

## State police canine handlers to demonstrate skills

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

When a child is lost in the woods or an elderly citizen gets confused and wanders away from their home it is often that a canine team will find them and reunite them with their families. This unique partnership between dog and human has saved many lives over the years, not only in search and rescue situations but in many other areas as well.

The residents of northern Michigan will have an opportunity to see how canine handlers and their canine partners work together in a Michigan State Police Canine Demonstration on Saturday, May 21 in Alpena. Four troopers from the State Police Canine Unit and six dogs will demonstrate a variety of tactics used in tracking, narcotics and explosives detection, cadaver search and aggression demonstrations.

This is the first time the State Police has put together this type of demonstration for the public. According to Lt. Mike Caldwell, commander of the Alpena Post, the event is to show appreciation for the support the public has shown in the search for the missing canine trooper that was lost in November 2010. It is also an opportunity for the public to see canine teams working together, demonstrating the skills and unique bond that develops in the partnership. The canine handlers will talk about the training and abilities of their canine partners and answer questions.

"Many people in northeastern Michigan aren't aware of what our canine handlers and dogs do and the level of skill and professionalism in which they perform," Caldwell said. "This demonstration is a great opportunity for people to meet handlers and the dogs and learn what they do on a daily basis. Whether they are interested in animals or in our canine handlers in particular, I think they will appreciate the abilities and breadth of skill level of the handlers and the dogs in a variety of demonstrations."

"This is an opportunity for us to shake hands and say thank you," said Trooper Jamie Bullis, who works in Alcona County out of the Lincoln detachment office. Bullis has been stationed at the Alpena post since 2006. He graduated from canine school with his first canine partner, Bane, in 2008.

Bullis and Bane worked together in narcotics detection and tracking until November 2010, when Bane went missing in Presque Isle County during a search for a missing person. Despite an extensive search by the Michigan State Police, Bullis, his family and friends and many

residents of the community and throughout the state, Bane has not been found.

Bullis has started a new chapter in his career with his new canine partner, Vadas. They started working together in January. Vadas is a nine-year-old black and tan German shepherd who had been retired for several months due to a soft tissue injury. "He is an exuberant nine," Bullis said. "He is trained for tracking and narcotics detection and is excellent at narcotics detection because of his experience with his previous handler who was out of the Monroe, Mich. post."

Bullis, who was raised in Fremont, Mich. and served in the U.S. Army in intelligence analysis for five years, began his career with the Michigan State Police in 2001 after completing state police recruit school. He served at the post in Manistee, Mich.

until moving to Alpena in 2006.

"We've received a lot of support from the local community and from online supporters and this is our way of saying thank you," Bullis said. "This demonstration is an opportunity to show that we aren't just drug dogs - people who attend are going to see the whole gamut of what we do."

He explained this is the first time four handlers and six dogs have conducted a demonstration together. The three other canine handlers, two who joined the Michigan State Police specifically because of the canine program, are traveling from all over Michigan to participate.

Trooper Kris Mikowski and her canine partner, Jett, work out of the Traverse City post. Mikowski has been with the state police for 23 years and

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Michigan State Police Trooper Jamie Bullis and his canine partner, Vadas, and three other canine handlers will demonstrate the abilities of tracking, narcotics, explosive and cadaver detection at Saturday's event. Photos by Cheryl Peterson.

### Ask Your Neighbor

We have two questions this week - both pertaining to history of the area.

The first comes from **Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas of Mikado**. "Does anyone have a photograph of Kahn's Store in Mikado that shows the fuel pump?"

If so, send or e-mail the photograph to the Alcona County Review with your name, address and telephone number.

The second question comes from **Lonnie Crampton of Harrisville**. "Does anyone know the history of the Harrisville fish hatchery and what species of fish were raised there?"

This is an interactive column. Questions and answers come in written form from readers. To submit a question or answer, send it to the Alcona County Review at P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; via e-mail to: editor@alconareview.com; by fax: (989) 724-6655 or drop it at the 111 Lake Street, Harrisville office. The name, address and telephone number of the person who is submitting the item is required in order for it to be considered for publication and possible follow up.



## Cedar Lake Elementary students celebrate Earth Day

On Friday, April 22, over 30 kindergarten through third-grade students and 40 parents and volunteers celebrated Earth Day at Cedar Lake Elementary School in Oscoda.

Through a partnership with Huron Pines AmeriCorps in Grayling, Mich. and the school's "Compost Kids" program led by teacher Jamie Merdzinski, the kids planted 60 trees on the playground, helped clean up the school's flower garden, cleared sticks and leaves from two court-yards, and painted 10 outdoor tables and benches. A split-rail fence was also installed around the school's compost pile.

Volunteers came from as far away as Midland, Mich. and Detroit, Mich. to do their part for the school. Local Boy and Girl Scout troops also showed up to lend a hand. Local businesses contributed to the event; Neiman's Market in Tawas City donated \$25 for fruit and snacks and The Home Depots in West Branch, Mich. and Traverse

City, Mich. each donated \$50 for tools and materials.

"Our school yard looks great and we are very thankful for all the volunteers that came locally and from all over the state," said Merdzinski. "Volunteering together makes a big difference to a lot of people."

The Huron Pines volunteer program is directed at getting local communities involved in conservation projects while learning more about Huron Pines and the

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Alcona Tiger Cody Franklin winds up on the mound during a recent game. Photo by Kathy Steiner.

## Obituaries

### Garney M. "Kitty" Bernhard

Garney M. "Kitty" Bernhard, 83, of Glennie, died on Friday, May 13, 2011 at Lincoln Haven Nursing Home in Lincoln.

She was born July 13, 1927 in Flint, Mich. to John and Buhala (Cole) Connors.

She married Leonard Bernhard on in Las Vegas, Nev.

She loved fishing, gardening, crocheting and reading cookbooks.

Mrs. Bernhard is survived by six daughters, Linda (Gary) Webster, Carol Harger, Janet (Steve) Zarko, Lenora (Bob) Pasch, Patty (Brent) Boling and Kathy (Bob) Schmahl; 10 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; and longtime companion, Melvin Jack Morris.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard.

Visitation will be from 2-8 p.m. Friday, May 20 at the Hale Chapel of the Buresh Funeral Home, 121 S. Washington, Hale. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 21 at the funeral home. The Rev. Rob Nordin will officiate. Interment is in Glennie Cemetery.

### Dorothy M. Rumminger

Dorothy M. Rumminger, 88, of Grand Blanc, Mich., formerly of Lincoln, died on Monday, May 16, 2011 at home.

She was born August 23, 1922 in Detroit, Mich. to Fred and Marie (Black) Smelesky.

She married William J. Rumminger on October 27, 1945.

They were long time residents of Lost Lake Woods Club, moving to Grand Blanc, Mich.

She was a member of Hope Lutheran Church, Hubbard Lake.

Mrs. Rumminger is survived by her husband, William; one daughter, Joy Rumminger-Metevier of Lincoln; two sons, William James (Carol) Rumminger of Grand Blanc, Mich. and Thomas Nelson Rumminger of Hudson, Fla.; three grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

There will be a memorial service on Friday, May 27, at 11 a.m. at Hope Lutheran Church in Hubbard Lake. A luncheon will follow at Lost Lake Woods Club in Lincoln.

Cremation arrangements are being handled through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

### Dwight A. Wilkinson Sr.

Dwight A. Wilkinson Sr., 84, of Lincoln, died on Friday, May 13, 2011 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born June 30, 1926 in Beaverton, Mich. to Irvin and Alice (Hughes) Wilkinson.

He Married Mary Jane Hodgen on May 12, 1950. They were residents of Frankenmuth, Mich. from 1952 until 1990 when they moved to Lincoln.

He was a metallurgist with Saginaw Steering Geer before retiring.

Mr. Wilkinson is survived by one daughter, Debra (Michael) Frye of Rochester Hills, Mich.; four sons, Gary (Carol) Wilkinson of Rochester Hills, Mich., David Wilkinson of London, England, Steven (Jennifer) Wilkinson of San Jose, Calif. and Dwight Wilkinson Jr. of Las Vegas, Nev.; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson; two sisters, Mildred McLeese of Decatur, Mich. and Mary Gonder of Interlochen, Mich. and one brother, Robert Wilkinson of Alaska.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Jane, on December 13, 2006; one daughter, Gail Dawn Wilkinson; one sister, Magdalene Sinclair; and two brothers, Vern Wilkinson and Victor Wilkinson.

A funeral was held Tuesday, May 17 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln, Michigan. Memorials may be given to Alzheimer's research.

### Esther M. Whitford

Esther M. Whitford, 93, of Glennie died on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at The Home of AuSable in Fairview.

She was born March 19, 1918 in Glennie to William and Pearl (Sands) Hoskins.

She married Cecil Whitford on February 14, 1939.

She was a lifelong resident of Glennie and was employed as a manufacturing inspector.

She enjoyed bingo, hunting, fishing and was wonderful a cook.

Mrs. Whitford is survived by two sons, Larry (Jean) Whitford and Walt Whitford, both of Glennie; five grandchildren, Cindy, Evan (Lisa), Phillip (Trudy), Todd (Kelly) and Leann Whitford; three great-grandchildren, Katie, Brooke and Ashtyn Whitford; three sisters, Helen Hutchins of Lansing, Mich., Edna (Al) Geyman of Phoenix, Ariz. and Wilma (Bruce) DaFoe of Phoenix, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Cecil, on February 14, 1960; three brothers; and one sister.

Private services will be held. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home of Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to Our Kids of Glennie or the Glennie United Methodist Church.

### William C. Farrow

William C. "Bill" Farrow, 98, of Harrisville, died on Thursday, April 21, 2011 at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.

He was born June 11, 1912 in Ardath, Saskatchewan, Canada where his parents, Eckley and Frances (Schnider) Farrow homesteaded in the early 1900s. The family moved to Michigan when he was 12 years old and he remained a lifelong resident.

He married Ida Courtney in Royal Oak, Mich. in 1968.

Mr. Farrow was a supervisor for C.M. Smilie and Company of Ferndale, Mich. After retiring in his 50s he moved to Harrisville with his wife, Ida, where they lived for 40 years.

Mr. Farrow was a member of the city council and was the mayor of Harrisville. He was responsible for a number of community projects and improvements. He was a member of the Harrisville Lions Club and helped to erect the water wheel. The community's fire engine from the year 1900, which he and Ida restored, remains on display in the lobby of the Alcona County Courthouse.

He spent many winters in



Mesa, Arizona and most of his golden years traveling the world with his wife.

Mr. Farrow is survived by two daughters, Barbara (fiancee' Robert Kollar) Hornsby and Lynda (Robert) Plaskey; and one granddaughter, Cyndi Watkins.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ida; two brothers, Bud Farrow and Jack Farrow; and two sisters, Grace Dobson and Myrtle Stoliker.

A memorial service will be held at the Harrisville United Methodist Church on Saturday, June 4 at noon. Memorial contributions may be made to the Harrisville Lions Club, P.O. Box 265, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.



#### Mother's Day

What can you do to make Mom's day special? Perhaps her birdbaths or even her feeders need scrubbing. Or you can mix a special birdseed blend just for her. Equal amounts of sunflower chips, peanuts, black oil sunflower and safflower seed will bring any bird to any yard. Be creative.

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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
	May 8	53		36	0.00	0.7
May 9	55	36	0.00	0.9	11	NE
May 10	51	45	0.39	1.5	26	SSW
May 11	57	41	0.00	1.8	35	NNE
May 12	60	46	0.05	0.9	13	SSW
May 13	61	51	1.04	4.2	20	NNE
May 14	55	47	0.70	9.9	27	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	2011	2010	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	2.18	1.75	0.58
May to Date	2.33	2.53	1.14
Year/Season to Date	12.45	5.18	8.69

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*

### Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,  
 Now that spring is here as evidenced by the returning colorful songbirds, buds on the tall trees (except on Main Street), and the beautiful flowers on display at the garden markets, has anyone noticed the beautiful American flag waving in the spring breezes at Northeastern Window and Door? It is awesome. I was told by John Smith that the flag is dedicated to his parents, Betty, and the late, Jim Smith. How great and heartwarming is that? Thank you John and Kari Smith for really bringing beauty, warmth and patriotism to our community. Bless you and may the flag wave forever.

Rita Crampton  
Harrisville

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 18**  
 Music with Roseanne Armstrong at the Greenbush Township Hall 4 p.m.

A laptop maintenance 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 glaucoma testing with Dr. Currier at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall.

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

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will meet at the lower level of the county building in Harrisville at 7 p.m.

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.

**THURSDAY, MAY 19**  
 There will be tai chi exercise with Shawn at the Lincoln senior center at 4 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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) 734-9922 or (989) 739-4483.

Alcona County retirees are invited to a potluck luncheon and card games afterward at the Alcona County Senior Center in Lincoln at noon.

A soup and pie supper will be served at the United Methodist Church in Harrisville from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12.

**FRIDAY, MAY 20**  
 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 have a BBQ ribs and chicken dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Menu includes ribs, chicken, potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$8

for adults, \$4 for children six to 12 and free for five and under.

**SATURDAY, MAY 21**  
 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.

Community-wide Clean-up takes place at the ARA site in Lincoln from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Alcona Farmers Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on US-23 in Harrisville featuring greens, meats, soaps, lotions, breads and much, much more.

The Alcona High School boys' basketball program is having a nine pin-no tap bowling tournament from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Village Lanes in Harrisville for kids under 18 and from 7 to 9 p.m. for adults. Cost is \$20 per person and each team needs four members to compete. Questions, call Seth Coffing at (989) 736-8534.

The Michigan State Police will hold a canine demonstration from 1 to 3 p.m. at the East Campus Youth & Family Center, Johnson St., Alpena. Six officers of the K-9 Unit will be showcased. This is a family event and free of charge. For more information, contact the Michigan

State Police Alpena Post at (989) 354-4101.

**SUNDAY, MAY 22**  
 The Thunder Bay Arts Council Community Chorus Spring Concert will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Alpena High School auditorium. This is a free concert with donations appreciated.

Alcona Habitat for Humanity invites the public to the house blessing for the Misiak family at 3 p.m. at 228 N. 8<sup>th</sup> Street, Harrisville.

It's business people day at Sprinkler Lake Education Center from 2 to 4:30 p.m. Be a kid again.

**MONDAY, MAY 23**  
 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.

MSU Extension 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.

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## 16<sup>TH</sup> ALCONA COUNTY COUNTY-WIDE CLEANUP

### Saturday, May 21, 2011 • 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

#### Lincoln ARA Site (Alcona County Fairgrounds)



**Carload \$5**

**Any Pickup with trailer \$15**



**ITEMS ACCEPTED**

- Passenger/light truck tires up to 20" are \$2 each
- Truck & implement tires \$5 each
- Automobile batteries
- Propane tanks
- DRIED paint ONLY
- Shingles (additional fee)

**Pickup Load \$10**



**Any Pickup with Farm or Gooseneck Trailer Load \$20**

**Items NOT Accepted**

- Concrete
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- Yard Waste
- Commercial Building Materials
- Gas or Fuel Oil Tanks

**PLEASE...**

Separate your load into tires, scrap metal, water heaters, air conditioners, white goods, junk, etc.

Residents/property owners must show proof of residency or tax bill.

**Absolutely NO HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE**

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# AAA Credit Union celebrates at school

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) has celebrated "National Credit Union Youth Week" every year at the Tiger Branch at Alcona High School to promote the importance of saving to the students. This year's Tiger Branch celebration was held on May 5. Students were invited to celebrate "Money Rocks at My Credit Union" with games and prizes.

The Tiger Branch has been operating out of Alcona High School for 15 years. Alcona High School students are employed each year by Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union to work at the branch. This branch helps students to manage their finances in a way that best fits their needs.

Students are encouraged to save money through promotional contests and giveaways throughout the school year. Any student or staff member of Alcona Community School can open a membership. Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union assists students who open their membership through the Tiger Branch by paying the \$5 minimum deposit to become a member of the credit union as long as the student keeps their account open for one year.

"It's important for youth to learn the importance of saving and spending money wisely," said Missy Stoner, Tiger Branch supervisor. "Many young adults head off to college or to start a career



AAACU employees pose with the prize table for "Youth Day." (From left) Tiger Branch supervisor Missy Stoner, Tiger Branch employee and Alcona High School student Adam Neveu and Select Employee Group Coordinator Lauren Clarke. *Courtesy photo.*

and know nothing about banking—this is where the credit union can help. As a not-for-profit financial institution, we do classroom presentations on financial literacy topics and also have giveaways and fun promotions like 'Youth Day.' Our goal is to help the students get a head-start on their finances and to better-prepare

them to go out on their own." AAACU serves members primarily in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency, and Iosco counties with eight locations—a main office located in Alpena, with branch offices in Ossineke, Lincoln, Atlanta, a Tiger Branch in Alcona Community Schools, Oscoda and Tawas offices, and an additional branch in Alpena.



Four Alcona High School athletes were all-conference award winners for the girls basketball season. (From left) Ashley Smith, second team All Conference; Kayla Rasmussen, first team All Conference; Karina Cole, first team All Conference and Alexa LeCureux, honorable mention All Conference. The awards were given during the Alcona Girls Basketball banquet. The team also had other awards presented to them after the banquet: Karina Cole was awarded Class C Honorable Mention All-State/Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Special Mention All-State Class C. Ashley Smith was awarded Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan Special Mention All-State Class C. The Alcona girls varsity team was also named Honorable Mention Academic All-State with a 3.29 team GPA by the Basketball Coaches Association of Michigan. *Courtesy photo.*

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## Brownlee Lake Association 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Golf Outing

Saturday, June 25 at 11 a.m.

Greenbush Golf Course ~ 1981 S. US-23, Greenbush

4 players per team ~ \$45 per player

Shotgun start, Best Ball, 18 holes with cart

Sponsorship Donation \$75

Hot Dogs at the turn, cash bar, and buffet dinner, 50/50 drawing, prizes for closest to pin, longest drive & lowest team score

All proceeds go toward Brownlee Lake Association to clean, restore and restock its fishery

RSVP by June 15 to Brownlee Lake Association (989) 736-8346 or shaneourdt@sbcglobal.net



The Harrisville Institute for Cultural Learning would like to say

# THANK YOU

to the

## Lincoln Lions Club

for their hard work to clear dead trees and brush as part of the project to restore Dr. Constantine's botanical gardens.

Fifteen Lions, plus a tractor and dump trailer, and a lot of laughs made for a productive afternoon.

NEMCSA-TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program)

### USDA Quarterly Surplus Food Distribution for Low-Income Families and Seniors

ALCONA COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING

Lincoln Senior Center (upstairs) 207 Church St., Lincoln

Tuesday, May 24, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

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Proof of Address (No P.O. Boxes accepted)

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\*Income Guidelines are by Total household size for the number of people residing in the home.

(Bridge Card, Medicaid, SSI and CSFP—Senior Program, are automatic qualifiers)

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If you have questions, or need more information, please contact:

Alcona County Commission on Aging

Lincoln Senior Center (989) 736-8879

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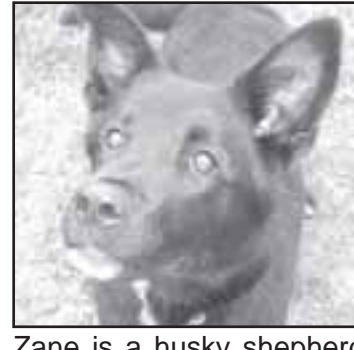
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## Pets of the Week

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**PET OWNERS PLEASE SPAY OR NEUTER YOUR PETS**

These pets, and others, are available for adoption!!  
For more information, call the Alcona Humane Society at 736-PETS! Help give an animal a good home!

### REQUEST FOR BIDS

The Mikado Township Board is requesting bids for cleaning the Civic Center in Mikado. A detailed list of duties is available. Proper insurances must be provided. Direct bids or questions to Rita Sands, clerk, P.O. Box 60, Mikado, MI 48745 or call (989) 736-7721. All bids must be marked on the outside of the envelope "CC Cleaning Bid" and received by June 10, 2011. The Mikado Township Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids.

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#### MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION PUBLIC NOTICE HERBICIDE PROGRAM

The Michigan Department of Transportation hereby provides notice to the public, and property owners adjacent to state highways of the 2011 Herbicide Application Program for roadside rights-of way within Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford, Emmet, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Roscommon, and Presque Isle counties.

All applications will take place between May 23, 2011 and October 28, 2011.

#### LOCATIONS

Applications will be made for control of (1) noxious and broadleaf weeds in turf areas and, (2) woody vegetation (brush) within clear zones, (3) vegetation growing through paved surfaces, (4) vegetation in front of Guardrails, and (5) Phragmites control. All applications will be ground or foliar applied by vehicular mounted fixed boom or hand gun equipment. The following herbicides will be tank mixed or injected for each application.

Weed: **Milestone VM** (Aminopyralid) and **Telar XP** (Chlorsulfuron) or **Escort XP** (Metsulfuron methyl).

Brush: **Garlon 3A** (Triclopyr) and **Escort XP** (Metsulfuron methyl).

Crack/Shoulder: **Roundup Pro Concentrate** (Glyphosate).

Guardrail: **Roundup Pro Concentrate** (Glyphosate) and **Direx 4L** (Diuron 3-(3, 4-dichlorophenyl)-1, 1-dimethylurea).

Phragmites: **Rodeo** or **Roundup Pro Concentrate** (Glyphosate) or **Arsenal Powerline** (Imazapyr).

A surfactant, Nu-Film - IR (Poly-1-p-Menthene) or Improve (Nonionic) will be used with all applications. A drift control agent, 41-A (Polyacrylamide and Polysaccharide polymers) will also be used as needed in all spraying operations.

All roadside parks on state highways ("I", "US", and "M" routes) and MDOT facilities within the counties listed above will also be treated.

**Do not enter treated areas until the spray has dried.**

All applications will be made by certified applicators employed by the Michigan Department of Transportation. For further information contact:

Michael Rogers, Resource Specialist

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## Senior Awards Night

A total of \$112,050 in scholarships were awarded to Alcona High School seniors during the Senior Awards Night held on May 4. The following local organizations and individuals provided the scholarships:

- Alcona Teacher's Scholarship
- Alcona Athletic Association Scholarship
- Alcona High School FFA Scholarship
- Pizer Family Scholarship
- Alcona County Michigan Township Scholarship
- Mikado Good Fellows Scholarship
- Harrisville Lady Lions Scholarship
- Barton City Eagles Post 4141
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- Berm Bandits Scholarship
- VFW William F. Moore Post 6754 Auxiliary
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- VFW Alcona Post 6466
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- Eastern Star (Lost Lake Woods) Scholarship
- St. Joseph Health System Foundation Scholarship
- Spruce Presbyterian Church Scholarship
- Phillip and Keith Kruttlin Memorial Scholarship
- Francis and Robert Darnton Scholarship
- William E. Williams Scholarship
- Eugene Nemeth Scholarship

- Alcona Masonic Scholarship
- Knights of Columbus Scholarship
- Jamie Richardson Memorial Scholarship
- Michael S. Crick Scholarship
- Dee Brown Perry Scholarship
- Alvin B. Somers Scholarship
- Harrisville Arts Council
- Lincoln Lions Scholarship

### Campbell/Sikes plan wedding

Louis and Ginger Campbell of Harrisville announce the engagement of their daughter, Rebecca Lynn Campbell, to Andrew Gregory Sikes, son of John and Marty Sikes of Charlotte, N.C.

The bride-to-be is a 2005 graduate of Alcona High School and a graduate of Lawrence Technological University and Tusculum College.

The future groom is a 2003 graduate of Hoggard High School and a graduate of East Carolina University.

An August 20, 2011 wedding is planned at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse.

#### Weekly SUDOKU

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Rebecca Campbell and Andrew Sikes

### Balfour appointed president of St. Joseph Health System

The St. Joseph Health System (SJHS) Board of Trustees has appointed Ann Balfour as president for SJHS effective immediately. Balfour has been serving as interim president since October 15, 2010.

"Ann has more than 30 years of service to the ministry and is an accomplished leader," said John Graham, CEO of St. Joseph Health System and president and CEO of St. Mary's of Michigan. "Ann has a proven track record of determining what is needed within operations and establishing effective working relationships with associates, physicians, and the board to achieve successful results."

"In addition to overseeing day to day operations at St. Joseph, Ann will be an integral partner as we continue to further develop the model of care for coordination of clinical and operational services between St. Joseph, St. Mary's of Michigan and St. Mary's Standish Hospital. Because our ministries are part of Ascension Health, we share the same goals, values and practices to support the collaborative efforts that will best position us for health care reform," Graham said.



Ann Balfour

Through the years Balfour has demonstrated progressive growth as a leader. Notable accomplishments include development of the SJHS Home Health agency into a full service home health and hospice program. In addition, she has served as the vice-president of patient care with oversight of the nursing and ancillary departments.

More recently in her role as vice president of risk and quality, Balfour has focused on increasing high reliability and patient safety awareness with the focus on increasing the health system's commitment to safety and identify-

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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## Many popular brand name drugs will soon go generic

Dear Savvy Senior,  
I've heard that the drug Lipitor and a few other popular brand name medications will soon be available in cheaper generic form. What can you tell me?

Frugal Senior

Dear Frugal,

It's true. Generics for Lipitor and a slew of other brand name drugs will soon be coming down the pipeline, and the savings to consumers will be significant.

Over the next two years, the patents of many top-selling brand name drugs will be expiring, clearing the path for lower-cost generics to take their place. One of the biggest is the cholesterol lowering drug Lipitor, which earned the pharmaceutical company Pfizer more than \$5.3 billion in U.S. sales last year. The patent for Lipitor ends in November, so starting on November 30, 2011, generic manufacturer Ranbaxy Laboratories, will have the exclusive right to sell Lipitor's generic (Atorvastatin) in the U.S. for six months. At that point, other generic drug makers can enter the market to sell it.

Some other prominent drugs facing patent expiration this year include: Protonix, the popular anti-acid drug which went off patent in January and is now

offered in the generic format Pantoprazole; Concerta, the ADD and ADHA medicine whose patent ends this month (May); Levaquin, the antibiotic drug whose patent expires in June; and Zyprexa, the antipsychotic drug prescribed for the treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder which comes off patent in October.

In 2012, some popular drugs set to lose their patents include: Plavix, the anti-clot/blood thinning drug which is prescribed to prevent heart attack and stroke; the asthma and allergy drug Singulair; Seroquel which is used to treat a variety of mental health issues from depression to bipolar disorder to schizophrenia; the type 2 diabetes medication Actos; and Enbrel, which is prescribed for arthritis and psoriasis.

It is, however, important to note that the expiration of some of these drug patents doesn't guarantee that less-expensive generic drugs will immediately become available. Pharmaceutical companies have methods they can employ to extend the patent and stave off generic competition.

When a brand name drug does finally come off patent, its generic substitute is usually only about 30 percent cheaper at first, but as more



generic drug makers start manufacturing it, the costs can drop by as much as 90 percent. On average, generic drugs are about 70 percent cheaper than brand name medications.

According to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, generic drugs contain the same active ingredients, dosage and quality as their brand name counterparts. The differences lie in the name (generic drugs are usually called by their chemical names), shape and color (U.S. trademark laws don't allow generics to look exactly like the brand-name drugs).

If you're currently taking an expensive brand name drug, and aren't sure if it's available in generic form, ask your doctor or pharmacist or you can look it up online at sites like destinationrx.com. If there's not a generic counterpart for your particular drug, find out if there's a generic option available in the same class of medications that would work for you. For example, some people who

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## All-electronic payments coming

### Senior News Line

By Matilda Charles

If you receive a monthly check for Social Security, Social Security Disability Insurance, veterans benefits or any other kind of federal government benefit, you'll soon need to change the way you handle your money. The paper check is going away. By March 1, 2013, you'll need to decide on an electronic method of receiving your money.

Your choices will be:

- Electronic direct deposit — the money will magically appear in your bank account.
- Direct deposit debit card — the money will magically appear in your card account. Signing up for the card is free. You can get ATM cash, make purchases, call for your balance and pay bills, although there might be fees for certain ATM machines.

According to a news release, moving to an all-electronic system will save \$1 billion over the next 10 years. It currently costs \$120 million per year to send out paper checks.

The government says that 80 percent of us are already signed up to receive our money electronically. And of

those who do, 96 percent are happy with it.

If you haven't yet applied for Social Security, you'll have no choice. As of May 1, 2011, anyone who signs up has to choose electronic payments. If you're about to sign up and want direct deposit, you'll need your bank's routing transit number, type of account and account number. If you don't have a bank account, you can receive a direct deposit MasterCard.

To make the switch, call the U.S. Treasury Electronic Payment Solution Center at 800-333-1795, or inquire at your bank.

If you're already signed up electronically, you don't need to change anything.

*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 column-reply@gmail.com.*

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## President

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ing opportunities to improve patient safety and quality.

"Throughout Ann's health care career she has shown strong commitment to SJHS, the associates, and the communities served," said Jerry Gracik, chairman of the board for SJHS. "I am confident that as the president of SJHS Ann will continue to make decisions that will ensure the health system's long term sustainability and ability to fulfill the mission of providing health care to our community."

Balfour holds a bachelor's degree in nursing from Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. and is working toward a master's degree in health care administration from Central Michigan University. She is a member of the American Society of Health Risk Management, the Michigan Society of Health Risk Management and the Hospital Council of East Central Michigan.

## Savvy

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take Lipitor opt for the less-expensive Simvastatin, the generic form of Zocor. Both Lipitor and Zocor lower cholesterol.

Many chains like Walmart, Target, Costco, Kmart, CVS, Walgreens and Kroger sell hundreds of generics for as little as \$4 for a 30-day supply and \$10 for a 90-day supply.

Savvy Tip: If you're having a hard time affording your medications, there are drug assistance programs offered through pharmaceutical companies, government agencies and charitable organizations that may be able to help you. See benefits-checkup.org to find them.

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

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## Organization Notes

### VFW Post No. 6754 Ladies Auxiliary

The May meeting was held with 12 members present. Sandy Light served as chaplain in Pat Eller's absence. The minutes and treasurer's report were read and the bills were paid.

Norma Alstrom reported on the Loyalty Day activities held at Sanborn School. She advised that the principal, Eric Cardwell, was extremely helpful and teachers and staff appreciated the carnations that were presented to them. The post and auxiliary members advised the staff of Lincoln Haven that we are unable to continue conducting bingo due to the limitations of the post and auxiliary members.

Membership remains at 83. The quarterly audit report was read by Sandy Light. In Marie Rhines' absence, Frances Ziesman advised that Marie will prepare two boxes to be sent to servicemen overseas. The treasurer was authorized to send in the cancer quota of \$2 per member. The installation of officers was held. President Vichunas re-

ported on the District 11 Meeting held in Standish, Mich. on Sunday, May 1.

The charter was draped for our departed sister, Dorothy Mousseau, who went to her heavenly home on April 14. The auxiliary will send a donation to the St. Catherine Altar Society for Dorothy's funeral luncheon.

The post advised the auxiliary that Memorial Day services will be held at the Hubbard Lake Cemetery at 10 a.m. at Les Liske's gravesite and at 10:15 a.m. at Ken Wyer's gravesite. Afterward, the post and auxiliary members will proceed to Harrisville to attend the 11 a.m. services on the courthouse lawn.

The auxiliary will hold memorial services on Saturday, May 28, at 1 p.m. at Ottilie Kubbe's gravesite in the Salem Cemetery and then will proceed to St. Catherine Cemetery to the gravesite of Georgiana LaBell and Dorothy Mousseau.

The next meeting will be held on June 7.

### East Shore Art Guild and Gallery

The East Shore Art Guild and Gallery (ESAG) general monthly meeting began on May 10 at 1 p.m. with president Bernie Blaszak welcoming everyone to the meeting and thanking everyone that displayed art work in the library. Bernie also expressed a thank you to all who donated art work for Candy (Hall) Fulsher and the Alcona Humane Society.

Secretary Rose Blaszak read the minutes from the April general month meeting. Minutes approved. Treasurer Peg Little gave the treasurer's report for the month of May. It was approved. Bernie Blaszak reported we now have 54 adult and one youth member.

Terry Lipscomb gave her report and stated that all advertising has to be in by May 15 to make it in for June advertising.

Workshops: May 23 - May 27 - Sharon Griffes Tarr, oil or pastels; May 19 - Tawas Point Firing, horse hair firing pottery. If interested call Betty Fahselt-Senter at the Tawas Art Guild; Passport Program-Memorial Day - Labor Day. Requires website, Domain name for guild and

gallery; Kids Workshop - June and July, Tuesdays, 10-11:30 a.m. EMS building, Supplies are free to children and volunteers are needed; Alcona County Review Calendar - a month by month calendar of events for East Shore Art Guild and Gallery, Inc.; Summer Impromptu V, Wednesday, July 13, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m.; Wine and Food Festival Saturday, July 16 noon to 6 p.m. We need artists, workers and chairman. Prizes, money and ribbons. Cost: \$110.

Peg Little made a motion to charge \$5 or \$10 to enter your work in the Summer Impromptu V show. It was voted on, passed. Charge will be \$10 per artist entering art in show. Motion to adjourn at 1:50 p.m. Terry Lipscomb, seconded by Diane Sargent.

The next meeting is June 14 at noon for the gallery and 1 p.m. for the guild at the library in Harrisville.

A note from the gallery: Any Artist in the guild interested in having classes this summer, the suite next to the gallery is available for art classes. Contact Peg Little if interested at (989) 736-1678.

## The Garden Bug

### Growing catnip



Cats love to paw, chew on, and roll around in this perennial herb. It is easily propagated by seed, stem cuttings, or rootball division. When seeds are sown in the fall, a denser crop is usually achieved, but you can also sow seeds outside early in the spring with a light cover of hay, or start them indoors in trays and transplant them outside after the last chance of frost. It likes either sun or shade, and can grow 2 to 3 feet.

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herbgardening.com/growingcatnip,  
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# One cat short of crazy

**By Kathryn Fritz Kniep**  
*Columnist*

I realized, during a recent trip to the city, that times have changed. It used to be that toward the end of a trip I'd stop at a Toys R Us to pick up some geegaw for the child in my life. These days, I'm positively delighted to note a PETCO down the way where I can find something fuzzy and squeaky or tasty and chewy to bribe my way back into the good graces of my furr-babies.

As we approached the entrance to the store, I realized that it was hosting an adoption day. I realized this primarily because three people were unloading a fully grown, extremely friendly Saint Bernard from a vehicle onto the sidewalk. As I patted his gargantuan head, only a foot or so below my own, I realized the van he'd come from read "Clinton County Humane Society."

I also realized it because several people, approaching with me, turned to one another and said things like, "Oh no. It's an adoption day."

Now why, you might ask, would people who obviously love animals (hence entering PETCO) would be dismayed by this? The answer is simple. People who love animals, love animals. They hate to see a companion animal alone and caged, looking up hopefully at each person who passes by. It's far too easy for the average animal lover to enter PETCO looking for a biscuit and exit with a new family member.

Even so, I smiled as I strolled past two long tables lined with cages of kitties. Large, grown-up kitties. Small, playful adorable puffs of blue-eyed kitten kitties. Curious kitties, sleeping kitties, antisocial kitties, curled up with their backs to the shoppers.

There were other dogs, besides the Saint Bernard. Several of them were really nice examples of various breeds. Others were relying heavily on their sparkling personality. The dogs, I couldn't help noting, were all facing the front of their cages, wagging tails and sticking big wet noses through the bars. I could almost hear them "speaking" to the customers. "Pick me," they said, "Pick me. I'll go home with you, I'll be good. I'll protect you and defend you and love you from this day forward."

The cats, on the other hand, even those that were interacting with the passers-by, adopted an attitude more in keeping with a cell block. "You interested in me?" their green and yellow eyes seemed to inquire. "Leave me an offer and I'll think about it." The cats available for adoption outnumbered the dogs by a ratio of about five to one, but that didn't seem to faze any of them.

So I chuckled when I noticed a sign placed prominently between two cages. "Special!" it shouted in large black letters. "Fee for one cat: \$25. Two cats \$26." Gee, buy one, get one (almost) free. There isn't a mother alive who would fall for that one.

Even though all of the animals were imminently adoptable, at this point in my life, I try hard to be immune to cuteness and wagging tails. In our three-person home, the animals already outnumber the humans - three dogs and a cat. Not that it saved me. I'm on my way to two cats right now, and there doesn't seem to be anything I can do about it.

It all began a couple of weeks ago, when we first began noticing the stray gray-and-white tuxedo cat that wandered down our street each day about noon. She was very small, sort of semi-long haired and while she was skinny, her tummy hung down almost to her knees. About the third time she came by, the Princess leaped up from the couch and grabbed a can of Chapters' cat food. "I think that poor cat is hungry," she announced. "I'm going to give her some food."

"Kate," I warned her, "I think that cat is pregnant." Apparently, my mic was not on. The Princess sprinted, leaving Chapters - her own recently spayed male ginger cat - blinking a question at me. "Did she take the ocean perch?"

What my dad always told me is true. If you feed them, they will hang around. Since that first day, the kitty has shown up like clockwork at noon and five, for lunch and dinner. After taking a good look at her, it appears she's not expecting, but may have recently lost a good deal of weight. Unlike our in-house animals, she's not finicky. To date, she's eaten everything served to her. And while she's clearly appreciative, to date we haven't been able to get close enough to get a hand on her.

The original agreement was that we would feed her, edging a little closer each day, until we could catch her and take her to the shelter, where, the director recently told me, they already have 67 cats in residence. Not long ago, however, I observed the Princess talking to Chapters as he stared out the back door at the stranger in the yard. "Would you like a friend?" she asked him.

"No," I intoned firmly. "But Mom," the Princess reverted to the 12-year-old animal lover I remembered. "She's out there in the rain and the cold every night. Why can't we keep her?"

"Because," I told her. "I know how this works out. You will eventually get a job and a no pets allowed apartment downstate. Dad and I, on the other hand, will be featured on an upcoming edition of Animal Hoarders."

I'd already noted that when the kitty came early, Art had been filling in for the Princess, bounding out the door, cat food can in hand. Now, as I arrived home with my pet treats, I noticed another small change. Instead of "the kitty," the cat in the yard had been dubbed "Paige." As in "Chapters and Paige," I assumed.

"Well, not as an indoor cat," Art assured me when I grumbled about it. "But we did think maybe we'd build

## Puttin' On The Fritz

her a little house so she can get in out of the weather."

"Great," I told him, "I've always wanted a cat house in the backyard."

Despite my deep and abiding fondness for animals, it says somewhere in the mom contract that I'm the one who maintains the population of the household. So while they're picking out names and building little kitty retreats, I'm still firmly holding to my "to the shelter" philosophy.

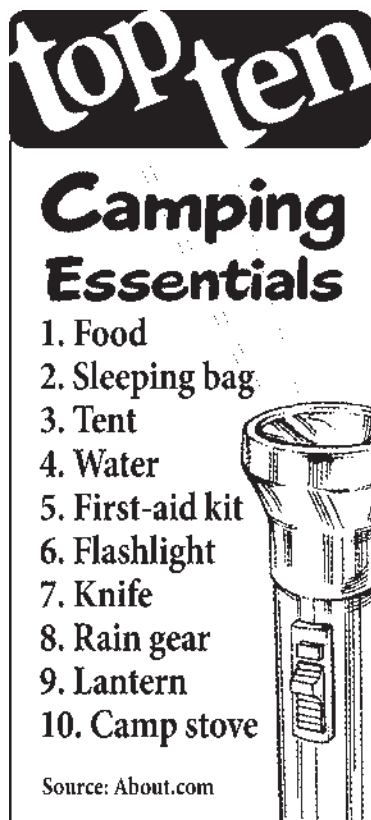
Want to place any bets on it? I don't. Nonetheless, I have to stick to my guns as long as I can. As the T-shirt says, we're "just one cat short of crazy" around here these days.

*(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.)*

## Horseshoe League

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Gustin Township will hold a spring clean-up at Twin Lakes Cemetery on Saturday, May 21, beginning at 9 a.m. Lot owners are kindly asked to remove all old decorations, wreaths, etc. before this date. Please bring shovels, rakes and other gardening tools to help with the clean-up.

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# BBB warns consumers of the cost of watching "free" online movies

Everyone loves a good movie and with today's movie theater tickets costing more than \$10 a pop (and that's not even including the "pop"), many movie goers are opting to watch their favorite movies at home for free instead. "Free," however, comes with a cost, a cost that many consumers don't realize.

The Better Business Bu-

reau (BBB) warns consumers against downloading "free" online movies.

According to researchers from cloud security provider Zscaler, movie sites like [www.letmewatchthis.com](http://www.letmewatchthis.com), [www.letbobwatchthis.com](http://www.letbobwatchthis.com), and [www.movie-source.org](http://www.movie-source.org), all look harmless when in fact, they are luring consumers into a copyright infringe-

ment trap. Sites like these house hundreds of pirated movies and by downloading them onto your computer you are committing a copyright infringement.

"Consumers need to know the consequences of using such sites," said Patrick Bennett, BBB director of community relations "It is ultimately their responsibility to

ensure that the files they are downloading and sharing are legal copies."

According to the United States Copyright Office, an individual who uploads or downloads online movies that are protected by copyright law without the authority of the copyright owner can be subjected to copyright infringement violations. Such

cases can be considered liable for statutory damages up to \$30,000 for each work infringed.

If infringement is found to be willful that amount can be increased up to \$150,000 for each work infringed. In addition, according to the U.S. Department of Justice, the government can also criminally prosecute you for copyright infringement. Fines up to \$250,000 and/or a five year prison sentence can result.

To avoid such risks, the Better Business Bureau recommends the following:

- Purchase all copyrighted works online using one of the many services that are authorized to sell copyrighted pieces. By doing so, you can avoid copyright infringement violations.

- When evaluating services to decide if they provide legal music and movie files, look for statements that say they have obtained the copyright permission of the artists or company representing the artists.

- Seek legal alternatives. The Recording Industry As-

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The Immortalized in Death program presented by the Huron Shores Genealogical Society on May 14 at the Robert Parks Library, Oscoda, brought out 25 area residents, one as far as Posen, Mich. to hear speakers who handle records created when a person dies. Sharing their knowledge were Lugene Daniels on church records, Arenac County Clerk Rick Rockwell, Alcona Probate Court Register Pam Ashford, Buresh Funeral Home representative Jim Barnum, publisher for Arenac County Independent, Oscoda County Herald and Ogemaw County Herald Elizabeth Gorske and our "Cemetery Lady" Lauri Finerty, drove her hearse, coffin included. Pictured (from left) Lugene Daniels, Rick Rockwell, Pam Ashford and Jim Barnum. *Courtesy photo.*

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# Movies

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# American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

I love poems that celebrate families, and here's a fine one by Joyce Sutphen of Minnesota, a poet who has written dozens of poems I'd like to publish in this column if there only were weeks enough for all of them.

### The Aunts

I like it when they get together and talk in voices that sound like apple trees and grape vines, and some of them wear hats and go to Arizona in the winter, and they all like to play cards. They will always be the ones who say "It is time to go now," even as we linger at the door, or stand by the waiting cars, they remember someone—an uncle we never knew—and sigh, all of them together, like wind in the oak trees behind the farm where they grew up—a place I remember—especially the hen house and the soft clucking that filled the sunlit yard.

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# How to help children develop their writing skills

Whether their child is intimidated by a blank page or can express himself well on paper, parents are always looking for ways to help kids improve their writing skills. Writing proficiency not only helps make children more successful in their studies now, but can also make them more confident and successful as adults.

From e-mail and texting to text books and even video games, children need to read and write well every day. Parents can do a lot to help kids nurture good writing skills at any age. From speech recognition software to popular word games, here are some tactics parents can use:

• Write a lot, read a lot. Children who read a lot can naturally develop an affinity for writing. Parents who read to children when they are young should encourage them to strike out on their own as they grow older. It's easy to find plenty of age-appropriate material for children in elementary, middle school and high school. Many

schools and teachers maintain lists of recommended reading on topics and subjects to satisfy every interest.

• Encourage children's natural curiosity about writing by giving them fun opportunities to practice. Does your middle-schooler love comic books? Suggest he create his own, complete with colorful artwork and script. You can find software programs and online websites to help.

• Choose board games and video games that incorporate word play, like Wheel of Fortune, Scrabble or Boggle. Create a family message board in the kitchen and ask each family member to write something about their day on the board every evening; not only does this encourage kids to practice writing, it can help parents keep in touch with what kids are doing.

You can also encourage children to keep a journal of their daily activities, or jot down their observations in a notebook when they travel on vacation.

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## Skills

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Most children, like most adults, can think and speak much more clearly and naturally than they can type or write. Speech recognition can help students who may feel overwhelmed when faced with a blank screen and a blinking cursor. The software can help them put their thoughts into words without getting hung up on the process of typing or writing, and can make it easier for children to complete homework assignments that they may have struggled with before.

Writing becomes a more natural process, allowing the student to just say what is on his or her mind and have it appear almost immediately.

Like any skill, writing improves with practice. Parents should help children seek out and enjoy every opportunity to practice writing in fresh, fun ways.

~ Courtesy of ARAcontent

# DNR's special investigations unit is on the case to protect Michigan's natural resources

An old, beat-up pickup carrying four scruffy-looking men rolls slowly down a northern Michigan back road. Looking for deer presenting an easy target, the men see several within rifle range.

One of the men in the back seat leans across the other to take a shot at a deer, seemingly unconcerned by the fact that deer hunting season is closed and the deer are on private property. The other passenger in the back seat leans back as far as he can and plugs his ears in anticipation of the shot. To the shooter's chagrin, the deer are spooked before he gets the shot off.

For the would-be violator, this was actually a fortunate outcome; he did not know it at the time, but two of the men in the truck that day were undercover detectives

with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Special Investigations Unit.

Established in 1980, this team of highly trained and experienced investigators, part of the DNR's Law Enforcement Division, originally was known as the Report All Poaching (RAP) unit. The name has changed since then, but the unit's mission has stayed the same for more than 30 years - to detect, identify, investigate and prosecute those who would do harm to Michigan's wildlife and fisheries resources.

"Our highest priorities are the illegal trade of wildlife, organized poaching rings, and the illegal take of threatened and endangered species," said Detective Lieutenant Jason Haines, supervisor of the Special Investigations Unit.

The Special Investigations Unit (SIU) uses many different techniques to accomplish its mission. Sometimes the case calls for old-fashioned detective work such as gathering evidence and interviewing witnesses and suspects. Other times, the key to a successful investigation is hours of surveillance without ever being detected. And sometimes the only way to gather proof of illegal activities is to catch the suspect in the act of committing violations, which may require the investigator to take on an assumed role and become established as a trusted acquaintance.

"Regardless of what the investigation calls for, our detectives are prepared to do whatever is asked of them to successfully prosecute those seeking to do damage to our state's natural resources," Haines said.

The SIU has completed



An elk waits in a corral to be processed after the DNR's Special Investigations Unit found widespread violations at a privately owned cervid facility.

many successful large-scale investigations since the early days of the RAP Unit, involving an array of issues ranging from the fur trade to the reptile and amphibian black market to the illegal buying and selling of game and fish.

One example of the unit's efforts to curtail large-scale illegal activity was a two-year sting operation aimed at the illegal fur business in the mid-1980s. The operation resulted in the arrest of more than 400 suspects in eight states on federal and state charges, including more than 120 in Michigan alone.

A more recent example involved the investigation of illegal activities at a privately owned cervid facility, commonly referred to as a deer or elk ranch. Detectives discovered that the facility owner

had been importing elk illegally from other states, including areas known to harbor chronic wasting disease (CWD), exposing Michigan's wild deer herd to significant disease risk.

Ultimately, a search warrant was executed at the facility. It was a four-day project requiring the construction of fencing and a corral system to inventory and identify the origin of all elk on the premises. The owner entered guilty pleas on several counts, was assessed costs in excess of \$40,000, and the facility was depopulated to protect the state's wild herd from risk of disease.

In another recent case, SIU detectives infiltrated the activities of a person reportedly violating many game laws involving deer, waterfowl and fish. The detectives documented 38 separate violations, including illegally selling fish, harvesting a significant number of deer over the limits, hunting waterfowl over baited areas, and taking sturgeon during the closed season.

After the lengthy investigation, a search warrant executed on the suspect's residence turned up not only evidence of the documented violations but also a quantity of narcotics. Ultimately the suspect pled guilty to 10 of the most serious violations and forfeited two boats, fishing equipment and several firearms. Three other individuals entered guilty pleas on lesser game and fish charges that the officers had documented.

"Whatever challenges may arise, the Special Investigations Unit will continue to stand ready well into the future to protect Michigan's natural resources for this generation and those to come," said Haines. "The public can assist us in that mission by reporting any suspected violations - it always helps to have extra sets of eyes and ears on the lookout



An investigation of poaching led DNR Special Investigations Unit officers to this freezer full of ill-gotten game. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

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# Whole grains offer a world of new taste to familiar foods

Sometimes a small change in your diet can lead to big results. Americans are continuing to recognize that maintaining a healthy lifestyle includes making smart food choices. A good place to start is making whole grains a staple of your diet, as they provide many nutrients that are fundamental to the health and preservation of our bodies.

While most people recognize the benefits of adding whole grains into their diets, the taste and texture of some whole grain foods have been a deterrent for some. Now, eating healthy can be an enjoyable and delicious experience, in addition to helping maintain a healthy body.

According to Ellie Krieger, celebrity chef, New York Times bestselling author and registered dietitian, "To get people to eat well, don't say a word about health; rather just cook fantastic food for them." Krieger is known for helping people find simple ways to eat in a healthy, realistic and easy way without sacrificing taste.

Many health experts recommend eating three to five servings of whole grains a day, and Krieger said much of that can come down to

substituting whole grain alternatives for foods you are already consuming, like bread, cereal and pasta -- which is one of her favorites. "Barilla Whole Grain is the ideal pasta for anyone seeking to increase their intake of fiber and whole grains without sacrificing great taste."

Additionally, she recommends taking these additional steps when striving for a healthier lifestyle:

- The foundation of the healthy diet is merely a lot of fruits and vegetables, whole grains, low-fat dairy and healthy oils. It's not rocket science.

- Simplify healthy home cooking by stocking ingredients that can be used on a moment's notice. For instance, make sure you have staples like canned tomatoes, canned beans, frozen shrimp and vegetables, plus whole grains like quinoa and pasta, readily available.

- Think about getting color in every meal or snack. For example, if you're going to scramble an egg, add chopped tomatoes. It increases the meal's flavor, excitement and nutritional value.

Try mixing whole grain pasta with fresh seasonal vegetables, tasty herbs and your favorite cheeses for a well-rounded and delicious dish. The great thing about pasta and other grains like rice, couscous or quinoa is they provide a versatile base that can be mixed almost all of your favorite foods.

To share the secrets of creating delicious, healthy meals without sacrificing taste and flavor, Krieger created exclusive recipes for whole grain pasta, including the one listed below. More easy and delicious whole grain recipes are available at [www.try-barillawholegrain.com](http://www.try-barillawholegrain.com).

### Whole Grain Spaghetti with Roasted Tomato and Almond Pesto

Ingredients:

1 box Barilla Whole Grain Spaghetti

To taste olive oil cooking spray

1 1/3 pounds ripe plum tomatoes, cored, seeded and quartered (about six medium)

1/3 cup blanched sliced almonds

1 medium clove of garlic

1/3 cup lightly packed

fresh basil leaves, plus more for garnish

1 teaspoon red wine vinegar

1/4 teaspoon crushed red pepper flakes

3 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil

1/4 cup Parmesan cheese, freshly grated

1/4 teaspoon salt, plus more to taste

Directions:

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Spray a baking tray with cooking spray. Place the tomatoes on the tray and roast in the oven for 30 minutes, until they are soft and slightly charred.

Bring a large pot of water to a boil. Toast the almonds in a medium-size dry skillet,

over medium-high heat. Stir frequently, until almonds are golden and fragrant, about three to four minutes. Transfer the almonds to a food processor.

Add the garlic and process until they are finely ground. Add the roasted tomatoes, basil, vinegar and pepper flakes to the processor. While the processor is running, drizzle in the olive oil in a steady stream. Add the Parmesan cheese and 1/4 teaspoon salt; pulse to combine.

Cook spaghetti according to the package directions. Drain and return the pasta to the pasta pot or to a serving bowl. Add the sauce and toss.

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## Investigations

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for suspected abuse of our resources."

The DNR encourages anyone with information about any suspicious or unlawful activity related to Michigan's natural resources to contact the Report All Poaching hotline, 24 hours a day, at (800) 292-7800. Information can be provided anonymously, and rewards may be offered for information that leads to arrest and conviction.

To learn more about the DNR's Law Enforcement Division, visit [www.michigan.gov/conservationofficers](http://www.michigan.gov/conservationofficers).

*(Editor's Note: This feature story was provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as an aspect of "Showcasing the DNR" program, which promotes the importance of conservation in Michigan.)*



### Wildlife Seed Blend

I bought a wildlife seed blend at my local bird store. It was chock-full of white stripe and black oil sunflower, small peanuts in the shell, dried corn kernels and much more. To stretch it out, I mixed it with sunflower chips and raw peanuts. The birds loved it.

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# Area Church Directory

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



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

## GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

## Family Heritage Baptist Church

4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)  
Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • [www.church72.org](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)

## New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Hubbard Lake Rd.,  
¾ mile south of White Pine National Golf Course  
Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

## 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

## Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

## ALCONA COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

St. Anne, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.  
St. Raphael, Mikado, Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
St. Gabriel, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

## 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)

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## 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

## Lincoln United Methodist Church



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

## First Baptist Church of Lincoln



Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.  
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

## 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")  
\*Fall-Spring programs • Website: [www.cbcmikado.com](http://www.cbcmikado.com)

## 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.

## 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

# Calendar of Events

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## TUESDAY, MAY 24

Commodities may be picked up at the senior center in Lincoln between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. Questions, call (989) 736-8879.

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 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All levels welcome.

The Alcona County Commission on Aging board will meet at 11 a.m. at the senior center in Lincoln.

The Harrisville Lady Lions will have a dinner meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Golf Club. Speaker will be Allison Spitznagel from the Flower Villa. RSVP to Mary Ann at machurch@wild-blue.net or (989) 724-5124. All interested ladies are invited to attend.

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

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 25

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their monthly luncheon meeting with spouses and guests at 11:30 a.m. at the Alpena Holiday Inn. Michigan State Police Trooper Randy Servia will speak on scams, fraud and identity theft. Salaried retirees from all GM divisions are welcome to attend. Reservations and payment in advance by calling Chuck at

(989) 727-3350 or Frank at (989) 595-2789.

A laptop personalization and customization 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.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Lincoln branch at 2 p.m.

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

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

## THURSDAY, MAY 26

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) 734-9922 or (989) 739-4483.

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

## FRIDAY, MAY 27

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

## SATURDAY, MAY 28

The Alcona Farmers Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on US-23 in Harrisville featuring greens, meats, soaps, lotions, breads and much, much more.

The annual Garden Club Flower Sale will be from 9

a.m. to noon on the south side of the Craftmakers' Cabin. For more information, call Carol at (989) 724-6329.

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.

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.

Friends of Lincoln Depot will hold a perennial plant and bake sale from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the depot, 116 Fisk Street, Lincoln.

New Life Lutheran Church of Spruce, just south of White Pine Golf Course, will hold a spring garden festival from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring green plants, perennials, annuals, wood plant stands, garden and patio items, baked goods, hand crafted items and much more. Luncheon served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

VFW and American Legion will present arms, flag raising, prayers, placing of wreaths by World War II veterans; all armed forces past and present are welcome. There will be 8 a.m. services at Mt. Joy Cemetery, 8:45 a.m. services at Springport Cemetery, 9:15 a.m. services at St. Anne Catholic Cemetery, 9:45 a.m. services at Westlawn Cemetery, 10:15 a.m. services at Harrisville Harbor, 11:30 a.m. services at the stone on the county court house lawn, luncheon at noon at VFW Post 6466 in Harrisville, 2 p.m. there will be a color guard, rifle squad, national anthem, benediction, lowering the flag and taps at the park in Lincoln.

## SUNDAY, MAY 29

The Harrisville Volunteer Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary invites the public to their annual pancake breakfast at Maria Hall in Harrisville from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Menu includes sausage and pancakes. Cost is \$4.50 for adults and \$3.50 for children.

## MONDAY, MAY 30

All Alcona County senior centers closed today.

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.








## TUESDAY, MAY 31

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.

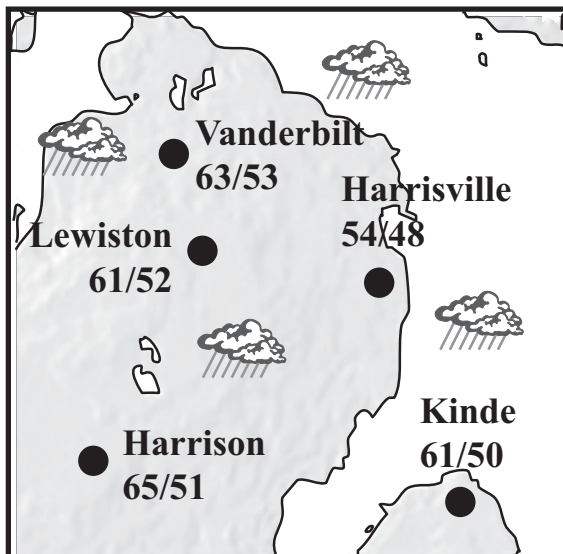
## Alcona Review Weather Report

May 18, 2011

### Seven Day Forecast

-  **WEDNESDAY**  
Few Showers  
High: 54 Low: 48
-  **THURSDAY**  
Few Showers  
High: 56 Low: 49
-  **FRIDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 54 Low: 48
-  **SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 63 Low: 51
-  **SUNDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 65 Low: 51
-  **MONDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 65 Low: 54
-  **TUESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 66 Low: 50

### Today's Regional Map



### In-Depth Local Forecast



Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers, high temperature of 54°, humidity of 77%. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 90° set in 1962. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of showers, overnight low of 48°. Northeast wind 10 mph.

### \*Last Week's Almanac

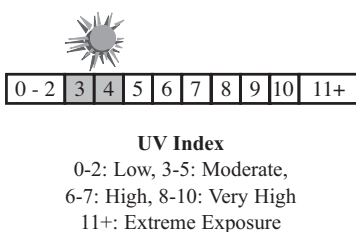
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	60	32	62/38	0.00"
Tuesday	56	47	62/38	0.11"
Wednesday	59	45	62/39	0.01"
Thursday	66	49	63/39	0.02"
Friday	69	55	63/39	0.37"
Saturday	61	48	64/39	0.80"
Sunday	56	42	64/40	0.00"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Last 5/24	Wednesday	6:02 a.m.	8:58 p.m.	10:45 p.m.	6:44 a.m.	
	Thursday	6:01 a.m.	8:59 p.m.	11:38 p.m.	7:44 a.m.	
	Friday	6:00 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	No Rise	8:49 a.m.	
	Saturday	5:59 a.m.	9:01 p.m.	12:21 a.m.	9:57 a.m.	
	Sunday	5:58 a.m.	9:02 p.m.	12:56 a.m.	11:04 a.m.	
New 6/1	Monday	5:57 a.m.	9:03 p.m.	1:25 a.m.	12:09 p.m.	
	Tuesday	5:56 a.m.	9:04 p.m.	1:49 a.m.	1:12 p.m.	

### Local UV Index



### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 76° in North Philadelphia, Pa. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 86° in Key West, Fla. The Northwest will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today, isolated showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 71° in Pasco, Wash. The Southwest will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today, mostly clear skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 90° in Artesia, N.M.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:16 a.m.	6:44 p.m.
Venus	5:08 a.m.	6:45 p.m.
Mars	5:08 a.m.	6:58 p.m.
Jupiter	4:50 a.m.	6:08 p.m.
Saturn	4:37 p.m.	4:31 a.m.
Uranus	3:58 a.m.	4:09 p.m.

### Weather History

**May 18, 1989** - Low pressure anchored over eastern Virginia kept showers and thunderstorms over the Middle Atlantic Coast Region. Flash flooding was reported in Pennsylvania. Up to five inches of rain drenched Franklin County, Penn. in 24 hours.

### Weather Trivia

What is homichiphobia?

**Answer:** The fear of fog.

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### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Big Eclipse Just One Year Away

In a year from this week on May 20, 2012, the West Coast and Southwestern parts of the US will experience the first central solar eclipse since 1994. Solar eclipses occur when the moon covers all or part of the sun, and central solar eclipses require the center of the moon to pass in front of the center of the sun. Unfortunately, this eclipse will not be total anywhere along its path because the moon will be too far from the Earth and will appear smaller than the sun. If situated along the path of annularity with the proper filtration system, you will observe (for about 4-1/2 minutes) a ring of sunlight surrounding the sun. The ring is called an annulus and gives this event its name, an annular eclipse. What makes this eclipse chiefly interesting for me is that 18 years, 10 days earlier, on May 10, 1994 a sister eclipse occurred across the US from Texas to Maine. It was also an annular eclipse. I took Allentown (PA) School District pupils on one of my first field experiences to Texas to witness this event. We actually had planned to view the eclipse in New Mexico, but morning storms forced us to relocate south and west to Canutillo, Texas, a small border town within a mile or so of Mexico and New Mexico. There we set up in a local schoolyard and viewed the eclipse from start to finish under a flawless, deep blue sky. Later that day after driving to Ft. Davis, Texas, we heard CNN reports that extreme western Texas had received up to one foot of hail in a particularly violent storm. Yes, that's 12-inches. While the 1994 and 2012 annular eclipses are related, their paths will not have much of an overlap. The May 20 annular segment of the eclipse first makes landfall just south of Crescent City, CA at 6:24 p.m. PDT and ends just 13 minutes later, two time zones east in the dry Texas plains, NW of Snyder at sundown, 8:37 p.m. CDT. I'll talk about safe sun observing in next week's StarWatch. www.astronomy.org



**TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez**

- HISTORY:** Whom did William the Conqueror defeat at the Battle of Hastings?
- LITERATURE:** What was William Faulkner's native state and the setting for his novels?
- COMMON KNOWLEDGE:** What does the Geneva cross symbolize?
- ANATOMY:** What is another name for totipalmate feet?
- GAMES:** What game piece in chess looks like a castle tower?
- LANGUAGE:** What is meaning of "E pluribus unum"?
- POETRY:** Who wrote the words, "God's in his heaven/ All's right with the world"?
- ART:** For what type of work was the 16th century artist Titian best known?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where is Mount Vesuvius?
- MEDICINE:** What is an analgesic drug designed to do?

Answer: 1. England's King Harold; 2. Mississippi; 3. Neutrality; 4. Webbed; 5. Rook; 6. Out of many, one; 7. Robert Browning; 8. Painting; 9. Italy; 10. Relieve pain. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

**Super Crossword ANIMAL TAILS**

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|---|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                           | bird                                 | to                          | 7 Subside                           | setting                   | specialty                       |
| 1 Messina or Morrison                   | 53 Maestro Leinsdorf                 | 107 Myron Floren's boss     | 8 Rob Roy's refusal                 | 52 Way out                | 102 Coach Parseghian            |
| 4 Address abbr.                         | 56 Slippery character?               | 111 Stroke's implement      | 9 Showy shrub                       | 54 Gator's cousin         | 103 4 p.m. vehicle?             |
| 7 Pass into law                         | 57 Source of ills                    | 112 Seldom seen             | 10 Blanchett of "Elizabeth"         | 55 "Salome" role          | 106 in good shape               |
| 12 Pillager                             | 59 Like King's fans                  | 113 Joan Van —              | 11 Starch source                    | 57 Hale or Revere         | 108 Inflicts                    |
| 18 Vein contents                        | 61 "Ritoma vinctori!" singer         | 118 Emit                    | 12 Bigwig (try)                     | 58 First name in fashion  | 109 Twist and turn              |
| 19 Historic org.                        | 63 Mr. Mineo                         | 122 Spock's specialty       | 13 Give it —                        | 60 Knight's better half?  | 110 Scrape by, with "out"       |
| 20 Mideastern mall?                     | 64 Military chapeau                  | 126 "Roseanne" actress      | 14 '87 Streisand film               | 62 Believe                | 114 Act like a wrestler         |
| 22 Herbivorous reptile                  | 65 Uruguayan title                   | 131 Pabulum variety         | 15 Base stuff?                      | 67 Nimble                 | 115 — Flynn Boyle               |
| 23 Stocking shade                       | 66 Adjusts an alarm                  | 132 Conduit fitting         | 16 "— Leaf" ('71 film)              | 69 Part of MA             | 116 Em or Bee                   |
| 24 Indefinite pronoun                   | 68 Undiluted                         | 133 Stang or Schwarzenegger | 17 Ulrich of Metallica              | 70 Gogol's "— Bulba"      | 117 Jogger's gait               |
| 25 Benjamin Bunny's creator             | 71 Provide rooms                     | 134 Author Collins          | 21 — Tin Tin                        | 73 Compote component      | 119 Emulate Betsy Ross          |
| 27 Theologian Thomas                    | 72 Software                          | 135 Buckingham (Abbr.)      | 26 Lucy Lawless role                | 74 Metropolitan           | 120 Recipe instruction          |
| 29 Director Sergio                      | 77 Duval's org.                      | 136 Spider's snare          | 28 April initials                   | 75 End a space flight     | 121 West Coast sch.             |
| 30 Lumberjack tools                     | 80 Mailer's "The — Park"             | 137 Tangled                 | 32 Perplexed                        | 76 French Sudan, today    | 122 London district             |
| 31 Rocker Ocasek                        | 81 Slick in the mud                  | 138 Gravel-voiced           | 33 Ma, for one                      | 77 Ostentation            | 124 "The People's Choice" pooch |
| 32 "God's Little —" ('58 film)          | 82 Daze                              | 139 Ending for Capri        | 34 Hwy.                             | 78 React to a pun         | 125 Czech river                 |
| 35 Wordless greeting                    | 86 Marineland performer              | 140 Boot part               | 36 Smell                            | 79 Intense                | 127 — de France                 |
| 38 Musical medium                       | 88 "The — Daba Honeymoon" ('14 song) | <b>DOWN</b>                 | 37 "David Copperfield" character    | 83 South African province | 128 Hall of Famer               |
| 43 Dolls up                             | 90 Court order?                      | 1 Spanish dance             | 38 She brought out the beast in men | 84 Pottery defect         | 129 Roush piece?                |
| 47 "Whether — nobler in the mind . . ." | 92 Compensation                      | 2 Tigris-Euphrates land     | 39 Oriental                         | 85 Thomfield governess    | 130 Enchanted                   |
| 48 Groom's gangplank?                   | 93 Genesis peak                      | 3 Computer selection list   | 40 Equal an opponent                | 87 Poker stake            |                                 |
| 49 He'll give you a squeeze             | 97 After taxes                       | 4 Classical hunk?           | 41 Cops' org.                       | 89 Inland sea             |                                 |
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**MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel**

- On May 30, 1806, Revolutionary War veteran and future President Andrew Jackson kills Charles Dickinson in a duel. Dickinson, killed at short range, had printed libelous comments about Jackson. Over his lifetime, Jackson was in 13 duels. Only the Dickinson duel was fatal.
- On June 2, 1865, Gen. Edmund Kirby Smith, commander of Confederate forces west of the Mississippi, signs the surrender terms offered by Union negotiators, in an event that is generally regarded as marking the end of the Civil War.
- On May 31, 1929, Ford Motor Company signs a landmark agreement to produce cars in the Soviet Union. In return, the USSR agreed to buy 72,000 unassembled Ford cars and trucks and all spare parts needed for the following nine years.
- On June 3, 1937, catcher Josh Gibson of the Negro League's Homestead Grays hits a ball 2 feet from the top of the facade of Yankee Stadium, 580 feet from home plate. Gibson's home run beat Mickey Mantle's 565-foot home run in Washington's Griffith Stadium on April 17, 1953 as the longest ever hit.
- On June 5, 1949, bestselling thriller writer Ken Follett is born in Wales. After college he wrote a novel just for the \$400 advance, which he needed to fix his car. The book flopped, but he wrote 10 novels during the next four years, finally breaking through with "The Eye of the Needle" in 1979.
- On June 1, 1968, Helen Keller dies in Westport, Conn., at the age of 87. Blind and deaf from infancy, Keller circumvented her disabilities to become a world-renowned writer and lecturer. With the help of teacher Anne Sullivan, Keller learned a hand alphabet, to read Braille, lip read and then to speak.
- On June 4, 1986, Jonathan Pollard pleads guilty to espionage for selling top-secret U.S. military intelligence information to Israel. The former Navy intelligence analyst sold enough classified documents to fill a medium-size room. Pollard was sentenced to life in prison. Israel has since stuck by Pollard and continues to work toward his release.

**STRANGE BUT TRUE By Samantha Weaver**

- It was French writer, artist and filmmaker Jean Cocteau who made the following sage observation: "The greatest masterpiece in literature is only a dictionary out of order."
    - If you were in or near Springfield, Mo., at the end of April, I hope you took the opportunity to attend a popular local festival: the Typewriter Toss. Every year on April 22 — Administrative Professionals Day (also known as Secretaries Day), appropriately — a local radio station sponsors the event, in which contestants are raised in a lift truck to a height of 50 feet, then compete to see who can land a typewriter closest to the bull's-eye painted on the ground below.
    - Those who study such things say that sharks burp. Evidently it's a mechanism for regulating the depth at which they swim.
    - Technically speaking, the green pepper is a fruit. In the early 20th century, a wealthy Russian living in Odessa died but had no children to inherit his estate. Instead, he left his 4-million ruble fortune to his four nieces. This may not seem unusual, but he did include an odd provision in his will: Each of the girls had to serve for one year as a farm girl, a washerwoman or a chambermaid before she saw any of the money. They did as the will instructed, and during that year of service each received hundreds of proposals of marriage.
    - The Sahara Desert is spreading southward at a rate of slightly less than one-third of a mile each year.
    - Showman Buffalo Bill Cody, one of the most flamboyant figures of the Old West, portrayed himself in five films.
- Thought for the Day: "All the world's a stage, and most of us are desperately unrehearsed." — Sean O'Casey (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

**Weekly SUDOKU**

by Linda Thistle

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**CALEDONIA TWP. MINUTES**

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting on May 11 was called to order by supervisor Brown with the pledge to the flag. Present on the board Brown, Timm, Thornton and Scott. Absent Ron Ott. Also present zoning administrator Nancy Beck and four citizens. Motion to approve agenda. Motion to approve the minutes of April 13. Correspondence read from: Presque Isle Electric two public hearings, town hall meeting with Peter Pettalia, May 16, Second Annual 200 mile Grayling to Oscoda garage sale, June 3, 4, and 5. Consumers Energy -- Mercury Vapor Street lighting being phased out. Board agreed when our street lights give out to let Consumers replace with appropriate lighting. Motion to pay the bills. Motion to place treasurer's report on file. Planning commission report: K. Vichunas submitted re-type of

ordinance for review. Zoning administrator report: Spoke with Ms. Coleman about placing a horse on eight acres. C. Burke repaired fence. Thornton presented the waterways service agreement with DNR for signing. Project at Northend Park should begin by this fall. Citizen comments: Ted Somers from road commission gave us an update on road projects. J. Scott has a copy machine for meeting room for use by planning commission and board. Motion for Scott to buy ink cartridge for new copier and one for his office at home. Motion to renew contract with Allband. Motion to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Our next meeting is June 8. Planning commission meets June 6. Website is [Caledoniatwp.net](http://Caledoniatwp.net).  
 Helen Timm, Clerk

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A.C.C.O.A. Bingo - Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Senior Center. All paper games, Michigan Progressive, two jackpots, cookie jar. Non-smoking area provided. Proceeds to ACCOA senior programs. A239401C.

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**HARRISVILLE TWP. MINUTES**

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held May 10 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The full board and six guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." From the floor, commissioner Bill Thompson invited anyone interested to participate in the second annual 200 mile Grayling to Oscoda garage/yard/side of the road sale, June 3-5. Maps and details are at the local chamber office or call (989) 826-5777. Zoning administration had three land use permits and briefed the board on results of the April 20 ZBA hearings. Ordinance enforcer Griffith gave an update; the new volunteer fire fighter passed his physical; the pumper does meet state requirements;

the volunteer fire fighters adopted highway M-72 from the city limits to Poor Farm Road. Clerk's minutes approved as read with the correction that the issues with ALFA, were not resolved. Treasurer's report accepted. Jamieson/Johnston: To transfer \$10,000 from the budgeted No. 101 general account to the No. 209 cemetery account. Motion carried. Stone/Young: To transfer back into the No. 212 liquor account \$5,848.44 from the No. 101 general account. Motion carried. Young/Pyne: pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.  
 Roger D. Jamieson  
 Township Clerk  
 Published prior to board approval.

**ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS**

Alcona Township's May board meeting was called to order by supervisor Carlin at 7 p.m. with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: Carlin, Gauthier, MacNeill, Mead and deputy clerk Gibson. Excused LaLonde. Clerk's minutes and treasurer's report filed. Motions to pay bills as presented (except two paychecks until amounts verified), to allow supervisor Carlin to meet with attorney

Cook concerning legal action against Corp-Simmonds property, to purchase new park bench for township hall and update equipment at harbor park, to approve Richmond Smith to East Bay Fire Department, to pay an additional \$37,000 on principal on fire department truck loan. All motions passed.  
 Dawn LaLonde, Clerk  
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Paula Bliss, 3934 E. Cedar Lake Drive, Greenbush, Mich. 48738, Alcona County -- You are informed as follows: You have the right to request a meeting with Member First Mortgage LLC. The contact person is: Tonya Wickerink at (616) 301-1665.

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Dated: May 18, 2011

#### State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 11-4944 DE

Estate of Laurence Travis  
Date of birth: November 11, 1919  
To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Laurence Travis, who lived at 3970 S. Power Drive, Mikado, Michigan died March 10, 2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Carl R. Travis, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 10, 2011

David H. Cook P40560  
5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585  
Harrisville, Mich. 48740  
(989) 724-5155

Carl R. Travis  
3970 S. Power Drive  
Mikado, Mich. 48745

#### State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 11-4943 DE

Estate of William C. Mclver  
Date of birth: December 30, 1930

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, William C. Mclver, who lived at 5147 N. Hubbard Lake Road, Spruce, Mich., died April 10, 2011.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Faith LaFave, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 10, 2011

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Faith LaFave  
6666 Olson  
Spruce, Mich. 48762

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Chris M. Souva, a single woman fka Chris M. Rasmussen, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, mortgagee, dated October 18, 2007 and recorded October 24, 2007 in Liber 447, page 466, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by CitiMortgage, Inc. by assignment.

There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred nineteen thousand one hundred seven and 16/100 dollars (\$119,107.16) including interest at 5.375 percent per annum.

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County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ninety-eight thousand seven hundred forty-one and 88/100 dollars (\$98,741.88), including interest at 6.5 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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on June 8, 2011.

Said premises are situated in township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The south half of a parcel of land west of D&M Railroad right of way and east of US-23, described as follows: Commencing 200 feet south of the northwest corner of Government Lot 3, Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, thence south 85 degrees east to Lake Huron; thence south 4 degrees west 300 feet to the point of beginning. 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: May 11, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 345692F01 5-11, 5-18, 5-25, 6-1

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Dated: May 4, 2011  
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Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
2683 File No. 671.2424  
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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 venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on June 8, 2011.

Said premises are situated in township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The south half of a parcel of land west of D&M Railroad right of way and east of US-23, described as follows: Commencing 200 feet south of the northwest corner of Government Lot 3, Section 23, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, thence south 85 degrees east to Lake Huron; thence south 4 degrees west 300 feet to the point of beginning. 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: May 11, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 345692F01 5-11, 5-18, 5-25, 6-1

of Greenbush, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Lot 353 and 354, Huron-Cedar Lakes Subdivision No. 2, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 91 of Alcona County records. And Lot 2 of Timberlakes Estates, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 8-9, Alcona County records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale. Dated: May 11, 2011 Resi Whole Loan V LLC Mortgagee Fabrizio & Brook, P.C. Attorney for Resi Whole Loan V LLC 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800 Troy, MI 48084 (248) 362-2600 AHMS Lovelace 5-11, 5-18, 5-25, 6-1

and are described as: Lot 27 of Alcona Harbor, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 52 and 53 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: May 11, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 369000F01 5-11, 5-18, 5-25, 6-1

### MITCHELL TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

The Mitchell Township Board meeting on May 9 was called to order at 7 p.m. by supervisor Murnock. Members present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, clerk Warren Cross, treasurer Kevin Small, trustees Linda Lay, Vito Soranno. No public presence.

Minutes of April 11, 2011 Regular Meeting approved as presented. The April 2011 financial reports were approved as presented.

Cross/Lay: To authorize the clerk to remit \$6,636.67 to Huron Community Bank, representing \$4,000 principal and \$2,636.67 in interest, for the Capital Improvement Loan. Motion carried. No public comments.

Murnock/Small: To authorize the expenditure of \$445 to BS&A Software for the annual service support fee for assessing software. Motion carried. Assistant chief Lay reported two medical runs for April. The next regular planning commission meeting is June 8. The zoning administrator's report was accepted as filed.

The May 3 school election saw a turnout of 13 voters. The township will be participating in the "electronic poll book" procurement program. Supervisor Murnock and clerk Cross shared various communications. Small/Murnock: To authorize

two attendees to the "Hot Topics in Planning and Zoning" seminar on June 15 in Gaylord, Mich. at a cost of \$75 per person. Motion carried.

Cross/Lay: To authorize the supervisor to attend the "Introduction to Millage Questions" seminar on June 15 in Gaylord, Mich. at a cost of \$75. Motion carried.

Old business: Plaques for the donated fire hall flag pole and the township hall curtains and valance were shared. Treasurer Small will communicate with the C.O.O.R. I.S.D. regarding the status of the collection of summer taxes.

New business: Cross/Soranno: To authorize the purchase of two "belly boxes" for the fire department tanker at a cost of \$426 each, plus shipping. Motion carried. Murnock/Lay: To authorize the clerk to remit \$1,847.84 to the Unemployment Insurance Agency. Motion carried. Discussion regarding partial reimbursement to citizens for dust control was held. Supervisor Murnock is to confirm the application price and the matter will be brought forth at the June meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:09 p.m. The next regular meeting is June 13 at 7 p.m.

Gregory C. Murnock Sr., Supervisor  
Warren Cross, Clerk

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has been a canine handler since 1991. Raised in Buckley, Mich. she was the second female trooper in the department to complete the state police canine program. Over the years she's served at posts in Ionia, Mich., Lansing, Mich. and Houghton Lake, Mich.

Mikowski said she chose the state police as a career specifically because she wanted to be a canine han-

dlar. Jett, who is eight and a half years old, is her fourth dog. Jett is a black German shepherd and also does tracking and narcotics detection. "He loves to do it all," Mikowski said. "He's the best tracker I've ever had."

Mikowski said she loves her job because she works with dogs every day and because "no two days are the same. You are busy all of the time. You definitely have to

love dogs and being outdoors to do this because you are called out in all kinds of weather, but it really isn't hard to do when you (get called) out for a missing three-year-old."

Trooper Jason Nemecek has been stationed at the Gaylord post since August 2010. His canine partner is Mako, a five-year-old black and tan German shepherd from Germany. They have been working together for

three years. "He is high energy and has a great personality," Nemecek said. "His narcotics (detection) and tracking intensity are really good." He and Mako graduated from the state police canine program with Bullis and Bane.

Nemecek was raised in Manistee, Mich. and spent five years with the Grand Rapids Police Department before he entered Michigan State Police Recruit School. Nemecek has been a trooper for seven years. He began his career with the state police at the Taylor, Mich. post. After two years there he was transferred to the Brighton, Mich. post where he spent three and a half years before moving to northern Michigan.

Nemecek, who is happy to be back in northern Michigan, said his job is very rewarding. He also enjoys the variety of work involved - from tracking a missing person to looking for an armed to searching for narcotics. However, the opportunity to work with his dog on a daily basis is what keeps him content. "I like working with him, training with him and learning from him," Nemecek said. "It is gratifying and puts the job

into perspective. We are helping people in need."

While this type of work can be difficult on family life because canine handlers are on call 24 hours a day, seven days a week, Nemecek said it is important to have the full support of his family at home as well as his family of canine handlers that he trains with each week. "You need a great supporting cast at home and at work," he said. "The bond that we have with other members of the canine unit is amazing. We spend a huge amount of time with each other in training, on calls..."

Trooper Dave Yount is the acting canine unit commander in Lansing, Mich. He has two canine partners - Ergo, a five-year-old black and tan German shepherd that is trained in tracking, explosives detection and tactical entry, and Lightning, a three-year-old black German shepherd that is trained for cadaver and narcotics detection.

Yount spent eight years in the U.S. Air Force as a security forces officer before becoming a trooper with the Michigan State Police. He chose the state police because he wanted to be a canine handler. "I had some experience in the military working with dogs," Yount said. "I was intrigued with the full service agency of the Michigan State Police...it is not just highway patrol."

In 2000 Yount became a canine handler and worked in the Detroit area with a "bomb patrol dog." In 2002 he became an assistant training with the special operations division, canine unit in Lansing, Mich. "This allowed me to be a handler and run dogs on calls," he said. Two years later he became a unit trainer and in September 2010 he was assigned as the acting unit commander.

As such, Yount oversees the program and the 29 state police canine handlers that are stationed throughout Michigan and all of the training schools held each year. He selects all of the dogs that come to the unit by using specific standards and criteria.

During his career with the state police Yount has worked with 11 dogs and has raised "six pups for the department to supplement the canine program and experiment" by beginning training at an early age. He ended up working with two of those "pups" - Lightning, who is trained in cadaver and narcotics detection is one of them.

"There is something about the bond that develops when you work with dogs that you've raised. It's a great bond," Yount said. "I still love it (after all these years) and I feel very fortunate and privileged."

The demonstration will be held from 1-3 p.m. at the East Campus Youth & Family Center (Johnson Road) in Alpena. This family event is free of charge. For more information, contact the Michigan State Police, Alpena post (989) 354-4101.



Kris Mikowski and Jett



Jason Nemecek and Mako



Dave Yount and Lightning

# COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

## PARTICIPANTS WANTED

Participants for the Annual Community Garage to be held on **Saturday, June 11**, beginning at 8 a.m. in Harrisville and surrounding area. Registration will include a map listing or detailed directions, plus newspaper advertising the date of the sale.

**Cost is only \$3!**

Please complete and return the attached form with your \$3 registration fee

**no later than June 3!**

Mail or drop off registration information and \$3 to

**Alcona County Review, 111 Lake St. • P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.**

### Registration Form

Annual Community Wide Garage

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

DIRECTIONS (If necessary) \_\_\_\_\_

### Harrisville



Harrisville and surrounding area residents -- mark your home on the map with a star. Due to limited space, we are unable to show township residents living outside the city/village -- please give brief directions to your sale.

**You must be registered by June 3! Thank you!**

Return by Mail with \$3 fee to:

**Alcona County Review  
P.O. Box 548, Harrisville,  
Michigan 48740**

*Please Make checks payable to the  
Alcona County Review*

**Or drop off at the Review Office at  
111 Lake St., Harrisville**