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Water Warriors ride to support Special Olympics

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The Water Warriors made a stop in Harrisville a couple of weeks ago to refuel their personal watercraft (PWC) and themselves – with the help of Harrisville Harbormaster Steve Baksis.

According to Tom Chauvin, vice chairman of the Water

Warriors Mackinaw Ride, this group is a civic partner with Special Olympics of Michigan (SOMI). Members ride personal watercraft (PWC) like jet skis from The Straits of Mackinaw down to Lake St. Clair to raise money for Special Olympics of Michigan. This summer the warriors left on Monday, July 28

and ended their ride on Friday, Aug. 1.

"This is a 420 mile endurance ride. We overnight in Alpena, Tawas, Port Austin and Port Huron. We have fuel stops in Cheboygan, Rogers City, Presque Isle, Harrisville, Standish, Caseville, Harbor Beach and Lexington. We have 65 members that are on

the ride (which includes) 26-30 PWCs and riders, three support boats with spotters on the boats and 30 members following along on land," Chauvin said.

"As of (August 5) we have raised \$102,678.14 for SOMI. Our goal this year is to raise \$125,000. In order for us to reach our goal, we ask harbors, hotels et cetera to help with discounted fuel and discounted rooms. Harrisville Harbor has helped us for many years," Chauvin said.

"This year Steve Baksis, harbormaster, offered to cook lunch for us. While we were fueling, he was barbecuing hamburgers and hot dogs for our 65 members. Steve and Harrisville Harbor are an intricate part of our success. He basically lets us take over his harbor for the 30-45 minutes we are there. There were also several athletes from SOMI there to eat lunch with us," he said.

He explained the Water Warriors are men and women from all walks of life who have two things in common; their love of water sports and their desire to help people. The Water Warriors Personal Watercraft Endurance Ride began in 1991, an idea born by a member of the Wertz Warrior Snowmobile Endurance Ride, who believed overcoming the obstacles of Michigan's vast waterways and weather conditions could be conquered.

Anyone who is interested in becoming a Water Warrior who participates in the endurance ride must be 18 or more years old. Riders commit to raising at least \$1,500 for riding all five days. Commitments for riding less than five days are also available. The Water Warriors are responsible for paying their own expenses on the trip.

A rider commits to raising a minimum donation of \$1,500 and riding his/her machine from Mackinaw City to Harsens Island. The \$1,500 can be generated in many ways. Some riders solicit funds through their business associates; others have pig roasts, spaghetti dinners, golf tournaments, bingos, steak outs, et cetera. Members who raise their money and do not have a PWC or cannot ride will be offered a spot to ride on a support boat. The water support personnel are in boats with two to six riders assigned to each boat, responsible for the safety of their riders. The land support crew follow along on land assisting the riders at each fuel stop, docking, and transporting luggage and equipment. Shorter rides and financial commitments are available.

The Special Olympics program was founded in 1968 by the Joseph P. Kennedy Jr. Foundation, to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition for individuals with intellectual disabilities. There are more than 19,620 athletes who participate in Special Olympics Michigan. As a non-profit organization, Special Olympics Michigan relies upon the generous contributions of time, material, and money from individuals, organizations, and businesses. Without their support, the program would not exist.

For more information or to get involved on any level, contact Water Warrior Coordinator Wendy May at (810) 499-9508, (810) 499-9508, by mail at P.O. Box 234, Anchorville, Mich. 48004, or e-mail to Waterwarriors.mackinawride@gmail.com.



The Water Warriors refuel in Harrisville Harbor (top left) and enjoy a lunch provided by harbormaster Steve Baksis (top right) who was given a plaque in recognition of his support of the group's annual endurance ride. The Water Warriors make an 420 mile ride starting in Mackinaw City each summer (below). *Courtesy photos.*



Providing training for local teenagers' right of passage

By Carlee Campbell
Staff Writer

Driver's training is a right of passage for anyone who is 14 and eight months or older.

The possession of the coveted laminated card signifies the end of long bike rides in searing heat, no more walking to school and the end of asking a parent (or anyone else) for a ride.

A driver's license is freedom to most teenagers.

However, living in a rural county can make it more difficult to find a driver's training program close to home.

Candace Fulsher is the instructor at Kars Driver

Training and Testing in Alcona County -- the only driver's training company available in the county.

Fulsher has been the head instructor at Kars since last November. Even though she can have a class size closer to 36 students, Fulsher usually sees about 17 teenagers per segment, a number she said still requires a great deal of time.

Although Kars is the only option within the county, Lisa Timm, owner and instructor of Alpena Driving School in Alpena, said she sees Alcona County students in her program frequently, usually

those who live closer to Alpena County. Timm's company has four instructors including herself and has new classes starting every month until December. But catering to two counties means the seats fill up fast in each segment.

As the Alcona County instructor at Kars, Fulsher is in charge of the 24 hours of class time, six hours of driving and four of observation for each student -- something she said can be incredibly time consuming. She comes to work every day ready to teach and brings new ways to present the

sometimes dry material.

Recently, in an attempt to better educate students on the dangers of driving while impaired, Fulsher organized a class period dedicated entirely to drunk driving. Alcona County Deputy Chaz Neff gave a presentation while Fulsher introduced the students to Drunk Goggles, which simulate through vision .08 to .15 alcohol blood level.

Drunk Goggles are not a new thing to the driver's training program; they are, however, new to Alcona County's curriculum. "I didn't want to show videos

and just do book work. With the goggles, it hits home more for them," Fulsher said

While wearing the goggles, students must go through a standard field sobriety test; the same one police officers give. Tests include the walk and turn where one must walk heel to toe and turn without pausing or using arms for balance; and the one legged stand test where drivers must balance themselves on one leg without stumbling or using their arms for however long the officers say.

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Obituaries

Letter to the Editor

Gerald Reitmeyer

Gerald Reitmeyer, 75, of Glennie died on Sunday, Aug. 10, 2014.

He was born April 24, 1939 to William and Esther (Routheaux) Reitmeyer in Iron River, Mich.

On February 20, 1963 he married Jeanette Loca in Dearborn, Mich.

He was an avid fisherman, hunter and a member of the Glennie Sportsman Club. He enjoyed many activities at the Seventh Day Adventist Church in Glennie, especially with his grandchildren during Bible study.

Mr. Reitmeyer is survived by his wife, Jeanette; one son, Greg Reitmeyer; three daughters, Kimberly Reitmeyer, Cheryl Retmeyer and Rhonda (David) Asselin; nine grandchildren; one brother, David (Patty) Reitmeyer; and five nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be from 11 a.m. until the time of the funeral at 1 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 14 at the Hale Chapel of the Buresh Funeral Home, 121 S. Washington, Hale.

Sharon E. McCann

Sharon E. McCann, 76, of Greenbush, died on Wednesday, Aug. 6, 2014 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

She was born September 11, 1937 in Detroit, Mich. to Karl and Jean (McRae) Kunow.

She was raised in Detroit, Mich. and graduated from high school at Alma College of St. Thomas, Ontario, Canada.

She married George McCann on August 8, 1959. They were residents of Garden City, Mich. for 21 years and retired to Arizona in 1980.

In 1991 Mrs. McCann moved to her daughter's home in California; and in 2006 she moved to Greenbush, where she had summered for many years.

Mrs. McCann is survived by one daughter, Janene Ann Lacey of Chula Vista, Calif.; and one son, Jeffrey J. (Judith) McCann of Hanover, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, in 1988.

A memorial service will be held Saturday, Aug. 16 at 11 a.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Harrisville. The Rev. Margaret Fox will officiate.

David L. Gauthier

David L. Gauthier, 59, of Black River, died on Friday, Aug. 1, 2014 following an extended illness at U of M Hospital's Critical Care Unit in Ann Arbor, Mich.

He was born December 27, 1954 to Charles and Annie (Smith) Gauthier in Taylor, Mich. During his senior year at Taylor Center High School he worked as a machinist co-op student at Karr Manufacturing and upon graduation he worked for Rickert's Tool in Lincoln. He returned to the Taylor, Mich. area and worked at Ecorse Machinery Rebuilders as a machinist for approximately 30 years.

After retiring, Mr. Gauthier moved to his Black River home. He was an audio enthusiast, an avid record collector and was especially fond of old time Rock and Roll. He loved to read and collected science fiction books. He was quite versatile in his talents which included the complete electrical wiring of his home.

Mr. Gauthier is survived by his father, Charles Gauthier of Black River; one brother, Lyle Gauthier of Saginaw, Mich.; three sisters, Carol (Mark) Kraynak of Saginaw, Mich., Charlotte (Joe Donajkowski) Gauthier of Hubbard Lake and Barbara Gauthier of Annandale, Va.;



four nieces, Shaina (Jesse) Moore of Midland, Mich., Nichole (William) Bryant of Dyesbur, Tenn. and Samara and Xavier Donajkowski of Hubbard Lake; three nephews, Lyle (Ruby) Gauthier Jr. of Neosho, Mo., Tellis Donajkowski of Hubbard Lake and Ross Kraynak of Chicago, Ill. Mr. Gauthier's constant companion and much loved Australian shepherd, Patches, has found a new home with the Donajkowski family of Hubbard Lake.

He was preceded in death by his mother.

Interment will be at Calvary Cemetery, Black River. Cremation has taken place and a cemetery memorial will be determined at a later date.

To the Editor,
Yesterday morning (Monday, Aug. 4) my wife Rita asked, "do we vote Tuesday?" I responded, "Yes." In no time I had obtained a blank ballot from the Internet. I was not shocked there were very few contested positions for state or local office in this off-year primary election.

I was shocked to find there were four proposals requiring my attention. I immediately reread the last edition of the Alcona County Review for applicable information. There was none. I then reviewed the Oscoda Press, and found an article on page four of the Oscoda Press relative to State Proposal 14-1. While I was aware that the Michigan Legislature had passed a measure eliminating the Personal Property Tax (PPT), literature I had seen, and the proposal itself, do not mention the elimination of the PPT. Were it not for the article in the Oscoda Press tying the elimination of the PPT to proposal 14-1, I would have voted no.

With regard the request for 0.5 mill for the Alcona County Road Commission, I recall a couple of articles in the Alcona County Review recently. I have not seen cost estimates for buildings, nor environmental cleanup. Since there is a substantial contingency fund, it would make sense to me to spend that first, before asking for an advance from the public. (Gregg) Schefferly's letter in last week's paper, reinforced my no vote. I recall no press coverage for the Alcona County Ambulance Millage Renewal of 1.0 mill. Without more information, I must vote no. Regarding the Harrisville Township request to grant a franchise to Presque Isle Electric & Gas Co-Op. I remember reading of this item in the minutes of Harrisville Township meetings. I need to know the benefits to the residents of Harrisville Township. Again, I must vote no.

Lonnie Crampton
Harrisville

(Editor's Note: The Review's coverage of the August 5 Primary was in the July 23 edition. Despite our efforts at presenting the information, we cannot control whether it is memorable to the reader.)



Wallace H. Rifenbark

Wallace "Pan" Henry Rifenbark, 90, of Barton City died Thursday, August 7, 2014 at Medilodge of Sterling, Mich.

He was born in Bad Axe, Mich. on April 22, 1924 to Henry and Bertha (Smith) Rifenbark. He was raised in Bad Axe, Mich. and Barton City.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II. Afterward he returned to Barton City. Mr. Rifenbark retired after many years as a automobile mechanic.

He was a life member of the Burger-Weidbrauk VFW Post No. 8135.

Mr. Rifenbark is survived by his wife, Mary Esther "Maude;" two daughters, Gail Carona of Harrisville and Gloria Rifenbark of Ossineke; two sons, Roy (Mae) Rifenbark of Barton City and Rocky (Shelly) Rifenbark of Harrisville; two stepdaughters, Janice (Bob) Pierson and Nancy Pickvet; two stepsons, Dan (Karen) Rifenbark and Rick (Sandy) Rifenbark; 12 grandchildren; 16 great-grandchildren; eight step grandchildren; 15 step great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; one sister, Esther Torpey; his former wife, the mother of his children, Marjorie Rifenbark of Lincoln; and his cat, Ripper.

He was preceded in death by four sisters, Louetta Phinney, Pearl Ross, Dorothy Rivers and Josephine Valentine; three brothers, Elmer Rifenbark, Bill Rifenbark and Howard Rifenbark; one grandson; and one son-in-law, Larry Pickvet.

The funeral was held on Monday, Aug. 11 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Rick McClendon officiated. Burial was in Maple Ridge Cemetery, Barton City.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2014

Date	Temperature (F°)		Rain Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Aug. 3	74		54	0.02	2.7
Aug. 4	76	61	0.00	2.2	14	NE
Aug. 5	70	58	0.08	3.9	16	NE
Aug. 6	75	56	0.01	2.4	15	NE
Aug. 7	72	57	0.00	3.1	14	NE
Aug. 8	73	55	0.00	3.2	11	NE
Aug. 9	75	54	0.00	2.6	9	SSW

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2014	2013	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.11	0.07	0.79
August to Date	0.11	0.43	1.01
Year to Date	15.29	21.58	16.87

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



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, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

STEM Community Explorations Underwater ROV Days will held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville VFW hall across from the harbor. Join the Alcona 4-H student stewards and drive an ROV and make a fan-boat. All are welcome. For more information, visit thunderbay@noaa.gov or call (989) 356-8805.

All children in pre-school through the sixth grade are invited to attend vacation Bible school at New Life Lutheran Church, 25 Kirche In The Woods, Spruce from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To pre-register or for more information, call (989) 736-7816.

There will be a papermaking workshop with Ellen LaCross from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Free program for ages 10 and up. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

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

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 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to attend vacation Bible school from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 2902 East F-30, Mikado. Activities will include Bible stories, songs, crafts, games and snacks. For more information, call (989) 736-8345.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 14

STEM Community Explorations Underwater ROV Days will held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville VFW hall across from the harbor. Join the Alcona 4-H student stewards and try out the underwater ROV simulator, build payload tool or a coat hanger ROV. All are welcome. For more information,

call (989) 356-8805 or visit thunderbay@noaa.gov.

All children in pre-school through the sixth grade are invited to attend vacation Bible school at New Life Lutheran Church, 25 Kirche In The Woods, Spruce from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. To pre-register or for more information, call (989) 736-7816.

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, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

Learn how to identify trees by their leaves and make a leafprint t-shirt to take home. Bring a clean white t-shirt to the program. Some shirts will be available to purchase. This event will be held at 1 p.m. at Lumbermans Monument, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

Walk with Ease program will be held at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. The program focuses on enhancing mobility for people with arthritis and joint replacement. Pre-registration is required, call (989) 356-8124. No charge to participate.

Children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to attend vacation Bible school from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 2902 East F-30, Mikado. Activities will include Bible stories, songs, crafts, games and snacks. For more information, call (989) 736-8345.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

My Brother's Hope Potluck Café-Take 2 will serve a free meal and offer 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.

STEM Community Explorations Underwater ROV Days will held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville VFW hall across from the harbor. Join the Alcona 4-H student stewards and build a blinky kit and practice soldering. Work with a team to build an underwater ROV. All are welcome. For more information call (989) 356-8805 or visit thunderbay@noaa.gov.

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Hawaii Day storytime and craft from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Hawaiian attire encouraged!

Children in grades kindergarten through eighth grade are invited to attend vacation Bible school from 6:30 to 8:45 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church, 2902 East F-30, Mikado. Activities will include Bible stories, songs, crafts, games and snacks. For more information, call (989) 736-8345.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road, Lincoln. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

The Village of Lincoln will host the 16th annual Antique and Classic Car, Tractor and Motorcycle Show. Antique and classic vehicles are displayed on 2nd Street in Lincoln. There will be a pancake

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Fall Color Tour

The Alcona Fall Color Tour tickets are available for purchase at the Alcona County Michigan State University Extension Office, 320 South State Street (M-32), Harrisville. Tour dates are September 25 and 26. For more information, contact Bonnie at zoia@msu.edu.

New Arrival

Harper Lynn Sikes is the new daughter of Andrew and Rebecca Sikes. She was born June 11, 2014 at Turkey Creek Medical Center in Knoxville, Tenn. She weighed six pounds, 14 ounces and was 20 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Louis and Ginger Campbell of Harrisville and John and Marty Sikes of Charlotte, N.C. She is the great-granddaughter of Bruce and Betty Campbell of Lincoln and John and Juanita Sikes of Garfield, Ga.

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be open Saturday, Aug. 16 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the Alcona County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) in Lincoln. Vendors accept Project Fresh coupons and bridge cards and offer Double Up Food Bucks on qualifying purchases. Available this week: Eggplant, nappa cabbage, turnips, beans, broccoli, onions, peas, tomatoes, rutabagas, spinach, zucchini and summer squash, hot and sweet peppers, potatoes, carrots, beets and beet greens, cucumbers, garlic, kale, lettuce, fresh herbs, eggs, all cuts of hormone and antibiotic free grass fed and grain fed beef, snack sticks and brats, assorted white, wheat, multi-grain, French and sweet breads, cookies, cupcakes, jams, dried herbs, cut flowers, handmade soaps, homemade laundry detergent, flower pins, clips and headbands, crocheted items, custom signs, wooden items, and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

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, August 18—Fish almondine, broccoli cheese rice, peas and carrots, pickled beets and fruit.
- Tuesday, August 19—Baked chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, buttered baby carrots, pudding and fruit.
- Wednesday, August 20—Goulash, corn, tossed salad, bread sticks and fruit.
- Thursday, August 21—Boiled dinner with smoked sausage, carrots, red potato, cabbage and onion; and fruit.
- Friday, August 22—Oven baked chicken breast, stuffing and gravy, mixed vegetable, tossed salad and fruit. (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Tie-Dyeing for Teens

Youth ages 10-18 are invited to a tie-dyeing workshop with Hale artist Kathleen Baker on Tuesday, Aug. 19 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. T-shirts and all materials are included. Call to register at (989) 724-6796. This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant program, administered by the Kirtland Community College Foundation.

Adult Summer Reading Ends

The grand prize drawing for the Adult Summer Reading program, "Literary Elements," will be held following Alcona Book Club on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Adults are invited to a salad and dessert lunch at noon, and a discussion of the book club classic "1984" by George Orwell. The prize drawing, for tickets to the Alpena Shipwreck Tour and local restaurant gift certificates, will be held about 1 p.m. Turn in all summer reading coupons at any branch of the Alcona County Library before noon on August 19 to be entered in the drawing. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Two Birds and a Lady

Local falconer Jennifer Schroeder will share her love and respect for birds of prey with an exhibit of her two live birds, a red-tail hawk and a kestrel (also known as a sparrow hawk) on Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Schroeder will also discuss the age-old sport of falconry. For more information, call (989) 724-6796. This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Minigrant program, administered by the Kirtland Community College Foundation.

Birch Bark Tray

Adults are invited to create a birch-bark tray from all natural materials with Jim Miller of Willow Winds on Monday, Sept. 8 at 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Registration is limited to 10 individuals for this traditional wilderness skills workshop. All materials, instruction and refreshments included for \$20/person; must pay at time of registration. For more information, or to register, call (989) 724-6796.

Mercury Collection Program

The Great Lakes Mercury Collection Program is providing free mercury collection services to Michigan residents, communities and businesses until September. EQ - A U.S. ecology company -- has partnered with the state of Michigan to facilitate the collection of mercury through The Great Lakes Mercury Collection Program until September. Any Michigan resident or business can contact EQ for a free collection bucket/box and instruction kit by calling (877) 960-2025, e-mailing mercurybucket@eqonline.com or going to Facebook to request a bucket. The container is delivered to the residence or business with a return UPS label. Mercury devices such as thermostats, thermometers, gauges, barometers, switches, relays, sensors, dental amalgam and much more can be placed in the bucket or box and returned to EQ for proper disposal using the UPS label.



Rain gardens are shallow depressions in the landscape that give rainfall a chance to collect and infiltrate the surrounding ground instead of being funneled directly into local waterways via storm drains. Pollutants can be filtered out of rainwater during this process. For instructions on how to build your own rain garden, go to www.raingardennetwork.com



Brenda Weaver
Sources:
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Fulsher said that use of the goggles "puts things into perspective for the kids. They think they're doing great and walking a straight line and then they take the goggles off and see they're a foot away," she said.

Even though she had to pay out of pocket for the \$100 set of goggles, she said it was "worth it if I can save one life." That particular class period tends to be the most popular among students finding the goggles "hilarious" and watching their peers attempt to walk a straight line in them.

Among the most recurring

issues Fulsher sees are that the teenagers are easily distracted. "They require constant coaching," Fulsher said.

While the basics of driving such as road laws, vehicle usage and signs and markers are taught, emphasis is placed not only on impaired driving but things such as sleep deprivation, road rage and how to react when pulled over by an officer.

Segment I presents a great deal more information than segment II but Fulsher said it helps that driver's training is something kids "want to learn" and "it makes it easier

to get up in the morning (for work)," Fulsher said.

There is no deadline to register for classes which are held every other month. To sign up and register for the next round of classes contact Candi Fulsher at (989) 335-0751 or call Kars Driver's Training and Testing at (810) 648-1772.

To register for the next upcoming segment I and II classes at Alpena Driving School, call (989) 340-1004 or visit alpenadriving-school.com. Classes fill up faster during the summer months and early registration is recommended.

Driver's training unfolds in courses

Michigan's Graduated Driver Licensing system is set by the state and requires completion of two different courses, passing grades on both written tests and the Road Test.

Segment I requires 24 hours of class time, six hours behind the wheel with an instructor and four hours of observation and an 80 question written test.

A driving student must be 14 years and eight months old to register. Classes are usually two hours five days a week. Driving time is done outside of class time. At the completion of Segment I, students receive a certificate that can be taken to the Secretary of State's office to receive the level one license. However, student drivers must be supervised at all times with a driver aged 21 years or older.

After holding the level one graduated license for a minimum of three months and with 30 hours of behind the wheel driving, two of which must be at night, students become eligible to take Segment II.

Segment II lasts for three days, two hours each night, students are given a refresher, more condensed look at material seen in Segment I and then are given a 20 question written test at the end of the final day.

When a driving student passes the test, another certificate is awarded which can be used to take the road test.

There are other requirements that must be met: To receive a Level Two Intermediate License the student:

- Must be 16 years old.
- Must complete both segment I and II.
- Have a level one license for six months.
- Complete 50 hours of supervised behind the wheel driving by parent or guardian who is 21 years or older.
- Ten of the supervised hours must be at night.
- Pass a driving skills test and present certificate.
- Have no violations, suspensions and have no at-fault accidents within 90 days of applying for the level two license.

- Present proof of legal presence.

- Have a parent or legal guardian sign application.

Requirements for Level Three License:

- Must be 17 years old.
- Hold a level two license for six months.

- Have no violations or suspensions, and no at-fault accidents for 12 months prior to applying for the level three.

Due to strict laws, driving schools cannot conduct the official road test and students must schedule a road test with a third party. Call for testing times, fees and more information. Companies available for road testing are:

- Iosco RESA in Oscoda and Tawas City; (989) 362-3006.
- Oscoda County Michigan Road Testing; (800) 837-4994.
- Wolf Creek Driving Testing in Alpena; (989) 358-2000.



The Forgiven Eagles made the annual stop in Harrisville for a short service. *Photos by Mary Weber.*



Ron Skiba (left) from the Harrisville VFW Post hands a check to Mike Ditulio, president of the Forgiven Eagles Chapter 3, to help with veterans' needs during the Eagles annual visit to Harrisville.



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Local health center staff receive recognition for distinguished service

The outreach and enrollment team at Alcona Health Center was recognized by the non-profit association representing Michigan Health Centers for their distinguished service during the Michigan Primary Care Association's (MPCA) 35th annual awards ceremony held August 5.

The MPCA Distinguished Service Award recognizes commitment, dedication, and outstanding service on behalf of Michigan Health Center patients.

“Barbara Porrett, Mary

Ouellette, Lisa Wooll, Ashley Keller, Jordan Smith, Malinda Amlotte, and Roger Baumgardner have worked tirelessly to assist Alcona, Alpena, Iosco, and Emmet County residents in enrolling in affordable coverage through the Health Insurance Marketplace and Healthy Michigan Plan. It is dedication such as theirs that is making a difference in communities across the state by increasing access to care,” said Kim Sibilsky, chief executive officer of Michigan Pri-

mary Care Association.

The Alcona Health Center is one of Michigan's 38 Health Center organizations that together operate 240 sites across the state, providing care to more than 600,000 patients each year regardless of insurance status or income. Michigan Health Centers are part of a nationwide network of Health Centers that serve the primary medical, dental, and behavioral health care needs of more than 22 million individuals in over 9,000 locations across the U.S.



Alcona Health Center staff members (from left) Malinda Amlotte, Barb Porrett, AHC Executive Director Chris Baumgardner, Mary Ouellette, Roger Baumgardner, Jordan Smith, Ashley Keller and Lisa Wooll receive recognition for their service to patients. *Courtesy photo.*

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By Ted Kooser

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Here's a poem by an Indiana poet, Shari Wagner, that has a delightful time describing the many sounds of running water.

Creek-Song

It begins in a cow lane
 with bees and white clover,
 courses along corn, rushes
 accelerando against rocks.
 It rises to a teetering pitch
 as I cross a shaky tree-bridge,
 syncopates a riff
 over the dissonance
 of trash—derelict icebox
 with a missing door,
 mohair loveseat sinking
 into thistle. It winds through green
 adder's mouth, faint as the bells
 of Holsteins heading home.
 Blue shadows lengthen,
 but the undertow
 of a harmony pulls me on
 through raspy Joe-pye-weed
 and staccato-barbed fence.
 It hums in a culvert
 beneath cars, then empties
 into a river that flows oboe-deep
 past Indian dance ground, waterwheel
 and town, past the bleached
 stones in the churchyard,
 the darkening hill.

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Is life insurance needed in retirement?

Dear Savvy Senior,
Is life insurance needed in retirement? I'm about to retire and have been thinking about dropping my policy to escape the premiums. Is this a good idea?

Over Insured

Dear Over,
While many retirees choose to stop paying their life insurance premiums when they no longer have young families to take care of, there are a few reasons you may still want to keep your policy. Here are some different points to consider that can help you determine if you still need life insurance in retirement.

- **Dependents:** Life insurance is designed to help protect your spouse and children from poverty in the case of your untimely death. But if your children are grown and are on their own, and you have sufficient financial resources to cover you and your spouse's retirement

costs, then there is little need to continue to have life insurance.

But, if you had a child late in life or have a relative with special needs who is dependent on you for income, it makes sense to keep paying the premiums on your policy.

You also need to make sure your spouse's retirement income will not take a significant hit when you die. Check out the conditions of your pension or annuity (if you have them) to see if they stop paying when you die, and factor in your lost Social Security income too. If you find that your spouse will lose a significant portion of income upon your death, you may want to keep the policy to help make up the difference.

- **Work:** Will you need to take another job in retirement to earn income? Since life insurance helps replace lost income to your family when you die, you may want to keep your policy if your spouse or other family mem-

bers are relying on that income. If, however, you have very little income from your retirement job, then there's probably no need to continue with the policy.

- **Estate taxes:** Life insurance can also be a handy estate-planning tool. If, for example, you own a business that you want to keep in the family and you don't have enough liquid assets to take care of the estate taxes, you can sometimes use a life insurance policy to help your heirs pay off Uncle Sam when you die.

It's a good idea to talk to a disinterested third party (not your insurance agent), like an estate planning expert or a fee-only financial planner to help you determine if your life insurance policy can help you with this.

If you find that you don't need your life insurance policy any longer, you may want to consider selling it in a "life settlement" transaction to a third party company



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for more than the cash surrender value would be, but less than its net death benefit. The best candidates are people over age 65 who own a policy with a face value of \$250,000 or more.

Once you sell your policy, however, the life settlement company becomes the new owner, pays the future premiums and collects the death benefit when you die.

How much money you can expect to get with a life settlement will depend on your age, health and life expectancy, the type of insurance policy, the premium costs and the value of your policy.

Most sellers generally get 12 to 25 percent of the death benefit.

If you're interested in this option, get quotes from several brokers or life settlement providers. Also, find out what fees you'll be required to pay. To locate credible providers or brokers, the Life Insurance Settlement Association provides a referral service at lisa.org.

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

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More hints on targeting walleye

Most anglers targeting walleye know that catching them in the spring is much easier than catching them during the warmer summer-time months. In most Michigan lakes walleye in the summer typically seek cooler, deeper and darker waters while typically feeding in the shallow waters only at night.

Because of some physiological properties of walleye, their sensitivity to bright light typically results in avoidance of shallow waters during day light periods.

Anglers in the summer time months tend to target walleye during the evening and morning time "low-light" periods. Targeted water depths will vary between lakes, but most anglers seek drop-offs where walleye will typically move up to feed in the shallow waters during the evening through morning hours. My experience fishing walleye in this fashion is usually successful by using a leech or minnow on a floating jighead weighted with a small splitshot sinker (or two). Anchoring at the drop-off or



using a slow drift has been the most productive for me.

Other anglers may want to troll artificial lures or crawler harnesses along the deeper side of the contour lines in order to cover more area in a shorter time period. My grandfather always used to say, "Once you find them, you need to stay on 'em." I think there is a lot of truth to that.

Walleye fishing is sometimes a frustrating activity due to some long waiting periods between catches and finding the perfect conditions. However, once you get a bite it usually signifies something special and, hopefully, a memorable experience with family and friends.

(This tip was written by Cory Kovacs, Fisheries Management Biologist in Newberry, Mich.)

Northeast Lower Peninsula August 7

• **Rogers City:** Anglers continue to catch a mixed bag of Chinook and pink salmon, steelhead, lake trout and a few walleye. While the fish are scattered, the best depths were 40 to 100 feet and the hot colors were orange, green, blue, black and white or anything that glows early and late. The bigger fish were caught on attractors with flies, squid and cut bait. The key is to find baitfish.

• **Alpena:** Activity has slowed but those fishing around Thunder Bay Island and the "Humps" did well for lake trout and the occasional steelhead or salmon. Walleye fishing slowed as most were now fishing Rockport.

• **Thunder Bay River:** Did not have much to report. Anglers are using live bait or trolling for whatever might hit like walleye, smallmouth bass or catfish.

• **Fletcher's Pond:** Has been good for panfish and largemouth bass.

• **Harrisville:** Dredging will begin within the next seven to 10 days however, it should not affect anglers making their way out into the harbor and the lake. Access for shore anglers may be blocked for a short time. Fishing was spotty. Most are targeting walleye in 12 to 45 feet between Greenbush and Sturgeon Point with crawler harnesses, bottom bouncers and body baits. Lake trout moved out deeper and are hitting on dark colors in 100 to 150 feet.

• **Oscoda:** Catch rates picked up for boat and shore anglers. Boat anglers had good success fishing the bottom two-thirds of water 120 to 150 feet deep. Dark colors work best but anglers might want to think about running a good spread of baits throughout the water column.

Pier anglers caught a mix of smallmouth bass, catfish, pike and walleye. Start looking for the early fall salmon or steelhead off the piers because they were logged in at this time last year.

• **Houghton Lake:** Anglers caught walleye along the weed beds. Panfish activity was hit-or-miss but anglers did manage to find rock bass, crappie and bluegills.

• **Tawas:** Those trolling caught a few walleye near Buoys No. 4 and No. 6 and off Jerry's Marina. Some caught small perch. Pier anglers are getting smallmouth, rock bass and a few perch. Those casting body baits at night have caught a few walleye.

• **Tawas River:** Is producing a few rock bass and smallmouth bass.

• **AuGres:** Walleye fishing was slow. The best action was in 10 to 15 feet when using Hot-n-Tots, husky jerks and crawler harnesses. The action was scattered around the shipping channel, off the hotel and towards the Saganing Bar.

• **AuGres River:** Is producing a few channel cats.

(The Weekly Fishing Report is intended to give anglers an "idea" of what is going on around the state. Updates for the report come from DNR Fisheries creel clerks and field staff as well as DNR conservation officers working in the field. For those looking for specific information on a certain body of water or port, it is safe to say if a certain species is being caught in some waters in the area, more than likely they are being caught in all waters in that section of the state that have that species. This report has been provided by the DNR Fisheries Division; (517) 284-5830; located in Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Mich. 48933.)

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN ZONING ORDINANCE NOTICE OF ADOPTION

A Zoning Ordinance regulating the development and use of land was adopted by the Lincoln Village Council on August 4, 2014. The new Zoning Ordinance shall take effect August 20, 2014. The Ordinance can be downloaded at www.nemcog.org/plan_zone.asp or obtained at the Lincoln Village Offices at 117 W. Fiske Street, Lincoln, Michigan. The new Zoning Ordinance also includes the rezoning of adjacent blocks of properties throughout the village and several individual lots including:

Village of Lincoln, 117 Fiske St., Lincoln, MI 48742 – to Public Use from Residential

Alcona County Road Commission, 301 N. Lake St., Lincoln, MI 48742 – to Public Use from Residential

Gillies Funeral Home Inc., 104 W. Alger St., Lincoln, MI 48742 – to Business from Residential

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An old soldier's tear

By Mary Weber
Columnist

I've always thought there were very few things in life more profound than old soldier's tears. Something about seeing teardrops roll down a weathered veteran's cheek has always seemed so sweet and yet sad.

I've seen it at Memorial Day and Veterans Day services by men and women decorated with ribbons and medals of service to their country... but it took me by complete surprise when the Forgotten Eagles came to visit Harrisville and I saw my husband Wil, my weathered veteran, let a tear slip.

Sometimes I forget Wil served our country. It was a long time before I ever met him and he doesn't talk about it much. He served for just one year, 11 months -- from December of 1965 to November of 1967 during the war in Vietnam. Just a little shy of 50 years ago, a blip in the amount of wonderful years Wil had before service and since then.

I was seven years old at the time his service began. Yes, Willy sort of robbed the cradle, but by the time we met when I was 44, my so called cradle had pretty much dry rotted. There are days when I see no difference between our ages. Other days, when I'm having a hard time keeping up with the old boy, I'm sure he's much younger than I.

I've probably explained how my husband became a U.S. citizen before, but it bears repeating. Willy's U.S. citizenship came by happenstance. Both his parents were Canadian and he was born in the back seat of a Dodge in March of 1946 while his parents were traveling from Western Canada to Eastern Canada in search of employment. The closest hospital was in Jamestown, N.D. so he was declared a dual citizen of the United States and Canada.

Willy grew up in Goderich, Canada on the sunset side of Lake Huron. Just after his 18th birthday he was offered a job working with his uncle on the docks in Detroit, Mich. He took the opportunity and headed for the border.

When he arrived the U.S. welcomed its citizen back with open arms and a greetings letter from the draft board. At the time he could have easily said no thanks and returned to his home in Canada where his parents still lived. Instead, he accepted his obligation to his new country.

"I figured I had a job here and not much opportunity back in Canada. With my limited experience there was no future for me back there. I wanted to keep working and living in Michigan," Wil said trying hard to remember all the circumstances surrounding a life lived 50 years ago.

The company he worked for asked for a deferment on his behalf due to the importance of his skills on the job. The deferment gave Wil a year in which time he was able to help his parents move to the Detroit, Mich. area bringing with them Wil's three younger siblings and get things settled



Alcona's Backyard By Mary Weber

for them. All three of his siblings eventually became U.S. citizens, but his mom, who's 92 this year, is still a Canadian.

By the time Wil started boot camp his hearing had deteriorated greatly from working on the docks, in those days no one wore ear protection. At that time, ear protection was considered a hazard because they used their hearing to stay safe. "There were no OSHA standards back then, things are a lot different now," Wil said.

Instead of sending him to Vietnam, the Army decided, with his hearing loss, to send him to Germany instead. They trained him for fuel and electrical repair on vehicles. When he got to Germany they made him a clerk and his main job was ordering and picking up supplies.

To this day, when Wil is asked if he is a Vietnam vet, he hesitates. He served during the war overseas, but never in Vietnam and out of respect to those who were actually in the trenches of Vietnam and saw the devastation and brutality of war first hand, he makes sure people understand he never served with them and was never in harm's way.

Because of this respect, Wil has never marched in a parade, nor has he ever joined a VFW group and, besides asking for a few veteran discounts at The Home Depot and Big Boy, he's barely used any of his veteran benefits. In Wil's eyes he only fulfilled his obligation to a nation he now calls home by sitting at a desk and picking up supplies while others gave their lives.

His family and I see things a bit differently. We are proud that he served this country when he really didn't have to. Occasionally, we remember he's a vet and tell him we're proud, but our support never seemed to have much affect on his view of himself as a veteran.

That was until the Forgotten Eagles, a group who motorcycles throughout Michigan to collect donations for veterans and spreads awareness for the fallen, prisoners of war and missing in action veterans, came to Harrisville last Thursday.

Truthfully, we weren't even going to attend the ceremony they were having on the courthouse lawn. It was a busy week for both of us and a Thursday full of interviews and other appointments. Still we somehow managed to sneak in a quick stop.

It was a beautiful day and the Forgotten Eagles put on a nice ceremony, although it was sparsely attended. We listened to their purpose and speeches, poetry and prayers. Wil, still recovering from neck surgery sat in the shade on a

bench while I walked the small crowd to take some photos for the newspaper. When the ceremony was ending, an Eagle asked all veterans to bear arms. Out of the corner of my eye I saw my old soldier stand up and salute his flag.

I've seen him do this at other events and it always gets me. So many young men and women give themselves in service to protect our nation, so many come back injured and nearly forgotten by military red-tape bureaucracy, so many come back in coffins, so many don't come back at all. I'm grateful my soldier was never in harm's way. I'm grateful he can stand and salute his flag.

I continued taking photographs, watching members of the community present donations to the Eagles. By the time I got back to where Wil was I saw the tear, still softly hanging to his bottom lid. "What caused this?" I said as I gently wiped the tear away. He sat for a moment trying to form the words, "One of the Eagles came up and patted me on the back and said 'thank you' for my service."

Yep, that's all it took to make my old soldier cry, a pat on the back and a thank you from a stranger.

Thank you to all the military service members -- young and old -- who fought in the thick of things or, like my soldier, spent their time at a desk filing paperwork and looking for supplies. You all did your part.

Thank you also to the Forgotten Eagles for all they do to help veterans and for reminding mine he served his country well.

(Mary Weber was born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit, Mich. She moved to Alcona County in 2005 with her husband, Willy, when he retired. Life in the north woods, away from city life presents new experiences not only with nature but with a community of caring, friendly people, they now consider family...and they love every minute of it.)



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Alcona Book Club discusses George Orwell's "1984"

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Two Birds & a Lady with local falconer Jenny Schroeder**

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Drop in craft for ages 3-18 at the Lincoln branch

Wednesday, August 27 – 6 p.m. (LINCOLN)

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Thursday, August 28 – 1 – 3 p.m. (CALEDONIA)

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Scenes from Historical Day

The family of Nancy Dawn Schisler expresses their heartfelt thanks for all the prayers, love and support of her church friends and community. May God bless you all.



Captain Carl Jahn gives a demonstration and talks about artifacts and life as a sailor during the 20th century during Historical Day at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse.

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Sisters Elizabeth (front) and Natalie Johnston (middle) and Hayden Johnston (no relation) play with antique toys during Historical Day at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse. *Photos by Carlee Campbell.*



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Bill and Leona Edgley, who live in Lost Lake Woods Club, help Smokey Bear celebrate his 70th birthday during Historical Day at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse Saturday. The Edgleys have been married for 71 and a half years. *Courtesy photo.*



Volunteer Laura Knaggs (left) and Alexandra Knaggs (right) demonstrate how to use the wringer for drying clothes to siblings Collin, Aleah (middle) and Taylor Simpson before hanging them up to dry on a clothesline during Historical Day at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse. *Photos by Carlee Campbell.*



Bailey School, a one-room schoolhouse, sits on the grounds of Sturgeon Point Lighthouse.

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After 70 years, Smokey Bear still plays vital role in fire prevention

When the typical American thinks of wildfire prevention, the first image that comes to mind is surely that of the iconic Smokey Bear.

Since the days of Smokey's first words in 1944 - "Smokey says - care will prevent nine out of 10 forest fires" - his likeness and slogans have been invaluable to federal, state and local agencies responsible for wildfire prevention and management.

For the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Smokey was not only instrumental in establishing the importance of fire prevention education throughout the state, but also became one of the pillars upon which the DNR's highly regarded fire program was built.

In recognition, the DNR joined the rest of the nation Saturday, Aug. 9, in celebrating Smokey Bear's 70th birthday and all that this character has done to bring fire prevention to the forefront in Michigan.

The DNR's fire program first began using Smokey Bear as a de facto spokesman for the cause in the 1960s, and today credits widespread public awareness about wildfire prevention to Smokey's broad appeal.

Through the years, Smokey has appeared at countless community events and educational programs on behalf of the DNR, and the bear's image and famous sayings have graced many DNR fire prevention promotional and educational materials.

"Every DNR Forest Resources Division (FRD) field office uses Smokey Bear at parades, fairs, school programs - anywhere we are trying to spread the fire prevention message," said Paul Kollmeyer, manager of FRD's Resources Protection and Cooperatives Programs section.

"Smokey is the catalyst that gets people's interest, especially the young people," Kollmeyer said. "When you're delivering an educational program to second-graders, you couldn't ask for a more engaging teacher than Smokey. He really leaves an impression."

Created by an art critic as part of an advertising campaign to educate the public about each individual's role in preventing wildfires, Smokey made his official debut on a poster on August 9, 1944. Wearing a pair of dungarees and a ranger hat, he is depicted pouring a bucket of water on a campfire.

Three years later, his slogan was modified to the long-lasting and well-known version, "Remember, Only YOU Can Prevent Forest Fires," which stuck for another five decades before it was slightly updated to today's version: "Only You Can Prevent Wildfires."

Although Smokey was originally a fictional product of the World War II-era cam-



With the help of DNR fire program staff and volunteers, national fire prevention icon Smokey Bear appears at more than 100 wildfire prevention events each year in Michigan. This year marks 70 years since the first Smokey Bear campaign poster appeared. *Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

campaign, geared at shifting the public's focus to fire prevention rather than suppression (since many citizens who would normally help fight fires were deployed overseas), his real-life counterpart was found six years later, clinging to a tree at the scene of a wildfire in New Mexico.

The bear cub had suffered burns to his paws and hind legs and was flown to the National Zoo in Washington, D.C., where he lived for 26 years, becoming an integral part of the Smokey campaign.

In 1952, Smokey became the subject of a song, "Smokey the Bear," and that same year, his image was legally protected under the federal Smokey Bear Act, which established three administrators of the image: the U.S. Forest Service, National Association of State Foresters, and Ad Council.

Now 70 years old, the Smokey Bear wildfire prevention campaign is a bit of an anomaly in how popular it remains, still striking a chord with audiences of all ages after seven decades of heavy rotation.

According to the national nonprofit Ad Council, Smokey and his message are recognized today by 95 percent of adults and 77 percent of children. "What's so unique about Smokey is the multigenerational appeal. People and kids of all ages can relate to each other over Smokey Bear," said Gwinn Unit fire supervisor Pete Glover. "One of my favorite parts about our Smokey Bear appearances is seeing a grandparent who is just as excited about having their picture taken with Smokey as their grandchild is," he said.

With the busy and complicated lives parents lead today, Glover said he recognizes that Smokey's presence is vital to the positive reception of the many educational programs fire officers give each year.

"It would be difficult to get parents to come to an evening or weekend program if their kids weren't interested in attending as well," he said. "Smokey holds the attention of the younger audience

members, giving us time to really drive the wildfire prevention message home to the parents and other adults in the audience."

With the help of DNR fire officers and volunteers around the state, Smokey Bear makes more than 100 public appearances annually, including National Night Out public safety events, where he is typically swarmed with visitors hoping to get a hug, high-five and photo with Smokey.

And when they leave an event, Smokey's fans don't only have smiles on their faces - they also leave with their hands full of educational "Smokey swag" promoting the fire prevention message.

"Smokey is the linchpin that made fire prevention popular nationwide and in Michigan," Kollmeyer said. "Without our use of his image, slogans, voice and presence, I am not sure we would have such an educated public when it comes to wildfire awareness and prevention. I hope in 70 years, fire programs around the country will be celebrating Smokey Bear's 140th birthday."

Those interested in helping to celebrate Smokey's 70th birthday locally, will be able to join him at the Alcona County Fair on Tuesday, Aug. 19 at 6 p.m. at the pavilion on the fairgrounds.

For more information about Smokey Bear and to see campaign posters and other images from the past 70 years, visit www.smokeybear.org.

To learn more about the DNR's fire program and fire prevention in Michigan, visit www.michigan.gov/preventwildfires; to request Smokey's presence at a community or school event, contact the DNR fire officer in your area.

(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.)



Calendar of Events



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and sausage breakfast served by the Lincoln Fire Department. Hamburgers, hot dogs, brats, roasted corn and beer will be served by the Lincoln Lions Club under the tent. There will be street entertainment along with a dunk tank with local celebrities. For more information, contact Bill Miller at (989) 736-7631 (daytime) or (989) 884-2472 (evenings).

A hobo dinner will be served from 4 to 7 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, one and a half mile west of US-23. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$4 for children age five to 12, age four and under free. Take-outs available. The Singing Hobos will present a tribute to our servicemen and women.

A euchre tournament will be held at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. at play starts at 6 p.m. This event is sponsored by the Greenbush Historical Society. Everyone is welcome.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17
A parish mission retreat will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church, US-23, Harrisville. This event is sponsored by the Family of Catholic Parishes.

Chaplain biker Dave will be the guest speaker at Haynes Community Church, 4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville at 11 a.m. All bikers welcome.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18
Printmaking workshop for adults with Judy St. John from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. There is a \$3 charge. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

Drop in Craft for children and teens from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Mikado branch of the Alcona County Library, 2291 South F-41.

Walk with Ease program will be held at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. The program focuses on enhancing mobility for people with arthritis and joint replacement. Pre-registration is required, call (989) 356-8124. No charge to participate.

All ladies are invited to play bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is an easy game to learn, first-timers are always welcome.

A parish mission retreat will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church, US-23, Harrisville. This event is sponsored by the Family of Catholic Parishes.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 19
The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at

the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The selection for August is "1984" by George Orwell. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Young adults ages 10 to 18 are invited to make a tie dye t-shirt from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Al-

cona County Library, 312 West Main Street. To register for this free program, call (989) 724-6796.

Walk with Ease program will be held at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. The program focuses on enhancing mobility for people with arthritis and joint replacement. Pre-

registration is required, call (989) 356-8124. No charge to participate.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 20
Falconer Jenny Schroeder presents "Two Birds and a Lady" at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. For more infor-

mation, call (989) 724-6796.
Food pantry open 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.


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A blood drive will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. For more information, call (800) 733-2767.

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 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 21

Veterans join your fellow comrades for coffee from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street, Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catho-

lic 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, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass. Everyone is welcome.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30

a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 22

Storytime and craft for children and teens from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main

Street. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

A craft and bake sale will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23) in Harrisville. For more information call Connie at (989) 724-6643, Joan (989) 724-6546 or Kathy at (989) 335-5210.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site on Barlow Road, Lincoln. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

The Alcona County Republican Party will meet at 7 p.m. at the Curtis Township Hall, 4932 F-30, Glennie.

Walk with Ease program will be held at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. The program focuses on enhancing mobility for people with arthritis and joint replacement. Pre-registration is required, call (989) 356-8124. No charge to participate.

A pastel class will be hosted by Carol Preuss from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. There is a \$3 charge. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26
Walk with Ease program will be held at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. The program focuses on enhancing mobility for people with arthritis and joint replacement. Pre-registration is required, call (989) 356-8124. No charge to participate.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

Drop in Craft for children and teens from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library, 330 Traverse Bay Road.

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 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 6 p.m. at the Lincoln branch, 330 Traverse Bay Road.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 28
Drop in Craft for children and teens from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Caledonia branch of the Alcona County Library, 1499 Hubert Road, Hubbard Lake.

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Alcona Review Weather Report

Aug. 13, 2014

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 72 Low: 54

THURSDAY
Sunny
High: 68 Low: 54

FRIDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 73 Low: 59

SATURDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 76 Low: 62

SUNDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 77 Low: 64

MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 76 Low: 61

TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 78 Low: 59

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 72°, humidity of 56%. Northwest wind 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 93° set in 1988. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 54°. Northwest wind 10 to 15 mph. The record low for tonight is 35° set in 1957.

*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	79	57	78/55	0.00"
Tuesday	76	56	78/55	0.00"
Wednesday	79	50	78/55	0.00"
Thursday	78	53	78/54	0.00"
Friday	79	47	78/54	0.00"
Saturday	82	50	78/54	0.00"
Sunday	80	49	77/54	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local UV Index

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

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 85° in Georgetown, Del. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 96° in Sanford, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 98° in Glasgow, Mont. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 104° in Bullhead City, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:57 a.m.	9:03 p.m.
Venus	4:51 a.m.	7:50 p.m.
Mars	1:38 p.m.	11:31 p.m.
Jupiter	5:17 a.m.	8:03 p.m.
Saturn	2:03 p.m.	12:11 a.m.
Uranus	10:38 p.m.	11:33 a.m.

Weather History

Aug. 13, 1987 - Thunderstorms deluged the central Gulf Coast states with torrential rains. Thunderstorms in Mississippi drenched Marion County with up to 15 inches of rain during the morning hours, with 12.2 inches reported at Columbia.

Weather Trivia

Are thunderstorms the only source of lightning?
Answer: Lightning is also produced by steam clouds from volcanoes.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Dog Days Not All about Heat

Here's a sobering bit of news. The "dog days of summer" are nearly over, and if you're a teacher like me, the beginning of the fall semester lies barely two weeks into the future. The dog days to us represent the hottest part of the year which is defined as the period from July 3 through August 11. In the continental US only southern New Mexico, Arizona, and West Texas max out before the dog days while parts of the Texas and Louisiana Gulf Coast peak after these times. The dog days really have a more ancient origin dating back to the unification of Upper and Lower Egypt over 5000 years ago, and they were not so much heat-associated, but rather linked with the rising of Isis (now Sirius the Dog Star) and the flooding of Egypt's lifeblood, the Nile River. Isis, who was Osiris' wife, was instrumental in the resurrection of her husband, god of the underworld, after he was murdered and mutilated by his brother Set. It was believed that the Nile River flooded each year because of the tears cried by Isis for Osiris when her star rose heliacally, at the same time, as the sun. Ancient Egyptian astronomers would wait patiently for Sirius, the brightest star of the night, to be seen just before it was washed from view by the luminescence of the impending sunrise. This event reset the Egyptian solar calendar, but it also serendipitously coincided with the flooding of the Nile which provided the rich nutrients that would sustain another growing season. The heliacal rising of Sirius (Greek for searing) would have occurred shortly after the summer solstice in 3000 BC, and moved deeper into July as the millennia passed. This was Egypt's warmest time. For Egypt today, the first glimmer of Sirius before sunrise occurs in late July to early August. For most mid-latitude US observers, that time should be happening this week. Now you know the complete story behind the dog days of summer. Woof, Woof! www.astronomy.org

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **MOVIES:** What sport was featured in the 2009 movie "Invictus"?
2. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What fear is represented in the condition known as hemophobia?
3. **MUSIC:** Which well-known 1979 song contained the lyrics, "It's better to burn out than to fade away"?
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** Which two countries surround the Dead Sea?
5. **ANIMALS:** How many muscles does a cat have in each ear?
6. **MEDICINE:** What does the old-fashioned medical term "apoplexy" refer to?
7. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** When did U.S. Sen. John Glenn make an unsuccessful bid for the presidency?
8. **CARS:** Which car manufacturer had a hit with the 1955 Thunderbird?
9. **GAMES:** What color is the \$20 bill in the game of Monopoly?
10. **FOOD AND DRINK:** What are the chief ingredients in a White Russian cocktail?

Answers: 1. Rugby; 2. Fear of blood; 3. "My My, Hey Hey," by Neil Young; 4. Israel and Jordan; 5. 32 muscles that control the outer ear; 6. Stroke; 7. 1984; 8. Ford; 9. Green; 10. Coffee liqueur, vodka and cream (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

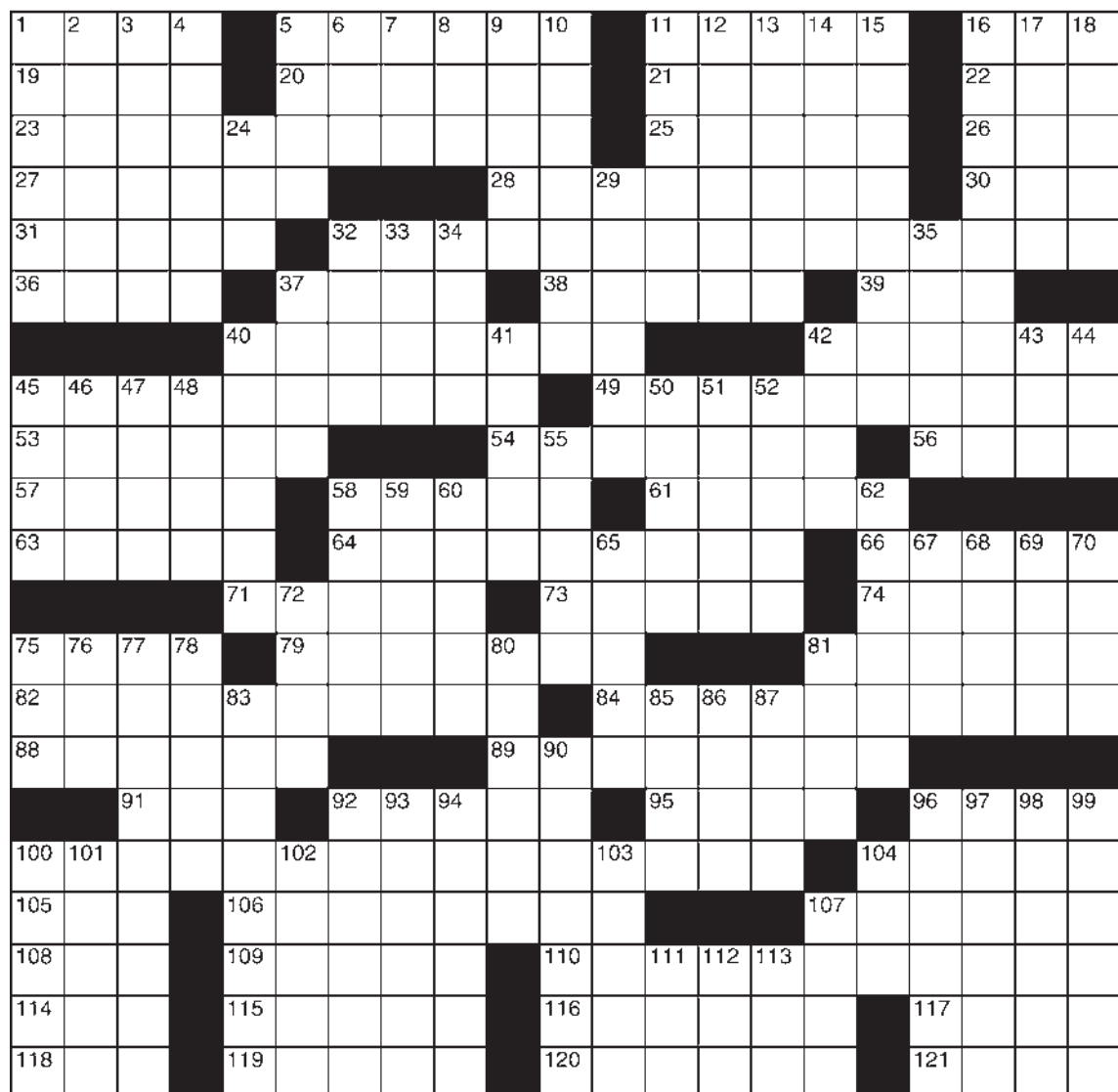
By The History Channel

- On Aug. 31, 1888, Mary Ann Nichols, the first victim of London serial killer "Jack the Ripper," is found murdered. The police were at a complete loss for suspects. However, two letters alluded to facts known only to the police and the killer. These letters, signed "Jack the Ripper," gave rise to the serial killer's nickname.
 - On Aug. 27, 1937, George E.T. Eyston breaks his own automobile land speed record at the Bonneville Salt Flats in Utah, raising the mark to 345.49 mph. Eyston described his built-for-speed Thunderbolt as having two 2,000-horsepower Rolls Royce motors geared together.
 - On Aug. 26, 1944, French Gen. Charles de Gaulle enters Paris, which had been formally liberated from the Germans the day before. As he entered the Place de l'Hotel, French collaborationists took a few sniper shots at him.
 - On Aug. 28, 1955, while visiting family in Money, Mississippi, 14-year-old Emmett Till, a black from Chicago, is murdered for flirting with a white woman. His assailants -- the woman's husband and her brother -- were found "not guilty" by an all-white jury that deliberated for less than an hour.
 - On Aug. 29, 1962, Robert Frost leaves for the Soviet Union on a goodwill tour sponsored by the U.S. State Department in an effort to thaw Cold War relations. Frost's poetry has established his international reputation as American's unofficial poet laureate.
 - On Aug. 30, 1974, a train entering a Zagreb, Yugoslavia, station derailed, killing 153 people. The train should have slowed to 30 mph as it approached the station; however, the engineers not only failed to slow the train, but went through a red signal at about 60 mph.
 - On Aug. 25, 1985, Samantha Smith, the 13-year-old "ambassador" to the Soviet Union, dies in a plane crash. Smith was best known for writing to Soviet leader Yuri Andropov, who invited her to visit the Soviet Union. The Russian government responded to her death by issuing a stamp in her honor and naming a mountain after her.
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Super Crossword

ARRIVING AT THE POINT

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 "Take a Chance on Me" band</p> <p>5 Like the reading on a thermometer</p> <p>11 "Ad — per aspera"</p> <p>16 Org. that aids start-ups</p> <p>19 Cut calories</p> <p>20 Float event</p> <p>21 2007 horror film sequel</p> <p>22 Abbr. ending a math proof</p> <p>23 Surgical cleaning pad</p> <p>25 Near</p> <p>26 Web site ID</p> <p>27 Uranus, e.g.</p> <p>28 Meditate over</p> <p>30 Greek tycoon</p> <p>31 Track official</p> <p>32 Prized seafood catch</p> <p>36 Bird feed bit</p> <p>37 Tool storage building</p> <p>38 "There's no — sight"</p> <p>39 Land in le Pacifique</p> <p>40 Person from Madrid, say</p> | <p>42 How soup or soda is often sold</p> <p>45 Test ban topic</p> <p>49 Behaving brainlessly</p> <p>53 "V.I.P." star</p> <p>54 Everybody in the group, in the South</p> <p>56 Bic Clic —</p> <p>57 Record over</p> <p>58 Painter</p> <p>61 Bartók and Fleck</p> <p>63 Kitchen plastic wrap</p> <p>64 Depressed, as the economy</p> <p>66 Perfect places</p> <p>71 Tortilla treats</p> <p>73 Severe pang</p> <p>74 Divulge</p> <p>75 Lake fish</p> <p>79 "— Place" (1990s show)</p> <p>81 — alla Scala (Milan opera house)</p> <p>82 Med student's hands-on workplace</p> <p>84 Kind of fruit pie</p> | <p>88 "From the beginning," in music</p> <p>89 Jonathan Swift, e.g.</p> <p>91 Obituary info</p> <p>92 Actor — Zimbalist Jr.</p> <p>95 — de plume (literary aliases)</p> <p>96 Parka, e.g.</p> <p>100 Totally docile</p> <p>104 Pyromaniac</p> <p>105 Hot tub site</p> <p>106 Pop singer</p> <p>107 Regal home</p> <p>108 She-pig</p> <p>109 Flip — (decide by chance)</p> <p>110 Write in any of this puzzle's eight theme answers?</p> <p>114 Before, in verse</p> <p>115 Online voice calling service</p> <p>116 Region of Spain</p> <p>117 Pill bottle specification</p> <p>118 Tetley drink</p> <p>119 Curvy letters</p> <p>120 "Man alive!"</p> <p>121 Part of BFA</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Evolves, say</p> <p>2 Jazz singer</p> <p>3 Holiday</p> <p>3 Changed into</p> <p>4 Paid the penalty (for)</p> <p>5 Glimpse</p> <p>6 Ex-Oriole</p> <p>7 — Antiqua</p> <p>8 Trial subject</p> <p>9 John Quincy —</p> <p>10 Chastising person</p> <p>11 Climb up</p> <p>12 Tall, swift, slender dog</p> <p>13 One of 10 that go down in a strike</p> <p>14 Five-time Pro Bowl wide receiver</p> <p>15 Vindicating</p> <p>16 Like some diamonds and jaws</p> <p>17 Catcher</p> <p>18 Do improv</p> <p>24 The woman</p> <p>29 Flip-flop's kin</p> <p>32 Pursuer of Moby Dick</p> <p>33 Jay who jests</p> <p>34 Take — view of</p> | <p>35 Armor- — (some naval vessels)</p> <p>37 Org. that protects pets</p> <p>40 Speechless</p> <p>41 Have — (make merry)</p> <p>42 "To Live and Die —" (1985 film)</p> <p>43 Pal, in Nice</p> <p>44 "The Voice" network</p> <p>45 Tarzan's pals</p> <p>46 Actress Reid</p> <p>47 Actor Epps</p> <p>48 Small plateau</p> <p>50 Of computers</p> <p>51 1990s cardio fad</p> <p>52 "— Home for Christmas"</p> <p>55 Sacks in war</p> <p>58 "Dawson's Creek" role</p> <p>59 Ring-shaped island</p> <p>60 Iraqi seaport</p> <p>62 Single out</p> <p>65 Kind of flour</p> <p>67 Treasured</p> <p>68 "—, Brute!"</p> <p>69 Standard</p> <p>70 High-halter</p> <p>72 Stuff in guns</p> <p>75 Ill-behaved</p> <p>76 Actress — Alicia</p> | <p>77 Figure on a \$1 coin</p> <p>78 Prop's place</p> <p>80 Preoccupy</p> <p>81 Harper of "Ishtar"</p> <p>83 Unsolved crime</p> <p>85 With 96-Down, rum cocktail</p> <p>86 Grads' dance</p> <p>87 Tree "arm"</p> <p>90 Blend</p> <p>92 Jetson boy and others</p> <p>93 Mexico's Calderón</p> <p>94 Actress Ella</p> <p>96 See 85-Down</p> <p>97 Gifted talker</p> <p>98 Approach and confront</p> <p>99 City of ancient Egypt</p> <p>100 "Plus" item</p> <p>101 Bit of pollen</p> <p>102 Carpet nails</p> <p>103 Distrustful</p> <p>104 Scottish cap</p> <p>107 Little horse</p> <p>111 Asian "way"</p> <p>112 E-I link</p> <p>113 CD- — drive</p> |
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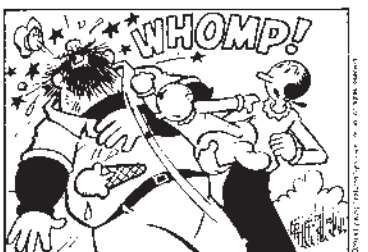
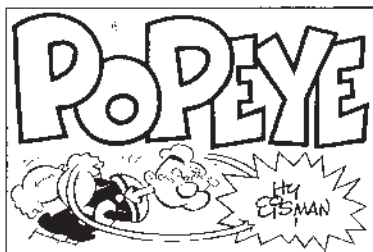
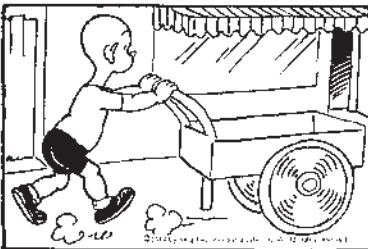
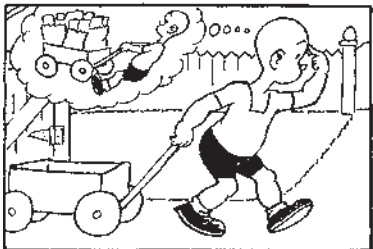
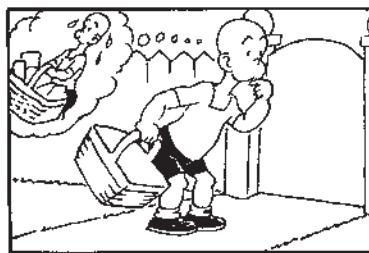
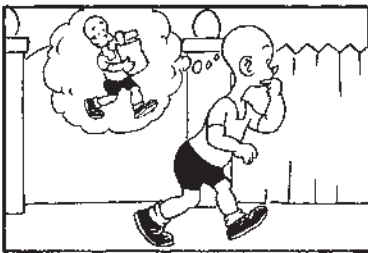
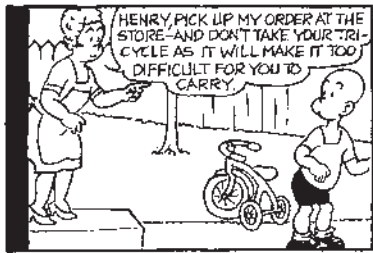
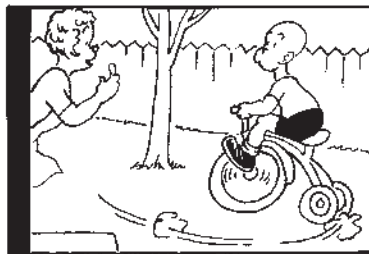
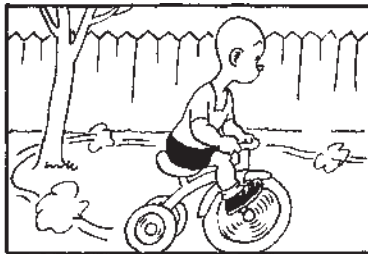
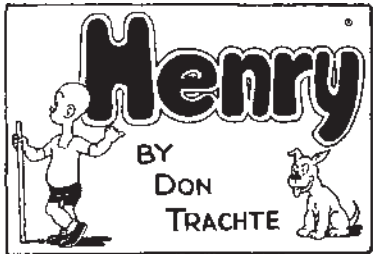
Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- A newspaper reporter once asked General Charles de Gaulle, leader of the Free French Forces during World War II and later president of the French Fifth Republic, if he was happy. De Gaulle replied, "What do you take me for, an idiot?"
 - If you're like a million other Americans, you admit to drinking Coke for breakfast.
 - The next time you're planning a trip to Indiana, keep in mind that in that state it is illegal to talk behind a person's back or engage in "spiteful gossiping."
 - It's been claimed that prodigy William James Sidis had the highest IQ ever recorded (though any record of the test has been lost). At the age of 18 months, he was reading The New York Times; by the time he was 8, he had taught himself Latin, Greek, French, Russian, German, Hebrew, Turkish and Armenian and had invented his own language he called Vendergood. At the age of 11 he became the youngest person to enroll in Harvard University, and when he was 12 he lectured the Harvard Mathematical Club on four-dimensional bodies. He graduated cum laude at 16.
 - If you wanted to circle the equator with one-dollar bills, it would take 257,588,120 of them.
 - In 1889, a magazine called The Literary Digest made the following prediction: "The ordinary 'horseless carriage' is at present a luxury for the wealthy, and although its price will probably fall in the future, it will never, of course, come into as common use as the bicycle."
 - Before Charlton Heston became a famous actor, he earned cash by serving as an artists' model -- and posed in the nude.
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- Thought for the Day: "When choosing between two evils, I always like to try the one I've never tried before." -- Mae West
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Top Ten Movies

1. **Guardians of the Galaxy** (PG-13) Chris Pratt, Vin Diesel
 2. **Lucy** (R) Scarlett Johansson, Morgan Freeman
 3. **Get on Up** (PG-13) Chadwick Boseman, Nelsan Ellis
 4. **Hercules** (PG-13) Dwayne Johnson, John Hurt
 5. **Dawn of the Planet of the Apes** (PG-13) Gary Oldman, Keri Russell
 6. **Planes: Fire and Rescue** (PG) animated
 7. **The Purge: Anarchy** (R) Frank Grillo, Carmen Ejogo
 8. **Sex Tape** (R) Jason Segel, Cameron Diaz
 9. **And So It Goes** (PG-13) Michael Douglas, Diane Keaton
 10. **A Most Wanted Man** (R) Grigoriy Dobrygin, Philip Seymour Hoffman
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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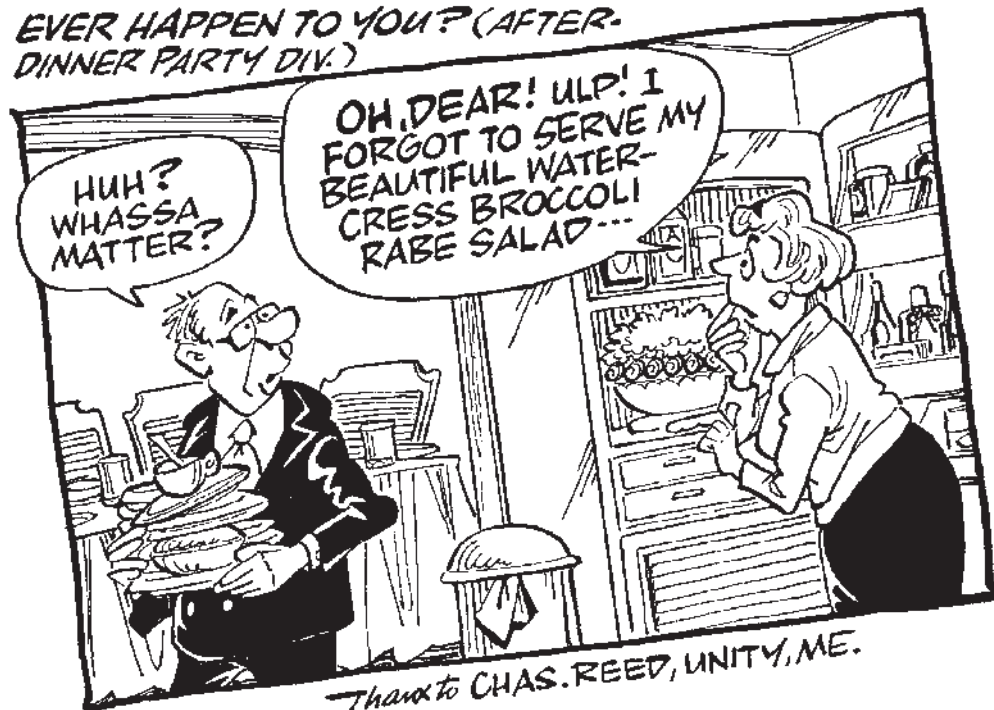
DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★ ★

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★★★ HOO BOY!

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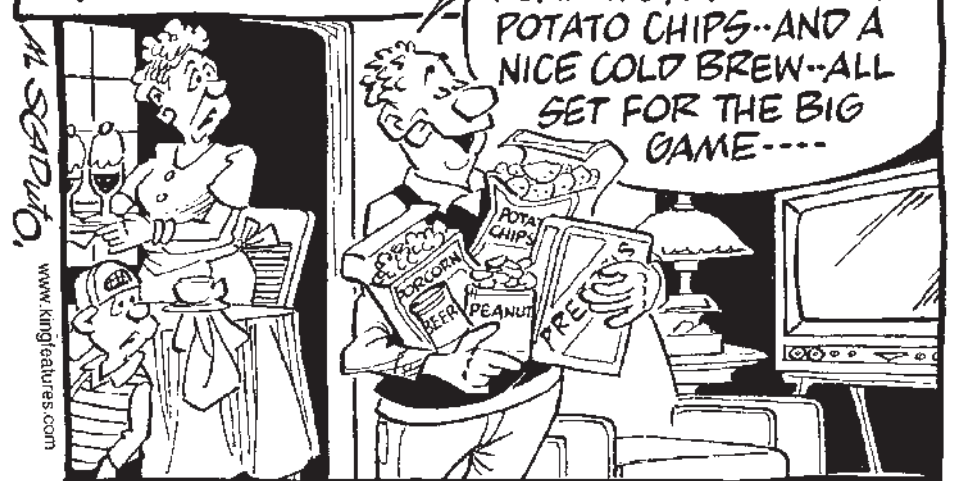
THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

EVER HAPPEN TO YOU? (AFTER-DINNER PARTY DIV.)



BY AL SCADUTO

PUZZLE PIC—FIND THE GUY WHO PASSED UP AFTER-DINNER DESSERT BECAUSE IT'S TOO FATTENING...



Thank to ROB CAMERON, SILVER SPRING, MD.

HOSPITAL PESTS NO. 1,753—THE VISITOR WHO DOESN'T BRING A GIFT.. ONLY HIS TREMENDOUS GALL AND APPETITE TO MATCH...

Thank to HAROLD LASH, BOYNTON BEACH, FL.



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Wanted: Home health aides for immediate work in Oscoda and surrounding areas. Experience is helpful but not necessary and hours vary. Please apply by faxing resume to (989) 354-0442, mail at 1691 M-32, Alpena, Michigan 49707 or find the application online at CompassionateCareMi.com.

Personal assistants – Wellspring Lutheran Services is looking for caregivers to assist clients with activities of daily living. Immediate openings for Hillman, Montmorency and Alcona counties (Alpena area). If you are interested, please apply online to www.wellspringlutheran.com/careers. Equal opportunity employer.

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Alcona Health Center, Oscoda site has an opening for a full time medical support staff CMA, LPN or RN supervisor. For the application and more information go to www.alconahealthcenters.org. Deadline to apply is August 19, 2014. Equal opportunity employer.

Alcona Health Center, Oscoda dental services has an opening for a full time licensed dental hygienist. For more information and the application go to www.alconahealthcenters.org. Deadline to apply is August 26, 2014. Equal opportunity employer.

MISCELLANEOUS

Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan is taking applications for a family (one or more persons) to purchase a habitat home in Alcona County. Applicants must have resided in Alpena or Alcona County for a year or more, have the ability to pay mortgage payments, and be willing to partner with Habitat for Humanity. Applications may be obtained by contacting Raymond W. Chase at (989) 736-6098 or by calling the habitat office at (989) 356-3509.

BINGO



Bingo-Every Saturday at the Barton City Eagles from 5:30 to 11 p.m.

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Winner take all game and cookie jar. All proceeds to charity.

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SALES

Garage sale, men's tools, hardware, exercise equipment and some housewares. August 16 and 17; August 23 and 24, 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. Everything must go! 5512 Alcona Road, Harrisville.

Treasures in a trunk! Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street, Harrisville church parking lot on Friday, August 22, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (rain date 23rd). One stop shopping for used treasures, crafts, baked goods with as many as 24 vendors selling items. Some spaces still available. Call Connie (989) 724-6643, Joan (989) 724-6546 or Kathy (989) 335-5210.

Garage sale, Saturday, August 16, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., 5489 Cheryl Lynn, Black River.

Indoor yard and bake sale, Saturday, August 23, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Twin Lakes Masonic Temple, Lincoln. Door prizes, raffles, electric organ with bench, china cabinet, miscellaneous. Vendors wanted. Contact Marlene (989) 916-8820. Proceeds to humane society and child abuse.

Multi-family sale, August 14-16, 10 a.m. – 4 p.m., 1715 South Poor Farm Road, Mikado (north of F-30). Adult and children's clothes, household, notions, toys and games, eight foot banquet tables \$45 each. Closed for rain.

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by Bryan Paul London as mortgagor to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated October 21, 1999, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on October 28, 1999, in Liber 335 at pages 1,083-1,090, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$5,255.69, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof; Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of

Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, September 24, 2014, at 10 a.m., on the front steps of the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, that being the place for holding circuit court for the county of Alcona where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at seven percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the township of Curtis, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of the northeast 1/4 of the northwest 1/4, Section 13, Town 25 North, Range 5 East, thence north 627 feet; thence east 477 feet; thence south 209 feet; thence west 73 feet; thence

south 209 feet; thence west 195 feet; thence south 209 feet; thence west 209 feet to the point of beginning. Please be advised that you and any other person liable on the mortgage is liable to the purchaser at the sale, or the mortgagee, payee, or other holder of the obligation secured by the mortgage if the mortgagee, payee, or other holder takes or has taken title to the property at sale either directly or indirectly, for any physical injury to the property beyond wear and tear resulting from the normal use of the property if the physical injury is caused by or at the direction of you or other person liable on the mortgage. The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: July 21, 2014
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511
7-30, 8-6, 8-15, 8-20

Foreclosure Notice

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the military, please contact our office at the number listed below. Mortgage sale—Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Henry Stickney and Sharon Stickney, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for BNC Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated May 17, 2005 and recorded May 18, 2005 in Liber 416 page 1,082 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for structured asset investment loan trust mortgage pass-through certificates, series 2005-7, by assignment dated April 30, 2014 and recorded May 13, 2014 in Liber 506, page 1,493, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-two thousand ninety dollars and twenty-four cents (\$52,090.24) including interest 7.7 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, circuit court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on September 10, 2014. Said premises are situated in township of

Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2 of Block 2 of Burton's Addition to Village of Greenbush, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 9, Alcona County records. Commonly known as 2350 State Street, Greenbush, Mich. 48738 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.

Dated: August 13, 2014
U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for structured asset investment loan trust mortgage pass-through certificates, series 2005-7, Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, Mich. 48307
(248) 844-5123
File No: 14-02483
8-13, 8-20, 8-27, 9-3

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure

Gruel Mill Nims & Pylman, PLLC is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Betty J. Wissmiller, an unmarried woman, of P.O. Box 109, Mikado, Mich. 48745 and Bond Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the state of Michigan, whose address is 2007 Eastern, S.E., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49507, dated January 29, 2007, and recorded on February 20, 2007 in Liber 439, page 513, which mortgage has been assigned to Unity Credit Company, a Michigan corporation, by virtue of an assignment of mortgage dated May 8, 2009 and recorded on May 12, 2009 in Liber 461, page 938, which mortgage was reassigned to Bond Corporation, by virtue of a reassignment of mortgage dated January 31, 2011 and recorded on February 11, 2011 in Liber 476, page 1,027, which mortgage was assigned to Northpointe

Bank, whose address is 3333 Deposit Drive, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49546, by virtue of an assignment of mortgage dated May 31, 2011 and recorded on June 8, 2011 in Liber 479, page 564 with the Alcona County Register of Deeds and upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of thirteen thousand eleven dollars and seventy-two cents (\$13,011.72), which continues to accrue interest at the rate of 16.85 percent and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the said debt or any part thereof;

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on August 27, 2014 at 10 a.m., the undersigned will sell at the west entrance of the Alcona County Courthouse, Harrisville, Michigan, that being the place of holding the circuit court for the county of Alcona, at public vendue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon said mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in said mortgage located in the

township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan and which are described as follows:

The west 1/2 of the east 1/2 of the northwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, P.P. No. 091-001-400-014-10, f/k/a 091-001-400-015-00 which has an address of 2820 F-30, Mikado, Mich. 48745.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Northpointe Bank
3333 Deposit Drive, NE
Grand Rapids, Mich. 49546
Dated: July 17, 2014
Drafted By:
William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgagee
99 Monroe Avenue, NW
Suite 800
Grand Rapids, Mich. 49503
(616) 235-5500
7-23, 7-30, 8-6, 8-13

CALEDONIA TWP. MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township board meeting August 6 was called to order by Supervisor Ott with pledge to the flag at 7 p.m. Present on the board: Ott, Thornton, Timm, Scott and Hubbard. Also in attendance Nancy Beck, zoning administrator and six citizens. Motions to approve agenda, minutes of July 9, to pay the bills, and to place treasurer's report on file were made. Planning commission report: Hosted July Tri-township meeting. Discussed what each township is working on. Next Tri-township meeting is October 23 in Hawes and Rick Deuell from NEMCOG will address the board about zoning to protect water resources. Planning commission has completed proposed Outdoor and Open Burning Ordinance and the proposed Blight Elimination Ordinance has been presented to the township board members to review for next month. Supervisor presented Jane Waldeck a certificate for her dedicated service working on the planning commission. Zoning administrator report: Robert Chrysler asking for a property split and

the county doesn't have anyone to do them right now. Mrs. Langerfeld has cleaned up property with burned trailer, Ms. Laur is cleaning property on Nora, and Mr. Siegert is cleaning and putting up fence on property on Hubert Road. Citizen Comments: None. Northend Park: Final payment will be made on Phase I to MacArthur this month. Phase II is beginning. Motions to have LaFave Excavating do township hall landscaping; to purchase signs for ramps from Hirsell Signs; to purchase a locking bulletin board from School Outfitters; to appoint Betsy Lehndorff to fill planning commission vacancy; and to authorize a property split for Mr. Chrysler. Darlene Stevens, custodian spoke to the board on some recommendations for the hall and park concerning her job. We will have more discussion on this next month. Township will start paying L&N Disposal for garbage pickup at Northend Park. Motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next meeting is September 10. Planning commission meets September 8.
Helen Timm, Clerk

Notice of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Chonda Gagnon (f/k/a Chonda Cornelius) and Matthew Gagnon, of 308 W. Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747 to First Federal of Northern Michigan, 100 South Second Avenue, Alpena, Mich. 49707, dated October 7, 2008 and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona, and state of Michigan, on October 16, 2008 in Liber 456, page 464, and modified by a loan modification agreement dated December 7, 2011, on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$91,955.38. As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the state of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 17th day of September 2014 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the county courthouse in the City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Situated in the township of Caledonia, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, described as:

Part of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 1 T28N, R7E, described as: Commencing at the southwest corner of Section 1, T28N, R7E; thence east 1,325.13 feet along the south line of Section 1 and Spruce Road to the southwest corner of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ as the point of beginning; thence N00°01'33"E 402.50 feet along the west line of the SE ¼ of the SW ¼; thence east 256.80 feet; thence S00°01'33"W 402.50 feet to the south line of Section 1 and Spruce Road; thence west 256.80 feet along the south line of Section 1 and Spruce Road to the point of beginning. Except the west 15 feet, thereof. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes.

If the property described in this notice is sold at the foreclosure sale referred to above, the mortgagors 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 as provided by MCL 600.3278 or otherwise by law. The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

Bodman PLC
Dated: August 13, 2014
By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Debt Collector for
First Federal of Northern Michigan
8/13 thru 9/10

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 14-5350 DE

Estate of Gail Frances Gatny
Date of birth: November 24, 1945
To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Gail Frances Gatny, died May 13, 2014. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Karen Lyn Johns, 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: August 6, 2014
David H. Cook P40560
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Harrisville, Mich. 48740
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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met August 4 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those present included president Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Naylor, Phillips, Somers and Stutzman. Also present were several guests and attorney Cook.

The minutes of the July meeting were approved on a motion from Phillips with support from Gauthier. The treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Phillips.

Constance Stutzman, planning and zoning commission chairperson, addressed the council. She reported all the village ordinances have been reviewed and she read a letter asking for council approval for the revisions/rezoning. Included in the request were several properties that needed to have zoning changes. Additionally, the ordinances were reviewed and updated. A public hearing was held on July 30 for residents to voice their concerns. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Somers, to take the recommendations of the planning commission and adopt the ordinance. A roll call vote was taken: Gauthier, Healy, Somers, Phillips, Naylor, and Stutzman – all ayes. Motion carried. Fire chief Leroy Hall asked for approval to bring Tony Escareno back on the fire department and medical first responders. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Phillips, to accept Tony back to the department. Next Leroy Hall resigned as fire chief effective immediately. A motion to accept Leroy's resignation, with regret, was made by Healy with support from Gauthier. A motion to accept Michael Serafin as the new fire chief was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman. Mike will look things over and make a recommendation for an assistant fire chief at a later meeting. Steven Slater was introduced as the new maintenance man for the village. He was recommended by the human resources committee and is working on a 60 day trial basis. President Jordan stated he is in the process of getting things caught up. Troy Somers, zoning administrator, stated he is working on getting some properties cleaned up in the village. Attorney Cook stated there are procedures to follow and it is a time consuming process.

One bid was received for the crack sealing project and also for pavement markings. One bid was received from East Shore Asphalt and Paving of Lachine, Mich. The bid for pavement markings was \$1,200 total. The Crack Sealant bid was divided into four segments with No. 1 totaling \$11,500; No. 2 totaling \$4,500; No. 3 totaling \$4,700 and No. 4 totaling \$1,400. Grand total for crack sealing is \$22,100 and for pavement markings the grand total is \$1,200. Following a discussion it was decided to talk with the

contractor and bring the matter back to the next council meeting. There are concerns about the funding that is necessary to pay for re-doing Main Street in September and not knowing what we will have available for money. A motion was made by Gauthier to accept the bids and table the awarding of the contract until the September meeting. Stutzman stated that he would like to see us have the three village owned parking lots seal coated. He asked if we could request a bid for this and present it at the next meeting. A bid notice will be placed in the paper to secure bids.

President Jordan presented the sewer and street reports. Several tanks have been cleaned and the sewer system is operating very well. Several pot holes have been fixed and there is a large one that will be taken care of this week. The sink hole on Hawley Street has been repaired. President Jordan worked with Harold Truman to identify streets that are in need of repair and they put them in order of need. He hopes to develop a five year plan for taking care of all the streets. In old business Somers stated the shoulders on Barlow Road need to have gravel placed on the roadsides. He suggested using the tractor with the blade to pull the dirt up to the edge of the blacktop and hopefully that will help the situation. Healy asked about the status of handicapped parking spaces at the senior center parking lot. President Jordan stated he thinks we should consider painting the handicapped spaces into the lot once it is taken care of. Somers stated some gravel needs to be placed by the service drive at the funeral home as the sidewalk is eroding.

Gauthier asked about the salt storage barn that we have been considering building. Jordan stated that currently we are working with the road commission to store salt again this year. Stutzman stated there is a broken bench on the picnic table at the playground. Gauthier said there have been occasions when kids are skate boarding at the tennis courts and they are using the tables for jumps. Jordan stated he has talked to the individuals already and we need to further address this issue. Stutzman asked why the restrooms are closed. Jordan stated there is a water leak and the pump is running continually. The decision was made to close the bathrooms until the leak can be identified and fixed. It is possible that one of the hydrants is causing the problem. Stutzman questioned why the fire siren isn't working. The fire chief will check into it.

President Jordan stated we need to look into replacing the two garage doors on the fire hall; it needs to be included in the next budget. The sidewalks that need to be replaced may be able to be repaired using street funds per our auditors. President Jordan stated he would like to see sidewalks put along Traverse Bay all the way to Barlow Road. Stutzman had

offered to seek prices for picnic tables. He is still trying to find something that will hold up and be something we can afford. Gauthier said if we get wood ones they will be filled with graffiti. President Jordan asked Stutzman to bring some prices to the next board meeting and make a recommendation.

Addressing the roof at both the village hall and the maintenance building, president Jordan suggested that we need to make a list of priorities. We only have so much money and we have to decide what is the most important. Gauthier said she would like to suggest keeping the list of wants/concerns on the board and using them during the budget meetings.

In new business Bonny Gauthier read a letter from a lady concerning the Lincoln senior citizen center's lack of a handicapped ramp. She asked for the council's help in urging the center to get a ramp installed. Included with the letter were two checks to help pay for a portable ramp. Attorney Cook advised that we cannot do anything through the village council but suggested that Bonny can speak with Susan Krey at the senior citizen center for some help.

Phillips asked about roadways that need attention along the ditch lines. He also expressed concerns with some dead trees/limbs around the hall that need to be hauled away. He will show president Jordan the areas of concern. President Jordan gave his report He thanked Harold Truman for all his help with rating the roads in the village. Several repairs have been made including spraying for weeds at the tennis courts, tightening hooks on the swings, basketball hoops, and signs were fixed. Gauthier expressed concern about the hard water at the restrooms and the staining that is taking place. She would like to see a water softener installed to help. Broken boards were placed at the playground to keep cars from driving straight through. Mulch will be delivered for the playground as well as new mats for under the slides. New ceilings have been put in the old bathrooms thanks to Jeff Wilson and Ted Shaneour. Eric Monnier helped with rewiring the old bathrooms. The netting for the ball field has been moved to the drain field area. If Dick decides to work on it further Jordan suggested getting a work bee together.

The next DDA meeting is being cancelled for meeting at the hall. Instead it will be held in Traverse City, Mich.. The group will be meeting with Wayne and Debbie Barton to discuss an assisted living complex for Lincoln. Glenn Kohn is running for the village council seat that will be vacated by Phil Naylor. Jerry Ludwiczak has been in contact with President Jordan regarding using the ball fields for their tournaments again. He is aware that we currently have a water issue but we are willing to order some extra porta potties if necessary. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to pay the bills as presented. Carried. Motion to adjourn from Gauthier with support from Stutzman. Carried.

MILLEN TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE

Highlights of Outdoor and Open Burning Ordinance #1464

For the TOWNSHIP OF MILLEN in Alcona County of Michigan

Section 1: Purpose - this ordinance is intended to promote the public health, safety and welfare and to safeguard the health, comfort, living conditions, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Township of Millen by regulating the air pollution and fire hazards of open burning and outdoor burning.

Section 2: Applicability - this ordinance applies to all outdoor burning and open burning within the Township of Millen.

2.1. This ordinance does not apply to grilling or cooking food using charcoal, wood, propane or natural gas in cooking or grilling appliances.

2.2. This ordinance does not apply to burning for the purpose of generating heat in a stove, furnace, fireplace or other heating devices within a building used for human or animal habitation.

2.3. This ordinance does not apply to the use of propane, acetylene, natural gas, gasoline or kerosene in a device intended for heating, construction or maintenance activities.

Section 5: General Prohibition on Outdoor Burning and Open Burning - open burning and outdoor burning are prohibited in the Township of Millen unless the burning is specifically permitted by this ordinance.

Section 6: Open Burning of Refuse - 6.1. Open burning of refuse from a commercial or industrial establishment is prohibited.

6.2. Open burning of refuse from a one or two family dwelling is allowed if all of the following conditions are met.

6.2.1. The burning does not create a nuisance.

6.2.2. The material being burned is not prohibited under subsection 6.3.

6.2.3. A permit issued in accordance with section 12 of this ordinance has been obtained.

6.3. Open burning of the following materials is prohibited.

6.3.1. Hazardous substances including but not limited to batteries, household chemicals, pesticides, used oil, gasoline, paints, varnishes, and solvents.

6.3.2. Tires

6.3.3. Most plastic materials including but not limited to nylon, PVC, ABS, polystyrene or urethane foam, and synthetic fabrics.

Section 7: Burning Trees, Logs, Brush, Stumps, Leaves and Grass Clippings - open burning of trees, logs, brush, stumps, leaves, and grass clippings is allowed only in accordance with all of the following provisions.

7.3. Open burning of trees, logs, brush, and stumps is prohibited in the following area which is designated as a priority area by the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality under R 336:1331 of the Michigan Air Pollution Control Rules.

7.6. Outdoor campfires and small bonfires for cooking, ceremonies, or recreation are allowed provided they do not cause a nuisance.

7.7. Open burning under this section shall only be conducted at a location at

least 30 feet from the nearest building which is not on the same property. 7.8. Open burning shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person of at least eighteen (18) years of age until the fire is extinguished and is cold.

7.9. Except for barbecue, gas and charcoal grills, no burning shall be undertaken within 25 feet from any combustible material, combustible wall or partition, exit access or exit unless authorized by the Fire Chief.

Section 10: Outdoor Wood-Fired Boilers - An outdoor wood-fired boiler may be installed and used in the Township of Millen only in accordance with all of the following provisions.

10.1. The outdoor wood-fired boiler shall not be used to burn refuse.

10.2. The outdoor wood-fired boiler shall be located at least 50 feet from the nearest building which is not on the same property as the outdoor wood-fired boiler.

10.3. The outdoor wood-fired boiler shall have a chimney that extends at least 12 feet above the ground surface. If there are any residences within 100 feet the chimney shall also extend at least as high about the ground surface as the height of the roofs of all such residences. The fire chief may approve a lesser height on a case-by-case basis if necessary to comply with manufacturer's recommendations and if the smoke from the lower chimney height does not create a nuisance for neighbors.

Section 12: Burning Permits - At any time the ground is not snow-covered, a person shall not burn any flammable material on or adjacent to forest land, except for domestic purposes, without approval from the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. "Domestic purposes" means any fire within the curtilage of a dwelling where the material being burned has been properly placed in a debris burner constructed of metal or masonry with metal covering devices with openings no larger than ¾ of an inch, or a campfire, or any fire within a building.

Section 13: Liability - A person utilizing or maintaining an outdoor fire shall be responsible for all fire suppression costs and any other liability resulting from damage caused by the fire.

Section 14: Right of Entry and Inspection - The Fire Chief or any authorized officer, agent, employee or representative of the Township of Millen who presents credentials and with just cause of violation may inspect any property for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance.

Section 16: Effective Date - this ordinance shall take effect 30 days after adopted and published. Affidavit of Publication on file at the office of the Millen Township Clerk, in Alcona County, in Michigan.

Adopted this day of August 4, 2014.

Published this day August 13, 2014.

For a complete copy send a self-addressed and stamped envelope to Jan Hoonstra - Millen Township Clerk at 3021 Fowler Rd, Glennie, MI 48737. Or may pick-up at a Township meeting, or at the Clerk's home.

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43rd annual county fair has something for everyone

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Every year about this time a new vitality starts to surge through our community, it's a familiar verve, and it's been happening every year at this time for 43 years. The fair is coming to Alcona County.

From Tuesday, Aug. 19 to Saturday, Aug. 23 the community will come together, old and young alike, to celebrate the fair. It's a time when many seniors become children all over again, a time spent indulging in elephant ears, amusement rides, and taking in horse pulls, tractor pulls and bump and runs. It's a time for steak fry dinners, 4-H ribbons and connecting with neighbors, friends and family.

This year's Alcona County Fair, as in the past, has been meticulously planned by the fair board committee. Since the closing day of last year's fair, the fair board has been working hard for this year's

event. Monthly meetings and in January, a convention in Grand Rapids, Mich., gave members time to make suggestions on changes and decide what worked and what didn't. Board members stretch fair dollars to the maximum to bring the best to Alcona County.

Money is always a big factor in what to keep as far as entertainment and, thanks to some good raffle earnings, supportive sponsors, and a few additional grants, this fair seems to be shaping into a great time. "We are really happy this year's fair admission is the same as last year's. Without the outstanding support of our sponsors, the cost would be significantly higher or some of the events just wouldn't happen," said Doug Travis, fair board president. Raffle tickets will be on sale again to help support next year's fair.

There is free parking included with the admission

entry to the fair which is \$5 with children 12 and under free at all times. Tuesday is free admission day. Wednesday is Senior Day for seniors 55 and over admitted for just \$1. Thursday is Car Load day when all passengers in the car get in for one entry fee of \$10 per car. There are also weekly passes available.

Fair admission does not include the D&R Shows' amusement park rides and midway which will be offered Tuesday through Saturday from 2 p.m. to closing. Tuesday is \$5 armband day allowing kids to ride all day for \$5 each. Wednesday the price goes up to \$15 arm bands, but between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. youth 17 years and under ride free, courtesy of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners.

Thursday, Aug. 21 and Friday, Aug. 22 it is \$5 for arm bands from 2 to 6 p.m. and \$15 arm bands from 6 to 11 p.m. On Saturday the arm



Barnyard Express with Farmer John Forshee will be performing at this year's Alcona County Fair. *Courtesy Photo.*

bands are \$15 and sold in blocks from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and from 6 to 11 p.m.

Travis said he was glad D&R Shows was coming again to Alcona and said even Alpena was using D&R Shows for its midway this year. Denise and Ron Able who own the a family-run company have over 50 years experience between them and focus on clean, safe and friendly entertainment. The company is from the Toledo, Ohio area and their amusement rides and midway caters to all ages throughout northwest Ohio and Michigan.

Of course, rides aren't the only thing happening at the fair this year. Lots of new attractions are coming as well as the annual standards. New attractions include the Barnyard Express with Farmer John, the Dothraki Skydogs 4-H Club will present "Journey Through the Horse" on Wednesday and Friday. God's Most Valuable Puppets from Grace Community Church in Oscoda will perform on Friday afternoon. Local fire departments will spend Saturday afternoon at the race track with vehicle extrication demonstrations and a water ball tournament.

Thanks to grant moneys the pavilion has a fresh new

look this year with a cement floor, a covered food room and grill area and a lot of new picnic tables. Also improved this year is the sound system, which was actually new last year but needed some additional tweaking.

Travis said a lot of youth will be showing and marketing animals this year and because of the high numbers they've had to add five extra pig pens and three extra turkey pens.

The animal shows begin with the poultry judging at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, cattle judging will be at 3 p.m. and swine judging at 6:30 p.m. The Campbell and Home Arts buildings open at 1 p.m. and the silent auction bidding will begin at the same time.

Smokey Bear will celebrate his 70th birthday also on Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the pavilion, the old bear may be a senior citizen but he isn't slowing down a bit and he is showing no signs retiring from the U.S. Forest Service. The Mikado Goodfellows will be handing out free cake and ice cream during Smokey's party. Fair goers are encouraged to bring their cameras for a photo op with the grand ambassador for the prevention of forest fires. Fun,

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(From left) Jim Pyne and his dog, Dault, Kevin Boyat and Sean Whelan take a break from putting the finishing touches on the new pavilion additions. Improvements were made possible through a grant and many hours of volunteer labor, they include a new cement floor, a covered clean food area and a covered cook/grill area along with 20 new picnic tables. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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games and prizes will be provided by the U.S. Forest Service.

On Wednesday rabbit and pocket pet judging begins at 9 a.m. Smokey Bear will be back between noon and 2 p.m. and the Alcona Chapter of FFA officers will be helping the Masons with the Michigan child identification program from 1 to 6 p.m. Kids stories and crafts by the Alcona County Library will be from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Campbell building. Sheep and goat judging begins at 3 p.m.

The fair board will have its steak fry on Wednesday evening at 5:30 p.m. Kevin Boyat, a member of the fair board said he's ordered 230 steaks for the fry but only 125 tickets will be available for sale as the remaining tickets go to fair sponsors. Tickets for the steak fry have been known to sell out before the fair even opens, so Boyat suggested purchasing tickets early. The price will be \$12 each for the steak dinner, there will be a kid's meal of a hot dog, chips and a drink available. Proceeds will help fund the Alcona County Fair, 2015.

As usual the annual draft horse pull will follow the din-

ner at 7 p.m. "The draft horse pull is a really big deal as a lot of fairs aren't having the pulls anymore. Even Alpena didn't have a draft horse pull this year and we know a lot of our seniors and fair goers really enjoy it," Travis said. Music and singing around the campfire with Laura Frawley will begin at 8 p.m.

On Thursday at 2:30 p.m. the Alcona Classic Tractor and Engine Club will have a parade to the track area and hold Olympic Tractor games. The club, which started attending the fair last year was a big hit and there were many tractors, old and new available on the grounds to look at throughout the fair.

Also on Thursday, the 4-H award ceremony will be held at 5 p.m. in Joslin Arena and the always popular and lively Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale auction begins at 6 p.m. Anyone who supports the livestock club is invited to a complimentary dinner at the pavilion. Boyat said he's ordered 80 pounds of top sirloin and a hundred pounds of pork for the livestock action dinner.

Friday starts with the youth horse show beginning at 10 a.m. The Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary will be

holding underwater remote operated vehicle (ROV) demonstrations from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Kids games and pie eating contests run by the Alcona FFA are from 2 to 4 p.m. followed by the Alcona FFA Alumni pancake and sausage dinner with all-you-can eat pancakes served at the pavilion at 4 p.m. Proceeds go to help the Alcona FFA Chapter.

At 5 p.m. the tractors will line up again to lead the way to the track for the local truck and tractor show and pull at 6 p.m. Professional truck and tractor pullers featuring the Thumb Tractor Pulling Association will follow immediately after.

Saturday starts with a roar as a day of Motocross Racing by Dirt Incorporated begins with registration at 8 a.m. There will be an open horse show at 10:30 a.m. and the dress your vegetable contest at 11 a.m. Flapjack eating contest is at noon. Wee showmanship for small tots is at 1 p.m. with a horse fun show at 2 p.m. The cake walk contest begins at 3 p.m. The silent auction will end and winners announced at 4 p.m. There will be a horse speed show at 6 p.m.

The popular Bump and



Work bees with volunteer labor by Doug Travis, Kevin Boyat, Nicole Strickland, Stan Darmofal, Sean Whelan and Jim Pyne put the finishing touches on the improved fair ground pavilion. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

Run starts at 7 p.m. Saturday. First place in the feature race receives a \$1,500 prize. Anyone wanting to know more about the Bump and Run can contact Bari McNeill at (989) 657-4600.

Lots of old standards will still be happening throughout the fair such as the free kid's bike giveaway every day at 5:30 p.m. at the bandstand. The cutest baby contest and the youth coloring contest will also be back this

year, not to mention all the ribbons given out at the Home Arts Building. Also back by popular demand is the Royal Carriage Company which gives free horse drawn carriage rides every day so everyone can enjoy the sights, sounds and delicious smells of the best little fair in the north, the Alcona County Fair.

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Fair's home art tradition offers alternatives for all ages

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Two familiar faces will once again be camped out at the Home Arts Building during fair week, and they seem pretty happy to do it, just as they have for the past 12 years.

Judy Pyne, superintendent of the Home Arts Building and Kathie Nelson, Home Arts Building assistant and fair board secretary, are comfortable in their place at the fair surrounded by some of Alcona County's finest craftsmanship.

Pyne said the fair doesn't start for them the third week in August, for Pyne it starts in January, but for Nelson, it starts just after the fair ends. "All the fair board members go to a convention in January in Grand Rapids, Mich. I go because my husband Jim is a fair board member. While the fair board is off looking at attractions and deciding what they can bring to the fair, I go to the spouse activities and look for ideas to adapt for projects with the kids," Pyne said. She admitted the kid's activities at the Home Arts Building have faded over the last few years.

In May the ladies get busy collecting their judges and clerks for the many different

departments of goods brought into the Home Arts Building. A total of nearly 20 departments between the youth and open divisions with many classifications under each department make their way into the Home Arts Building to be sampled and judged each year.

Pyne said she was lucky because many of the judges and clerks, around 20 volunteers, have been the same over the years and understand what's involved. Pyne and Nelson distribute spreadsheets for the volunteers so they know where and when they are needed with an explanation of their job description.

In late July and the first week in August is when registration is accepted for anyone wanting to display an item for judging in the Home Arts Building. Registration numbers are given and Pyne and Nelson make printed and laminated tags for each item.

The building is then cleaned and tables are arranged according to need for the proper categories. "When someone arrives with their item we let them know their registration number and where to put their item," Nelson said.

Tuesday, the first official

start day of the fair is when everything is judged starting at 9:30 a.m. Each judge has a clerk to hold the clip board containing registration number and writes down what placement the judge has given it. The clerks then attach the ribbons.

"Everything you can think of craft wise is shown at the Home Arts Building, from baking to sewing, to vegetables and photography," Pyne said.

Pyne thought the most unusual items ever displayed in years past included a canoe, a gun cabinet and a wooden dining table. Nelson liked it the year a gentleman brought in his collection of colorful kites and hung them throughout the building. Pyne said, "We have one registrant who is not only bringing in her honey but also said she would bring in some of her honey bees this year, so that will be something different."

The two noted the Home Arts Building isn't as popular as it once was several years ago when they had over 100 entries in just canning alone. Now they are lucky if they can get 30 entries. Quilt entries have also decreased over the years as well as pottery. Nelson said they had a



Kathie Nelson (left) and Judy Pyne stand beside the neatly covered white tables in the Home Arts Building at the fair grounds ready and waiting for all the arrival of all the creativity registered to be displayed and judged during fair week. The two ladies have been volunteering at the Home Arts Building for around 12 years. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

lot more entries when the fair had grant funds to pay premiums for top ribbon winners. Now all they get is the ribbon and bragging rights.

Painting, however, has increased as well as photography. Nelson and Pyne were happy that so many youth were involved in painting through Imagine, Create and Excel (I.C.E.) free classes offered in Alcona County.

Youth exhibits display

work from children and are typically judged in sections according to age, section A is for youth 10 years and younger, section B is for youth 11 to 13 and section C is for teens 14 to 19 years of age.

Home Art youth exhibits include needlework with classifications in hand knitting, crochet, embroidery, doll costumes, woven/braided/hooked and more. Culinary

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New fair attractions include barnyard animals, puppets

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Two new attractions will be coming to this year's fair to entertain younger fairgoers-- the Barnyard Express with Farmer John and God's Most Valuable Puppets.

John Forshee, better known as Farmer John, began his love of animals by helping out on his aunt and uncle's pig farm. He attended Iowa State University studying farm operations.

His quest to operate a farm began when he was employed by Domino's Pizza Petting Farm in Ann Arbor, Mich. Forshee managed and helped develop Domino's farm for eight years, giving hundreds

of animal shows and helping thousands of children experience the farm.

When Domino's closed for a while in 1993, Forshee developed a mobile farm and the Barnyard Express was born. Forshee has been taking his barnyard friends on the road for 20 years now. He has been delighting children of all ages with his animal antics across Michigan, Ohio, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

"There's a lot of interaction with the animals and the kids so even kids who've been raised on a farm are entertained, it's pretty theatrical and the kids have a good time," Forshee said.

He will be bringing a miniature horse, sheep, a goat, a calf, a little pig, and lambs as well as his faithful canine companion, Smudge, to the Alcona County Fair. Free performances are Tuesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 1 and 3 p.m. Tuesday will have an additional performance at 5 p.m. and Thursday will have two additional performances at 5 and 7 p.m.

Also new to the fair this year will be God's Most Valuable Puppets (MVPs) brought by Grace Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church

in Oscoda. The free puppet show will have performances on Friday, Aug. 22 between 1 and 3 p.m.

God's MVPs began performing around 15 years ago by adults to entertain children at the church, since then the puppets have increased by boxes and boxes and the puppeteers have gotten younger. There are about eight puppeteers ranging in age from eight to adult with the majority of them teenagers. Puppets range in size from small stick puppets to full size adult arm puppets which cover fingertip to elbow.

"It takes strong arm muscles to hold up a puppet for a long time, some of the younger kids around the age of seven have had to be turned away from being a puppeteer because their arms simply weren't strong or long enough," said Deanna Austin of Grace Church.

Puppeteers practice usually once a week unless they have a performance approaching and then rehearsals are twice weekly. The puppet shows last anywhere from 10 minutes to a half hour depending on the skit or song which many include audience

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arts include bread, cookies, candy, cakes, pies and canned goods. Fine arts include painting and drawing as well as creative writing with classifications in journalism, poetry, essay, fiction and nonfiction.

Youth folk art is for graphics and sculpture as well as crafts which include leather crafts, basket weaving and scrapbooking, just to name a few. Youth photography has different classifications for what the photo is of, scenic, animal, portrait, flowers, humorous or other. Youth agriculture sections exhibit field crops, maple syrup, apiary, root crops, vegetables, vine crops, vegetable display and fruits. Youth floriculture displays flower arrangements in a variety of classifications. Youth horticulture exhibits include evergreen trees and herbs.

In the past many 4-H's have take advantage of the

space to bring in their 4-H youth educational projects and displays, but Pyne said last year there wasn't any. The educational department is open to any child whether they are in 4-H or not and if they want to bring in their display without having it be judged they can still do that.

Open departments, for adults 20 years and older, mirror that of the youth exhibits with a few exceptions. Instead of displaying educational projects the open class has an antique department and a collection display. Nelson said the oldest registrant they ever had was 92.

A silent auction is also being held in the Home Arts Building. Bidding starts on Tuesday and ends on Saturday. This year Bill and Billie Thompson will be in charge of the silent auction.

Pyne cautioned the community, "The week before fair is not the time to start think-

ing about what you want to register; we can't take any last minute entries. The time to think and start creating is in winter when you're busy doing needlecrafts or painting."

Nelson said she really enjoys meeting the people who come into the Home Arts building. She would like to see a lot more quilts because they are always colorful and attractive. Quilt makers may also want to help the fair by making a quilt block to be added with others to create a quilt to be raffled at the 2015 fair. For more information on the "4 Patch Crazy Quilt," contact Judy Pyne at (989) 724-6967.

The Home Arts Building will be open daily during the fair from 1 to 8 p.m. and either one or both ladies or a capable volunteer will be on hand to protect the displayed items and try to answer any questions.

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Dothraki Skydogs perform Journey Through the Horse

By Carlee Campbell
Staff Writer

Prepare to be sent back through time with the 4-H equestrian club as they take a look at the history of the horse at this year's Alcona County Fair.

Journey Through the Horse is an original production performed by the Dothraki Skydogs that highlights the crucial points in history for the horse, from their use in medieval days with knights, to the time when Native Americans used them long before cowboys and finally to present day.

The specially choreographed performance will incorporate stunts, costumes and all the skills of a theatri-

cal equestrian performance.

Leader and founder of the group, Lindsey Naudi, along with her partner, Stephanie Maturen, have spent over six months training the members of their group- Kaitlyn Naudi, 9, Cierra Kramer, 11, and Lauren Karsen, 18.

During that time, members have strengthened their riding skills, learned how to make costumes and props, and even learned how to rope cattle.

Naudi said it was hard work but it has paid off. "Their riding skills have improved greatly," she said.

Last Thursday's practice was a full dress rehearsal. The program is about 30 minutes long, however, the practice lasted two hours in order to warm up the horses and run through the script a few times. With help from two volunteers and the support of family and friends, the run-through ended with a few audio problems, minor costume malfunctions and both the horses and riders being exhausted, but an overall feeling of pride resonated from the group.

"It looks good, it really does," Maturen said as she gathered with the others for a group picture at the conclusion of rehearsal. "I'm really proud of the group," Naudi said.



(From left) Kaitlyn Naudi, Lindsey Naudi, Stephanie Maturen, Lauren Karsen and Cierra Kramer with their horses after a full dress rehearsal of their production Journey Through the Horse that they'll perform during the Alcona County Fair in Lincoln next week. Photo by Carlee Campbell.

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participation.

Ron Langlois, affectionately called Mr. Ron, is the sound man for the puppet show. He explained the puppet shows are religious oriented but aren't based on any one religion. "We have puppeteers who attend other churches and some don't attend church at all. The show is mostly songs and skits to appeal to children of all ages and entertain," Langlois said.

After months of choreography and training, they are spending their last few practices polishing the stunts and trying to get the horses to stand still for the closing pose.

No matter the small problems they faced throughout their practices and training, Naudi said she's happy that they can finally put on this production - which is an idea that has been running through her mind for a few years. "It's something we always wanted to do," Naudi said.

Until recently, it wasn't a possibility.

Originally, Naudi and Maturen set out to create an adult group, but couldn't find funding. When she found support and interest for a youth program, she jumped on the chance with the hopes of being able to put a good theatrical production together.

While they have faced more than their share of setbacks, Naudi and Maturen are more confident than ever in their group.

The goal of the production is to spark the interest of riders in the community. They hope that with the performances more kids and teenagers will join and expand the group. Although the 4-H equestrian group has been around for a number of years, it started fresh two years ago and was renamed Dothraki Skydogs which means "horse people" in Dothraki-a fictional language that is part of the book series "A Song of Ice

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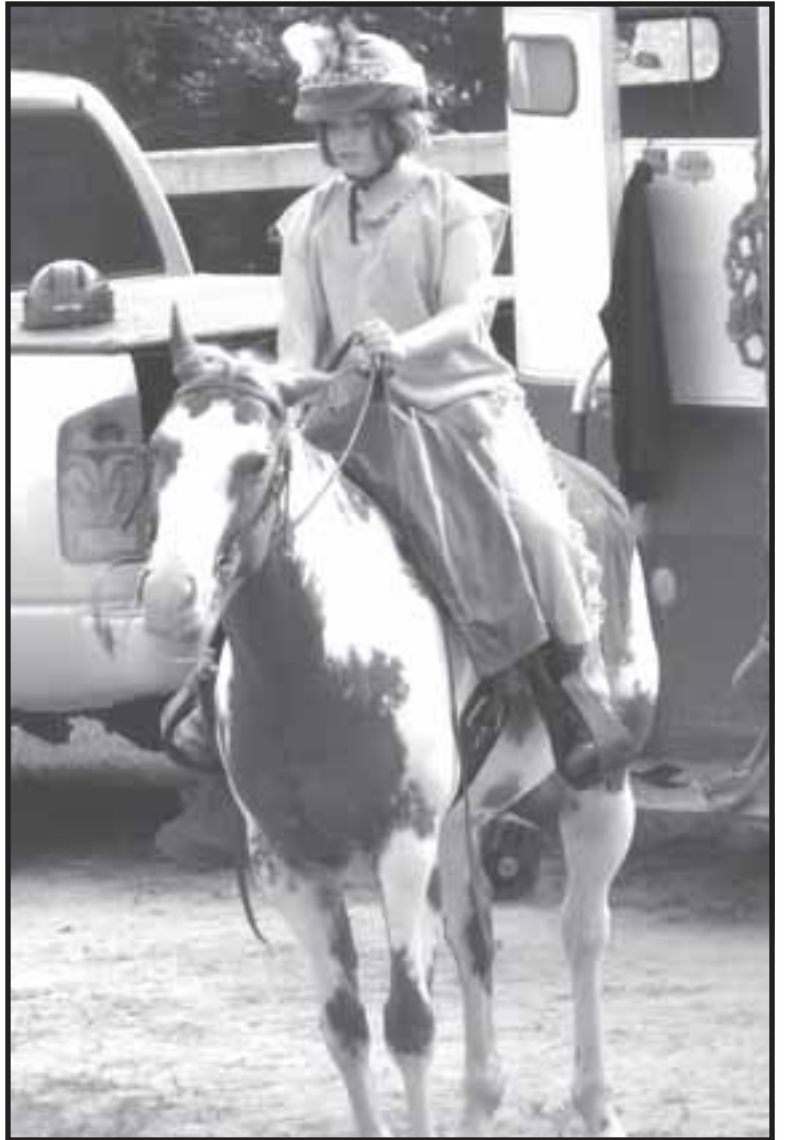
The group is dedicated to theatrical performance through equestrian riding. Children and teenagers of all riding levels may join and practices are typically once or twice a month. Members must provide their own equipment and horse and are responsible for their own transportation to and from practices at events.

Performances for Journey Through the Horse will be Wednesday, Aug. 20 at 1 p.m. and Friday, Aug. 22 at 2 p.m. at the Alcona Fairgrounds in Lincoln.

To get involved with the group, contact Lindsey Naudi at (989) 884-3295.



Kaitlyn Naudi portrays a cowgirl from the old West as she enters the ring during a dress rehearsal. *Photos by Carlee Campbell.*



Cierra Kramer warms up her horse and gets ready to enter the ring during a dress rehearsal.



The performance Journey Through the Horse begins when knights used horses during battle (right). It will be performed twice during the week of the fair.



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Laser Tag coming to this year's fair

By **Mary Weber**
Staff Writer

An exciting addition to this year's county fair will be an activity guaranteed to get participants moving, running and hiding in a team building exercise called Laser Tag.

Laser Tag combines the classic games of tag and hide and seek with a high tech twist using infrared technology. Unlike paintball, laser tag is painless because it uses no physical projectiles. The infrared technology used is harmless, very much like what is used to operate a television remote.

The game is typically played with two teams wearing target headbands and armed with infrared guns. Teammates work together to conquer the opposing team by getting the least amount of hits or capturing and controlling a flag or a controlled timed box.

The free event, sponsored by the fair board, will be brought to the fair through Laser Team Challenge of Alpena, a family owned company brought to the Alpena area in 2004.

After retiring from 25 years of service in the U.S. military, Jim Makowske and his wife, Carol, built the company, Laser Team Challenge, based on their knowledge and experience with team building, training and recreation.

"The idea behind Laser Team Challenge was to create a safe and fun activity for players of all ages while giving individuals and organizations something unique to do in northeast Michigan. Laser tag promotes planning and teamwork. Companies bring their employees to play because the game encourages team building without the participants even realizing they are in a team building exercise," Jim Makowske said.

"Players learn about one another and the importance of communication and planning. It builds a lot of camaraderie which is also why sports teams and youth organizations like it," Jim Makowske said.

Just a few months after the company opened they added an indoor venue utilizing the historic Memorial Hall (old National Guard Armory) in downtown Alpena. The indoor facility allowed the game to be played year-round and offered a different perspective from the outdoor venue.

The Makowskes take their company on the road as well offering the activity at county fairs, business family days, military bases, schools, senior high lock-in events, and church and youth camps throughout Michigan, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri.

Jim Makowske explained part of fun of the Laser Team Challenge is the unique guns the company offers, all realistic with scopes, yet easy to operate. The guns can be programmed to duplicate up to 60 different guns and can shoot infrared rays up to 1,000 feet.

Jim Makowske said he has had players on the same team as young as seven and as old as 70, which means pretty much the whole family, including grandma and grandpa can play.

Les Thomas, 4-H coordinator of Alcona County has taken many 4-H's to the Alpena facility. "I love playing and have just as much fun as the kids do. It's very active and a good workout but it's so much fun you don't even realize you are exercising," Thomas said.

He explained although bringing laser tag to the fair was intended to appeal to youth, no adult wanting to join a team will be turned away from play, "That's part of the beauty of the game, it appeals to all ages. You interact as a team all working together. The Laser Tag outings have been very popular for fourth-graders to tenth-graders. There aren't many sports such a wide range of ages can all play together," Thomas said.

Carol Makowske said they can't wait to bring the Laser Team Challenge to the Alcona County Fair this year. "We've really appreciated all the people from the Alcona area including 4-H and the schools who have come up to Alpena to play, so this is very exciting for us," Carol Makowske said. She is looking forward to seeing them all play on their own turf.

Laser Tag will be played on Wednesday, Aug. 20 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the motocross area of the fairgrounds behind the race track. The fair board suggested all participants show up 30 minutes before the start of the game they would like to play.

Anyone who hasn't played laser tag before shouldn't worry, complete instructional and safety briefings will happen prior to the start of each game.


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1 pm ~ Silent Auction Begins
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3 pm ~ Cattle Judging
5:30 pm ~ Kids Bike Giveaway- Must be Present
6 pm ~ Big Fair Raffle Drawing - Need Not be Present
6 pm ~ Smokey Bear's 70th Birthday Party
6:30 pm ~ Swine Youth/Open Judging

Wednesday 8/20

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9 am ~ Rabbit Youth/Open Judging followed by Pocket Pet Judging
12 pm ~ 2 pm Meet "Smokey Bear"
1, 3 & 5 pm ~ Barnyard Express
1 pm ~ 2 pm Kids Stories & Crafts
1 pm ~ Dothraki Skydogs 4-H Club presents "Journey through the Horse"
2 pm ~ Midway Opens – D&R Shows
3 pm ~ Sheep and Goat Judging
4 - 8 pm ~ Free Laser Tag
5:30 pm ~ Fair Board Steak Fry (Tickets at Office)
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2 pm ~ Midway Opens - D & R Shows
2:30 pm ~ Tractor Parade to Track Area Followed by Olympic Tractor Games
5 pm ~ 4-H Awards Ceremony
5:30 pm ~ Kids Bike Giveaway – Must be present
6 pm ~ Alcona Junior Livestock Club Market Sale

Friday 8/22

10 am ~ Youth Horse Show
10 am – 2 pm ~ ROV Build with Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary
1, 3 & 5 pm ~ Barnyard Express
2 pm ~ 4 pm – Kids Games by the Alcona FFA
2 pm ~ Midway Opens - D & R Shows
2pm ~ Dothraki Skydogs 4-H Club presents "Journey through the Horse"
4pm ~ FFA Alumni Pancake & Sausage Dinner
5pm ~ Tractor Parade on Track
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DNR's Academy of Natural Resources gives teachers valuable "been there, done that" experience

Given a choice, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would enroll every student in the state into a class on natural resources. Since that's not exactly practical, DNR educators have come up with a more feasible alternative: Educate the educators.

The DNR's Academy of Natural Resources, now in its seventh year, enrolls teachers into a week-long crash course on natural resources. The idea is to provide the teachers with a broad overview of natural resources that they can use in their classrooms.

"We have 50 to 60 teachers enrolled in the academy each summer, and that translates into potentially reaching thousands of students," said Kevin Frailey, who leads the DNR's education efforts. "We do a lot of short-term education programs with teachers

on a regular basis, but research shows that the more times we make contact with these teachers, the more information they'll retain.

"The academy is a unique chance to totally immerse teachers in natural resources for a week and really maximize our efforts and their learning opportunities."

Teachers say it's a strategy that works. Cindy Fitzwilliams-Heck, a professor at Ferris State University who first attended the academy as a student, returned to the academy this summer to obtain focus group feedback from the teachers attending the program.

"The response is all positive," she said. "The Academy of Natural Resources has really opened their eyes about natural resources and what the DNR does. And they're going on to share that knowledge in the classroom and

elsewhere. They're eager to discuss it and they've used a lot of the material."

The knowledge each teacher gains at the academy varies depending on which section they choose to attend. This year, the academy offered three different sections: Forests, Fields and Fins; STEM from Nature (STEM refers to science, technology, engineering and math); and Michigan Environmental Education Curriculum Support (MEECS).

The three sections are among seven total sections offered by the academy on a rotating basis. Other section topics include Nature Quest, which is an introduction to nature; Wee Ones (a program for early childhood instructors); and Teachers into the Wild, which focuses on outdoor skills, such as archery, canoeing and fishing.

By rotating the topics and



Holt High School science teacher Heather Peterson poses with a lake trout netted on Higgins Lake during the DNR's Academy of Natural Resources.

offering just a few choices each year the teachers are better able to focus intensively on a specific topic during the week, and are able to return for several years without taking the same class

twice, Frailey said. The "F program" (as Forests, Fields and Fins is called within the program) features sections by the DNR's Law

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For example, Fisheries Division spent one session with teachers on Higgins Lake, demonstrating the use of trap nets and gill nets for fish surveying and another on the AuSable River, using electro-shocking equipment to survey fish populations.

In each case, the teachers were given the opportunity to assist: They could help raise nets, remove fish or net fish in the electro-shocking demonstration.

The field demonstrations are a perennial favorite for the teachers, who say the hands-on experience helps them better explain to students how fish and wildlife are managed by using their own real-life anecdotes gleaned from the academy.

Dave Polley, an eighth-grade science teacher at Beach Middle School in Chelsea, Mich. said the sections suited him well, both professionally and personally. "We teach an ecology unit and I've struggled with it - how to be more hands-on, how to be more relevant to the kids," he said. "The field experience has been a good thing; it's given me some ideas. And it's right up my alley personally; I'm a sportsman, a hunter/fisherman."

Polley said he would "absolutely" recommend the academy to other science teachers.

Carrie Wenta, who teaches high school biology and environmental science in North Branch, Mich. said she also found the field sessions valuable. "Now I can go into the classroom and tell the kids, 'I've been there, I've done it and I have stories to tell about it.'"



Teachers attending the Academy of Natural Resources in July listen as DNR fisheries biologist Tim Cwalinski explains how and why electro-fishing is used as a research and management tool. *Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

And that, said Frailey, is the academy's ultimate goal. "There are a lot of teachers who teach ecology programs," Frailey said. "They understand nature, but they don't necessarily get into management. So this gives us a chance to talk about management - what we do to make these systems work."

"And from the feedback we've received, it's evident that what teachers are learning here translates into improved learning about the environment and natural resources for their students. A true trickle-down effect."

The Academy of Natural Resources is held each summer at the Ralph A. MacMullen Conference Center at Higgins Lake, Mich. While there is a fee to enroll in the academy, teachers can be sponsored by their school

district and financial aid is also available to help cover the cost, thanks to an annual donation of \$10,000 from the Novi Chapter of Safari Club International.

In return for attending the academy, teachers can either satisfy continuing education requirements or choose to earn graduate credits in education through Ferris State University.

For information on enrolling in a future academy and to learn more about the DNR's educational programming, visit www.michigan.gov/anr.

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Fireworks Committee

Local firefighters bring demonstrations, grudge match to the annual county fair

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

The skill and expertise of local fire fighters will be on display at the fair this year with a Jaws of Life demonstration, a water ball tournament and, possibly, a smoke house demonstration on Saturday afternoon, the last day of the fair.

Mikado Fire Department volunteer Sean Whelan said he hopes all of the fire departments in Alcona County will attend the demonstration activities which will start about 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 23 at the Alcona County Fairground's race track.

"We'll have a car which the

Lincoln Fire Department has volunteered to do an extrication demonstration using the Jaws of Life. We will also have a water ball tournament. We had a grudge match between Mikado and Greenbush (fire departments) at Mikado Days this year, so we'll be bringing that to the fair challenging the Lincoln Fire Department. Lincoln will be challenging other departments for bragging rights and an old trophy," Whelan said.

He also hopes to have a smoke trailer available, but had a little hiccup in getting one for the fair. He is making calls to get one from Traverse City, Mich. A smoke trailer is designed to simulate a smoke

filled room. Whelan said it's almost impossible to see anything through the smoke and gives a real sense of what fire fighters must go through to make a rescue as well as demonstrate the best way for people to get out of a burning building.

"We'll be talking about fire safety with the folks but the biggest thing is we are trying to raise awareness for the departments for young folks who might want to come in and be a fire fighter. It would be nice for each department in Alcona to get one new member out of this."

The fair runs daily from August 19 through the 23 at the Alcona Fairgrounds.

DNR accepts aquatic habitat grant pre-proposals

There is \$1,250,000 available for the second round of this year's Aquatic Habitat Grant Program through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

Funded projects will emphasize protecting intact and rehabilitating degraded aquatic resources throughout the state; developing self-sustaining aquatic communities that provide for continuing recreational opportunities and natural resource-based economies; and developing strong relation-

ships and partnerships along with new expertise with respect to aquatic habitat protection and recovery.

Funding is available for eligible single and multiple-year projects by local, state, federal and tribal governments, non-profit groups and individuals through an open competitive process. Minimum grant amounts will be set at \$25,000, with the maximum amount being the amount of funds available for that grant cycle. Projects can address issues on streams,

rivers, lakes or the Great Lakes. Smaller projects within the same watershed addressing similar issues and system processes can be bundled into a single grant proposal package in order to reach minimum grant amount requirements if necessary.

The program is structured slightly different this round, with a pre-proposal process implemented. Applicants must complete and submit a three-page pre-proposal form for review by the DNR's Fisheries Division for the project area. Pre-proposals must be postmarked no later than August 29. Applicants will be notified of the outcome of their pre-proposal and, if successful, will be invited to submit a complete application packet for their project. However, an invitation to submit a complete application packet does not guarantee a project will be funded.

The Aquatic Habitat Grant Program pre-proposal period began August 1 and ends at the close of business on August 29. Successful pre-proposal applicants will be notified by September 30. This grant program is funded by revenues from fishing and hunting license fees. The detailed program handbook (including timeline) and pre-proposal guidelines are available at www.michigan.gov/fishing or www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants.

The first round of grants, announced earlier this year, resulted in the funding of eight projects totaling \$1 million.

Karen Lobert, Julie Matthews, Patrick Mullen, Patti St. John and Susan Twite.

Ten-year staff receiving recognition included Carol Dumsch, Cathy LaCross, Melissa Longpre, JoAnn Misel, Renee Paad, Donna Roussin, Lori Sorrells, Betty Stepanski and Beth Tovey.

Certificates were presented to another 16 employees, who completed five years of employment. Those employees were Geraldine Anderson, Amber Bays, Christie Bruski, Rick DeMarr, Richard Greer, Sharon Haske, Deb Hemgesberg, Linda Jones, James Keller, Sandra Matthes, Amy Pilarski, Andrew Ponce de Leon, Valerie Peltz, Emily Roussin, Joseph Spigelmyre and Nena Sork. Four returning staff were recognized for 21, 18, 17 and 16 years respectively after bridging their time and include Bernice Schuelke, Regina Hottos, John LaPere and Lisa Orozco.

Board members received a similar recognition at their meeting in March. Board members reaching milestones this year included Alpena representative Linda Canfield and Tom Mullaney and Montmorency County representative Albert LaFleche with five years each. Judy Hutchins of Alpena County, was recognized for 10 years of service. Gary Nowak of Presque Isle County, was recognized for 15 years of service. Montmorency representative Roger Frye received recognition for 25 years.

Community mental health authority honors employees

Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority, serving the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle, honored its dedicated employees at luncheons held in Alpena and Hillman during the week of July 27.

Recognition was bestowed upon staff reaching significant milestones - five, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 40 or 45 years of service, a total of 68 employees with a combined total of 1,152 years of service.

Kathy Piontkowski topped the list with 45 years of service. Forty year awards were presented to Cathy Meske and Sharon Seguin. Thirty-year awards were presented to Jan Behring, Carolyn Bruning, Lois Cumper, Rhonda Fletcher, Janice Kauffman, Don Laird and Denise Safford.

Seven staff received their 25 year award. This group included Debra Greene, Ruth Hewett, Patricia Hochrein, Marge Morford, Deborah Schackmann, Joan Schimmel and Ann Smith.

Kay Blanzky, Barbara Budnick, Amy Cumper, Marlene Gersewski, Margie Hale-Manley, Bill Kaiser, Tammy Leeck, Gregory Proulx, Paul Rajasekhar, Cathy Rinard and Wendy Sowiecki received recognition for 20 years.

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Lake Huron fishery on the rebound, creating new opportunities

With populations and catch rates for lake trout, walleye, steelhead and other species hovering near record levels in Lake Huron, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is encouraging anglers to plan a trip to the lake this summer to take advantage of the rebound of this world-class fishery.

The Lake Huron Chinook

salmon fishery declined dramatically beginning in 2003 – the result of a steep decline in a forage base of smelt and alewife. The crash was triggered, in part, by an explosion in zebra and quagga mussels and round goby populations, which affected the lake's food web. Chinook salmon feed heavily on alewife and smelt and subsequently dropped to histori-

cally low levels, greatly reducing angling opportunities.

The Great Lakes fishery is valued at \$7 billion annually and is a driving economic force for many communities. Despite the opportunities available to anglers on Lake Huron, most aren't taking advantage of it. In 1997 the DNR documented more than 1.3 million anglers' hours during open water season on 10 ports that are surveyed each year, while in 2013 that figure dropped to just under 300,000 hours.

"Many fish species are thriving in Lake Huron, offering world-class fishing opportunities for anglers," said Todd Grischke, DNR Lake Huron basin coordinator. "Yet, we've seen a dramatic decline in angler use over the past 10 to 15 years. Essentially, the fish are there, but the anglers are not. We encourage people to get out on the water and have fun."

Following the decline in Chinook salmon fishing, the DNR's Fisheries Division adapted its fisheries management to Lake Huron's changed ecosystem, starting with the near elimination of Chinook salmon and all

brown trout stocking as neither species was thriving in Lake Huron. The focus shifted to native fish species, such as lake trout and walleye, and to species not so dependent on the previous food web such as steelhead and Atlantic salmon. These species have more diverse diets than Chinook salmon, a characteristic fisheries managers believed would translate into healthy populations and better opportunities for anglers.

That approach has worked well, as several species (lake trout, walleye, steelhead and Atlantic salmon) have become excellent targets for anglers.

"What's really interesting about the Lake Huron fishery is the diversity of the catch," said Frank Krist, chairperson of the Lake Huron Citizens Fishery Advisory Committee. "It's not unusual to go out fishing and come back with three or four different species of fish. It's exciting to see the lake is beginning to stabilize and provide such varied fishing opportunities."

Lake Trout

In partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Chippewa-Ottawa

Resource Authority and the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, the DNR has been trying to rehabilitate lake trout in Lake Huron since the 1950s, with limited success. Lake trout actually benefited from the smelt and alewife decline as the fish turned to a different food source and didn't experience the reproductive limitations posed by a diet of alewives.

This shift has spurred natural reproduction of lake trout annually and produced large numbers of adults. Lake trout are now on a path to recovery.

Walleye

Working in cooperation with constituent organizations in the Saginaw Bay region, the DNR stocked walleye in the bay for more than two decades without significant wild reproduction.

Within one year of the alewife decline on Lake Huron, walleye started to flourish thanks to natural reproduction. As a result, in 2008 the DNR documented the highest population and catch rate of walleye recorded in the

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Writing Letters to the Editor

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last 30 years. Today, Saginaw Bay's population remains at near record levels and provides benefits throughout the lake, creating walleye fishing opportunities along much of the Lake Huron coast from Lexington, Mich. to Cheboygan, Mich.

Steelhead

With Chinook salmon as the primary fishery for 40 years, anglers didn't particularly target steelhead on Lake Huron. But since this species will eat a variety of prey items, it began to flourish with the help of stocking by the DNR. Annually about 500,000 steelhead are stocked in Lake Huron tributaries. The catch rate in 2012 was the highest recorded by the DNR in the 25 years data have been collected. While 2013 saw a slight drop in the catch rate, it was still the fourth-highest level recorded since 1997.

Additional Species

On top of steelhead, walleye and lake trout, additional opportunities are plentiful in Lake Huron, including for Atlantic salmon and yellow perch, especially in the Drummond Island and Les Cheneaux Islands area. Be-

ginning in 2012, the DNR began an Atlantic salmon stocking program in Lake Huron and its tributaries, capitalizing on this species' feeding behavior and hoping to provide additional fishing opportunities for river, pier and offshore anglers. Fisheries managers are anticipating returns from these stockings in the fall of 2014 and well into the future.

Want to learn more about Lake Huron fishing? Check out www.michigan.gov/fishing.



Feeding Fledglings

Keep it simple when feeding baby birds. White proso millet, whole-grain bread, unsalted peanuts, sunflower seed and sunflower heart chips are just a few food items young fliers love. If you toss seed on the ground, make sure it's near a brush pile or bushes so birds can easily take cover.

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82 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests; 1 Warrant; 1 Operating While Intoxicated.

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Alarm	2	Domestic	1
911 Hang Up	1	Marine	2
Harassment/Threats/Stalking	3	Patrol Check	2
Operate While Intoxicated	1	Warrant Arrest	1
Civil	4	Suspicious Vehicle/Person	1
Breaking & Entering	1	Medical	1
Personal Injury Accident	2	Driving While License Susp.	2
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Building Schedules

Alcona Elementary School (Grades K-6): The daily schedule is from 8:05 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Alcona Community Middle & High School (Grades 7-12): The daily schedule is from 7:57 a.m. to 2:53 p.m.

New Students

Alcona Community Schools welcome new students! Students who are new to the district should register with their parent at the school building they will attend. Building offices will be open from the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Open House

Alcona Elementary School and Alcona Community Middle & High School invite parents, students and community members to attend our annual fall Open House in all buildings. **Alcona Elementary School** will host its building Open House on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. **Alcona Community Middle & High School** will host their Open House on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Student Handbook Information:

Student/parent handbooks are available this school year on the district website. Go to www.alconaschools.net and select the school building your child attends to view an electronic copy of the handbook. The handbook contains important information regarding district policies, discipline, computer usage agreement, and more. Parents should review the handbook in detail with their child. Contact your school office if you need to make arrangements to use a school computer to view or download a hard copy of the handbook.

IMPORTANT Student Dress Code and Parking Information:

While fashion changes rather regularly, the reason for being in school does not. Students are in school to learn. Updated and revised student dress code rules and regulations are published in student & family handbooks. Student dress code rules and regulations will be strictly enforced.

Student parking will be strictly enforced. ALL student drivers will be required to register their vehicles in the high school office. ALL student drivers will be expected to comply with rules and regulations regarding student parking and to display their school issued student parking pass at all times. Students who park in unauthorized spaces on school property will be towed at the owner's expense.

IMPORTANT Information Concerning Student Wellness and Nutrition

The Board of Education has established a District Wellness policy that addresses nutrition, physical activity and the physical education of our students. To support this focus on student wellness, students and staff will be expected to follow all rules and regulations outlined in the District Wellness policy regarding food and beverages brought onto school grounds.

Smart Snacks in Schools USDA Food and Beverage Policy

Students are not permitted to bring carbonated beverages (soda pop) to school or consume carbonated beverages in the school lunchrooms. Elementary and Middle School foods and beverages must be caffeine-free. No beverages may be brought into the building that are larger than 20 ounces and all authorized beverages must be in the original sealed containers.

Food brought into classrooms for student celebrations and/or classroom activities must comply with Smart Snacks in School USDA guidelines and must be approved by the classroom teacher and building principal in advance. Student celebrations or parties not authorized by the building principal will not be permitted during the school lunch periods. Students may purchase breakfast and lunch in the school cafeterias or pack a breakfast or lunch to bring from home. Students will not be allowed to have food or beverages delivered to the school cafeterias during school lunch times (Subway, pizza, et cetera).

Synergy Online Parent Portal

Parents and students will once again be able to access student academic progress and attendance reports 24/7 online via the Synergy online reporting system. Parents will be sent login information after school begins.

Notice of Non-Discrimination and Equal Employment & Education Opportunity

Notice of Non-Discriminatory Policy-Title IX Specifics for Compliance

1. No person shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of or be subjected to discrimination under any academic, extracurricular, research, occupational training or any other educational program or activity.
2. All educational agencies or activities receiving federal funds must comply with the employment provision of Title IX regulations which include but are not limited to recruitment, pre-employment inquiries, employment procedures assignment, salaries, fringe benefits and any other term, condition or privilege of employment.
3. Equal Opportunity for members of both sexes must be provided in interscholastic, intercollegiate, club or intramural athletics operated or sponsored by a recipient.
4. No person shall, on the basis of sex, be denied admission or be subject of discrimination in admission by any recipient subject to the admissions provisions of the Title IX.

The Board of Education has resolved that:

1. The Superintendent will act to coordinate efforts to comply with Title IX.
2. The Superintendent will notify students, parents and employees of the specifics for compliance.
3. A grievance procedure has been established for resolution of student and employee complaints.

Pesticides

Public Act 131 of 1993 requires that school officials notify parents and guardians of children attending that school of their right to be informed prior to application of pesticides at that school. MCL26.536d. From time to time, the school's contracted pest control company or school employees will apply substances to deal with weed control, ants, bees, wasps, et cetera. Notice of such application will be provided to parents in advance by posting notice on main school building entrance doors and by posting notice on the district website. If you would like to be notified prior to the application of these substances, please notify the school office in writing. We will then notify you prior to applying any type of pesticide control

substance.

Annual AHERA Notification

Asbestos Management Plan Available for Review by Parents, Teachers and Employees.

Alcona Community Schools conducted a three-year mandatory re-inspection for the presence of viable asbestos in our schools. Based on the findings of this inspection, a comprehensive management plan was updated. This plan details the response action the district will take regarding any asbestos containing material.

The AHERA Management Plan is located at the Board of Education Office and the Director of Transportation/Facilities office and is available for inspection without cost or restriction during normal business hours. All new construction and renovation projects contain written specifications stating that no asbestos containing materials will be used.

Our procedures for dealing with asbestos in our schools reflect our desire to make our schools a safe place in which students learn. If you have further questions, please call the school superintendent.

Alcona Community Schools Endowment Fund

Alcona Community Schools offers an Endowment Fund through the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan. The purpose of the fund is to create a principal investment fund to support innovative student activities and programming through investment earnings.

Charitable contributions made to the fund may qualify contributors for *Federal Tax Savings*. Call Alcona Community Schools at (989) 736-6212 or the Community Foundation of Northeast Michigan at (989) 354-6881 to learn more about how you can give and gain.

To make a contribution to the Alcona Community Schools Endowment Fund, please send a check payable to Alcona Community Schools to:

Alcona Community Schools
Office of the Superintendent
51 N. Barlow Road, P.O. Box 249
Lincoln, MI 48742
ATTN: Endowment Fund

A charitable contribution confirmation letter will be sent to you for your tax records.

Protection of Pupil Rights Amendment (PPRA)

PPRA affords parents and students who are 18 or emancipated minors certain rights regarding our conduct of surveys, collection and use of information for marketing purposes, and certain physical exams. These include the right to:

Consent before students are required to submit to a survey that concerns one or more of the following protected areas if the survey is funded in whole or in part by a program of the U.S. Department of Education:

1. Political affiliations or beliefs of the student or student's parent;
2. Mental or psychological problems of the student or student's family;
3. Sex behavior or attitudes;
4. Illegal, anti-social, self-incriminating, or demeaning behavior;
5. Critical appraisals of others with whom the respondents have close family relationships;
6. Legally recognized privileged relationships, such as with lawyers, doctors, or ministers;
7. Religious practices, affiliations, or beliefs of the student or parents; or
8. Income, other than as required by law to determine program eligibility.

Receive notice and an opportunity to opt a student out of:

1. Any protected information survey, regardless of funding;
 2. Any non-emergency, invasive physical exam or screening required as a condition of attendance, administered by the school or its agent, and not necessary to protect the immediate health and safety of a student, except for hearing, vision, or scoliosis screenings, or any physical exam or screening permitted or required under State law; and
 3. Activities involving collection, disclosure, or use of personal information obtained from students for marketing or to sell or otherwise distribute the information to others.
- Inspect, upon request and before administration or use:*
1. Protected information surveys of students;
 2. Instruments used to collect personal information from students for any of the above marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes; and
 3. Instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum.

Alcona Community Schools has adopted policies, in consultation with parents, regarding these rights, as well as arrangements to protect student privacy in the administration of protected surveys and the collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution purposes. Alcona Community Schools will directly notify parents and eligible students of these policies at least annually at the start of each school year and after any substantive changes. Alcona Community Schools will also directly notify parents and eligible students at least annually at the start of each school year of the specific or approximate dates of the following activities and provide an opportunity to opt a student out of participating in:

- Collection, disclosure, or use of personal information for marketing, sales, or other distribution.
- Administration of any protected information survey not funded in whole or in part by the Department of Education.
- Any non-emergency, invasive physical examination or screening as described above.

Parents and eligible students who believe their rights have been violated may file a complaint with: *Family Policy Compliance Officer, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington D.C. 20202-4605.*

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) affords parents and students over 18 years of age certain rights with respect to the student's education records. These rights are:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's education records within 45 days of the day the School receives a request for access. Parents or eligible students should submit to the School principal a written request that identifies the record(s) they wish to inspect. The School official will make arrangements for access and notify the parent or eligible student of the time and place where the records may be inspected.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's education records that the parent or eligible student believes are inaccurate. Parents or eligible students may ask the School to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the School principal, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate.

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If the School decides not to amend the record as requested by the parent or eligible students, the School will notify the parent or eligible student of the decision and advise them of their right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the parent or eligible student when notified of the right to a hearing.

3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's education records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the Schools as an administrator, supervisor, instructor, or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel); a person serving on the School Board; a person or company with whom the School has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, medical consultant, or therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks. A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

4. Michigan Revised School Code Section 1135 requires that a school record include a student's disciplinary record, including any suspension or expulsion action against the student.

5. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failures by Alcona Community Schools to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the office that administers FERPA are: *Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW Washington, D.C. 20202-4605.*

Annual Education Report (AER)

Annual report public presentations for the 2014/2015 school year will be held at the following times and locations:

- **Alcona Elementary School:** September 4, 3:45 p.m., HS/MS Media Center;
- **Alcona Community Middle & High School:** September 4, 4:00 p.m., HS/MS Media Center.
- **District Annual Report:** September 4, 3:30 p.m., Board of Education Conference Room.

P.A. 226 Reproductive Health Advisory Committee Annual Meeting

The district PA 226 Reproductive Health Advisory Committee will hold its annual meeting on September 11, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. Members of the public are welcome to attend.

District & Elementary School Parent Involvement Meeting

Alcona Elementary School will host the annual building and district parent involvement meeting on September 24 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The purpose of this annual meeting is to discuss opportunities for parent involvement in the schools. All parents and community members are welcome. Both meetings will be held at Alcona Elementary School.

Drug Free Schools

In accordance with Federal Law, the Board of Education prohibits the use, possession, concealment, or distribution of drugs by students on school grounds, in school or school-approved vehicles, or at any school-related event. Drugs include any alcoholic beverage, anabolic steroid, dangerous controlled substance as defined by State statute or substance that could be considered a "look-a-like" controlled substance. Compliance with this policy is mandatory for all students. Any student who violates this policy will be subject to disciplinary action, in accordance with due process and as specified in the student handbooks, up to and including expulsion from school. When required by State law, the District will also notify law enforcement officials. The District is concerned about any student who is a victim of alcohol or drug abuse and will facilitate the process by which s/he receives help through programs and services available in the community. Students and their parents should contact the school principal or counseling office whenever such help is needed.

Directory Information for Students

The following student directory information will be made available for publication in directories, sports programs, and other publications: student's name, address, telephone number, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, height and weight, dates of attendance, date of graduation, awards received, honor rolls, and scholarships. Parents and eligible students may refuse to allow the District to disclose any or all of such "directory information" upon written notification to the District within forty-five (45) calendar days after receipt of the District's public notice.

Right to Inspect Instructional Materials

Parents have the right to inspect, upon request, any instructional material used as part of the educational curriculum. Parents will have access to the instructional material within a reasonable period of time after the request is received by the building principal. Instructional materials do not include academic tests or assessments.

School Visitors

The Board of Education welcomes and encourages visits to school by parents, community members and interested educators. In order to protect the education program of the schools from undue disturbance, the Board of Education has established visitor guidelines. Please contact the building principal for a copy of the guidelines.

Bloodborne Pathogen Notification

Federal government and OSHA regulations require that the District take steps to restrict the spread of hepatitis B virus (HBV) and human immune deficiency virus (HIV). Because of the very serious consequences of contracting HBV or HIV, the District is committed to taking the necessary precautions to protect both students and staff from its spread in the school environment. Part of the federally mandated procedures include a requirement that the District request consent for HBV and HIV testing if an injury occurs with blood exposure. The law does not require parents or guardians to consent to the examination, but it does require the District to request the consent. We expect that incidents of exposure will be few and that with this advance notification, parents will understand the District's request for consent should it be necessary.

Comprehensive Health Education

The District, in compliance with state law, implements a comprehensive program of health, reproductive health, and AIDS education. The District will notify parents, in advance of the instruction, and provide parents with an opportunity to review the materials and to opt out their child from instruction.

USDA Non-Discrimination Statement

In accordance with Federal law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability. To file a complaint of discrimination, write to: USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410 or call (800) 795-3272 or 02-720-6382 (TTY). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

2014/2015 Athletic Gate Prices

Varsity Games Adults	\$5.00
Sub Varsity Games Adults	\$4.00
Varsity/Sub Varsity Games Students	\$1.00
Under 4 or Not Enrolled in School Yet	Free
Family of 4 or more – Varsity	\$16.00
Family of 4 or more – Sub Varsity	\$10.00
Season Athletic Pass – Adult	\$65.00
Season Athletic Pass – Senior (60+)	\$45.00
Season Athletic Pass – Family	\$125.00
Yearly Athletic Pass – Adult	\$120.00
Yearly Athletic Pass – Senior (60+)	\$90.00
Yearly Athletic Pass – Student	\$30.00
Yearly Athletic Pass – Family	\$250.00

Annual District Improvement Plan Meeting

The annual meeting to review the District Improvement Plan is scheduled for September 8, 2014 at 3:30 p.m. in the Board of Education Conference Room. All parents and community members are welcome.

2014/2015 School Calendar

Professional Development	Tuesday, August 26	No Students
Teachers Start	Tuesday, September 2	
Students Start	Wednesday, September 3	
Professional Development	Monday, September 29	No Students
End of 1 st Marking Period	Friday, October 31	
Professional Development	Monday, November 3	No Students
Evening Parent Teacher Conferences	Thursday, November 13	
Morning Parent Teacher Conferences	Friday, November 14	No Students
Thanksgiving	Thursday, November 27 -Friday, November 28	
Winter Break First Day of Break	Monday, December 22	
Classes Resume	Wednesday, January 5	
End of 1 st Semester	Thursday, January 22	
Records Day	Friday, January 23	No Students
Evening Parent Teacher Conferences	Thursday, January 29	
Professional Development	Monday, February 2	No Students
End of 3 rd Marking Period	Friday, March 27	
Spring Break Begins	Monday, March 30	
Classes Resume	Tuesday, April 7	
Professional Development	Monday, April 27	No Students
Memorial Day	Monday, May 25	
Last Day for Students	Tuesday, June 9	
Last Day for Teachers	Wednesday, June 10	

District and Building Newsletters

Alcona Community Schools is going green! This school year, all building and district newsletters will be sent home and published on our website. Publications come out quarterly. Please check out www.alconaschools.net for news you can use!

District Facility Use Policy

Alcona Community Schools District Facility Use Policy and Request Forms can be found on our website at www.alconaschools.net. Electronically completed facility use request forms may be e-mailed to leesebergc@alconaschools.net or returned to Alcona Community Schools' District Office.

School Cancellation Information & School Messenger Instant Notification System

Instant school closing alerts are available again! School closings will be announced this year via local media sources and by School Messenger instant telephone alerts. Please check your student's handbook for radio and television station information. All families will be automatically signed up for School Messenger notifications this year. If you wish to have your name removed from the instant notification system or need to make a telephone number change, please contact our technology department via e-mail at notifications@alconaschools.net.

Annual Notice of Educational Services For Homeless Children and Youth

Our school district provides equal access and comparable services to all students regardless of their home living situation. Homeless students are not required to attend a separate school for homeless youth and have the right to benefit from programs for which they are eligible. Some examples of these programs are for students who are disabled, gifted, limited-English proficient, or participate in vocational education and preschool programs.

You also have the right to be enrolled immediately in school and to participate in and benefit from such programs as: free or reduced price school lunch program; Title I services; transportation services.

If you are a homeless student, please contact your school building main office for assistance or the district homeless liaison, Mrs. Jacqueline Kelly, at (989) 736-8534.

School Breakfast Program

Alcona Community Schools offer a complete, nutritious school breakfast daily for students in grades K-12. If you would like more information about the school breakfast program, cost of meals, or menus, please contact Jan Faulman at (989) 358-5021.

Board of Education Meetings

Alcona Community Schools welcome community attendance at Board of Education meetings. The Board of Education meets on the 2nd Monday of each month in the Board of Education Conference Room located in Alcona Middle School. All meetings begin at 5:30 p.m.

Expanded Online Learning Options

Pupils enrolled in grades five to 12 are eligible to enroll in up to two (2) online courses with the consent of the pupil's parent or legal guardian. The online course must be a course of study capable of generating a credit or a grade and the course is provided in an interactive internet-connected learning environment. Eligible pupils may not have previously gained the credits provided from the completion of the online course, the online course must be capable of generating academic credit and must be consistent with the remaining graduation requirements or career interests of the pupil, the pupil must possess the prerequisite knowledge and skills to be successful in the online course, the pupil must not have demonstrated failure in previous online coursework in the same subject area, and the online course must be of sufficient quality and rigor as determined by the district. Interested parents should contact the building principal for more information.

Sams, Stoick returning to art fair after trip to Africa

The nationally recognized professional photography team of Carl Sams and Jean Stoick have published a new children's book "I Am Africa" and they will be returning to the annual Labor Day weekend Arts and Craft Fair in Harrisville.

This husband and wife team that comprises Carl R. Sams II Photography, Inc. published the book after spending three weeks in Africa and taking more than 40,000 images. Their new children's book "I Am Africa" has earned the prestigious Mom's Choice Award (MCA) for Animal Kingdom. Having been rigorously evaluated by an MCA judging panel, "I Am Africa" is deemed to be among the best products for families.

"This was our first trip to Africa, and all I can say is, thank goodness for digital photography," Sams said. "Could you imagine trying to

get through customs with 1,111 rolls of 36-exposure film?"

Sams explained they didn't intend to create a book from the images they took in their short visit. Upon returning home, however, they realized they had to share the magic they had captured with their lenses. Over the next eight months Stoick wrote and re-wrote the story and the couple sorted through thousands of images, painfully deciding which to use in the book and which wouldn't make it.

"We have earned many awards for our children's books and are thrilled to have earned another for "I Am Africa," Stoick said.

The MCA program is globally recognized for establishing the benchmark of excellence in family-friendly media, products and services. The organization is based in the United States and has reviewed thousands of en-

tries from more than 40 countries.

Sams and Stoick, authors and publishers of the New York Times best-selling "In the Woods" series of children's books, are very excited with how "I Am Af-

rica" turned out. They know that earning the 2014 Mom's Choice Gold Award will be beneficial in their continued effort to share gentle lessons of nature with children of all ages.

"I Am Africa," 48-page hard

cover book, is available at www.strangerinthewoods.com or by calling (800) 552-1867. Their books are also available in Harrisville at Moosetales. The couple will be signing books at their booth Labor Day weekend.



Lions, leopards, elephants and giraffes are just a few of the animals the couple capture during their trip to Africa. Photo courtesy of Carl R. Sams Photography, Inc.

2010 GMC Terrain A7152A \$16,995 \$279/mo	2010 Ford Edge A7362A \$19,995 \$311/mo	2010 Chevrolet Equinox A7313A \$12,995 \$215/mo	2001 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 2WD A7308A \$7,788 \$169/mo	2004 GMC Yukon XL Denali 7073D \$6,995 \$209/mo	2011 Buick LaCrosse A7584 \$20,841 \$305/mo	2008 Buick Enclave A7660A \$14,744 \$358/mo	2008 Buick Enclave A7622A \$21,404 \$352/mo
2012 Ford Super Duty F-250 Diesel A7353B \$43,812 \$639/mo	2012 Ford F-150 A7348C \$26,451 \$389/mo	2010 Jeep Liberty A7715 \$18,995 \$279/mo	2012 Chevrolet Impala A7721 \$17,995 \$265/mo	2010 GMC Terrain A7723 \$22,995 \$346/mo	2011 Chevy Malibu A7726 \$15,495 \$229/mo	2012 GMC Acadia A7738 \$26,495 \$389/mo	2007 Chevy Avalanche A7102A \$25,995 \$379/mo
2008 Mercury Mariner FWD A7341B \$10,995 \$199/mo	2012 GMC Terrain A7742A \$21,995 \$349/mo	2006 Chevrolet Impala A7474B \$7,995 \$239/mo	2008 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD A7771 \$19,870 \$327/mo	2012 Ford Fusion A7775 \$17,805 \$259/mo	2013 Chevrolet Malibu A7617A \$20,184 \$309/mo	2002 Dodge Ram 1500 A7786A \$7,777 \$179/mo	2008 Chevy Uplander A7796 \$10,495 \$159/mo
2007 GMC Acadia AWD A7820 \$16,495 \$269/mo	2007 Cadillac CTS A730A \$11,888 \$199/mo	2009 Acadia A7816A \$13,477 \$309/mo	2008 Chevy Trailblazer A7758A \$11,997 \$219/mo	2011 Buick LaCrosse 7083B \$17,108 \$268/mo	2008 Ford Taurus A7678B \$7,777 \$175/mo	2004 Chevrolet Impala A7833 \$5,330 \$187/mo	2004 GMC Yukon A7115A \$12,995 \$295/mo
2004 GMC Sierra 1500 Crew Cab 4WD A7680B \$12,995 \$295/mo	2010 Cadillac A7836A \$23,995 \$349/mo	2008 GMC Sierra 1500 A7833 \$17,995 \$325/mo	2011 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 A7534B \$21,995 \$335/mo	2005 Chevrolet Malibu 7003B \$5,995 \$139/mo	2010 Mercury Milan A7841A \$9,995 \$229/mo	2013 Buick LaCrosse A7865 \$25,995 \$379/mo	2010 GMC Acadia A7866A \$15,495 \$289/mo

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