



A small, but enthusiastic, crowd braves chilly weather to attend the annual Harrisville lighting ceremony. They sang Christmas carols, enjoyed fellowship and warm beverages and cookies. *Photos by Mary Weber.*

Alcona County completes update to Hazard Mitigation Plan

Alcona County, with the assistance of the Northeast Michigan Council of governments (NEMCOG), has completed a five year update of its Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The plan is available for review on Alcona County's website. Residents and businesses are encouraged to review the plan. Next steps will be for the county board of commissioners to approve the Hazard Mitigation Plan, followed by each local jurisdiction adopting the plan.

The Disaster Mitigation Act (DMA) of 2000 included new requirements for hazard mitigation planning. In order to become eligible for Hazard Mitigation Grant Program funds in the future, counties must prepare and adopt hazard mitigation plans. The county prepared its first Hazard Mitigation Plan in 2005. This planning document represents an update of the 2005 plan.

The intent of a Hazard Mitigation Plan is to inventory possible hazards, assess the vulnerability of community to the hazards it faces, and to provide possible mitigation activities for those hazards. The focus of the hazard mitigation plan is to develop projects and policies that can be implemented to reduce or prevent losses from future disasters.

The Alcona County Hazard Mitigation Plan includes text, tables, charts and maps necessary to describe and discuss the following: 1.) a hazard analysis based on a current community profile,

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Local musicians George Redlawsk and Laura Frawley accompany carolers.



Adonia Schott Gonzeles (left), 6, and Sofia Smith, 6, both from Harrisville enjoy home baked cookies.

Warming climate opens door to new forest pests

By Jessica Batanian
Capital News Service

The mimosa webworm was nowhere to be found on honeylocusts at Michigan State University (MSU) 20 years ago.

But within the past decade, warming temperatures made the campus an appealing home for this destructive bug.

"It was the canary in the coal mine," said Deborah McCullough, an MSU entomologist who witnessed the honeylocusts disappear from campus as temperatures warmed and the mimosa webworm moved north into Michigan.

It's a phenomenon not confined to webworms and honeylocusts as the earth's temperature rises and the variability of climate increases, according to experts.

Climate change will increase the frequency of droughts, increase the severity of snow storms and rain storms and make frosts occur later, said Sophan Chhin, an assistant professor of forestry at MSU. As climate changes and growing seasons

are interrupted by drought and frost, trees are preoccupied with regaining their strength and become more vulnerable to insects and disease.

The hemlock woolly adelgid is another insect of concern for the Great Lakes region. It

McCullough said. And that's created the opportunity for the insect to move east across Canada into areas like Manitoba and target lodgepole and jack pines.

Jack pines are an important species to the Great Lakes region mainly because

"If mountain pine beetle successfully attacks jack pines in Canada, which it probably will, it could continue moving east into our jack pine forests in this region. The consequences of continued mountain pine beetle spread to eastern North America could be pretty devastating."

~ Deborah McCullough,
Entomologist at Michigan State University

attacks a type of conifer called hemlock and hasn't breached the northern parts of Michigan and Wisconsin because of colder temperatures - yet.

"Currently, Wisconsin is a little too cold but that may become less of a case with climate change," said Ken Raffa, a professor of entomology at the University of Wisconsin in Madison, Wisc.

Insects are moving farther north than they ever have in

the past, he said.

McCullough said the mountain pine beetle is the "one that scares all of us." It's native to the Rocky Mountains, with a range spanning from Canada all the way south into Mexico, and is naturally controlled by colder temperatures.

Warmer winters have allowed the mountain pine beetle to move farther north and to higher altitudes,

of the ecological benefits they offer and the diverse habitats they create.

"If mountain pine beetle successfully attacks jack pines in Canada, which it probably will, it could continue moving east into our jack pine forests in this region," said McCullough. "The consequences of continued mountain pine beetle spread to eastern North America could be pretty devastating."

An increase in pine mortality as a result of mountain pine beetle could mean forests in northern parts of the Great Lakes states would be at higher risk for forest fires, McCullough said.


Raffa said that cold weather used to be a line of defense for trees. However, warming temperatures are forcing trees to move north, which in some cases is impossible.

Chhin explained that's especially the case in Michigan where the majority of the upper half of the state is made up of sandy soils. Although certain trees need to move

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Making wreaths from natural items has been done since ancient times. In Mediterranean cultures, they were worn on the head to show a person's occupation, social rank and achievements; in the Olympic Games, laurel wreaths crowned the victors. At harvest time, wreaths were made from the gathered crops and hung at the door to show how the gods had blessed the household during the year. These rituals were carried over into Christian practice, and came to symbolise the renewing of life.

- Brenda Weaver
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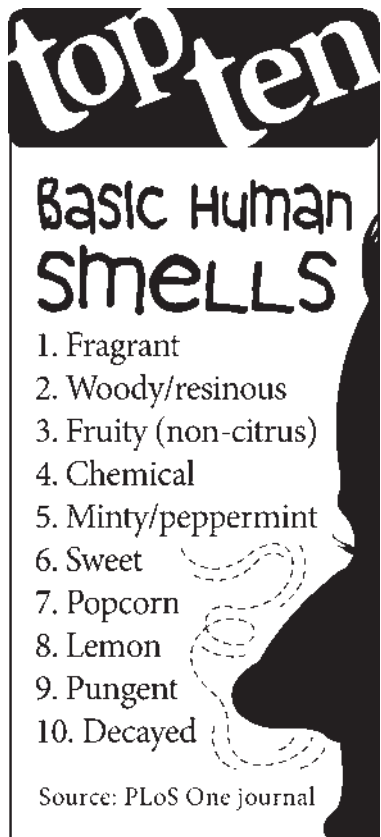
Plan

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hazard identification, risk assessment, and vulnerability assessment; 2.) a listing of the community's goals and objectives; 3.) a discussion of the alternatives for solving problems; 4.) evaluation and prioritization of alternatives; 5.) selection of feasible mitigation strategies; and 6.) recommended mitigation strategies. The plan contains a hazard mitigation element that can be easily integrated into county or township comprehensive plans.

The Alcona County Hazard Mitigation Plan represents Alcona County and all of the local jurisdictions which include: the townships of Alcona, Caledonia, Curtis, Greenbush, Gustin, Harrisville, Hawes, Haynes, Mikado, Millen and Mitchell; and the City of Harrisville and the Village of Lincoln. While projects have a more county-wide perspective, all of the communities will be asked to adopt the plan.

It is anticipated that in subsequent years communities will identify projects, present them to the Hazard Mitigation Committee, and request to have the plan amended to include the project.



top ten

Basic Human Smells

1. Fragrant
2. Woody/resinous
3. Fruity (non-citrus)
4. Chemical
5. Minty/peppermint
6. Sweet
7. Popcorn
8. Lemon
9. Pungent
10. Decayed

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Obituaries

Herbert F. Specht



Herbert F. Specht, 76, of Alpena, died on Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born May 22, 1937, to Frederick and Mary (Sayon) Specht in Harrisville, where he was raised.

A graduate of Harrisville High School, he worked for Fletcher Paper Company until retiring in 1991.

He enjoyed tinkering on old cars and vehicles.

Mr. Specht is survived by two daughters, Deborah Cabadas of Clarkston, Mich. and Pamela (John) Glud of Plymouth, Mich.; four grandchildren, Emily Cabadas, Nicholas Glud, Kaytlyn Glud and Allison Glud; one sister, Barb (Carl) Moore of Saginaw, Mich.; two nephews; and dear friend, Mary Karsen.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Howard Specht.

The funeral was held at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln, on November 22. Burial was in Mikado Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, or to the donor's choice.

Marvel M. Boutilier

Marvel M. Boutilier, 81, of Barton City, died on Wednesday, Nov. 20, 2013 at her home.

She was born March 1, 1932 to Clifford and Helen (Cordes) Kelly in Royal Oak, Mich. She was a resident of Barton City for most of her life.

On July 1, 1952, she married Elmer Rifembark.

A dedicated homemaker, Marvel worked on the family farm, and was devoted to her family. Mr. Rifembark preceded her in death in 1973.

On November 1, 1994, she married Raymond Boutilier.

Mrs. Boutilier is survived by three daughters, Roxann (Marvin) Dean of Ossineke, Diana Chabot of Barton City and Pamela Rifembark of Barton City, four sons, Melvin Rifembark of Curtisville, Douglas (Kathy) Rifembark of Barton City, Kevin (Shannon) Rifembark of Lincoln and Ronnie (Kelly) Rifembark of Barton City; 19 grandchildren, Gary Dean, Russell Dean, Brenda Domras, Missy Cole, Allen Rifembark, Laurie Carmondy, Scott Chabot, Julie Cole, Stacy Kelly, Jessica Schlink, Teresa Rifembark, Kenny Barton, Rhonda Barton, Renee Kohler, Jeffrey Rifembark, Megan Randlett, Robert Dale, Nick Dale and Tony Richey; 27 great grandchildren; one sister, Louella (Edward) MacGregor of Harrisville; and two brothers, Jim (Faye) Kelly of Harrisville and Glenn Kelly of Washington D.C.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond, on October 4, 1995; one son, David Kelly in 1998; one son-in-law, Ronald Chabot; one great-granddaughter, Dana Cole; two sisters, Donaldda Harmon, and Ardith Parks; and one brother, Rex Kelly.

The funeral was held at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln on November 23. Chaplain Marilyn Nathan officiated. Burial was in Maple Ridge Cemetery, Barton City.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2012-2013

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Nov. 17	54		46	0.51	11.0
Nov. 18	47	32	0.00	5.4	32	W
Nov. 19	37	26	0.01	3.5	21	NNE
Nov. 20	42	29	0.00	12.6	30	SSW
Nov. 21	43	37	0.03	3.4	23	SSW
Nov. 22	41	23	0.04	1.8	26	N
Nov. 23	26	14	0.02	4.3	29	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			2013-2014	
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content	
	2013	2012		
Weekly Total	0.61	0.6	0.49	
November to Date	1.60	0.6	1.61	
Year to Date	29.05	0.6	26.10	

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, NOVEMBER 27

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Donations will be accepted from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at My Brother's Hope, 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Thanksgiving dinner at the Mikado American Legion, 2205 Alger Street from 1 to 4 p.m. Public welcome, donations accepted.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 29

A free meal and free haircuts from 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. Sponsored by My Brother's Hope Potluck Café-Take 2.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Walk indoors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Wi-Fi, computers and Wii available for seniors to use from 99 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3

Weight loss support group will meet at the Lincoln United Methodist Church, 101 East

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.

MEA-Retired 14A meeting will be held at 11 a.m. at Alpena County Library, Judy Stillion conference room, 211 North First Avenue. Bring a dish to pass and a quality item for the scholarship fundraiser silent auction. Beverages and set-ups will be provided. For more information, call (989) 356-4551.

Walk indoors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

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Free items for children, newborns through age five, that are residents of Alcona County. Diapers, formula, clothes, bedding, et cetera will be available. A Christmas party is planned from 1 to 3 p.m. for children age infant to four years old. Santa Claus will be on hand to deliver presents. Sponsored by The Alcona Baby Pantry at their only location, St. Raphael Church, 2531 East F-30, Mikado.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena. Lunch will be served. Bring a can of food for the needy. For reservations call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

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Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township hall, 3029 Campbell Street.

Swollen Fingers string band and other local artists will perform at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5

Veterans join your fellow comrades for coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street, Harrisville.

Blood pressure clinic at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Potluck lunch for Alcona retirees at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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) 739-4483.

"Piecing Memories Together" a unique grief support group will meet from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hospice Sunrise Shore, 2078 M-32 West, Alpena. Participants will have the opportunity to share and learn with others experiencing grief and make a huggable remembrance bear from an article of their loved one's clothing. Space is limited. To register, call (800) 664-8587. There is no fee and sewing experience is not required.

A group workout benefit for Toys for Tots will be held at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church, 202 Main Street, Lincoln. Entry fee is an unwrapped child's toy or a minimum \$5 cash donation. Sponsored by Turbo for a Cause. All fitness levels welcome, ages 13 and up.

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14431	2005 Cadillac Escalade AWD	\$12,995
14512	2005 Ford F-150 Crew Cab 4x4	\$13,995
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Mentors are Needed

Mentors, both men and women, are needed to assist participants in Alcona County Drug Sobriety Court (Drug Court). This is a court program for individuals who are serious about getting clean and sober. Individuals are tested multiple times throughout the week and must attend a set number of groups per week. Each individual has their own sponsor. Members of Y-E-S I CAN and Drug Court are looking for mentors to walk with these individuals and work on life skills, parenting skills, et cetera.

There is an informational meeting scheduled for 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 4. It will begin after that day's Drug Court session and graduation party at the Alcona County Courthouse in Harrisville. Prospective mentors and supporters are welcome to come early and see at least several individuals graduate from the program and celebrate their sobriety with them.

Over 80 percent of participants in Drug Court are from Iosco County. To date - Drug Court has saved a total of 42.5 years worth of jail bed days at a cost of \$32 a day, or almost \$5 million. Y-E-S I CAN is looking for individuals who may be interested in serving as board members for a non-profit foundation to oversee fundraising to fund Drug Court and to reduce costs to the counties and the individuals and help provide resources free of charge. For more information, call (989) 569-4216.

Senior Menu

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

- Monday, Dec. 2—Baked chicken, baked potato, green beans, tropical fruit salad and fruit.
- Tuesday, Dec. 3—Potato soup, turkey sandwich, baby carrots and dip, tossed salad and fruit.
- Wednesday, Dec. 4—Pep-

per steak over rice, Brussels sprouts, pineapple orange salad and fruit.

- Thursday, Dec. 5—Bourbon pork chop, stuffing, wax beans, coleslaw and fruit.

- Friday, Dec. 6—Fishwich on a bun, spudsters, mixed vegetables, tossed salad and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Holiday Handbell Concert

The Sunrise Ringers, an area-based handbell group with members from Alpena to Oscoda, is performing a concert for the Christmas season on Sunday, Dec. 8. Laura Frawley will sing and play her guitar. The music will be both sacred and contemporary. The concert begins at 3 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street, Harrisville. Following the concert there will be an "afterglow." A free will offering will be received. For more information, call Margaret Fox, director, at (989) 736-3025.

Value in Root Burl

Landowners affected by tornado damage could sell exposed root burls. According to the Alcona Conservation District, landowners can salvage trees lost to high winds by selling downed logs to timber buyers or they can be used for fire wood. However, there is actually value in those exposed roots that have been ripped out of the ground — specifically, the root burl. If root burls are cut into manageable pieces, soaked in water for a few days, and then covered in wax, these burls can be sold to wood workers by the pound. These burls can be sold online at eBay, Craig's List, Etsy, or to wood working shops. Call district forester Andrew Beebe at (989) 335-1056 for more details, or just go online and find a place to list root burls for sale.

Raising a Roof

The Harrisville United Methodist Church Youth Group will be raising funds needed to put a new roof on the 150 year old sanctuary by caroling for cash. From Friday, Dec. 13 through Sunday, Dec. 15 the youth group plans to be singing at nursing care centers, churches or businesses in the area. As a community service, the youth from St. Anne Catholic Church will be singing with the Methodist youth group. The fee to send carolers to serenade someone is \$10. Anyone from the community can support this effort and share in the spirit of the season through the gift of music. A card, stating the giver of the gift will be presented at each location. Contact Meg Nesbit at (989) 335-1467 for more information.

Free Turkey Dinner

My Brothers Hope Pot Luck Café will be providing a free full turkey dinner at the Harrisville United Methodist

Church Saturday, Dec. 14 from 10 to 11:30 a.m. for those in need. St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Harrisville and Trinity Lutheran Church of Oscoda will be preparing and serving the meal. Toys for Tots will also be distributing toys at this time. In conjunction with the meal, the Alcona Food Pantry will be open at the church, with a possible appearance from Santa.

Volunteer Honored

Northland Area Federal Credit Union honored Jerry Erickson for 45 years of volunteer service to the credit union movement. The celebration took place during the credit union's board of directors meeting last Wednesday. "I believed then, as I do now, that the service credit unions give to their members and their communities is a far cry from big banks," Erickson said. "Credit Union people care about their neighbors, and that's why I'll keep volunteering for as long as they'll have me."



Jerry Erickson

Erickson has been an active participant in both the Credit Union National Association and the Blue Ox Chapter of the Michigan Credit Union League (MCUL). He holds a Blue Diamond Award and has served on several volunteer committees. "Jerry Erickson has always been a trailblazer," said MCUL Board Chairman Howard Spencer, "and it is my privilege to have enjoyed many years volunteering by his side." An active community leader, Erickson assists Our Kids Bingo program in Glennie and serves as a director on Northland's board. He and wife, Donna, reside in the Oscoda area.

FFA Recognition

Courtney Marie Souva of the Branch Area Career Center FFA in Bronson, Mich. was selected as a national finalist for the National FFA Organization's national proficiency award in Sheep Production Entrepreneurship Placement. Souva, a senior at Bronson High School, and granddaughter of Norm and Lorna Souva of Spruce, is one of only four people who competed for this award at the national finals October 30 - November 2 during the 86th national FFA convention and expo in Louisville, Ky.

Proficiency awards recognize outstanding student achievement in agribusiness gained through establish-

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north to remain in their preferred colder habitat, some cannot grow successfully because of other environmental features like soil and water availability.

Other trees will simply not exist in the region anymore because of warming temperatures and loss of natural habitat. "The rate of climate change exceeds the rate of migration," Chhin said. "In the future, people aren't going to get to see those types of forests. They will just have to cross the border" (into Canada).

There are significant threats to the future of forests in the Great Lakes region as a result of climate change. However, some trees may be able to turn the consequences of climate change into short-term advantages for growth, according to Chhin.

For example, the growing

season will get longer as temperatures warm over time. Trees in Michigan grow into October now, but that could change in the future. Apart from an extended growing season, atmospheric gases that contribute to the global greenhouse effect may also have a positive impact on trees.

Global warming is the result of the accumulation of greenhouse gases like water vapor, carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide. Carbon dioxide, the most abundant greenhouse gas globally, is released into the atmosphere through deforestation and burning of fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas.

All that carbon dioxide has a fertilization effect, Chhin said. Trees take carbon dioxide out of the atmosphere through photosynthesis. Ex-

cess carbon dioxide available because of pollution makes them more efficient with their water supply. Trees then use that reserved energy to grow more successfully.

Even though the extended growing season and the use of excess carbon dioxide benefit forests, they are only short-term advantages that don't accurately depict the larger impacts of climate change, Chhin said.

Researchers are working on long-term management and early identification practices of region-specific insects, like the emerald ash borer, and beech bark disease to try and reverse or slow the future effects of warming temperatures on forests.

"Uncertainty is the biggest outcome of climate change. We need to start thinking about the different processes involved in order to solve the problem," Raffa said.

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ment of a new business, working for an existing company or otherwise gaining hands-on career experience. The Sheep Production—Entrepreneurship Placement Award is one of 49 proficiency program areas in which FFA members can participate to develop valuable experience and leadership skills at the local, state and national levels.

Souva began her SAE in sheep production seven years ago. She started by raising two market lambs for the county fair. She has five ewes with four of them lambing. She built a new barn for the animals, helping her attain 1.8 lambs per ewe during the 2012 lambing season. Courtney has also tracked the growth of bottle fed lambs and mother raised lambs for a 2011 research project. She has been involved with sheep artificial insemination, semen collection and processing.



Courtney Souva

Souva is supported by her parents, Melissa and Earl Souva; grandparents Dale and Sara Stuby of Constantine, Mich., the Souvas of Spruce and FFA advisors Bill Earl and Carrie Preston.

Organization Notes

VFW Post No. 6754 Ladies Auxiliary

The November meeting was held with 12 members present. Emma Liske read the minutes from the previous meeting and Sandy Light read the treasurer's report. Marie Rhines provided updates on the veterans and family support, legislative, cancer and hospital programs. Frances Ziesman gave highlights of the youth and Camp Trotter programs.

Verina Stevens advised that she is looking into a program which provides homeowners and car insurance for veterans. Annual dues will be paid for 10 members. Frances Ziesman reported that she delivered a large chrysanthemum plant to Pat Eller's home. The quarterly audit was read by Marie Rhines and accepted by the auxiliary. The next meeting will be held on December 3.

Veterans Day services were held in Harrisville on November 11 at 11 a.m. Ron Skiba, VFW Post No. 6466 Commander, opened the services. Retired judge Paul Dwyer was

the guest speaker. VFW Post members present were Chuck Gauthier and Al Vichunas. Kathy Vichunas represented the auxiliary.

At 2 p.m., the post and auxiliary attended the Veterans Day assembly at Sanborn School. Children from all grades participated in the program from leading the "Pledge of Allegiance," singing the National Anthem, reading a poem entitled, "What is a Veteran," to marching in cadence and singing "My Country Tis of Thee."

The children presented their handmade flags to veterans and their spouses. After the assembly, teachers provided refreshments for the guests who participated.

VFW Post No. 6754 members present were: Chuck Gauthier, Ray Lay, Jerry Rhines, Mike Scott and Al Vichunas. Auxiliary members present were: Arlene Lay, Marie Rhines, Kathy Vichunas and Frances Ziesman.

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Lady Tigers prepare for season opener

By Hope Smith
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity girls basketball team hit the court last week in preparation for two non-conference games against the Lady Vikings in Posen on December 3 and the Alpena Wildcats on December 4.

These are the first games of the season for the Lady Tigers, new members in the North Star League (NSL). The junior varsity game will tip off at 6 p.m., followed by the varsity game at 7:30 p.m.

This season in the NSL the Lady Tigers will play 20 games which include four non-conference games.

Head coach Brad Cole is in his second year of coaching the varsity team. Cole said the structure, longevity and schedule of the North Star League is solid. However, he and assistant coach Mark Feldhiser share some concerns about not having

the opportunity to play at a higher level of competition needed to keep the program improving due to scheduling.

"We need to play tough teams like Jo-Burg so our girls are challenged and continue to push themselves as a team to earn the win," Cole said.

This year the Lady Tigers have a definite advantage as they return 11 varsity players, seven of which are seniors -- four year varsity player and co-captain, Karina Cole; three year varsity player and co-captain, Megan Quick; Turner Somers; Cassie Carpenter; Madison Feldhiser; Lily Manning; and Hannah Terpstra. Two juniors -- co-captain Kendra Cole and Nicole Walen. Two sophomores -- Sydney Pierce and Alissa Terpstra.

Two new members to the varsity team include junior

Samantha Schopher and sophomore Torie Harmon.

When asked how he chooses his starters Cole said he looks at each individual athlete's work ethic as well as their ability to work as part of a team. "I don't look at what grade level athletes are in. I want to see every player working to their fullest potential all the time no matter what. Our starting lineup will be the top five players on the team with my main goal for the team to be up and running at full speed by districts."

Last year, the Lady Tigers finished 14-4 in the regular season and tied for first place with Tawas in the Huron Shores Conference. In Class C District action Alcona was defeated in the second round of district play by the Jo-Burg Cardinals.

This year Cole thinks Alcona has a great shot at coming in first in the division in the North Star League.

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Bowling

Early Bloomers November 19

Violets	173	115
Buttercups	167.5	120.5
Daffodils	144.5	143.5
Mums	133.5	154.5
Marigolds	125.5	162.5
Rosebuds	120	168
High game and series:	Carla Travis, 184 and 486.	
High team game and series:	Marigolds, 451 and 1,214.	

Minors November 23

Team 2	41	7
Scorpions	29	19
Pin Busters	14	34
Tigers	12	36
Boy's high game and series:	Jake Tanner, 134 and 232.	
Girl's high game and series:	Hannah Tanner, 75 and 131.	

Majors November 23

Broken Lane	83.5	36.5
Destroyers	73	47
Kingpins	53.5	66.5
Team 2	30	90
Boy's high game:	Jay Nordstrom, 238.	
Boy's high series:	Leigh Gibson, 592.	
Girl's high game and series:	Brittney Foster, 139 and 403.	

Bucks & Does November 16

No Fear	101.5	48.5
B & D	99	52
Four Beers	84	66
Where the Fac.	81	69
Quiet Storm	71	79
Family Dynam.	61	89
Woodys	58	92
Arkham Orgins	44.5	105.5
Men's high game:	Woody Haglund, 242.	
Men's high series:	Dave Glazar, 606.	
Men's high handicap game:	Woody Haglund, 281.	
Men's high handicap series:	James Strickmatter, 673.	
Women's high game and series:	Stephany Eller, 198 and 481.	
Women's high handicap game:	Stephany Eller, 242.	
Women's high handicap series:	Arlene Cirillo, 690.	

Sportsman November 21

M & M Monnier	85	35
Cole's Appl.	65.5	54.5
Phil's Barber	62.5	57.5
LLW Club	60	60
Morgan Electric	54	66
Village Lanes	32	85
High game:	Ray Medore, 269.	
High series:	Tommy Morgan, 656.	
High handicap game and series:	Don Morgan, 282 and 800.	

Huron November 19

Back Alley Bar	87	33
Rob's Repair	73	47
Gary Oil	57.5	62.5
Roberts Floor.	57	63
B & D Sales	44	76
Shotmakers	41.5	78.5
High game and series:	Jimmy Armstrong, 258 and 695.	
High handicap game and series:	Ray Covey, 310 and 813.	

Beware of fake IRS scam

Recently, the Michigan State Police Alpena post has been contacted by numerous citizens wishing to report that they have been the victim of a scam. These citizens and employees of H&R Block of Alpena have contacted the Alpena post advising they have been contacted through a phone call by someone representing the Internal Revenue Service (IRS).

The person calling from this fake IRS is male and has a foreign accent. The phone call is being placed on a phone line that is full of static, making it very hard for the citizens to understand what the caller is saying.

The calls that were placed to the citizens at their home are advised by the caller that they owe the IRS additional money from their 2013 taxes. When one of the citizens asked the caller how they would need to make a payment for this outstanding debt to the IRS, the caller was unable to give a clear answer.

The calls placed to H&R Block of Alpena were from the same type of caller; however the caller was advising H&R Block that there were outstanding taxes due for a number of clients, who they had prepared 2013 taxes for.

The Michigan State Police would like citizens to beware of this type of call and remind the citizens they should never reveal any personal information about themselves, their address or their banking accounts over the phone. Should anyone receive this call, ask the caller to forward the information by mail from the U. S. Postal Service to the address they currently have.

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simply plug it in and you're ready to go.

FreedomPop is a non-contract service that provides 1 gigabyte (GB) of data per month for free, which is adequate for sending and receiving e-mails and surfing the web. If, however, you want more data for things like watching Internet videos or sharing photos you can pay \$10/month for 5 GB or \$18/month for 10 GB.

If FreedomPop is not available in your area, there are other providers that offer high-speed Internet at a low cost. For example, NetZero (netzero.net, (800) 638-9376) and Juno (juno.com, (888) 213-9093) now have DSL plans for only \$10 per month for the first six months with no data restrictions, provided you live in their service areas and you have a home phone line. After six months the price jumps up to \$18 per month.

To search for other high-

speed Internet service providers in your area, see ispprovidersinmyarea.com.

Another strategy to get cheaper high-speed Internet is to combine, or bundle it together with your TV and/or phone service. Check with the television and phone providers in your area to see what types of bundle packages they offer.

If, however, you can't find a high-speed service that fits your budget, and you don't mind slower service, consider getting dial-up Internet. If you have a home phone line, NetZero and Juno again provide some very inexpensive dial-up services running \$10 and \$11 per month respectively.

If your income is low enough and you live in a participating state, there are also a number of programs that offer low-cost high-speed Internet services. One that's most fitting for financially challenged seniors is

CenturyLink's Internet Basics program (centurylink.com/home/internetbasics, (866) 642-0444), which is available in 37 states. This program offers high-speed DSL Internet service for just \$10 a month for the first year (\$21/month afterwards). It also offers a personal computer for just \$150 and free introductory computer classes.

To qualify, you'll need to show that you're receiving certain types of government benefits, such as Medicaid, food stamps, SSI, home energy assistance or public housing assistance. Or, that your household income is at or below 135, 150 or 175 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines - it varies by state.

There are other programs available that serve additional states, like Internet Essentials offered by Comcast (internetessentials.com) and Connect2Compete (connect2compete.org), but to be eligible you must have a child or grandchild who lives in your house that participates in the national school lunch program. Both of these programs offer Internet home service for \$10/month and a \$150 personal computer.



Also, stay tuned for the government's Lifeline Broadband Program that could soon be offering income-qualified citizens across the country, high-speed home Internet services for a low cost. To find out more about all of these programs, visit cheapinternet.com.

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Looking for the right strain of brown trout

Is it possible that no one strain of brown trout is best for Michigan's state fish hatchery system? State fisheries biologists are beginning to wonder.

A four-year research project that compares two strains of brown trout that have been stocked in a pair of rivers, a handful of inland lakes and four Lake Michigan ports, is heading into the homestretch and is preliminarily showing that neither strain is best in all situations, according to Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) research biologist Todd Wills.

The DNR Fisheries Division has long used wild rose-strain brown trout for stocking across the state. Fisheries officials have become concerned about diminishing returns from the stockings of the wild rose strain, which has been in the system for many years.

So the DNR launched an experiment in which similar numbers of Sturgeon River-strain browns, taken from wild broodstock, were stocked in various bodies of water. The fish were fin-clipped (right ventral fin clip for wild rose strain, left ventral fin clip for Sturgeon River

browns) for easy identification. The rivers (both tailwater fisheries, the AuSable River below Mio Dam and the Manistee River below Hostenpyl Dam) have been subject to mark-and-recapture, electro-fishing surveys – running a current through the water that stuns the fish and causes them to temporarily float to the surface – for the last four years.

"In the two tailwaters, the Sturgeon River strain is far outperforming the wild rose strain," Wills said. "We're getting better survival with the Sturgeon River fish and good growth."

The Sturgeon River strain fish go into the river a little bit smaller than the wild rose strain, which has been in the hatchery system for many years and seem to grow more quickly than the Sturgeon River fish while in the system. But the Sturgeon River fish are nearly as long as the wild rose fish after a year in the river, showing the kind of vigor biologists like to see.

Results from the five inland lakes, however, where both species have been stocked (Bear Lake and Starvation Lake in Kalkaska County, Lake 15 and McCork



DNR electro-fishing crews turned up some large brown trout, such as the one in the net on the right, in the AuSable River below Mio. Photos by Michigan DNR.

mick Lake in Montmorency County and Bridge Lake in Otsego County) are just the opposite.

"In the inland lakes, the wild rose strain fish are doing better," Wills said.

"Anglers report catching more wild roses than Sturgeon Rivers. That backs up

what we're seeing when we shock the lakes," added DNR fisheries biologist Tim Cwalinski.

Returns of the fish from stocking at the four Lake Michigan ports (Frankfort, Ludington, Cedar River and Menominee) have been disappointing.

"In three years we've only seen four fin-clipped fish," Wills said. "With that amount of data we really can't say much of anything other than we're not seeing a lot of returns to the creel. I don't think that's much of a sur-

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prise; brown trout have not done well in the Great Lakes in recent years. And that's doesn't seem to be a strain thing; it's more likely a changing-ecosystem issue.

"We spend a lot of time and money raising fish in the hatchery and we want to know that what we're stocking is surviving well enough and living long enough to be worth the effort," Wills said. "The project will be finished within the next 18 months and fisheries managers should have a better idea of what they want to stock to benefit their anglers."

In mark-and-recapture studies, DNR fisheries crews work the stream with electro-fishing boats. The fish are netted and the crew collects length and weight data, as well as noting fin clips. They take scale samples for age studies in the laboratory. Before the fish are released back into the river, fisheries workers cut off the tip of the

upper edge of the fish's tail fin.

The next day, the crew surveys the same stretch of river, noting the percentage of fish that are marked versus those that aren't. The resulting ratio gives fisheries biologists a tool with which to estimate the population of trout in the river.

Although the data haven't been completely worked up yet, fish with left ventral fin clips (Sturgeon River strain) far outnumbered fish with right ventral clips (wild rose strain) during the recent survey below the dam at Mio. And unclipped fish outnumbered clipped ones. That adds some information that the DNR never really had before.

"If you get an 18-inch brown trout with no fin clips, that could be a fish that's from before the study started," Cwalinski said. "But we were getting quite a few five-inch fish that were not clipped - those are wild fish.

So fish are reproducing in there. There's probably a lot of spawning, but there's also a lot of mortality due to high summer water temperatures. Still, some of those fish make it."

Fisheries biologists always assumed there was little natural reproduction below the dam at Mio, where water temperatures can get quite high some summers.

"Until we started clipping fish, we didn't see it," Cwalinski said. "So we can finally go in there and say, 'There's more wild production in here than we knew.' That's not a bad thing. We are stocking to supplement a wild population that could probably swing up and down pretty heavily in any given year."

The final report will not be completed until sometime in 2014. When it's finished, you'll be able to find it at www.michigan.gov/fishresearch. To learn more about Michigan's fish pro-

duction system and individual hatchery work, visit www.michigan.gov/hatcheries.

(Editor's Note: This feature story was provided by the

Michigan Department of Natural Resources as an aspect of "Showcasing the DNR" program, which promotes the importance of conservation in Michigan.)



DNR fisheries managers are optimistic that if they can identify the right strain of brown trout, they'll be able to grow more big fish like this male held by fisheries technician James Zelling.

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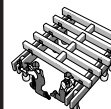


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Explore the story of the birth of Jesus and retrace the steps of those involved in the Holy Land by using the book "The Journey" by Adam Hamilton at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, corner of US-23 and Medor Road, Harrisville. You do not need to purchase a book, but it is helpful. Cost is \$12.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6

A yuletide celebration of carols and songs "Lights and Rainbows" presented by Huron Shores Chorus at 7 p.m. at the Oscoda United Methodist Church, 120 West Dwight Street. Free to the public. Donations are welcome. For more information, call (989) 739-8591 or (989) 362-2371.

Popcorn and a movie at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

An open house will be held for Christine Brackett and Anne Krueger, artists-in-residence for the month of December from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Thunder Bay Arts Council Gallery at 127 West Chisholm Street, Alpena. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call (989) 356-6678.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7

Christmas in the Village activities include a holiday bazaar at Maria Hall adjacent to St. Anne Catholic Church from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Children's activities at the Harrisville library on M-72 west of the traffic light from noon to 2 p.m.. Hayrides from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., pick-up and drop-off at the Harrisville Arts Council building on Third Street. For more information, call Alcona County Chamber of Commerce at (989) 724-5107.

Annual cookie walk from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at 201 North Second Street. Sponsored by the Westminster Presbyterian women of Harrisville.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Sunrise Ringers Christmas concert at 3 p.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North 2nd Street, Harrisville. Contact Margaret Fox (989) 736-3025.

A yuletide celebration of carols and songs "Lights and Rainbows" presented by Huron Shores Chorus at 3 p.m. at Tawas Area Presbyterian Church, 2095 East US-23, East Tawas. Free to the public. Donations are welcome. For more information, call (989) 739-8591 or (989) 362-2371.

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TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

The Alcona County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. in the

commons at Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville.

Weight loss support group will meet at the Lincoln United Methodist Church, 101 East 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.

In an effort to recruit foster parents, the Alcona/Alpena/Montmorency County Department of Human Services

will conduct an information session for those interested in learning more from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. For more information, contact the licensing worker at (989) 395-0877.

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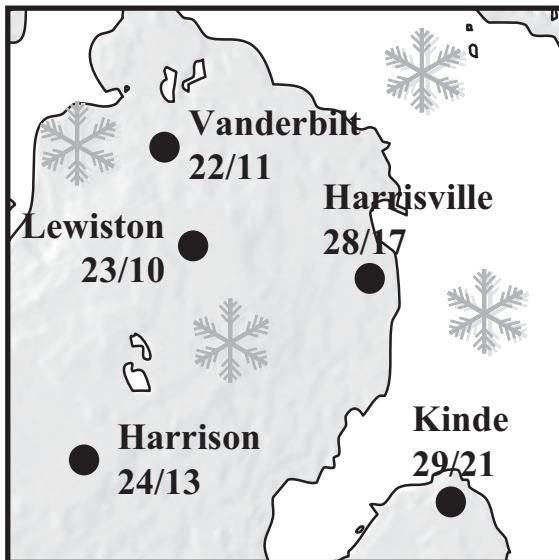
Alcona Review Weather Report

Nov. 27, 2013

Seven Day Forecast

- WEDNESDAY**
Snow Likely
High: 28 Low: 17
- THURSDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 26 Low: 22
- FRIDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 33 Low: 26
- SATURDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 35 Low: 29
- SUNDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 35 Low: 27
- MONDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 34 Low: 25
- TUESDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 24

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with an 80% chance of snow, high temperature of 28°, humidity of 73%. North wind 15 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 67° set in 1990. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of snow, overnight low of 17°. The record low for tonight is -1° set in 1951.

***Last Week's Almanac**

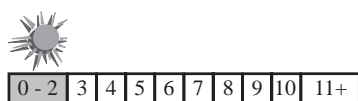
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	45	31	41/26	0.00"
Tuesday	37	23	41/26	0.00"
Wednesday	42	22	40/26	0.00"
Thursday	42	34	40/25	0.02"
Friday	39	20	39/25	0.07"
Saturday	28	14	39/25	0.09"
Sunday	21	8	39/24	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 12/2	Wednesday 7:46 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	1:33 a.m.	1:44 p.m.
Thursday 7:47 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	2:37 a.m.	2:14 p.m.	
Friday 7:48 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	3:44 a.m.	2:46 p.m.	
First 12/9	Saturday 7:50 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	4:53 a.m.	3:23 p.m.
Sunday 7:51 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	6:03 a.m.	4:06 p.m.	
Monday 7:52 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	7:13 a.m.	4:58 p.m.	
Tuesday 7:53 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	8:19 a.m.	5:58 p.m.	

Local UV Index



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

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see scattered rain and snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated snow Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 60° in Boston, Mass. The Southeast will see scattered showers today, mostly clear skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 83° in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 55° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today, with the highest temperature of 77° in Palm Springs, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:15 a.m.	4:12 p.m.
Venus	11:18 a.m.	7:44 p.m.
Mars	1:32 a.m.	2:07 p.m.
Jupiter	7:53 p.m.	11:10 a.m.
Saturn	6:04 a.m.	4:08 p.m.
Uranus	2:25 p.m.	2:55 a.m.

Weather History

Nov. 27, 1883 - Fire engines were called out in New York City and New Haven, Conn. as a result of the afterglow of the sunset. Vivid red ash from the Krakatoa Volcano explosion, which occurred in August, caused the phenomenon.

Weather Trivia

How many inches of dry snow equal one inch of rain?
Answer: You would need to melt 20 to 40 inches of snow to get one inch of rain.
www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Safe Journey, Comet ISON

Comet ISON continues to brighten the dawn sky, but now astronomers are wondering whether several new outbursts, one that was first seen on November 12, and another that was noticed on November 19, aren't really the harbingers of a crumbling comet breaking apart as it plunges towards the sun. Comets are some of the smallest and most ephemeral objects of the solar system. They are mostly water ice, with the firmness of a well-packed snowball. Dry ice (frozen carbon dioxide) and methane ice are also part of the solid constituents of a comet, as well as small grains of dust, which in total make a comet a conglomeration of some of the most primordial "stuff" found in our solar system. As a comet approaches the sun, Sol's energy begins to vaporize the ices on its surface, as well as beneath its surface too. Pressures build, the surface cracks, and jets of gas containing dust are released into space. The gases are ionized and fluoresced by the ultraviolet light from the sun, then sculpted by the sun's magnetic field and solar wind to form a bluish ion tail which points directly away from the sun. The very smallest pieces of dust are less vigorously blown back by light pressure from the sun to form an arcuate yellow dust tail that backscatters sunlight to become visible. Larger dust particles remain in the comet's path to turn into the shooting stars that we see at night if the comet's orbit intersects the Earth's orbit. That will not be happening with Comet ISON. If ISON makes it around the sun on November 28, get ready for what will become an easy naked eye target in the predawn skies of early December. If the sun breaks it apart, get ready for some fantastic space photos, but not much else in the way of anything spectacular to see from Earth. As a friend of my once said, "Comets are like cats. They have tails and do exactly as they want." Safe journey, Comet ISON! See you in December. www.astronomy.org

Take a test drive before buying a car

Dollars And Sense
By David Uffington

The end of the calendar year might be one of the best times to get a deal on a vehicle purchase, when everyone else is out holiday shopping.

It's not only the price you need to be concerned with. How the car feels is important, especially if you plan to keep it for a number of years.

Assuming you've done your homework about whether a particular vehicle meets your needs and price, the test drive is where you'll find the answers about a small, but crucial detail: Is the car comfortable? Edmunds.com, the car experts, has a list of tips for getting the most out of your test drive.

--Sit in the vehicle. Sounds simplistic, but getting in and out of the car and sitting in it will tell a lot. Is there enough legroom? (If you'll have multiple drivers in your family using the car, take them along.) Can all of you reach the pedals easily? Did you hit your head getting in or out? Is the steering wheel too far away to be comfortable? Does the seat tilt? Try out the backseat, especially if you'll likely be carrying passengers. Move the side-view and rearview mirrors: Are there any blind spots?

--Drive the car. If the

salesperson wants you to take a specific route (likely all right-hand turns that lead back to the lot), describe a different route you'd like to try. If possible, try to take a route that is similar to one you usually drive: highway, hills, city traffic, etc.

Once on your test drive, give the car a bit of a workout. How does it accelerate for passing? How does the engine sound when you do? Can you hear a lot of road or tire noise? Are the brakes smooth or grabby? Is the steering responsive? Is the car comfortable to ride in?

--After the test drive, check other aspects of the car. Do the doors open enough to load groceries or reach in to strap in a child? How's the trunk room? Does the back seat fold down for extra trunk space?

--Use your camera or phone to snap a picture of the sticker and options, as well as the car, especially if you're going to be visiting other dealerships.

Before you buy, be sure to review the Edmunds article, "Test-Drive Your Car Salesperson." For much more information on cars, see Edmunds.com.

David Uffington 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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VA hiring vets for mental-health jobs

Veterans Post
By Freddy Groves

The Department of Veterans Affairs set a goal, and has met it.

In 2012, an executive order was handed down to improve VA mental-health services for veterans, service personnel and their families by hiring more than 800 peer specialists and peer apprentices.

The specialists and apprentices are themselves veterans who have been successful in dealing with their own mental-health issues for at least a year. Specialists are trained and certified, and the apprentices are in the process of getting training on the way to becoming specialists. Part of the executive order was that training for all of them would be finished by

the end of the year. The VA says it will meet that goal.

Both the specialists and apprentices have been sent to all VA Medical Centers that have more than 10,000 enrollees, as well as the outpatient clinics.

And they increased staffing at the veterans crisis hotline by 50 percent. Overall, not a bad effort.

If you need to talk to someone, or know a veteran who does, call the veterans crisis hotline at 1-800-273-8255. There's a good chance that the person on the other end also will be a veteran.

If you want to learn about the VA's mental-health services in general, go online to www.mentalhealth.va.gov.

Do you think you'd make a good specialist or apprentice? Go online to

www.vacareers.va.gov/peer-to-peer/ and click on Search Peer Support Positions. As of this writing, there are positions in Alaska, Michigan, Nevada, Pennsylvania and many more. Remember that one of the main requirements is that you be a "veteran who has recovered or is recovering from a mental-health condition." Veterans with physical disabilities also are encouraged to apply. Look closely at the open and closing dates of the position listings. They're not all the same.

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Get outdoor plants ready for winter

This Is A Hammer
By Samantha Mazzotta

Q: What outdoor plants should I protect during the winter? Which can be left alone? -- Seth in New Jersey

A: For exact information on which plants to protect and how, you'll want to ask at your local garden center. Each plant is different, but most are classified in the U.S. based on the growing zone in which they do best. If a plant is classed as "hardy" for your zone, it should do all right in the cold weather, with a few precautions.

If not, or if it is a potted plant, consider bringing it inside, or wrap the plant or shrub in burlap tied with

string to protect it from frosts and freezes.

Many perennials need just a fresh layer of mulch, applied before the first hard frost. Again, check with your garden center or research your type of plant on the Internet to determine which mulch is best to use -- bark, hay, straw or leaves -- and how deep to mulch.

Other ways to prepare your yard for winter include clearing away any loose debris, such as leaves and fallen branches, to prevent them from blowing around in the winter. If your garden has been harvested, now's the time to turn the soil and remove any stalks and dead vines before the ground

freezes. It's also a good time to start a compost heap, if you haven't got one already. By spring, you should have some good compost to start the next garden.

HOME TIP: Trouble with squirrels invading a bird feeder? Set the feeder at least 6 feet from tree branches or roof eaves and mount it on a metal pole, which is harder to climb.

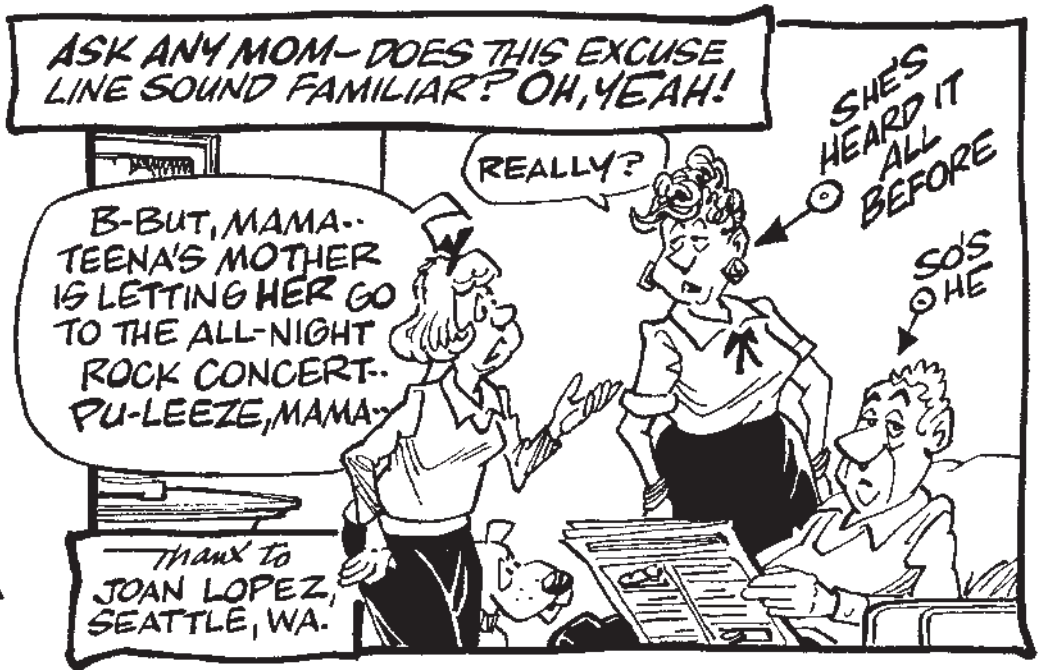
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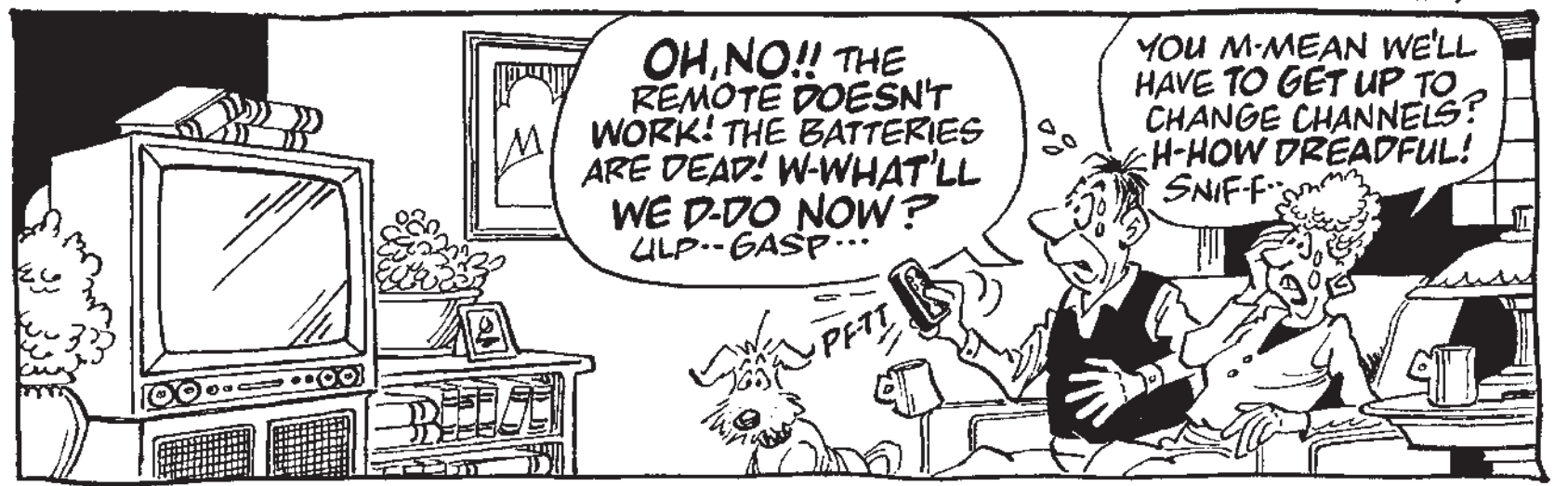


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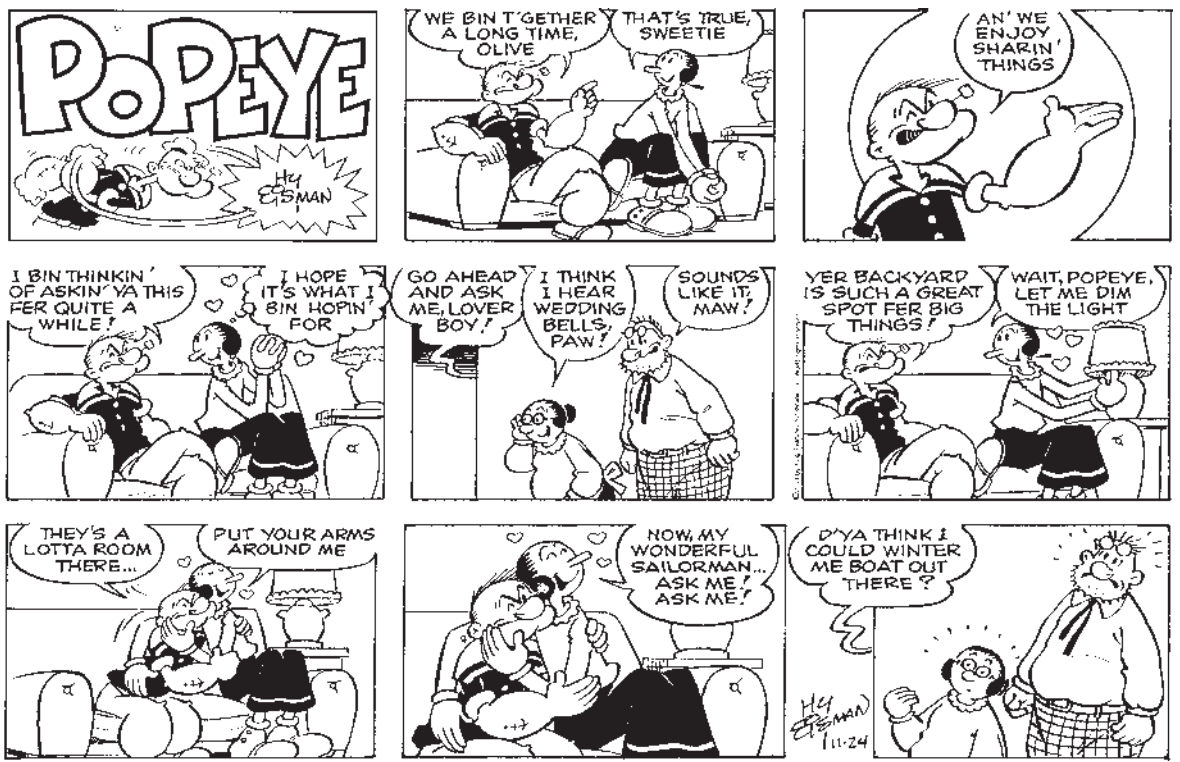


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ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held November 13 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve the minutes of the October 23 meeting with one correction; authorize payment of open accounts in the amount of \$119,699.83; authorize sale of surplus equipment and a utility building; approve an amendment to the MDOT contract; purchase two new snow plows for pickups; approve salaried employ-

ees' schedule of benefits; pay signing bonus and salary increase upon return of an employee from disability leave. This synopsis of the minutes is published prior to board review and approval. Complete minutes are available upon request via e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly-scheduled meeting is November 13 at 4 p.m.



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Area Church Directory


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 Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.,
 Harrisville • 724-5160
www.standrewschurhharrisville.org
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE


Haynes Community Church
 4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740
 Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
 989-724-6665 • 989-724-6578
 Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org

Family Heritage Baptist Church
 4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)
 Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org
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 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.
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Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
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Spruce Presbyterian Church

 Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
 6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464
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 Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor Wednesday office hours 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.


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 Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor ~ 724-6734

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Whats my china worth?

Collecting
By Larry Cox
Q: In 1991, I bought a set of dishes in the Triumph pattern by American Limoges. In addition to place settings, I have platters, covered bowls, and salt and pepper shakers. I would like to know the worth of these dishes. -- Charisse, Fenton, Mich.

A: In our present economy, the sale of sets of china has been extremely difficult. I visit antiques shops and malls on a regular basis, and most china sets sit and collect dust. Typical shop prices for this pattern seem to be 5-piece setting, about \$45; salt and pepper set, \$15; large bowl, \$35; and large platter, \$50. Those are the prices, but as I stated earlier in this answer, this pattern and many others do not seem to be selling. I checked eBay and discovered a set of 36 pieces in your pattern being offered for sale, but alas, no bidders.

Q: I have either a copy or an original engraving by Thure de Thulstrup, a leading illustrator during the 1800s. I would like to find out more information about it. -- Zita, Sun City West, Ariz.

A: With artwork, it is always best to hire the services of a certified appraiser to help research the item and then determine its current value. You are near Phoenix, and there are dozens of appraisers available there to help you. As a general rule, it is best to assume that this will not be a free service.

Q: While cleaning out a storage area, I found several older Coca-Cola bottles. Can you suggest a club or organization I can contact to find out if any are of any value? -- Steve, Ames, Iowa

A: The Coca-Cola Collectors Club has thousands of members throughout the country, and this might be a good place to contact first. The addresses are PMB 609, 4780 Ashford-Dunwoody Road, Suite A, Atlanta, GA 30338; and cocacolaclub.org. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

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the date hereof the sum of twenty-two thousand three hundred sixty-five dollars and forty nine cents (\$22,365.49) including interest 8.625 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, Alcona County courthouse lobby, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Dec. 11, 2013. Said premises are situated in county of Alcona Michigan, and are described as: Land is located in the township of Caledonia, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: Lot(s) 28, James A. Potter Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page(s) 134, Alcona County records. The above described property is commonly known as 6628 Caledonia, Hubbard Lake, Mich. Property Tax Parcel ID: 01-023-195-008-028-

00. 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 is later; or unless MCL 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. Partners for Payment Relief, DE II, LLC., Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys: Barham Legal, LLC 2670 N. Columbus Street Lancaster, Ohio 43130 (740) 689-9828 11-6, 11-13, 11-20, 11-27

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 13-5253 DE

Estate of Catherine Marie Soltysiak Date of birth: November 5, 1959 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Catherine Marie Soltysiak, died September 17, 2013. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Val Rensberry, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: November 22, 2013 Dylan J. Wallace, Isackson, Wallace, and Pfeifer, P.C. P73783 114 South Second Avenue Alpena, Mich. 49707 (989) 354-8242 Val Rensberry 461 Princeton Avenue Alpena, Mich. 49707 (989) 379-4546

If you are now on active military duty or have been in the prior one year, please contact our office at (248) 502-1400. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Buddy T. Sawyer, an unmarried man, to PNC Bank, National Association, assignee of PNC Holding, LLC, assignee of National City DND, Inc., successor by merger to National City Mortgage Services Co., mortgage, dated April 29, 1999 and recorded May 13, 1999 in Liber 331, page 68, Alcona County records, Michigan and the current owner, Linda A. Moore. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifteen thousand six hundred ninety-five and 45/100 dollars (\$15,695.45) including interest at 7.375 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be fore-

closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on December 11, 2013. Said premises are located in the township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Situated in the township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan. Commencing at the northeast corner of Government Lot 3, Section 34, Township 25 North, Range 9 East, Section 34, thence north 87° west 1,637.5 feet, thence south 11° 15' west 195 feet to the point of beginning, thence south 87° east 150 feet, thence south 11° 15' west 50 feet, thence north 87° west 150 feet, thence north 11° 15' east 50 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA

§600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. 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: November 13, 2013 Orlans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007 File No. 13-015310 11-13, 11-20, 11-27, 12-4

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notified that all claims against the estate of James W. Carey, deceased, will be forever barred unless presented to Anne M. Norman, personal representative of the estate of James W. Carey, or to both the Alcona Probate Court, at 106 5th Street, P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, and the personal representative, within four (4) months of publication of this notice. Date: November 27, 2013 The Arslanian Law Firm, P.C. By: Jeffrey D. Ryan, Attorney P60282 74 East Long Lake Road, Suite 100 Bloomfield Hills, Mich. 48304 (248) 540-7500 Anne M. Norman, Personal Representative 14900 Oakes Road Perry, Mich. 48872

File No. 13-005230 DE Notice to Creditors and Interested Party State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona

In the matters of the decedent's estate of James William Carey, deceased. Date of birth: March 17, 1963 To Angelica L. Carey, an interested party, whose address is unknown and whose interest in the matter may be barred or effected by the admission of the Last Will and Testament of James William Carey and of the following: To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, James William Carey, who lived at 3276 Lakeshore Drive, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, died on May 26, 2013. Creditors of the decedent are

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 13-5281 DE

Estate of Thomas Edward Kulish, deceased. Date of birth: March 22, 1933 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Thomas Edward Kulish, died August 6, 2013. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Nancy R. Perry, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 57, Greenbush, Mich. 48738 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: November 20, 2013 Nancy R. Perry P.O. Box 57 Greenbush, Mich. 48738 (989) 724-5643

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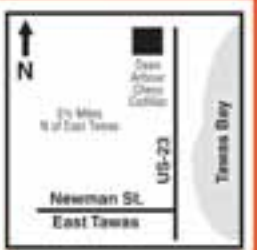
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The Oscoda Area United Way (OAUW) is seeking additional members for its volunteer board of directors. For nearly four decades, the non profit organization has helped fund agencies addressing human service needs in the Oscoda area. Funded exclusively by donations, OAUW distributed over \$26,000 this fiscal year to local service organizations including shelters, food pantries, F.I.S.H., first responders and others. Administration costs are minimal, with approximately 97 percent of expenditures benefitting area residents. A few of the United Way directors visit this year's fundraising thermometer. (From left) Sara LeBourdais, Joan Myles and Paul Fredenburg. "We are a small, committed group of volunteers," said board chairman Paul Fredenburg, "and our mission is to improve the lives and well being of the people in our community. We welcome new perspectives and fresh ideas, and invite like-minded people to join us." For more information about Oscoda Area United Way, contact Paul Fredenburg at (989) 739-7256. *Courtesy photo.*

Invasive pest hurts state timber sales

By Lacey Shepard
Capital News Service

The devastating spread of the emerald ash borer shows no sign of slowing and it is causing the pace of timber sales to quicken.

Timber sales are important for their contribution to the timber based industry as well as the welfare Michigan residents, according to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Michigan started seeing an infestation of emerald ash borer in 2002, said Doug Heym, a DNR timber sales specialist. The insect is a beetle that efficiently eats the layer below bark, causing a lack of nutrients, or girdles a tree, leading to its death.

"Eggs are laid on the bark of ash trees, and when the eggs hatch the larva under the bark and they eat the cambium layer of the tree," said Heym. "When they eat that cambium they in es-

sence screw up the plumbing of the tree."

Heym said that part of the timber on DNR forest land was meant to be held for sale at a later date. However, the outbreak of emerald ash borer has accelerated the timetable.

"When emerald ash borer get to the stand of timber, it's pretty lethal. In a few years almost all of your ash trees are dead," said Heym. "We've had problems in contracts that we've already sold - trees that we sold when they were alive ended up being killed."

The selling of timber has been accelerated in areas that were not initially planned because the trees are dying, he explained.

For example, the damage on DNR land near Gaylord, Mich. has spread up the salvaging process of harvesting infected trees while the Gladwin, Mich. area is seeing a higher tree mortality rate,

said DNR timber program management assistant Donovan Asselin.

The current infestation is causing a decrease in salvage bid sales but the DNR won't see any noticeable decrease in sale until next year, he said.

Deborah McCullough, a forest entomology professor at Michigan State University, said she doesn't think there's a way to eliminate emerald ash borers at this point. However, there are ways to slow down the pest.

"One of the things that a lot of money and effort is going into is biological control," said McCullough. "Federal agencies are putting millions of dollars into rearing and releasing tiny little wasps that attack either eggs or larvae of emerald ash borer."

"The idea is that eventually, as the natural enemies

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Response to new invasive species under way in Alpena, Bay and Chippewa counties

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Wildlife Division is leading response efforts to control a new aquatic invasive plant, European frog-bit (*Hydrocharis morsus-ranae*).

Until recently, this free-floating plant had only been reported in a few localized sites in the southeastern Lower Peninsula. Through recent statewide monitoring efforts, this species has been detected in Saginaw Bay, Alpena and Munuscong Bay in Chippewa County.

This new invasive species was detected as a result of an Early Detection Rapid Response (EDRR) pilot project funded through a federal Great Lakes Restoration Initiative grant. The project relies on collaboration with partners, including Michigan State University and Coop-

tember) and trial treatments with herbicides.

"Responding quickly to a new invasive species is critical to increasing our chances of success, and it requires a well-organized, collaborative effort between multiple agencies and other partners," said Wildlife Division chief Russ Mason.

Education, outreach and future control activities are being planned with local stakeholders and partner groups. A complete outline of the EDRR program, including future stages, is defined in the newly revised SOM Aquatic Invasive Species State Management Plan at www.michigan.gov/aquaticinvasives.

European frog-bit was accidentally released into Canadian waters between 1932 and 1939, and has since



European frog-bit grows quickly on the surface of open water (above). It resembles miniature water lily as shown in a close up (below). *Photos courtesy of the Michigan DNR.*



erative Weed Management Area groups.

Using the new State of Michigan's Rapid Response Plan for Aquatic Invasive Species, developed jointly by the DNR, DEQ and MDARD, these new reports were verified, an on-site assessment was conducted and a response plan was formulated. Control measures are under way, including physical removal (1,500 pounds removed beginning in mid-Sep-

spread throughout Ontario, New York, Vermont and other eastern states. It forms extremely dense vegetative mats that cover the available open water surface. Frog-bit shades out submerged native plants, reducing invertebrate and plant biodiversity, disrupts natural water flow, inhibits watercraft movement and may adversely affect fish and wildlife habitat.

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Where to find northern pike in Michigan



They are only treasures if you have them. Please pick up your photos from the Alcona County Review, 111 Lake Street, Harrisville.

As the temperatures continue to cool, fishing for northern pike will continue to pick up. Pike are extremely popular during the ice fishing season but are readily available throughout much of the year.

There are many notable northern pike fisheries located throughout Michigan, including on Muskegon, Portage and Manistee lakes and also Michigamme and Houghton lakes. But this species can be found in many lakes and virtually all larger rivers in the state.

Take note: There are many regulations for northern pike regarding minimum size and possession limit. Be sure to read up on this species in the 2013 Michigan Fishing Guide.

Northeast Lower Peninsula
November 21

This is the best time of year for whitefish action especially for Alpena, Oscoda

and Tawas. The number of fish may be down from previous years but anglers should still find some good fishing right now.

• Thunder Bay River: Is producing whitefish. Try floating a single egg or wax worm. Good catches of small perch were reported in the river and the Alpena Boat Harbor.

• Oscoda: Walleye are still being caught off the pier. Best time to fish is between late evening and early morning with small spoons or body baits. No word on whitefish.

• AuSable River: The water is high and fast. Anglers need to use caution when wading or fishing off the banks. Strong winds have weakened trees along the river. Watch for broken branches or trees that could come down at any time.

Steelhead fishing seems to be getting better and better. A good number of fish have been caught near the mouth

however, more fish are moving up into the river and were caught up near Foote Dam. Spawn, wax worms, spoons and body baits have produced fish.

• Au Gres River: Has steelhead in the East Branch.

• Rifle River: Also has a number of steelhead up into the river.

Sales

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become established, they will control emerald ash borer."

Insecticides can be injected that will protect a tree for three to five years, but that's not an economically justified option for large numbers of trees, said McCullough. The insecticides are used for ornamental trees or for just a few in people's backyards.

Brenda Owen, executive director of Michigan Association of Timbermen, in Newberry, Mich. said there are still many areas in the southern part of the Lower Peninsula and the northern part of the Upper Peninsula that have not been infested, but it still has a negative impact on sales.

"We've seen changes in the way some of our members do business," said Owen. "They may act more quickly on a sale if they know that the ash trees need to be harvested more quickly to get the best dollar value from the trees. Obviously, the more infested the trees are, the more the dollar value will continue to decrease."

If trees are infected they have between one to four years to be harvested, Owen said.

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European frog-bit resembles a miniature water lily (lily pad), with leaves about the size of a quarter or half-dollar. It produces a small white flower, usually in June. Frog-bit is typically found in slow moving, shallow waters (one to three feet), typically within cattail and bulrush stands. Additional identification information is available at the Midwest Invasive Species Information Network at www.misin.msu.edu.

Anyone who suspects that they've seen European frog-bit, report sightings to www.misin.msu.edu or to Matt Ankney, EDRR coordinator, at ankneym2@michigan.gov or (517) 641-4903. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/invasivespecies.

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A marvelous night for a moon dance

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

Announcing: Phoenix Daire (Dye-ra) Wouters, born November 18, 9:45 a.m., to Katrina and Adrian Wouters. Phoenix weighs seven pounds, four ounces and is 22 inches long. She joins a brother, Kaiden. Maternal grandparents are Arthur and Kathryn Kniep of Harrisville.

I suppose there will come a day a few years from now when Phoenix will say to me "Nana, why do you call me Miss Moon?" And this is what I will tell her...

Well, from the moment we knew you existed in the world, we wanted you to know how much we loved you and how much we wanted you in our lives. And you took so very long to get here! But from the very minute your mama told me you were coming, I knew I wanted to have a very special name for you. Your nana name.

When your mama told me that she and your daddy had chosen to call you Phoenix, I thought maybe I would call you "Phee" and I think most of the time, I will. It has a nice Irish ring to it and like you, it's very pretty. But your special name, that came later.

The first day you were supposed to be born was opening day of hunting season. My friends said that maybe I should call you Bambi. I didn't think I liked that so much, but I did think that maybe I could call you Fawn. Then that day passed, and you still didn't come.

The second day you were supposed to be born, it stormed. Oh, did it storm! It rained and the lightning flashed and the thunder rolled and the wind blew so hard. And I thought perhaps I would call you Stormy. But then that day passed, and you still didn't come.

Finally, finally, the day came when you were born. You were tiny and perfect with your mama's big, round eyes and your daddy's ears and a lovely little mouth and tiny, tiny little fingernails all your own. I looked at you and looked at you and my heart filled up with light and peace and joy, just like when I look at the moon. You know how much I love the moon.

On the night of the day you were born, when I went outside to look at the sky, the Hunter's moon was hanging there, full and round and serene, shining in the sky and lighting up the night. I thought it was truly the second most beautiful thing I had seen that day. You were the first. And right then and there, I knew that my special name for you - your nana name - would be Miss Moon.

There were lots of reasons. When your mama held you, she was so in love, I could see the moon shine in her eyes. As far as your daddy and your grandpa and your big brother were concerned, you hung the moon. And each day, as you and I got to know each other better, I thought what a good choice your nana name was.

You were calm and quiet and tranquil like the moon, lying there in your bassinet.

When I sang to you about the cat and the fiddle and the cow and the moon, you stared and stared at me with your big luminous eyes and your little mouth formed into a perfect little "o," as though you'd like to sing along. And when I cradled you in my arms, I loved you so - oh, I loved you to the moon and back.

I can't give you very much, in terms of inheritance or family heirlooms. I can't promise you a peaceful or logical world. But I would (and I will) give you the moon. When you are a little bigger, we will hold hands and walk on the shore and I will show you the lake and the moon, and I know that you will love them the way I do. The way your mama does. And I will try very hard to show you that if you have the lake and the moon - and love - you have all you ever really need.

The moon is constant. It is always there in the sky, hanging up above us, even when we can't see it. I will try to love you so much and so well that you will always know I am there, even when you can't see me. At the same time, the moon is always changing. Each month, it grows from dark to crescent to full to gibbous. You are named for the phoenix, the bird who rises out of its own ashes to recreate itself. In just the few days you have been with us, you have already changed so much, growing and learning and trusting us more and more.

The moon controls the tides. You've swept into our lives and brought a tide of happiness and joy we'd never

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known before. You know that mermaids love the moon. On full moon nights, they rise up out of the water and sit on the rocks along the shore and bathe in its beams. And you know, you come from a long line of mermaids.

So I think the name I have chosen for you is just right. I hope that we will share the moon as our special talisman together and a beam of moonlight will stretch between us always, like a single, shining, silver thread that may fray sometimes, but never, ever break. I hope you will be my huckleberry friend.

And every night that I rock you to sleep, I will sing you this song that my mama, your great-grandmother, used to sing to me, with just one tiny change. "I see Miss Moon and Miss Moon sees me. God bless Miss Moon, as God blessed me."

Welcome to the world, Miss Phoenix Daire (Moon) Wouters. We are all so incredibly glad that you are finally here.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 30 years. She has published fiction, non-fiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville. The couple has one daughter, Katrina - "the Princess," and two dogs, Lady and Henry, all of whom are frequent victims of her column.)

American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate 2004-2006

There are thousands of poems about caring for the old, but I have never before seen one like this, in which a caregiver wades with an elderly person out into deep water, literally and figuratively. It's by Marie Thurmer, a poet now living in Nebraska.

A Grandfather

We waded in the shallows, holding his hands, then just fingertips, as his feet slowly lifted off the bottom.

The land did not stop at the waterline, but simply became unreachable.

His worn face bobbed above the waves, breath in an O

as our words, fistfuls of shimmering minnows, scattered, lost on their way to him. The tide carried him out, then back a bit,

a gradual letting go into dark waters, and we, still in the ebb, could almost

mistake that O for the response we wanted—

on the ins, I'll remember you, on the outs, goodbye.

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It's the same soup

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

After peeling off jackets, boots and hats, they came upstairs talking about the morning hunt, cheeks still red from the brisk wind that flowed through open windows in their blinds.

It was lunch time and they were hungry from spending several hours in the woods deer hunting. After peeking into the simmering pot on the stove and washing their hands at the kitchen sink, they ladled beef barley soup into bowls, sat down and began eating. Conversation all but ceased. I placed my bowl on the table and sat down across from my brother.

Two spoonfuls of soup in, he looked up at me and said, "It's the same soup." We held that gaze for a moment as a chorus of compliments spilled out across the table from the other hunters. I smiled and took in a spoonful too. It was good. Better yet, it was the same soup our mother made every year for more than 25 years in the same kitchen where her parents had shared meals with their friends at lunch time during deer season.

I knew what my brother meant - it's the same soup she made. Not just that it was beef barley. But, that it tasted like she had made it.

She didn't - at least not physically. But, she did in the sense that it was her recipe and, for several years prior to her passing away, I helped her make it. And again this year, as I browned the beef in a skillet and cut up carrots and celery I heard her voice in my head.

And, if I happened to look just right out of the corner of my eye, I could catch a glimpse of her sitting at the kitchen table gazing out

through the picture window to the rye field and surrounding forest; all lightly dusted with fresh snow like a fried cake doughnut that has been sprinkled with powdered sugar.

The beef barley soup is just one of the many meals that she taught me to make in that kitchen in the woods - all of which allowed for no variation. She was very clear about that. All of those meals were practice for the pièce de résistance - Thanksgiving dinner. The turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberries and pumpkin and apple pies that I will serve to family and friends this week is the very same Thanksgiving dinner that my mother, grandmother and great-grandmother served.

While I'm not quite sure where my great-grandmother served her Thanksgiving dinners (probably on the farm where she raised her family), I know exactly where my mother and grandmother served their dinners - at least for the last 50 years. I know this because that is where I'll be serving this year's dinner. If my math is correct, this will be the 55th dinner served at our family's place in the woods near Curran.

I'm sure countless families across the United States have similar stories of heritage and tradition - this is certainly not a new concept. The holiday season is ripe for the comforting rituals, meals and traditions.

After my brother's soup declaration, I began thinking about the ritual of deer season - apart from what is placed on the table. While some may view deer hunting - specifically firearm season - as an excuse to let loose and tromp around the woods with a gun. This is a modern version of an age-old ritual held by all of our ancestors - the fall hunt.

Today's version is markedly more comfortable and probably not a necessity like it was for our ancestors who needed to stockpile food in order to live through the winter. However, it is still essentially the same: Hunters come together, they bring weapons and other items to aid in a successful hunt, they bring food and/or preparers of food; they share stories - oral histories really - of past seasons, follies from the field, successful hunts and memories of hunters who have passed on. They talk about

Over the Dune

their lives, their families, jobs, friends and, sometimes, their problems.

Each "camp" of hunters has its own traditions and hierarchy. The time they spend together in the same pursuit ensures a bond that is essential and comforting. They learn from each other and many times, they work together to reach the same result - a deer for the freezer. They also celebrate - not only the annual tradition of hunting season, but also success in the woods and, sometimes the celebration is simply about being together and doing something they enjoy.

I know a lot of hunters who covet this time - they plan just about everything around deer season. For a few, this is the only time of the year they can forget about the stress in their lives and spend time in the woods.

Regardless of why they are at "camp" and the traditions that unfold each year, serious hunters enjoy the challenge of a successful season. They enjoy being in the woods and watching wildlife. They enjoy the challenge of the wait - until it all comes together to the moment when it is time to take the shot.


Each hunter who values the true essence of hunting finds reverence in the experience; and shows respect by being a good sportsman and gratitude for the bounty that comes from the woods. This, for many, is passed down by experienced hunters through their actions, guidance and encouragement - as it has been for hundreds of years. Those who have gone before put down the roots and each generation represents the growth and continuation of these traditions.

Even though my brother and I miss those who have passed away - those who have taught us the traditions by actions, guidance and encouragement - we are now the ones who are doing the same for our family and friends. I find comfort in this even though there is an ache of longing and a twinge of fear regarding the responsibility it holds.

As I put the turkey in the oven and peel potatoes Thursday I will feel the presence of our mother and grandmother just as my brother feels the presence of our father and grandfather as he enters the woods. Their voices will continue to be heard as we share and foster traditions for those that come next.

(Cheryl Peterson is a native of Oscoda and a graduate of Northern Michigan University. She was the editor of two daily newspapers before moving to Harrisville in 1995 when she and her husband, John Boufford, purchased the Review.)

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Bear Alert
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E-mail: birdlingbits@csfrr.com
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The Garden Bug

Flowering mums planted outdoors in the fall won't have enough time or energy to develop a hardy root system before winter. The plants will succumb to the frequent freezing and thawing. Instead, keep them in their pots, trim off spent flower heads, and place the plants in a cool, dry indoor area that does not freeze.

Mums Keep them slightly moist. This can maintain them until spring. Plant in the ground when threat of frost has passed.



- Brenda Weaver
Source: www.mums.org



Tyler Gehres, 11, bagged his first deer, a six-point, on November 16 while hunting on private property near Hubbard Lake. He is the grandson of Dennis and Lois Gehres of Lincoln. *Courtesy photo.*



Dave Stanley of Gains, Mich. bagged his first deer on November 15 at 4:30 p.m. in Alcona Township. He is pictured with his daughter, Emma, 9. *Courtesy photo.*



Laura Nolan, 15, of Harrisville, bagged this three-point on November 15 in Spruce. Not only is this her first buck, it was taken her first day hunting. *Courtesy photo.*

A Time To Give

Holiday time seems to be a time when several local agencies are in need of our help.

Alcona County EDC and Alcona County Chamber of Commerce have partnered together with three agencies in our community to assist them with their donation and fund raising needs. A list of agencies is posted at the drop off location which is:

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Seeing Michigan elk is now a little easier, with new elk viewing stations

Three elk viewing stations have been installed in northeast Michigan.

Volunteers from the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff members worked together with the Cadillac Career Technical Center on a project to improve awareness of elk and their management in Michigan.

An important part of this outreach project is to help

visitors get a chance to see an actual elk.

"We are really excited to help folks view Michigan elk in their natural habitat," said DNR wildlife technician Katie Keen. "Elk viewing is very popular in the fall, and we want to help increase wildlife watchers' chances of seeing this large animal."

The viewing stations were built this past school year by Cadillac area high school students who attended the Cadillac Career Technical

Center's building trades class. The RMEF paid for building materials for the viewing stations.

A viewing station is an information board with elk history, biological facts and management information, placed in an area where elk may be seen. The station also includes a map indicating other areas where elk can be frequently found. Roads are named and GPS points are listed to help navigate parts of the Pigeon River Country



An elk viewing station was recently installed in northeast Michigan. (From left) Doug Doherty, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF); Joe Valentine, DNR; Mark Monroe, DNR; Dan Collard, RMEF; Scott Wheelden, RMEF; Meg Wheelden, RMEF; Brian Mastenbrook, DNR. Photo courtesy of the Michigan DNR.

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flicts that can arise with a large plant-eating animal.

Wildlife viewing is part of a growing eco-tourism concept that many small communities currently benefit from.

"Michigan elk can only be found in this area," said Dan Collard of RMEF. "And the best way to appreciate such an awesome animal is to get a chance to see it - and if

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Art Olson of Ossineke shot this eight-point on November 19 in the Spruce area. It weighed 130 pounds.



Phil VonFintel of Barton City shot this 10 point in the Barton City area on November 20.

Bullying, when one child picks on another repeatedly, is an increasing problem in schools. Bullying can be physical, verbal or social. One only has to think of the most recent school shooting to know that bullying can have tragic consequences.

Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison wants to help ensure children are safe from bullying at school and promote an atmosphere where problems can be worked out constructively, rather than violently. The following are a few tips to help parents -- whether their child is being bullied, their child is the bully or their child observes bullying.

When your child is bullied:

- Help him or her learn how to respond by teaching them how to:
 - * Look the bully in the eye.
 - * Stand tall and stay calm in a difficult situation.
 - * Walk away.
- Teach him or her how to say in a firm voice:
 - * I don't like what you are doing.
 - * Please do *not* talk to me like that.
 - * Why would you say that?
- Teach them when and how to ask for help.
- Encourage him or her to make friends with other children.
- Support activities that interest your child.
- Alert school officials to the problems and work with

them on solutions.

• Make sure an adult who knows about the bullying can watch out for your child's safety and well-being when parents cannot be there.

When your child is the bully:

- Be sure this child knows that bullying is *never* okay.
- Set firm and consistent limits on your child's aggressive behavior.
- Be a positive role model. Show children they can get what they want without teasing, threatening or hurting someone.
- Use effective, non physical discipline, such as loss of privileges.

• Develop practical solutions with the school principal, teachers, counselors, and parents of the children your child has bullied.

When your child is a bystander:

- Tell your child not to cheer on or even quietly watch bullying.
- Encourage your child to tell a trusted adult about the bullying.
- Help your child support other children who may be bullied. Encourage your child to include these children in activities.
- Encourage your child to join with others in telling bullies to stop.

Elk

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you're lucky, you might even get to hear it!"

While there are never guarantees that elk will visit a particular place at a particular time, the viewing stations were placed in areas of substantial elk activity and where the DNR has made the habitat attractive to elk.

An elk viewing brochure, with the viewing map included, has also been produced as part of this project. To download this brochure, go to www.michigan.gov/elk.



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Hiker treks from Belle Isle to Ironwood

Chris Hillier admits he wasn't watching television that November day in 2012 when Gov. Rick Snyder called for a hiking trail across Michigan that would take folks from Belle Isle to Ironwood. But as soon as Hillier heard about it, he was all about making that hike.

"I said, 'I'll be the first,'" the 45-year-old Taylor resident remembered. "In the long-distance hiking community, that's something."

Hillier went right into action, mapped out a route – which included a fair stretch of state where there are no designated trails – and lined up supporters to help him re-supply along the way. And on April 26, 2013, Hillier left Belle Isle, Mich., took a right on Jefferson, a left on Connor, and was on his way to the westernmost edge of the Upper Peninsula.

By the end of the first day, Hillier had covered 24 miles and made it into Macomb County. From there, he picked his way along roadways, railroad tracks, or whatever route he could find until he made Midland where he knew he had a 230-stretch of well-maintained trail that would take him to Mackinaw City.

Long story short? Eleven weeks and 924 miles after he started, Hillier trekked into Ironwood on July 18, the first person to take the unofficial Belle Isle-to-Ironwood Trail. "I asked around," Hillier said. "Nobody's done it."

On his best day, Hillier covered 27 miles. He averaged 12 to 15 miles while hiking about 12 hours a day, though there were plenty of bumps in the trail. Just outside Midland, for instance, he was warned that the Kaw-kawlin River flood plain was pretty much flooded, but he pressed on regardless.

"It was swamp," said Hillier, who calls himself a professional long-distance hiker. "I wound up sinking up to my waist. Got soaking wet. I did about 20 miles and wound up right where I



Avid hiker Chris Hillier, of Taylor, Mich. became the first person on record to hike from Belle Isle to Ironwood - and he did it in 11 weeks. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

started. But you know there are going to be days like that. That's the down side of long-distance hiking."

Hillier endured a number of "zero days," as he calls them, over the course of his adventure when he made no progress. One was in Marquette, when bad weather caused him to hole up for a day. But he also took four in a row in Mackinaw City, when a re-supply package – filled with texturized vegetable protein, minute rice and instant mashed potato flakes – he was to pick up at the post office was lost in the mail.

Still, for every hiccup, there was a high, Hillier said. "The very best day of the whole trip was when I hit the Lake Superior shoreline," he said. "I could finally take off my mosquito netting. I'd had it on for two weeks straight. There was a cool breeze, no bugs for the first time in weeks, a beautiful lake and no one around for miles and miles.

"Pictured Rocks -- nowhere else in the country has beauty like that," Hillier said. "I took a whole week to hike from Grand Marais to Marquette. It was great. I was under no time pressure and I'm easily distracted."

A U.S. Army veteran who

was trained as a medical technician and worked in the health care industry for years before he went into hiking full time, Hillier has hiked all over the country. The Michigan trek was among his toughest ever, he said.

"Along the Lake Superior shoreline was amazing and beautiful, but the toughest times were when I had to cut back through the woods," Hillier said. "It was kind of an emerald tunnel, not exactly scenic. And bugs? I used a gallon of DEET. I've hiked in the Okefenokee Swamp and in the Everglades and I never experienced mosquitoes like that."

And the mosquitoes were only one of the challenges of making it across the Upper Peninsula, Hillier said.

"There are parts of the North County Trail that are undeveloped, just dotted lines on the map," he said. "I had to bushwhack my way – just fight through the thick Michigan woods. It's difficult – hard on your body, hard on your gear, and it takes a lot of energy. But it's a long-distance skill that I needed to sharpen up on and I did. It teaches you to stick to a compass heading and not panic."

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"There was no way to quit, even if I wanted to," he continued. "There's no place to go. It's so thick you can't even sit down. You just have to keep on going."

Hillier said he got a lot of weird looks and plenty of questions from passers-by as he made his way across the state. "But everybody was cool," he said, especially the folks he met on his last leg of the journey as he pulled into Ironwood.

"The reception I got was over the top," he said. "The mayor, the chamber of commerce and a bunch of people came to the edge of town and gave me a police escort into town. They really rolled out the red carpet. They've worked very hard on the trail system there and they want hikers and bikers to come there to enjoy it."

Although the official Belle Isle-to-Ironwood Trail has yet to be completed, adventurers who like to hike, bike or otherwise explore the state by trail have more options in Michigan than anywhere else in the Midwest, thanks, in

part, to the more than \$100 million the Natural Resources Trust Fund has invested in them over the years.

Michigan boasts more than 12,000 miles of recreational trails, including some 900 miles of state parks trails, 560 miles of looped forest trails, more than 1,400 miles of water trails and 1,300 miles of bicycle trails.

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The governor made it clear that he wants Michigan to be known as the "Trail State." And while the proposed Belle Isle-to-Ironwood Trail would only bolster the title, most Michigan trail enthusiasts would tell you we're already there.

For more information on

Michigan's trails, visit www.michigan.org/trails or www.michigan.gov/dnrtrails.

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



Hiking along the South Haven to Port Huron Trail - on one leg of his journey - Chris Hillier is accompanied for a way by his neighbor Phillip Frazier. Hillier carried everything he needed on his back. This past summer, Hillier logged 924 miles from Belle Isle to Ironwood.

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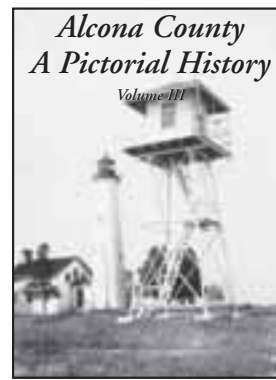
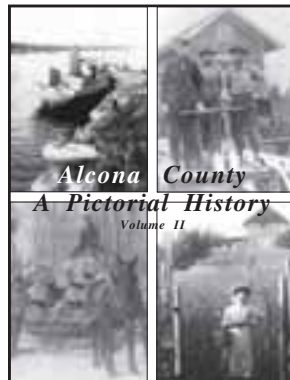
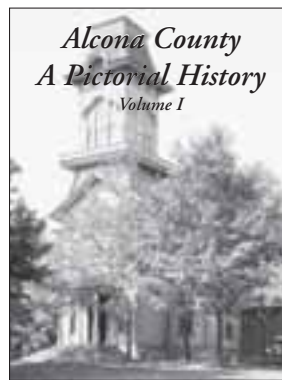
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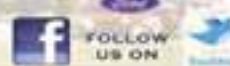
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Chris Hillier admits he wasn't watching television that November day in 2012 when Gov. Rick Snyder called for a hiking trail across Michigan that would take folks from Belle Isle to Ironwood. But as soon as Hillier heard about it, he was all about making that hike.

"I said, 'I'll be the first,'" the 45-year-old Taylor resident remembered. "In the long-distance hiking community, that's something."

Hillier went right into action, mapped out a route – which included a fair stretch of state where there are no designated trails – and lined up supporters to help him re-supply along the way. And on April 26, 2013, Hillier left Belle Isle, Mich., took a right on Jefferson, a left on Connor, and was on his way to the westernmost edge of the Upper Peninsula.

By the end of the first day, Hillier had covered 24 miles and made it into Macomb County. From there, he picked his way along roadways, railroad tracks, or whatever route he could find until he made Midland where he knew he had a 230-stretch of well-maintained trail that would take him to Mackinaw City.

Long story short? Eleven weeks and 924 miles after he started, Hillier trekked into Ironwood on July 18, the first person to take the unofficial Belle Isle-to-Ironwood Trail. "I asked around," Hillier said. "Nobody's done it."

On his best day, Hillier covered 27 miles. He averaged 12 to 15 miles while hiking about 12 hours a day, though there were plenty of bumps in the trail. Just outside Midland, for instance, he was warned that the Kaw-kawlin River flood plain was pretty much flooded, but he pressed on regardless.

"It was swamp," said Hillier, who calls himself a professional long-distance hiker. "I wound up sinking up to my waist. Got soaking wet. I did about 20 miles and wound up right where I



Avid hiker Chris Hillier, of Taylor, Mich. became the first person on record to hike from Belle Isle to Ironwood - and he did it in 11 weeks. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

started. But you know there are going to be days like that. That's the down side of long-distance hiking."

Hillier endured a number of "zero days," as he calls them, over the course of his adventure when he made no progress. One was in Marquette, when bad weather caused him to hole up for a day. But he also took four in a row in Mackinaw City, when a re-supply package – filled with texturized vegetable protein, minute rice and instant mashed potato flakes – he was to pick up at the post office was lost in the mail.

Still, for every hiccup, there was a high, Hillier said. "The very best day of the whole trip was when I hit the Lake Superior shoreline," he said. "I could finally take off my mosquito netting. I'd had it on for two weeks straight. There was a cool breeze, no bugs for the first time in weeks, a beautiful lake and no one around for miles and miles.

"Pictured Rocks -- nowhere else in the country has beauty like that," Hillier said. "I took a whole week to hike from Grand Marais to Marquette. It was great. I was under no time pressure and I'm easily distracted."

A U.S. Army veteran who

was trained as a medical technician and worked in the health care industry for years before he went into hiking full time, Hillier has hiked all over the country. The Michigan trek was among his toughest ever, he said.

"Along the Lake Superior shoreline was amazing and beautiful, but the toughest times were when I had to cut back through the woods," Hillier said. "It was kind of an emerald tunnel, not exactly scenic. And bugs? I used a gallon of DEET. I've hiked in the Okefenokee Swamp and in the Everglades and I never experienced mosquitoes like that."

And the mosquitoes were only one of the challenges of making it across the Upper Peninsula, Hillier said.

"There are parts of the North County Trail that are undeveloped, just dotted lines on the map," he said. "I had to bushwhack my way – just fight through the thick Michigan woods. It's difficult – hard on your body, hard on your gear, and it takes a lot of energy. But it's a long-distance skill that I needed to sharpen up on and I did. It teaches you to stick to a compass heading and not panic."

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