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ocal drop off site available for unused prescription drugs

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

A new, secure container for the disposal of unused and/or unwanted narcotics is available at the Alcona County Sheriff's Department in an effort to help curb the rising incidence of prescription drug abuse locally.

Use of the red barrel will begin on Saturday, April 27 during National Prescription Drug Take-Back Day. This day partners federal, state and local law enforcement agencies in an effort to provide a venue for citizens to dispose of unwanted and unused prescription drugs.

According to Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison, after Saturday, the tamper proof red barrel will be available for anyone wishing to dispose narcotic drugs anytime -- 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

The Yellow Jug Old Drugs containers, located in area pharmacies, are still available as well, but the yellow jugs are only for non-narcotic medications.

Alcona County Sheriff's Deputy Nathaniel Leeseberg said, "The sheriff's office collects narcotic medications twice a year in April and September on take back day, and has accepted them at other times as well, but with the installation of the red barrel the public will have more anonymity and won't have to wait to turn in the drugs."

Atchison said unwanted narcotics deposited in the red



black capped chickadee is waiting for more spring-like weather. Photo courtesy of Al Broadwood.

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barrel do not have to be in original containers, however liquid narcotics will not be accepted.

According to Catholic Human Service Substance Abuse Specialist Laurie Aimes, prescription drug abuse has increased to epidemic proportions. "Nationally, deaths from prescription drug abuse have taken over the number of deaths caused from car accidents. One death in every 19 minutes is from prescription drug abuse and many of the deaths are people 55 and over who are addicted to prescription drugs," Aimes said.

Aimes attributed the rise with how easy it is to get narcotic prescriptions and how addictive the drugs are. Due to the addictiveness, the crime of home invasion has risen to alarming rates with most break-ins being done in pursuit of obtaining prescription drugs, cash or gold.

Having easy access to the drugs within the home has enticed more teenagers to experiment with the drugs, Aimes explained. "Four out of five teens have admitted to taking someone else's medication, mostly obtained by a friend or relative who were completely unaware the drugs were being taken," she

Aimes said it is import to keep narcotic medications locked up even if it is unlikely anyone else would take them. "The last thing people want

to think is someone they know, and probably love, is stealing their medication, but it is happening. Prescription drug addicts know no gender, no race, no preset calling in life and no set group of

people. It can happen to any-

"Preteens, 11-year-olds are now trying vicodin before marijuana. Heroin addiction

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Keeping homes safe from prescription drug theft

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

Catholic Human Services Substance Abuse Specialist Laurie Aimes offers tips to help end the spread of prescription drug abuse.

"If someone is stealing medications, they need help, they are addicted. Prescription drug abuse has become everybody's problem. Keep your home and loved ones safe by monitoring, securing and properly disposing prescription medications," Aimes said.

 Monitor prescriptions to know what has been prescribed by a doctor, know why it was prescribed and how the drug works. Know what the pill looks like every time it is filled (generics could change how the pill looks each time).

Patients should know how many refills they have and when the drug expires. Pa-

tients should talk with their doctor about non-narcotic alternatives, especially pain medicine which is the most abused class of prescription drugs. Thieves may try to hide the fact the medication is gone by leaving a few of the prescribed drugs on top and filling the remainder of the pill bottle with aspirin or vi-

 Secure the drugs. Keep drugs out of sight, even insulin needles which may tip off thieves to thinking there may be additional drugs in the house. Secure medications in a safe place. Do not keep medications in a medicine cabinet or kitchen cupboard unless they are locked.

When visitors or repairmen enter a patient's home, the parient should keep medications locked up or hidden near where the patient can see them or they should

carry medications with them. Lock boxes for medications are good, but they can also be hidden under a thief's coat and the lock can be picked. Some new lock boxes and locked medicine cabinets are available with thumbprint security, which offers more pro-

 Dispose any unused, expired or unwanted medications properly. Do not flush medications. Take advantage of Yellow Jug Old Drugs programs at neighborhood pharmacies for non-narcotic drugs and the red barrel program at the sheriff's department for narcotic medica-

If medication is missing or a prescription is running out before its time it's likely the drug is being stolen. The best thing to do is to call authorities. The Alcona County Sheriff's Department can be reached at (989) 724-6271.

Planning ahead and being aware

Wildfire prevention

By Roger MacNeill

DNR Fire Officer

Wildfire season is upon us in northeast Michigan. Spring has the highest occurrences of wildfires in Michigan due to all of the dead foliage and grasses.

Weather is the most important factor that influences the behavior of wildfires. Vegetation (foliage) can act as fuel during a fire. It's best to clear any vegetation growing near your house, especially dry vegetation as it would intensify and speed up a fire's spread.

Gutters, decks, roofs and other areas around your house that collect debris should be cleaned to help prevent the spread of a fire and protect your home. Do not have trees too close to your home in order to minimize fire hazards.

Mother Nature does cause some wildfires. However, 90 percent of all wildfires are caused by humans -- debris

This year, with the lack of heavy snow, the grasses are not packed down from the weight of the snow and quickly dry from the sun and wind. A fire can spread quickly in

dried grasses, leaves and vegetation.

Most fires escape control between the hours of 1 and 3 p.m. in early spring. This is because it is the warmest part of the day; it has the lowest relative humidity; and, usually, the highest winds.

Wildfires can start in the blink of an eye. Many times we have responded to fires when residents have stated that they burned in the morning and thought the fire was out. Then the wind picked up midafternoon and blew the ashes of still hot coals. As a result, flying embers and sparks ignited nearby grasses or leaves.

This is why, on some days, we issue burn permits for after 6 p.m. That is generally when the wind goes down and relative humidity comes up and control of a fire is easier decreasing the chance of it escaping and causing a

Other common wildfire causes:

- Ashes from woodstoves
- Barbecues
- Cutting or welding outdoors

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Wildlife education

By Warren MacNeill

DNR Conservation Officer

Springtime brings many challenges for conservation officers when humans interact with their natural environ-

Just by the mission of our department, we encourage and promote the use and enjoyment of natural resources. There are so many aspects about where we live that provide opportunities to enjoy the natural surroundings hat we run out of season before we run out of activities.

Sometimes we only have a weekend or a few hours to get our enjoyment or activity in. Rushing, like in most things in life, can bring on incidents. When it comes to fire, rushing and poor planning will open the door to let Murphy in. I have found that Murphy loves chaos. I have also found that most humans do not like chaos. An incontrolled wildfire is chaos in its purest for

As DNR Fire Officer Roger MacNeill stated, 90 percent of all wildfires are caused by humans.

Predictable is preventable

From this statement it is easy to gather that 90 percent of all wildfires are preventable. Which means to me, coming from my law enforcement training, predictable is preventable.

Roger and I come at a situation from different perspectives. A fire fighter looks at a wildfire as a living breathing dragon that needs to be slayed. A law enforcement officer looks at the same wildfire as preventable chaos, and a mistake, that needs to be prevented.

That's why you will often see an officer stopping at a residence and telling someone to put out their little leaf fire. That officer is not trying to be a kill joy. That officer is just trying to keep your neighbor's stuff from burning up.

Almost every wildfire investigation I have conducted has some element of the neighbor's stuff being burned up. I have found that, for the most part, the neighbor did not want his stuff burned up and he is generally very agitated at you (for burning his stuff) and this causes neighbor-toneighbor tension.

I have also found that, for the most part, people did not want to burn up the neighbor's stuff.

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Obituaries

Collis Stier

Collis Stier, 78, of Glennie died on Wednesday, Jan. 23,

He was born in Auburn Heights, Mich. November 14, 1934 to Mervyn and Pauline (LaVanway) Stier.

Mr. Stier served in the U.S. Air Force working in aircraft maintenance and testing and returned to active duty during the Cuban Missile Crisis.

He loved animals, enjoyed farming and hunting and

Mr. Stier is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen; one son, Dallas (Amanda) Stier of New Baltimore, Mich.; two daughters, Mindy Bass of Jackson, Miss. and Cory Brown of Macomb, Mich.; two step sons, Joe Vance of Florida and Guy (Sandra) Vance of AuGres, Mich.; two step daughters, Christine (Gordon) Stephenson of Oscoda and Sandra (Leslie) Kidney of Glennie; many grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, May 4 at 11 a.m. at the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 4685 Huron Road, Oscoda. Arrangements were made with Cremation Society of Mid Michigan.

Pamela D. Garland

Pamela D. Oncina Garland, 68, of Oscoda, formerly of Harrisville, died on Monday, April 22, 2013 at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

She was born March 16, 1945 to Herschel and Jean (Henderson) Thompson in Highland Park, Mich. She was raised in Hazel Park, Mich.

In 1982 she moved to Harrisville, where she owned and operated the Top Stop restaurant until 2000.

She married William Garland November 11, 2000 in

Oscoda. She was a dedicated entrepreneur who owned and oper-

ated The Country Cone ice cream shop in Harrisville, and later worked at the Oscoda Yacht Club and Oscoda VFW. She owned and operated the Pavilion Grill at the Harbor in Rogers City, Mich. for the last two years.

She enjoyed wintering in Texas and Arizona.

Mrs. Garland is survived by her husband, Bill; two daughters, Pam (Scott McKenzie) Susan of Ossineke and Jackie (Jim) Kelly of Harrisville; one son, Charlie Oncina II of Lachine, Mich.; four grandchildren, Tara Roe, Christopher Susan, Alysse Susan and Walker Kelly; three great-grandchildren, Brielle Susan-Pettit and Brendan and Braylin Roe; two step-children, David (Mary) Garland of Glendale, Ariz. and Laura (Bill) Lucker of Huntington, Ind.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Herschel Thompson and Jean Berry; and one brother, Daniel Thomp-

Visitation will be on Sunday, April 28 from 11 a.m. until the memorial service at 2 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will follow at Mt. Joy Cemetery in Haynes Township. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Hospital.

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Ruth Isabel Kahn, 92, died on Friday, April 19, 2013 at Alpena Regional Medical Center in Alpena.

She was born August 25, 1920 in Harrisville to Charles and Elsa (Peterson) Mills.

She graduated from Alpena High School in 1938.

She married Wellington "Bill" Kahn in 1941. They owned and operated Bill Kahn Real Estate. Prior to that, Mr. Kahn and his brother, Gerson Kahn, owned Kahn's General Store in Mikado and Mrs. Kahn assisted in running that business.

Despite numerous physical setbacks, Mrs. Kahn never complained and was always optimistic about life. She had a wonderful sense of humor. She always looked forward to spring when they traveled to Lakeland, Fla. to the Detroit Tigers Spring

Ruth I. Kahn

Training Camp. She wintered in Lakeland, Fla. for more than 40 years.

Mrs. Kahn is survived by one daughter, Rita Kahn of Denver, Colo.; three sons, Jerome (Michele) Kahn of Harrisville, Michael (Meiko) Kahn of Greenbush and Jeffrey (Nora) Kahn of Tawas City; two daughters-in-law, Carol Lund and Joan Davenport; seven grandchildren, Aaron Kahn, Nicole Shedd, Nadia Kahn, Meredith Kahn, Victor Kahn, Valerie Kahn and Drew Kahn; three stepgrandchildren, James, Stephanie and Morgan Glazier; three great-grandchildren, Meir Kahn, Rina Hanna Kahn and Aili Kahn; and numerous relatives.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill, in 1999; and two brothers, Stuart Mills and Ralph Mills.



Memorial visitation was held Sunday, April 21 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A celebration of her life will be held this summer at Cedarbrook Trout Farm in Harrisville.

Stella Hagen

Stella Hagen, 91, of Hubbard Lake, died on Monday, April 8, 2013 at Alpena Regional Medical Center in Alpena.

She was born November 16, 1921 in Detroit, Mich. to William and Blanche (Gorney) Poplawski.

On March 16, 1941 she married Adam Hagen.

They lived in Detroit, Mich. and Mrs. Hagen was a homemaker.

In 1978, when Mr. Hagen retired from the Detroit Fire Department, they relocated to Hubbard Lake. They enjoyed boating, fishing, škiing and snowmobiling with family and friends.

Mrs. Hagen is survived by her husband, Adam; one son, Donald Hagen of Hubbard Lake; one daughter, Diane (Bill) Bell of Bonita Springs, Fla.; three grandchildren, Stephanie Hagen of LaJolla, Calif., Natalie (Stuart) Norris of Lighthouse Point, Fla. and Derek (Lindsay) Bell of New York City, N.Y.; two greatgrandchildren, Bodhi Hagen and Will Norris; and one



daughter-in-law, Karen (Norm) Birr.

She was preceded in death by one son, David; and two sisters, Millie Resche and Sophie Poplawski.

A memorial service was held April 13. Pastor Herbert Kitzman officiated. Inurnment was in Hubbard Lake Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Hope Lutheran Church. Arrangements were handled by the Bannan Funeral Home.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor.

For all of U.S. Postmaster General Donahoe's blather on major TV channels and in print announcing elimination of Saturday mail delivery, **United States Postal Service** (USPS) management has been sheepishly low-key when informing the American mailing public that sixday delivery will not end in August as prematurely dictated.

The news media hasn't exactly featured the good news either. Readers have a right to know that Congressional intervention prompted the USPS board of governors to obey the law and comply with a continuing resolution mandating continuing sixday delivery, telling the PMG to back off. No time to relax. The USPS has more up its sleeve.

Public input moved the Senate to put a crimp in USPS Phase I proposed closure of

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2012-2013

		Weekly Report			r Hour	
	Temperat	ure (F°)	Precipitation	Av. Wind	High	Dominant
<u>Date</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>Inches</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Direction</u>
April 14	42	26	0.00	5.3	18	SE
April 15	50	36	0.30	5.7	23	SSW
April 16	56	32	0.27	1.8	17	NNE
April 17	42	30	0.23	5.6	18	NNE
April 18	45	38	1.09	3.9	17	NE
April 19	51	33	0.13	7.9	42	SW
April 20	39	25	0.00	3.4	25	Ν

	Precipitation S	ummary (Inches)	2012-2013
	Water	Snow	Normal
	<u>Content</u>	<u>Fall</u>	Water Content
Weekly Total	2.02	Т	0.56
April to Date	4.97	2.5	1.51
Year/Season to Date	9.80	40.4	6.75

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

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

General Motors Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their regular monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1000 US-23 North, Alpena. Guest speaker will be Anjie Bowen from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Griffin (989) 727-3350, Frank Baranski (989) 595-2789 or Don Cantleberry (989) 354-5504 for more information.

The Alcona County Library board will meet at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 West Main Street.

Two computers and WiFi available for seniors over 60 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk inside from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Twenty-three times around the hall equals one mile.

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. all items will be donated to local organizations. Bring your knitting needles, looms, yarn and patterns. Beginning crafters are welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Alcona woodcarvers meet from 2 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Sing-a-long at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road, Greenbush. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Foot clinic with Connie Cosbett R.N. Cost is \$25, bring your own towel. For an appointment, call (989) 736-8879.

Soup and pie dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). Free will offering accepted, with proceeds going to a new church roof.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street. For more information, call (989) 7246796.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 736-6045.

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The Alcona County Amateur Radio Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building, 2600 M-72. Anyone interested in amateur radio, emergency and public service communications is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550 or visit www.alconaradio.org.

The Pine River Van Etten Lake Watershed Coalition will meet at 10 a.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Street. For more information, call Carole Plunkey at (989) 739-8717 or e-mail caroleplunkey-@charter.net.

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

My Brother's Hope Potluck Café-Take 2 will serve a free meal and offer free haircuts for 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado. For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Two computers and WiFi available for seniors over 60 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk inside from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Twenty-three times around the hall equals one mile.

Popcorn and a movie at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

A free workshop hosted by the Alcona Conservation District will be held from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Alpena Community College Oscoda campus, 5800 North Skeel Street. This event will provide informational presentations concerning wildlife habitat management techniques for private landowners. For more info. or to register, call (989) 335-

1056 or visit www.-alconaconservation.org.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

Food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, Spruce. Clients must be present to receive food and identification is required. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

A free Family Fun Fair, celebrating April as the month of the young child will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Oscoda High School, 3550 East River Road. The event will feature hands-on crafts and activities for children age 12 and under. A free lunch will be served from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For more information, call Pastor Dale at (989) 739-3424.

MONDAY, APRIL 29

Two computers and WiFi available for seniors over 60 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Walk inside from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Twenty-three times around the hall equals one mile.

TUESDAY, APRIL 30

The Alcona County Democratic Party will hold their monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the EMS building on M-72, Lincoln. Members and nonmembers are welcome.

Weight loss support group will meet at the Lincoln United Methodist Church, 101 E. Main Street, at 4 p.m. Visitors are welcome and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

Two computers and WiFi available for seniors over 60

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INVITATION TO BID HEALTH CARE PLAN

The Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan will accept sealed bids from qualified bidders to provide an Oscoda Area School District Health Care Plan. All bids must meet or exceed all specifications in the bid packet. A copy of the bid packet can be obtained in the Board of Education Office, or on the district's website www.oscodaschools.org. Bids are due at 12:00 noon on May 15, 2013 at which time they will be publicly opened and tabulated. No oral, telephonic or telegraphic proposals shall be considered.

All bids shall remain firm for at least sixty (60) days from the date of the opening of bids. All bids to be considered must meet or exceed all specifications in the bid packet.

In compliance with MCL 380.1267, a sworn and notarized statement disclosing any familial relationships that exist between the owner or any employee of the bidder and any member of the Oscoda Area School District Board of Education or the Oscoda Area School District Superintendent is needed. Bids without a sworn and notarized disclosure statement shall not be accepted.

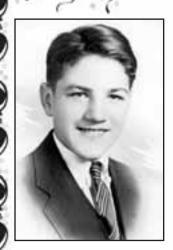
The School District reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids or to waive any informalities therein; or to award the contract to other than the low bidder.

Three (3) copies of the bid form should be addressed to the attention of:

Board of Education Office
Oscoda Area Schools, Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan
3550 East River Road
Oscoda, Michigan 48750

4/24 & 5/1

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Ted Kruttlin
is 90
Come and join
Team Ted as
we celebrate
his 90th!

Please consider this your invitation to Ted's birthday open house on Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Alcona Motors in Lincoln from 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. We would love to see you there for baseball, hotdogs, apple pie and Chevrolet. And Ted stories. Looking forward to seeing you on May 4th and please ...your presence is gift enough.

The Alcona Historical Society will hold its annual dinner on Thursday, May 9 beginning at 5 p.m. with the welcome hour followed by dinner at 6 p.m. Cost is \$17.50 per person. Nonmembers and guests are always welcome. The program this year will include the history and memories of Alcona County's one-room schools with presenters Lynn Vanderlinde, Kristin Benghauser, David Tacia and primary researcher Janet Higgins. To make a reservation, call Kristin Benghauser at (989) 471-2018 evenings or Ken Hubbard at (989) 727-

Alcona's One-room Schools

Princess Program Meeting

The Miss Sunrise Side Scholarship Program will hold an informational meeting for its Princess Program on May 3 at 6 p.m. at Alpena Community College in room CTR 116. Any girl between the ages of eight and 12 who resides in Alpena, Alcona, Iosco, Montmorency, Oscoda, or Presque Isle counties is encouraged to participate. The program will be held May

Local Notes

31 at Alpena Community College's Granum Theatre at 7:30 p.m.

The program consists of one rehearsal held at Alpena Community College on Tuesday, May 21 from 5 to 8 p.m. Girls will be performing a group number, answering an on-stage question, performing a talent of their choice and showing their style in a party wear outfit. The princess program is designed to boost young girls' confidence and help create positive self-esteem.

Miss Sunrise Side Princess 2012 Natalie Goff, will be featured in this year's show. Miss Sunrise Side Alexandra Kramer, and Miss Sunrise Side Teen Caitlin Borke, under the guidance of Miss Sunrise Side executive directors, Cari Stenz and Katie Lee, will direct this year's Miss Sunrise Side Princess Program. The program is an opportunity for girls to make new friends, gain confidence and learn stage presence. For questions or registering a contestant, e-mail Alexandra Kramer at amkrame 1@svsu.-

Holy Spokes Bicycle Tour

On Saturday, May 25 the Oscoda United Methodist Church Youth Group will host the first Holy Spokes Bicycle Tour. The bike tour will offer a 20-mile route and a more challenging/hilly 40 mile route with snacks and luncheon to follow. This isn't a race - it's a ride. The bike tour will begin and end at the Oscoda United Methodist Church located in downtown Oscoda. The 40-mile cyclists will depart at 10 a.m. and the 20-mile cyclists at 10:30 a.m. Morning registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Preregistration is preferred. T-shirts must be pre-ordered (by May 5). The entry fee is \$25 and Tshirts are \$15. For more information or to order a Tshirt and preregister, call (989) 739-4617.

Away at School

- Brent Champagne of Ossineke recently graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in integrative studies. He was named to the Fall 2012 dean's list at Ferris State University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Ammie Van Dyke of Spruce recently graduated from Ferris State University with a bachelor's degree in allied health science. She was

named to the Fall 2012 dean's list at Ferris State University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale

• Jessica Layton of Mikado was named to the Fall 2012 dean's list at Saginaw Valley State University. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.4 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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High Water Safety

Conservation officers with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) remind spring anglers to exercise caution and use river etiquette while out steelheading this spring. Many of the state's rivers are experiencing high water due to the significant recent rainfall and spring run-off. "Spring means anglers are out in search of steelhead, but it also means high and fast-moving water on many of our river systems," said Lt. Dave Shaw, DNR Law Enforcement Division supervisor in Cadillac, Mich. "We are asking anglers to use extra caution this spring due to the significant recent rainfall and snow melt.'

In the past few years, the DNR has had to perform several water rescues in the spring due to dangerous high water. Shaw also said that anglers should keep in mind that a slow, "no wake" speed is appropriate river etiquette. Boat operators who cause high wakes that push water over banks and onto private property or who swamp other boats are responsible for their wake and any damages it causes. "The most important thing is that we want one to have a safe and fun experience while out steelhead fishing," Shaw said. "Using caution in high water on the river helps everyone the angler, the property owner and others out enjoying spring."

The Story of Katie

By Laura Frawley

Katie Tennes was born on July 1, 1994. From the very beginning of her life there was something special about Katie. As a baby she literally exuded sweetness and love. To hold her was to be wrapped in an inexplicable tenderness that eased every tension, allayed every fear, dispelled every hurt and made you feel completely whole

As Katie grew she was slower than other children to progress in certain ways but she was way ahead of the curve when it came to giving unconditional love. Katie eventually was diagnosed with Myotonic Dystrophy, a form of MD. Katie loved to color and she loved to share that passion with everyone. You could not visit the Tennes home without leaving with a stack of pictures she had colored especially for you. Even service people who came to the house left with pictures from Katie. No one who met Katie ever left without feeling they were special to her.

She was labeled "special needs" by this world but she had a wisdom that few of us ever come to in life. She did not know how to be judgmental. Once you were her friend there was nothing you could ever do to change that, no matter how badly you might behave. She had no concept of un-forgiveness. To Katie everything was forgivable and quickly forgotten. She loved everyone with an unconditional love.

She loved school. She would show you a picture of her class, point to each one and tell you their names and all about them. There was one boy in her class who was consistently mean to her. She would point to his picture, and with a smile on her face she would say, "He's mean, I pray for him, and I love him!" That was Katie. She made everyone feel like they were the most important person in the world.

To Katie they were the most important person in the world, especially if they had a need. She was a pit bull when it came to praying for people. If she knew someone had a need she would not let anyone rest until they had all prayed with her for that person. She believed absolutely that if she prayed Jesus would fix it. She never wavered or doubted. She knew that God answered her prayers. I am living proof. I was the recipient of her earnest prayers during a long stint in the hospital and I know without question that I would not be here today if not for Katie's tenacious, fervent, faith-filled prayers. She was a pure hearted prayer warrior.

Many times over the years I have asked God to give me a heart like Katie's. To teach me not to judge and to forgive immediately before bitterness set in, and to love fully and completely with all of myself. Just like Katie. So many of us fear loving. We fear being hurt. We fear being rejected. Katie was a fearless lover of everyone. She never worried about the consequences of loving....she just loved.

Sunday, April 14, 2013 Katie died suddenly in her sleep. She was going to graduate from high school in just a few weeks, a fact she was very excited about and proud of. The shock of her passing has been devastating, but I can't help but think of the tremendous impact Katie's brief life has had in this world. Katie did graduate. She had mastered all that really mattered in life. To find joy in the simple things. To love the company of others. To love everyone without question or reserve. To freely give what she had to offer to everyone she met. To forgive others quickly and then never hold it against them again. To live every day to its fullest. Katie had a PhD in goodness, courage and love.

Katie is now with Jesus who she loved with incredible passion. She is with her Grandpa Bob and Grandma Ann. I have no doubt she is coloring all of Heaven and passing out pictures galore. How blessed we who shared her life are. How deep our sorrow at her passing. But Katie had a story and it is written on each of us who knew her, and is worth sharing with the world. Katie's story is one we

should all know. I hope it is one we will all learn from. I, for one, want to be like Katie when I grow up. I hope my life will tell a story like Katie's when it is finished. How much better the world would be if we all told Katie's story with our lives.

Softball Writer Needed

The Alcona County Review is looking for a person to write stories about the Alcona High School varsity softball team. Must be able to attend home softball games and gather stats and information about away games and then write stories for publication. Must have own transportation and be able to meet weekly deadline. Knowledge of the game imperative. Previous writing experience is helpful, but not required. Please call Cheryl Peterson at (989) 724-6384 for more information.

Drugs Continued from page 1

prescription pain killers kids find right in their own homes or in the home of their grandparents. Sixteen to 26-yearolds are dying from the deadly path of prescription drug addictions. Middle age people are getting arrested for selling prescription drugs. Seniors are among the fastest growing group becoming addicted to prescription medications and more often become the victims of theft," Aimes said.

She said any medication that is no longer being used should be disposed of properly in either a yellow jug old drugs container or red barrels to keep them from getting into addict's hands and also to keep the drugs from entering the water system.

According to the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA), on September 29, 2012 over 244 tons of unwanted narcotics were collected across the nation. A total of over two million pounds of medications have been collected in five national take back events.

often starts with the use of The red barrel was designed by the Livingston County Community Alliance who shared the blue prints with Alcona County while they undergo a patent. Other counties with red barrels include Iosco, Oscoda and Oge-

> To help educate seniors about the prevalence of unwanted drugs in the community, the Catholic Human Services Substance Abuse Prevention program will be challenging the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) meal sites in Lincoln, Greenbush and Glennie to a senior pill war contest. In this contest, the senior site which collects the most pills by weight will win one month's worth of coffee and supplies.

> Unused, unwanted or expired narcotic and non-narcotic medications will be accepted from 4 to 5 p.m. at the Glennie Senior Center on Tuesday, April 23; the Greenbush Senior Center on Wednesday, April 24 and the Lincoln Senior Center on

Thursday, April 25.

Take Back Day collection is scheduled for April 27 between 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. at the sheriff's department.

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department is located at 214 W. Main Street, (just west of the traffic light on M-72) in Harrisville. For more information about Take Back Day, or disposing of narcotics, call the sheriff's department at (989) 724-

Letter to the Editor

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6,500 small and rural post offices. USPS circumvented that setback deferring to Plan B, reducing customer service hours from eight to as little as two hours a day service being the USPS's only product. Management propaganda releases to the media has been effectively conditioning the public to believe and accept measures reducing service is the panacea for $the\,USPS\,financial\,condition.$

There's more to the story conveniently downplayed.

The primary cause for the postal service's financial woes is a 2006 law requiring the USPS to pre-fund healthcare benefits for future retirees 75 years out over a 10-year period. It's ludicrous that before the USPS sells its first stamp each fiscal year, this mandate that no other agency or business bears, puts the USPS \$5.5 billion in the hole.

Congress created the problem. Congress can fix it. Two bills: S.316 and H.R. 630 are introduced to remedy this manufactured crisis.

Michigan's U.S. Senators, Carl Levin and Debbie Stabenow, have co-sponsored S.316. Congressman Benishek remains uncommitted on H.R. 630.

Al LaBrecque, president Michigan Postal Workers Union. AFL-CIO. State Retiree Chapter Spruce

Police Report

On Tuesday, April 11, detectives from the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) arrested an individual in Alcona County carrying 100 valium pills and marijuana.

Richard Charles Schermerhorn, 59, of Flint, Mich. was arraigned in 81st District Court on two felony charges: Delivery/manufacture of a controlled substance - marijuana and possession of a controlled substance - analogues (valium).

According to HUNT Commander Lt. Frank Keck, information was given to HUNT that Schermerhorn was traveling from Flint, Mich. to allegedly deliver prescription pills and narcotics to an individual in Alcona County. The information included Schermerhorn's route of travel and vehicle description so that officers were able to conduct a traffic stop prior to the alleged delivery of the narcotics.

"This was a great case and example of the importance of having a narcotics team that can act quickly once a tip is received," Keck said. "The only reason this man was here was so he could deliver illegal narcotics to Alcona County and make a quick profit. HUNT was able to react quickly to the tip, confirm its validity and arrest the individual before those illegal narcotics made it into our community.'

HUNT was assisted at the scene by the Michigan State

Police K-9 Unit from the Alpena post.

Schermerhorn was released on a \$20,000 personal recognizance bond. He is scheduled for a preliminary examination in district court on May 15 at 11 a.m.

Keck encouraged Alcona County residents to report any illegal narcotics activity by contacting HUNT through its website at www.huntteam.net or by calling (800) 573-DRUG (3784).

Organization Notes

DAR River Aux Sables Chapter

On April 13 River Aux ing year at the fort. The origithe American Revolution met at Willow Tree Restaurant in West Branch, Mich. where new officers were voted in for the next two years of service to the chapter. Installation will be at the May 11 meeting in Oscoda.

Speaker for the luncheon was Sue Perry of Luzurne, Mich. who is housing supervisor and Indian cultural interpreter at Fort Michilimackinac in Mackinaw City, Mich. She brought costumes she made and wears during her summers at the fort as an employee telling the story of the people who lived there and the history surrounding that era. The fort, at the base of the Mackinac Bridge, is the longest ongoing archeological site in the country and a newly uncovered blockhouse will be rebuilt this com-

Sables Chapter Daughters of nal fort excavation began in the 1950s from the ruins left when the British rebuilt the fort on Mackinac Island to prevent the Americans from taking it during the Revolutionary War.

Fort Michilimackinac was originally built in 1714 by the French as a fur trading outpost and won by the British in the French and Indian War in 1761. The King's 8th Regiment of Foot occupied the fort as the military presence, but because of the British fur trade interests, the French and their families and Indian partners were allowed to remain living in their houses and trading with the British as they did prior to the war until the British moved the fort to Mackinac Island between 1779 and 1781. It became the first Michigan State Park in 1958.

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Alcona Women's Bowling Association



Prevention Continued from page 1

- Down or sparking power lines
- Vehicle exhaust systems when parked in tall grass
- Burn barrels
- Tent worm burning
- Camp fires
- Arson
- LightningSmoking
- Fireworks

These are some things you can do to prevent a wildfire from happening when burning.

- Clear away flammable material surrounding the fire so it won't creep into dry vegetation.
- Keep fires small and do not leave before they are extinguished.
- Be sure to douse with plenty of water, stir and add more water until everything is wet
- Turn over unburned pieces and wet the underside.
- Do not just cover a fire with soil; it may simply smol-

Weekly SUDOKU _

Answer

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der before coming back to life.

Keep in mind that you are always responsible for your fire and the damages it causes.

For more fire prevention information and to learn how to protect your home from the effects of a wildfire, visit www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires.

It is required by law to have a burning permit any time the ground is not snow covered. Residents can obtain a free permit online at www.michigan.gov/burnpermit. Those without Internet access can call (866) 922-2876, toll-free, to obtain a permit.

Smokey Bear says, "Have a safe and happy spring and summer."

(Roger MacNeill has been a fire officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for 20 years. He works out of the Lincoln DNR Field Office at (989) 736-8336.)

Education Continued from page 1 -

Quench the urge

A spring time happening is the annual fish runs. This time of year brings on spawning runs for some of the larger fish like walleye and rainbow trout. Spawning fish are usually in narrow and shallow streams where they are most vulnerable. My experience is, when a human male sees a big fish in shallow water, it activates some primal instinct and they must drop a rock on them.

I have witnessed four-yearolds to 90 year olds do this. One time, I took a group of first-graders to a spawning stream to give them a fisheries lesson. Within five seconds the six-year-old boys were looking for something to bash the fish with.

We can work through this. Hungry does not mean bad

This time of year Michigan black bear are coming out of their winter sleep. They are waking up when there is very little for them to eat and they are very hungry.

Their hunger can be stronger than their fear of humans. Human vs. bear conflicts are very high this time of year. Bird feeders take quite a beating. Trash containers and dog food containers are their high value target list.

To avoid bear conflicts secure anything that bears may find edible. It's important to keep in mind that your idea of secure and edible may be different than theirs.

A bear getting into your trash does not make it a bad bear -- just a hungry bear. If a bear finds a food source he

will come back. Your trash being eaten does not constitute a threat to human life and the bear does not need to be shot. The only time I have found a black bear to show any aggression is when a female (sow) defends her cubs and this seldom leads to any physical contact.

Alone doesn't mean abandoned

It's about the time that white tail deer are having their fawns. The natural defense system for deer is to leave their fawns hiding and alone. A fawn lying alone is not an abandoned fawn and should be left alone. Take a picture and move on.

Every year, I have someone bring me a fawn with the story about how they stood with the fawn for an hour and the mother did not come back.

The mother will only come back a couple of times in a 24-hour period to feed her fawn and then she moves away again. The mother is not going to come back with someone standing there.

In conclusion, remember:

- Don't burn up your neighbor's stuff.
 - Don't feed the bear.
 - Let fish spawn.
- And Mother Nature is good at what she does and cannot be trained to follow a Hallmark movie.
- Have a fun and safe spring and summer in northern Michigan.

(Warren MacNeill has been a conservation officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for 20 years.)

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to avoid identity theft when you travel

Dear Savvy Senior,

What tips can you recommend to help retirees guard against identity theft when traveling? My sister and her husband had their identity stolen while on vacation last year, and I want to make sure I'm protecting myself on my trip to Europe next month.

Paranoid Pam

Dear Pam,

Most people don't realize that when you travel, your risk of identity theft increases.

Here are a few simple steps you can take to protect yourself while you're away:

· Alert your credit card companies: Before you leave, let them know when, where and how long you'll be traveling. This helps their fraud departments stop bogus charges if your card is used where you're not. And, it reduces the risk that your card will be frozen when you use it far from home.

• Secure your mail: Get a friend or neighbor to pick up your mail every day while you're gone, or stop your mail at the post office. A full mailbox can be very inviting to identity thieves and burglars. Also, stop the newspaper, and don't broadcast your travel plans on social networking websites.

• Clean out your wallet: Pickpockets love tourist destinations, so take only essential identifiers, like your driver's license, and just two credit cards - carry one with you, and lock the other one in a hotel room safe in case your wallet gets stolen. Also, don't ever carry your Social Security card in your wallet, and leave your checkbook

It's also a good idea to make copies of your plane tickets, hotel reservations, passport, driver's license and credit cards, and leave them with a friend or relative who you can call in an emergency. And which can be rigged to capmake a list of contact numbers of your credit card providers so you can call them if your pocket gets picked.

• Protect your smartphone: These are gold mines for ID thieves. If you use a smartphone, protect your personal information by using the security settings to lock your screen with a password. Then install a GPS location tracking app on your phone such as "Where's My Droid" for Android devices, or if you're an iPhone user, activate the built in "Find My iPhone" app.

You can also set up your phone so that if it does get stolen, you can remotely erase its data. Your wireless carrier may offer this service, and many security apps include this feature.

• Use safe ATMs. If you need cash while you're away, use ATMs that are located at banks. These are more secure than stand-alone ATMs ture your card information that thieves can steal.

• Safeguard your hotel: Never leave your wallet, passport, credit cards or other valuables lying around your hotel room. Either keep them with you or lock them up in the hotel safe. And if you have a laptop computer or tablet, get a locking device that lets you lock it to something fixed in the room. Your local computer store can help you with this.

• Be careful with hotel computers and free Wi-Fi networks: Don't access your personal accounts or disclose any of your financial information on hotel or other public computers or on public Wi-Fi networks. You never know what identity-stealing software is at work.

• Freeze your credit: A temporary freeze denies access to your credit history, so ID thieves can't open accounts Savvy Senior

in your name while you're away, but it doesn't stop you from using your credit card.

To set up a freeze, contact each of the three credit bureaus - Equifax (equifax.com, (800) 685-1111), Experian (experian.com, (888) 397-3742) and TransUnion (transunion.com, (877) 322-8228). It typically costs around \$10 per credit bureau to freeze your account, and \$10 to unfreeze it. If you're going to be gone for an extended period of time this is a good extra protection.

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



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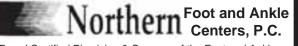
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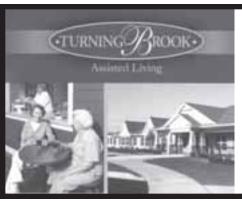
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Alcona high school hosts industrial arts competition

Hundreds of students from across northern Michigan will display their best efforts in an annual competition in hopes that they will move on to the state finals.

On Friday, May 3, Alcona High School is hosting the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society's (MITES) regional project fair and competition.

Alcona High School industrial arts teacher Chuck Boyer explained the fair and competition is an annual event for industrial arts students throughout Michigan. There will be two different regions coming to Alcona with approximately 25 schools being represented in the event.

Student projects will be entered into the following categories:

- · Architectural and mechanical drawing
 - Applied technology
 - Electrical
 - Graphic arts
 - Plastics
 - Woodworking

 Pattern making, wrought metal and Machine Shop

"As the host teacher it has been my responsibility to find judges for each of the categories. This has definitely been the largest job of this process to date," Boyer said.

"Currently, I have approximately 30 judges lined up and all of them live right here in our area. I have been very pleased with the support that I have received from local trades people and those coming from industry to help judge. There will be hundreds of projects and drawings from all over northern Michigan for them to critique."

He explained that students who place first through fourth will qualify for the state competition the following week (May 8-11) at Central Michigan University, in Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

"Alcona will host the event this year and then it will rotate back here again in two years. After that it may be many years before we are able to host this event again. I would like to invite the entire community to stop by and see this display," Boyer said.

"It is truly inspiring to see the high level of work ethic and craftsmanship that students from around the state

Alcona baseball victorious

are able to produce through their project entries."

The free open viewing for the public will be from 2-5 p.m. on May 3. The event will be in the gym (by the community auditorium) at the north end of Alcona High School.

"No matter if you are a trades person or simply someone who likes looking at amazing student accomplishments, I can promise you that you will truly enjoy walking through this exhibit. So, please invite family and friends and stop by Alcona High School on May 3," he said. "This open viewing time may not work for all people, so I would also like to invite the community to our annual Student Showcase which will be held on May 14 from 5-8 p.m. in the gym. This event will display work from Alcona High School and middle school students in the areas of art and woodworking. There will also be a science fair taking place. This is



HOTTEST BABY NAMMES

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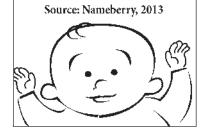
2. Marlowe 7. Severine

3. Christian 8. Bruce

4. Nelly

9. Wilder

5. Mavis 10. Phaedra



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By Jared Steiner Baseball Writer Spring-like weather has yet

to arrive this year which makes for a challenging wet and chilly baseball season.

In a double header in which both games were cold and rainy, the Alcona varsity baseball team defeated the visiting Whittemore-Prescott Cardinals by scores of 2-0 and 6-1.

In the first game of the day Tiger hurler Cody Franklin pitched a gem of a game striking out 14 batters. He threw all seven innings to get the win. Solid defense and timely hits secured the victory for the Tigers in an excellent pitcher's duel.

In the third inning the Tigers finally broke the deadlock behind a Franklin single and two walks drawn by Jared Steiner and Trenton La-Vergne. Franklin scored on a wild pitch and Steiner later scored on an RBI single by Nathan Fettes. LaVergne had a single and Chad Cole added a double for the Tigers as they took the first game 2-0.

In the second game the rain and hail began to pour down making conditions difficult for the pitchers. Nathan Fettes took the mound for

in first conference match up Alcona and got the victory throwing for three innings in a shortened game. He earned three strikeouts.

The Tigers scored early as Franklin singled and stole two bases. He was batted in by a Steiner double. Fettes drew a walk and stole a base and Chad Cole then connected on a single. Erratic pitching from the Cardinal hurler helped Fettes get home while Cole stole his way to third, giving Alcona a 3-0 lead.

The second inning was also successful for Alcona with solid hitting and three runs due to a walk by Joe Carrasco and a double by Austin Cole.

Franklin knocked in Cole with a triple to earn an RBI and was able to steal home off of another wild pitch. By the time the inning was over, Alcona was up 6-0 and that proved to be the difference as the game was called early in the fourth inning due to hail and rain.

The Tigers play another conference doubleheader at press time in Oscoda and then Wednesday, April 24 at home against Rogers City and take the field again Thursday, April 25 at home against Standish in a busy week of baseball.





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Alcona FFA students tackle spring and summer projects

By Mary Weber Staff Writer

Alcona High School FFA students have completed their spring maple syrup production and are looking toward the final months of the school year to sell the syrup and finish several projects.

According to agri-science paraprofessional Russell Champagne, Kyle Harmon is working with a nursery tree project. Hannah Mikazes and Taylor Orefice, two seniors who took a floral design class last year at the Wexford-Missaukee Career Technical Center in Cadillac, Mich., will be collecting orders and working on floral corsages for prom.

"The students have a trade off of labor and help each other quite a bit with each other's projects. Nick (Harris) has helped with the tree nursery helping Kyle transplant shrubs and trees. He has also helped with the maple syrup production, fixed equipment and (has helped with) the sheep project. In turn Kyle and Hannah have been helping (Nick)," Champagne said.

A large portion of their focus will be working outside on the community gardens. The school's two community gardens are the result of education, perspiration and inspiration in which high school FFA students not only learn how to grow vegetables but how to entice younger classmates to question, understand and grow their own passions.

Nick Harris, a junior, is this year's student garden manager and has been busy all year preparing for the spring thaw. Harris has drafted scale copies of the garden and planned what plants to grow, where they will be planted, put together an inventory of supplies on hand and what is needed, made orders, sorted through seeds and has made several sturdy tomato stakes.

He also monitors and organizes what happens with the garden and is working with elementary teachers on their student's projects. First-grade students have begun trays of peppers, basil, dill, parsley and tomatoes using grow lights in their classroom.

"As the weather gets better, we'll begin planting the plants we have started outside. My goal is to get more herbs in the garden like basil, chives and peppermint and (have) the elementary students involved with that," Harris said.

"I think it will be a fun experience not only for the FFA banquet in May, but also for the involvement of the elementary kids. I'm sure they would love to go out to the garden and pick a leaf off a peppermint plant and eat it," Harris said noting that vegetables such as corn, pumpkin, egg plant, lettuce, peppers and, of course, tomatoes will also be grown in the garden.



Andy Cammack (left), FFA sentinal, Hannah Mikazes, FFA president and Nick Harris, FFA garden manager look over vegetable plants that will be planted in the community garden. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

The garden is a true community collaboration combining grants received by the Living 2 Serve Rural Youth Development and partnerships between Alcona Community Schools, Alcona Health Center, FFA, Sunrise Side Master Gardeners, the Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative and a handful of teachers and volunteers.

Champagne explained the garden project began in 2010 when FFA student garden managers Sam Allen and Tony Harmon planned and tilled the ground where the gardens would be. Volunteers then came in and built a garden shed.

Last year, FFA student manager Jake Golbeck began experimenting with compost. Chuck Boyer's woodshop students designed and built a kiosk and two picnic tables and the art department made a garden sign. Special education students got involved by making scarecrows for the garden.

The garden has automatic water lines with water provided by the Alcona Health Center. Both gardens are covered with weed barrier and manure from the FFA sheep and chicken projects have been used for compost.

"We hope to do experiments again with the worm casting compost for the garden; it was a big success last year. The plants using the worm dirt were a lot better than the plants grown in potting soil," Champagne said.

The students also have use of the FFA tractor to plow the gardens and borrow a rototiller. The six foot and 12 foot rows are rotated annually to allow maximum growth for the vegetables.

The 2012-2013 Living 2 Serve Rural Youth Development grant of \$2,500 will go toward the garden's irrigating materials, hand tools, rakes, shovels, a wheelbarrow, additional picnic tables, educational materials for mentoring elementary students, limestone for walking paths, a hose reel and mulch.

Produce from the garden is donated to local organizations who give it away to community members in need.

Harris is ready to get his hands dirty and talked about

his passion for gardening. He has taken a botany class and has read many plant books over the last several years. "I'm outside whenever I can in a garden, visiting a park or just to walk in the woods. I live close by the school so I'll be here throughout the summer to help keep the garden growing. With bringing in elementary students, volunteers and sharing the food with others, we're doing more than just growing vegetables, we're growing a community," Harris

I'm very proud of the FFA students who have been working in the garden, cleaning and clearing the garden and shed and moving compost," Champagne said.



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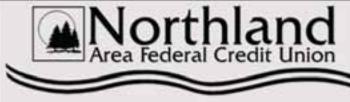
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Preventing spread of oak wilt disease

April 15 -- tax day -- was also the beginning of the yearly window when oak wilt can be transmitted from diseased to healthy red oak

According to Dr. Robert Heyd, forest pest management program manager for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Forest Resources Division, oak wilt is a serious disease of oak trees - mainly red oaks, including northern red oak, black oak and pin oak. Red oaks often die within a few weeks after becoming infected. White oaks are more resistant, therefore the disease progresses more slowly.

"The normal time-tested advice is to prevent oak wilt

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by not pruning or otherwise 'injuring' oaks from April 15 to July 15," Heyd said.

He added that the spread of oak wilt occurs during this time of year as beetles move spores from fungal fruiting structures on the trees killed last year by oak wilt to wounds on healthy oaks. As warmer weather melts away snow and ice, the beetles that move oak wilt become active.

"Anyone who has lost trees to oak wilt knows not to prune or otherwise wound trees from mid-April to mid-June," Heyd said. He explained although oak wilt hasn't been detected in every Michigan county, the need for vigilance is present statewide. "With the transport of firewood and other tree-related activities, you have to assume the risk is present, whether you live in metro Detroit or in the Upper Peninsula."

Oak wilt has already been detected in the following counties: Alcona, Allegan, Alpena, Antrim, Barry; Benzie, Berrien, Calhoun, Cass, Cheboygan, Clinton, Crawford, Dickinson, Genesee, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iron, Kalamazoo, Kalkaska, Kent, Lenawee, Livingston, Macomb, Manistee, Menominee, Midland, Missaukee, Monroe, Montcalm, Montmorency, Muskegon, Neway-go, Oakland, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Ottawa, Roscommon; Saginaw, Shiawassee, St. Joseph, Van Buren, Washtenaw, Wayne and Wex-

Spring is a popular time for people to move firewood to vacation properties and other locations. During this April-to-July period, Heyd said it's vital not to move wood from oak wilt-killed trees. These trees are often cut into firewood and moved, sometimes many miles from the original locations. Any wounding of oaks in this new area can result in new oak wilt infections as beetles move spores from the diseased firewood to fresh wounds on otherwise healthy

The DNR recommends that anyone who suspects they have oak wilt-tainted firewood should cover it with a plastic tarp all the way to the ground, leaving no openings. This keeps the beetles away and generates heat inside the tarp, helping to destroy the fungus. Once the bark loosens on the firewood, the disease can no longer be spread.

New oak wilt sites have been traced to spring and early summer wounding from tree-climbing spikes, rightsof-way pruning, nailing signs on trees and accidental treebarking. If an oak is wounded during this critical time, the DNR advises residents to cover the wound immediately with either a tree-wound paint or a latex paint to help keep the beetles away.

Once an oak is infected, the fungus moves to neighboring red oaks through root grafts. Oaks within approximately 100 feet of each other - depending on the size of the trees - have connected or grafted root systems. Left untreated, oak wilt will continue to move from tree to tree, progressively killing more red oak over an increasingly larger area. These untreated pockets also serve as a source of inoculum for the overland spread of the disease.

To get more information on the background, symptoms and prevention of oak wilt, as well as other forest health issues, visit www.-michigan.gov/foresthealth and take a look at the DNR's 2012 Forest Health Highlights Report.



Fire and ice

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep Columnist

Bombs don't kill people. People kill people. I'm not being smart-mouthed, here. It took this past week of mayhem for me to rethink my aversion to that particular cliché as applied to other weapons of mass destruction.

I'll admit that I was among those disappointed when Congress voted down universal background checks for guns. Not because I felt that would solve all the problems we, as a nation, have been facing, but because it might possibly be one tiny, small step toward seeking a solution.

Then I woke up from a nap to discover that Boston had blown up.

Like many people, I suspect, at some point over the weekend I went online and looked at how to make the bombs in question. What I learned was that with half an hour in my basement and possibly more technical ability than I may possess, I could assemble one. I have a pressure cooker down there. Enough scrap metal and nails to fill it. Surely there's an old circuit board in the retired computer equipment we have stored and, if old ammunition would still explode, some gun powder.

The only thing I'm missing is the accelerant. Not the kind that would set off the bomb itself. The hate, the anger, the madness required to make me honestly believe that by killing and injuring a group of innocent people, it would somehow make whatever was compelling me to mayhem better.

That's not a new concept. There have always been people driven enough to believe that by just eliminating Martin Luther King Jr., John F. Kennedy, Abraham Lincoln or the Archduke of Serbia, their problems would end. It's only recently that it's turned into the idea that somehow, killing and maiming a large group of strangers would have the same effect.

Just hours before the carnage in Boston, our president chided the American people that perhaps they had forgotten their outrage and the commitments that had grown from the Newtown, Conn. tragedy. I agree with him. But I think that perhaps we might be missing the point.

When 20 tiny children were massacred in Newtown, Conn., when a dozen people were killed and 58 wounded in an Aurora, Ill. theater, we

were brokenhearted. Devastated. Dedicated, as a nation, to doing something about it. There was a lot of talk, back in December, about exploring the issue of mental health and its role in mass murder.

Since that time, there's been a huge amount of discussion of assault weapons and background checks, metal detectors and armed guards in schools. Ever since September 11, 2001, there's been an incredible amount of time and effort and money and loss of liberty poured into preventatives to the horror of hatred.

But time and again, the discussion of mental health seems to have fallen by the wayside.

There are those, I know, who would argue that in this case, it's not germane. That the two young perpetrators were just bad guys, terrorists, enemy combatants. I disagree. I believe that when anyone wakes up one morning with the idea that it would be a good idea to wipe out a large group of innocent strangers, madness is involved.

And throughout the weekend, I kept thinking that in their own way, 26-year-old Tamerlan Tsarnaev and his 19-year-old brother Dzhokhar were just another Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold.

Which is not to suggest that I in any way sympathize with or condone their actions. They can only be described as heinous. It is only to say that somewhere in their twisted thinking, their actions must have made a kind of perverse twisted sense to them.

And yet, even as mass murder becomes a monthly routine, we have consistently cut mental health funding at the federal and state level. We have somehow eliminated it from the agenda of proactivity and prevention. We have reduced counseling programs to a series of videotapes and increased access time to months of waiting. And we have done nothing nothing - to fund the research we so desperately need to determine what spirals an individual to mass murder.

I will say it again: If we had a disease raging in this country killing children and young people and hundreds of otherwise innocent victims, we would pour dollars and study and resources into finding a cure, or at the very least, a vaccine, a profile of present-

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ing symptoms.

Instead, we spend our time and money bickering over the relative merits of background checks and armed guards and whether they violate anyone's rights. But guns don't kill people. People kill people. Bombs don't kill people. People kill people.

In his thoughts on how the world will end, the poet Robert Frost told us, "From what I've tasted of desire, I hold with those who favor fire, but if I had to perish twice, I think I know enough of hate to say that for destruction ice is also great, and would suffice."

The ice of hate, taken to its nth degree, is madness. We need to recognize it, and address it as such. We need to study it and learn to recognize it far earlier. We need to find a means of prevention. In its own way, it is as deadly as a plague.

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Saving sturgeon – the 'megafauna' of Michigan's fish world

First they were reviled. Next they were exploited. Then they were ignored.

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In the late 1800s, lake sturgeon were considered a nuisance by commercial fishermen, according to Michigan Department of Natural Resources fisheries biologist David Caroffino, who co-edited a revised statewide recovery plan for Michigan's sturgeon populations.

"Can you imagine? You're trying to catch a five-pound whitefish and you get a 100pound sturgeon in your net," he said. "The sturgeon destroyed their nets.

There are tales of sturgeon being stacked like cordwood and burned, just to be rid of them. Then, not many years later, a market developed for sturgeon, both for table fare and for their roe for caviar production. Sturgeon became a valuable commodity.

"People were harvesting millions and millions of pounds out of the Great Lakes," Caroffino said. "Populations were decimated. They disappeared."

Overharvest was just one of the problems. Widespread habitat destruction - siltation from the logging era and the building of dams in prime spawning habitat - reduced natural reproduction to a minimum.

Sturgeon fell victim to a double-edged sword.

Remnant populations "were largely ignored for much of the 20th century," Caroffino said.

Although sturgeon were out of mind for most of the century, they were never totally out of sight. Because of their natural history - traveling up rivers to spawn, often in water no more than a few feet deep - sturgeon are readily observable, at least for a short period of time.

"In the last 30 years, we have been in a period of rehabilitation," Caroffino said. "In the spring, there they are and nothing else looks like a sturgeon. Sturgeon are the

charismatic megafauna of Michigan's fish world. They are our pinnacle species. They are the largest, the longestlived, most unique-looking of our fish."

Fisheries managers have identified 24 lake sturgeon populations in Michigan waters, only three of which are considered abundant enough to allow harvest.

The state's rehabilitation plan features five compo-

- Minimize the harvest;
- Improve spawning habitat or access to that habitat;
- Supplement populations unable to sustain themselves by stocking;
- Suppress sea lamprey predation; and

 Engage the public to help. Michigan's most prominent sturgeon population is in Black Lake (near Onaway, Mich.). The fish were cut off from the Great Lakes by dam construction, but managed to hang on in the lake, where they provide a popular spearfishery through the ice.

As the harvest fell over the



Lake sturgeon are considered one of Michigan's most historically and culturally significant fish species, and a new rehabilitation strategy aims to protect them well into the future. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

years, fisheries managers tightened up winter fishing regulations. The five-day fishery was changed to a quota system. (Last year, the season lasted just a couple of hours before the quota was

Soon, an army of volunteers - calling themselves Sturgeon for Tomorrow -

materialized, promising to do what they could to help rehabilitate the species. Sturgeon for Tomorrow organized patrols along the Black River to prevent poachers from taking spawning adults and helped raise funds to build a nursery facility on the river.

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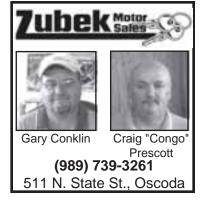
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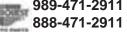
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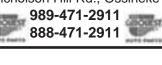


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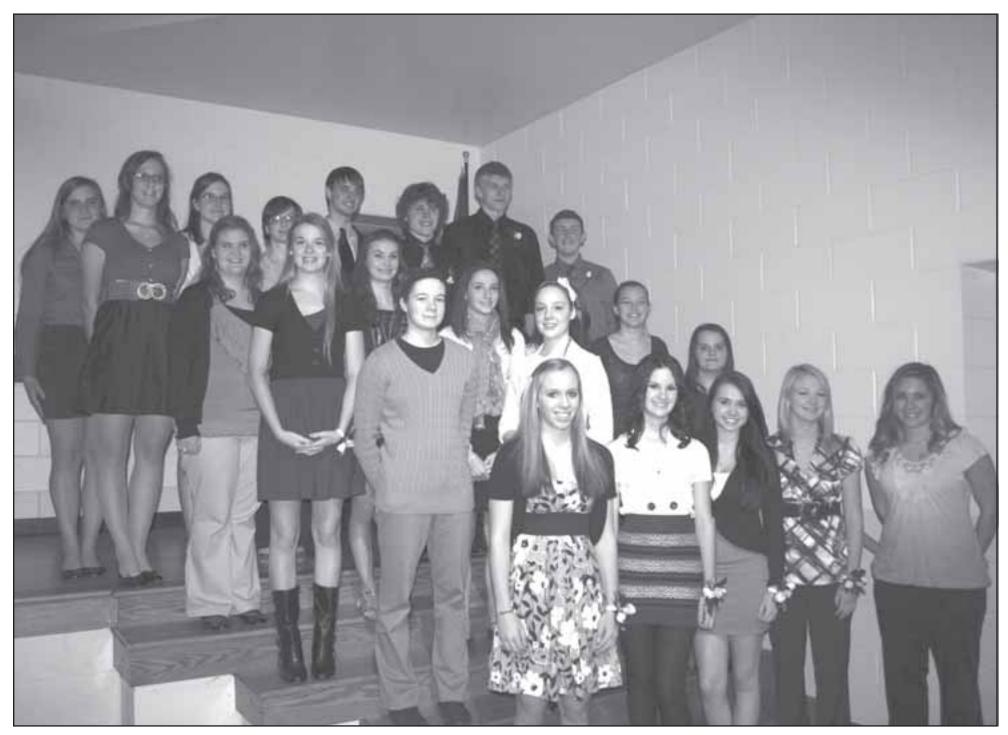
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MEETING NOTICE

Greenbush Township Planning Commission will resume its monthly meetings beginning May 2, 2013. The monthly meetings are held on the first Thursday of the month, May through November, in the Greenbush Township Hall at 7 p.m. The public is always welcome and encouraged to attend as your opinions are appreciated.

Also, thank you to the residents that completed and returned the questionnaire this winter. They will be extremely important as we work on changes or additions to the master plan. Your voice matters.

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Spring is good time to take hunter ed classes

Michigan residents considering hunting in 2013 and who need to complete a hunter education course should enroll in a class this spring, when offerings are plentiful. Classes are held year-round, but April, May, August and September are traditionally the months when classes are most available

"We encourage anyone considering hunting this year who needs to complete a hunter education course to enroll now in a spring course," said Sgt. Jon Wood, hunter education program supervisor for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "Waiting until the last minute before you go deer hunting this fall can often translate into difficulty finding a class or an instructor available for a field day, if you are planning to take the home-study or online class is \$10 or less to cover field supplies. The home-

Michigan has three types of hunter education courses traditional classroom, home-study and online. Anyone born on or after January 1, 1960, is required to complete the course before buying a Michigan hunting license or taking an out-ofstate hunting trip. Exceptions are made for youths under the age of 10 who are hunting under a Mentored Youth Hunting license or hunters older than 10 who are hunting with an apprentice hunting license. Hunters can hunt under the apprentice program for two years before they are required to take hunter education.

The traditional classroom course is a minimum of 10 hours and includes both classroom and field work with an instructor. The fee for the

class is \$10 or less to cover field supplies. The homestudy course features a workbook to complete classwork. A field day is required with the home-study course and must be scheduled with an instructor prior to starting the course.

Michigan also offers two approved online hunter education courses, www.huntered.com/Michigan and www.huntercourse.com. Students who choose the online course will complete their classwork online, and then have a field/skills day with an instructor and take a written exam. The field day must be scheduled with an instructor prior to starting the online course.

For more information about hunter education and locations of classes, go to www.michigan.gov/hunter-education.

McGuires celebrate 50th anniversary

Delmar I. and Rosemary (Peffley) McGuire of Mikado recently celebrated their $50^{\rm th}$ wedding anniversary. They were married on April 19, 1963 in Landstuhl, Germany where they met while serving in the U.S. Army. The couple has two children and four grandchildren. They enjoy working around their farm and traveling across the country.



Rosemary and Delmar McGuire

It's believed that when a dog is mentioned in the Bible, it's referring to a Saluki, one of the oldest known breeds...

INVITATION TO BID

Harrisville Township is accepting bids for spring clean-up and summer mowing of the Springport and the Westlawn Harrisville Township cemeteries for Y-2013 through Y-2015.

The Cemetery Spring Clean-up and Summer Mowing Contract is for 3 years, to begin with the start of the contract in 2013 and end with the conclusion of the mowing season in 2015. This contract shall also be subject to annual review and appropriation.

All bids, must be submitted in a sealed envelope clearly marked Cemetery Clean-Up and Mowing. Bids must be received by the Harrisville Township Clerk, Roger Jamieson, 1054 S. Poor Farm Rd., Harrisville, MI 48740, on or before April 30, 2013. Bid Specification Details of work to be done are available by contacting Roger Jamieson at (989) 724-6388 or Jim Pyne at (989) 724-6967.

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High handicap game and series: Kay Groulx, 291 and 736.

Early Bloomers

Арril 16

Daffodils	214.5	145.5
Marigolds	195	165
Tigerlilys	188	172
Violets	183.5	176.5
Rosebuds	181.5	178.5
Mums	166.5	193.5
Buttercups	155.5	204.5
Bluebells	155.5	204.5

High game: Tammy Mendyka and Carla Travis, 484. High series: Gina Broadwood,

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April 18

Phil's Barber 23 101.5 L.L.W. Club 7 98.5 Top O' Mich. 19 88 Shirt Shack 11 86 Cole's Appl. 16 85.5 Morgan Elect. 14 80.5 High game and series: Ray

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Harbordredging could stir up PCB-contaminated sediments

By Max King

Capital News Service

Dredging may be a solution to part of the Great Lakes low water problem, but it can also lead to contaminated sediments re-merging into the water, according to experts.

A new law provides an additional \$20.9 million for 58 emergency harbor dredging projects this year to help recreational and commercial boaters operate in low water levels.

The most common contaminant in the bottom of the Great Lakes is polychlorinated biphenyls, also known as PCBs, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

PCBs got into the water because of automotive industries near the lakes, said Andy Buchsbaum, director of the Great Lakes office of the National Wildlife Federation in Ann Arbor, Mich.

"A lot of PCB-laced oil was used by the automobile industry before it was banned and "leaked into the ground and ultimately found its way into the Great Lakes," he said.

People who eat fish contaminated with PCBs and arsenic are at a high risk of cancer and other organ damage, but the largest negative effect these chemicals have is on reproductive health, Buchsbaum said because the chemicals "can impair the development of the fetus in pregnant women."

When dredging moves contaminated sediments, chemicals are exposed. They can be harmful to wildlife and people who enter the water. said Kim Fish, assistant chief of the Water Resources Division at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

"In areas where we know we have contamination that is impacting wildlife and water quality, removal of that sediment is usually a good thing overall," said Fish, "but the department also needs to consider where to place the contaminated material and ensure it doesn't spread the contamination."

Dredging exposes older sediment that is more contaminated than the sediment on top of it, she said. Those older sediments were contaminated prior to 1972 when there were few or no regulations on what could be discharged into the lakes.

PČBs affect fish as well when stirred up from dredging, said Joe Bohr, a DEQ aquatic biology specialist. Carp and channel catfish tend to accumulate the high-

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"With carp, they live on the bottom and they stir up the sediments - it's similar with catfish," he said. "Both of them tend to be fatty and these contaminants accumulate in the fat."

Bohr said top predator fishes are at risk too when eating carp and channel catfish. Fish said that as lakes Erie, Ontario and Superior reach all-time low water levels, there will be calls for more dredging, there as well.

"This has been a severalyear trend of lake levels declining. Primarily we are not getting a lot of ice cover in the winter on any of the lakes, which allows evaporation to occur all winter long," she said.

Fish said another reason water levels are low is because snowfall has declined in northern areas of Michigan and parts of Canada. Snowfall maintains water levels when melted, or when snow goes directly into the lakes.

At the federal level, an additional \$4 million more will

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American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

This kite-flying poem caught me right up and sent me flying as soon as Robert Gibb described those dimestore kites furled tighter than umbrellas, a perfect image. Gibb lives in Pennsylvania.

Kites

Come March we'd find them In the five-and-dimes, Furled tighter than umbrellas About their slats, the air

In an undertow above us Like weather on the maps. We'd play out lines Of kite string, tugging against

The bucking sideways flights. Readied for assembly, I'd arc the tensed keel of balsa Into place against the crosspiece,

Feeling the paper snap Taughtly as a sheet, then lift The almost weightless body Up to where it hauled me

Trolling into the winds— Knotted bows like vertebrae Flashing among fields Of light. Why ruin it

By recalling the aftermaths? Kites gone down in tatters, Kites fraying like flotsam From the tops of the trees.

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The Thunder Bay Arts Council will host the Langsford Men's Chorus (above) conducted by Steven SeGraves at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 at St. Anne Catholic Church, 817 Sable Street, Alpena. The program will be part of the chorus's 2013 spring tour and will be its first visit to northeast Michigan. Founded in 1999, this 60-voice ensemble has twice toured the United Kingdom in 2008 and 2012. The chorus's repertoire covers many styles from the classical to modern, including European and American music, spirituals, sea chanteys and a capella selections, all presented through the rich sonorities of an accomplished male voice ensemble. A \$10 donation will be requested. Students are invited to attend free of charge in keeping with the Thunder Bay Art Council's long-standing policy. Courtesy photo.

Dredging

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be provided to fund dredging this year compared to last year, said Michael O'Bryan, chief of engineering and technical services at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Detroit district.

"Our needs are out there for more money. There is a significant increase in need for dredging funds in the Great Lakes area," O'Bryan

O'Bryan said the Army Corps in the Great Lakes region needs about \$40 million each year to keep up with dredging needs for commercial vessels.

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Sing-a-long at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 1

Food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, Spruce. Clients must be present to receive food and identification is required. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m. at the VFW hall, 2900 Connon, at the corner of Brooke and Connon, near Diamonds Pointe. Lunch will be served. Bring a can of food for the needy. For reservations, call (989) 356-4959 or

(989) 727-4080.

Friends of the Alcona County Library will meet at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 West Main Street.

THURSDAY, MAY 2

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 736-6045.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

FRIDAY, MAY 3

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. 312 West Main Street. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

A dinosaur bone cleaning demonstration with Paleo Joe

will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Besser Museum, 491 Johnson Street, Alpena. Cost if \$5 for adults, \$3 for children and seniors, free admission for children under age 5 and museum members. For more information, call (989) 356-2202.

SATURDAY, MAY 4

Huron Shores Genealogical Society presents "They Came in Ships and Stayed: Immigration and Naturalization" from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Robert Parks Library, 6010 North Skeel Avenue, Oscoda. Guest speakers Kris Rzepczynski will speak in the morning on naturalization and Ceil Wendt Jensen will speak in the afternoon on immigration. To register, call (989) 739-9581. Questions, call Judy Sheldon (989) 984-9305 or e-mail huronshoresgs@yahoo.com.

Sunrise Side Woodcarvers presents the 22nd annual Woodcarving Show from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Oscoda High School, 3550 East River Road, Oscoda. Admission is \$2 for ages 12 and over. For more information, call (989) 362-7982 or e-mail tigertwo@charter.net.

SUNDAY, MAY 5

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MONDAY, MAY 6

Get Crafty for Adults from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The project for May is pastels with Kathryn and Carol. There is a \$5 charge. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

TUESDAY, MAY 7

The Lincoln Depot group will meet at 1 p.m. at the depot on the corner of Fiske and Lake Streets, Lincoln. Anyone who is interested in the depot is encouraged to attend. For more information, call Nick Williams at (989) 727-4080.

There will be a meeting to discuss Mikado Davs at 7 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. Scheduled events will be discussed. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information or to volunteer, call (989) 736-7721.

The Northeast Michigan Natural Health Coalition will meet at 7 p.m. at the First Congregational Church, Alpena for an educational session on natural first aid. For more information, call (989) 727-2404 or e-mail naturalhealthcoalition@hotmail.com.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce will meet at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 East Main Street.

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Rain/Snow High: 43 Low: 33

THURSDAY

FRIDAY Mostly Sunny High: 49 Low: 42



SATURDAY Partly Cloudy High: 53 Low: 42



SUNDAY Partly Cloudy High: 55 Low: 41



MONDAY Mostly Sunny High: 56 Low: 38

Full

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TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 52 Low: 34

Today's Regional Map Vanderbilt 40/31 Harrisville 42/34 42/30 Kinde Harrison 47433 44/31

<u>Day</u>

Wednesday

Thursday

Saturday

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Friday

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with an 80% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 42°, humidity of 46%. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 85° set in 1990. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 34°. South wind 5 mph. The record low for tonight is 20° set in 1956.

In-Depth Local Forecast

*Last Week's Almanac						
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Monday	62	34	50/30	0.26"		
Tuesday	53	35	50/31	0.17"		
Wednesday	43	28	51/31	0.12"		
Thursday	47	37	51/31	0.93"		
Friday	56	30	52/32	0.11"		
Saturday	37	22	52/32	0.00"		
Sunday	41	17	53/32	0.00"		
*Data as reported from Alpena, MI						

Moonset

5:40 a.m.

6:15 a.m.

6:56 a.m.

7:43 a.m.

8:39 a.m.

9:42 a.m.

8:36 p.m. 10:50 a.m. 6:22 a.m. 8:37 p.m. 1:02 a.m.

National Weather Summary This Week

mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature

of 78° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

<u>Sunset</u>

8:30 p.m.

8:31 p.m.

8:32 p.m.

8:33 p.m.

8:35 p.m.

Moonrise

7:29 p.m.

8:43 p.m.

9:56 p.m.

11:05 p.m.

No Rise

12:08 a.m.

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers and

thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 68° in Baltimore,

Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms

Sunrise

6:32 a.m.

6:30 a.m.

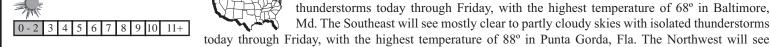
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6:25 a.m.

6:24 a.m.

Local UV Index



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

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	<u>Set</u>
Mercury	6:07 a.m.	6:51 p.m.
Venus	6:56 a.m.	9:04 p.m.
Mars	6:34 a.m.	8:19 p.m.
Jupiter	8:43 a.m.	12:03 a.m.
Saturn	8:33 p.m.	7:06 a.m.
Uranus	5:44 a.m.	6:15 p.m.

Weather History

temperature of 93° in Gila Bend, Ariz.

April 24, 1899 - Two women and one boy lived to tell the story of being picked up by a tornado and carried more than one-fourth of a mile before being gently set down again. The boy and one of the ladies said they had the pleasure of flying alongside a horse.

Weather Trivia

How large can a hailstone become?



inches in diameter.

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Answer: The largest documented hailstone was 17.5

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Jupiter, Saturn, and an Eclipse

On the full moon day of April 25, there is a partial lunar eclipse, where the moon ever so slightly brushes into the shadow of the Earth. This eclipse will not be visible from anywhere in the United States, but most of Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and Antarctica will be able to see it. At maximum eclipse, which occurs at 4:07 p.m. EDT, the moon will protrude into the Earth's shadow by less than 1.5 percent of its diameter. The entire event lasts for only 27 minutes. This is a really bad year for lunar eclipses, and I will have more to say about this situation when the most ephemeral of lunar eclipses bathes the eastern half of the United States around midnight on May 24. I am calling it "the eclipse that almost isn't." More importantly are two planets currently visible in the sky, one on the wane in the west, and the other emerging onto the scene in the southeast, both visible after evening twilight. Almost due west by 9 p.m. is mighty Jupiter, about one fourth of the way up in the sky, still "hanging tight" in Taurus the Bull. Jupiter has been in Taurus since mid May of 2012, and for a good part of that time near its alpha star, Aldebaran, the orangey eye of the Bull. Currently, Jupiter resides directly above Aldebaran. To the left and almost even with Jupiter is red supergiant Betelgeuse of Orion the Hunter, and even farther left and just slightly lower than Jupiter is Sirius the Dog Star, the brightest luminary of the night. Not quite as flashy will be Saturn, noticeable in the southeast by 10 p.m. Follow the arc of the Dipper's handle, high in NE, to find Arcturus in Bootes the Bear Driver and then onward to blue white Spica of Virgo the Virgin. Saturn is to the left and below Spica and about the same brightness as Spica. The moon provides help on April 24 when it is located just over a degree from Spica. The following evening, the moon moves to a position just four degrees from the ringed world. www.astronomy.org

Debating PTSD medications

Veterans Post **By Freddy Groves**

More than 30 percent of veterans with Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) are being prescribed a drug called benzodiazepine, which is a sedative, contrary to the Department of Veterans Affairs own PTSD guidelines. Benzodiazepine covers drugs such as Valium and Xanax, often used to help with insomnia and anxiety.

The problem, says Dr. Nancy Bernardy, clinical psychologist with the VA's National Center for PTSD, is that the drug can be harmful. She writes in the PTSD Research Quarterly that the typical PTSD symptoms are not handled by benzodiazepine and that "mounting evidence suggests that the long-term harms imposed by benzodiazepine use outweigh any short-term symptomatic benefits in patients with PTSD." Additionally, her report talks

of withdrawal symptoms and risk of tolerance after very limited use.

The VA/DoD Clinical Practice Guideline "Management of Post-Traumatic Stress," dated 2010, "Strongly recommends against the use of benzodiazepines to prevent the development of ASD or PTSD." On the page of Balance of Benefit and Harm, benzodiazepine is noted with an asterisk that says "Potential harm." In spite of this, prescription levels are about 30 percent.

Short-term prescriptions (two to four weeks) can be beneficial in terms of improved sleep, but at that point the patient naturally doesn't want to give up the medication, which actually interferes with PTSD therapies. In one test, researchers compared sleep results between benzodiazepine and a placebo and found no difference.

There are three groups for

which benzodiazepine prescription is very much contraindicated: veterans with PTSD and substance abuse disorder, veterans with mild traumatic brain injury, and veterans who take opiates for chronic pain.

To read the whole manual, Google "va/dod clinical practice guidelines for the management of post-traumatic stress".

To read Dr. Bernardy's report, Google "The Role of Benzodiazepines in the Treatment of Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)" in the PTSD Research Quarterly.

Freddy Groves regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Send email to columnreply2@gmail.com.

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Sewing machine value

By Larry Cox

Q: I have an old electric Singer sewing machine. It is in working condition. Whom can I contact to find out if it has any value? --Carol, Stottville, N.Y.

A: Most electric sewing machines are fairly common and of little interest to serious collectors. Judging from the photographs you sent me, I think your machine is probably from the 1940s or early 50s. Most of the Singer machines from this period sell for less than \$100 at auction.

Q: During a move, one of the rockers from a rocking chair was broken off. I would like to have it repaired, but have no clue how to find a reliable restoration business in my area. -- Mary, Rio Rancho, N.M.

A: You can find restoration businesses by checking the Yellow Pages of your phone book or by going online. I suggest you contact several repair people and then pick the one who sounds most competent and reliable. Always check with the Better Business Bureau to see if there have been any complaints recorded. Always ask for references.

Q: My great-grandmother had a china cabinet that probably was made in about 1880. It is tiger oak and really a beautiful piece of furniture. My problem is that the doors have curved glass and one of the panels is broken. Does anyone still

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make curved glass for Victorian pieces? -- Steve, Gunnison, Colo.

A: B&L Antiqurie, Inc. is a business that specializes in the replacement of curved glass. Contact is 6217 S. Lakeshore Road, P.O. Box 453, Lexington, MI 48450; bentglasscentral.com; information@bent-glasscentral.com; and 800-840-1110.

Q: I have an opportunity to buy a pair of candlesticks made by Fenton in ebony with autumn leaf decoration. They are priced at \$75 in a local shop. -- Carlie, Hastings, Neb.

A: The candlesticks were made during the 1990s and are not that old or rare. I checked several guides, and the set in ebony seems to retail for \$40.

Q: I have several books of old World War II ration stamps. Any value? --Wanda, Phymouth, Ohio

A: WWII ration memorabilia is still fairly plentiful. Old ration booklets generally sell for less than \$10.

(Write to Larry Cox in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to questionsforcox@aol.com. Due to the large volume of mail he receives, Mr. Cox is unable to personally answer all reader questions. Do not send any materials requiring return mail.)

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Now here's a tip

By JoAnn Derson

• If your kids (or you) like cereal, be sure to save the heavy plastic liners that hold the cereal inside the box. They are really handy when freezing meat patties in stacks. You can use them to separate layers of cookies, too.

• "I just finished packing up my house to move, and this little tip was a dandy: Use a toothpick to keep the open end of your tape from disappearing. When you cut the tape, slip a toothpick at the end that's still on the roll. You will never have to go fish-

ing for it again." -- L.K. in New Mexico

• "I'm spring cleaning. I like to touch up my baseboards, because I think it makes the rooms look fresher. I use a plastic dustpan as I go along. I press it up against the wall, and I can paint along without fear of getting paint on the wall above the baseboard. The rubber gasket along the bottom of the dustpan makes a great seal against the wall." -- A Reader, via email

• Keep buttons secure by painting the threads with a

dab of clear nail polish.

• If you still have a paper vacuum bag, tuck a fabric-softener sheet into it before you attach it to your cleaner. As the air flows through it, the smell of the fabric softener will freshen your home.

• If your water takes a minute to warm up, keep a pitcher by the sink. Let the water flow into the pitcher until it gets warm. Then, use that water (which otherwise would have been wasted) on your houseplants and in your garden.

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TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. **HISTORY:** In what century did the Industrial Revolution begin?
- 2. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What kind of bird is a harrier?
- 3. MYTHOLOGY: In Greek mythology, what gift was given to Cassandra by the god Apollo?
- 4. ENTERTAINERS: Who is actress Shirley MacLaine's equally famous younger brother?
- TELEVISION: What is the name (and nickname) of the dad on the 1990s sitcom "Home Improvement"?
- 6. NATURAL WORLD: What color is the mineral malachite? 7. INVENTIONS: When was the modern zipper invented? 8. U.S. STATES: What state is home to Moosehead Lake?
- 9. GEOGRAPHY: Where would one find the Queen Elizabeth Islands?

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10. HIGHER EDUCATION: What is Georgia Tech's official mascot of the student body?

Answers: 1. 18th century; 2. A hawk; 3. Prophecy; 4. Actor Warren Beatty; 5. Tim "The Tool Man" Taylor; 6. Green; 7. 1913; 8. Maine; 9. Northern Canada; 10. The Ramblin' Wreck, a 1930 Ford Model A Sport Coupe. (c) 2013 King Features Synd.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

- It was nationally syndicated newspaper columnist L.M. Boyd who made the following sage observation: "Anyone who eats three meals a day should understand why cookbooks outsell sex books three to one."
- The game of Chinese checkers did not come from China; it was invented in Great Britain in the 19th century. The game's original name was Halma.
- We usually think of Spain as a warm country, so it might surprise you to learn that the nation has 13 glaciers.
- Doubtless you've heard of India's Taj Mahal, but did you know that there is a tourist attraction in America that is so grand, it is popularly known as the Taj Mahal of the West? In 1968, a group of Hare Krishnas founded the New Vrindaban Community near Wheeling, W.Va. Though they began on 100 acres with no electricity or running water, the community now covers more than 1,200 acres and features Prabhupada's Palace of Gold, an ornate edifice of gold, marble and handcarved teakwood. The awardwinning rose garden alone is said to be worth a trip.
- If you're a dog lover, you might have used your beloved pet as a foot warmer from time to time. This is by no means a modern practice; the Aztecs were fond of a certain breed of small, hairless dogs to accomplish the
- Despite popular opinion, the dictator Napoleon was not particularly short. He measured 5 feet, 6 inches tall, which was the average height for a Frenchman at that time.
- Those who study such things say that if you're like the average person, you can go 11 days without water -provided the temperature never gets above 60 degrees

Thought for the Day: "Everyone is a genius at least once a year; a real genius has his original ideas closer together." -- Georg Lichtenberg (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

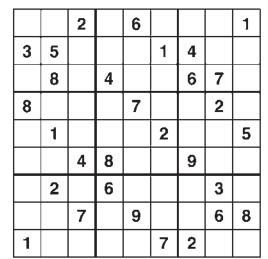
MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

- On May 8, 1884, Harry S Truman is born in Lamar, Mo. Upon President Franklin Roosevelt's death in 1945, Truman became the 33rd president of the United States. After four months in office, Truman authorized the dropping of two atomic bombs on Japan, believing it ultimately saved American and Japanese lives by forcing Japan to surrender.
- On May 12, 1932, the body of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh's baby is found more than two months after he was kidnapped from his family's New Jersey mansion. After numerous ransom notes, the baby was found less than a mile from the home. He had been killed the night of the kidnapping.
- On May 11, 1947, the B.F. Goodrich Company of Akron, Ohio, announces it has developed a tubeless tire. The disadvantage of the old inner tube design was that if the inner tube failed, the tire would blow out immediately, causing the driver to lose control of the vehicle.
- On May 6, 1954, in Oxford, England, 25-year-old medical student Roger Bannister cracks the four-minute mile. Bannister won the mile race with a time of 3 minutes and 59.4 seconds.
- On May 7, 1960, Leonid Brezhnev, one of Soviet leader Nikita Khrushchev's most trusted proteges, is selected as Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet -- the Soviet equivalent to the presidency. Brezhnev took control of the USSR in 1964 when Khrushchev was removed from
- On May 9, 1971, the last original episode of the sitcom "The Honeymooners," starring Jackie Gleason, airs. Despite its brief life as a traditional sitcom, "The Honeymooners' remains one of the most memorable TV comedies of all time, rivaled only by "I Love Lucy."
- On May 10, 1994, in South Africa, Nelson Mandela is sworn in as the first black president of South Africa. In his inaugural address, Mandela, who spent 27 years of his life as a political prisoner of the South African government, declared that "the time for the healing of the wounds has come."

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by Linda Thistle



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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Linda Ruth Mardlin, an unmarried woman, to One Reverse Mortgage, LLC, mortgagee, dated March 24, 2011 and recorded April 6, 2011 in Liber 477, page 1,294 in Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Champion Mortgage Company by assignment.

There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred twenty-two thousand five hundred sixty-two and 89/100 dollars (\$122,562.89) including interest at 5.31 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville in Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on May 22, 2013.

Said premises are located in the township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Land situated in the township of Curtis in the county of Alcona in the state of Michigan; Lot 39, Shady Lane Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, page 173, 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. To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: April 24, 2013

Orlans Associates, PC. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 13-001876 4-24, 5-1, 5-8, 5-15

Foreclosure Notice

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the military, please contact our office at the number listed below.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Paula F. Booth, a married woman and Richard L. Booth, her husband to York Financial, Inc., mortgagee, dated February 20, 2003 and recorded February 26, 2003 in Liber 378 page 43 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Provident Funding Associates, L.P., by assignment dated March 13, 2013 and recorded March 19, 2013 in Liber 496, page 458, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixtyeight thousand three hundred eighty-five dollars and eleven cents (\$68,385.11) including interest at 6.125 percent per an-

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, circuit court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on May 8, 2013.

Said premises are situated in township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 9: A part of the west one-half of Section 24, Township 25 North, Range 8 East, being more particularly described as beginning at a point distant south 02 degrees 46 minutes 06 seconds west 2,277.13 feet and south 55 degrees 17 minutes 12 seconds west 1,093.12 feet from the north one-quarter corner of said Section 24; thence continu-

ing south 55 degrees 17 minutes 12 seconds west 433.32 feet; thence north 21 degrees 56 minutes 03 seconds west 237.90 feet; thence 29.85 feet along the arc of a curve to the left radius 491.52 feet, central angle 3 degrees 28 minutes 47 seconds chord bears north 23 degrees 39 minutes 44 seconds west 29.85 feet; thence north 57 degrees 53 minutes 20 seconds east 397.38 feet to the centerline of the Pine River; thence along the centerline of the Pine River south 07 degrees 33 minutes 17 seconds west 157.79 feet and south 68 degrees 20 minutes 24 seconds east 151.93 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 2630 Wildwood Trail, Mikado, Mich. 48745. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: April 10, 2013
Provident Funding Associates,

Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.

811 South Blvd. Suite 100 Rochester Hills, MI 48307 (248) 844-5123 File No: 13-78999

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Now, not only is the adult population more protected, but a streamside rearing facility is producing fish to restock Black Lake, as well as nearby Burt and Mullet lakes.

The DNR maintains streamside facilities on several Great Lakes tributaries, too.

Ed Baker, a DNR research biologist working out of Mar-

quette, Mich., oversees portable rearing facilities on the Cedar River and Whitefish River on Lake Michigan's north shore. Both are in their sixth year of production, which has been sort of hit-ormiss.

Both Upper Peninsula facilities utilize eggs taken from mature sturgeon in nearby rivers to produce fall finger-



Local rearing facilities are critical to the future sustainability of Michigan's lake sturgeon populations. Dr. Kim Scribner of Michigan State University assists in statewide efforts to protect this unique species.

lings for stocking. Production has varied from no fish in either facility in 2008, to almost 5,000 sturgeon between them in 2010. (In most years, production has been well below 2010 levels.)

"It's still a learning process," Baker said. "But fish that we have stocked from these streamside hatcheries have been out wandering around Lake Michigan for a few years now. We've been tagging these fish, and we're already recapturing these fish in Lake Michigan."

In September, DNR crews surveying for walleye in Big Bay de Noc netted a young sturgeon that had been stocked in Wisconsin's Milwaukee River.

"We've had an on-and-off effort on the Ontonagon River, too, that has not had good success," Baker said. "Hopefully, next year, we'll have a streamside U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service facility there near the outlet of Lake Gogebic."

In the Lower Peninsula, the DNR runs a streamside rear-

ing facility at New Richmond on the Kalamazoo River, which is co-owned by the DNR and the Fish and Wildlife Service. The facility, which went online in 2011, raises sturgeon from either naturally fertilized eggs or naturally produced larvae that are collected in egg traps or drift nets in the river.

In 2011, the facility produced 106 sturgeon to stock in the river. "This year was a total loss," said Kregg Smith, the DNR biologist in charge of the project. "We only captured 30 larvae, which is not enough to operate the streamside rearing facility."

Rearing sturgeon for stocking has proven to be a difficult, uncertain and expensive proposition, but it is the only practical way to rebuild sturgeon populations, Caroffino said.

"Habitat work is very expensive, difficult to accomplish, and has potential impacts on other species," he said. "If we start ripping out dams to provide more spawning access, we'll be increas-

ing sea lamprey spawning habitat, too."

Caroffino remains optimistic about the species' future. "I expect a new-found commitment to lake sturgeon," he said. "The scientific community knows a lot more about sturgeon now than we did, so we can refine our strategy based on our current knowledge. We've been so focused on revising our strategy we haven't really discussed anything else over the last four years. Now we've got to try to implement the strategy."

For more information – including the statewide recovery plan (Lake Sturgeon Rehabilitation Strategy) mentioned earlier in this article – visit www.michigan.gov/sturgeon. This website also provides a variety of information on lake sturgeon including background and history; a listing of partners and resources; a collection of news, videos and photos; and a section explaining to visitors how they can help protect the species.



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