member of the Chippewa Marching Band. Her college education enabled her for advancement from an E-1 to E-2 entering basic training. After basic she will complete A School in Great Lakes, Illinois to pursue a military career in the advance electronic computer field. After completing her schooling at Great Lakes, she will continue on with C School in either Virginia or California.

tion Center. The event will begin with appetizers at 5:30 p.m. followed by dinner at 6:30 p.m. Festivities will include entertainment, a silent auction, games and prizes. This is a fundraising event for Friends of SLEC and the tickets are \$25. For information or tickets, call (989) 471-2178, (989) 724-6165 or (989) 739-3080.

**Phragmites Removal Project**

Volunteers are needed to Join Huron Pines at the Village Park in Lincoln on Friday, Aug. 26 from 1 to 4 p.m. to help remove an invasive phragmites stand on Lincoln Lake. Volunteers will be helping to re-treat the site and scout for any new patches. While there, they will be able to learn about the ecology of invasive species and conservation projects in Northeast Michigan.

Phragmites is an aggressive plant introduced from Eurasia that can take over marsh ecosystems, often crowding out all other plant species. It can grow up to 17-feet tall and create a thick, dense monoculture.

Those planning to help are asked to dress to get wet and work with dyed herbicides. Instruction, protective gloves and eyewear will be provided. Participants will also receive a T-shirt. This event is free and open to the public. RSVPs are required. Contact Jill Scarzo at (989) 344-0753 ext. 21 to reserve a spot.

**Senior Menu**

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 or (989) 735-5191 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Monday, August 29—Fish, spudsters, peas and carrots, three bean salad and rice pudding with fruit.
- Tuesday, August 30—Taco salad with meat, beans, cheese and chips, lettuce, and tomatoes, raw vegetables with dip and fruit.
- Wednesday, August 31—Boiled dinner with sausage, red potatoes, cabbage, baby

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Barbara McNeill

**Fundraising Dinner**

Friends of Sprinkler Lake Education Center (SLEC) are presenting the third annual dinner "End of Summer Magic." An evening of dinner and entertainment will take place on Saturday, Sept. 10 at the Sprinkler Lake Educa-



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 carrots, tossed salad and fruit.  
 • Thursday, Sept. 1—Smothered chicken, rice pilaf, broccoli, coleslaw and fruit.

• Friday, Sept. 2—Baked fish, hash browns, Brussels sprouts, tossed salad and fruit. *(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

### Call to Artists

St. Joseph Health System Foundation is sponsoring its Fall/Winter Huron Shoreline Art Show and is seeking local artists to submit original works of art in the mediums of watercolor, oil, pastel, acrylic, pencil, mixed media and photography. In submitting art for jury consideration, artists are asked to be mindful of the hospital setting and the show's intent of promoting healing through visual art. More than 80 pieces of art will be chosen for this upcoming show to be on display at St. Joseph Hospital from September 29 through March 11, 2012. Applications for the fall show are due September 1.

Applications are available by calling St. Joseph Foundation at (989) 362-0159 or visiting the website at [www.sjhsysfoundation.org](http://www.sjhsysfoundation.org).

### Camp Good Mourning

A reconnection day for Camp Good Mourning participants is scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 1 as part of the continued support that is provided by Hospice Angelic Care. Hospice Angelic Care hosted Camp Good Mourning at the Woodlands Campground in Hale on August 9. Several children attended who had experienced a loss due to a death (relative, friend or pet) and divorce. Camp Good Mourning is based on the belief that children can be supported in the process of grief reconciliation if they are provided with opportunities to express their feelings. Camp activities promoted the healthy sharing of feelings to assist the child in the ability to cope with grief and loss.

Age appropriate groups provided an opportunity for children to interact with peers also learning to cope

with loss and change. The children who participated in Camp Good Mourning learned to cope, meet others their age that had also experienced a loss, and shared their experience in an atmosphere conducive to healing. Trained professionals and certified volunteers worked with the children throughout the day. Progressive hospice programs across the United States offer day camps to provide support for some of community's most vulnerable children who experience losses and major life changes, and report positive benefits for and positive feedback from camp participants.

The mission of Hospice Angelic Care is to advocate for and assist patients and caregivers in meeting their needs and to offer support and understanding to those who have experienced the loss of a loved one. To obtain further information on Hospice Angelic Care services, call (989) 362-6600 or e-mail [hospiceangeliccare@yahoo.com](mailto:hospiceangeliccare@yahoo.com).

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Last Sunday brought some severe weather through Alcona County. Intense thunderstorm activity, hail stones and a tornado warning were on tap. Al Broadwood of Harrisville took a photo of the hail stones that fell in his yard around 2 p.m. They were over an inch in diameter and "knobby from recirculation as they rose and fell within the thunderstorm that accompanied a tornado warning. There were lots of them," Broadwood said. Some residents experienced three instances where hail fell. *Photo by Al Broadwood.*

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The Oscoda High School Class of 1956 celebrated its 55th class reunion on July 15 at the AuSable Inn in Oscoda. Those attending were (front row, from left) Monty Kruttlin, Albert Grasser, Roger Michaud, (middle row) Bob Emerick, Dick Browel, Harriet (Haskel) Flanders, Shirley Brown, Marie (Dewey) Phillips, Janice (Weinberg) Emerick, Gladys (Good) Gill, Deloris (Ellis) Kachetville, Allen Schorfhaar, Meril Good (back row) Mary Joe (Hanchett) High, Janice (Jamieson) MacNeill, Wanda Hofacer and Dick Tarr. *Courtesy photo.*

**Organization Notes**

**East Shore Art Guild**

Bernie Blaszak welcomed everyone to the East Shore Art Guild general monthly meeting on August 9 and then asked for the minutes from the July meeting be read. Secretary's report was read by Rose Blaszak and approved, first and seconded. Treasurer's report was read,

a motion was made to accept the report and it was first and seconded.

Terry Lispcamp is on vacation so there was no advertising report. Membership for the year 2011-2012 is due. The membership year is August 2011 to August 2012. Dues are \$20.

Patt Bacon gave a short report about the events going on at the new gallery. The walls will be painted on Wednesday, Aug. 10. All business is changing over, tax I.D. number, incorporation, bank account, carpeting from Stanson to be delivered on the 22nd. The carpeting will be a dark charcoal. The carpeting was an unexpected expense. The gallery is accepting donations to help cover the cost of \$400. Joan Shively and Patt Bacon are the head of the Dragonfly Gallery.

Election committee is Trish Davis and Marilyn Koenigbauer. Next month is elections; everyone needs to vote at the meeting, by e-mail or proxy. The guild will have to take a good look at the by-laws, and make a few changes in the articles. An official vote needs to be made by the guild members on the reorganization and moving of the gallery. The vote was done at the meeting and passed 15 yes and two no.

Art in the Park is Saturday, Aug. 27 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Setup is at 9 a.m. This event will be very casual, bring your own setup (table, chair, paint, easel, and whatever you need for the day). This is going to be a fun day for the artists. We need donations of cookies for Art in the Park, they can be purchased or homemade, and all is good.

Lemonade and cookies will be free to everyone participating in the event. We are going to have a potlatch table, bring items that are in good shape to give and take an item that you might need. Katie LaJoie and Sisty Behmer are in charge of this event.

Harmony Weekend is coming up on Labor Day weekend the new Dragonfly Gallery should be up and running smoothly by then.

Hale Art Battle: September 24. Entry fee is \$30. Contact Kathleen Baker at (989) 728-4278 if you are interested. First place prize is \$300, second place prize is \$200, third place prize is \$100.

Motion made to adjourn the meeting at 1:43 p.m.; first and seconded and approved by Sisty Behmer and Peg Little. The next meeting is September 13 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

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# Dates set for waterfowl season

Michigan duck hunters will again enjoy a 60-day season this year as the Natural Resources Commission approved upcoming waterfowl seasons at its August.

Duck season will begin September 24 in the North Zone (Upper Peninsula) and run through November 18, then reopen November 24-27.

In the Middle Zone, duck season is set for October 1 - November 27 and December 3-4.

In the South Zone, the season is October 8 - December 4 and December 10-11.

The seasons were established under the federal framework through consultation between the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and the Citizens Waterfowl Advisory Committee.

Bag limits are unchanged from last year. Hunters may take up to six ducks daily with no more than four mallards (no more than one of which may be a hen), three wood ducks, two redheads, two scaup, two pintails, one canvasback and one black duck.

The early Canada goose hunting season begins statewide September 1 and runs through September 10 in the North Zone and in Saginaw, Tuscola and Huron counties;

and through September 15 in the rest of the state. The daily bag limit is five.

The regular Canada goose seasons - with the exception of designated goose management units (GMU) are September 17 - October 31 in the North Zone; October 1 - November 8, November 24-27 and December 3-4 in the Middle Zone; and October 8 - November 10 and November 24 - December 4 in the south zone. The daily bag limit is two.

The goose seasons in the Saginaw County GMU and the Tuscola/Huron GMU are October 8 - November 10, November 24 - December 4, and December 31 - January 29, 2012. The daily bag limit is two.

The seasons in the Allegan County GMU are November 12-30, December 10-20, and December 31 - January 14, 2012. The daily bag limit is two.

At Muskegon Waste Water GMU, the seasons are October 11 - November 13 and December 1-11. The daily bag limit is two.

The late goose season - in the South Zone only - is December 31 - January 29, 2012. The daily bag limit is five.

Hunters may take 20 snow, blue or Ross' geese daily and one white-fronted

goose and one brant during the regular and late seasons in respective zones or GMUs.

Continental duck populations increased 11 percent from 2010 as a result of exceptionally good wetland conditions in the mid-continent prairie and parkland regions. Most duck species are above their long-term averages. However, about 75 percent of Michigan's mallard harvest is from ducks produced in the Great Lakes region.

Michigan's mallard population was down 34 percent this year from 2010 and 40 percent below the long-term average. Therefore despite very good predictions for continental fall duck flights, Michigan duck hunters will likely encounter fewer ducks, especially mallards, this season.

Michigan's Canada goose harvest is derived from primarily three flocks, including local giant Canada geese, the Mississippi Valley Population (MVP), and the Southern James Bay Population (SJB). Michigan's giant Canada geese make up approximately 70 percent of the state's goose harvest. Michigan's Canada goose population estimate is down about 42 percent from last year.

The MVP and SJB flocks

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## Waterfowl

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breed largely on Hudson Bay, Ontario, and account for the majority of Michigan's migrant goose harvest. MVP numbers are significantly down this year and SJBP numbers are similar to last year and remain stable. In general, goose hunters are likely to see smaller numbers of Canada geese throughout Michigan's goose hunting seasons; however some local areas have good giant Canada goose numbers and will provide excellent opportunity.

For more information on waterfowl hunting in Michigan, go to [www.michigan.gov/hunting](http://www.michigan.gov/hunting) and click on Waterfowl.



Norman Schillerstrom of Alpena took photographs of two bald eagles feeding on road kill recently on M-65 near the M-72 intersection in Mitchell Township. Immature bald eagles are often mistaken for golden eagles, which are not found in this region. Golden eagles do migrate through the area, but not in mid-summer. Bald eagles mature at three years and grow white feathers on their head and tail. *Courtesy photo.*

## Horseshoe League

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August 18

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| Swamp I          | 144 |
| B.C. I           | 137 |
| Glennie I        | 133 |
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| Oasis I          | 99  |
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## Onaway State Park to celebrate 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary

The public is invited to celebrate Onaway State Park's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 27, with a day of activities planned for visitors and guests.

Historically, Onaway State Park, located at 3622 North M-211 in Presque Isle County, was donated to the state of Michigan in 1920 and dedicated as a state park in 1921. Prior to becoming a state park, it was a county park named Indian Orchard, after a prior Native American village. The park is situated in a unique location that was heavily used by Native Americans, travelers and settlers throughout history.

The park's natural features are indicative of the huge limestone shelf it sits on, and developing the park was an engineering endeavor that will be described during historical tours taking place from 2 to 8 p.m., starting at the campground host site. A band will be providing live music from 2 to 4 p.m. at the park pavilion, followed by Karaoke with Gary Sayers from 6 to 9 p.m.

There will also be a chili cook-off. Participants should have entries signed in by 4

p.m. at the pavilion porch, where judging will begin at 5 p.m. A cake, donated by Citizen's National Bank in Onaway, and ice cream will be served on the porch at 7 p.m.

The day also includes children's summer lawn Olympics, with events such as ladder ball, water balloon toss, sky darts, bean bag toss and a squirt gun contest. Sign up begins at 1 p.m. at the pavilion porch. Prizes, donated by the 211 Bar and Grill and Brewbaker's Housing and RV of Onaway, will be awarded.

Family games, such as three-legged races and egg toss, start at 6 p.m. on the pavilion lawn, and Smokey Bear will be putting in periodic appearances throughout the day and evening.

For more information about this event, the park, accessibility, or persons needing accommodations to attend this event, contact the park at 989-733-8273 (TTY/TDD 711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired), or visit [www.michigan.gov/onaway](http://www.michigan.gov/onaway).

The event is free; however, a recreation passport is required for vehicles entering Onaway State Park. The recreation passport has replaced motor vehicle permits for entry into Michigan state parks, recreation areas and state-administered boating access fee sites. This new way to fund Michigan's outdoor recreation opportunities also helps to preserve state forest campgrounds, trails and historic and cultural sites in state parks, and provides park development grants to local communities.

Michigan residents can purchase the Recreation Passport (\$10 for motor vehicles; \$5 for motorcycles) by checking "yes" on their license plate renewal forms, or at any state park or recreation area.

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# Just keep calm and carry on

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep  
Columnist

"If I have to, I can do anything..."

~ "I Am Woman"  
Helen Reddy

I've always been a huge supporter of women in politics, from way back in the day when we played the grooves off that particular song. I marched, I sang, and if I didn't burn my bra, I wore a button that read "Women run for office not for coffee."

And in those early days, I voted for the woman on the ballot, regardless of political party. That was because I truly believed that women communicated better, and were more capable of overcoming their differences to work for the greater good. I still believe that.

As an example, one of my dearest friends is a deeply conservative Republican. Let me make a remotely political comment and she's right there to put her opposing two cents in, politely and often with humor. If we ever sat down and made a list, I suspect we would find we disagree on virtually every issue beginning with abortion and working our way through the alphabet. Despite that, we've been friends for more than 30 years, working side by side to try to change the issues in our community we consider more important than personal politics - like hunger, and poverty and substance abuse.

In the 1970s, due, some historians contend, to the woman's movement and/or the Watergate scandal, women made huge inroads to the United States Congress, representing about five percent of the House and 20 percent of the Senate. Clearly, we said, we'd come a long way, baby.

All of that said to establish my commitment to the sisterhood, the point of this column is that as I watch the morning news these days, I find myself fervently wishing that women candidates would just pull up their big girl panties and get on with it. Because, more often than not it seems, of late they make the rest of us on the distaff side look so bad.

For starters, let's establish that women who run for office are entering what remains to a large extent a man's game. I wish that weren't so, but it is what it is. Those figures that gave us such encouragement back in the 1970s haven't budged much in the almost four decades since. In fact, for a while on the mid-term election night, it appeared that if some late-decided races went the other way, women would represent even lower percentages. I'm not in any way suggesting we become more like men, only that we recognize who laid out the playing field and made the existing rules.

If you have any doubt that there remains a double standard east of the Potomac, consider this: Not very long ago the big issue of the day

was that the press had discovered Representative Michele Bachmann, a Republican from Minnesota, currently seeking her party's presidential nomination, was being treated for severe migraine headaches.

The media was in a feeding frenzy. How bad were these headaches? Did she take medication for them? Would the headaches keep Bachmann from being an effective leader of the free world, causing her to have to "go lie down" during times of crisis?

Now, it will be rare for you to find me defending a Republican, even a female one from Minnesota, and especially one who describes herself in her campaign material as "proud to have established the Tea Party Caucus."

Be that as it may, let me point out that in their intense concern about Rep. Bachmann's headaches and the impact on her fitness to serve, the press managed to totally overlook our most recent former vice president. No one asked if a man with a pump in his heart used in patients with end stage heart failure might have difficulty fulfilling his duties.

But back to the women of the political world, this past Friday, Christine O'Donnell got lots of attention for walking off an interview with Piers Morgan of CNN due, she said, to his "rudeness" and "questions that were kind of creepy."

The fact is, Morgan's questions, creepy or otherwise, were based on issues O'Donnell raised in the book she'd authored and come to tout, "Troublemaker: Let's Do What It Takes To Make America Work Again." Perhaps the moment that most clarified O'Donnell's misunderstanding of the necessarily adversarial relationship between press and politician came when she said Morgan should only ask her about issues she said she wanted to talk about.

It doesn't work that way, Christine. And it doesn't look good for women in general when you flutter your hands and squirm and refuse to answer a line of questioning you've opened the door to through your book, and

## Puttin' On The Fritz

which, in the instance of same-sex marriage, is a recognized political issue. It's kind of the equivalent of climbing on a chair when a mouse runs through the room.

In fact, that's a concept then-vice presidential candidate Sarah Palin could have benefited from during the 2008 election. Just answer the question. If she'd told Katie Couric the names of a couple newspapers and magazines she read (or that her staff had suggested to her beforehand) it would have been a non-issue. Instead, with Palin's accusation that it was a "gotcha question," it became the discussion of the day, if not the week.

It wasn't a gotcha question. "Are you still beating your wife?" is a gotcha question. What are you reading these days is a soft pitch question. And if you don't have an answer, perhaps you're not prepared to be vice president.

Good campaigners (not necessarily good politicians, but good campaigners) learn early that when you don't know the answer, or don't want to answer the question, you turn the conversation to what you do want to say. For every politician out there, stammering their way through a vastly inaccurate statement about Paul Revere warning the British that we were armed, there is a campaign manager, or a press representative, or a speech writer, quietly pulling his or her hair out offstage.

If you want to talk about taxes, good candidates learn, you talk about taxes, even if the question had to do with your alleged aversion to giraffes.

But most of all, when these things happen, ladies, please remind yourself: Real women don't whine. They don't pull the sexual harassment card (ala O'Donnell) and they don't contend the vast liberal con-

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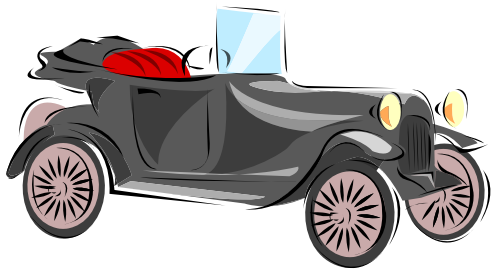
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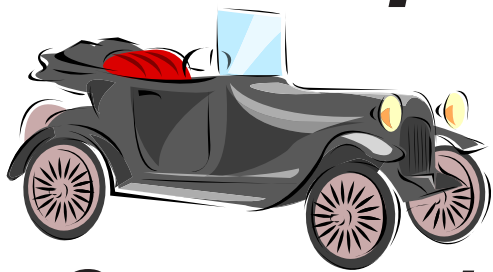
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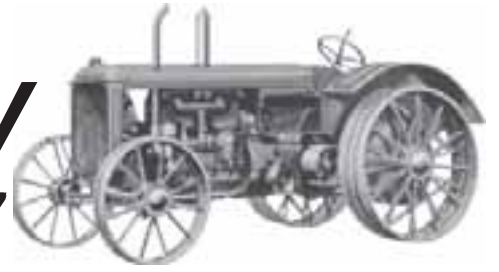
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# Students: Secure your identity

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spiracy is out to get them and they don't bat their eyes and wave their hands. Instead, they do what real women do, on a daily basis. Republican women, Democratic women or apolitical women, all across this country of ours.

They pull up their big girl panties and get on with it. Please do. Please. We have another 15 months of this to go. Stop making us embarrassed to play for the girl's team.

*(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.)*

College students often feel they have enough to juggle when it comes to school, work and their social life. Protecting their identities and credit ratings often doesn't make the list of their priorities.

Because college students are so susceptible to identity theft, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) recommends that they take several simple steps to help protect themselves on campus.

According to the 2011 Identity Fraud Survey Report released by Javelin Strategy and Research, more than 8.1 million people became victims of identity theft in 2010. For young adults, "friendly fraud" is on the rise. This is fraud perpetrated by people known to the victim, such as a relative or roommate. "Friendly fraud" grew seven percent last year.

"Identity thieves don't care if you're a struggling student and don't have a penny to your name. Sometimes all they want is to exploit your clean credit record," said Patrick Bennett, BBB director of community relations.

"Young adults, who establish good habits for protecting their identities, as well as monitoring for fraud, are laying a foundation for a healthy financial road during the rest of their lives."

The BBB recommends the following tips for students to help fight identity theft on campus:

- Never loan your credit or debit card to anyone, even if they are a friend. Also, just say no if a friend wants you to co-sign a loan or finance agreement for items like TVs or computers.

- Don't share too much on social networks. People using social networking for five or more years are twice as likely to suffer identity fraud as those newer to these sites. Javelin research found that 36 percent of people aged 65 and up do not use the privacy settings on their network, potentially exposing crucial information to fraudsters. The good news is 89 percent of 25-34 year olds were actively using the privacy settings on social network sites.

- Make sure your computer

has up-to-date antivirus and spyware software. Be diligent with installing updates and patches to your computer's operating system or browser software, which help keep your computer safe from hacking attempts by online identity thieves.

- Important documents should be stored under lock and key. These include social security card, passport, and bank and credit card statements. Shred any paper documents that have sensitive financial information rather than simply tossing them in the garbage.

- Always check your credit or debit card statements closely for any suspicious activity. The sooner you identify any potential fraud, the less you'll suffer in the long run.

- School mailboxes are not always secure, and mailboxes in a dorm or apartment can often be easily accessed. To combat sticky fingers in the mailroom, have sensitive mail sent to a permanent address,

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# Texas woman goes solo in her RV at Michigan state parks

Governor Rick Snyder has proclaimed August as Michigan RV Month, and no one is celebrating more than Malia Lane.

Lane, of Austin, Texas, was first introduced to RVing by a friend and was immediately smitten with the feeling of freedom as well as by the sweeping views through the RV's windshield. So much so that in 2001 Lane found herself at one of life's crossroads - pondering whether to play it safe, stay in Austin, and continue her longtime career as a legal assistant or chuck it all for a life on the road.

Lane chose the road less traveled, bought her own RV and hit the highway. Since then she's made the road and her 36-foot Winnebago Itasca her home and has never looked back. "I decided I'd buy a house and drive the house around while picking up temp jobs as a legal assistant," Lane said.

She currently earns an income as a writer and a virtual assistant while traveling

throughout the country as a full-time RVer exploring the back roads. So far, Lane has visited more than a dozen states while she writes for RV magazines and maintains a website. She writes two online blogs about her experiences and is expanding her online business.

Although Lane is the first to admit that a woman driving a Class A motorhome and towing a Ford Escape is a rare site on the roads, she says she doesn't feel alone and takes each day in stride, diligently chronicling her experiences whether they're the good (the wonderful staff she's met in state parks); the bad (losing the front axle on the Escape); or the ugly (a mouse scurrying across the floor of the RV) for the hundreds of people who follow her adventures online. She estimates her website gets between 800 and 1,000 hits a day.

Lane initially came to Michigan to meet with clients and kicked off her Michigan tour June 4 at Holly Recre-

ation Area (in northern Oakland County), where she met up with Maia Stephens, recreation programmer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Parks and Recreation Divi-

sion. Lane was directed to Stephens when she first contacted the (DNR) seeking information on what to see in and around state parks.

"Malia is working her way around the perimeter of both

peninsulas, stopping at preplanned intervals to spend a week or so at each state park on her itinerary," Stephens said. "She's about

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I started a walking program a few months ago to help me lose some weight but I've been having some problems with my legs hurting during my walk, although they feel better once I stop. I thought it was just the fact that I am 63, but my friend was telling me about a leg vein disease called PAD and thinks I may have it. What can you tell me?

Hypertensive Helen

Dear Helen,  
The health condition your friend is telling you about is known as peripheral arterial disease (PAD), and you probably need to be screened for it.

An under the radar condition that affects up to 10 million Americans, PAD happens when the arteries that carry blood to the legs and feet become narrowed or clogged over the years with fatty deposits or plaque, causing poor circulation. But you also need to be aware that because PAD is a systemic disease, people that have it are also much more likely to have clogged arteries in other areas of the body like the heart, neck and brain, which greatly increase the risks of heart attack or stroke.

Unfortunately, PAD goes undiagnosed and untreated way too often because most people that have it experience few, if any symptoms. The most common symptom

however is what you're experiencing now: Leg pain, especially when walking or exercising but usually disappears after resting for a few minutes. Another reason PAD is underdiagnosed is because many people assume that aches and pains go along with aging and simply live with it instead of reporting it to their doctor.

Other possible symptoms to be aware of include numbness, tingling, coldness or skin color changes in the lower legs and feet, or ulcers or sores on the legs or feet that don't heal.

Like most other health conditions, the risk of developing PAD increases with age. Those most vulnerable are people over the age of 50 who smoke or used to smoke, have elevated cholesterol, high blood pressure, diabetes, are over weight, or have a family history of PAD, heart attack or stroke.

If you're experiencing any of the previously listed symptoms or if you're at increased risk of PAD, you need to be tested by your doctor or a vascular specialist. He or she will perform a quick and painless ankle-brachial index test which is done by measuring your blood pressure in your ankle as well as your arm and compare the two numbers.

With early detection, most cases of PAD can be treated with lifestyle changes, medi-



cation or both. For those with severe PAD, treatment options could be angioplasty (inflating a tiny balloon in the artery), clot-busting drugs or bypass surgery.

Savvy Tips: For more information, visit the PAD Coalition website at padcoalition.org. Also, check out Legs For Life (legsforlife.org, (800) 488-7284), a national program that offers free PAD screenings in September in around 70 locations nationwide, and the Society for Vascular Surgery (vascularweb.org) which provides a listing on their website of nearly 50 health care facilities that provide free or low-cost screenings.

Life Line Screening is another convenient screening resource to check into. This is a private company that travels all over the country offering PAD screenings for around \$60 per test. To find an upcoming screening in your area visit lifelinescreening.com or call (800) 449-2350.

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

## Memory lane

Senior News Line  
**By Matilda Charles**  
Let's take a walk down memory lane, shall we? We seniors have seen a lot of changes in the world since we were born.

In 1941, gas was 19 cents a gallon, which equates to \$2.95 in today's money. Bread was 8 cents (\$1.24 today) and milk was 34 cents (\$5.29 today). The very next year the production of autos was halted.

A car cost around \$800 (\$12,000 today) but after we were attacked at Pearl Harbor, rationing went into effect and car owners were limited to five tires. Other things were quickly added to the rationing list: bicycles, stoves, gas, coffee, butter and sugar. Most homes had "Victory" gardens in the yard.

In 1946, rationing finally ended, and the use of the car increased. The first drive-in bank teller opened. We had punchboards instead of lottery tickets, and Slinkys and Tinkertoys, as well as Raggedy Ann and Andy dolls. If we had a phone, it was probably on a party line, and we had a number like

SYcamore 4-0160 or 0551-J1.

The first computer (ENIAC) was built. It weighed 30 tons and took up 1,800 square feet. The first Roosevelt dime was issued (worth \$1.20 today), and only 6,000 families owned television sets.

By 1952, nearly 17 million families owned televisions and we were introduced to TV dinners. We watched the debuts of "Dragnet" and "The Today Show," and "The African Queen" and "It's a Wonderful Life" at the movies. The Roosevelt dime's buying power went down to 83 cents.

Have you considered creating a memory book for the future generations of your family?

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

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halfway around and expects to conclude the trip sometime in October. She's presently guiding her readers through an up-close-and-personal look at Michigan, offering tips on where to stay, the best campsites for the easiest setups, and scenic attractions along the way."

Stephens said that the Parks and Recreation Division has posted a link from its state parks website ([www.michigan.gov/stateparks](http://www.michigan.gov/stateparks)) to Lane's blog so readers can follow along.

Lane said Mackinac Island has been the top spot on her tour — so far. She recently set up her base camp at Straits State Park in Mackinaw City, Mich. for daily ventures to the island, where she immersed herself in the spectacular views, the vintage architecture and the historic reenactments at the 1880s-era Fort Mackinac. The park's proximity to the St. Ignace Deer Ranch and the Soo Locks at Sault St. Marie, Mich. helped round out her day trips.

Running a close second was Lane's stay at Harrisville State Park in Alcona County, where she lucked into one of the highly coveted beachfront campsites for a night and enjoyed the Lake Huron breezes and views of the half-mile stretch of park beach.

Lane also shared tales with readers of her pleasant 10-mile bike trip along the dedicated bike path between Hoeft State Park in Presque Isle County and Rogers City. She says Hoeft, with its dunes and enchanted-forest feel, made it a Michigan memory she'll always treasure.

Lane makes a point of getting to know the parks' staffers, who look out for her when they learn she's traveling alone.

"I tell people I feel safe," she said. "There are park rangers around and I tell them I'm a woman traveling alone when I check in, so they know."

She said she also keeps her cell phone charged and knows her position at all times.

"Women write to me that they think that I'm brave to live this lifestyle alone," Lane said. "They don't understand that I'm shaking in my boots when I think about what I'm doing, but fear doesn't have to stop you. It can pause you, but it doesn't have to stop you."

Her goal is to inspire other women to fulfill their own dreams, saying many women have told her she has inspired them to do things like go back to school.

"They say, 'She did that on her own, so I can do this,'" Lane said.

"When I first bought the RV, my mom's comment was, 'You've done some stupid things in your life - this takes the cake,'" Lane said laughing. "Now she thinks it's the best thing ever."

"I told her, 'You go do whatever you want to do. I'm going RVing!'"

To follow Lane's Michigan trip, visit [www.michigan.gov/stateparks](http://www.michigan.gov/stateparks) and look for the

"Malia's Miles" link under Camping and Recreation.


There are plenty of summer and fall memories just waiting to be made at Michigan's state parks and recreation areas! The staff is ready to welcome campers, RVers, day visitors and anyone who simply wants to explore and relax in Michigan's great outdoors.

To get in the gates, all that's needed is a Recreation Passport. For Michigan residents, it's \$10 per motor vehicle or \$5 per motorcycle. Nonresident motor vehicles must display a valid nonresident Recreation Passport (\$29 annual; \$8 daily). The Passport can be purchased at any state park or recreation area. Learn more at [www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport](http://www.michigan.gov/recreationpassport) or (517) 241-7275.



Texan Malia Lane began her Michigan adventure at Holly State Recreation Area, where she caught up with Michigan DNR Parks and Recreation Chief Ron Olson (left), DNR Director Rodney Stokes and DNR recreation programmer Maia Stephens during a Recreation 101 kickoff event in early June. *Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

# Area Church Directory


**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  

 Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.,  
 Harrisville • 724-5160  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday service


**Haynes Community Church**  
 4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740  
 Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.  
 989-724-6665 • 989-724-6578  
 Pastor Claire Duncan • [haynescommunitychurch.org](http://haynescommunitychurch.org)

**GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross  
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 Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • [www.church72.org](http://www.church72.org)  
 Sunday Worship Services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
 • Sunday School 10 a.m.  
 Wed. 6:30 p.m. Patch the Pirate Club  
 Wed. 7 p.m. Midweek Service (Bible Study & Prayer Service)


**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**


**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

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  


 2902 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745 • (989) 736-8345  
 Pastor Tim Steiner, Pastor Emeritus Larry Richmond  
 Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
 Monday: 6:30 p.m. \*Teen Program (Grades 7-12)  
 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & \*Youth Programs (Grades K-6<sup>th</sup>)  
 \*Fall-Spring programs • Website: [www.youthmikado.com](http://www.youthmikado.com)

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)**  

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


**Spruce Presbyterian Church**  

 Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids  
 6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464  
 Worship 9 a.m.  
 Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor Wednesday office hours 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  

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

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF GOD**  
 158 N. Barlow Road., Harrisville • (989) 736-6350  
 Pastor Edward Morrison • Full Gospel  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
 Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday

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 Tuesday office hours 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
 Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor ~ 724-6734

# Calendar of Events

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meats, free coffee and lemonade. Bring your customer appreciation cards to redeem for free gifts.

A monarch butterfly presentation and tagging will be held at 5 p.m. at Harrisville State Park on hostess lot number 2. All ages are welcome. For more information, contact Frank at (989) 724-3056.

Join other artists from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville Harbor Park for Art in the Park. Bring a table, tent and supplies. Children welcome.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 28**  
Hubbard Lake Community Association cookout from 12 to 3 p.m. at the Community Center on Hubert Rd. with live music from 1 to 3 p.m. They will be serving ham-

burgers, hot dogs, salads, corn, watermelon and deserts. Cost is a free will donation, all proceeds to fund community events at the community center.

**MONDAY, AUGUST 29**  
Alcona County MSUE Master Gardener Volunteers will offer research-based recommendations and answer gardening questions from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alcona County MSU Extension office on US-23 in Harrisville.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 30**  
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.

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call

(989) 736-8879 for more information.

Herbal wreath workshop with Margaret Saxton from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This is a free program for teens and adults. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31**  
Sewing with Jennie Anderson from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Laptop digital download collection setup class from 9:15 to 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona

County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn in Alpena. The speaker will be Scott Koproski from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Ossineke Eagles, 6848 N. US-23, Spruce, will be holding their annual Polish dinner for members and guests from 4:30 to 7 p.m. or until gone.

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**  
TOPS MI 1502 meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh in at 9:15 a.m.; meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome, handicap accessible, first meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 278-9344 or (989) 739-4483.

Community Walking Club for everyone meets at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 8:30 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater style popcorn. For details, call (989) 724-6796.

Bible study at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Harrisville from 3 to 4 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**  
Special "Ants and Friends" storytime picnic at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Storytime from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., picnic from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**  
The ARA Farm Market is open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with fresh local produce, baked goods and more across from Kris Mart in Lincoln.

Harmony Weekend in Harrisville offers a huge art and craft fair with more than 400 booths on the corner of US-23 and M-72 from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday, September 4. Music throughout the days and food vendors on the show grounds. On Sunday there will be a parade through downtown Harrisville ending at the harbor at 1 p.m. Following the parade a Barbershop and Sweet Adeline concert will be held at the Harrisville Harbor Pavilion. For additional information, contact Harrisville Arts Council (989) 724-7197.

The Annual MDA Labor Day Baseball Tournament will be played in Barton City through Monday, September 5. Call Jim, (989) 736-3401 for more information.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Black River Bridge Walk in Black River at noon. Follow the fire truck and grand marshal for a one tenth of a mile hike over the bridge. Craft and bake sale sponsored by St. Gabriel Catholic Church just north of the bridge. Co-ed baseball game and picnic after the bridge walk at the Alcona Recreational Park.








The Westminster Presbyterian Women of Harrisville will hold their annual bake sale from 9 a.m. to noon in the church parking lot at 201 Second St.

Mikado American Legion pig roast from 4 to 7 p.m. at 2205 Alger St., Mikado. Adults \$8, kids age six to 12 \$4, five and under free. Everyone is welcome.

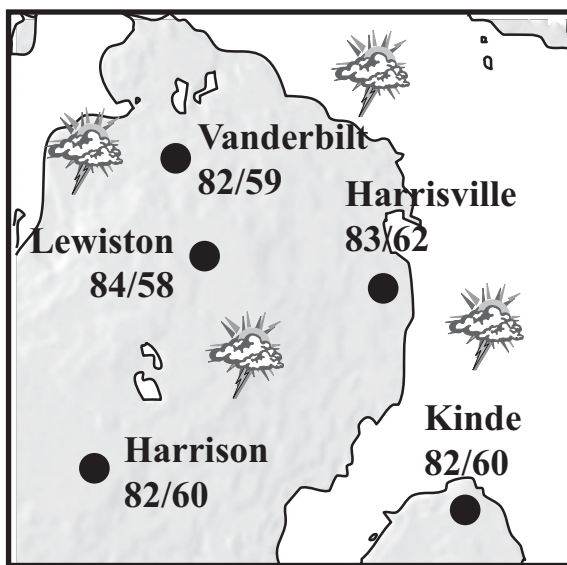
## Alcona Review Weather Report

Aug. 24, 2011

### Seven Day Forecast

-  **WEDNESDAY**  
Scat'd T-storms  
High: 83 Low: 62
-  **THURSDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 75 Low: 57
-  **FRIDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 77 Low: 63
-  **SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 76 Low: 58
-  **SUNDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 72 Low: 54
-  **MONDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 72 Low: 51
-  **TUESDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 76 Low: 52

### Today's Regional Map



### In-Depth Local Forecast



Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high temperature of 83°, humidity of 74%. Southwest wind 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1948. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers and thunderstorms, overnight low of 62°.

### \*Last Week's Almanac

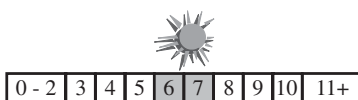
| Date      | Hi | Lo | Normals | Precip |
|-----------|----|----|---------|--------|
| Monday    | 80 | 53 | 77/53   | 0.00"  |
| Tuesday   | 83 | 55 | 76/53   | 0.00"  |
| Wednesday | 81 | 58 | 76/53   | 0.00"  |
| Thursday  | 84 | 55 | 76/53   | 0.00"  |
| Friday    | 84 | 53 | 76/53   | 0.02"  |
| Saturday  | 76 | 61 | 75/52   | 0.00"  |
| Sunday    | 72 | 55 | 75/52   | 0.14"  |

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

|              | Day       | Sunrise   | Sunset    | Moonrise  | Moonset   |   |
|--------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|---|
| New<br>8/28  | Wednesday | 6:46 a.m. | 8:25 p.m. | 1:35 a.m. | 5:21 p.m. |  |
|              | Thursday  | 6:47 a.m. | 8:23 p.m. | 2:38 a.m. | 6:03 p.m. |   |
|              | Friday    | 6:48 a.m. | 8:21 p.m. | 3:47 a.m. | 6:40 p.m. |   |
|              | Saturday  | 6:49 a.m. | 8:20 p.m. | 5:00 a.m. | 7:13 p.m. |   |
|              | Sunday    | 6:50 a.m. | 8:18 p.m. | 6:17 a.m. | 7:42 p.m. |   |
| First<br>9/4 | Monday    | 6:51 a.m. | 8:16 p.m. | 7:34 a.m. | 8:11 p.m. |  |
|              | Tuesday   | 6:53 a.m. | 8:14 p.m. | 8:52 a.m. | 8:40 p.m. |   |

### Local UV Index



### UV Index

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

### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 94° in Belleville, Ill. The Southeast will see scattered thunderstorms today and Thursday, heavy rain and high winds Friday as a result of Irene, with the highest temperature of 98° in Jackson, Miss. The Northwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 97° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 115° in Gila Bend, Ariz.

### Tonight's Planets

|         | Rise       | Set        |
|---------|------------|------------|
| Mercury | 5:53 a.m.  | 7:37 p.m.  |
| Venus   | 6:56 a.m.  | 8:36 p.m.  |
| Mars    | 2:40 a.m.  | 6:08 p.m.  |
| Jupiter | 10:56 p.m. | 12:55 p.m. |
| Saturn  | 10:31 a.m. | 10:07 p.m. |
| Uranus  | 9:30 p.m.  | 9:45 a.m.  |

### Weather History

**Aug. 24, 1989** - Late afternoon and evening thunderstorms produced severe weather in eastern Montana and western sections of the Dakotas. Thunderstorms in Montana produced wind gusts to 76 mph at Jordan and golf ball size hail at Rock Springs.

### Weather Trivia

Is there such a thing as Heat Lightning?

**Answer:** No. The storm is too far away to be able to hear the thunder.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Zodiacal Light Night

Reediting some of my astrophotos the other day, I came across an image of the zodiacal light which I had taken in 2005 at Cherry Springs State Park in Potter County, PA. Potter is in the center of Pennsylvania's northern tier of counties which represent some of the darkest areas of the Mid-Atlantic, just the right conditions for photographing the cone-shaped zodiacal light, minute particles of dust that lie in the plane of our solar system. The dust is from the tails of countless comets reflecting (scattering) sunlight back into the eyes of the observer. It was September 3, 2005 when friend and meteorologist Adam Jones suggested that we "crash" the annual Black Forest Star Party at Cherry Springs because the night was going to be exceptionally clear. Adam was also a pilot, and Cherry Springs just happened to have a grass airstrip. So off we went, the Cessna loaded with equipment for a night of anticipated viewing. When we landed after our 75 minute flight, there were hundreds of people at the site, as many telescopes, and a sky that promised to be a real winner. I brought my "new" Canon 20D, a tripod, and enough battery power to last the night. Someone interested in my camera lent me their telescope for an hour, so I could take guided images, but most of my shots were done with simply a "camera on a stick." By 4 a.m., I might have been the only observer still imaging the sky. It was very quiet, cold, and dewy, but the camera was working fine. I began taking a series of images near the eastern horizon as Orion rose above silhouetted conifers. It was then that I noticed the coned zodiacal light climbing ever higher into the morning sky, intersecting a sideways Orion and the winter Milky Way. It was the icing on the cake of a perfect night. Around 5 a.m., I remember collapsing into my sleeping bag thoroughly exhausted from eight hours of glittering starscapes. Photos are online at [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)



# Don't get suckered by job-hunt scams

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

Hunting for a job shouldn't have to include protecting yourself from possible scams, but the reality is that you must if you're doing your job search online.

Fake job listings are everywhere: online job boards, email and phony company websites. Some are very creative and look authentic.

Here are some keywords that are indicative of likely scams: Internet business development or coaching, business opportunity, work at home, refundable fee, guaranteed income, undisclosed federal jobs, guaranteed job, consultant and easy work.

In spite of the ease of communicating via the Internet, if you've received an email offer or see an online posting and don't know if it's genuine, ask for a phone number to call and speak to a human. Check out the phone number before you call. Try [www.anywho.com](http://www.anywho.com) and click on Reverse Lookup, which also will give you the address. Do a Google search for the address, too.

Learn how to tell the true address of an online link by putting your cursor over it and seeing if it matches the words before you click. Beware especially of any Internet address that consists mostly of numbers with a pattern like this: xxx.xx.xxxx. That's an indication of a new Internet address.

If you get anonymous email and someone claims to want

to hire you for a job you don't even remember applying for (quite possible if you're sending out lots of resumes), scammers likely will ask for information such as your Social Security number, date of birth, home address and even your credit-card availability and card number.

Verify, verify, verify before you give out personal information, including your Social Security number. If the job is a scam and you provide that number, as well as your name and address, you've just gift wrapped the means for identity theft.

With email, a genuine address should include the company's name, not so-and-so at Gmail or Yahoo.com. You, on the other hand, can make use of one of those temporary email accounts because in time it's sure to fill with spam.

If you sign up with a big online job list such as Monster.com, use a P.O. box for your home address. Use an initial for your first name.

Best bet: Hook up with multiple in-person personnel agencies or recruiters. They'll have access to the real jobs.

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# Comparing hospitals

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

Since last year we've been able to check out the quality of care at VA Medical Centers on the Department of Veterans Affairs website. Now the VA has added its information to the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services Hospital Compare website. The VA site was limited to medical and surgical statistics, but now we're able to compare local non-VA hospitals with the VA hospitals in additional areas such as heart issues and pneumonia.

To get the information you need, however, you might have to check both sites, as the information isn't posted on the same schedule. Neither site is intuitive for navigation, so instructions are below:

The Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services Hospital Compare [[www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov](http://www.hospitalcompare.hhs.gov)] has results for a number of categories of patient care issues, including death rates and patient experiences. Put in your ZIP code and select either General, Medical Conditions or Surgical Procedures. Click on Find Hospitals. You'll be given a list of medical facilities within 50 miles. Check the boxes down the left side for facilities you want to compare. If your closest VA Medical Center isn't within that 50 miles, it won't show up. Instead use the ZIP code of the Medical Center. You'll find that a lot of categories don't show any VA information at all.

The VA site [[www.hospitalcompare.va.gov](http://www.hospitalcompare.va.gov)] compares information be-

tween VA hospitals only. It tracks heart problems and pneumonia, as well as infection, respiratory issues and more. Pick a link on the left (Medical or Surgical), select your state from the drop-down menu and scroll down to click on an issue. The next screen will be a full explanation of the quality measure and what it means. If there are multiple centers in your state, you'll see the results for all of them.

Your best bet is to gather the information from both sites and combine it.

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# Just Play Ball!

**A SPORTING VIEW**  
**By Mark Vasto**

No matter what side you fell on — owners or players — every fan of American football agreed on one thing: Just get your act together and get back on the playing field.

A lot of attention was paid in the media to the so-called little guy — you know, the pipe fitter who scrimped and saved for his season tickets. Was he concerned about paying players millions of dollars to play a game? Or was he union all the way? After all, wasn't he in a union, too?

"Just play ball" was the answer.

But in conversations with friends, we all came to another conclusion, namely that we had no clue what the NFL lockout was about in the first place.

"Um ... player contracts ... and, um ... the owners' money," was the usual insightful answer offered from the peanut gallery.

According to NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell's op-ed piece in *The Wall Street Journal*, here's what was at stake:

1. No draft. "Why should there even be a draft?" said player agent Brian Ayrault. "Players should be able to choose who they work for.

Markets should determine the value of all contracts."

2. No minimum team payroll. Some teams could have \$200 million payrolls while others spend \$50 million or less.

3. No minimum player salary.

4. No standard guarantee to compensate players who suffer season- or career-ending injuries. Players would instead negotiate whatever compensation they could.

5. No leaguewide agreements on benefits.

6. No limits on free agency. Players and agents would team up to direct top players to a handful of elite teams. Other teams, perpetually out of the running for the playoffs, would serve essentially as farm teams for the elites.

7. No leaguewide rule limiting the length of training camp or required off-season workout obligations. Each club would have its own policies.

8. No leaguewide testing program for drugs of abuse or performance-enhancing substances. Each club could have its own program—or not.

In the end, the owners pretty much got their way, with the exception of a rookie wage scale and denial of an 18-game regular season. But most importantly — and as anti-capitalist as it may be — the \$9 billion of annual revenue will continue to be put into one pot for the next 10 years. That deal will likely ensure the parity that NFL fans in small- and large-market teams like, the parity that turned the NFL into America's favorite sport.

Players like Cincinnati Bengals offensive tackle Andrew Whitworth agreed, too.

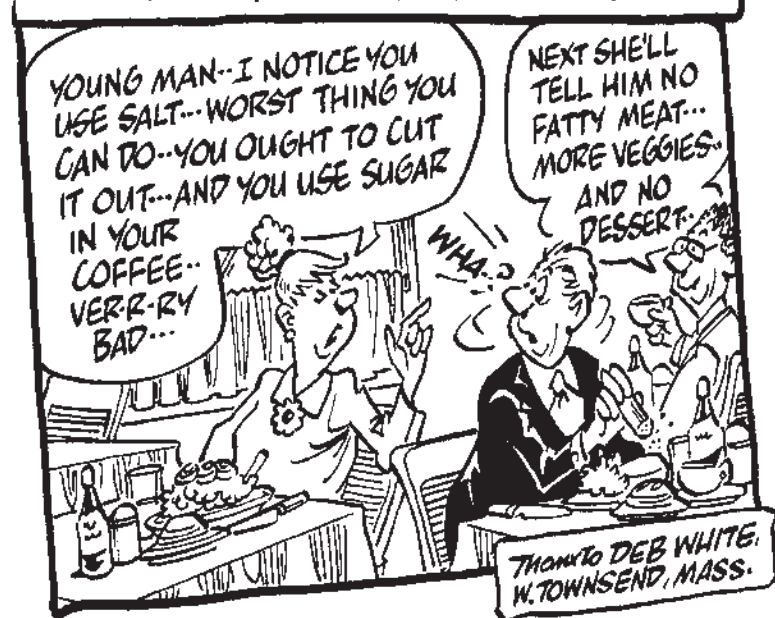
"We were trying to make the game better for those guys that played it in the past, in the present and in the future," Whitworth said. "We got this thing done. Now let's play some ball."

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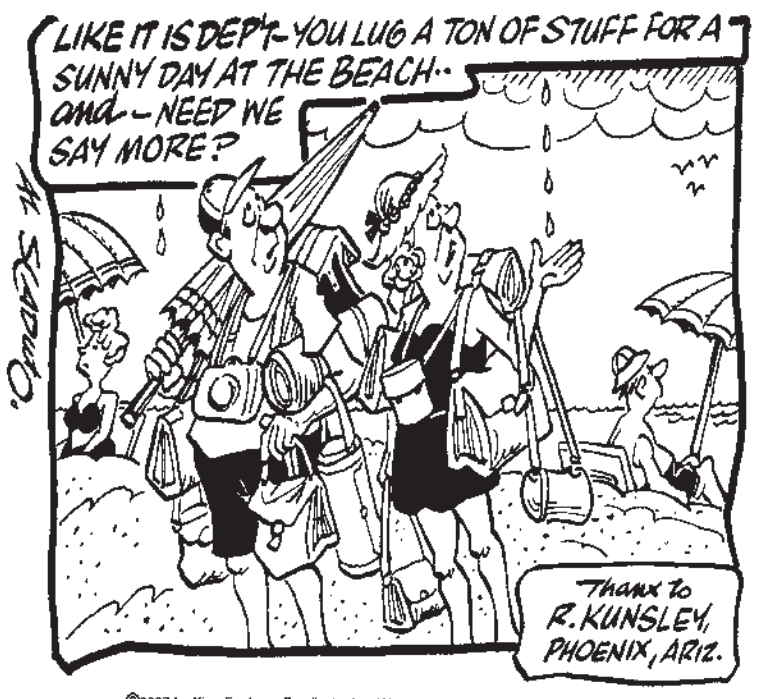
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# THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

PESTS WE CAN DO WITHOUT—GETTING ARMCHAIR MEDICAL ADVICE, FROM A STRANGER YET....



# BY AL SCADUTO



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EVER HAPPEN TO YOU? THE PARTY INVITE SAID "NO GIFTS--JUST BRING YOURSELF"...SO YOU SHOW UP EMPTY-HANDED AND FIND OUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO DID...



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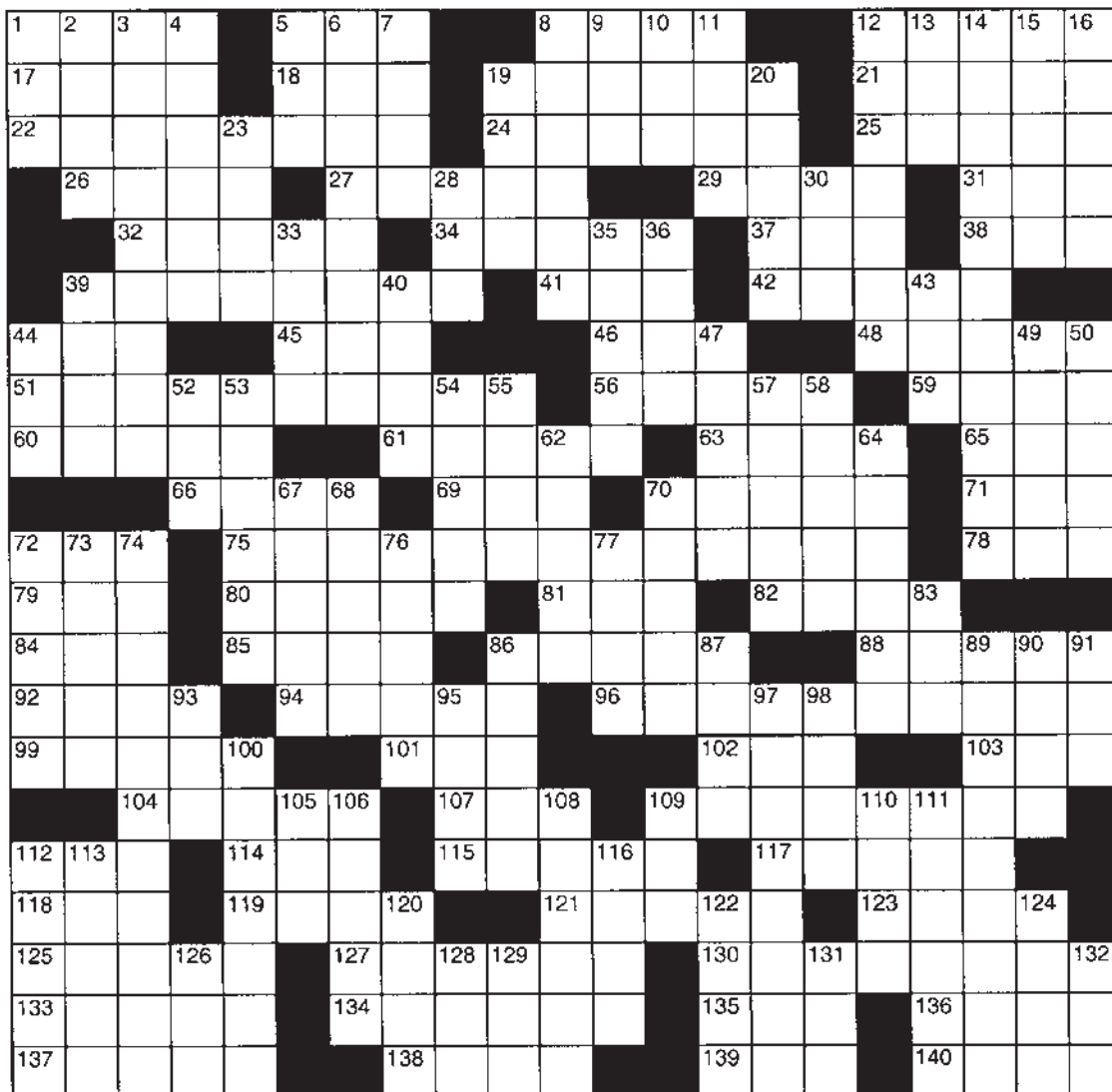
## TRIVIA TEST ~ by Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. MONEY:** What country's currency is the baht?
- 2. LITERATURE:** What famous adventure novelist was born with the name John Chaney?
- 3. BIBLE:** Which Old Testament figure's name means "laughter" in Hebrew?
- 4. HISTORY:** What city was the capital of Russia from 1712 to 1918?
- 5. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** When was Al Capone imprisoned for tax evasion?
- 6. MYTHOLOGY:** Where was King Arthur buried, according to the myth?
- 7. GEOGRAPHY:** Where does the Horn of Africa lie?
- 8. ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What kind of poisonous arachnid also is referred to as a "violin" or "brown fiddler" spider?
- 9. LANGUAGE:** What is another way to describe someone who is "perfidious"?
- 10. MOVIES:** What is the last name of "Dirty Harry," the character played by Clint Eastwood?

Answers: 1. Thailand; 2. Jack London; 3. Isaac; 4. St. Petersburg; 5. 1931; 6. The Isle of Avalon; 7. East Africa; 8. The brown recluse spider; 9. Treacherous; 10. Callahan. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Super Crossword THEIR SONGS

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| <b>ACROSS</b>               | 45 Plastic — Band          | 96 Jimmy Gilmer's house?   | 139 Evergreen tree                     | 33 Classy doc?                   | 77 Olympic troublemaker         |
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| 5 Rhine whine?              | 48 Syrup source            | 101 Scuffle                | <b>DOWN</b>                            | 36 Sticky stuff                  | 86 Winning                      |
| 8 Put on a happy face       | 51 Freda Payne's jewelry?  | 102 TV-listing abbr.       | 1 — Wednesday                          | 39 Evangelist Roberts            | 87 Some NCOs star               |
| 12 Like Mozart's flute      | 56 Change for the better   | 103 Fragrant neckwear      | 2 Weaver's need                        | 40 Recess                        | 89 "The Sheik"                  |
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| 22 Elvis' canine?           | 65 "The Crying Game" star  | 114 Arthur or Benaderet    | 7 Laurie of "Jeeves and Wooster"       | 50 Largest antelope              | 97 Utter                        |
| 24 Verdi opera              | 66 Isinglass               | 115 Proclamation           | 8 Trade                                | 52 Comic DeLuise                 | 98 Julia of "The Addams Family" |
| 25 Like Kansas?             | 69 Flat hat                | 117 American poet Charles  | 9 East ender?                          | 53 Spouse of Isis                | 100 Bakery buy                  |
| 26 Big beginning            | 70 Tiny parasite           | 118 Caravansary            | 10 Coach Parseghian                    | 54 Yoga position                 | 105 It's in the bag             |
| 27 Quire part               | 71 Cask                    | 119 Blocks the way         | 11 Computer selection list             | 55 Uninteresting                 | 106 Stern                       |
| 29 Cadet sch.               | 72 Lingerie purchase       | 121 Angler's basket        | 12 Paving material                     | 57 Zones                         | 108 Squabble                    |
| 31 Tierra — Fuego           | 75 The Cyrkle's plaything? | 123 Fido's dinner, perhaps | 13 Hullabaloo                          | 58 Perennial bestseller          | 109 Relished a roast            |
| 32 Felons, for instance     | 78 Accounting abbr.        | 125 Katmandu's country     | 14 Rick Nelson's social event?         | 62 Waves of grain color          | 110 From                        |
| 34 Like Peter or Catherine  | 79 Computer acronym        | 127 Stop working           | 15 Private                             | 64 Dieter's dishes               | 111 "Dead End Kid" Leo          |
| 37 Oxford omega             | 80 They may be bright      | 130 Jan & Dean's resort?   | 16 "The Friends of Eddie —" ('73 film) | 67 Handed over                   | 112 Underworld judge            |
| 38 Archaic preposition      | 81 Blunder                 | 133 Speak one's mind       | 19 With 19 Across, popular polka       | 68 Mr. Rochester's ward          | 113 Like a lummo                |
| 39 General's gerund         | 82 Barbecue                | 134 Semitic tongue         | 20 Wagner's father-in-law              | 70 Chilean pianist               | 116 Hands                       |
| 41 Vitamin bottle abbr.     | 84 Blow away               | 135 Child welfare org.     | 23 Challenge                           | 72 Pair                          | 120 — aerobics                  |
| 42 Finn's creator           | 85 Push a product          | 136 Baseball's Cabell      | 28 Tomorrow's turtle                   | 73 Atkinson of "The Black Adder" | 122 Catch sight of              |
| 44 Meyers of "Kate & Allie" | 86 "Manon" melodies        | 137 That's no bull!        | 30 Litter sound                        | 74 Don McLean's dessert?         | 124 Fill the hold               |
|                             | 88 Confederate president   | 138 "Bon voyage" site      |  | 76 Fiennes of "Quiz Show"        | 126 Chemical suffix             |
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### MOMENTS IN TIME

#### The History Channel

• On Sept. 7, 1813, the United States gets its nickname when a New York newspaper refers to "Uncle Sam." The name is linked to meat packer Samuel Wilson, who supplied barrels of beef to the United States Army during the War of 1812. Wilson stamped the barrels with "U.S." for United States, but soldiers began referring to the grub as "Uncle Sam's."

• On Sept. 6, 1847, writer Henry David Thoreau moves in with Ralph Waldo Emerson in Concord, Mass., after living for two years in a shack he built himself on Walden Pond. In 1854, his collection of essays, "Walden, or Life in the Woods," is published.

• On Sept. 10, 1919, almost a year after the end of the First World War, New York City holds a parade to welcome home Gen. John J. Pershing, commander in chief of the American Expeditionary Force, and some 25,000 soldiers who had served on the Western Front.

• On Sept. 11, 1930, Katherine Anne Porter's first collection of short stories, "Flowering Judas," is published. During her lifetime, she published 25 stories and one novel, "Ship of Fools," which took her more than two decades to complete.

• On Sept. 5, 1958, Boris Pasternak's romantic novel "Dr. Zhivago" is published in the United States. The book infuriated Soviet officials, but admirers of Pasternak's work began to smuggle the manuscript out of Russia piece by piece. The book won the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1958.

• On Sept. 9, 1965, Los Angeles Dodgers pitcher Sandy Koufax hurls the eighth perfect game in major-league history, leading the Dodgers to a 1-0 win over the Chicago Cubs at Dodger Stadium. Koufax retired after the 1966 season at just 30 years old because of arthritis in his elbow.

• On Sept. 8, 1974, President Gerald Ford pardons his disgraced predecessor Richard Nixon for any crimes he may have committed or participated in while in office. The Watergate scandal erupted after it was revealed that Nixon and his aides had engaged in illegal activities. With impeachment proceedings under way, Nixon became the first American president to resign.

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### STRANGE BUT TRUE

#### by Samantha Weaver

• It was way back in the 17th century when noted Scottish scholar Patrick Young made the following sage observation: "The trouble with weather forecasting is that it's right too often for us to ignore it and wrong too often for us to rely on it."

• About once a week, a frog will shed its skin. Then eat it.

• If you've watched many old Westerns, you've doubtless seen Native Americans scalping their enemies. You probably don't realize, though, that the brutal practice didn't originate with the Indians. When the Dutch and English settlers were trying to clear out the natives, they were paid a bounty for each scalp they brought back. The Native Americans adopted the practice only after the Europeans' arrival on the continent.

• The country's first pizzeria opened in 1895 in, unsurprisingly, New York City.

• Those who study such things say that 70 percent of Americans have visited either Disneyland, in California, or Disney World, in Florida.

• If you want to have an especially memorable — and chilly — vacation, consider heading to Finnish Lapland. There, more than 150 miles north of the Arctic Circle, you can stay at the Kakslauttanen Hotel. The quarters aren't luxurious, but the sights are amazing. All the accommodations are geodesic glass igloos, offering amazing views of the aurora borealis.

• Are you a snollygoster? If so, you're shrewd, which isn't a bad thing, but you're also rather lacking in principles.

• When Andrew Jackson was running for president in 1828, his opponents called him a stubborn jackass. Jackson was proud that he was known for obstinately sticking to his guns, so he started using the image of a donkey on his campaign materials. The Democrats have been using that symbol ever since.

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Thought for the Day: "Everyone, in some small sacred sanctuary of the self, is nuts." — Leo Rosten

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

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