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## New trail informs bird watchers and visitors

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

A new trail has been developed along the sunrise shore for bird watchers of all ages.

The Sunrise Coast Birding Trail offers birders of all levels access, whether they are an advanced birder seeking a rare sight to add to their tally or a novice beginner who just enjoys listening to a bird's song.

The trail is a collaboration of effort from the AuSable Valley, Thunder Bay and the Straits Area Audubon Society chapters. It offers a mapped guide with physical locations that are marked with matching bold orange signs.

The Sunrise Coast Birding Trail begins at the Shoreline Park at the AuSable River mouth in Oscoda and continues north along the Lake Huron coast 145 plus miles to Mackinaw City, Mich.

The maps include driving directions and icons showing available tourist services in the area such as parking, rest room facilities, hiking, boating, handicap ramps and picnic tables. Twenty-eight sites in the region are highlighted on the trail map and narratives are given for each site on what type of birds reside or migrate through the area, what the habitat includes and what time of year to expect the most bird activity.

Several inland birding locations have also been in-

cluded and give directions to such places as Clark's Marsh, the Foote Tailwater site and the Eagle Run site in Oscoda and the Raptor Watch site at Darrows Field in Mackinaw City, Mich. Additional birding sites like the Kirtland's Warbler Pine River Management Area, an endangered species habitat area, are mentioned in the guide.

Linda Klemens, president of the Thunder Bay Audubon Society, said because of the diverse habitats along the shoreline (which many birds follow during migration) the Sunrise Coast Birding Trail is a birding paradise. She hopes a marked trail will get more people to visit the area to see what kinds of birds are here or possibly bud new interest in bird watching.

"We noticed bird watchers are somewhat ignored in tourism promotions along Michigan coastlines, but we have such a great diversity of habitats along our coast which is why many birders are drawn to this area," Klemens said.

She explained that in a national survey done in 2011 the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service claimed 1.2 billion dollars was spent in the country watching wildlife. "Watching wildlife means watching birds, feeding birds and photographing birds. They said the average bird watcher spends about \$425 per bird watching trip per person. I

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Colleen Higgins, (left) holds the new Sunrise Coast Birding Trail map guide while Linda Klemens holds a sign which will mark hot spots for bird viewing. Twenty-eight locations along the Lake Huron coast from Oscoda to Mackinaw City, Mich., will be marked with signage and are narrated in the map guide. Photo by Mary Weber.

## Relay for Life membership dwindles due to cancer losses

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

The Relay for Life of Alcona County could be in jeopardy of continuing its crusade against cancer due to the lack of volunteer committee members.

Veronica Brown, chairperson for the Relay for Life of Alcona County, said some of the best committee members the group has had during the last decade have lost their battle to cancer or are currently very involved in caring for a loved one with cancer.

Brown's desire to fight the disease is stronger than ever due to the losses.

"How do you ask someone who is dealing with cancer on a daily basis to give their time and energy to a relay?" Brown asked. The only answer she could think of was to reach out to the community to ask for financial support and time spent volunteering.

According to Brown, the time involved isn't as much as some people would think as the committee only meets for one hour a month from January through August. The most time volunteers give is on the day of the relay itself which is held on the third or fourth Saturday in July.

The date of this year's relay is undetermined, but Brown said she should have the exact day by the kickoff scheduled for May 5.

"In years past the relay was an overnight event starting in the afternoon and not finishing until the next morning. This year we wanted to allow for families with young children to participate so we

are starting the relay at 8 a.m. and it will run to midnight," Brown said.

She explained the relay would still run much the same as it always has with laps walked around the Alcona High School track, a luminaire lighting ceremony lap at night and family friendly activities on the track throughout the daylight hours.

Every year the Alcona County Relay for Life has a theme to go with the activities planned. This year's theme was the dying wish of one of the relay's strongest supporters and members, Hester Laird.

Laird lost her battle to cancer last October but just a few days before her death she spoke to Brown asking for the theme to be holidays, because everyone loves holidays, and one of the American Cancer Society's slogans is they are the official sponsors of birthdays.

"Hester was a Barton City Eagle and she would love to dress up in Native American attire during the relay and decorate with eagles. She made it fun. She loved the relay and really wanted to make sure it would go on. Hester wanted all holidays celebrated, not just birthdays so that's what we chose for

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Fifty-two vendors and organizations and more than 600 people participate in Saturday's Spring in2 Summer Expo at the Alcona County Fair Grounds in Lincoln. The Expo was the kickoff for the 2015 Farmers Market and the Conservation District Spring Tree Sale. It was sponsored by the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce and the Alcona County Economic and Development Committee. The Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. until the end of November. Photo by Mary Weber.

# Obituaries

## Edna E. High

Edna E. High, 80, of Harrisville, died on Friday, April 24, 2015 at home.

She was born April 28, 1934 to Albert and Edna (Hasse) Kemnitz in Alpena; she was raised in Herron, Mich.

On August 21, 1954 she married Jack High in Herron, Mich. They lived in several communities in southern Michigan before moving to Harrisville in 1961.

Mrs. High worked as a secretary for Alcona Elementary School for 21 years before retiring in 1996.

She was a member of Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Lincoln and its ladies aid group, where she had served as president.

She enjoyed spending time with her family, was a great cook and made exceptional cinnamon rolls. She also enjoyed gardening, canning and camping.

Mrs. High is survived by her husband, Jack; two daughters, Mary (Mike) Shaffer of Tolono, Ill. and Teri (Mike) DeYoung of Grand Rapids, Mich.; two sons, Gary (Betty) High of Petoskey, Mich. and Jere (Debra) High of Beaverton, Ore.; 13 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; five sisters, Jean (Ernie) Eller, Norma (Harold) Westervelt, Irma (Ron) Genshaw, Gladys (John) Anderson and Nelda (Mike) Hoffer; one brother, Howard (Earlene) Kemnitz; three sisters-in-law, Linda Kemnitz, Carole Kemnitz and Betty Bollenbacher; three brothers-in-law, Harry Schultz, Orval High and Harold (Mary) High; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by three sisters, Joyce Wehofer, Marion Schultz and Elaine Kemnitz; two brothers, Willis Kemnitz and Glenn Kemnitz; two sisters-in-law, Betty Lou High and Betty Jane High; and four brothers-in-law, John High, Marlin Bollenbacher, Bill Wehofer and Ron Thiem.

Visitation is at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln, on Thursday, April 30, from 4 to 8 p.m. Visitation will continue on Friday, May 1, at Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Lincoln, from 1 p.m. until the funeral service at 2 p.m. The Rev. Jacob Schwartz will officiate.

Memorials may be made to Trinity Ev. Lutheran Church in Lincoln.

Edith F. Von Fintel, 91, died on Monday, April 27, 2015 at Cranberry Park in Clio, Mich.

She was born on September 18, 1923 in Barton City to William and Mae (Brown) Hawes.

She married Edward H. Von Fintel on June 29, 1946 in Flint, Mich.

Mrs. Von Fintel is survived by two sons, Ronald (Christine) Von Fintel of Clio, Mich. and Donald (Christine) Von Fintel of Estero, Fla.; three grandchildren Adam Von Fintel of Clio, Mich., Andrew (Jennifer) Von Fintel of Davison, Mich. and Chelsea

## Edith F. Von Fintel

(Jim Wood) Von Fintel of Royal Oak, Mich.; one sister-in-law, Jean Hawes; special niece and best friend, Carol Hill; and many other nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edward, in 1999; three brothers, Walter Hawes, Clarence Hawes and (twin) Edwin Hawes; and three half sisters, Nellie Bradshaw, Mary Bradshaw and Pearl Robinson.

Cremation has taken place. A memorial service will be held on May 3 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., with a short service at 2 p.m. followed by dinner at the Bavarian Inn Lodge in



Frankenmuth, Mich. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church in Barton City.

## Lucille M. Havercroft

Lucille M. Havercroft, 90, of Greenbush, died Sunday, April 26, 2015 at Genesys Regional Medical Center in Grand Blanc, Mich.

She was born November 16, 1924, to Frederick and Maud (Landis) Jennings in Flint, Mich., where she was raised.

In the early 1940s, she worked for Bell Telephone in Flint, Mich.

In October of 1945, she married Edgar Havercroft in Flint, Mich. His career in the U.S. Coast Guard allowed them to live in several cities before settling in Greenbush on Lake Huron.

She was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. Mrs. Havercroft was a talented artist, who enjoyed painting. She loved

the water and swimming, as well as sewing and baking - especially cookies and pies. She was an excellent figure skater and continued to watch it on television.

Mrs. Havercroft is survived by three daughters, Trudie Root of Fairfax, Va., Perrilee (Doug) Staples of Lawrence, Mich. and Nancy (Neal) Hook of Roscommon, Mich.; four sons, Frederick (Rose) Havercroft of Fenton, Mich., Scott (Julie) Havercroft and Timothy (Dawn) Havercroft of Greenbush and Paul (Jill Slater) Havercroft of Mikado; 15 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Edgar, on May 8, 2007; one sister, Betty Grewe; and one brother, Bud Jennings.



Private funeral services were held at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial was in Springport Cemetery, Harrisville. Memorials may be made to the Alcona Lodge No. 292 F. & A.M. scholarship fund.

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### Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Avg. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
April 19	45	34	0.00	6.9	16	NE
April 20	61	40	0.73	8.5	27	SW
April 21	47	36	0.08	4.8	29	SW
April 22	39	29	0.02	3.1	20	NW
April 23	38	27	0.00	3.3	19	N
April 24	44	23	0.00	4.5	21	S
April 25	43	24	0.00	5.2	15	NE

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.83	0.01	0.56
April to Date	1.92	1.2	1.91
Year/Season to Date	3.12	34.8	7.15

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



# Calendar of Events



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

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29**

Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 Campbell 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 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

A candlelight vigil will be held at 8 p.m. in the courtyard of Alpena Community College's Besser Tech Center. This event is meant for healing, support and solidarity for victims of domestic and sexual violence. It is free and open to the public. If you are a survivor who wishes to speak at the vigil, contact Rachel Berzack at rberzack@shelterincalpena.org or (989) 356-2560.

The Greenbush Historical Society is sponsoring a fundraiser casino bus trip to St. Ignace and Petoskey. Seats are still available. For more information or to register contact Fran Barber at fbarber@charter.net or (989) 739-8735.

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their regular monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Sanctuary Inn, 1000 US-23 North in Alpena. Mary Beth Stutzman, President and CEO of the Alpena Convention and Visitors Bureau will be the guest speaker. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Griffin at (989) 727-3350 or Don Cattleberry at (989) 354-5504, for more information.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 30**

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.

A community forum on Proposal One will be held at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Fire Department, 367 West Mount Maria Road, Spruce. Discussion will include the effects on road and school funding, local government revenue sharing and fuel taxes. For more information, call (989) 724-6192. This event is sponsored

by the Alcona Democratic Party.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 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.

The Greenbush Chamber of Commerce will hold their monthly chicken dinner at 6 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5037 East Campbell Road. Newcomers and non-residents are welcome. Cost is \$9 and reservations are required. Guest speaker will be Dr. Ben Dietrich. Call, Sharon Goetz at (989) 724-5216.

**FRIDAY, MAY 1**

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

A pancake breakfast fundraiser to benefit the South Shore Hubbard Lake Fire Department will be held at Baba Ruski's, 214 Mount Maria Road, Spruce. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under.

Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

A fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion, 2205 Alger Street in Mikado. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age six to 12, children five and under eat for free.

A book sale will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. This event is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

**SATURDAY, MAY 2**

A pancake breakfast fundraiser to benefit the South Shore Hubbard Lake Fire Department will be held at Baba Ruski's, 214 Mount Maria Road, Spruce. Cost is \$4 for adults and \$2.50 for children 10 and under.

The 23rd annual Sunrise Side Woodcarver's Show will be held at Oscoda High School located on River Road west of Oscoda. The show will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. Carvers from all over the United States get together to exhibit the fine art of intricate woodcarving. For more information, contact Ray Matheson at (989) 362-1486.

The Claire Lynch Band will perform at the Tawas United Methodist Church, family center, located on M-55 in Tawas City. Doors open at 7 p.m., show time is 7:30 p.m.

Admission is \$15, advance tickets available at Nordic Sports in East Tawas. For more information, call (989) 362-2001. This event is sponsored by the 24rd annual Corsair Concert Series.

A book sale will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. This event is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

**SUNDAY, MAY 3**

A euchre tournament will be held at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Admission is \$10 and includes a meal. Registration and meal from noon to 2 p.m., games from 2 to 5 p.m. Paying four places. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

**MONDAY, MAY 4**

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The planning committee for Mikado Days 2015 will meet at 7 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center, 2291 South F-41. Anyone interested in joining the planning committee, to volunteer, provide an entertainment or offer new ideas is welcome to attend. The meeting is open to the public. For more information, call (989) 736-7721.

Get Crafty for Adults will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The project for May is a placemat tote with Lynn and Jan. There is a \$3 charge. For a supply list and to register, call (989) 724-6796.

**TUESDAY, MAY 5**

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

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**REIKI on Sunday**  
**May 3**  
**12-4 p.m.**

**Alcona Chiropractic**

Have you wanted to try Reiki Energy to experience its benefits? Reiki Master Dave Bastion will be offering 20-30 minute sessions. Suggested donation is \$10. Call (989) 724-5052 to make your appointment.

**THANKS FROM INSPIRATION ALCONA**



At the **Alcona Gospelfest** last Saturday, 38 singers and four musicians brought an audience of 160 an amazing evening of gospel music. Thanks to those who sang and those who came to listen.

We especially thank Pastor Mary Soderholm and Harrisville United Methodist Church for hosting, and the men's and women's groups of the church for setting up, directing the parking, serving a great soup-and-pie dinner, and cleaning up.

We also thank Lynn VanderLinde, our organizer; Laura Frawley, her aide and talent scout, and guest director Jean Wilson of Saline's One Voice Gospel Choir.

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Friday, May 15 ~ 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
**Oscoda United Methodist Church**

Join Consumer Horticulture Educators Mary Wilson and Rebecca Finneran from Michigan State University Extension to learn how to achieve bright and colorful gardens using native plants, and plants and designs for eco-friendly gardening at this workshop.

**Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)**

To register, contact Becky Stoddard at (989)724-5804, e-mail [alconamga@gmail.com](mailto:alconamga@gmail.com), or visit Alcona Master Gardener Association on Facebook.

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**Local Notes**

**Stamas Has Office Hours**

Sen. Jim Stamas will conduct office hours in Alpena and Oscoda on Monday, May 4. The office hours are open to residents to express their opinions or concerns about state government or to request assistance with a state issue. The Alpena office hours will be held from 11 a.m. to noon at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library, 211 North First Ave.. The Oscoda office hours will be from 2 to 3 p.m. at the Robert J. Parks Library, 6010 North Skeel Ave.

"I encourage anyone who needs help or wants to express a viewpoint to stop by," said Stamas, R-Midland. "My aim is to provide the best service possible for the hard-working people of the 36th District. My staff and I are excited about continuing a regular series of office hours throughout the district and hearing directly from constituents about state and pocketbook issues."

Stamas represents the 36th Senate District, which includes Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Gladwin, Iosco, Midland, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle counties. For more information, contact Stamas' office toll-free at (855) 347-8036 or via e-mail at [senjstamas@senate.michigan.gov](mailto:senjstamas@senate.michigan.gov). Residents unable to attend office hours may write Stamas at Senator Jim Stamas, P. O. Box 30036, Lansing, Mich. 48909.

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**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, May 4—Baked fish, brown rice, Brussels sprouts and flavored apple-sauce.
- Tuesday, May 5—Harvest chicken salad, bow tie pasta salad, baby carrots and dip; and pineapple.
- Wednesday, May 6—Pepper steak, brown rice, wax beans, tossed salad and mandarin oranges.
- Thursday, May 7—Turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, cranberry sauce, pumpkin pie and whipped cream.
- Friday, May 8—Sloppy Joes on a bun, potato Lyonnais, pea salad and tropical fruit. (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

**Student Competition**

Alcona High School is hosting the Michigan Industrial Technology Education Society (MITES) Regional Project Fair on Friday, May 8. Students from over 20 schools in northern Michigan, will be entering projects in the categories of: Woodworking, metalworking, graphic arts, architectural drawing, mechanical drawing and electrical. Their projects will be judged and any project placing 1-4th will be sent on to the state competition at Saginaw Valley State University May 13-16.

Public viewing is part of the schedule for the Regional Competition on May 8 from 1 to 5 p.m. "We would like to encourage anyone that is able to stop by and see this event during the public viewing times. This is Alcona's second time hosting this event and will be the last time for several years, as the competition will move to another part of the state for the next four years," said Chuck Boyer, Alcona High School industrial arts teacher.

Additionally, Alcona High School and middle school will also be hosting its annual Student Showcase on May 19 from 5 to 8 p.m. in the new gym. There will be student work on display in the areas of art, woodworking, mechanical drawing, metalworking, language arts, and more. "We had a great turn out last year for this event, and we hope even more community members stop by this year to celebrate the great accomplishments by Alcona students," Boyer said.

**Chair Zumba**

Join instructor Jan Klein for chair Zumba, a low-impact workout, on Monday, May 11 at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All fitness levels are welcome, especially those with mobility issues.

Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

**Cooking with John**

Interested adults are invited to Cooking with John on Thursday, May 14 from noon until 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Chef John Webster Jr. from Tait's Bill of Fare is back, this time with a surprise lunch theme. Cost is \$5 per person and includes light lunch and recipes. Absolutely must register and pay fee by May 8; call (989) 724-6796.

**Republican Dinner**

The Iosco and Alcona county Republicans are hosting the 2015 Lincoln/Reagan dinner, featuring Wayne Bradley, state director of African-American Engagement, on Saturday, May 16 at Tawas Area Elks Lodge, 1002 Monument Road, Tawas City. Cash bar and reception at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m., cost is \$25 per person. To reserve, send a personal check made payable to the county party to: Iosco County Republicans 910 East Bay Street, East Tawas, Mich. 48730. For more information, call Maureen H. Rudel, (989) 362-4747 or Debbie Adams (989) 739-1385.

**New Alumni Scholarship**

The Oscoda Education Opportunity Foundation has a new scholarship available to any Oscoda Area Schools alumni to further their education. This scholarship is available for alumni: Who did not attend college or a vocational school directly out of high school; whose college or vocational school was interrupted; or who have a degree and would like to pursue an additional degree, for instance they have an associate degree and would like to work on a bachelor's degree.

This scholarship was established with money donated to the Oscoda Education Opportunity Foundation by past and present members of the Oscoda Administrators Association. Applicants must be an Oscoda High School graduate. The scholarship must be used toward the completion of post-secondary training. The scholarship is an annual reward and may be reapplied for each year.

For more information click on the Oscoda Education Opportunity Foundation link listed on Oscoda Area Schools' website [www.oscodaschools.org](http://www.oscodaschools.org). To apply, download the application located on the bottom of the Continuing Education Scholarship for Alumni page, e-mail the completed form to the Foundation at [oaseducationfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:oaseducationfoundation@gmail.com). The first deadline to apply is August 1, 2015. Applications will continually be reviewed in August and April. For questions, e-mail to: [oaseducationfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:oaseducationfoundation@gmail.com).

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know for a fact my husband and I spend more than that on trips to see different birds," Klemens said.

Bird watchers from across the nation and around the world travel to the states to view and document what many residents might consider common. "We had one out-of-state visitor who jumped up and down at the sight of a ruffed grouse and when we asked her if it was worth the cost of the trip she said she would have paid triple to see it," Klemens said.

Two signs will be located within Alcona County, one at the Harrisville State Park and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) boat launch and the other at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse.

The state park site was chosen for its heavily wooded pine and cedar habitat. The Cedar Run Nature Trail within the park hosts a variety of warblers, nuthatches, woodpeckers, wrens, thrushes, sparrows and hawks. A merlin has nested inside the park near the camping area for a few years. The DNR boat launch near the Harrisville Harbor provides a short path from the launch out to Lake Huron where spring bird migration is abundant.

The lighthouse site has sand dunes, stunted growth trees, bushes, lake grasses with wetlands along with mature hardwoods and conifer habitats. Nesting species found there include the American redstart, red-eyed vireo, yellow warblers and northern cardinals. A resident bald eagle frequently circles the lighthouse tower.

According to the guide another site close to Harrisville is at Negwegon State Park which includes 3,700 acres of a mixture of habitat. A one hour hike through the woods to South Point within the park is a good birding spot for spring and fall passerine and waterbird migration. Gulls nesting on Bird Island can easily be heard from South Point. Red-shouldered hawks and merlin also nest within the park.

Colleen Higgins, DNR parks and recreation secretary of Harrisville and Negwegon state parks explained the vibrant orange sign matches the phrase Sunrise Side and are eye-catching. "We do get birders at both parks and the lighthouse. We really have a beautiful coast to view migrating and resident birds. I think the trail is a wonderful asset to our parks

and area informing visitors of what birds are here. The trail is good for tourists and businesses in our area as well as the region along the US-23 corridor up to the Mackinaw Bridge," Higgins said.

Each of the three Audubon chapters will hold dedication ceremonies on Saturday, May 2. Thunder Bay Audubon's event starts at 10 a.m. at Duck Park in Alpena. The AuSable Valley Audubon's event will be at 1 p.m. at Shoreline Park in Oscoda and the Straits Area Audubon's event will also be held at 1 p.m. at Mill Creek Historical Park near Mackinaw City, Mich.

All are welcome to attend the dedications and anyone who attends will receive one of the maps. Maps, which are free, will also be available at the Harrisville State Park, the Craftmakers' Cabin in Harrisville and at the Sturgeon Point Lighthouse gift shop.

Funding for the project was provided by the three Audubon chapters, the Michigan Audubon Society and Consumers Energy. For more birding information visit "Go Birding" at [www.michigan-audubon.org](http://www.michigan-audubon.org) or [www.sunrisecoastbirding.org](http://www.sunrisecoastbirding.org).

### CryptoQuip

answer

The demolition workers must be a big hit with onlookers. They're always bringing the house down.

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our theme," Brown said.

Brown said she needed the help of about 50 people during the actual relay event and at least 12 committee members to meet prior to the relay. Currently, committee members are down to about six.

The relay especially needs people to do advertising and someone, or possibly a group, to be in charge of food. She also needs committee members to help with donations, games, activities and general members to just give ideas and help at the relay. The committee has detailed guides to use and Brown is comfortable training and helping new members.

Brown explained there are many different forms of cancer and, although they haven't found a cure for all cancers yet, they have made great strides in research and some cancer patients are living much longer, cancer free lives. "Through the help and funds of the American Cancer Society (ACS) they are getting closer to a cure for all cancers. The work is ongoing. Not only does the ACS help through research funds (it) also helps with housing for cancer patient families, wigs, counseling, medication and transportation. There is a lot of stuff they do for the people right here in our county," Brown said.

Last year the Relay for Life of Alcona County donated \$10,000 to the American Cancer Society. Brown explained that although those funds don't stay just within the county borders, they do come back to the community in services offered for people with cancer. Brown said the services alone which are brought to Alcona County

well exceed the funds the community gives.

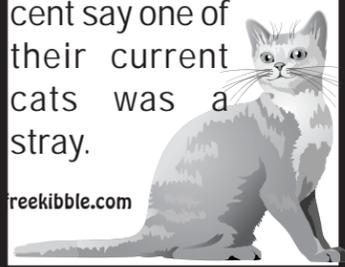
"We have a high rate of cancer in our community. Almost every life in Alcona has been touched, somehow, by this disease by either having cancer or knowing someone who is fighting it, battled and won or battled and lost. If you have ever had any inkling to help fight the war on cancer, now is the time to stand up and help. Age doesn't matter. Youth can help do this, 90-year-olds can help do this, what ever they can do is appreciated."

The Relay for Life of Alcona County will celebrate its holiday theme by having its kickoff on Cinco de Mayo (Tuesday, May 5) at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church at 5:30 p.m. The celebration will include a taco bar and silent auction. Donations for the silent auction are being accepted.

For more information about the American Cancer Society, visit the website at [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org). For information about how to help or donate to the Relay for Life of Alcona County, e-mail Veronica Brown at [proliferunca@hotmail.com](mailto:proliferunca@hotmail.com) or call her at (989) 335-0844.

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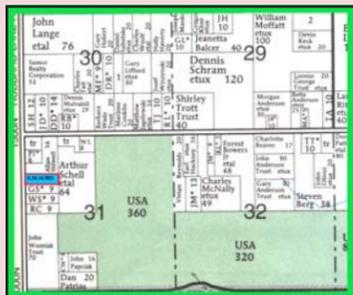


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**#1277-Byce-157-11-0002**  
Nice wooded parcel for building site or recreational purposes, close to all sports Hubbard Lake and White Pine National Golf Course. Property has been surveyed. County maintained paved road. Broker owned. **Price: \$21,900.**



**#1346-Smith-157-13-0056**  
Great Hunting location just west of Lincoln with a 20 x 32 cabin. All the comforts of home with a whole-house LP gas generator and ¾ bath, 1-bedroom, and a loft. 24 x 24 pole barn. The cabin is tastefully decorated. Property borders federal land and has blinds, food plots, and trails throughout. **Price: \$79,900.**



**#2771-Wojciehow-157-14-0018**  
This home is truly in "Like New" condition. Neutral colors throughout. Hardwood and ceramic tile floors make this a decorator's dream. Acreage is very useable and close to Jewel Lake and 1000s of acres of federal forest. **Price: \$146,900.**



**#1323-Bisanz-157-13-0010**  
76.40 acres of wonderfully diverse Northern Michigan recreational property. Over ¼ mile of the Black River running through and ½ mile of black-top road frontage. You can do it all here with numerous building sites with hunting and fishing second to none. **Price: \$128,500.**



**#2651-Hinze-157-13-0052**  
Great country location just north of Oscoda, west of F-41. Home includes 5 wooded acres with all kinds of wildlife. This one even has a small creek that runs through. Recently remodeled with custom cabinetry, countertops, bathroom, and floor coverings. Priced to sell!!!! **Price: \$74,900.**



**#1355-Weide-157-14-0032**  
Location, location, great location with natural gas, high-speed cable connection and cable TV on F-41. Front portion is in a hay crop, back portion is great hunting woods. Owner financing and smaller divisions are available (20 acres), also additional acreage available (40 acres). **Price \$69,900.**



**#2621-Klinksick-157-13-0026**  
7.5 acres in great location, close to town yet still has plenty of privacy. Short walk to Jewel Lake, boat access, and downtown Barton City. Adjacent to the Huron National Forest with ATV, snowmobile, and hiking trails nearby. **Price: \$41,900.**



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Wonderful, quiet location just west of US-23 in Harrisville. Hardwood floors and very appealing décor will please the wife and a spacious 3-car garage should satisfy the man-cave desire. Full semi-finished basement for additional space. **Price: \$124,900.**



**#2783-Somers-157-14-0042**  
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**#2810-Cole-157-15-0012**  
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**#2457-Boucher-157-09-0029**  
Quality built brick home provides low maintenance exterior and interior with open floor plan, modern design and appealing décor makes this a very comfortable home inside and out. Spacious wooded parcel includes fruit trees and numerous gardening areas for country feeling and privacy. **Price: \$139,900.**



**#2773-Swartz-157-14-0022**  
Home is in a great country location with deer, turkey, and small game right in your back yard. It is a very spacious home with an interior that is in "Like New" condition. Home has many first class amenities including a 36 x 56 pole barn, a finished insulated 2-car garage, plus an extra-large recently installed sunroom. Additionally, the home has had a new roof in 2009. This beautiful 10 acre parcel makes this a great value. **Price: \$147,900.**



**#2393-Ellis-157-07-0048**  
Three bedroom, 1¾-bath, chalet with additional 575 sq. ft. A-frame with kitchenette and ¾ bath for entertaining friends or accommodations for family members. There is also a 28 x 40 garage to house all the toys and hunting equipment. 35 acres of great deer, turkey, and small game hunting. **Price: \$198,900.**



**#1349-DAVIDSON-157-14-0010**  
Beautiful woods with 24 x 28 gambrel cabin that is wired for a generator, also has some solar and gas lights, and 3-storage buildings. Property borders federal land and is only 1-2 minutes from the statewide snowmobile trail system. Large bucks have been killed here. **Price: 89,900.**



**#2798-Waibel-157-14-0056**  
Very livable 900 sq. ft. home/cabin and garage on 46 acres of gorgeous rolling oak ridges. Great deer, turkey, and small game area only minutes from south shore Hubbard Lake boat launch. **Price: \$119,900.**



**#2789-Schnell-157-14-0043**  
Very unique 160 acres of northeastern Michigan recreational property. Your very own 28 acre lake with the best waterfowl hunting in Northern Michigan. Trails and deer hunting locations scattered throughout with beautiful views of the lake. 24 x 24 log cabin with a loft and all the comforts of home. You will not find another one like this. **Price: \$389,000.**



**#1326-Dubay-157-13-0023**  
Great 40 acre package for hunting and recreation. Small recently built elevated cabin with porta potty room. Three elevated and 2 ground blinds strategically located amongst trails and food plots. Ready to hunt. **Price: \$64,900.**



**#2790-Lefevre-157-14-0050**  
Many possibilities with this home/cabin and 38 acres just a short distance north of Lincoln. Just the right mix of woods and open ground to create some first class hunting. Strategically located wooded corridor between large areas of agriculture. Natural gas and high-speed Internet cable are available on F-41. 8 x 10 Shed. **Price: \$109,900.**



**#2312-Hall-157-08-0022**  
Reduced! Seller very motivated! Well-maintained 3-bedroom, 1½ bath ranch on 2 lots just outside village limits. Home boasts care and craftsmanship throughout with hardwood floors in kitchen and dining area. Unique arched recesses in the walls of the hallway. The 2-car attached garage has an upstairs workshop. **Price: \$77,900.**



**#2664-Pagels-157-14-0006**  
Charming, partially remodeled country home on 6+ acres. Great location just 1½ miles NW of Lincoln, and enough room for horses or a small hobby farm. This home is full of potential and the property has an abundance of wildlife. Seller will look at all offers!! **Price: \$54,900.**



**#2793-Brown-157-14-0054**  
Although in need of some work, this home has a lot of potential and so much to offer. Home sits on 10 acres with 3-bedrooms, 2-full baths, large open floor plan, slider off of dining area leads to large rear deck. Semi-finished walk-out basement, with full bath and separate laundry/utility room. 30 x 50 pole barn. **Price: \$79,900.**



**#2801-Tracy-157-15-0006**  
Nice 5-acres with a remodeled ranch style home. Interior consists of large open kitchen and dining area, living room, laundry room off the kitchen, full bathroom, two large bedrooms, and master bedroom with separate full bathroom, and central air. Includes 2-car attached garage and 24 x 32 pole barn with 10 x 32 lean-to attached.



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**#2786-Wakely-157-14-0040**  
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**#2571-Boschman-157-12-0021**  
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**#2633-Yeoman-157-13-0028**  
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**#2779-Nelson-157-14-0034**  
This well maintained 3-bedroom, 2-full bath home has many great features to offer. Plenty of room and nice floor plan with the large (10 x 22) kitchen and dining area combined leading to the adorable enclosed and finished summer porch with ceramic tile floor, sliding door leading to back yard, many windows to enjoy the breeze, and a nice view of the All Sports Brownlee Lake across the road. All appliances will remain with the home. **Price: \$69,900.**



**#2806-Vicari/Maisano-157-15-0013**  
Bring your boat and park it at your doorstep at this wonderful up-north get away located on the canal leading to the beautiful all sports Hubbard Lake. This cute and cozy cottage offers 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, laundry/utility room, brick fireplace, and a 24 x 24 detached car garage. Play a game of horseshoes, swim in the lake, and enjoy the evenings around the nicely made fire pit. Great place with a great price without the lake front taxes. **Price: \$114,900.**

# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## Understanding Medicare's enrollment rules

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Can you give me a run-down on Medicare's enrollment choices and rules along with when and how to apply? I turn 65 next year and want to make sure I know what to do.

Almost Retired

Dear Almost,

The strict rules and timetables for Medicare enrollment can be confusing to many new retirees, so you're wise to plan ahead.

First a quick review. Remember that original Medicare has two parts: Part A, which provides hospital coverage and is free for most people, and Part B which covers doctor's visits and other medical services, and costs \$104.90 per month for most enrollees in 2015.

Everyone is eligible for Medicare at age 65, even if your full Social Security retirement age is 66 or later.

You can enroll any time during the "initial enrollment period," which is a seven-

month period that includes the three months before, the month of, and the three months after your 65<sup>th</sup> birthday. It's best to enroll three months before your birth month to ensure your coverage starts when you turn 65.

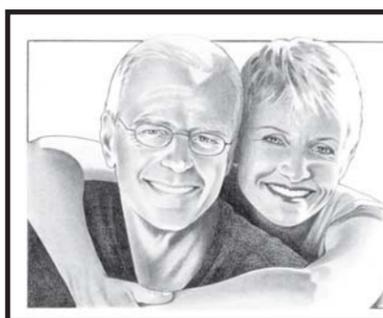
If you happen to miss the seven-month sign-up window for Medicare Part B, you'll have to wait until the next "general enrollment period" which runs from January 1 to March 31 with benefits beginning the following July 1. You'll also incur a 10 percent penalty for each year you wait beyond your initial enrollment period, which will be tacked on to your monthly Part B premium. You can sign up for premium-free Part A, at any time with no penalty.

Special rules apply if you're eligible for Medicare and still on the job. If you have health insurance coverage through your employer or your spouse's employer, and the company has 20 or more employees, you have a "special

enrollment period" in which you can sign up. This means that you can delay enrolling in Medicare Part B, and are not subject to the 10 percent late-enrollment penalty as long as you sign up within eight months of losing that coverage.

Be aware that original Medicare does not cover prescription medications, so if you don't have credible drug coverage from an employer or union, you'll need to buy a Part D drug plan from a private insurance company (see [medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://medicare.gov/find-a-plan)) during your initial enrollment if you want coverage. If you don't, you'll incur a premium penalty - one percent of the average national premium (\$33.13 in 2015) for every month you don't have coverage - if you enroll later.

If you choose original Medicare, it's also a good idea to get a Medigap (Medicare supplemental) policy within six months after enrolling in Part B to help pay for things that aren't covered by Medi-



Savvy Senior

care like copayments, coinsurance and deductibles. See [Medicare.gov](http://Medicare.gov) and click on "Supplements & Other Insurance" to shop and compare policies.

Instead of getting original Medicare, plus a stand-alone Part D drug plan and a Medigap policy, you could sign up for a Medicare Advantage plan (see [medicare.gov/find-a-plan](http://medicare.gov/find-a-plan)) that covers everything in one plan. These plans, which are also sold by insurance companies, are generally available through HMOs and PPOs and often have cheaper premiums, but their deductibles and co-pays are usually higher which

makes them better suited for healthier retirees.

If you're already receiving your Social Security benefits before 65, you will automatically be enrolled in Part A and Part B, and you'll receive your Medicare card about three months before your 65th birthday. It will include instructions to return it if you have work coverage that qualifies you for late enrollment.

If you're not receiving Social Security, you'll need to enroll either online at [socialsecurity.gov/medicare](http://socialsecurity.gov/medicare), over the phone at (800) 772-1213 or through your local Social Security office.



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# Fire dogs

**By Warren MacNeill**

Spring is a great time to be a warden in northern Michigan -- fish are running, turkey season begins, animals are giving birth to new life and people are spring cleaning after a long winter.

This means burning of yard debris and trash. Consequently, people end up burning other people's things that they do not consider trash. This is not the great part. Trying to keep them from burning other people's stuff can be a challenge.

The other day, I was talking to my cousin, Jill, about fire investigations. I was explaining to her my analogy that fire is like a dog.

She came up with a scenario where I showed up at a wild fire scene and asked the property owner if that was their fire. In her story, the property owner looked me in the eye and said, "No sir, this is not my fire. It's a stray, someone drove by and just dropped it off. I was only feeding it."

This conversation actually got me thinking about spring and the comparisons between animals and humans. Unlike humans, animals are easy to predict and trust. Animals do what they do -- I can understand them.

I know that every spring spawning fish will come into the rivers where they are vulnerable and I will need to protect them. I know turkey will be in their breeding season,

which means they will be distracted as they strut for a female's attention; this leaves them vulnerable and I will need to protect them. I know that deer will be having their fawns and I will have to remind people that if they find one, it is not abandoned, so leave it alone.

I also know the additional human element will play a factor in whatever happens. The human is the unpredictable factor and I am never sure what they are going to do next.

In order to better comprehend human actions or situations, I tend to make analogies to things that I understand -- in this instance it is dogs. This year I have had the opportunity to dog sit for several dog owners. This included a couple of Labrador retrievers, a German shepherd, a pointer and a husky, along with having two Labs of my own.

Every one of these dogs has a different personality that falls in line with their breed and gender. The shepherd, Taz, patrolled around and around the house inspecting anything out of the ordinary. The pointer, Rudi, spent hours watching and then flushing the cats. (Cats do not like the spirited little sprint drill that follows being flushed). The Lab, Mariah, sat and stared at the table waiting for food by day and held down the couch by night. The husky, Summit, damaged neighbor relations.

My belief is that huskies

have cognitive thinking. Summit is the only dog that I have ever seen that can plot for days on how to make your day go badly. This is not a normal dog trait. He will come when you call him nine out of 10 times. But that 10th time, when you have somewhere to go, he plays the, "you're just not fast enough to catch me" game.

You can trust him for hours to sit at your feet on the porch, but if you take your eyes off of him for two seconds -- he will be gone. Heaven forbid if your neighbor has chickens.

Which means, the "has" chickens scenario rapidly moved to "had" chickens... If you can remove the utter horror of this scene from your mind, you have to admire the husky's efficiently in thinning a chicken flock.

If you need to buy a half dozen laying hens, the Amish can be a good source. If you are dealing on chickens from these gentle people, do not pull out your Smartphone and show them pictures of the crime scene. And do not tell them you need them "right now" because, you are "replacing them before the neighbor kids get off the bus."

I found that if you reveal your plight, their "regular" farm chickens just sold out and all they have left are their "special" chickens. Special chickens can be very expensive. I pointed out that these "special" chickens look exactly like the neighbor's regular



## Eastside Outside

*By Warren MacNeill*

chickens. He pointed out that his chickens have heads.

Well played.

This entire out-of-control experience is where I started comparing dogs to fire. There are many types of fires, each having their own personality. The four main fires that I see are camp fires, working fires, debris fires and wild fires.

Camp fires are like female Labrador retrievers. This type of fire is generally loyal and lies at your feet, providing light, comfort and heat. Who doesn't like a good old family camp fire? They are there when you want them, the more you feed them, the bigger they get. We even make special places in our yards for them and buy accessories for them like furniture.

Then there are working fires. Working fires are used for farm field clearing and forest management; a lot like a pointer. You have to keep an eye on them and keep them on task. If led astray from their task you could be in trouble.

A German shepherd is like a fireplace fire or the fire in your furnace. Its main job is to

keep us safe and secure. There is no happier dog than a shepherd when it is doing what it is meant to do.

Then there is the debris fire. This is a dog of a different color. Debris fires are a lot like huskies -- they take 100 percent of your attention. When in a harness there is not an animal that has more natural ability and drive to run and pull. Out of the harness things can be different. Nine out of 10 times it does exactly what you want it to do.

Then there is the 10th time, when, out of nowhere, it will get a wild thought and run behind the shed to see what it can mess up. It will play the old, "you're just not fast enough to catch me" game. It will play around just out of reach, giving you encouragement, letting you think that you can catch it until off it goes to the neighbors.

This sounds like most of the stories I hear when people tell me how their little leaf fire turned into a wild fire.

A wild fire is a fire that is no

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# Calendar of Events



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

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Treadmill and exercise bike also available.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

The AuSable Valley Audubon will hold their annual May potluck dinner and election meeting at Trinity Lutheran Church, 5625 US-23 in Oscoda. Meeting begins at 5 p.m., discussion will include the Tawas Birdfest. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. For more information, contact Ruth Golm at (989) 724-5679.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

The Alcona County Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. Free items for newborns to age five, to residents of Alcona County. Diapers, formula, clothes, bedding et cetera will be available.

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.

## Dogs

**Continued from page 8A**

longer doing what you want it to do. It is unpredictable, uncontrollable and does whatever it wants to do. Fires, like any dog, no matter the breed, has the potential to go wild if allowed.

I have done enough fire investigations that started as a very small leaf pile and ended up with the neighbor's shed and contents turning to charred rubble. I can tell by the look on the victim's face that when they bought that new snow blower, it's not how they imagined it would look at two-years-old.

It's the same look of a neighbor who didn't imagine that was how his chickens would look when they were given as Easter presents.

What I would like to ask is that if you are going to burn - call for a burning permit; burn on a safe day; keep an eye on your fire; have tools around to put it out if it escapes; and if the wind picks up, put it out.

Have a safe and enjoyable spring.

*(A native of Alcona County, Warren MacNeill has been a conservation officer with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for more than 20 years. He lives in Harrisville.)*

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

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

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

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

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

**THURSDAY, MAY 7**

Come join your fellow comrades at the veterans coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 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. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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## Alcona Review Weather Report

April 29, 2015

### Seven Day Forecast

**WEDNESDAY**  
Few Showers  
High: 52 Low: 41

**THURSDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 50 Low: 37

**FRIDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 53 Low: 39

**SATURDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 56 Low: 40

**SUNDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 58 Low: 42

**MONDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 55 Low: 41

**TUESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 54 Low: 35

### Today's Regional Map

### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers, high temperature of 52°, humidity of 66%. Northwest wind 5 mph. The record high temperature for today is 80° set in 1957. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of showers, overnight low of 41°. North wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 20° set in 1950.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	58	40	52/32	0.49"
Tuesday	50	37	53/32	0.05"
Wednesday	41	29	53/33	0.07"
Thursday	39	28	54/33	0.00"
Friday	49	24	54/33	0.00"
Saturday	51	20	55/34	0.00"
Sunday	53	32	55/34	0.00"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:25 a.m.	8:35 p.m.	4:21 p.m.	4:23 a.m.
Thursday	6:23 a.m.	8:37 p.m.	5:19 p.m.	4:50 a.m.
Friday	6:22 a.m.	8:38 p.m.	6:18 p.m.	5:17 a.m.
Saturday	6:20 a.m.	8:39 p.m.	7:18 p.m.	5:46 a.m.
Sunday	6:19 a.m.	8:40 p.m.	8:19 p.m.	6:16 a.m.
Monday	6:17 a.m.	8:41 p.m.	9:19 p.m.	6:50 a.m.
Tuesday	6:16 a.m.	8:43 p.m.	10:19 p.m.	7:29 a.m.

### Local UV Index

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

### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today, scattered showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 73° in Philadelphia, Pa. The Southeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 91° in Tamiami, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 84° in Billings, Mont. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 100° in Yuma, Ariz.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:07 a.m.	10:24 p.m.
Venus	8:27 a.m.	12:18 a.m.
Mars	7:00 a.m.	9:38 p.m.
Jupiter	12:51 p.m.	3:27 a.m.
Saturn	10:23 p.m.	7:57 a.m.
Uranus	5:43 a.m.	6:38 p.m.

### Weather History

**April 29, 1988** - Thunderstorms produced large hail and high winds in central Texas. Hail the size of baseballs were reported at Nixon and wind gusts to 70 mph were reported at Cotulla. Heavy rain in Maine caused flooding along the Pemigewasset and Ammonoosuc Rivers.

### Weather Trivia

When is the earliest an Atlantic hurricane has formed?

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Answer: In 1955, a hurricane formed on Jan. 2.

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### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Boots on Mars

Boots on the moon occurred with Neil Armstrong's first historic steps onto its surface on July 20, 1969, but since those glory days of the late 60's and early 70's, little has been done by NASA to encourage further human exploration of the solar system. Three wars at a trillion dollars plus hasn't helped US efforts to afford such "extravagance." The Chinese will probably put boots on the moon next, but now some private foundations are seriously competing to go to Mars well ahead of NASA's planned first human flyby of the Red Planet in 2033 and its first landing in 2039. Mars Inspiration, the brainchild of Dennis Tito, an investment banker with solid scientific credentials, is currently funding and formulating plans to send a male and a female astronaut on a 589-day Martian flyby mission which would first use a gravity assist from Venus to slingshot the spacecraft towards Mars and bring it to within 60 miles of its surface before returning home. Launch is scheduled for 2021. A reentry vehicle, along with a tubular-shaped pod, would serve as the astronauts' personal and storage areas during the mission. The crew would have about 600 cubic feet of living space, with no spacesuits and no airlock to exit the craft. Perhaps even wilder is a Dutch initiative named Mars One which plans to send a crew of four astronauts to the Red Planet about once every two years to establish a permanent Martian base. The Living Unit is envisioned to be a lander that would utilize an inflatable section for the habitat and an airlock to access the surface. It would be fully functional by arrival time. Mars One is to be paid for by selling subscriptions to view the crews while on the planet. Boots on Mars for them is 2028, pushed back from 2023 because of funding issues. Oh, I failed to mention one critical fact about Mars One. The astronauts would become the first true residents of another world because there are no return provisions. "Wanna go for a ride?" [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of sea turtles called?
2. **SCIENCE:** For what field of science was Tycho Brahe best known?
3. **LITERATURE:** How many book-length novels about Tarzan did Edgar Rice Burroughs write?
4. **GEOGRAPHY:** What part of the world was once called Caledonia by the Romans?
5. **HISTORY:** Which French king greatly expanded the Palace of Versailles and moved his court there?
6. **MATHEMATICS:** How many zeros are in the number 1 billion?
7. **PRESIDENTS:** Who was the only Roman Catholic president of the United States?
8. **MOVIES:** What early movie star made a career based on his portrayal of "The Tramp"?
9. **LANGUAGE:** What word describes the next-to-last event or item?
10. **ANATOMY:** What is the scapula more commonly known as?

**Answers:** 1. A bale; 2. Astronomy; 3. 24; 4. Scotland; 5. Louis XIV; 6. Nine; 7. John F. Kennedy; 8. Charlie Chaplin; 9. Penultimate; 10. Shoulder blade. (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On May 13, 1607, some 100 English colonists arrive in Virginia to found Jamestown, the first permanent English settlement in North America. The first colonial council was held by seven settlers whose names had been chosen and placed in a sealed box by King James I.
  - On May 14, 1904, the Third Olympiad of the modern era opens in St. Louis, Missouri. Like the Second Olympiad, held in Paris in 1900, the St. Louis Games were poorly organized. There were few entrants other than Americans in the various events, and, expectedly, U.S. athletes won a majority of the competitions.
  - On May 16, 1849, the New York City Board of Health is finally able to establish a hospital to deal with a cholera epidemic that would kill more than 5,000 people. The disease took hold on Dec. 1, 1848, when a ship arrived from France carrying the bodies of seven passengers who had died from cholera.
  - On May 15, 1937, Madeleine Albright, America's first female secretary of state, is born in Prague, Czechoslovakia (now the Czech Republic). After immigrating to the United States in 1948, her father, Josef Korbel, became dean at the University of Denver, where he would later train another female secretary of state, Condoleezza Rice.
  - On May 12, 1957, race-car driver A.J. Foyt scores his first professional victory, in a U.S. Automobile Club midget car race in Kansas City, Missouri. Foyt raced midgets and stock cars before moving up to bigger things in 1958, when he entered his first Indianapolis 500 race.
  - On May 17, 1970, Norwegian ethnologist Thor Heyerdahl and a multinational crew set out from Morocco across the Atlantic Ocean in Ra II, a papyrus sailing craft modeled after ancient Egyptian sailing vessels. The Ra II crossed the 4,000 miles of ocean to Barbados in 57 days.
  - On May 11, 1985, 50 people die in a fire in the grandstand at a soccer stadium in Bradford, England. The wooden roof, which burned in just four minutes, was scheduled to be replaced by a steel roof later that same week.
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## Super Crossword

### JOB SCREENING

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Perceive</p> <p>8 Wavering</p> <p>16 Dies down</p> <p>20 One of the Great Lakes</p> <p>21 CD from Eminem or Jay-Z, say</p> <p>22 Marshland</p> <p>23 Start of a riddle</p> <p>25 Teal, e.g.</p> <p>26 Mineo of films</p> <p>27 First-century emperor</p> <p>28 Sufficient, in dialect</p> <p>29 After-bath sprinkle</p> <p>30 Zest</p> <p>32 Riddle, part 2</p> <p>38 Majestic</p> <p>40 Inane</p> <p>41 High-pH compound</p> <p>42 Sticky, viscous stuff</p> <p>45 Previously called</p> <p>46 "— have to wait"</p> <p>49 ESPN's Hershiser</p> <p>50 Riddle, part 3</p> <p>55 They often elicit groans</p> <p>56 "Suffice it — ..."</p> | <p>57 Chinese zoo mammals</p> <p>58 "Thou — lady": King Lear</p> <p>59 Hotel's kin</p> <p>60 Young dog</p> <p>61 Sews an edge around</p> <p>65 Riddle, part 4</p> <p>73 Tara of "American Pie"</p> <p>74 Granola bit</p> <p>75 "— Man Answers" (1962 film)</p> <p>76 Jazzy Anita</p> <p>77 Irritated reply to "Are you awake?"</p> <p>81 Devours, with "down"</p> <p>83 Accept</p> <p>84 Riddle, part 5</p> <p>90 Gulf nation</p> <p>91 Good diving score</p> <p>92 Genetic letters</p> <p>93 Flanders river</p> <p>94 Ovum, e.g.</p> <p>96 "There it is!"</p> <p>98 Souses</p> <p>102 End of the riddle</p> <p>108 Al who drew Li'l Abner</p> | <p>109 Old Italian coins</p> <p>110 Tie down, as a ship</p> <p>111 Sheik, e.g.</p> <p>113 Actress Carrere</p> <p>114 Mark Twain's Huck</p> <p>115 Riddle's answer</p> <p>120 Poker cost</p> <p>121 Ethereal quality</p> <p>122 Relate (to)</p> <p>123 Prayer opener</p> <p>124 Northern parts of New York and New Jersey</p> <p>125 Numbers used in sums</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Divining rod</p> <p>2 Get some air</p> <p>3 German military camp</p> <p>4 Jaguar, e.g.</p> <p>5 "— Brockovich"</p> <p>6 Gone up</p> <p>7 — Dame</p> <p>8 Suffix with script</p> <p>9 Round bread of India</p> <p>10 Hot tub</p> | <p>11 In a docile way</p> <p>12 1985 Kate Nelligan film</p> <p>13 In re</p> <p>14 "Dallas" actor</p> <p>15 Singer Patrick Sumac</p> <p>16 Begin, as a journey</p> <p>17 — ball (pool hall item)</p> <p>18 "Fists of Fury" star</p> <p>19 Get sight of</p> <p>24 "— the weather?"</p> <p>29 Phone no.</p> <p>31 Port of Japan</p> <p>33 Actress Lisa</p> <p>34 Poem of lamentation</p> <p>35 "Hick" actor Baldwin</p> <p>36 Hayek of Hollywood</p> <p>37 Window ledge</p> <p>39 Parking —</p> <p>43 — left field</p> <p>44 Tine</p> <p>46 Repeated statement in Windows ads</p> <p>47 Plating metal</p> <p>48 Kind of PC monitor</p> | <p>50 Rage</p> <p>51 — nous</p> <p>52 "There — 'I' in team"</p> <p>53 Musical piece</p> <p>54 Racket-raising Arthur</p> <p>55 Rover's foot</p> <p>60 Fruit discard</p> <p>62 Arcane</p> <p>63 Annoyed with</p> <p>64 Boa, for one</p> <p>66 "Right, bro"</p> <p>67 0% of the people</p> <p>68 Biker's bike, colloquially</p> <p>69 Largest city on Hawaii</p> <p>70 "Get — back!"</p> <p>71 Abrades</p> <p>72 Coloring substance</p> <p>78 Dance great de Mille</p> <p>79 Ovid's 1,051</p> <p>80 Diarist Anaïs</p> <p>81 Took the prize</p> <p>82 Florida city</p> <p>84 Breathe loudly</p> <p>85 Bringing up the rear</p> <p>86 Collides with</p> <p>87 Not deserved</p> | <p>88 Tramped (on)</p> <p>89 "Holiday" actor Ayres</p> <p>95 Mao — -tung</p> <p>96 Romeo and Juliet's town</p> <p>97 "It's — state of affairs"</p> <p>99 Lane of Broadway</p> <p>100 Narcotic</p> <p>101 Generates</p> <p>103 Beatnik's "Got it!"</p> <p>104 People on the move</p> <p>105 Like a well-pitched inning</p> <p>106 "Sing, Sing, Sing" drummer</p> <p>107 Totally filled</p> <p>112 Longtime West Virginia senator</p> <p>114 — Schwarz</p> <p>115 Sorority letter</p> <p>116 Humid</p> <p>117 Suffix with colour</p> <p>118 Ar-tee link</p> <p>119 Honored Fr. woman</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was noted 20th-century British playwright Tom Stoppard who made the following sage observation: "It is better to be quotable than to be honest."
- You've probably seen ventriloquists perform, but you may not realize that it's a skill not limited to humans. The crested bellbird, which can be found in the wetlands of Australia and Venezuela, throws its voice in order to misdirect predators.
- Bibliophiles beware: Using a public library can carry hidden risks, as a 20-year-old woman in Wisconsin discovered when she checked out "White Oleander" and "Angels and Demons." Heidi Dalibor never returned the books, and she didn't respond to letters or phone calls requesting that she return the books and pay the overdue fine. Eventually, Dalibor was arrested by local police, who handcuffed and fingerprinted her, and she wasn't released until her bail was paid.
- We've all heard the childhood tale of George Washington chopping down a cherry tree, then 'fessing up because he could not tell a lie. Most history books don't mention other aspects of his childhood, though; for instance, did you know that our first president, when he was 10 years old, was a champion wrestler and long jumper?
- If you were a member of the middle class in Victorian England, you might have spent an enjoyable afternoon with friends on a boat, searching for bizarre sea creatures. This popular pastime was known as "monster spotting."
- Those who study such things say that the smallest vertebrate in the world is a type of carp: The Paedocypris progenetica grows to be less than half an inch long.

Thought for the Day: "A husband is what is left of the lover after the nerve has been extracted." -- Helen Rowland  
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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: H equals E

CQH OHRPGUCUPF BPLWHLM

RTMC IH ZIUUD QUC BUCQ

PFGPPWHLM. CQHJ' LH ZGBZJM

ILUFDUFD CQH QPTMH OPBF.

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## GREENBUSH TWP. MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Ed Roddy called the meeting to order on Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. One guest was present and joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Roddy, clerk D. Dailey, treasurer P. Dailey, and trustee Sally Olin. Trustee Gary Abraham was absent.

Agenda: Motion P. Dailey/D. Dailey: To approve the agenda as submitted. Abraham absent, all ayes, motion carried. Motion P. Dailey/D. Dailey: To approve the minutes as submitted. Abraham absent, all ayes, motion carried. No public comments. Financial report – treasurer P. Dailey: \$120,792.88 general fund; \$161,905.24 road fund; \$105,624.90 fire fund; \$30,919.61 Prince Drive, \$481.37 Tilley fund (previously called GRAC). Reported monies received that will be in March report. Motion D. Dailey/Olin: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Abraham absent, all ayes, motion carried. Presentation of bills – clerk D. Dailey: Payroll check numbers 15968-15990 for \$6,371.15, bills check numbers 15943-15994 for \$13,024.14. Motion Olin/P. Dailey: To approve the bills as presented. Abraham absent, all ayes, motion carried.

Miscellaneous reports: Constable Parent – both party stores are compliant, Lakewood Shores pulled seasonal license and should be open shortly, Red Rooster still closed. County commissioner Brummund (given by treasurer P. Dailey) -- June 20 Gun and Knife Show, Spring Expo, Farmers Market, Spring

Tree Sale, 911 board moving forward, county report on personal property.

Fire chief Franks (report by D. Dailey) -- brush fire was contained and thank you Carolyn Brummund for the hot chocolate. Zoning administrator Major – zero permits, five complaints. Inquiries for permits have increased. Lee Major reported that he would like to submit a resignation without a final date for the complaint department. Much discussion about time and responsibilities for this portion of the zoning administration.

Hall rental Roddy – one rental from last month, no additional inquiries. Election will be renting the hall on May 5. Assessor Schwickert absent. GRAC Olin – just started meeting tonight and things are rolling. Planning commission Swanson – swore in Tim Giannetti, have not received final copy of the zoning ordinances, moving forward on the master plan. Road commission Campbell – Centerline marking and fog light marking for Cedar Lake Drive would be split with the cost to the township being \$1,500. Motion D. Dailey/Olin: To approve the bid for the road marking on Cedar Lake Drive. Roll call vote, Abraham absent, all ayes, motion carried.

Correspondence: Supervisor Roddy – MTA on the road, clerk D. Dailey – zoning ordinance report printing discussion, letter read from Jesse Campbell. Miscellaneous – none.

Pending business: Update on IRS situation – 2006 and 2007 shown and will be mailed April 15, 2015. Budget amendments – Motion D. Dailey/Olin: To adopt the changes

to the 2014-2015 budget. Abraham absent, all ayes, motion carried. Some discussion to move overages in some departments to cover \$7,400 needed. Motion Olin/D. Dailey: To amend and approve the changes to the previous budget amendment to move \$7,400 from 101-851-910 (insurance and bonds) to 101-864-715 (pension). Roll call vote, Abraham absent, all ayes, motion carried. Road commission ride along, wants to wait until the roads are dusty to see what is going on.

New business: Resolution for supervisor salary \$11,880, D. Dailey/Roddy – roll call vote, Abraham absent, resolution adopted. Resolution for clerk salary \$15,510, D. Dailey/Roddy – roll call vote, Abraham absent, resolution adopted. Resolution for treasurer salary \$15,510, D. Dailey/Roddy – roll call vote, Abraham absent, resolution carried. Resolution for trustee salary \$1,650, D. Dailey/Roddy – roll call vote, Abraham absent, resolution carried. Resolution for constable salary \$1,440, D. Daily/Olin – roll call vote, Abraham absent, resolution adopted. No public comments. Motion D. Dailey/Olin: To adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Roll call vote, all ayes, motion carried. David W. Dailey Greenbush Township Clerk Note: Published prior to board approval. Next regular scheduled meeting Tuesday, May 22, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall.

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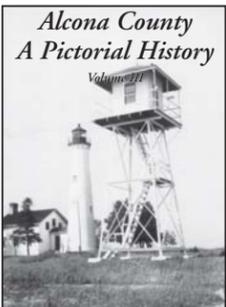
## GUSTIN TWP. ORDINANCE

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 Notice of Adoption

A Zoning Ordinance regulating the development and use of land was adopted by the Gustin Township Board on 4/20/2015. The Zoning Ordinance shall take effect 5/7/2015. The full text of the new Zoning Ordinance is available at the Harrisville branch of

the Alcona County Library, and email by request to [gustinzoning@gmail.com](mailto:gustinzoning@gmail.com). The new Zoning Ordinance includes the rezoning of adjacent blocks of parcels in sections 1, 12, 13, and 14 from R-Residential to Forest Recreation and one parcel in section 11 from Economic Development to Industrial.

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# Voters across Michigan decide constitutional amendment Proposal 15-1 on May 5 ballot

On Monday, May 5, Michigan electors will vote on one constitutional amendment, Proposal 15-1. If approved, the proposal would amend the state constitution and trigger the implementation of legislation that would make changes to the motor fuel tax and the sales and use taxes. Proposal 15-1 and the laws it would activate would:

- Increase the motor fuel tax, resulting in an increase in road funding.
- Eliminate the sales tax on

motor fuels.

- Increase the rate of sales and use taxes from 6.0 percent to 7.0 percent to restore funding to public education, local governments, and the state's General Fund, which would lose funding under the proposed motor fuels tax exemption.

- Increase vehicle registration fees.
- Provide accountability standards for the new funding.
- Offset some losses to

those most impacted by tax increases.

If a majority of voters approves Proposal 15-1, the state constitution will be amended and all the constitutional and statutory changes will take effect beginning on October 1, 2015. If a majority of voters rejects this proposal, no constitutional changes will be adopted and the statutory laws tied (linked) to this proposal will not take effect.

## Background

- **Transportation funding:** Currently, two sources fund construction and maintenance to Michigan roads and bridges: 1) a state gas tax, which is \$.19 per gallon for gasoline and \$.15 per gallon for diesel, and 2) a percentage of annual vehicle registration fees.

Revenue from the state gas tax is down about 37 percent since 1997, according to a Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency white paper (2015, Winer). Michigan motorists are spending less money on motor fuel. With telecommuting becoming more common, they drive fewer miles in vehicles that are more fuel efficient due, in part, to higher Corporate Average Fuel Economy (CAFE) standards. Further, the state gas tax has not kept pace with inflation, remaining at \$.19 per gallon since 1997. (The state Legislature has the authority to raise the state gas tax without a vote of citizens.)

Further, according to the same Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency paper (2015, Winter), revenue from vehicle registration fees is also down since 1997, about four percent. In sum, both revenue sources generate about 1.3 billion less than the state needs to bring most of its roads and bridges to good condition and maintain them (Detroit Free Press Editorial Board, 2015, February 28).

- **Vehicle registration fees:** Michigan car owners pay an annual vehicle registration fee based on the value of the vehicle. The fee goes down 10 percent for each of the first three years of ownership, recognizing that vehicles depreciate. Proposal 15-1 would eliminate the depreciation discount for new vehicles and freeze the fee at the original purchase price for recently purchased vehicles.

The proposal also would increase the weight registration fees of commercial vehicles, which would vary by weight. Owners of an interstate tractor-trailer with five axels and weighing 80,000 pounds would see an annual increase about 36 percent.

Proposal 15-1 also would add a vehicle surcharge fee to electric vehicles whether they are partially, predominantly or solely run by electric power.

- **Taxes paid at the pump:** The state gas tax is one of three taxes Michigan motorists pay at the pump. Motorists also pay a six percent state sales tax and a federal gas tax of 18.4 cents per gallon.

Under Proposal 15-1, both the state gas tax and the state

sales tax would be eliminated from retail motor fuel sales. However, a new tax would be imposed on motor fuel sales: a 14.9 percent tax on the annually averaged, wholesale price of gas and diesel fuel. Revenue from this new tax on the wholesale price of motor fuels would be constitutionally mandated to fund transportation projects. The wholesale rate would be adjusted annually based on inflation, or five percent, whichever is less. The maximum yearly increase could not exceed \$.05 per gallon, but could not go down.

For consumers, the amount motorists pay at the pump would vary, depending on the price of fuel. The Citizens Research Council estimates that at \$3 per gallon, motorists would pay 6.6 cents more per gallon under the proposed tax system than under the current system. But as the price of gasoline increased, the difference between what consumers pay under the current system and what they would pay under the proposed system would shrink. For example, at 3.85 cents per gallon in 2017, consumers would pay only 2.1 cents per gallon more under Proposal 15-1 (Citizens Research Council of Michigan, 2014, March).

- **The sales tax:** Revenue collected from the state sales tax is constitutionally mandated to go to local governments (in a process known as constitutional revenue sharing), public education, the state's General fund, and the state's Comprehensive Transportation Fund (which is used to fund public transportation).

Exempting motor fuel from the sales tax would reduce funding to the above entities. Therefore, the proposal includes a one percent increase in sales tax to make up for the losses, as well as generate additional revenue. The estimated annual increases to K-12 school and community colleges would be \$200 million to \$290 million; transit and rail, \$116 million; and local governments, \$111 million; according to the Detroit Free Press (Egan, 2015, March 15).

- **Universities exempted from the School Aid Fund:** Currently, the state constitution specifies that the School Aid Fund (SAF) be used solely for public school districts, the school employee's retirement fund, and higher education. Proposal 15-1 would explicitly prohibit the SAF to be used



Inspiration Alcona's first GospelFest perform to a packed house at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. The GospelFest, directed by Jean Wilson of the One Voice Gospel Choir of Saline, Mich., had about 35 participants who met the day of the concert to practice with Wilson before performing for the community. Other performers featured during the program were Gail Leeseberg and Sandy Cholewa, Kimberly Makela, Jack Williams and Laura Frawley. Photo by Mary Weber.

## Heroin addiction problems outpace Michigan's solutions

By **Caitlin McArthur**  
Capital News Service

As Michigan struggles to keep up with its growing heroin and opioid addictions, only one state intervention might be working.

Earlier in April, Traverse City police were able to reverse an overdose using naloxone, a drug that reverses heroin and opioid overdoses and can restart the user's heart, according to Pamela Lynch, consultant and therapist at Northern Lakes Community Mental Health in Traverse City, Mich.

This was possible because recent state laws allowed doctors to prescribe naloxone to people who can administer it, such as police officers, and not just to those who need it.

In the Traverse City case,

police revived a driver who had crashed into a stop sign while overdosing on heroin. Officers, who were the first responders on the scene, pulled the driver from the car and administered a dose of naloxone.

Lynch said the Traverse City success proves first-responder access to naloxone should be increased. "Emergency departments, treatment centers should be distributing naloxone," Lynch said. "It's a drug that has no potential for abuse."

Other states have taken steps to help pharmacies distribute naloxone, which Lynch said Michigan should consider as well.

But the overdose-reversal drug attacks just one aspect of a complex and growing

problem that advocates say has spread to all areas of the state.

"I don't think there are any boundaries to this anymore — it's the kid next door, it could be your kid, it could be my kid," said Linda Davis, a district judge in Clinton Township, Mich. and president of Families Against Narcotics.

Among the issues advocates are trying to address: High prescription rates for painkilling opioids, which are similar to heroin and can lead to addiction; contaminated batches of heroin that are leading to accidental overdoses; and a lack of good medical insurance to support addiction treatment.

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## Proposal 15-1 Continued from page 1B

for four-year colleges and universities. (Only in recent years has the SAF been used to supplement public university's funding.)

The Michigan state Fiscal Agency, 2015, January 15 estimates that this prohibition would result in a net decrease to public universities of about \$200 million.)

- **Accountability standards:** The legislation tied to Proposal 15-1 would expand competitive bidding requirements for road projects, expand warranty requirements for roadwork, and establish requirements for performance-based maintenance systems. (See Michigan Senate Fiscal Agency Bill Analysis for House joint Resolution UU at [www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2013-2014/billanalysis/Senate/pdf/2013-SFA-HJR00-N.pdf](http://www.legislature.mi.gov/documents/2013-2014/billanalysis/Senate/pdf/2013-SFA-HJR00-N.pdf) for further details, specifically those sections summarizing House Bills 4251, 5167 and 5460.)

- **Earned Income Tax Credit:** Because the sales tax increase would disproportionately affect those earning lower incomes, the pro-

posal would restore the Earned Income Tax Credit to low-income wage earners. It also would expand the state's Homestead Property Tax Credit to senior citizens earning very low incomes and homeowners who are disabled.

- **Supporting Arguments**  
Supporters of Proposal 15-1 cite two primary benefits to its passage: 1) it would increase funding to fix Michigan's state trunkline roads (a road with an "M", an "I", or "U.S." in front of its highway number, and 2) it would ensure that taxes paid at the pump go to fund transportation infrastructure improvements. It would do so without significantly increasing the cost of motor fuel to the consumer.

Supporters acknowledge that the proposal is complex, but they point out that road conditions will continue to deteriorate and be more costly to fix in the future, as material and labor costs go up. And, while it is true that most of the revenues raised in the first two years under the reform (\$860 million in 2015-16 and \$460 million in 2016-

17) would go toward paying down debt on past transportation projects, this would benefit taxpayers because it reduces future interest payments.

The proposal package further guarantees future road funding. By amending the constitution, Proposal 15-1 would ensure that an adequate amount of funding is available every year for road maintenance, repair and replacement. The proposal also would improve the quality and longevity of roadwork by requiring construction companies to warranty their work, which should reduce use of substandard materials and labor.

Additionally, passage of the proposal would provide additional funding to improve education across the state. Increased funding to local governments would help many struggling communities retain services to their residents, all at a relatively minimal cost of one cent on the dollar. Lastly, the proposal seeks to offset losses incurred by individuals earning low incomes by restoring the Earned Income Tax Credit.

### Opposing Arguments

Opponents point out that the combined tax and fee increases under Proposal 15-1 would amount to an annual tax increase of \$1.9 billion for Michigan consumers and motorists, while only directing \$1.3 billion toward road improvements.

Opponents also point out that the requirement that revenue from the first two years of the tax increase go to pay off past debt means that improvements to roads would be delayed another two years.

In general, many citizens say that the issue is too complex and contains too many issues in one proposal. They say they would support a proposal or a tax increase that was focused solely on road funding, but that Proposal 15-1 forces a vote on other issues as well.

Others have pointed out that Proposal 15-1 further complicates the state constitution and restricts policy makers in the future by constitutionally prohibiting a sales tax on motor fuels and implementing other policy-related tax changes.

Still others are concerned that increased taxes and fees could drive business out of the state. Lower vehicle registration fees in nearby states may make moving there financially attractive. Neighboring states with lower sales tax may see increases in sales by Michigan residents. In addition, companies may try to save money by buying goods in other states and bringing them back into Michigan.

*(Editor's Note: This information was provided by Michigan State University Extension. It was written by Claire Bode, public policy education specialist and Terry Gibb, government and public policy educator. More information can be found at [msue.msu.edu](http://msue.msu.edu).)*



The Alcona Head Start Preschool program, along with the Child Abuse/Neglect Prevention Council of Alcona County (CANPAC), planted pinwheels in honor of all children in Alcona County during Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention Month. (From left) James Storey, Jacob Smith, Alex Altman, Aidan Conklin, Annie Stoley, Evelyn Cheatum, Brilee Travis, Tayler Wilburn, Tommy McKenzie, Kisela Mecsics, Cade Rondeau and Alexandra Laird. Alcona Head Start is a Monday-Thursday full day preschool program run by Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, with additional funding through AMA ESD.

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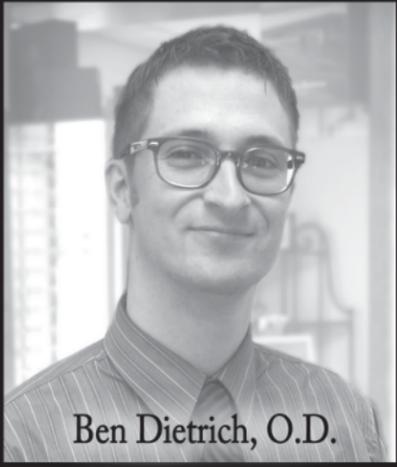
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# Mama Morton and Roxie Hart

**By Katrina Wouters**

*"I know a girl  
 A girl with so much luck  
 She could get run over by a ten-ton truck  
 Then brush herself off and walk away  
 How she does it, couldn't say."*

~ "I Know A Girl," from "Chicago," the musical.

While I've been busily writing paper after paper in my graduate assessments class and (shirking on my column) there's been a pretty important development in our household that I haven't gotten to share: We got a dog.

How does a family with four rescued cats, a kindergarten and a toddler decide to get a dog?

Well, you see, my husband had this incredible dog named Mama when he lived in Las Vegas, Nev. She was a brown and white Staffordshire terrier, more commonly known as a pit bull, who had been rescued from a dog fighting ring where she was so passive they used her as a "baiting" dog.

Consequently, she had very damaged ears and some scarring. This did not ruin her love of humans in the slightest. She was a very snuggly, loving dog with a loud snore and a penchant for chewing high heels. Unfortunately, when my husband decided to part ways with his ex he could not convince her to let him keep his beloved pup, despite the shoe carnage.

This is the most heart-breaking story he has ever told me and I always think how lucky I've been in the breakup department. I might have lost some furniture and a few kitchen gadgets but I just can't imagine having to part ways with a precious pet.

When the week of Valentine's Day rolled around I went to the Alcona Humane Society in Lincoln and started looking at the dogs available for adoption. It has been almost two years since Bastie went to the Rainbow Bridge (dog heaven) and I felt ready to love another dog. Imagine my surprise when I looked through the bars and saw a dog that looked almost exactly like the photographs I've seen of my husband's dog.

It can be hard to describe an animal but I will try. Roxie is an 80 pound pit bull with brown and white coloring and she comes up to my waist.

For starters, Roxie doesn't wag her tail-she wags her whole body. She is more likely to lick you than growl or bite,



## The Princess Diaries

*By Katrina Wouters*

which she did to Phee the second she met her. Phee wiped her face and giggled. They were instantly friends. Roxie has a small white heart shape in the middle of her back that sealed the deal for me on her name.

Anyone who knows me knows how much I love Broadway musicals. When I was getting my teaching certificate "Chicago came to the theater and I was the first in line to see it at my college theater.

For those of you that aren't familiar with this musical, Roxie Hart, the protagonist, was sent to the Cook County jail for the murder of her lover and while she was behind bars under the care of Matron Mama Morton, she became a celebrity.

Seeing Roxie, the dog, behind those bars I leaned in and sang, "the name on everybody's lips is gonna be Roxie." Her white tail bounced back and forth and she put her nose through the bars toward me. Further confusing the humane society volunteer I whispered, "Don't worry, Roxie, well-behaved women rarely make history. I'll break you oughta here."

When Roxie came home with us it was immediately apparent that she had never been leash trained. We got her a strong leash and harness (pink, naturally) and started to kennel train her. The cats moved to the second floor of our house while Roxie got her bearings and it was only two months later, when the cats were just starting to brave the living room again, when it happened.

Right after we adopted Roxie our schedules changed dramatically. My husband started the night shift and I started working three days a week at my behavior analysis internship. This meant that I would need to wake him up when I got home from work at 9 p.m. and he would need to wake me up for work when he got home at 8 a.m. Phee started to spend three days a week with her godmother. I was so glad to have a big dog next to me for this transition.

One night when I came home I carried in Phee in her

car seat, my laptop bag and the diaper bag and went upstairs to tuck in my toddler and wake my husband. Roxie was whining to get out of her kennel and go outside to relieve herself. My husband stumbled by sleepily yawning and he and Roxie went outside together.

I didn't think anything of him taking her outside without her leash until I heard a loud truck rumble by. My husband was trying to make sure he had his safety glasses and toolbox for work when I dashed outside and called the dog. By then it was too late. She ran right at the truck and it hit her.

I screamed as I heard Roxie loudly exclaim, "yike!" My husband, snapped out of his morning mode, jumped in the car and sped down to the accident scene. The driver stopped and tried to find Roxie.

Meanwhile, Roxie limped home and headed straight for her kennel and proceeded to bleed all over her dog bed. We felt terrible and, as I cleaned her, he called all over the county to try and get her immediate care.

Thank God for emergency vet services. Roxie needed a splint cast, a cone and some serious wound cleanup. She has spent the last two weeks recovering and I am so happy to report she is going to be okay.

We frequently tease her about the cone of shame, made famous by the movie "Up" but we give her peanut butter treats with her medication tucked inside and scratch the places she cannot reach.

Having a big dog is a big adjustment for me, but I love watching her fetch a tennis ball or point at a rabbit running by.

Roxie's time behind bars is over; she has found her forever home. She will be leash training all spring and summer long so if you see a woman walking by with a pit bull humming "All That Jazz" stop and say "hello."

*(Katrina Kniep Wouters was born and raised in Harrisville and started editing her mother's column — Puttin' on the Fritz — at age eight. She taught middle school English and journalism for six years in Parkland, Fla. and has returned to her home town to settle down. She has attained a Masters of Arts degree in child psychology and is pursuing a degree as a board certified behavior analyst. She enjoys spending time with her husband, A.J., her stepson, Kaiden and her daughter, Phoenix. She is passionate about knitting, rescue animals and cheese. She writes a blog that can be found at: nomore-highheels.wordpress.com.)*



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Advocates are calling for more education for the public and a change in insurance practices; a change in prescription culture; and further legislation to increase the availability of naloxone.

The reason for the continued growth of heroin abuse in the state, Davis said, is the change in culture of medical practice which has turned from pain management to pain elimination, resulting in overprescription.

Pharmaceutical opioids — popular painkillers like oxycodone, morphine and methadone — are chemically similar to heroin and highly addictive, Davis explained.

According to Davis, a lot of young people get sports injuries, and these are the first drugs that are written up for them. Vicodin and codone-based drugs like hydrocodone, all share heroin's addictive quality and often leave the patient with an opioid dependency.

"Those are being used and written by doctors for almost every ailment people have," Davis said. "There needs to be education on this issue in schools about how dangerous these drugs are, because a lot of kids think they are safe — a doctor wrote the prescription, their parents take them, their grandmother takes them."

When users can no longer afford the prescription medication, which can cost up to \$40 per pill, they turn to the cheaper option of heroin, Davis said.

Kevin McFatrige, director of public relations at the Michigan State Medical Society, said the society has been aware of this issue for 10 years and offers educational opportunities for Michigan physicians on the dangers of opioid medications.

"Clearly, members of the Michigan State Medical Society do not want any patient to be addicted to any form of drug — prescription or recreational," McFatrige said via e-mail.

For those already addicted, the lack of education comes with even higher stakes. Fentanyl-laced heroin has been known to reappear in batches across the state in a cyclical fashion. Fentanyl is a pharmaceutical opioid, which when mixed with heroin gives the user a more intense high. It is cheaper for the dealers to cut — but also leads to more overdoses.

Davis said there is a batch of fentanyl-laced heroin on Michigan's streets at the moment. "There's a big demand for it. Because there is such a lack of education, people don't realize how deadly that is," Davis said. "All they know is, it gets you higher."

The Michigan Poison Control Center has received calls about fentanyl/heroin since January in nine counties: Antrim, Kalkaska, Grand Traverse, Benzie, Wexford, Missaukee, Mason, Lake and Osceola, according to Jennifer Smith, Michigan Department of Health and Human Services public relations officer.

Three of the cases arrived

at a hospital emergency department in Cadillac, Mich. on April 10 within three hours, Smith said.

People who realize they have a drug problem and seek care meet obstacles, Lynch said. For instance, while insurance coverage varies per provider, the majority of health insurance policies cover just 30 or 60 days of treatment such as inpatient stays — despite the fact that most users require ongoing treatment and multiple admissions before they can get clean.

"A lot of kids die because they need treatment and they can't get it because their insurance has been used up," she said.

Davis agreed that insurance coverage needs to shift to meet patients' needs. "The medical profession sees that this is a disease, yet we limit treatment for this disease," Davis said. "We hold the addict responsible for the fact that they can't get well."

Michigan's treatment system, Lynch explained, has not kept up with current science. Where other states are moving toward substitution therapy — minimizing withdrawal symptoms through less-potent drugs, Michigan has not been very receptive to the technique.

Substitution treatment takes two forms, methadone and suboxone. Suboxone is primarily used for those with lesser addictions. Methadone has been known to cause deaths with users who take too much without waiting for the last dose to clear their system, or who use it in conjunction with something else, but is considered the only option for serious long-term users.

While these treatments are available in Michigan, addicts all too often struggle to access them. Doctors in the

state who are certified to administer suboxone are capped at 100 patients by state law. According to Lynch, the majority of doctors around the state are maxed out and there has been a push for the cap to be raised — other states have raised the cap to 300. There is no medical reason for the caps, she said.

In his state of the state address in January, Gov. Rick Snyder outlined plans to introduce a complete package of bills addressing the drug abuse problem in the state by October.

According to Smith, the state's Health and Human Services Department has been charged with forming a task force, along with the Michigan State Police and the Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs, to address the state's heroin problem and identify potential barriers to treatment.

"I understand the wheels of legislature move slowly," Lynch said. "But a lot of people are still dying in Michigan, and a multi-pronged approach is needed."



**Birding BITS** BY Cindy Brook

*50 Shades of Red-Wing*

The other day about 50 hungry red-wing blackbirds came to chow down on some white proso millet I tossed on the ground. It was a quite a sight when they all took flight at once, exposing their bright red patches. It was stunning, to say the least.

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# Alcona girls track team finishes first in league competition

**By Hope Smith**  
Sportswriter

The Alcona varsity girls track team picked up top honors Tuesday, April 21 by finishing first over Fairview and AuGres Sims high schools during the first home North Star League track meet.

The Alcona varsity boys team finished in third place overall.

**Girls top finishers:**

• High Jump: First - Torie

Harmon, 4 feet, 9 inches.

• Long jump: Second - Rachel Warner, 12 feet, 6 inches; 8<sup>th</sup> - Brooke Shultz, 12 feet, 4 inches.

• Pole vault: First - Shultz, 6 feet, 6 inches.

• Shot put: Fourth - Samantha Schott, 23 feet, .50 inches; 7<sup>th</sup> - Taylor Murray, 19 feet, 10 inches; 9<sup>th</sup> - Samantha Bosley, 17 feet, 6.50 inches.

• Discus: Fifth - Bosley, 52

feet, 6 inches; 6<sup>th</sup> - Harlie LaFond, 51 feet, 9 inches; 8<sup>th</sup> - Schott, 51 feet, 7 inches.

• 4x800 Relay: First - Shultz, LaFond, Katelyn Nelson and Harmon, 11:54.54.

• 100 Meter Dash: Second - Katherine Edwards, 15.07; 5<sup>th</sup> - Caitlin Sorenson, 16.14.

• 4x200 Relay: First - Edwards, Murray, Sorenson and Warner, 2:09.86.

• 1600 Meter run: First - Nelson 6:59.64; 2<sup>nd</sup> - LaFond, 7:00.51; 6<sup>th</sup> - Schott, 8:52.07.

• 4x100 Relay: First - Edwards, Murray, Sorensen and Warner 1:00.36.

• 400 Meter dash: First - Harmon, 1:04.53.

• 800 Meter run: Second - Shultz, 3:01.80; 4<sup>th</sup> - Nelson, 3:14.31.

• 3200 Meter run: First - LaFond, 15:21.44.

• 4x400 Relay: First - Warner, Nelson, Sorensen and Harmon, 5:00.97.

• 200 Meter run: Second - Edwards, 31.32; 3<sup>rd</sup> - Murray, 32.71.

**Boys top finishers:**

• High jump: Third - Mitch Havercroft, 5 feet, 6 inches.

• Shot put: Sixth - Jesse Schram, 27 feet, 3 inches.

• Long jump: Seventh - Hunter Sullivan, 16 feet, 5 inches; 8<sup>th</sup> - Jordan Steiner, 15 feet, 4 inches.

• Discus: Second - Jeffery Schram, 98 feet, 8 inches; 8<sup>th</sup> - Jesse Schram, 65 feet, 5.50 inches.

• 4x800 Relay: Second - Kyle Thum, Jason Steiner, Ryan Shultz and Jeff Schram, 9:57.39.

• 100 Meter dash: First - Nicholas Lamantia, 11.95; 6<sup>th</sup> - Jordan Steiner, 12.91.

• 4x200 Relay: First - Brandon Ritchie, Lamantia, Sullivan and Havercroft, 1:44.21.

• 1600 Meter run: Second - Thum 5:21.21; 7<sup>th</sup> - Shultz, 6:02.86.

• 4x100 Relay: First - Ritchie, Jason Steiner, Jordan Steiner and Sullivan, 49.20.

• 400 Meter dash: Second - Lamantia, 58:16

• 800 Meter run: Fourth - Thum, 2:30.67; 5<sup>th</sup> - Jeff Schram, 2:31.12; 6<sup>th</sup> - Shultz, 2:55.31.

• 200 Meter dash: First - Jason Steiner, 23.81; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ritchie, 25.05; Sullivan, 26.38; 7<sup>th</sup> - Jordan Steiner, 26.99.

• 3200 Meter run: First - Thum, 11:34.22.

• 4x400 Relay: Second - Jason Steiner, Ritchie, Lamantia and Havercroft, 3:58.22.

On Monday, April 20 the Alcona Middle School track athletes hosted Rogers City, Posen and Oscoda for the first meet of the season. Alcona girls finished in third place and the boys came in second place.

The boys 4x200 relay team set a new school record. Koedy Berryhill, John Sharboneau, Dylan Faszczwski and Mason Clark took first place with a time of 1:57.61.



Nelson French, 13, bagged his first turkey on April 20 at 4:30 p.m. in Lincoln. He was hunting with his dad, George French Jr. The turkey weighed 18.4 pounds and had a nine-inch beard. *Courtesy photo.*

## Ice finally gone, Steelhead starting to move slowly

**Northeast Lower Peninsula**  
April 23

• Ocqueoc River: Was slow. The water is still very cold. Those targeting steelhead are drifting spawn under a bobber through the deeper holes. Most are the darker holdover and very few chrome fish.

• Rogers City: A few boats have gone out but had little success. Atlantics and lake trout should be in shallow waters up to 40 feet deep. Try trolling spoons or body baits and use bright colors in the stained water. In clear waters, try green and silver or blue and silver. The fish should be up higher in the water column and around structures. The area from Calcite Harbor all the way south to Adam's Point should be good for Atlantics and lake trout.

• Presque Isle and Rockport: All the ice is gone. A dock is in at Presque Isle but not Rockport.

• Alpena: Those trolling

## Fishing Report

around the marina or casting from the breakwall have caught a mix of Atlantic, lake trout and walleye. Catch rates were decent. A few fish were taken behind the cement plant. Most are trolling. Walleye were caught near the mouth of the river when jigging or casting body baits at night.

• Thunder Bay River: An occasional steelhead was caught up near the 9th Street Dam. Anglers are drifting spawn bags under a bobber or on the bottom. Artificial egg patterns have also caught fish. Some caught suckers or an incidental walleye. It looks like walleye will be in the river for the opener. Water

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## Alcona County Sheriff's Report

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### Complaint Statistics

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Miscellaneous	5	Agency Assist	1
Dog/Animal	3	Traffic	1
Malicious Destr. of Property	1	Driving While License Susp.	1
Domestic	2	911 Hang Up	1
Drug Crime	1	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	5
Patrol Check	1	Operate While Intoxicated	1
Warrant Arrest	1	Breaking & Entering	4
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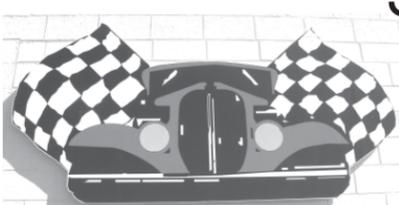
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Huron Pines, the U.S. Forest Service and Consumers Energy are teaming up once again in the fight against the invasive plant garlic mustard.

The three entities are hosting a volunteer garlic mustard pull at the Rea Road boat access near Foote Dam impoundment on May 22 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

According to Leighton King, Huron Pines AmeriCorps Member, participants may enjoy a native wildflower tour first and then will pull as much garlic mustard as possible from the forest floor. She explained that without efforts to protect northeast Michigan, garlic mustard will outcompete all of the native plants that provide valuable habitat for insects and birds.

The event includes a free lunch and T-shirt. Volunteers should bring gardening gloves and a water bottle and wear long pants, long-sleeved shirts and closed-toe shoes.

Preregistration is required. RSVP online at [www.volunteernorthernmichigan.org](http://www.volunteernorthernmichigan.org), call (989) 448-2293 ext. 21 or e-mail [rsvp@huronpines.org](mailto:rsvp@huronpines.org).

King explained that garlic mustard (*Alliaria petiolata*) is a fast-spreading, non-native forest plant that is beginning to make its way into northeast Michigan. It grows two to three feet tall and has heart-shaped, scalloped leaves and white flowers with four petals that produce hun-

dreds of seeds.

She explained it is the only plant of this height that has blooming, white flowers in wooded areas in May. When the leaves are crushed, they smell and taste just like garlic—which gives garlic mustard its name.

The amount of seeds that garlic mustard produces enables this plant to pose an ecological threat to our forests as it spreads along the

forest floor and chokes out native wildflowers—like trilliums, trout lilies and wild ginger, King said. The chemicals produced in the roots of garlic mustard harm native trees in the surrounding areas—making garlic mustard capable of killing entire trees when the infestation is large enough.

Removal techniques for garlic mustard are as easy as pulling adult plants from the

ground, but can also include herbicide spraying and other measures, King explained.

Huron Pines is a not-for-profit 501(c)(3) conservation organization with a mission to conserve the forests, lakes and streams of northeast Michigan. The invasives species program focuses on working to remove and prevent priority invasive species from overtaking our forests, lakes and streams. The pro-

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## Fishing

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temperatures were still on the cold side. Anglers are still waiting for a major push of steelhead to arrive.

- AuSable River: Anglers should find some steelhead and brown trout. Try spawn, wax worms and flies. With the cooler weather, try fishing the deeper holes.

- Tawas: Boats trolling husky-jerks near the artificial reef and those jigging were getting some walleye and quite a few lake trout. Pier fishing was spotty with only one Atlantic, and a couple of walleye, pike and lake trout taken when casting or still-fishing. Minnows come and go inside the harbor.

- Tawas River: Was producing mostly suckers and carp. A few walleye were taken off the mouth.

- AuGres: Boat anglers fishing around Whitestone Point and Point Lookout did well for walleye. Some are dipping smelt from boats at night with lights hung over the side to attract them. Pier anglers casting for walleye at the end of the breakwall at night were getting a few. A small number of smelt were taken by those with dip nets around the shoreline at Point Lookout and Point AuGres.

- AuGres River: Most of the steelhead are apparently further up river. Near the Singing Bridge, those surf casting at night have caught some walleye. Sucker runs are winding down. However, there were still quite a few fish in the river.

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