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Community landmark comes down in Glennie

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The Fourth of July celebration in Glennie was bittersweet for some residents and visitors this year. As folks prepared for a weekend of festivities, a chapter of the township's history was closed.

On Thursday, July 2 the two-story "old" township hall on Bamfield Road was demolished. The demolition came two and a half years after the Curtis Township Board decided to "...investigate the cost associated with appraising, marketing for sale and/or demolition of the 'old' township hall," as decided at the November 14, 2013 board meeting.

"When looking at the Fourth of July you tend to look into the past - where we've been and where we are... For us looking at the demolition of the old hall... freedom can be realized with the release of something holding you back - that's

sue of what to do with the hall had been discussed periodically in the community for roughly 25 years, but the issue continued to be avoided. A couple of years ago, the township board looked into what it would cost to deconstruct the building. On November 14, 2013 the Curtis Township Board voted to start the process to investigate the cost associated with an appraisal, marketing to sell or demolition of the old township hall. The process of gathering information and discussion at township board meetings continued through the winter and into the spring of 2014. In April 2014 the board approved advertising for bids for the sale/disposal of the hall.

"The first investigation into the cost to take down the building and remove (the material) from the site was an estimated \$40,000," Kenyon said. "The township doesn't have that kind of



Demolition on the Curtis Township Hall begins on Thursday, July 2 in Glennie. Short work was made of the process. It came down in 48 minutes. The hall was built in 1928. *Courtesy photos.*



The hall was constructed prior to the use of asbestos and lead paint in building material. *Photo by Kirk Walton.*

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Curtis Township Supervisor

what this was... for us, this was a real Fourth of July celebration, said Curtis Township Supervisor Darrell Kenyon.

The hall was built in 1928 and, according to Kenyon, it had a 30 year life span. "We have been trying to figure out what to do with it for years." He explained the building was built with silo tile, which is thin material, and over the last 87 years it has not held up. "Just to renovate the inside would have been \$200,000 but that estimate didn't address the structural issue," Kenyon said. "It was impossible for the township to raise the kind of funds to address the structural and cosmetic issues."

Several years ago the Curtis Township Board moved its offices out of the hall into the former Glennie Elementary School and closed the building. All township business, including public meetings and other community activities, are held in the former school. However, the liability issue of the building falling into further disrepair did not go away.

Kenyon explained the is-

money."

Glennie resident and business owner Rupert Smith presented the township board with a proposal on June 12, 2014. The board voted "to continue with Mr. Smith's proposal and begin negotiations with him." After several months of negotiations between the township board, including township attorney David Cook, and Smith, the contract was signed by both parties in September 2014. Work was to begin immediately.

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The contract for hall demolition specified:

As compensation for the removal of the building and upon completion, Smith would be paid a total of \$23,000 - \$15,085 in cash

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 **Memorial** 

Lonnie D. Allen

There will be a memorial service for Lonnie Dale Allen at the Alcona Park pavilion in Glennie on Sunday, Aug. 2 at noon.

Mr. Allen died on January 23, 2015 at his home in Glennie.

Jon William McMillan

Jon William McMillan, a long-time resident of Harrisville, Michigan passed away July 22nd, at home with his devoted wife, Jothawnya, and his beloved dog, Teddy, by his side.

Jon was born May 2nd, 1964, graduated from Alpena High School in 1982, and served our country as a United States Army Airborne Ranger. He worked the majority of his life traveling throughout the United States in the oil and gas industry. His last position was that of Pipeline Manager.

Jon had a great love of the outdoors and used every opportunity to trap, hunt, and fish. He had many talents that ranged from carpentry, making conversation, to banjo playing.

Jon is survived by his wife, Jothawnya and their two sons, Jonas of Philadelphia, PA, and Isaac (Sara) of Gilbert, AZ. He is also survived by his mother and stepfather, Tom and Judy Hollenback, his sister, Tammy Schultz, two stepbrothers, Jim and John Hollenback (Jody) all of Alpena and a stepsister, Janet Johnston. Jon's two grandchildren, Cayden and Ramsey of Gilbert, AZ brought much happiness to his life. He is also survived by 19 nieces and nephews. Jon asked to be remembered as someone who loved to laugh and smile and that he knew the Lord as his Saviour.

An evening memorial service at Calvary Baptist Church in Mikado, Michigan will be held on August 2nd, 2015 beginning at 6 p.m.

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 **Obituaries** 

James H. Pyne

James H. Pyne, 79, of Harrisville died on Saturday, July 25, 2015 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born on January 4, 1936 to James M. and Zella M. (Hodges) Pyne of Flint, Mich. He was raised in Flint, Mich. and Fenton, Mich. and graduated from Fenton High School.

He received a bachelor's degree from the University of Michigan and earned two master's degrees from the University of Michigan and Michigan State University.

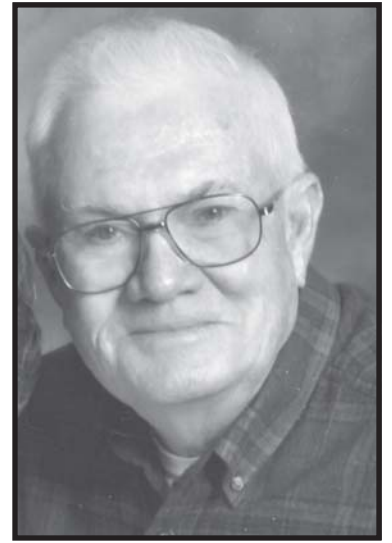
He married Judy C. Unger on May 7, 1960 at the Fenton United Methodist Church in Fenton, Mich.

Shortly after their wedding, Mr. Pyne began teaching high school in Grand Blanc, Mich. His teaching career continued at Southwestern High School in Flint, Mich. where he taught chemistry and physics. He went on to Flint Junior College where he taught noise control and vibrations. He later

became a professor of physics and noise control at General Motors Institute, where he taught for 17 years.

In 1980 Mr. Pyne was hired by General Motors, headquartered in Detroit, Mich., as a staff engineer for the North America Operations in the plant engineering overseas group, where his travels took him to Mexico and Germany. During his tenure there, he trained plant managers in noise control and vibrations, served as an adjunct professor, and as a board member of the National Vibrations Institute, chairing the Eastern Michigan Chapter.

He retired from General Motors in 1987 and built a log home in Harrisville. The couple enjoyed traveling and following their retirement, they embarked on a 13-month-long great circle boat trip, travelling the inter-coastal waterways. Last spring they traveled by motor home to Alaska and back.



He served as president of the Alcona County Fair Board for 10 years and was president of the Harrisville Lions Club. He was a trustee on the Harrisville Township Board for many years where he sat on the road improvement committee and the planning commission.

He was a member of the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce and was involved in the annual July events held under the "Big Top." He also organized the Antique and Small Engine Tractor Club and was a collector of antique Farmall tractors.

Throughout his life he had a passion for small farming and enjoyed camping, hunting and fishing. He always had his dog by his side.

Mr. Pyne is survived by his wife, Judy; one son, James M Pyne of Winona, Miss.; one daughter, Karen L. (Stephen M.) McKown of Lakeland, Fla.; five grandchildren; and his dog, Dalton, his final and most cherished companion.

Visitation will be held Wednesday, July 29 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Visitation will continue Thursday, July 30 at the Harrisville United Methodist Church from 10 a.m. until the funeral at 11 a.m. The Rev. Mary Soderholm will officiate. Interment will be in Westlawn Cemetery, Harrisville.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Alcona County Fair, Harrisville United Methodist Church or the Harrisville Lions Club.

 **Carroll I. Lunn**

Carroll Irvine Lunn, 84, of Barton City died on Sunday, July 5, 2015 in Fairview, Mich.

He was born May 22, 1931 to Irvine E. and Verna B. (Hawksley) Lunn in Blaine, Maine.

On January 25, 1956 he married Beulah Ann Wilson in Portland, Maine.

He served in the U.S. Army with the 11th Engineers from September 1950 to September 1953.

He was self employed in construction while living in Ferndale, Mich. In 1993 he retired and moved to Barton City. He was a member of the Barton City VFW Post No. 8135.

Mr. Lunn is survived by his wife, Beulah, of Barton City; one son, Keith M. (Nancy) Lunn of Fairview, Mich.; one daughter, Kath-leen M. Vinson of Waldroff, Md.; eight grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one brother, Graydon Lunn of New Brunswick, Canada; two sisters, Hilda Demurchant and Shirley Bell, both of New Brunswick, Canada; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Lanore Ann Boggs; one brother, Vaughn Lunn; and one son-in-law, Charles Vinson.

Cremation has taken place. A military memorial service will be held on Saturday, Aug. 8 at 1 p.m. at the Barton City VFW Post No. 8135.

Arrangements were handled by Lashley Funeral Home, Mio, Mich.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	July 19	85		62	0.00	2.7
July 20	87	61	0.02	3.6	30	SW
July 21	80	57	0.01	2.1	17	NNE
July 22	76	54	0.00	2.5	16	E
July 23	74	52	0.00	1.9	7	E
July 24	80	59	0.00	2.4	10	E
July 25	81	63	0.00	1.6	12	SE

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2015			
	2015	2014	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.03	0.00	0.76
July to Date	1.76	1.71	2.51
Year to Date	12.37	14.52	15.20

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, JULY 29

There will be live farm animals at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street at 1:30 p.m. Stop in and learn how to be a hero and protect our planet. For more information about this free program, call (989) 724-6796.

Enjoy live music on the edge of Lake Huron with the annual summer concert series at the Harrisville Harbor Pavilion. A performance by Flipside will begin at 7 p.m. Seating is on the lawn. For your comfort, bring chairs or blankets. Donations will be accepted. For more information, contact the City of Harrisville at (989) 724-6666.

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

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

THURSDAY, JULY 30

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.

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.

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

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

A free introductory archery

program with Colleen Higgins will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Harrisville State Park. The program includes a brief history of archery, safety procedures and hands-on target shooting. Program may be cancelled due to rain or other severe weather. A Recreation Passport is required for entry into the state park. For more information, call (989) 724-5126.

FRIDAY, JULY 31

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

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

There will be an end of summer reading party and prize drawing for children and teens from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

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

The annual Boat Parade of Lights will begin at dusk on Brownlee Lake in Lincoln. Entertainment includes the judging of the best decorated boat and music provided by Prestige Productions. Members of the Brownlee Lake Association and non-members are invited to enter, all suitable boats are welcome. Places to park and watch are at the boat launch, beach, parkway on north Sleeper Drive and the roads around the lake. Contact Sandy Lawford at (520) 909-9372 for details. This event is sponsored by the Brownlee Lake Association.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

The 47th annual Greenbush Fire Department chicken barbecue will be held at the township hall on Campbell Street starting at noon. Rain or shine, indoor and outdoor seating. Cost is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children.

A euchre tournament will be held at the Barton City Eagles. Admission is \$10 and includes lunch. Lunch from noon to 2 p.m., games start at 2 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

MONDAY, AUGUST 3

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.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 4

Kid's Day! Make a bear claw necklace to take home. Registration is required and space is limited. This event

will be held at 1 p.m. at Lumberman's Monument, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

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

Sing a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

Region 14A MEA Retired will meet at 11 a.m. at the Fresh Palate conference room (downstairs) in the Center Building, 109 North Second Avenue, Alpena. Guest speaker will be Len Graham, MEA Financial Services. For more information, call (989) 356-4551 or (800) 587-5545.

The Harrisville Lady Lions will meet for a potluck picnic at 5:30 p.m. at the United Methodist Church on US-23 north of Harrisville. Bring a dish to pass. Reserve a place by calling Ann Marie at (989) 724-5143 or e-mail upnorth-annie@charter.net.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 5

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

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The Alcona Boys Basketball Team would like to give a special thank you to the businesses who donated bottles and cans in order to offset the cost of sending players to Central Michigan Basketball Camp in June. Hart Tire, Coach Craft, Lincoln Outdoor Center, Shotmakers Sports Bar and Grill, John's Home Maintenance, Lincoln Precision, Alcona Tool, and Alcona Motors. A special thank you to any and all community members who also donated.

The Alcona Robotics Team (Team 5525) would like to give a special thanks to Kalitta Air, Omni Metal Craft, Northern Precision, Frank and Nancy Laurette, Havercroft Tool and Die, Industrial Image Inc., Lincoln Hardware, and Canute Custodial for making the Alcona Tool Cats' first season possible. We hope to see you again next year for another season of FIRST Robotics at Alcona Community High School.

Correction

The paraphrased explanation of how a July 2 farm accident in Harrisville Township occurred was incorrectly stated in the July 22 issue. It should have said: "Sgt. Keith Myers explained that Szymanski tried to push on the top of the auger in an apparent attempt to assist with the drilling and his pant leg became entangled which pulled him into the mechanism." The Review apologizes for this error and any inconveniences it may have caused.

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be open Saturday, Aug. 1 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the Alcona County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) in Lincoln. Available this week: Sweet and hot peppers, potatoes, summer squash, kale, beans, cucumbers, dill, garlic, green onions, raspberries, tomatoes, beets, beet greens, cucumbers, lettuce, arugula, Swiss chard, fresh herbs, radishes, eggs, dressed chickens, all cuts of grass-fed and grain-fed beef, brats, specialty coffees, teas, honey, maple syrup, jam, assorted baked goods, perennials, cut flowers, handmade soaps, homemade laundry detergent, laundry sachets, pot-holder rugs, Adirondack chairs, bookshelves, benches, wooden items, cat toys, pottery, wind dancers, greeting cards, original artwork prints, and more. Vendors accept bridge cards and Project Fresh coupons. They also offer Double Up Food Bucks on qualifying purchases. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Art Classes

Older teenagers and adults are invited to participate in two art classes held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Local artist Judy St. John will present "Nature Print Greeting Cards" on Monday, Aug. 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. All materials included and light lunch are provided for \$3 per person. Tawas artist Jolene Gruseki will present "Beginning Calligraphy" on Monday, Aug. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. All materials, including pens, and light refreshments are provided for \$3 per person. These programs are

supported by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs. To register, or for more information, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the Web at www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

Drop in Crafts

Kids of all ages are invited to participate in Drop In Crafts on Tuesday, Aug. 4 from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Mikado branch of the Alcona County Library. All materials are provided, no registration is required. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information, or visit the Web at www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

Birds of Prey

Local falconer Jennifer Schroeder will present "Raptors of the World" with an exhibit of hawks, falcons and owls on Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Those attending will learn about adaptations, behaviors, habitats and conservation while getting up close and personal with live birds of prey. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information, or visit the Web at www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us.

Senior Menu

- The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.
- Monday, August 3— Sweet and sour chicken, brown rice, three bean salad and diced pears.
 - Tuesday, August 4— Roasted pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and applesauce.
 - Wednesday, August 5— Fish almondine, buttered rotini, peas and raspberry applesauce Jell-O.
 - Thursday, August 6— Taco salad, baby carrots and dip, and mandarin oranges.
 - Friday, August 7— Lemon pepper chicken, rice pilaf, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, and mixed fruit.
- (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

Healthiest Credit Unions

Northland Area Federal Credit Union was recently named one of the Top 200 Healthiest Credit Unions by independent comparison website depositaccounts.com. Northland achieved an A+ Health Rating and ranked No. 112 out of approximately 6,500 credit unions nationwide; No. 7 in the state of Michigan. "We're pleased with the A+ Health Rating," said Northland board chairman Mike Palumbo, "This confirms we're continuing the legacy our founding members began back in the 1950s. When

people entrust Northland with their finances, we take on a humbling responsibility. We need to earn our place as their most trusted financial partner, and every day that's exactly what we strive to do."

According to the website, depositaccounts.com provides extensive financial and product information on approximately 14,000 banks and credit unions. The site uses a proprietary formula based on NCUA and FDIC data to rank financial institutions. Financial health ratings are determined for each institution's deposit growth, capitalization and Texas ratio trend. (Available capital compared to at-risk loans.) Based on this data, each institution earns an overall financial health grade.

Rock & Roll Presentation

The public is invited to hear Dr. Gary Johnson, coordinator of the Michigan Rock and Roll Legends Hall of Fame, present on the impact of Michigan recording artists on the music industry as a whole on Thursday, Aug. 13 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the Tawas Bay Beach Resort. The people who came to Michigan because of the auto plants and related industries brought a variety of musical styles including blues, country, gospel, folk and Latin. These were blended into R&B, jazz and pop to make a cross-cultural stew that evolved into the very distinct style of Rock and Roll found in Michigan. This is a free, public presentation about Michigan Rock and Roll legends such as Bill Haley and the Comets, Aretha Franklin, Del Shannon, Jackie Wilson and Madonna, who are used to illustrate the various genres of Michigan music.

This event will be the kick-off of the Fall Programs for Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning (SSLL) and all participants will receive the Fall Program Guide with explanations of the SSLL programs. For more information, see sunriseside@ioscoresa.net.

Foster Grandparent Program

NEMCSA's Foster Grandparent Volunteer Program has openings available for income eligible seniors over the age of 55 who are willing to help students in schools, Head Start centers and other supervised classrooms for the 2015-2016 school year. Benefits of enrolling as a foster grandparent volunteer include a non-taxable stipend of \$2.65 per hour for an average of 20 hours per week, mileage reimbursement on days of service and in-service trainings with lunch included. An orientation meeting for new volunteers will be scheduled soon - so now is the time to call to begin the application process. Anyone interested in joining this group of active senior volunteers, should call Wanda at (989) 358-4639 or (877) 222-9043 for more information.

Join us for Historical Day at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse

Fun for the Whole Family!!


Saturday, August 8th
11 a.m. - 4 p.m.



- Come see the Lighthouse Museum exhibits
- Climb the Tower & visit Bailey School
- **Join in children activities:**
 - Antique Toys - Toy Boat Building - An Old Time Laundry Demonstration
- Chain Saw Carving by Jack Ballor
- Alcona Fire Department Demonstration
- Presentation by Roger Lemons from Harrisville Institute for Cultural Learning
- Antique Tractors with Alcona County Antique Tractor Club
- **Food • Music and Rummage Sale throughout the Day**

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and two deeds from the township for a total of eight acres of land where the hall was located (5023 West Bamfield Road, Glennie) and to the south of the building.

In return Smith was responsible for the disposal of all material removed from the building in accordance with federal, state and county guidelines; provide liability insurance and name the township as an additional insured for \$2 million; clear a wooded area south and east of the site and excavate a barrow pit for disposal of hard materials; removal of top soil, apple and spruce trees and disability ramp; disconnect electric, well and septic and remove electric pole; barricade maple trees for protection and restore the site to a finish grade, matching the existing grades.

The contract stipulated that Smith could bury "inert material" in the barrow pit, wood was to be burned and all other "organics" were to be taken to a licensed disposal site at Smith's expense. Kenyon said the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) inspected the site and demolition material - no asbestos or lead paint was found. "The building was built before that was used in construction," Kenyon said.

Kenyon was appreciative that Smith took on the project. "When I talked to (Smith) I said, 'who will do this?' No one else would. Heroes are the ones that step up. I'm thankful that he stepped up... I found him to be very forthright and has done everything he said he would do."

Now that the hall is no longer, Kenyon and the township board hope the community will begin to look toward the future. "We like to look at



Many memories from community and family events and activities are associated with the Curtis Township Hall at 5023 Bamfield Road. According to Curtis Township Supervisor Darrell Kenyon, a memory board will be put up in honor of the building's significance to the community. *Photo by Kirk Walton.*

this project as the first phase of change," he said. "It has to change - we are bleeding young people. If it wasn't for tourism, we wouldn't have what we do."

He said the township is working on a number of projects aimed at future growth and planning. "We are absolutely tourist dependent. There are 1,145 voting

citizens in Curtis Township," Kenyon said. "There are 6,000 residential structures... If we are going to grow it will be dependent on the growth of tourism in the area."

"There is no knight on a white horse that is going to come in and rescue us. We have to work together to make our future," Kenyon said.

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Jamieson Nursing Home celebrates 50 years in business

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

A long term commitment requires a tremendous amount of dedication through the best of times and the worst of times. The owners of Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville understand that kind of commitment more than most – their business has been caring for people for 50 years.

Sally and Jim “Smitty” Smith are the unassuming owners of the long term care and rehabilitation facility located off of US-23, south of Harrisville. The nursing home is situated on wooded grounds and provides a relaxed atmosphere that encourages residents to be engaged and active.

Alverta Jamieson started the business in 1965, which is when Sally started working there. “This facility was built for the community by Mrs. Jamieson,” Sally said. “We still feel that way. We’ve always felt like we are part of the community. Both Smitty and I were born and raised here and most of our staff lives in this community.”

What began as a job for Sally turned into a career and a lifelong friendship with Alverta, who was also a mentor. Early on, Sally worked in the kitchen, laundry, and helped take care of the patients. “I used to watch the nurses (as they worked) and I thought, ‘I can do that.’” With the encouragement and guidance from Alverta and a loan from the Pearl Henderson Fund, Sally re-



Jim “Smitty” and Sally Smith

ceived licensed practical nurse degree. “Alverta helped me with my studies. She was very old fashioned and very stern, but also very loving,” Sally said.

In 1982 when Alverta decided to retire, Sally and Smitty bought the business from her. “She told me that she’d arrange it so I could buy the business from her – and she did,” Sally said. At the time the nursing home had 31 beds. Over the years

Sally is a licensed administrator through the state of Michigan and is the administrator for the facility and corporation. She also manages the staff and makes sure all of the state regulations are met. Smitty, who likes to work under the radar, is the “maintenance man.”

The Smiths’ goal for residents – whether they are there for a few days or longer – is to feel at home. Jamieson Nursing home specializes in

“They are in the trenches doing the hard work. It’s not an easy job. They are very faithful, caring people. You have to have good employees to do what they do.”

Sally Smith, Administrator-Owner
Jamieson Nursing Home

the Smiths expanded to 51 beds. Today, there are 39 beds – almost all of which have been converted to private. In 1995 a wing with a large day room and chapel was added; and, recently a solarium was added the dining room – all with the goal to make residents comfortable and feel at home.

There are 27 employees that work with the Smiths, who “make us look good,” Sally said. “They are in the trenches doing the hard work. It’s not an easy job. They are very faithful, caring people. You have to have good employees to do what they do.” She explained that several have been working at the nursing home for a long time – Mary Kay Lee, the social director, started in 1987. Several other employees have been working there from 14 to 18 years.

personalized care for each resident with skilled nursing care, and occupational, physical and speech therapy. “Patient care is our number one priority,” Sally said.

Angie Campbell, the activity director, plans in-house social activities – games, parties, crafts, music – which occur on a daily basis. Visitors are always welcome – groups from the school and area churches visit frequently and Rich Holmes and Dale Deller are regular visitors. They play and sing for residents and community members who come for their performance each week.

There have been 1,650 residents at Jamieson Nursing Home during the last 50 years which have provided many good memories. One of their favorite is a wedding between two residents who met while living there.

When asked if they would do it all over again – Sally said, “Absolutely. I can’t leave.” Jim said, “I wish we were younger and we could continue at the pace we used to – the drive is still there to continue to improve, but it’s more difficult at our age.”

Jamieson Nursing Home offers basic and long term care, rehabilitation, Alzheimer’s and dementia care, hospice and respite care with 24-hour professional nursing, a full time chef and dietary manager, home-style meals, full time social and activities personnel and has a chapel for spiritual services. For more information, call (989) 724-6889.



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Financial aid for older adults going back to school

Dear Savvy Senior,
Are there any financial aid resources you can recommend to baby boomers who are interested in going back to school? I've been thinking about taking some classes at a nearby college, and wanted to check into financial aid opportunities first.

Looking For Aid

Dear Looking,
If you know where to look, there's quite a bit of financial assistance out there that can help working baby boomers and retirees go back to school.

Here are some steps to take that can help you find it.

- Fill out the FAFSA form: A good place to start is by filling out the Free Application for Federal Financial Aid (FAFSA). This will help you learn about grants, federal student loans (which are a better option than private student loans), and even work-study jobs.

But, be aware that for most types of federal financial aid you will need to be enrolled at

least half time in a degree or academic program to be eligible. To learn more or to fill out an application online, visit fafsa.gov. Or call (800) 433-3243 and request a paper FAFSA.

- Search for scholarships: While most scholarships are aimed at traditional undergraduates, there are a number of national and local scholarships offered specifically to older, non-traditional students. To find them try fastweb.com and scholarships.com. Both sites will prompt you to enter your birth date to find ones that are age appropriate.

- Contact financial aid office: Call the financial aid office at the college or university that you plan to attend to see if they offer any other financial aid options you may be eligible for. Also, find out if they offer any special tuition waivers or discounts for students over age 50. Many community colleges and some four-year colleges offer discounted tuition rates, and

many allow older students to audit courses for free.

- Seek a tax break: Uncle Sam may also be able to help you with a tax credit, like the annual \$2,500 American Opportunity Tax Credit, or the Lifetime Learning Tax Credit, which is worth up to \$2,000 per year. Or, if you're not eligible for the tax credits, the government also provides tuition and fees deductions for students that can cover up to \$4,000 in expenses.

- To learn more, visit the IRS's Tax Benefits for Education Information Center at irs.gov - type in "tax benefits for education" in the search bar to find it. Or call (800) 829-3676 and request a copy of IRS Publication 970: Tax Benefits for Education (irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p970.pdf).

- Open a 529 account: If you don't plan to go back to school right away, you should consider opening up a 529 college-savings plan for yourself (see savingforcollege.com).



Savvy Senior

com). Available in every state, 529s allow you to save money for college tax-free. And in many states you can even deduct part or all of your contribution on your state tax return.

- Sign up for a free or low cost MOOC: That's the acronym for the popular "Massively Open Online Courses," which offers thousands of certificate and no-certificate courses by the best universities around the world. MOOCs offer free or cheap ways to learn from their instructors anytime, anywhere. See mooc-list.com to search for courses.

- Consider lifelong learn-

ing: If you're interested in taking classes just for fun, consider Lifelong Learning Institutes (LLIs). These are noncredit educational programs designed for retirees that involve no tests or grades, just learning for the pure joy of it.

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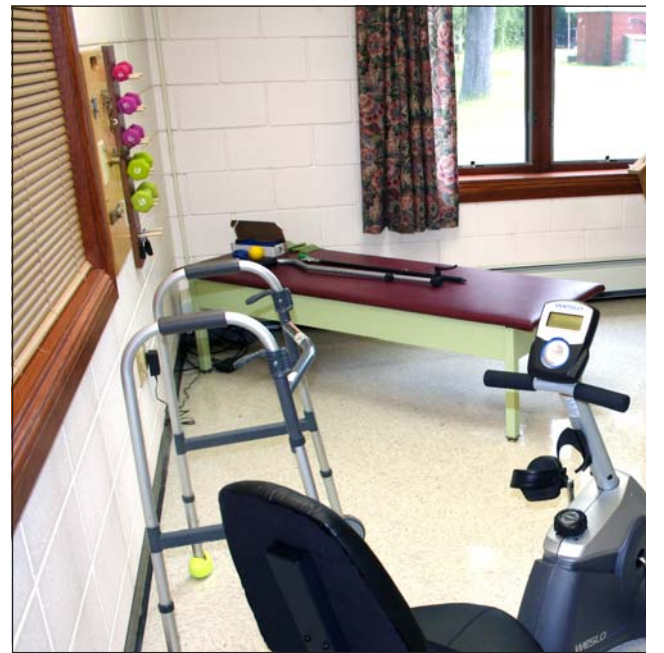
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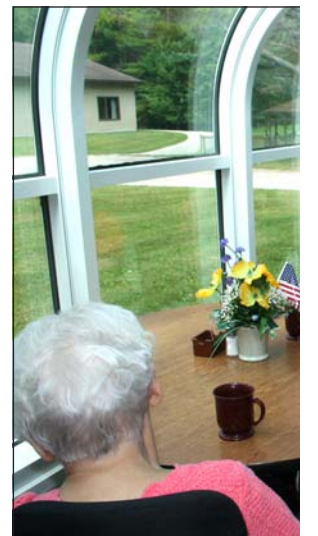
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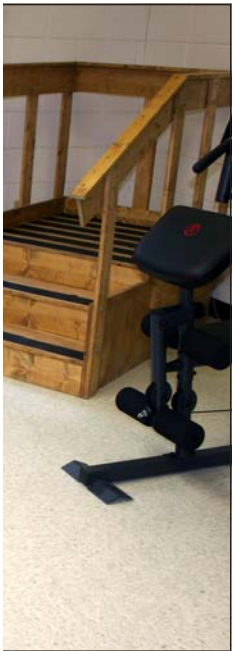
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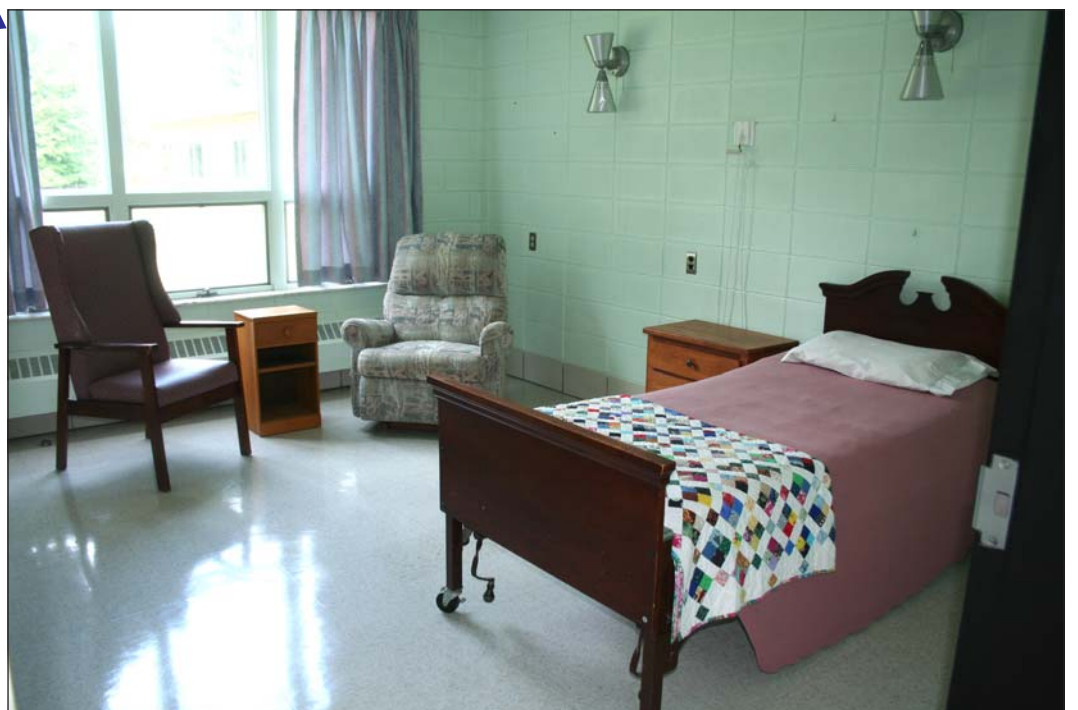


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Farmers market season finds carrots available July-October

July is a great month to find carrots in the market. Michigan produces the second most diverse crop of agricultural products in the nation, including a plentiful supply of fruits and vegetables. Some recommended carrot varieties include baby, chantenay, danvers, imperator, nantes, novelty, round and small

Storage and food safety are

important aspects to note when purchasing fresh vegetables. Check to make sure that the carrots are not damaged. Always wash your hands before and after handling fresh vegetables and remember to wash vegetables thoroughly under cool running water without soap.

Using a vegetable brush and running water, remove all soil from carrots. Peel if

desired. You can store carrots with the green tops trimmed, and they will keep for several weeks in crisper of refrigerator at 41 °F or lower in perforated plastic bags.

Always keep fresh fruits and vegetables away from raw meat and meat juices to prevent cross contamination. To preserve carrots for later use follow these guidelines.

Freezing: Select young, tender, coreless, medium-length carrots. Remove tops, wash and peel. Leave small carrots whole. Cut others into thin slices, 1/4-inch cubes or lengthwise strips. Water blanch small whole carrots for five minutes, diced or sliced for two minutes and lengthwise strips for two minutes. Cool promptly, drain and package, leaving 1/2-

inch headspace. Seal and freeze.

Water blanching: Use one gallon of water per pound of prepared vegetables. Put vegetables in blanching basket or colander and lower into boiling water. Place lid on blancher. Return water to boil and start counting blanching time as soon as water returns to a boil.

Canning: Pressure canning is the only safe method for canning carrots. Select small carrots, preferably 1 to 1 1/4 inches in diameter. Larger carrots are often too tough. Wash, peel and re-wash carrots. Slice or dice.

Hot pack method: Cover with boiling water; bring to boil and simmer for five minutes. Fill jars, leaving one inch of headspace. Add 1/2 teaspoon salt to pints and 1 teaspoon to quarts, if desired. Fill jars to one inch from top with boiling water. Remove air bubbles. Wipe jar rims. Adjust two-piece lid, tighten, and process.

Raw pack method: Fill jars tightly with raw carrots, leaving one-inch headspace. Add 1 teaspoon of salt per quart, if desired. Add hot cooking liquid or water, leaving one-inch headspace. Adjust two-piece lids, tighten, and process.

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Lincoln at 9:30 a.m. (101 E. Main St)
Harrisville at 11:15 a.m. (217 N. State St.)

All sanctuaries are wheelchair accessible and all sites offer Sunday School for children during the worship hour.

Rev. Mary Soderholm (989) 724-3033 (h)

Come as you are - everyone is welcome!

Savvy

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tions that support and facilitate them - Osher (osher.net) and Road Scholar (road-scholar.org/ein/intro.asp). Together they support around 500 LLI programs nationwide.

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

top ten
TOXIC FOODS FOR
DOGS

1. Avocado
2. Alcohol
3. Onions, garlic
4. Caffeine
5. Grapes, raisins
6. Milk, dairy
7. Macadamia nuts
8. Xylitol
9. Chocolate
10. Meat fat, bones

Source: WebMD

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Calendar of Events



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identification is required. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

Enjoy live music on the edge of Lake Huron with the annual summer concert series at the Harrisville Harbor Pavilion. A performance by the Donny Hartman Band will begin at 7 p.m. Seating is on the lawn. For your comfort, bring chairs or blankets. Donations will be accepted. For more information, contact the City of Harrisville at (989) 724-6666.

Sing a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Senior Center, 5039 Campbell Road. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

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

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Cannon in Alpena. 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 (989) 335-3541.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 6

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

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 info., call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

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.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 7

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

The Iosco County Firefighters Annual Summertime Music Concert will be held at 7 p.m. at Tawas Area High School. Headlining the show is music legend Billy Joe Royal. Tickets are \$18 in advance or \$23 at the door. A special family ticket is only \$45. For more info., call (800) 205-7174 or (989) 362-2924.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 8
Historical Day at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse is a family event complete with displays, children's activities, special entertainment and the opportunity to climb the tower from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to celebrate the history of this nautical landmark and Alcona County history. Food and beverages will be available. Call Joan Crick at (989) 724-6546 for details.

The Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). Proof of residency required.

Recycle Alcona County will

hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077 or (989) 724-6546.

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

An off-road-vehicle (ORV) safety class will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Robert J. Parks Library in Oscoda. The class is open to

all youth under the age of 16. Any youth under the age of 11 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The class is free. Space and class materials are limited, registration required. Call David Hanson at (989) 739-4711.

Hubbard Lake Sportsman and Improvement Association's annual pork roast fundraiser will be held at the Hubbard Lake Lions Park at 5 p.m. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$5 for youth age 12 and under or \$25 for a family of four.



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Alcona Review Weather Report

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Few Showers
High: 83 Low: 63

THURSDAY
Sunny
High: 81 Low: 63

FRIDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 82 Low: 61

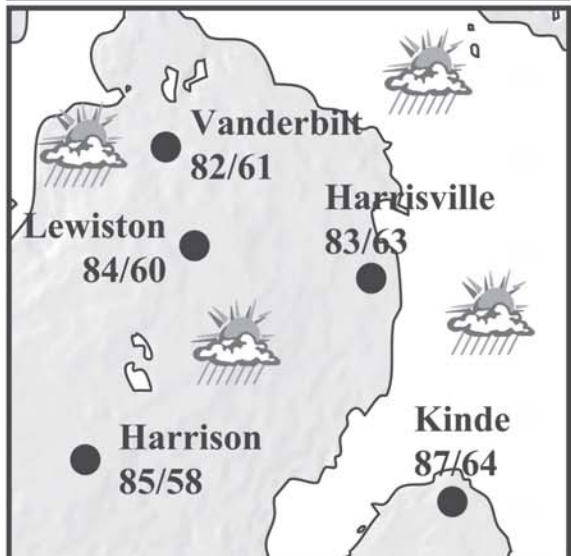
SATURDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 79 Low: 58

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 78 Low: 59

MONDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 76 Low: 54

TUESDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 79 Low: 55

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

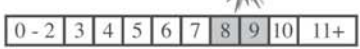
Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 50% chance of showers, high temperature of 83°, humidity of 58%. South wind 5 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 97° set in 1988. Expect partly cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of showers, overnight low of 63°. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is 41° set in 1965.

***Last Week's Almanac**

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	89	59	80/55	0.08"
Tuesday	79	57	80/55	0.00"
Wednesday	80	53	80/55	0.00"
Thursday	81	47	80/55	0.00"
Friday	88	55	79/55	0.00"
Saturday	87	62	79/55	0.00"
Sunday	91	55	79/55	0.00"


*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local UV Index



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

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see mostly clear skies today, isolated thunderstorms Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 95° in Hartford, Conn. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies with scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 99° in Muscle Shoals, Ala. The Northwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 106° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 112° in Needles, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:45 a.m.	9:30 p.m.
Venus	8:38 a.m.	9:37 p.m.
Mars	5:07 a.m.	8:26 p.m.
Jupiter	8:08 a.m.	10:00 p.m.
Saturn	4:01 p.m.	1:42 a.m.
Uranus	11:47 p.m.	12:55 p.m.

Weather History

July 29, 1905 - Heavy rain in southwestern Connecticut caused a dam to break, and the resulting flood caused a quarter of a million dollars in damage at Bridgeport. As much as 11 inches of rain fell prior to the flood.

Weather Trivia

What is the frequency of U.S. tornadoes?

?

Answer: 3 out of every 4 tornadoes in the world occur in the U.S.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Blue, Blue Moon

★ An unusual full moon occurs this coming Friday, July 31. If you watch Luna rise about the time of sundown, besides noticing its larger size called the moon illusion, it will also be blue. Yes, this Friday is the blue moon, but don't expect it to have a bluish tint or pine away at some unrequited love. It is just a synonym for the second full moon occurring during the course of a month, but it does fit the older "once in a blue moon" phrase because such moons are relatively rare. The first time I wrote about the blue moon (January 1999), I was in for a real shock. I had been using the standard astronomical definition for over a decade, but when I went to check the meaning in one of my 60 single subject books on the moon in my personal library, only one text referenced a "blue moon," and that was when the moon actually appeared blue as it rose through ultra fine dust after a volcanic eruption in Indonesia. I was in a panic. There was a deadline to meet, I had a really great idea, and I had no way to prove it valid. Coincidentally, the same conundrum was occurring with the editors of Sky and Telescope, but they managed to solve the problem which the magazine incidentally had created. The 1937 edition of the Maine Farmer's Almanac was the source, and it referred to the blue moon as the third full moon in a three month cycle of four full moons. Each month's full moon had a seasonal biblical association, so when four full moons occurred in the space of three months, their calendar went out of sync. The third full moon in that series became known as the blue moon to keep the cycle in step with the year. The present-day usage occurred in a 1946 S&T article and then in a 1980 Public Radio broadcast. By 1988 the new blue moon definition was firmly fixed in the lexicon. Ask Siri, as I prompted Charbel Abi-Zeid, one of my tech-friendly astronomy students, to do on his iPhone. To my surprise, she nailed both the old and new definitions. Got to love technology... Happy Blue Moon!

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** Drake Passage is directly south of which continent?
2. **U.S. CITIES:** Independence Hall is located in which city?
3. **LANGUAGE:** What is a shaggy dog story?
4. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the novel "Lady Chatterley's Lover"?
5. **MUSIC:** Who composed "Clair de Lune"?
6. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** When did Franklin Roosevelt contract polio?
7. **PSYCHOLOGY:** What fear is represented in the condition called "iophobia"?
8. **TELEVISION:** Who voices the character of Mr. Burns on "The Simpsons"?
9. **HISTORY:** When did the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising begin?
10. **ENTERTAINMENT:** Which entertainer's nickname was "Satchmo," short for "Satchel Mouth"?

Answers: 1. South America; 2. Philadelphia; 3. A long-winded and often pointless anecdote; 4. D.H. Lawrence; 5. Debussy; 6. 1921; 7. A fear of poison; 8. Harry Shearer; 9. 1943; 10. Trumpeter and singer Louis Armstrong. (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword "AM I BLUE?"

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Freeway exit structure</p> <p>8 Seasoned veteran</p> <p>14 Spirits</p> <p>20 More vicious</p> <p>21 Meryl of film</p> <p>22 Lapse, as a subscription</p> <p>23 Thesaurus on one's desk, say</p> <p>25 Underwrite</p> <p>26 "Lean —" (1989 hit)</p> <p>27 Jeff Lynne's band, briefly</p> <p>28 Skirt relative</p> <p>30 Filmmaker Burton</p> <p>31 "Birds — feather ..."</p> <p>33 Acquire a winter coat?</p> <p>37 Pizza Hut alternative</p> <p>39 Item on many a dressing table</p> <p>43 Daze</p> <p>44 Tito of mambo</p> <p>45 Hotel Bible name</p> <p>48 Jamaican sectarian</p> <p>52 Actress lone</p> <p>53 They spin in PCs</p> | <p>56 Rapacious mitts</p> <p>59 For little cost</p> <p>63 Have the gumption</p> <p>64 Greek consonants</p> <p>65 Irritate</p> <p>69 American hwy. number lead-in</p> <p>71 Pacify</p> <p>73 Worked over</p> <p>74 Eight of their names are featured in this puzzle</p> <p>76 Pub pastime</p> <p>77 Wage makers</p> <p>79 Abstract sculpture with no moving parts</p> <p>80 "Amo, amas, I love —"</p> <p>81 Ovid's 107</p> <p>82 Ovid's "Lo!"</p> <p>84 Madames of Madrid</p> <p>86 Pretty large portion</p> <p>89 Letters on a PC key</p> <p>90 Be beside</p> <p>94 Lauder of perfumery</p> <p>95 Volcano WSW of Tokyo</p> <p>99 Put in a box</p> <p>101 Not punctual</p> | <p>102 Pasta-can man</p> <p>107 Revolver in a pantry</p> <p>112 Made into an alloy</p> <p>113 Yokohama drama</p> <p>114 "Cantorial" writer Levin</p> <p>115 Counterpart to digital</p> <p>117 Rx writers</p> <p>119 Rocket org.</p> <p>122 Kind of tuna</p> <p>124 Eric Carle kids' book, with "The"</p> <p>129 One skilled with a sickle</p> <p>130 Actress Bynes</p> <p>131 5,280 feet</p> <p>132 "I do" locales</p> <p>133 Hold high</p> <p>134 Old West sheriff's badge</p> | <p>6 Nothing more than</p> <p>7 Tourney starter</p> <p>8 Sugar suffix</p> <p>9 Bit of mail: Abbr.</p> <p>10 "Dr." who raps</p> <p>11 Composes</p> <p>12 Summary</p> <p>13 "Orfeo," e.g.</p> <p>14 Give a smile</p> <p>15 Cause for a mistrial</p> <p>16 Clip — (some ties)</p> <p>17 WSW part</p> <p>18 City of Italy</p> <p>19 Blossom supporters</p> <p>24 Converging points</p> <p>29 Covert —</p> <p>32 J.D. holder</p> <p>34 Work unit</p> <p>35 Spoon-bending</p> <p>36 Like two peas in a —</p> <p>38 How some court cases are won</p> <p>39 #2 execs</p> <p>40 Razor-billed bird</p> <p>41 "So gross!"</p> <p>42 Rule: Abbr.</p> <p>46 Have meals delivered</p> | <p>47 Teacher's gp.</p> <p>49 Large desert</p> <p>50 Coils</p> <p>51 Weigh</p> <p>54 "Sprechen Sie —?"</p> <p>55 Merit badge holder</p> <p>57 They clear the boards</p> <p>58 Opp. of withdrawal</p> <p>59 Surrender</p> <p>60 Gift</p> <p>61 All at sea</p> <p>62 Native Arizonans</p> <p>65 Nativity scene</p> <p>66 Throws with force</p> <p>67 Not moored</p> <p>68 So as to be countable</p> <p>70 Pipette, e.g.</p> <p>72 Hi-tech appt. books</p> <p>75 Arctic mass</p> <p>78 — room (play area)</p> <p>83 Summa — laude</p> <p>85 — -deucy</p> <p>87 Always-agreeing sort</p> <p>88 "Original or crispy" chain</p> <p>90 "MoMA" and "OPEC," e.g.</p> <p>91 Vice</p> | <p>92 Profit from</p> <p>93 Driving peg</p> <p>96 300-3,000 MHz range</p> <p>97 — d'esprit (witty bit)</p> <p>98 Stipulations</p> <p>100 Bread eaten with vindaloo</p> <p>102 Some piano fixers</p> <p>103 That, in Peru</p> <p>105 "— guest!"</p> <p>106 Nonstandard stock buy</p> <p>107 Fall zodiac sign</p> <p>108 Sprite in "The Tempest"</p> <p>109 Big name in restaurant guides</p> <p>110 Pond slime</p> <p>111 Averages</p> <p>116 Faun, in part</p> <p>118 — -Flush (bathroom brand)</p> <p>120 1973 Toni Morrison novel</p> <p>121 Ripening agent</p> <p>123 Ecol. monitor</p> <p>125 "A," in Arles</p> <p>126 B-F link</p> <p>127 Easter fare</p> <p>128 Vixen's lair</p> |
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Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Aug. 10, 1776, news reaches London that the Americans have drafted the Declaration of Independence. Parliament was unwilling to negotiate with the American rebels and hired Hessians, German mercenaries, to help the British army crush the rebellion.
 - On Aug. 13, 1903, engineer Felix Wankel, inventor of a rotary engine, is born in Lahr, Germany. Wankel reportedly came up with the basic idea for a new type of internal combustion gasoline engine when he was only 17 years old.
 - On Aug. 15, 1914, the American-built Panama Canal, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific oceans, is inaugurated with the passage of the U.S. vessel Ancon, a cargo and passenger ship. Engineers moved nearly 240 million cubic yards of earth in constructing the 40-mile-long canal.
 - On Aug. 11, 1934, the first group of federal prisoners classified as "most dangerous" arrives at Alcatraz Island, a 22-acre rocky outcrop in San Francisco Bay. The convicts joined military prisoners left over from the island's days as a U.S. military prison.
 - On Aug. 12, 1973, golfer Jack Nicklaus wins the PGA Championship for his 14th major title, surpassing Bobby Jones' 43-year-old record.
 - On Aug. 16, 1984, John DeLorean, founder of the DeLorean Motor Company, is found not guilty due to entrapment after being charged with smuggling drugs in an effort to raise money for his struggling automobile company.
 - On Aug. 14, 1994, Illich Ramirez Sanchez, the terrorist known as Carlos the Jackal, is captured in Sudan by French intelligence agents. In 1975, Sanchez and his men took 70 OPEC officials hostage at a Vienna conference, escaping with up to \$50 million in ransom after killing three hostages.
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- The average resident of North America consumes about 600 sodas every year.
 - Another good reason to recycle: The energy saved by recycling one glass jar is enough to watch TV for three hours.
 - There are many laws that have been passed during our nation's history that make you think that some of our legislators have a bit too much time on their hands. For example, in Alaska it is illegal to look at a moose from an airplane; an Illinois law states that a car must be driven with the steering wheel; in West Virginia, you can be imprisoned for cooking sauerkraut or cabbage, due to the offensive odor; and a California law of 1925 made it illegal to wiggle while dancing.
 - The same man who discovered the planet Uranus also invented contact lenses.
 - A giraffe can use its tongue to clean its ears -- not too difficult a task, I suppose, if your tongue is 21 inches long.
 - Everyone has seen bonsai -- those tiny trees that are pruned into aesthetically pleasing shapes. Many people don't realize, though, that even trees that grow to be giants of the plant world, such as redwoods and giant sequoias, can be used to create these miniatures.
 - The United States once issued a bill of currency that was worth 5 cents.
 - The name of the popular Japanese dish teriyaki literally means "shiny and broiled."
 - There is only one bird that can swim but not fly: the penguin, of course.
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Thought for the Day: "A man has made great progress in cunning when he does not seem too clever to others." -- La Bruyere

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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: J equals O

HSAVD Z AJJL AKV BDZXN

IZTIVD BJLZV JFA JS AKV

SDZEIV, PJFYE CJF XHC ZA PHX

H BJYE XTHN?

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Veterans Host

By Freddy Groves

VA could suspend choice referrals

In letters to Congress, the Department of Veterans Affairs has asked that \$3 billion be diverted to other areas in the VA's Care in the Community program. That money (originally \$10 billion spread out over three years) was specifically earmarked for Choice, which allows veterans who live more than 40 miles from a VA medical center to seek referrals to civilian care close to home.

If the \$3 billion isn't forthcoming, says the VA, it might need start closing VA facilities in August and shut down community-care referrals until October. It blames, in part, the cost of treatment for hepatitis C. Shots for that can run to \$1,000 each, and many are needed over the course of treatment.

Inquiring minds want to know: Is there suddenly a massive outbreak of hepatitis among veterans? Did this

happen overnight? Because if it didn't, the VA is using the expense of treating it as an excuse for needing an infusion of cash to keep operating. If hepatitis C is truly a growing problem, someone at the VA should have noticed the pattern before it reached this critical level.

At this writing, Congress is hesitant to give permission to use that money in other ways, especially given the VA's other problems.

Meanwhile, a leaked statistical document from a former whistle blower shows that of 847,822 veterans who've applied for VA care over the years, as many as 238,657 passed away before getting it. Exactly when they died, however, isn't known, as the VA says it has no way of deleting names. It accepts only certain forms of proof of death, and the ones you'd expect (Social Security notification, for example) aren't accepted.

Meanwhile, the new VA facility being built in Denver is \$1 billion over budget.

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Super Crossword

Answers

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CryptoQuip

answer

After I took the crisp ginger cookie out of the fridge, would you say it was a cold snap?

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
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That part of Parcel 1 of Control Section 01012, M-65 highway right-of-way lying within the NW1/4 NE1/4 of Section 2 (2.19 acres, more or less) and

Parcel 27 of Control Section 01012, M-65 highway right-of-way lying within the NE1/4 NW1/4 of Section 2 (2.67 acres, more or less) and

Parcel C-20 of Control Section 01012, M-65 highway right-of-way lying within the SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 3 (1.94 acres, more or less) and

That part of Parcel C-22 of Control Section 01012, M-65 highway right-of-way lying within the SE1/4 SW1/4 of Section 3 (4.38 acres, more or less) and

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circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on August 19, 2015. Said premises are located in the township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 77 of Rainbow Crest Subdivision Number 3, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 81 and 82, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: July 22, 2015
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A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held July 22 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve minutes of the July 8, 2015, meeting; approve payment of open accounts in the amount of \$183,008.60; approve a road improvement agreement with Haynes Township; cancel the August 12 meeting. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Complete minutes are available upon request via e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly-scheduled meeting is August 26 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

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Agenda: Add E under pending business FOIA. Motion P. Dailey/ Abraham: To approve the agenda as amended. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried. Motion Olin/ P. Dailey: To approve the minutes as written. Motion carried. Public comments: Property owner on Wissmiller asked for dust control to be done, had been in previously. Property owner came in to ask about the siren that goes off daily; can it please go off less? Motion Olin/P. Dailey: To approve the siren to be set off only the first Saturday of each month at 12 p.m. for 30 seconds. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried. Joseph Lukaszewicz talked about a four year institution that he is trying to bring to northern Michigan.

Financial report: Treasurer P. Dailey - General fund \$90,722.65; road fund \$168,026.44; fire fund \$92,781.28; Prince Drive \$31,056.89; Kowalski Memorial Fund \$481.43. Motion Olin/ D. Dailey: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Roll call vote, ally ayes. Motion carried.

Presentation of bills: Clerk D. Dailey - payroll check numbers 16084-16107, \$7,976.78; general bills check numbers 16078-16120 and E3 - E4 \$26,026.6. Motion Olin/P. Dailey: To approve the bills as presented. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous reports: OWAA no report. Constable, no report. Brummund, county commissioner - Mikado days went well. The Knife and Gun Show on June 20 had 20 plus vendors. Sportsman Show is set for September 12 at the ARA site at the Campbell Building. Selling Saturdays at Harbortown Marketplace. New boiler in the law enforcement complex. Training complete for EMD. Fair is August 18-22; free rides on Wednesday, Aug. 19. Greenbush Fire Department barbecue is August 2; Forgotten Eagles will be riding through August 6 in Greenbush at 12:15-12:20 p.m. Fire chief Franks: One fire, seven

first responder calls. August 2 is the barbecue.

Zoning administrator - no report. Hall rental - no report. Assessor Schwickert - July board of review is on July 22 at 9 a.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. State tax commission released its audits. Alcona County will be back in rotation in 2018. GRAC: Olin - One future reservation for the park; need more members.

Planning commission: Swanson - NEMCOG meeting with Rick has covered the first three chapters in the master plan; all residents welcome to next meeting a PowerPoint presentation of the history of Greenbush will be shown on August 6, first Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

Road commission: No report. CLIB: Report given by Carolyn Brummund - bills paid; trying to move out beavers; two treatments done for vegetation. Correspondence: Supervisor Roddy - Harrisville Arts Council has invited the township to be in the parade on Sunday, Sept. 6. Clerk D. Dailey - Spencer Park trail way from Alcona Quilt Trail Project; discussion. Motion Olin/P. Dailey: To resign the contract for another five year term. Roll call vote, all ayes. Motion carried.

Miscellaneous: None. Pending business: Update on IRS situation -- still moving forward, no change. Road commission discussion - clerk D. Dailey will see him first thing in the a.m. Civil infraction discussion - Rick Duvall pointed out Section 9.6 under Violations B and it was read. The township of Greenbush will be able to warn residents once. Then, if not fixed a fine of up to \$500 can be written and daily can be revisited. Letter was read from a resident in the Huron Cedar Subdivision about the easements being misused; SA 680 Michigan law covers easements that residents are docking and storing is illegal.

New business: Quilt block extension done. From the floor, none. Motion Abraham/P. Dailey: To adjourn at 8:06 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, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall.

SALES

Garage sale 1018 North Barlow Road, Lincoln, Saturday, August 1; 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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- Flooring should be water sealed and covered with an insulated material. There are many products on the market, but consider laying padding before carpet or in-floor heating before tiles.
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Love of libraries leads to career in Alcona County

By **Mary Weber**
Staff Writer

Books can open minds and doors to some pretty amazing places. But when Alcona County's newest library director was growing up little did she know her love of visiting her local school library would lead to a career move to northeast Michigan.

Denise Bearre (pronounced bear) was officially handed the title of director of Alcona County Library last month. The Friends of Alcona County Library will welcome her with an open to the public reception this Thursday, July 30 from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch.

Although Bearre took the seat knowing she'd have big shoes to fill after the retirement of long time library director Carol Luck, she did so with optimistic enthusiasm for her new community and for libraries in general.

She also came with an enormous amount of experience in the field. She was a librarian for the Traverse Area District Library in Traverse City, Mich. for 20 years, and worked for 10 years at the Pugsley Correctional Facility in Kingsley, Mich., and, most recently, worked for almost two years at the Inkster Public Library in Inkster, Mich.

Bearre said she was first exposed to library work as a young girl when her mother kept the local elementary school's library open during the summer. She helped her mom by alphabetizing various card catalogs.

"I was the teenager that rode my bike to the local library and spent many hours reading and researching there," Bearre said.

Bearre's father spent his career in the U.S. Army and, like most families of military personnel, they moved around a lot. She spent much of her youth in Michigan and

Master of Library Science program at Wayne State University. It was a great program and I have had an interesting career that always keeps me on my toes," Bearre said.

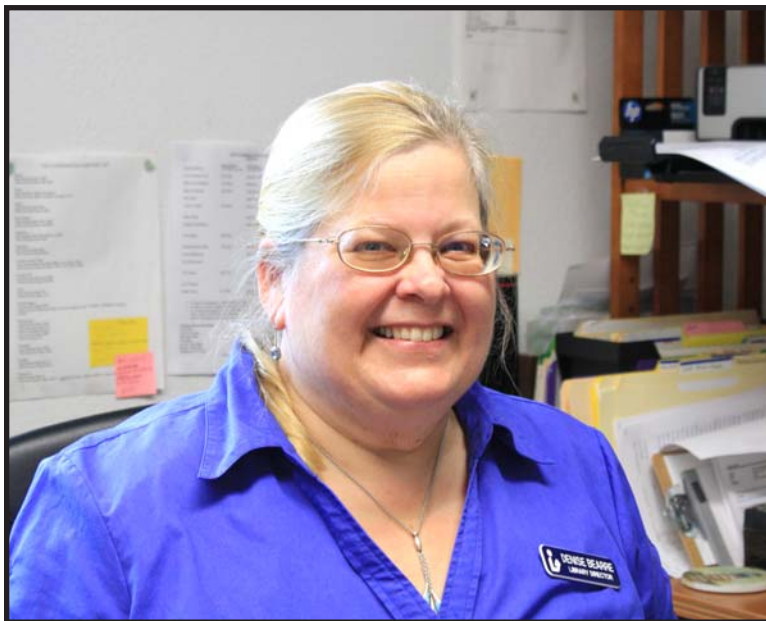
She was very happy about accepting the position with the Alcona County Library; she is pleased with the beautiful facility and the knowl-

things she could streamline clerically. She has a list of goals she wants to achieve in the next few years -- one of which is getting the site plans and funding in place for a new library building in Hubbard Lake.

She explained currently Alcona County library branches are in the midst of changing over to a voice over Internet protocol (VOIP) phone system and making adjustments to its Internet

firewalls. "This will enable the library to keep its users safe on the Internet and provide faster Internet service. The library is currently Wi-Fi accessible at all branches and provides e-books through a service called Overdrive. If funds permit, I'd like to see the library provide music and magazines through similar services," Bearre said. She explained that libraries need

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Denise Bearre is the new director of the Alcona County Library. Photo by Mary Weber.

graduated from Sterling Heights High School. From there she went on to Oakland University and received a bachelor's degree in political science.

With no job in sight, Bearre took a career survey to map a better direction for her future. The survey steered her to either be a librarian or an actuary. "For me librarian was an exciting choice and I soon signed up to be in the

edgeable staff who is helpful and willing to make good suggestions to better library service. Bearre also said she had a good opportunity to work with Luck for a few weeks before she retired to get a better understanding of how the library has functioned and its budget.

She is not planning to make changes in staff or how the library operates in the near future, but does see a few

Broadband survey deadline: August 31

The deadline for submitting surveys regarding the availability of broadband services in Alcona County has been extended to August 31.

The Leadership Alcona committee is pleased with the response from the renewed effort to collect input regarding the availability of broadband services in Alcona County.

However, it was decided to extend the deadline to allow more surveys to be collected.

"Extending the deadline another month will ensure that the quota for responses will be met, or surpassed," said Diana Zeimen, the Leadership Alcona committee member who has been receiving and compiling surveys. "Since the next

round of funding to support efforts to expand broadband Internet services in Alcona County isn't until next year, allowing more time to collect additional data will help build a better business case to potential service providers."

"We don't want to lose our momentum in this effort," Zeimen said. "We are making good progress toward reaching our minimum goal of 1,100 surveys, but it is extremely important that we collect enough information to show the need to expand services. The more surveys we collect, the better chance we have to move this effort forward."

Surveys are available at

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Contestants receive Miss Iosco County titles

Talent, intelligence and poise were the order of the evening during the Miss Iosco pageant last Friday.

After an evening where all three factored into the decision, the reigning Miss Iosco County Ashley Flowers crowned the 2015 Miss Iosco Kaylee LaFave.

LaFave, 20, is the daughter of Darryl and Hope LaFave of Harrisville. She attends Lake Superior State University and sang "My Heart Will Go On" as her talent. LaFave's platform is the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA).

She also won the \$100 Talent Award and Spirit of Iosco award.

First runner-up was Kaylee Bernard, 18, the daughter of Bryon Bernard and Susan Ruckle of Hale. She will attend Central Michigan University in the fall. She performed an alto saxophone solo "Dix Huit Exercice Ou Etudes" for her talent. Her platform is "Enriching Academic Pursuits with Fine Arts." Bernard also won the \$100 scholarship Community Service Award.

There were a total of four young women competing for the Miss Iosco County title. The other contestants were Jessica Chrzanowski, 19, and Emily Flowers, 22, both of Oscoda.

In the competition for the Miss Iosco's Outstanding Teen, Hollie Fort was crowned by Samantha Orchard, last year's title holder.

Fort, 16, is the daughter of Carla and Russ Campbell and Guy and Joe Fort of Oscoda. She is a student at Oscoda High School. She sang "Your Song" and her platform is "Sexism." The first runner-up is Gabrielle Allen, 16, the daughter of Tera Shugart and Aaron Allen of Oscoda. She sang "I Dreamed a Dream" as her talent. Her platform is "Beauty is a State of Mind."

There were four girls competing for the 2015 Miss Iosco's Outstanding Teen. The other contestants were, Sydney Lopez, 13, and Tara Spillar, 16.

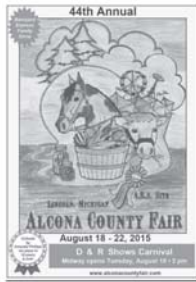


Miss Iosco County contestants Kaylee Bernard, Kaylee LaFave, Jessica Chrzanowski and Emily Flowers following Friday's pageant. Courtesy photo.

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By Katrina Wouters

Columnist

"Luke, I am your father."
 ~ Darth Vader,
"Star Wars IV A New Hope"
"I carried a watermelon?!"
 ~ Baby,
"Dirty Dancing"
"Just keep swimming."
 ~ Dori,
"Finding Nemo"

I was born in the middle of October. A few months before I arrived on the scene my mother and father went to see the first "Star Wars" film.

In her retelling my mother always said that the epic scene where Luke Skywalker and his fellow pilots zoom around in their x-wings with a mission to destroy the Death Star made her so nauseous she had to close her eyes.

Spoiler alert: The Death Star is toast. As the rebel fighters' phasers lit up the screen my mom's belly contorted with kicks. This was the beginning of my love for the summer blockbusters.

As a little girl I remember bicycling past the neon posters in front of our local theater, The Alco, and planning the next three months around film releases. My favorites of all time were the matinee double features. As a pre-teen, I spent a whole day watching two double features of "Groundhogs Day" with Bill Murray and "Joe Versus the Volcano" with Tom Hanks.

As anyone who has ever seen "Groundhog'sDay" will



The Princess Diaries

By Katrina Wouters

tell you, watching it twice is like watching it 17 times. (The main character has to relive that particular holiday until he learns his lesson.) Sonny and Cher's, "I've Got You, Babe" was stuck in my head for a week. I hummed it happily, taping playing cards to my bicycle's spokes and devouring the latest "Babysitter's Club" book. I had a whole week to kill before the next movie night.

When I turned 12, I was a fickle friend to the silver screen for a while, watching a young Patrick Swayze and Jennifer Grey fall in love over and over on our brand new VCR in the living room. "Dirty Dancing" was a family favorite for several reasons -- the protagonist, Baby, grew up in the same era my mom and dad were very familiar with, despite their 17-year age difference and the plot line had more to do with family dynamics than a love affair.

I will forever mumble, "I carried a watermelon" right after I say something stupid, alluding to Baby's embarrassing introduction to her future paramour. My friends and I spent the summer in cut off and rolled denim shorts and flat white tennis shoes, pretending to dance the mamba and crooning, "I've had the time of my liiiiiiiiife." Little did my poor parents know they were going to be memorizing "Pretty Woman" and "Ferris Bueller's Day Off" the following summer.

Quoting movie lines has never gotten old with my friends and me as we binge watch our favorite films in our very own homes, but I will always prefer the big screen.

Walking into the cool, dark theater and leaving a bright, sunny summer day behind always feels mystical. My flip flop covered feet used to stick to old soda spills as the smells of popcorn and old vinyl filled my nostrils. As a child the theater was a magical place. After buying my ticket, popcorn and pop I entered the aisle, listening to the sound

of squeaky seat springs and giggles as the aforementioned snack flew through the air and smacked a fellow Harrisvillian in the back of the neck.

Years before movie trailers were a click away on Youtube, we'd scramble to be in our seats to see the previews, the anticipation of what's next shushing us more effectively than the adults ever did.

When it came time to introduce my stepson to this brand of magic we chose the animated film "Brave." When the big black bear roared onto the screen our little diaper-clad friend jumped onto his daddy's lap and hid his face.

Worried that the movie was too scary I asked him what he thought of it. "It was awesome!" he shouted.

By the next movie he was confidently sitting in his own seat sporting 3-D glasses and holding a kid's snack pack. Just last month at a screening of "Jurassic World" our little boy, now a foot taller and countless movies later, leaned over to whisper in my ear, "this is gonna give me nightmares," never taking his eyes off the screen. "You can sleep in our room," I replied between bites of Junior Mints.

These days I look forward to our Saturday movie nights on the couch. Despite our swanky sound system and lack of distractions, I miss going to the movies. Since Phee is still too little to pay much attention to anything much longer than nursery rhymes, Kaiden and I snuggle up in the living room and swipe through Netflix's offerings.

As the movie plays you can hear us gasp as dragons fly by and giggle when our friend Nemo calls the boat a butt by accident. As our little family sinks into the ocean or soars above the clouds we pass the popcorn and shush baby sister. We sing our favorite songs and brace for our favorite suspenseful scenes. Why does that always make me jump?

As a parent I find that summer movies have all the magic they used to, if not more. They now have the added brilliance of seeing them through a child's eyes. That makes my smile come easily when the credits roll and I hear a little voice say, "again, again!"

(Katrina Knip Wouters was born and raised in Harrisville and started editing her mother's column — Puttin' on the Fritz — at age eight. She has 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 writes a blog that can be found at: nomore-highheels.wordpress.com.)

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various business locations throughout Alcona County. Surveys can also be accessed at Facebook.com/Alcona Leadership, by email request to alconaleadership@gmail.com or at http://goo.gl/forms/rpXT9q4jtS.

Expanding broadband Internet service in Alcona County is a long-term goal of Leadership Alcona. Expanded Internet connectivity was identified as a top priority by participants at a

community forum when asked what was needed to improve or enhance the quality of life in Alcona County.

Leadership Alcona, a volunteer committee, offers programs to engage, educate, and inspire the residents of Alcona County.

For more information about the survey or Leadership Alcona, contact Diana Zeimen at (989) 724-6353 or Marlena Mac Neill at (989) 727-3788.

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to stay current with trends and technology.

When asked why libraries are important Bearre said, "Libraries are the cornerstone of a well informed community. They are also a gathering place for community members to have a place to come and express themselves. A community library should serve its population by providing educational, intellectual and cultural opportunities."

Bearre is still in flux with moving and hasn't been able to explore the county as much as she would like, but she has been to all of the branches in Alcona County. She was upbeat and positive about their locations and explained how important it is to have library service accessible and close to people's homes.

Bearre is the mother of four grown children and has been married for 32 years to

her husband, Clyde, a retired letter carrier. Their plan is to purchase a home in the county soon and make it their permanent residence. They are bringing with them their two dogs, an Akita named Mickey and a parking lot stray named Bandit.

Like most librarians, Bearre loves to read but she has many other interests such as gardening -- she likes planting and watching the progress much more than she likes weeding. She also enjoys jewelry making and collects gemstones, and, along with her husband, who is an avid baseball fan, likes to watch ball games.

The Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library is located at 312 W. Main Street in Harrisville. For more information about the library call (989) 724-6796 or visit the website at library.alcona.lib.mi.us.



Organization Notes

VFW Post No. 6754 Ladies Auxiliary

Eleven members attended the July 2015 business meeting. The minutes from the June meeting, along with the general orders and the Michigan Messenger were read by Emma Liske, secretary. The financial report was read by president Vichunas because the treasurer Sandy Light had laryngitis.

Sharon Jack updated the members regarding Michigan Day on August 9; Military Suicide Awareness and proposed legislation regarding caregivers of veterans and service members. The treasurer advised that annual dues must be paid by December 31; that dues notices will be mailed September 1 and that the auxiliary has 81 members.

Frances Ziesman reported that children can be sent to Camp Trotter at a cost of

\$200 per week; a Camp Trotter family picnic is scheduled for noon on August 22; and she took packaged snacks to the Alpena VA Clinic.

President Vichunas read the District 11 president's notice regarding the inspection of books to be held at the August 3 meeting. She also advised the auxiliary members that Hattie Cunningham passed away on June 15 -- just seven weeks after her husband, Hubert, a post member, passed away.

Two auxiliary members celebrated birthdays: Irene Chroniger on July 5 and Laura Bey, who celebrated her 90th birthday on July 7. Best wishes were extended to both members.

The next auxiliary meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on August 3 with inspection conducted by district president Josephine Miller.

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- 11 a.m. – Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at our New Cheboygan Campus!
- 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. New Cheboygan Campus Open House!
- 10 a.m. to Noon – Management & You! **Cheboygan**
- 1 to 4 p.m. – Health Coverage Options/Enrollment Assistance **Oscoda**
- 2 to 3 p.m. – Eating Healthy on a Budget **Alpena**
- 3 to 4 p.m. – Care Management & You! **Emmet County**
- All Day – Summer Sun Health Day **Lincoln**
- All Day – Wear Purple for Cancer Awareness Day **Ossineke**

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH

- 9 a.m. – Dental Health Class **Oscoda**
- 10 a.m. – Car Seat Safety Checks by Deputy Brady **Emmet County**
- 10 to 11 a.m. – Living Healthy with Diabetes **Alpena**
- 10 to 11 a.m. – Care Management & You! **Ossineke**
- 10:30 a.m. – Dental Health Class **Lincoln**
- 11 a.m. to Noon – Eating Healthy on a Budget **Oscoda**
- 1 p.m. Dental Health Class **Ossineke**
- 1 to 2 p.m. – Care Management & You! **Alpena**
- 2 to 2:30 p.m. – From Coverage to Care **Emmet County**
- All Day – Summer Sun Health Day **Cheboygan**

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12TH

- 9 a.m. – Stress Relief Techniques for Children **Oscoda**
- 10 to 11 a.m. – Healthy Foods for a Healthier You **Harrisville**
- 11 a.m. to Noon – "Healthy Me!" for Kids' Game **Alpena**
- 1 to 2 p.m. – Eating Healthy on a Budget **Ossineke**
- 2 to 3 p.m. – Living Healthy with Diabetes **Emmet County**
- 3 to 4 p.m. – Healthier Foods for a Healthier You **Lincoln**
- All Day – Kids' Health Day **Alpena**
- All Day – Kids' Health Day **Cheboygan**

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13TH

- 9 to 11 a.m. – Health Coverage Options/Enrollment Assistance **Harrisville**
- 10 a.m. – MI Connect Food/Medical Assistance Programs **Oscoda**
- 10 a.m. to Noon – Health Coverage Options/Enrollment Assistance **Alpena**
- 10 a.m. to Noon – Health Coverage Options/Enrollment Assistance **Cheboygan**
- 10 to 11 a.m. – Eating Healthy on a Budget **Lincoln**
- 11 a.m. to Noon – Living Healthy with Diabetes **Ossineke**
- 1 to 2 p.m. – Care Management & You! **Alpena**
- 2 p.m. – Snack Healthy! **Emmet County**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14TH

- 10 to 11 a.m. – Care Management & You! **Cheboygan**
- 10 to 11 a.m. – Health Chat with a Nurse **Oscoda**
- 10 a.m. to Noon – Health Coverage Options/Enrollment Assistance **Lincoln**
- 11 a.m. – Women's Resource Center presentation on Domestic Violence **Emmet County**
- 11 a.m. to Noon – From Coverage to Care **Ossineke**
- 1 to 2 p.m. – Care Management & You! **Emmet County**
- 1 to 2 p.m. – Eating Healthy on a Budget **Harrisville**



Zinnias

Named for the German botanist Johann Gottfried Zinn,

these plants had to wait to become popular. Small, colorful 'Lilliput' types were developed in France in the 1880s. The first large, double-flowered zinnias appeared around 1900.

Stardom came when the "California Giant" won a gold medal from the Royal Horticultural Society of England. - Brenda Weaver

Sources: National Garden Bureau

Cooperation helps build wilderness refuges in urban areas

By Kevin Duffy
Capital News Service

What was once considered the ultimate paradox is now setting a precedent for urban development – a wildlife refuge along the Detroit River.

“Bringing Conservation to Cities: Lessons from Building the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge” (Michigan State University Press, \$39.95) is a new book about a public-private success story written by inland water scientist John Hartig. It traces the establishment of the country’s first international wildlife refuge.

“The next generation of conservationists will come from urban areas,” said Hartig, who is the refuge’s manager. “An area, like Detroit, with 7 million people in the combined watershed,

should be engaging them.”

Conservationists seeking field experience in the pristine wilderness might have a challenge, he said. But with 80 percent of people in the United States and Canada living in urban areas, Hartig expects the “urban jungle” to provide more opportunities for conservation.

“The refuge has already grown from 300 acres to over 18,500 devoted to conservation and outdoor recreation,” he said. “And in 10 years, we can expect the number to reach 25,000 acres.”

But the biggest surprise for Hartig is the transformation of the Detroit River itself. “Who would think that the automobile capital of the U.S. and Canada could contribute anything more than a polluted river in the Rust

Belt,” Hartig said.

“In the 1960s, it was one of the most polluted rivers in North America, and now it’s one of the most remarkable ecological recovery stories on the continent.”

This 32-mile thoroughfare connects Lake St. Clair and the upper Great Lakes to Lake Erie. Once contaminated by urban and industrial development, the river was polluted beyond use. Chemical contaminants, oil slicks and low oxygen levels killed native fish and migrating birds.

“Today it’s a story of revival,” Hartig said.

Bald eagles, peregrine falcons and osprey have returned to the watershed. So have lake whitefish, lake sturgeon, walleye and even a few beavers.

Out of this revival came the idea for an international wildlife refuge.

“It’s not a traditional wildlife refuge, where one agency or organization controls all parts. It has breaks and barriers, public and private partnerships,” Hartig said.

In 2000, representatives from the U.S. and Canada, including former U.S. Rep. John Dingell and the then-deputy prime minister of Canada, Herb Gray, met to discuss the future of the Detroit River ecosystem.

They created the binational Conservation Vision, which former President George W. Bush signed in 2001.

Now, more than a decade after opening the Detroit River International Wildlife Refuge, Hartig – its first man-

ager – champions binational and regional cooperation in his book.

“It was a different tactic. We’re going to show people the value and benefit of cooperation, which has been contributed over time and is building momentum,” he said. “Cooperation was implicit in everything.”

The Humbug Marsh is among the cooperative successes highlighted in the book.

The refuge’s centerpiece, it contains the last mile of natural shoreline along the U.S. side of the Detroit River and includes an important stopover for migratory birds.

Detroit-area giants Ford Motor Co. and General Motors offered foundation money to help buy the marsh, but community support and activism saw to the site’s preservation.

In another effort, Chrysler Corp. contributed 44 acres in Trenton for construction of the refuge’s visitor center.

Part of the Refuge Gateway, the property is Michigan’s only “Wetland of International Importance.” It once was a contaminated site that housed a Chrysler automotive brake and paint plant.

“The Refuge Gateway was this six-foot fence with a couple of feet of barbed wire that sat vacant for 15 years. Now, it’s the first project in the world to clean up an industrial brownfield sufficiently to protect the surrounding wetland,” Hartig said.

He predicts a number of major cooperative acquisitions in coming years. For example, “we’re already building a unique birding spot on the Detroit RiverWalk, overlooking Belle Isle.”

But Hartig argues the story isn’t just about Michigan. The book is a 250-page testament that gives readers a look at the direction conservation is moving – to the cities.

It’s crafted for the urban conservationist but keeps the rigor of science and policy alive.

“The book provides lessons for anyone who wants to bring conservation to cities,” he said. These are group efforts that happened because the right partnerships and relationships were in place,” he said.

“The goal is to inspire the next generation of conservationists to believe in the power of conservation, economy and community. We need to make places for people and wildlife to get involved,” he said.

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Study shows seed shrimp can survive ingestion by round goby

By Mollie Kiskiewicz
Capital News Service

Not many of the earth's creatures can say that they've survived being chewed up and pooped out - but the ostracods of the Great Lakes can.

Ostracods - also known as seed shrimp - can survive getting eaten by the round goby, an invasive fish that comes from central Eurasia, according to a recent study.

The study, published in the "Journal of Great Lakes Research," suggested that the round goby can eat small freshwater mussels, but are less well-adapted to feeding on other hard-bodied prey such as ostracods. In the study, 16.6 percent of the ostracods eaten by gobies were found alive after they were excreted.

The finding is important because if nonnative and invasive prey survive getting eaten by gobies, then they could be spread as far as the fish swim.

The round goby was accidentally introduced by ballast water in the early to mid-1990s, as were zebra and quagga mussels, said Seth Herbst, a fisheries biologist for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

One not-so-bad thing about the goby is that it eats these invasive mussels because they are part of their

natural diet and "constantly in their face," Herbst said.

"None passed through alive," said biology professor Gregory Andraso of Gannon University in Pennsylvania and one of the study's authors. The mussels make up about 92 percent of the round goby's diet.

It also eats ostracods native to the Great Lakes. They have a tough, hard shell and seem able to hunker down to survive the shell-crushing pharynx of the round goby. "Most of the time they crush up these things," Andraso said. Gobies usually swallow quagga mussels whole and let their pharynx go to work.

Round gobies have a "rapid, head-shake feeding style" which can pry mollusks off of rock surfaces, Andraso said.

Allen Mensinger, a University of Minnesota biologist, described the idea for the study at the 2011 International Association for Great Lakes Research meeting. Andraso had just published a study about the diet of round gobies in the Great Lakes, and Mensinger, hearing about other studies where those prey could survive through similar fish, simply asked if that possibility could be true of round gobies.

If prey eaten by gobies can survive, they have potential to be spread as far as the fish

goes, which is bad if their prey is invasive elsewhere. Fish that spread prey like that are called "dispersive agents."

The study suggested that the round goby could potentially act as a dispersive agent for other species because ostracods weren't the only survivors.

A snail and some pea clams were also among the survivors, according to Tyler Mack, a Gannon student involved in the study. However, there were less than a handful of them.

Mack explained that it's hard to say for certain whether round gobies can act as a dispersive agent for these hardy prey species though because they don't travel too far out of their home range.

Mack is working on research now that's looking into the survival of ostracods and



Round goby are invasive to the Great Lakes. Photo courtesy of Flickr.

other prey eaten by pumpkinseed sunfish. That study will provide a good comparison of the evolutionary apparatuses of the two fish, or the strength of their phar-

ynxes at least, he said. Pumpkinseed sunfish travel longer distances, making them a better potential dispersal agent for surviving prey.

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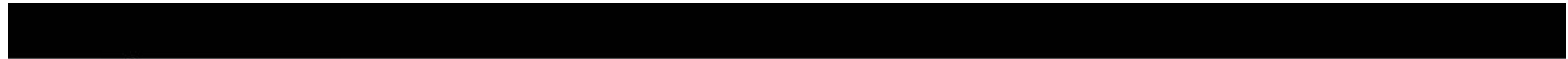
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Quality built brick home provides low maintenance exterior and interior with open floor plan, modern design and appealing décor makes this a very comfortable home inside and out. Spacious wooded parcel includes fruit trees and numerous gardening areas for country feeling and privacy. #2457 **\$139,900.**



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Three bedroom, 1 1/4 bath, Chalet with additional 575 sq. ft. A-frame with kitchenette and 3/4 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. #2393 **Price Reduced: \$169,900.**



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. #1349 **\$87,500.**



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. #2798 **\$119,900.**



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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. #2790 **\$109,900.**



Reduced! Seller very motivated! Well-maintained 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 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. #2312 **\$77,900.**



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. #2801 **\$89,900.**



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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!!!! #2651 **\$74,900.**



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). #1355 **\$69,900.**



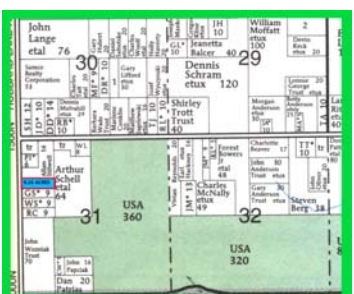
Year 'round or seasonal property in great location, with plenty of privacy. Short walk to Jewel Lake, boat access, and downtown Barton City. Adjacent to Huron National Forest with hunting, ATV, snowmobile, and hiking trails near by. Features open floor plan with hardwood maple flooring, large kitchen with plenty of storage, LR Wood burner, full attic/stairway access, basement wood burning furnace with automatic controls, updated heat runs. 7.58 acres makes this a great value. #2621 **\$39,850.**



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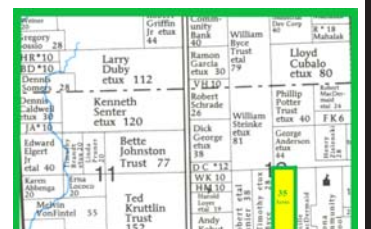
Great hunting location just west of Lincoln with a 20 x 32 cabin. All the comforts of home with a whole-house LP gas generator and 3/4 bath, 1 bedroom, and a loft. 24 x 24 pole barn. The cabin is tastefully decorated. Property borders federal land and has blinds, food plots, and trails throughout. #1346 **\$79,900.**



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Members of the herptile class - snakes - get bad rap

This spring, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) put out the call for people to report the herptiles - reptiles and amphibians - that they observe across the state.

The request is part of an atlas project, designed to monitor the presence and distribution of "herps" across the state.

"It's for all species, common or rare," said Lori Sargent, a DNR wildlife biologist who keeps track of Michigan's herptiles. "The other day I got a call about a spotted turtle (a threatened species) in an area where they'd never been spotted before.

"There are not a lot of people working on herps, even at universities," she said.

"They're not a game species. They're not high-profile."

While herps don't usually evoke the same warm and fuzzy emotions folks often express about other wildlife, there's one group of herptiles - snakes - that brings out the opposite reaction.

"We're hearing of more of kids who are afraid of snakes," Sargent said. "Maybe this will help educate people that snakes are valuable at both ends of the food chain. They keep rodent populations in check. They're important. And they're cool.

"I get pictures of a dead snake with a note - 'what kind is it?' People are so quick to kill them and then identify them. What did snakes ever do to you? They're mostly harmless."

Snakes are legless reptiles that inhabit a wide range of habitats, cold-blooded creatures unable to generate their own heat. They are most comfortable in warm weather and pass the winter in frost-free shelters, often below-ground burrows. They typically breed in the spring; some lay eggs, others deliver live young.

Michigan is home to 18 species of snakes. Some species of snakes are docile, retiring creatures; others are more aggressive and will strike if harassed. None of them - except for the rattlesnake - is harmful to people. Ordinary snake bites should be treated like any other cut or abrasion.

The eastern massasauga rattlesnake is the only poisonous specimen in Michigan, and it's the smallest of rattlesnakes with the least toxic venom. It is shy and prefers to avoid confrontations, but will strike if threatened. The massasauga lives in wetlands and associated uplands and feeds largely on rodents. Massasaugas aren't often seen; folks who spot them should enjoy the experience and leave them alone. If bitten by a rattlesnake, seek immediate medical attention.

Loss of wetlands habitat and other factors have made massasaugas a "species of special concern" in Michigan and given them a status of



Brown snakes are small, shy critters that feed on earthworms and slugs. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.



Kirtland's snakes are an endangered species in Michigan.



Blue racers are among Michigan's largest snakes.

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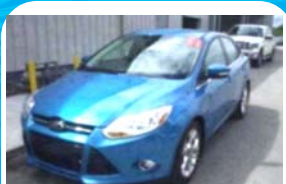


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"protected." Their status is under review by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to determine if they deserve "threatened" status.

Adding to the massasauga's woes is snake fungal disease, which can kill them. First discovered in Michigan in two specimens in the Grayling, Mich. area in 2013, a total of five tested positive for the disease among 16 rattlesnakes necropsied by the DNR in 2014. (Vehicular trauma was the most common cause of death.)

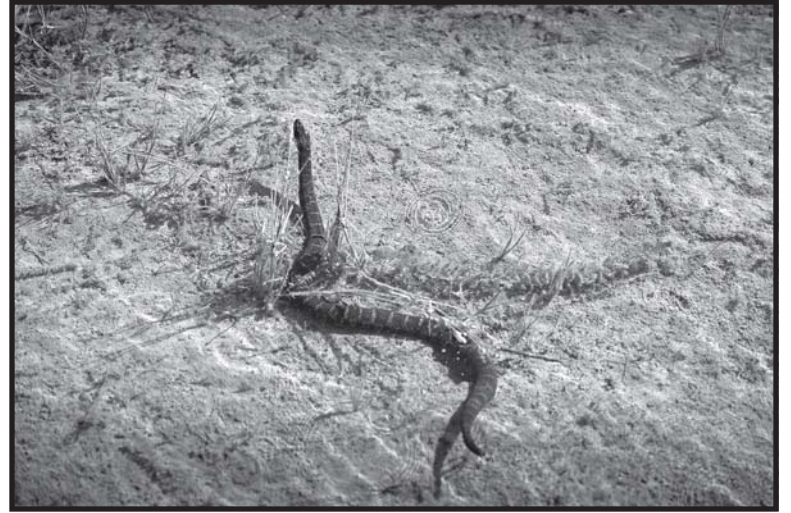
Perhaps the most common snake in Michigan is the garter snake. There are two species (eastern and Butler's). Eastern garter snakes are more widespread, found in both peninsulas. They feed on earthworms, frogs and small mammals. Butler's garter snakes have not been documented in the Upper Peninsula and prefer earthworms.

There are two species of water snake in Michigan, the northern and the copper-bellied. Northerns are common and widespread. Copper-bellied water snakes, among Michigan's largest snakes, are listed as an endangered species in Michigan and are threatened nationally.

The largest snakes in Michigan are black rat snakes, which (rarely) can attain a length of eight feet as adults. Found in woodlands, often near water in the southern Lower Peninsula, rat snakes are rare and declining. They are a "species of special concern" in Michigan and are protected.

Among the larger snakes in Michigan are blue racers, which can measure up to six feet in length. A species that was once common but is in decline – probably due to habitat loss and persecution – blue racers eat rodents, insects and other snakes.

Among the more fascinating snakes in Michigan is the eastern hognose snake, a slow-moving, thick-bodied reptile with an upturned snout (hence the name) that inhabits sandy woodlots and dunes. When accosted, hog-



Northern water snakes are common and widespread in Michigan.

nose snakes will begin an elaborate ruse – inflating their hoods and pretending to strike – like a cobra. This has led them to being nicknamed "puff adders."

But if the show fails to deter the harasser, the hognose snake will roll over on its back with mouth agape and play dead. Roll it back on its belly, and it'll roll back over on its back. Hognose snakes feed almost exclusively on toads and are completely harmless.

Among the more striking snakes in Michigan is the smooth green snake, a small, docile creature that feeds mainly on insects. They have been recorded statewide, but have largely disappeared from southern Michigan, perhaps because of pesticides, given their diet.

Due to a strange wrinkle in

state law, reptiles and amphibians are regulated by the DNR Fisheries Division. A fishing license is required to take snakes for personal use; they may not be shot with a firearm, air gun or bow.

People may not take or possess six species of snakes in Michigan: Black rat snakes, eastern fox snakes, copper-bellied water snakes, Kirtland's snakes, queen snakes or massasaugas.

The daily limit on snakes is three, with no more than six in possession.

Much more information on snakes can be found at the DNR website at www.michigan.gov/wildlife. Be sure to check out the "60-Second Snakes" videos on the DNR's YouTube channel.

Snake (or other herptile) sightings may be reported to www.miherpatlas.org.



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Just call me Fluffy

By Mary Weber
Columnist



Alcona's Backyard By Mary Weber

Writing for a rural, home-town newspaper was never anything I saw myself doing in life. Never, as a child, did I say, "I want to be a writer someday;" never gave a passionate effort in creative writing at school or worked on a school newspaper or year-book. It's not a career I dreamed about or saw myself doing in any way, shape or form.

The closest thing to creative writing I did was my annual attempt to write a boring, generic Christmas letter. As a young mother raising a beautiful baby girl, I thought it was only appropriate to let friends and family know, in a card, how we were doing.

It was also about that time when I read a letter to Dear Abby, about how much people detested receiving generic, mimeographed Christmas letters.

Not wanting to offend, I tried something different and put my annual letter in rhyme. It wasn't great poetry, more of a Dr. Suess meets limerick style of writing, but I actually got a few compliments which told me this approach was somewhat acceptable. I continued doing the same thing each Christmas for the next 35 years.

I certainly didn't see a writing career coming from those letters, that's for sure.

The Alcona County Review was the first newspaper my husband and I read while trying to decide whether or not to purchase a honeymoon get-away in Mikado. It was one of the deciding factors to go ahead with the deal. I liked the community this paper wrote about.

Shortly after our purchase we began raising a future leader dog puppy for Leader Dogs for the Blind. We named the dog Mikado and apparently that was reason enough for Cheryl Peterson, publisher and editor of the Review to come out and interview us. She liked dogs, we liked dogs and a casual friendship ensued. I sent her a Christmas card with one of my annoying rhyming letters.

A short while later, I found myself being interviewed again by Ms. Peterson. This time she was interviewing me about my new position with the Alcona Humane Society. I sent her another Christmas card rhyme and started calling her Cheryl instead of Ms. Peterson.

Another year went by, and following a great Pyrenees adoption into our home, I realized working for the humane society probably wasn't the best career choice for me or our growing number of wagging tails family. My husband begged me to quit before any more paw prints landed on our front door.

A few weeks after my resignation, I found myself across from Cheryl again, only this time over lunch and she was offering me a job at the paper.

It wasn't a writing job. It

was only answering phones and doing some light typing a few days a week. I figured I could handle it, since I had spent most of my adult life working in various clerical offices.

Occasionally, I'd take a picture of something happening in the community and Cheryl would print it in the paper but I never gave much thought about my written words being published along with the photo.

Before long I was promoted (or demoted, I'm not sure which) to design advertising. Cutting and pasting pictures was a lot of fun even though the software to do this sometimes gave me fits.

It was one of those days when the computer software gods were totally against me when Cheryl called me into her office, asking me to shut the door behind me.

My first thought was, naturally, her next words would be, "sorry we have to let you go." I was still thinking about how our friendship would survive after being fired when she offered me the position of staff writer. "Wait...what?" I was simply at a loss for words. I'm sure she had to repeat herself several times until her words actually started to sink in.

She apparently saw something in me that no one else did, including me. She told me I had natural creative ability to piece together a story. Me, a writer, I couldn't believe it. I wished my mother, an avid reader, would have lived to see that. She wouldn't have believed it either.

I guess maybe Cheryl was right, because here I am, week after week for almost six years writing about a community of giving people, compassionate artists, charities, county fairs and other local events.

I write about children donating hair or collecting peanut butter for the poor, young adults carving their own careers and futures, young families striving to make a go at life, retirees loving their hobbies, volunteers, octogenarians, nonagenarians and even a few centenarians.

A few of my articles have had to deal with more serious issues, some written with tears, some left me pondering why anyone would want to read it. Others have just left me scrambling with a headache in the middle of the night pouring through pages and pages of research notes with a looming deadline.

I've interviewed cows, pigs, chickens, goats, sheep and horses, and while standing six inches away from a cow's business end isn't exactly

interviewing the cow, it still gave me a lot to write about.

Mostly I write feel-good stories. It's also the reason Cheryl calls me "Fluffy."

Some articles have had me jogging through miles of heavily wooded forest, fighting ticks, while chasing teenagers on field trips -- which, by the way -- walk incredibly fast. Others I've done standing next to a lighthouse, on the bridge of a tall ship, or strolling through beautiful gardens. Others have me taking notes while sipping tea on a deck wrapped around a handsomely crafted log home watching lake waves softly lap at the shore.

It's a tough job being "Fluffy."

Most of my interviews have taught me something. My favorites have inspired me to do better work or be a better person. I've had the opportunity to meet some interesting people doing this and most all of them have left impressions on my heart I will never forget. They have filled me with happiness, hope and a promise for a better tomorrow.

Yes, I write fluff, but it's great fluff and all about the best community a city-girl-gone-country could ever hope for. I've made mistakes along the way; I am still learning; still crafting my technique, but so far it's been a dream job.

That's the funny thing about dreams, sometimes instead of chasing a dream; a dream finds you, causing you to tumble head first over it. I certainly stumbled over mine and while none of my articles will ever win a Pulitzer Prize,

I'm okay with that...just call me Fluffy.

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



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Michigan officials confirm CWD in second free ranging white-tailed deer

A second free-ranging deer in Meridian Township (Ingham County) has tested positive for chronic wasting disease (CWD), a fatal neurological disease that affects white-tailed deer, mule deer, elk and moose. This second case is a two-year-old male found less than a mile from the initial positive female deer, confirmed this past May.

According to the Michigan departments of Natural Resources (DNR) and Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD), genetic testing is being conducted to see if the two deer are related.

"Finding this second positive deer is disappointing, however, not unexpected," said DNR Wildlife Division Chief Russ Mason. "We will continue with our aggressive surveillance throughout the summer and fall. With the assistance of hunters, we hope to determine the distribution of this disease."

To date, 304 deer have been tested in the Core CWD Area. Only two have tested positive for CWD. Upon the finding of the initial CWD positive deer, the DNR established the CWD Management Zone consisting of Clinton, Ingham and Shiawassee counties.

Additionally, the Core CWD Area consisting of Lansing, Meridian, Williamstown, Delhi, Alaiedon and Wheatfield townships in Ingham County; DeWitt and Bath townships in Clinton County; and Woodhull Township in Shiawassee County, was created.

Feeding and baiting of deer and elk are prohibited in the CWD Management Zone. Mandatory checking of deer will be required in the Core CWD Area during hunting seasons and restrictions will apply to the movement of carcasses and parts of deer taken in this area.

"Michigan has a long tradition of hunter support and conservation ethics. Now, with these CWD findings, that support is needed more than ever," said Steve Schmitt, veterinarian-in-charge at the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab.

"Because hunters are often familiar with the deer herd locally, one of the best things they can do to help manage this disease is to continue hunting and bring their deer to check stations this season."

In the Core CWD Area, there is an unlimited antlerless deer license quota and the deer license or deer combo licenses may be used to harvest antlerless or any antlered deer during firearm and muzzleloading seasons. Additional deer-check stations will be established in the Core CWD Area and the CWD Management Zone to accommodate hunters.

To date, there is no evidence that chronic wasting disease presents any risk to non-cervids, including humans, either through contact with an infected animal or from handling contaminated venison. However, as a precaution, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and the World Health Organization recommend that infected animals not be consumed as

food by either humans or domestic animals.

The DNR is asking the public and hunters continue to report deer that are unusually thin and exhibiting unusual behavior (for example, acting tame around humans and allowing someone to approach).

To report a suspicious-looking deer, call the DNR Wildlife Disease Lab at (517) 336-5030 or fill out and submit the online observation report, found on the DNR website.

DNR staff will continue with road-kill collection in the Core CWD Area. To report road-kills found in the Core CWD Area call the Wildlife Disease Hotline at (517) 614-9602. Leave a voicemail with location information and staff will attempt to pick up carcasses on the next open business day.

More information on CWD, including Michigan's CWD surveillance and response plan and weekly testing updates, are available at www.michigan.gov/cwd.

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Fifty thousand dollars available for deer improvement projects

Grant applications are now being accepted for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Deer Private Land Assistance Network (or Deer PLAN), a cooperative grant program designed to support private land deer habitat improvement projects in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula.

"This is a great opportunity to improve deer habitat for hunters," said DNR wildlife biologist Brian Piccolo. "Proposed projects should strive to improve habitat for deer and help to reduce crop damage and the risk of bovine TB on farms, while building partnerships between the DNR and sportsmen."

In 2016, a total of \$50,000 is available through a competitive grant process. This program will have a focus

area within the northern Lower Peninsula with the goal of producing tangible, on-the-ground efforts that markedly improve deer habitat. The focus area for 2016 will include Alcona, Alpena, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle counties. Funds will be allocated across the counties based on a competitive scoring process for improvements on private land.

"A focus area will help concentrate projects where we have identified habitat issues, providing greater benefits to deer hunters," said DNR deer program biologist Ashley Autenrieth.

Proposals for deer habitat improvement projects valued between \$2,000 and \$10,000 will be considered. A 25-percent match of funds is re-

quired for each proposal and can be in the form of any one or more of the following: Financial match, cost share, volunteer labor, material contributions or other in-kind support.

Project applications are due by September 1; successful applicants will be notified by October 1. Proposed projects will be evaluated and competitively scored by a selection committee.

The Deer PLAN is funded by Deer Range Improvement Program (DRIP) funds, originating from the sale of deer hunting licenses.

The complete grant application package and past award information are available online at www.michigan.gov/dnr-grants; select the Deer PLAN link at the bottom of the page.

Around-the-county tour set for fall

The annual Alcona County Fall Bus Tour will be held again this year following a slight and short-term hiccup in sponsorship.

Last year's tour was the last one to be sponsored under the auspices of the Michigan State University Extension (MSUE). This change caused a momentarily concern that would be the end of the historically-popular tour of Alcona County.

The question was asked among the volunteer group that has worked together to bring the last nine bus tours to fruition whether to continue the program. There was a resounding "Yes, there is still so much to discover in Alcona County" and planning

began without missing a beat, according to Marlana MacNeill, one of the organizers.

The brainchild of the late George Byelich, Alcona MSUE director, tours of the treasures hidden in plain sight in Alcona County started some 30 years ago. When Byelich passed away, the tour was but a memory, until a small, but imaginative and creative group formed to try to fill the vacancy, according to MacNeill.

"There's no replacing George," MacNeill said. She participated in several of the original Byelich tours before becoming a member of the current planning committee. "But we give it our best effort, and we're pretty sure our

tours would warrant his approval," she said.

Evidence of the continuing success is in the enthusiasm of those waiting in line in the early hours of the day to purchase tickets for the tour. This year's tour promises to be just as informative and full of surprises as past bus 'tourists' have come to expect.

Set for October 1 and 2, the bus tour will again start each day at the Alcona High School at 8:30 a.m., returning by 4 p.m. The venue for ticket sales this year, however, has changed to the Harrisville Harbor building, and will go on sale at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 8. The cost will be \$20 per ticket. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis and will be limited to two tickets per purchaser.

Questions about the tour should be directed to Joell Krejcarek at (989) 884-3650.



Alcona County George Byelich Memorial Fall Color Bus Tour Committee members take a break from planning and mapping the 2015 bus tour. (Clockwise from top left) Art Laatz, Don Krejcarek, Joell Krejcarek, Marlana MacNeill and Kathy Laatz. *Courtesy photo.*



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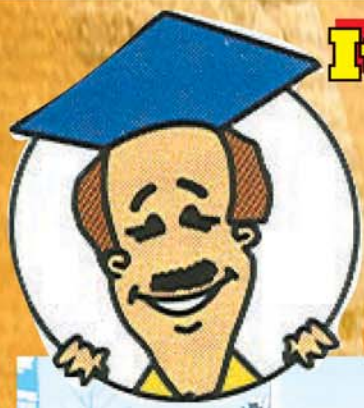
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U45930	2012 GMC Sierra 1500	\$26,495	U46098	2012 Chevy Cruze	\$13,577
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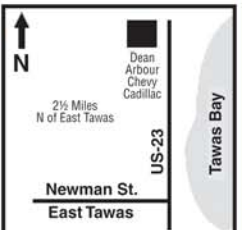
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New executive director brings business background to humane society's animal shelter

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Compassion for animals coupled with many years of business management experience is what the Alcona Humane Society was searching for in a new executive director.

The society had been scrambling a while with interim directors while searching for just the right person to do the job. The organization finally found the perfect fit when Claudette Thomas applied for the position.

"Due to Claudette's extensive management experience, she was able to step right in and quickly assess changes our organization needed. Claudette has many innovative ideas and her goal is to have our shelter be a model for other shelters. The board looks forward to helping her achieve that goal," said Connie Sysak, president of the Alcona Humane Society board of directors.

Thomas moved to the Alcona County area in 2012 from Morehead, Ky., with her son, Ian. She held a variety of positions and interests prior to their move including running a horse farm, owning a business, eight years as a Kentucky state employee in property valuation administration and took an early retirement from a long career with General Telephone and Electronics (GTE).

After her move to northeast Michigan Thomas worked part time for the Alcona County court system doing assessments and worked at Harrisville Lumber where she got to know some of the people sitting on the humane society board while selling them feed. She serves as a board member of the Gustin Township planning and zoning committee. "I've been busy in the community trying to be productive," Thomas said.

"With my years of busi-

ness experience, I look at the big picture of what we can do to support these animals past when I'm gone, past when everybody (now associated with the shelter) is gone. Looking forward as far as financing, helping to provide down the road where we are still sufficient," Thomas said.

She explained the shelter building in Lincoln is aging and just recently had to put in a new drain field. There is a gas hot water heater which needs to be replaced and a lot of other maintenance issues.

In addition to planning for maintenance and future expansions, Thomas wants to expand programs. She'd like to see a better spay and neuter program in the county. Thomas said she would love to say every animal that comes to the shelter unaltered would be spayed or neutered prior to adoption.

Currently, the shelter has some funds available for this but finances are not there to provide alterations for all animals. She is seeking funding and different initiatives to provide it.



Claudette Thomas holds Toby, a blind terrier mix, that has medical needs. Thomas is the new executive director of the Alcona Humane Society. Her biggest fear in taking the position is wanting to take all of the animals home with her. Photo by Mary Weber.

One of the skills Thomas brings is finding funding by grant writing. She also has experience in fund raising and feels bringing all these skills together will take a lot of pressure off the current shelter manager, Stephanie Pepper, who was wearing sev-

eral hats and board members who have rolled up their sleeves to take on additional tasks.

"Animal care is not my priority. My priority here is managing staff, raising funds and

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Crews complete local road projects

Three separate road improvement projects funded by three different federal road program categories have recently been completed in Alcona County.

While in other areas of Michigan, road construction season is still in full-swing, projects on Bamfield Road in Glennie, F-41 in Lincoln, and Mt. Maria Road near Hubbard Lake, have been wrapped up and summer traffic is flowing unhindered by orange barrels in those areas, according to Jesse Campbell, managing director of the Alcona County Road Commission.

He explained that due to planning ahead, timing, and the scope of the work involved, the projects were some of the first on the successful contractors' docket for the season.

Campbell explained a portion of Bamfield Road west of Glennie in Curtis Township was reconstructed using funds from the High Risk Rural Roads program. Funds from this source are designated for roads that have certain safety concerns such as poor alignment, dangerous curves or other driving hazards. In this case, some alignment issues were addressed, signing was changed, and rumble strips were added to guide traffic more smoothly through this curvy area.

The F-41 project, which refurbished the surface from M-72 north to the Village of Lincoln limits, was possible

through Federal Transportation Economic Development funding. Category D under this fund is money earmarked for building or preserving all-season roads that serve to promote and sustain economic growth.

Mt. Maria Road, from Hubbard Lake Road west to Hill Street on the south side of Hubbard Lake was reconstructed using federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) funding. STP funds are general allocations of federal dollars doled out regionally to road authorities for major road improvements identified on a long-range basis under a statewide transportation improvement plan (STIP).

The newly-constructed portion of Mt. Maria is part of a three-part plan that will extend to Ann Street by 2017 to complete the current STIP for Hawes Township.

"Curtis, Gustin, and Hawes Township anted up funds from their voter-approved road millages to supplement the available funding for their respective projects," Campbell said. "Otherwise, these projects, which so directly benefit local communities would not be possible."

Campbell said there is typically not enough funding to cover the costs of most road reconstruction projects, but with the support from townships, the road commission can leverage what funding becomes available and continue to move forward on a long-range road improvement plan.

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doing things which gives positive attention to the shelter," Thomas said.

She said the efforts of the humane society are still focused on the well-being of each animal, a spay and neuter initiative and community education, and being knowledgeable about current health issues -- what diseases are out there and how the shelter can do a better job of taking care of them.

Thomas has no pets except for pea fowl and hatchlings. She said her beloved Yorkshire terrier got out during a heavy winter storm in 2013 and was never found.

"We looked everywhere, it was just heartbreaking, (like) someone who is your family member and they come up missing. I (want to) believe someone picked him up. That's what I'm holding on to, someone is giving him a good home," Thomas said.

The experience of not knowing what happened to him has given her a compassionate edge in her new career with the shelter. Thomas said she loves all animals but has a soft spot for dogs and there is one she has her eye on, Toby, a blind terrier mix which needs medical care.

She is also concerned about the large kitten population at the shelter and is working on getting them

adopted by encouraging the adoption of two instead of one by lowering fees for multiple adoptions -- basically adopt one, get one free.

Thomas has begun raising funds on Crowdfunder, an Internet funding site, for the new septic field and the hot water heater. She is also working on several grant applications for 2016 including a grant to attend the state animal caregiver's education conference and a grant through the DJ and T Foundation for assistance with building maintenance, such as cyclone fencing and kennel issues which are on-going.

Her ultimate, long-term goal is to expand the facility to have a separate cat building and an area for on-site veterinary care.

"We never know what home life these animals have seen," Thomas said. "We can't make a conclusion about the animal's owner. You can never make an assumption of putting people in categories when animals are surrendered or redeemed. You can never know what a person's circumstances are, so it's better not to prejudge. All we can do is make sure the animal's needs are being met one way or another. I'm excited every week to have this opportunity and move things to a different arena."

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of July 20-26, 2015

79 complaints were handled with the following results: 6 Arrests; 3 Warrants; 2 Operate While Intoxicated; 1 Domestic.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	4	Property Damage Accident	2
Message/Well Being Check	2	Miscellaneous	5
Agency Assist	1	Dog/Animal	11
Traffic	8	Drug Crimes	2
Malicious Destruction of Prop.	2	Alarm	6
Drunk & Disorderly	1	Abuse - Adult or Child	5
Domestic	3	Suicidal Person	1
Harassment/Threats/Stalking	2	Patrol Check	1
Operate While Intoxicated	2	Open Door	1
Warrant Arrest	3	Civil	1
Be On the Lookout	1	Breaking and Entering	2
Medicine Disposal	1	Personal Injury Accident	1
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Opportunity doesn't always knock loud

By Warren MacNeill
Guest Columnist

Opportunities come in many forms and sizes. I have found that what looks like a big opportunity will sometimes net small gains, but some small opportunities can be life changing.

I had such an opportunity this year. It started with being sent to Belle Isle in Detroit, Mich. to work.

Belle Isle was taken over by the state of Michigan in February 2014 and turned into a state park. At one time Belle Isle was called the jewel of the city and Detroit's backyard. Over the last couple of decades it had fallen into horrible disrepair and had become a dangerous place to visit.

When Governor Snyder took the island, he turned it over to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to manage. He wanted the jewel of Detroit to be returned to its previous luster. He had one standing order that resonated loudly in all of our ears. That order was, "you will not fail." Any step backwards or retreat would not be accepted and the word "can't" would be answered with "fired."

The taking back of the island from the gang-type violence that controlled it was akin to a military operation. The state police and the DNR conservation officers were given this task with 24-hour patrols and significant manpower. The first six months was a battle with a lot of push back. The next six months was just holding the line. Now, we can't do a patrol without being stopped and thanked, for giving "their island" back to the people.

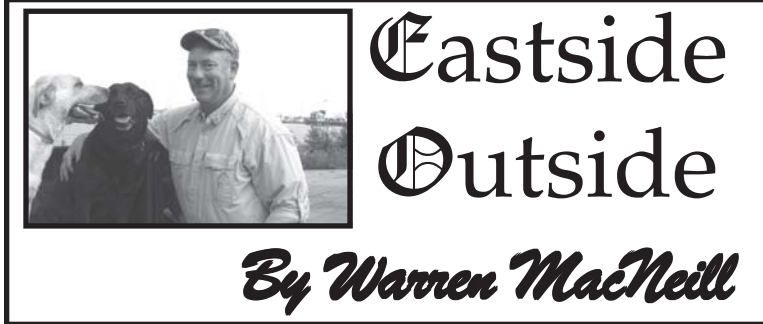
The normal patrol deployments for conservation officers are three to four days at a time with an average shift of 10 hours per day. On one of my trips down there I made contact with a school administrator in the Detroit area. I explained that I am down there for days at a time and really don't have anything to do between shifts. I asked if there is a classroom that would like a presentation because I would be happy to stop in. Much to my surprise they jumped at it.

What a joy this was for me. This was a group of children that had limited contact with the north woods and everything that I gave them was new to them.

Weeks after my presentation at the school, out of nowhere I received an e-mail from my captain. "Officer MacNeill, it has been brought to our attention that on your off time you have been visiting schools in the Detroit area. Is this information true?"

I have received letters similar to this in the past and it's usually not the start of a good day. My return answer was along the line of, "yes sir I have, but I was doing it on my way to work or on the way back and so I was not abusing the public trust with time or equipment."

The captain assured me that I was not in trouble and the department thought it



would be a good public outreach. Much to my amusement, my second visit to the school made the front page of the Free Press -- dodged another bullet.

The article drew some attention and I started getting some requests for visits. I passed them on to the local officers and explain that I am just one of many who do the same thing.

Then came a request from Judith Sheldon. Judith was very insistent that I come and talk to her children.

I know a couple Judiths and this one falls right in line with the Judiths I know in Harrisville. They are like the Borg from "Star Trek" -- "resistance is futile."

I explained that I had to run it by my chain of command, but I couldn't see them allowing me to drive that distance for a couple of hours. Her answer was, "I want you on July 16; it will happen. Who do I talk to? I am persuasive!"

I highly underestimated the power of "The Judith." Within two days I received a subpoena from a court in Detroit where I was to appear at a trial downtown. I looked at the date -- July 15. Wow, she does have power. Then I received a message from my boss saying that if I'm down there anyway go ahead with the presentation.

I did some research on Judith Sheldon, who is the director at the Fort Street Presbyterian Church Peace Camp. The peace camp is right downtown Detroit and focuses on inner city children and dealing with life events. The more I read, the more I liked and the more intimidated I became. This was way outside of my comfort zone.

I was telling the Harrisville State Park explorer ranger Keturah Ashford about what I had gotten myself into. In her position she talks to young people frequently. I told her I was looking for ideas. Her idea was the best -- she told me that she wanted to go. This was brilliant. I told her if she could find a way to get there, she would be welcome.

On the day of the talk we met at the Fort Street Presbyterian Church, which was built in 1855. The group of children that greeted us was as breathtaking as any group of children that I have ever talked to. Everything we talked about or presented to them was completely new for them. The questions they asked were from a genuine thirst for knowledge about a subject they knew nothing about.

When I explained what I do and what the people up north do with natural resources, it was like I was

talking about a different country. When I told them it was as much theirs as mine, they looked at me in disbelief. When I told them how easy it is to find and how close things are to them they seemed excited.

We discussed all of our roles in the protection of the natural resources of our state. We discussed its diversity and what we can do to enjoy it. Early on, one of the boys asked me, with all sincerity, "Why would a person go into the woods?" He saw the woods as a large, scary waste land. By the end of our stay, the same boy was talking about hiking and camping. I think next year he might even get into fishing.

Keturah and I did four talks with four different age groups. At the end, Judith came up to us with tears in her eyes and gave us a hug. We found out that she didn't know anything about our department and what we did. She told me that she was a little afraid of not knowing. This made me laugh at the irony of her being afraid of us. I thanked her for the opportunity and we left.

Afterwards, Keturah confirmed my feelings. For us it was an amazing experience.

She lamented though, wondering if we made an impact on even one child's life. I told her that I know it made a difference in our lives. This small opportunity turned into one of my top 10 career events.

In the time that I've been going to Belle Isle I have watched Detroit shift from a city in decline where despair seemed to be the order of the day to what I see now as a city being taken over by people like Judith who say, "this is enough."

These same people are stepping up with "it will happen" as the order of the day.

(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.)



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Residents beware: Telephone and Internet scams abound

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

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There are a multitude of ways people can be taken advantage of financially – all without leaving home. Telephones and computers have become a means for thieves to steal from unsuspecting citizens by using high pressure tactics and/or by presenting an easy way to make money.

“Every year \$40 billion is lost from the U.S. economy from these scams,” said Lt. Mike Hahn, commander of the Michigan State Police post

in Alpena. “Anyone can fall victim to these scams – perpetrators cross all demographics. However, seniors are a primary target and the reason is because they have excellent credit and tend to own their own homes. They are isolated – widowed or living by themselves with no one around to say ‘this doesn’t sound right.’” They are also from a trusting generation; they are lonely and want someone to talk to; and possibly, they lack excitement in their lives.”

He explained that social media gives criminals a wealth of information in which they use as advance research. They will contact citizens via their computers

or by calls and/or text messages on their cell phones.

“They are so prepared with this information, it can be scary... And, this is what they do – these people can sit there all day long and swing the bat.”

According to Hahn, the individuals working these scams are “mostly criminals operating outside of the U.S. many times in Middle Eastern and African countries and in the Caribbean nations. They are almost impossible to trace back for criminal prosecution.”

“It’s still important to report this type of criminal activity anyway,” Hahn said.

He explained the best defense is thinking it through. “If it sounds too good to be true, it is. Ninety-nine percent of the time it’s a scam and you are going to lose,” he said.

“One of the biggest common denominators and which should raise a big red flag is when the caller asks for a Green-Dot money order or a prepaid credit card... which is completely untraceable. No one from the IRS, utility company or even a bail bondsman uses this form of payment. If anyone contacts you about something and asks for payment this way it is a scam.

“I believe this is evil... it is destroying peoples’ lives. This is not the good old days – people are out there to get you. Remember, it’s your money – you have to protect it yourself,” Hahn said.

Hahn shared the most common scams that come around periodically and encouraged residents to take note of these practices. Anyone who has been contacted or has experienced any of these is encouraged to contact the Michigan State Police Post in Alpena at (989) 354-4101.

IRS Telephone Scam

These criminals will call on the telephone posing as collection agents for the Internal Revenue Service. They will sound very official and stern as they inform that a warrant has been issued for your arrest because you owe delinquent taxes.

The caller will explain how to avoid being arrested by making payment via a Green-Dot money card or a cashier’s check in the amount owed.

Grandchild in Trouble Telephone Scam

These criminals try to sound young and scared on the telephone as they attempt to trick you into believing that you are speaking with your grandson or granddaughter.

While posing as your grandchild, they’ll either tell you they’ve been arrested and need you to send money so they can get out of jail, or that they’ve been injured and taken to a hospital where they need money for urgent medical treatment. These suspects know that shocking news will likely put you off guard, keeping you from noticing it’s not your grandchild.

The caller will tell you how you can free your grandchild

or pay for medical treatment using a Green-Dot money card or cashier’s check.

Medical Alert Scam

These criminals will normally call on the telephone, but might even come to the door to inform you that your family has purchased a medical alert device for you.

You’ll be told that you must first help verify your identity so they can program and install the device to fit your personal needs.

The criminal will then begin asking questions, some of them harmless. But cleverly mixed among them are those asking for your birth date, Social Security number, maybe even your bank account numbers – everything needed to steal your identity, open credit accounts in your name, or access the money in your savings or checking accounts.

Sweepstakes/Lottery Winner Scam

These criminals will call on the telephone and excitedly inform you that you’ve won the lottery or a sweepstakes drawing.

The caller will explain that in order to receive your prize money, you must first pay the applicable state and federal taxes, along with a processing fee. The caller will tell you how much that comes to.

You’ll be instructed to make this payment using a Green-Dot money card or a cashier’s check. You will never receive your prize because this is a scam.

Technical Support Computer Scam

These criminals will either telephone or send a “pop-up” message to your computer alerting that your computer has been infected by a virus. The “pop-up” will look very official and disguised to appear as though it was sent by Microsoft Corp. or some other trusted source.

The telephone caller or the “pop-up” message will give instructions on how to rid your computer of the virus by allowing one of their “technicians” to remotely access your computer. Once you allow this, the “technician,” who is actually a criminal, will install dangerous malware onto your computer’s hard drive and begin stealing your personal information such as credit card and bank account numbers.

Share My Fortune Scam

These criminals will call by telephone or send an e-mail claiming to be a member of a royal family, usually a prince or princess. He or she will say they are heir to a large fortune but can’t access the money due to legal matters.

He or she will ask for money needed to pay legal costs associated with reclaiming his or her money, and in return, will promise to pay you back thousands of dollars more than you kicked in.

You’ll be asked to send the money using a Green-dot money card or by mailing a

cashier’s check.

The prince or princess in these scams will continually ask for additional payments until you catch on.

Robocall Scam

These criminals will telephone and identify themselves as being from “Card-Holder Services,” which is the standard name most credit card companies assign to their departments dealing with lost or stolen credit cards.

The caller will inform you of a problem involving your credit card and ask that you provide its number for verification purposes.

Once you provide the number, you’ll be asked to verify your identity by providing your birth date, Social Security number, or more.

By now you’ve given the criminal all the information he needs to use your credit card and even open additional credit card accounts in your name.

Accidental Overpayment Scam

If you sell things online, watch out for this one. These criminals look for victims on Internet sales sites such as Craig’s List.

The criminal will respond to your ad and make an offer on your item. If you accept the price, he’ll mail you a check for an amount that greatly exceeds the agreed upon price, often by hundreds of dollars.

When you notify him of the error, you’ll be told it was an honest mistake and that to save time, you have his permission to cash the incorrect check and mail back the overpayment in a money order.

Approximately seven to 10 days after you’ve done this, you’ll be contacted by the bank where you cashed the check and informed that it was fraudulent. You’ll also be informed that you are responsible for reimbursing the bank for the full amount. Note: They always insist that you mail the money order to them right away. That way they get your money before their bogus check is detected.

Lonely Hearts Scam

Internet match making sights have successfully united many couples, but watch out for these international criminals posing as eligible partners.

They’ll openly acknowledge that they live outside the USA as they portray themselves as everything you could ever want in a companion. They’ll take their time cultivating your trust and winning your love, often over the course of many weeks or months. Then they’ll spring their trap.

You’ll be told they want to visit you in America, and some even propose marriage. Then they’ll tell you they don’t have enough money for air fare, need to settle debts before they depart, or need money to obtain a visa. And yes, you will be asked to send it to them overseas in the form of a money order,

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Four osprey chicks sport GPS backpacks

As Michigan's osprey population continues to rebound, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is tracking the revitalization of this species in southern Michigan through monitoring efforts.

This year, four osprey chicks from area nests were outfitted with "backpack" GPS/GSM telemetry units. Funded by donations from DTE Energy, Huron Valley Audubon and Michigan Osprey volunteers Martha Wolf and Barb Jensen, these units will help scientists track the young birds' daily movements and seasonal migration patterns.

The chicks were hatched in nests on platforms at Kensington Metropark in Milford, Mich. and Sterling State Park in Monroe, Mich.

"We are very excited to have this opportunity to place GPS units on several ospreys this year," said Julie Oakes, DNR wildlife biologist. "This will provide us with information on what migration routes the birds take and will give us insight into what perils they must endure on their migration."

Anyone can follow the movement of the birds by visiting the Michigan osprey website at www.michigan-osprey.org. Move the cursor along the route to see GPS coordinates and time and date information for each leg of an osprey's journey. The youngsters will begin their migration in early to mid-September. It will likely be a couple of years before they return, since ospreys generally spend their first two years or so in Central America and South America before returning northward to nest.

In 1998, the DNR began to relocate ospreys to southern Michigan. The program, supported by donations to Michigan's Nongame Wildlife Fund, involved relocating chicks from nests in northern Michigan and rearing



DNR wildlife biologist Julie Oakes holds an osprey chick as the boat returns to the platform where the chick hatched. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

them in man-made towers in southern Michigan, through a process called "hacking." Relocation efforts occurred over a span of 10 years.

In 2013, the DNR, along with volunteers from Michigan Osprey, identified at least 56 active nests in southern Michigan - an amazing increase from the single active nest reported in 2002.

"This is a true wildlife success story," said Oakes. "Each year we have new nests. We have already exceeded our original goal of 30 active nests by 2020. We have been able to remove ospreys from the threatened species list and restore their numbers in Michigan."

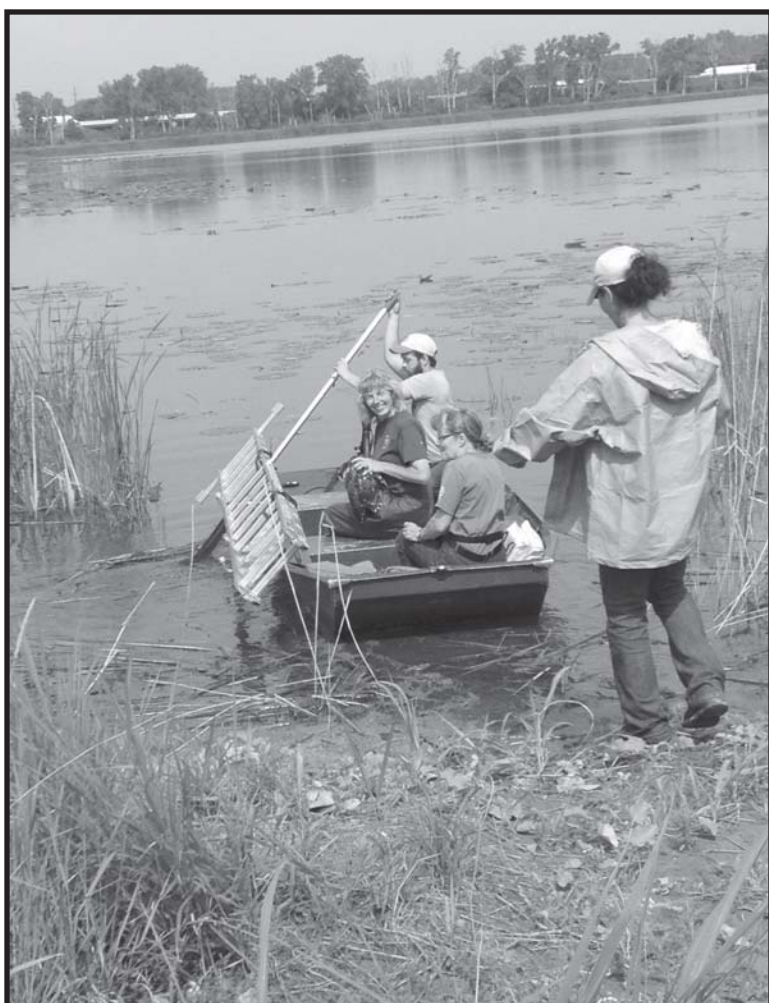
Historically, osprey chicks

have been banded each year as part of a national effort to monitor the species. Banding continues this year as a cooperative venture of the Michigan DNR, Huron-Clinton Metroparks, the Detroit Zoological Society and Michigan Osprey.

Because ospreys often nest on cell-phone towers, staff from cell-phone tower companies - are invaluable partners in osprey monitoring. Their staff members alert the DNR and Michigan Osprey to osprey nests, assist with the retrieval of chicks during the banding process and delay tower repair projects until after the nesting season.

Other partners in this monitoring effort include the Huron Valley Audubon Society, Michigan Audubon, volunteers from Michigan Osprey and the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services.

Anyone who observes a nesting pair of ospreys in southeast Michigan is asked to report the sighting via the Michigan Osprey website at www.michiganosprey.org.



Julie Oakes of the Michigan DNR and Brian Washburn of the USDA Wildlife Services outfit an osprey chick with a GPS "backpack" at Sterling State Park.

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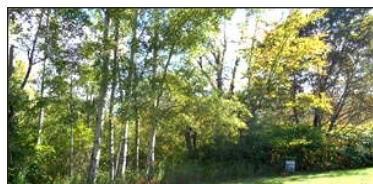
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How to determine life insurance needs at each stage in life

(BPT) - Many of life's different stages offer challenges and rewards - whether you're starting out on your own, raising a family, focusing on your career or preparing for a rewarding retirement.

However, while each life stage is unique, making sure your loved ones are cared for financially is something that needs to be addressed along the way.

Keep these things in mind as you enter each life stage:

- Surprisingly, when you're young and at your healthiest is the ideal time to get your first life insurance contract. Your family and your financial future are counting on you continuing to earn a living. Life insurance will en-

sure your loved ones aren't left dealing with your financial burdens if you pass away. Because you are young and healthy, a basic policy may be the most affordable depending on your needs.

- Young children at home can bring untold joy to a family. Unfortunately, this idyllic picture can be easily shaken if an untimely death occurs. Term life insurance can offer affordable coverage for you and your loved ones. Term insurance can be easily enhanced with additional options (called riders) to ensure your protection stays adequate as your family grows and your earning potential increases.

- As you enter your peak earning years and get closer to retirement, you will likely face more health risks. Converting from term coverage to permanent life insurance is a way to ensure lifelong financial protection. Permanent insurance is guaranteed to be with you for the rest of your life as long as you continue to pay the premium and your provider stays in business.

This is one of the many reasons you should look for an organization with a track record of financial strength

and stability. Permanent insurance contracts also allow you to begin to plan your legacy as they give you the option to include a favorite charity or cause as a beneficiary.

- As you enter your later years, you are now ready to take advantage of all those years of planning for retirement. Make sure you take time to meet with a financial professional to ensure your retirement needs haven't changed and that you still have the right financial plan in place.

These years are also time to focus on the legacy you want to leave behind for your children and grandchildren, as well as organizations that you support financially.

Life insurance, like life itself, has many stages and options for you to consider. It is an invaluable tool to ensure that those you leave behind are financially protected. It can also have many additional benefits to you and your loved ones beyond the basic death benefits.

Taking the time to obtain professional advice about protecting those you care about is an important first step to knowing your best options.

Scams

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cashier's check, or through a Green Dot card, often for thousands of dollars.

Once they receive your money, they'll continuously come up with new problems hoping to get more money until you catch on.

To Protect Yourself

- Never give strangers personal information such as your Social Security number, driver's license number, birth date, credit card or bank account numbers.

- Never allow someone to remotely access your computer unless you know for a fact who you are dealing with because you established the contact.

- Never make a payment to service providers before the work is completed to your satisfaction. Legitimate companies should already have the materials

- Never allow your desire for easy money or companionship to override your judgment. People don't win lotteries or sweepstakes unless they've entered them. People don't need your money in order to give you money.

- Always be suspicious of strangers whether in person, on the telephone, or on the computer. These are not the good old days and criminals want your money.

- Always ask yourself if something sounds too good to be true. If it does, then it's probably a scam. This may be your best line of defense.

- Always take your time and ask questions. If a caller claims to be your grandchild, ask them one or two questions only your grandchild could correctly answer. Hang up if they can't. And remember, the police and hospitals never take payment over the telephone.

- Always be willing to hang up the phone. Some scammers may become aggressive and demanding. Don't let yourself be bullied. Just hang up.

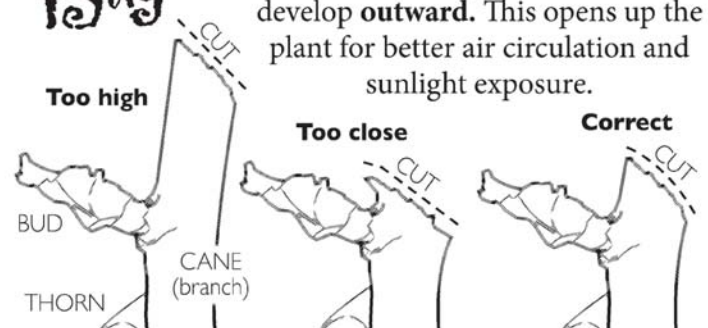
- Always feel free to call the Michigan State Police and ask questions if you think you're being scammed.



A lucky day on the links for Ed Hechlik (left) and Gordon Bennett -- two golfers participating in the 2015 Senior Tournament on the Lost Lake Woods Golf Course. Both men shot a hole-in-one on Friday, July 24, the last day of the tournament. Hechlik made his on the third hole with a 179 par three. Bennett made his on the seventh hole with a 116 yard par three. This was his third hole-in-one. Hechlik was the overall senior champion. Bennett tied for second place. *Courtesy photo.*

The Garden Bug

Pruning roses
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Think twice before buying a puppy

(BPT) - Your family is ready for a pet, so you head out to the local pet store. Within moments of walking into the shop, an energetic, sweet-eyed puppy steals your heart. You plunk down your money -- possibly hundreds of dollars -- and take him home, unaware that your new darling began his life in circumstances that most Americans would find horrifying, circumstances that will possibly cause him long-term health and psychological problems. He's the product of a puppy mill.

The majority of pet stores across the country obtain the pets they sell from commercial breeding facilities -- puppy mills -- according to animal welfare advocates. Equally as shocking: 43 percent of Americans don't know that most pet store puppies come from puppy mills, and 17 percent still choose to purchase a dog at a local pet store, rather than adopt from a shelter or rescue organization, according to a survey conducted by Best Friends Animal Society. Founded in 1984, the organization is a leader in the no-kill movement.

"For every commercially bred puppy purchased in a store, another shelter pet waits to find his or her family," said Elizabeth Oreck, the national manager of puppy mills initiatives at Best Friends. "If Americans want to break the puppy mill cycle and save lives, they need to stop buying puppies from pet stores and start adopting from shelters and rescue groups."

Approximately 167,000 adult dogs populate some 10,000 puppy mills around

the United States, spending their lives in cages where they get little or no exercise, mental stimulation or human attention. They produce more than two million puppies each year, most of whom are sold through pet stores. Puppy mill animals commonly suffer a range of health problems such as heart and kidney disease, hip dysplasia, blood disorders and deafness, as well as a variety of infections, parasitic infestations and even behavioral problems, according to Dr. Frank McMillan, director of well-being studies for Best Friends.

Adopting a pet from an animal shelter or rescue organization is a better option than purchasing a puppy mill animal from a pet store, animal advocates agree. Each day, 9,000 healthy, adoptable pets are killed because they don't have permanent homes.

Despite the widespread prevalence of puppy mills, and the negative associations many Americans have with the term -- 55 percent associ-

ate them with "animal cruelty" -- just three in five adults between the ages of 18 and 34 have heard of a puppy mill, the Best Friends survey revealed. Young adults were also less likely to associate puppy mills with animal cruelty, and more likely than other age groups to say they would buy a pet rather than adopt one.

"Adoption should always be your first choice for finding a pet," Oreck said. "Shelters house virtually every type of pet you could want, from puppies and kittens to mature animals, ones that are already house trained, spayed and neutered, and even specific breeds. In fact, 25 percent of pets in shelters are pure breeds. When consumers refuse to do business with stores that sell puppy mill animals, they send an important message."

To learn more about how to help eliminate puppy mills, or to find an adoption center near you, visit www.best-friends.org/pupppymills.



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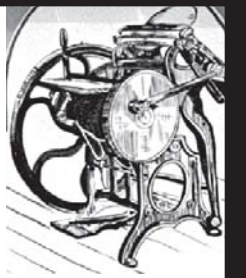
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Trapping tradition grows in popularity

Doug Reeves remembers his first time as though it were yesterday. "The first thing I ever caught was an ermine, a white weasel," said Reeves, assistant chief of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) Wildlife Division and a life-long trapper. "I sold it for 50 cents to a traveling fur buyer. To me that was big time."

He was nine years old. And he was hooked. The next year he got three traps and starting chasing muskrats. He progressed from there. "Back then you had to be 12 years old to trap beaver," he said. "The first one I got I brought home in the basket of my sister's fat-tire bike."

Now, 50 years later, Reeves is still trapping – muskrats, raccoons, coyotes, fox – just about everything. "You have to learn a lot," Reeves said. "The learning curve is very steep. The element of exploration and discovery is a lot of fun. It's a blast. I just love it."

Reeves isn't alone. In Michigan, trapping is growing in popularity. According to DNR records, just more than 10,000 people bought a fur harvester license in 1994. Two decades later, that number has tripled. "It's been increasing," said Adam Bump, the DNR's furbearer specialist. "Some of it may be because of pelt prices. When you have generally increasing pelt prices, you have an

increase in trapping and the last three or four years the pelt prices for muskrats have been near or at record highs. But price for every species varies on its own, so just because 'rat prices are up, that doesn't mean they all are."

Indeed, it's not all about fur prices, said Dale Hendershot, president of the 1,200 member Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association, one of three fur-taker associations in the state. A 64-year-old retired diesel mechanic from Gladwin, Mich. who's been trapping since he was 14, Hendershot said "the vast majority of trappers are not professionals."

Most trappers are hobbyists, Hendershot explained, recreationalists who "can probably make enough money to pay for their gasoline."

It's the challenge that intrigues trappers. "You really have to know the habits of the animals to get them," he said. "Trapping is not for the faint of heart," he added. "If you're hunting and it's below zero and the wind's blowing, you have an option – you can say 'I'm going to stay in the cabin today.' But if you have traps out there, you have to get out there in that stuff and check them. It's a huge commitment."

The Michigan Trappers and Predator Callers Association – formerly the Michigan Trappers Association – holds fur sales for its members and offers a landowner assistance program to connect folks who have issues with furbearers causing problems.

"Typically it's either beaver or coyote related, but everybody's got a problem with raccoons," Hendershot said.

The association also helps the DNR with its trapper education program, which has been in existence since 2009.

"Trapping is misunderstood," Hendershot said. "We're trying to make it better understood. We do a lot of educational stuff. I would hope that the educational movement is paying off."

Just like hunting and fishing, trapping is highly regulated by the DNR. There are prescribed seasons for all 17 of the species that fur-takers can harvest, and the means and methods of capture are regulated as well. "We tend to set seasons when the pelts

are most valuable," Bump said. "Most trapping gears up in fall and runs through the winter, though you can trap beaver and otter into spring. And weasels are open year-round."

Dwayne Etter, a research biologist with the DNR, is a relative newcomer to trapping. "As kids we messed around with it, but we really didn't know what we were doing," Etter said. "I was fortunate enough to attend trapper's college. The Michigan trappers association and national trappers association sponsor a biologist every year for a week to go to trapper's college. It's a week of intensive learning – how to trap, how to put up fur, good stuff."

"I immediately got excited, so I got home, bought some traps, and started trapping. It's kind of an addicting hobby – it grows and grows."

Now Etter takes a week's vacation every year to go the Upper Peninsula and trap. "It's kind of the same as deer camp – we go with the guys, hang out, cruise around the woods and we have the anticipation that we're going to catch something."

Trapping is also a tool for population management; when furbearer populations begin to exceed the carrying capacity, disease inevitably follows. "Whenever raccoons get too thick, you see a distemper outbreak," Reeves said. "When you get too many coyotes, you get mange. I've seen it where I live."

To Reeves, being an ethical trapper is critical to wildlife management. "To me, it's important that the animal is well caught, that it's dispatched humanely, and the fur is handled in a respectful way," he said.

For others, the allure of trapping is reconnecting to times past. "It's kind of a lifestyle to some people," Hendershot said. "It's a throwback to when our country was settled. And a lot of people like the feel of it."

To learn more about trapping and fur harvesting opportunities in Michigan, visit the DNR website www.michigan.gov/trapping.

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

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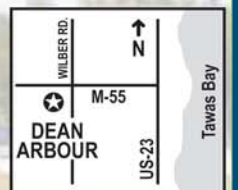
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Michigan State University offers local master gardener program

Anyone who enjoys being outdoors and working in the soil, would like the opportunity to learn more about growing plants, and gets excited about the chance to spend time with people who share the same interests might want to be part of the Michigan Master Gardener Program (MGP).

This horticulture education and volunteer training program is offered by Michigan State University Extension (MSUE) and provides home gardening information to Michigan residents through a network of trained master gardener volunteers.

All that is needed to get involved in the MGP is an interest in plants, a personal commitment to volunteering and an enthusiasm for sharing knowledge with others.

Master Gardener volunteers start by completing a 14-session course that provides a knowledge base grounded in university-generated data. Training is offered through MSU Extension and covers the following topics: Introduction and volunteerism, plant science, soil science, integrated pest management, diagnostics for master gardeners, annual

and perennial flowers, woody plants, lawns, vegetables, small fruit, tree fruit, indoor plants, household and nuisance pests, and gardening practices to protect water quality.

After completing the course, master gardener trainees must complete 40 hours of horticulture-related service within one year to earn their master gardener certification. That community service may include:

- Working with students to design an elementary school garden.
- Creating a horticulture therapy program at a senior center.
- Helping a neighborhood association create an urban garden.
- Sharing environmentally-friendly gardening practices at community events.
- Establishing vegetable gardens to meet local nutritional needs.
- Beautifying community sites for special events or community activities that attract local residents and tourists.

Community based MGP coordinators and facilitators assist trainees in exploring opportunities that meet their

interests, schedules and comfort levels. The Master Gardener Program welcomes anyone interested in learning about gardening, community service and working with other volunteers. No prior knowledge or experi-

ence in gardening is required. The 2015 MSUE Master Gardener Program will be held on Mondays from August 31 to December 7 from 6 to 10 p.m. at the MSU Extension Office in Tawas City. Registration must be

completed online before August 21 at <http://events-anr.msu.edu/mgptawas/>

For more information, contact Cindy Anderson, MSUE secretary at (989) 362-3449 or e-mail at ande1172@anr.msu.edu.



Ten teams participate in Alcona County Relay for Life on Saturday, July 25 with fun games, food, and a lot of support for those fighting cancer during the 12-hour event. Over \$8,134.75 was raised for the American Cancer Society putting the group just a bit shy of their goal of raising \$10,000. There are a few more weeks left to raise the additional funds. For more photos, see page 6D. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

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Birch bark canoe artists keep Native American tradition afloat

By Holly Drankhan
Capital News Service

When Tom Byers first laid eyes on a birch bark canoe, it wasn't what he saw that captivated him most.

It was what he heard.

"I hesitate to say the canoe spoke to me, but that's what happened," said Byers of Whitefish, Ontario, who has built 74 of the vessels. "It was almost as if there was a spirit that was communicating telepathically with me from this birch bark canoe that I saw. It was really a powerful experience for me."

Byers, a descendant of the Canadian aboriginal group Métis, is part of a movement to revive a craft once key to traveling the Great Lakes region.

The birch bark canoe was once a valuable means of transporting Native American goods, people and ideas. Europeans adapted and used it during the fur trade, explained John Low, who grew up in southwest Michigan as a member of the Pokagon Band of Potawatomi. He's now an Ohio State University assistant professor of comparative and American Indian studies.

"During the past 30 years, Native Americans have worked to return a souvenir shop item to one of individual and community pride," Low wrote in an article published recently in the journal "Material Culture."

The art of constructing birch bark canoes would be lost if not for the work of a few dedicated people, Low said. He remembered when elders in his community attempted to build a canoe, hoping others would follow in their footsteps.



Tom Byers uses spruce roots to lash together two sides of a birch bark canoe. *Photo courtesy of Tom Byers.*

Another person working to keep the art alive is Ron Paquin, a self-taught artist and elder of the Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Paquin's mastery of birch bark canoe-making earned him a 2003 Michigan Heritage Award from the Michi-

gan State University Museum's Michigan Traditional Arts Program. He was also awarded an Art Serve Michigan grant and a Native Arts and Cultures Foundation Artist Fellowship to teach the technique to tribal adults and youth.

"I am still learning and improving and believe that if I can't learn from my students and apprentices, then I'd better stop making canoes," Paquin wrote in a 2010 instructional booklet titled "Ron's Honest Canoe."

The booklet and accompanying video outline the birch bark canoe-building process step-by-step, providing pictures from a workshop with the Little River Band of Odawa Indians in Manistee, Mich.

First, large, thick sheets of white birch bark are unwrapped from tree trunks in the summer. Paquin uses plywood sheets, rocks and stakes to shape the bark into the curved canoe bottom.

The bark is laced to the upper wood frame using spruce or jack pine roots. After the roots are dug from the ground, they are boiled, peeled and split to create strong, pliable ropes.

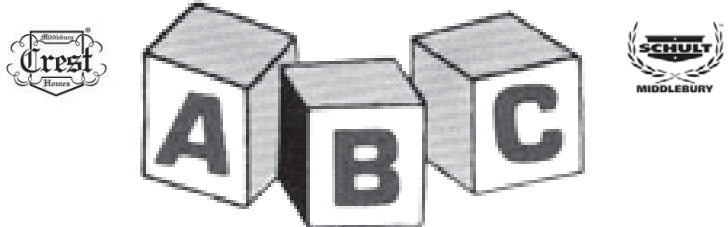
Rot-resistant white cedar is split to form the bottom planks and curved ribs of the canoe, which give the vessel its shape and stability. Minor tears and seams between bark pieces are sealed with a mixture of pine sap and animal fat to make the vessel waterproof.

Although Paquin follows traditional building methods,

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Curved ribs made of white cedar are added to the full length of the canoe to provide support and shape. *Photo courtesy of Eric Mase.*



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With more summer days ahead, every blood donation is important in helping en-

sure blood is available for patients in need, and volunteer donors are the only source of blood for those who need it. Donors of all blood types - especially those with types AB, O negative, A negative and B negative - are needed to help ensure blood products are available to hospital patients this summer.

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All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identification are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

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he improves efficiency with modern tools such as an electric drill and commercial caulking. He also purchased some of his lumber from mills.

Other self-taught artisans learn birch bark canoe-building techniques from a variety of sources.

Eric Mase of Ely, Minn., learned the art from Edwin Tappan Adney, an early 20th century writer and artist. Adney documented Native American techniques for constructing more than 100 models in his 1964 book "The Bark Canoes and Skin Boats of North America," which Mase refers to as "the Bible."

"Each canoe has a different style, a different set of challenges, and the goal is to acquire the skills to meet those new challenges and try to see if you can make that certain canoe just the way it appears in the book," Mase said.

Depending on the materi-

als used, a 14-foot canoe can take between 30 and 50 hours to complete, Mase said. This time commitment requires dedication. Each artist has his or her own motivations for pursuing the art form in addition to income from sales.

Mase enjoys the creative process. "It's like a musician," he said. "You're a novice and then once you reach a certain remedial level, you have a better understanding and you just keep refining and honing your skills and there is always something that you learn... That's what makes it worthwhile, I suppose."


For Byers, the vessels are an example of what humans can accomplish when they work with nature rather than against it. "They're made from renewable resources, don't create pollution when made or used and are completely biodegradable," he said.

"It has more to do with

being connected to the earth and nature than it does a particular cultural tradition or religion of any kind," Byers said. "It is about working with natural materials and making that connection."

A number of individuals have joined Byers at his workshop to construct their own canoes. They include historical re-enactors, those hoping to become professional canoe builders and others who enjoy the canoe's romanticism, Byers explained. "There are probably about as many reasons as there are people," he said.

Whatever their motivations, artisans across the Great Lakes are sustaining a work of art that is of cultural and historical significance to many in the area. As Low put it, "The tradition of birch bark canoe-building and travel is clearly not invented. It has lived in the hearts and memories of native peoples throughout the Great Lakes,



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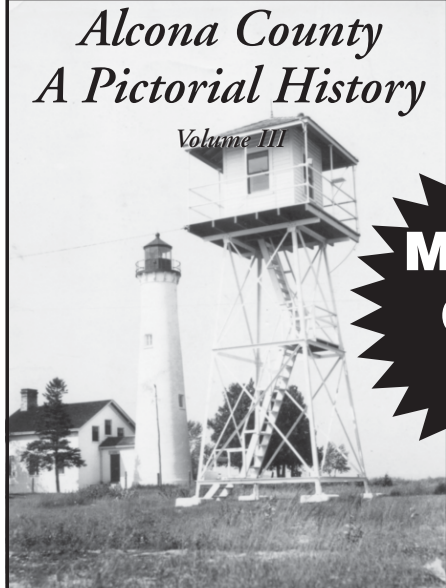
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Train routes being considered in Lower Peninsula

By Colleen Otte

Capital News Service

Michigan's transportation organizations are studying planes, trains and automobiles.

More options for public transit could play a huge role in the state's competitiveness in attracting and retaining people, young and old, according to transportation experts. They've recently launched four studies to assess the feasibility of new Michigan rail routes.

The studies will assess traffic flows, taking into consideration automobile, bus and air traffic, said Elizabeth Treutel, a Michigan Environmental Council policy associate.

"A big goal of the studies is understanding what are the traffic flows now?" she said. "Where are people going? Where are people coming from? How are they getting there? And then what is the likelihood that they would switch to a train if they had that option?"

About one-third of Michigan's population is too young or too old to drive or they are physically or financially unable to, Treutel said.

And rail is the friendliest motorized transportation for the environment and helps attract and retain recent college graduates who care about protecting it, she explained.

"Rail is often more efficient. It's not as good as biking or walking, but it's certainly better than driving, flying or taking the bus."

Rail also has economic impacts for the communities it connects. "We know that passenger rail brings in \$64 million in community benefits to the state every year," Treutel said. "That's the passenger rail lines that exist currently, which are the three Amtrak lines that go from Grand Rapids to Chicago, Detroit to Chicago, and then Port Huron to Chicago."

Grand Valley State University recently quantified those benefits, such as the money Amtrak spends on equipment and labor and the money travelers save and can then spend at local businesses, she said.

The four major proposals in Michigan include a commuter line between Howell, Mich. and Ann Arbor, Mich. and another between Ann Arbor, Mich. and Detroit, Mich., Treutel said. Longer routes are proposed between Ann Arbor, Mich. and Traverse City, Mich. and another between Detroit, Mich. and Holland, Mich. through Lansing, Mich. and Grand Rapids, Mich.

"They're all very different," Treutel said. "They're serving

grades include a significant portion of the Detroit-Holland line and an eight-mile stretch on the northern end of the Ann Arbor-Traverse City route, according to Treutel.

Detroit-Holland

The feasibility study assessing the Detroit-Lansing-Grand Rapids-Holland corridor is headed by Treutel and the Michigan Environmental Council, in partnership with the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority and Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT).

The \$100,000 study is a seven-month project funded by federal grants that are matched by contributions from community organizations along the corridor that support the proposed line.

According to Treutel, it will assess ridership demand and estimate costs. The main goal of what is called the coast-to-coast railway is to connect Michigan's major cities, which haven't been connected by rail since 1971.

The group is considering several different routes, Treutel said, but every route would go from Detroit to Holland and run through Grand

how much funding from other source will be necessary.

If the study proves the line is feasible, then it would require additional studies, including an environmental analysis and an assessment of the willingness for public investment.

Treutel said a fair estimate for how soon service could be in place is seven to 10 years.

Ann Arbor-Detroit

A commuter rail route between Ann Arbor, Mich. and Detroit, Mich. could potentially serve 135,000 students, a few hundred thousand employees and three of the five largest employment centers in southeast Michigan: Dearborn, Detroit and Ann Arbor, said Alex Bourgeau, transportation coordinator for the Southeast Michigan Council of Governments.

The proposal has a lot going for itself, Bourgeau said, considering the airports and other amenities like stadiums, concert venues, theaters and festivals that draw travelers.

The duration of the rail trip between Ann Arbor and Detroit would be 50 to 65 minutes for about 38 miles,

Benham, a strategic planner for the Ann Arbor Area Transportation Authority.

The route is officially the North-South Commuter Rail project, but has been dubbed the WALLY project because it connects Washtenaw and Livingston counties.

About 1,300 people could benefit from the commuter railway in daily round trips, Benham said.

However, it's not just the study results and whether the railway is "feasible from the bricks-and-mortar standpoint," but also the political willingness of local communities that will determine the likelihood of implementing the new route.

Benham said he supports the proposal because such public transit projects can "shape the development of communities in a sensible way."

Ann Arbor-Traverse City

The Michigan Land Use Institute is working with MDOT to determine when to study a line covering 240 miles between Ann Arbor and Traverse City, said Jim Bruckbauer, transportation policy specialist for the Traverse City-based nonprofit group.

They hope to complete it within the next couple of years, Bruckbauer said, then would launch an environmental review and engineering study.

"One of the largest costs when you're taking on a big transportation project like this is purchasing all the land and laying down the tracks," he said. "And in this case, the land is still owned by the state and the tracks are already there."

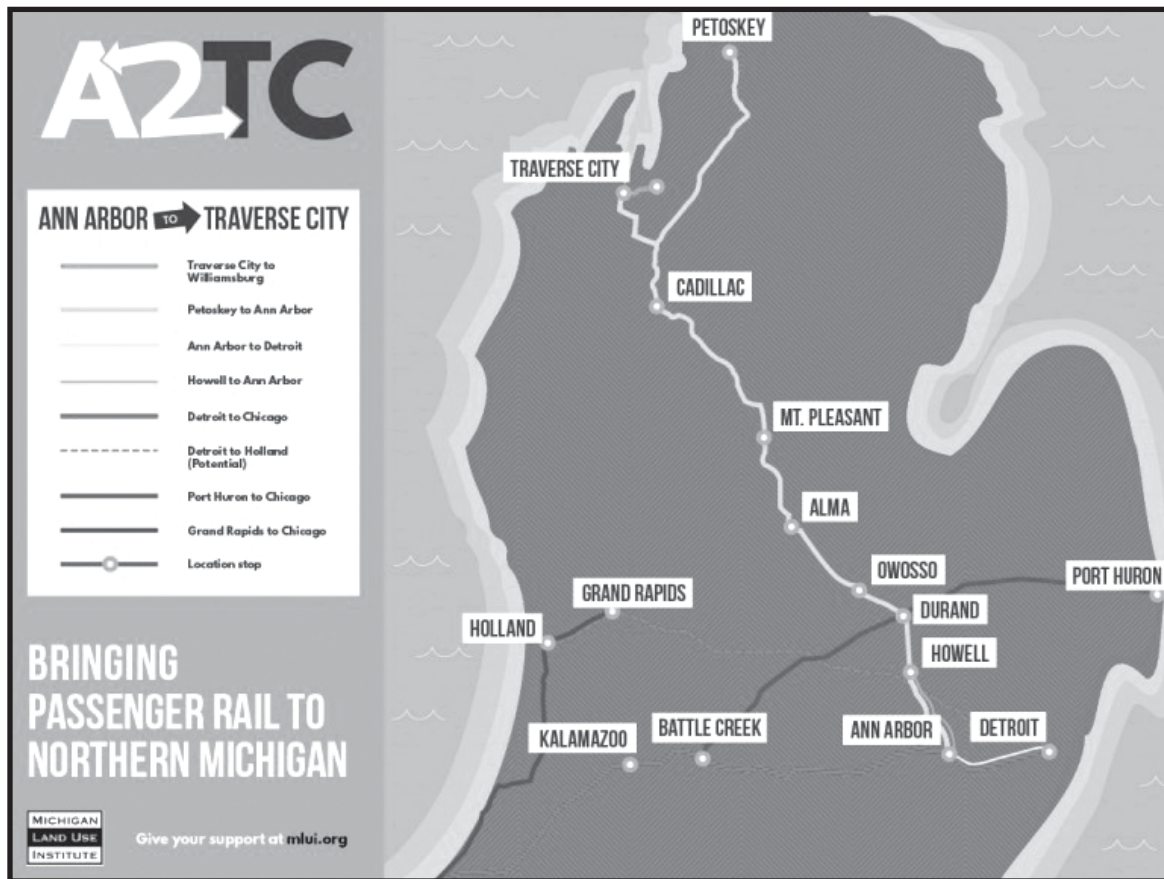
The proposed route would rely on the same set of tracks that the WALLY commuter project would operate on, Bruckbauer said.

"However, the service that we're talking about would not be the multiple-times-a-day commuter service," he said. "The WALLY is intended to serve the everyday commuters in Ann Arbor, so it'll probably run anywhere from six to eight times a day and in the mornings and afternoon."

Because it would serve longer-distance travelers, the Ann Arbor-Traverse City route would probably be a once-a-day service at the most, Bruckbauer said. It could start with demonstration trains, "not on a regular schedule, but around special events maybe in the summer and in the winter, so that we can assume that train travel can work between the two areas."

The proposed route already has a lot of public enthusiasm, Bruckbauer said. A 2011 study found that the priority of people statewide was a passenger connection to Traverse City.

"This is something that will certainly benefit Traverse City and Ann Arbor," Bruckbauer said. "But also, we're really looking at the impact this could have on some of the mid-Michigan downtowns that are between Traverse City and Ann Arbor."



different areas of the state, and they're at different points of development."

That means that the projects are unlikely to conflict with each other, Treutel explained. But competition for funding and local match money ultimately depends on plan and construction timelines.

Another reason that all four routes are plausible is that they're all based on existing rail infrastructure now used by freight traffic. "There are agreements, contracts and technology in place so multiple entities can use the track," Treutel said.

But the quality of the track is held to a higher standard for passenger than for freight service, she said, so some sections of existing tracks will need to be improved, especially to allow the passenger trains to run at the typical speed of 70 to 100 miles per hour.

Areas that require up-

Rapids and Lansing.

"It's really a matter of how they get between Detroit and Lansing - that's where the deviations come in. That's basically figuring out if Ann Arbor will be included in that or not," she said. "For example, it could go down through Ann Arbor, then up to Lansing, or up to Howell then over to Jackson."

The goal is for the passenger rail system to be self-sustaining based on revenue from fares, Treutel said. "But we know that most of the time that's not the case with public transit. Almost always, there's going to be some kind of investment needed from either a local, regional, state or federal government."

Ticket sales cover only part of Michigan's Amtrak costs, Treutel said. The rest comes from state and federal investments in the rail system. The results of the coast-to-coast study would help determine

he said. He estimated the line would serve at least a couple thousand people daily.

Bourgeau said planners hope to enter the environmental assessment stage this year, which would take about eight months to get completed and approved. Next, they could seek bids for construction, which he said would probably take about two years since existing tracks must remain operational.

"We still have to be able to run the Amtrak trains through any freight travel, so we're going to have to draw construction around those trains," Bourgeau said. "If we were able to just close it all down and get it done, it would be much quicker, but we can't do that."

Howell-Ann Arbor

A study of a 27-mile route between Howell and Ann Arbor that reassesses cost estimates that goes back seven years will conclude in December, said Michael

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A technique for targeting muskellunge in hot weather

In the thick of summer it can be hard to encourage muskellunge into taking a lure or bait. Already a wary predator, this "fish of 10,000 casts" is very particular and often retreats to deeper water during this time of year. But there is a technique you can implement that will, on occasion, produce outstanding catch results.

The idea is to use a large rod, at least eight feet in length, with quite a bit of line and to cast as far as you possibly can. Use the length of the cast to engage in an aggressive retrieve that gives your lure/bait bursts of energy and then slowing the speed every 10 feet or so.

Be patient when using this technique for an extended period of time, and be encouraged if you obtain several "follows" as a result (those who avidly seek out muskellunge will know what that means).

Northeast Lower Peninsula July 23

• **Rogers City:** Fishing continues to pick up for Chinook and steelhead with the occasional coho or Atlantic salmon mixed in. There has not been one spot better than another however, the better fishing was in the evening in 45 to 120 feet with downriggers, dipseys, lead core and copper. Most fish were caught in the top 40 feet with green, blue, yellow and chartreuse spoons. Glow spoons work best at first and last light.

Steelhead were caught on orange spoons up high. Lake trout are still abundant and those targeting them have done very well when using cowbells with spin-glos near

the bottom or suspended. Conditions are changing continuously with the different wind directions.

• **East and West Twin Lakes:** Fishing was slow on East Twin but the walleye fishing on West Twin was very good with fish ranging 15 to 18 inches. Those trolling reported fish over 20 inches. Rock bass fishing was easy on West Twin when using crawlers or artificial worms in the six to eight foot holes. Perch fishing was also good with fish ranging eight to 14 inches. Bass fishing was moderate with most fishing along the shallows and near structure off Eagle Point.

• **Alpena:** A mixed bag is beginning to show up with mostly lake trout along with a couple of salmon and steelhead. Lake trout can be found near the bottom but the salmon and steelhead were hitting in the top 50 feet. Try around Thunder Bay Island or the "Humps" with orange, green or blue spoons.

The walleye fishing has been great with most boats catching fish near the North Shore and Red Can, behind Grass Island, between Sulphur Island and Grass Island or around Thunder Bay Island. Most fish were taken on crank baits, body baits and crawler harnesses. The fish have moved deeper and were anywhere from eight to 15 feet down in 20 to 40 feet.

• **Thunder Bay River:** The water has warmed significantly and slowed the bite for most species but some young anglers caught rock bass and some undersize smallmouth bass.

• **Harrisville:** The water temperature has been up and

down making it hard to find the breaks. Lake trout, salmon and walleye seem to be in the same area north of the harbor between Sturgeon Point and the Black River in 10 to 30 feet. Lake trout and salmon were caught in 70 to 170 feet. Those fishing top to bottom caught a variety of fish with downriggers, planer boards and long-lining. Spoons, wobble glows and spin-glo's behind cowbells, flashers and dodgers are working well.

• **Oscoda:** Pier anglers have caught channel cats but they were not biting until very late at night. Walleye have slowed. Lake trout are out deep and staying close to the bottom. Try 80 to 150 feet with dark colored spoons, spin-glos and cut bait.

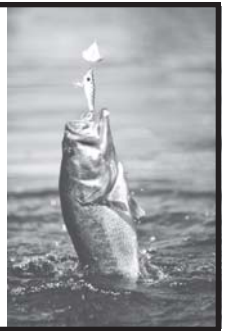
• **AuSable River:** A few walleye were caught just below Foote Dam. Early morning and late at night were the best times.

• **Houghton Lake:** Is producing panfish and walleye.

• **Tawas:** Had a lot of boats out trolling for walleye. They

Northeast Michigan

Fishing Report



did best in 50 to 60 feet outside Tawas Point when using crawler harnesses. A few limit catches were reported. Some boats were going south toward the "crib" off Alabaster and fishing in 40 to 50 feet. Pier and river fishing were "summer slow" and producing the occasional bass, catfish or freshwater drum.

• **AuGres:** Remained very busy with lots of walleye action between Point Lookout and Pointe AuGres in 35 to 45 feet and northeast of the Charity Islands. Harnesses and some body baits were the main lures.

• **AuGres River:** Fishing was slow with only the occasional catfish taken.

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

Creel clerks collect angler data to aid in fisheries management

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fisheries managers depend on data when deciding where to stock fish and when setting fishing regulations. Over the years, they've found that one of the best sources of fisheries data is the anglers themselves.

Since 1985, the DNR has conducted a regular creel census at many of the state's most popular fishing locations, finding out what anglers are doing. "The main things we want to know are their catch rates and what species they caught," said Tracy Kolb, a fisheries biologist who has run the DNR's creel census program since 2008. "We also ask their zip code - we want to see how far they'll travel to fish - and their ages because different age groups use different resources."

Michigan has about 35 fisheries assistants (commonly called "creel clerks") working around the state at Great Lakes ports and on inland lakes and streams.

They regularly conduct surveys at some waters and intermittently at others; some are year-round, others are in the rotation only during the open-water season.

"We interview anglers about their trips and ask about tackle and techniques," Kolb said. "We also ask resource-related questions at some places that are determined by local biologists, like, 'Do you like the stocking program?' or 'Is there a good mix of species?' The data we collect and the things we do with the data are not theoretical - they're real. They're practical and interesting. And it's dynamic; things are always changing."

Kolb designs surveys and creel schedules to meet statistical sampling criteria and to meet the data needs of the DNR Fisheries Division's basin coordinators. How surveys are conducted varies by the nature of the fishery.

Mike Tower, a 26-year-old fisheries assistant in his third

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Cedar wax wing eating service berries in the backyard of Lois Carey of Harrisville. *Courtesy photo.*

Scenes from Relay for Life



Ten teams participate in Alcona County Relay for Life on Saturday, July 25 with games, food, and a lot of support for those fighting cancer during the 12-hour event. Over \$8,134.75 was raised for the American Cancer Society putting the group just a bit shy of their goal of raising \$10,000. There are a few more weeks left to raise the additional funds. *Photos by Cheryl Peterson.*

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Commercial mechanical-prime contractor bids are requested for the *Alcona County Jail Boiler Upgrade Project* due on Monday August 10, 2015 at 1 p.m. A mandatory pre-bid walk-thru is scheduled. See Bidding Specs and Drawings available at www.alconacountymi.com.

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Brian Shemanski shaves Jason Laird's head after raising \$70 at the event. *Courtesy photo.*



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Nicely appointed cottage between two 20' easements to Cedar Lake. Bedrooms are 10x8 and 9x8. livingroom/dining area is 14x16 and kitchen is 14x9. air conditioning, shed, attached garage. Furniture may be available separately if desired. 14-0053 **\$51,900**



Beautiful home on 10 wooded acres. Built on a bluff with a view of Lake Huron. Very private. Insulated full basement with unlimited possibilities. Main level of home has all natural oak flooring. Hickory cabinets. Master bedroom on main floor with bath and walk in closet. Beautiful stairway leads to second bedroom and bath and loft area. The 10 acres is large mature trees. 26x36 garage is insulated and drywalled. Covered front porches on both front and back of home. Full house back up generator. 14-0055 **\$159,000**



Located in Pine River Heights Estates, Section 23, Parcel 5. This vacant 10 acres gives you a clean palate to design and build your perfect dream house, or up north getaway, with approximately 500 feet on the Pine River and an estimated 143 feet on the other side of the river. 15-0006 **\$25,000**



Vacant property just north of the county line. Zoned commercial but can be used for many purposes. Culvert and asphalt driveway are in. Electric at property. Check out the many possibilities for this property. 15-0010 **\$20,000**



Nice up north cottage or home with beautiful stone fireplace and knotty pine interior all within short walking distance to Van Ettan easement. Gated driveway with lots of woods to enjoy cookouts around screened-in picnic area and firepit. Well house with extra storage. 15-0020 **\$49,000**



Very private area- 2 bedroom home in Lakewood Shores. Large family room with gas fireplace. Nice yard with underground sprinkler system. Extra lot measures a total of 210 feet of frontage. Wooden deck on back to view birds and wildlife. Appliances stay. Access to both Lake Huron and Cedar Lake. 15-0027 **\$85,000**



Beautiful 2 story home on 10 acres of mature woods. Very private with thick woods between home and asphalt road. Natural oak and hickory floors thru-out. Large tiled bathrooms. Granite counter tops. All appliances stay. Large Anderson windows for entire home. High efficiency furnace and central air. Garden areas with raspberries and blackberries. Huge wooden deck to relax and enjoy wildlife. 32x42 garage with heated workshop overhead. Full walkout basement with a 17x19 room finished in spruce paneling from the property. Full house automatic backup generator system. Living room has a 2 story vaulted ceiling. This is a beautiful home and is in immaculate condition. 15-0028 **\$209,000**



Attractive ranch home on 100 feet of Lake Huron sandy beach. Home is nicely decorated. Landscaped with flowering bushes, an apple tree and a great fire pit area on lakeside. Free standing wood stove to supplement the hot water heat system. Attached 2.5 car heated garage and 12x28 extra garage to store your boat. Township park next door with boat launch or fish from the river bank only 100 yards away. Many nice homes in area. Located close to entrance of Negwegon State Park, one of Michigan's best kept secrets. Located on the shores of Lake Huron where you can camp, hike or hunt. 15-0030 **\$167,000**



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Nice well maintained 38ft travel trailer with slide out, deck on the side with insulated roof. Also, includes Boatslip #32 directly behind trailer for easy access to Lake Huron or AuSable River. Nice shed to store all your fishing equipment or grill to cook your "Catch of the Day". When your finished fishing for the day put your lounge chair on the sugar sands of Lake Huron and relax. Gated community with fish cleaning station, club house with game room, laundry room, bathrooms, cable for tv, water, yard mowing and road repair as necessary and trash pick-up. 15-0033 **\$29,900**



Large home located in nice subdivision. 3 bedroom - 2 bath. Large family room with fireplace. City water, city sewer and Nat gas hot water heat. New flooring in kitchen and new built in oven. Immediate occupancy. 15-0034 **\$76,000**



4 high and dry buildable lots with Lake Huron sandy beach at the end of the road. Approximately 150 yards away. Nice homes on road. This is the last road north of Oscoda with city water and city sewer available. Zoned R3 with nat. gas and cable available. Hard to get any closer to the big lake at this price. Picture above is of the lake access at end of road. Picture of the 4 lots is in photo tour. 15-0035 **\$12,900**



110 feet of the finest sandy beach the Sunrise side of Lake Huron has to offer. Surrounded by beautiful homes and the view is spectacular. Property has been surveyed and evaluated for septic system. Extra lot to US-23 for possible storage building. Close to Harrisville and their great boat harbor. 15-0037 **\$159,000**



Commercial building on busy highway. Located in Harrisville and is currently used as a barber shop. Would make a great office or gift shop. City water, natural gas and city sewer. Across from Harrisville State Park. Good parking area. 15-0039 **\$55,000**



Full log home with 66 foot deeded access to All Sports Cedar Lake less than 100 yards away. Great room has a vaulted ceiling with sky lights. Beautiful pine flooring and a fireplace. All solid wood interior doors. Appliances stay. 15-0041 **\$89,000**



Beautiful 3 bedroom - 2 bath home on 20 wooded acres and only 10 minutes from Oscoda. Beautiful hickory cabinets in the spacious kitchen. The dining area and the finished and heated Florida room overlooks the backyard for a spectacular view of fruit trees (apple, peach, pear and cherry) and the wooded acres beyond. The 35x28 att. garage is insulated. All rooms have been tastefully remodeled. 15-0042 **\$159,900**



Two bedroom home on 20 acres. Home was constructed in 2001. Would be a great property to have horses or other livestock. Two barns on property that could have crops or hay but there is a strip of woods at the back of property with good deer hunting. Home is in nice condition and features a vaulted ceiling in living room with a free standing wood stove for alternative heat. Furnace is LP gas and has the A coil for central air. Main level has one bedroom and bath as does the upper level. There is also a good size landing area at the top of the stairs for an office or sitting area. Small stream on property that would allow for a pond. Covered back porch overlooks property. 15-0045 **\$85,000**



Large 4 bedroom home in great subdivision. Access to both Lake Huron and Van Ettan Lake. Large living room and family room with fireplace. Full house automatic backup generator. 24x30 unfinished basement with mechanicals and work area. Appliances stay. Immediate occupancy. Two car attached garage. 15-0046 **\$99,000**



Beautiful half log home or cottage on all sports Cedar Lake. Lots of windows on lakeside for great views of the lake. Brick sidewalk and patio area surround home and the foundation has a stone finish for a great look. Open beam ceiling and two fireplaces. Very deep wooded lot measures 63x15. 15-0040 **\$179,000**



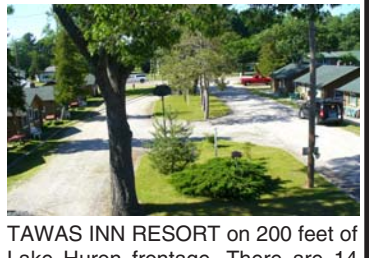
Great 'Up North' cottage with room for the whole family. 4 bedroom - 2 bath and right across the street from the lake with an unobstructed view. House sets on 2 lots with a total of 102 feet of frontage. Very well maintained and an open floor plan with view of the lake from most rooms. Large backyard. 15-0051 **\$85,900**



Semi-secluded nicely treed 4A+/- setting off Loud Drive about 2 miles north of Cedar Lake Rd. Two berm BR's down and MBR w/balcony and walk-in closet up. Family or Recreation Room on lower level is 365sf. Workroom, furnace room and entry with fruit cellar totals 243sf. Includes scanner and 28,000BTU LP heater. Asphalt driveway is 4" thick. New boiler w/3 zones. Large detached insulated Workshop with two work or storage rooms and 220A service. Tree sculpture on LR wall included (if wanted). 15-0049 **\$169,000**



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year of taking creel census, works on Saginaw Bay and Lake Huron. During the open-water months, his beat stretches from Quanicassee to Caseville, Mich. During ice-fishing season, he works from Sebewaing to Harbor Beach.

"Where I go depends on the calendar," said Tower, who has a degree in fisheries and wildlife management from Lake Superior State University. "On even-number dates, I start on the west side of the area and work east. On odd-number dates, I start on the east and go west. You try to cover it all to get an idea of what's going on."

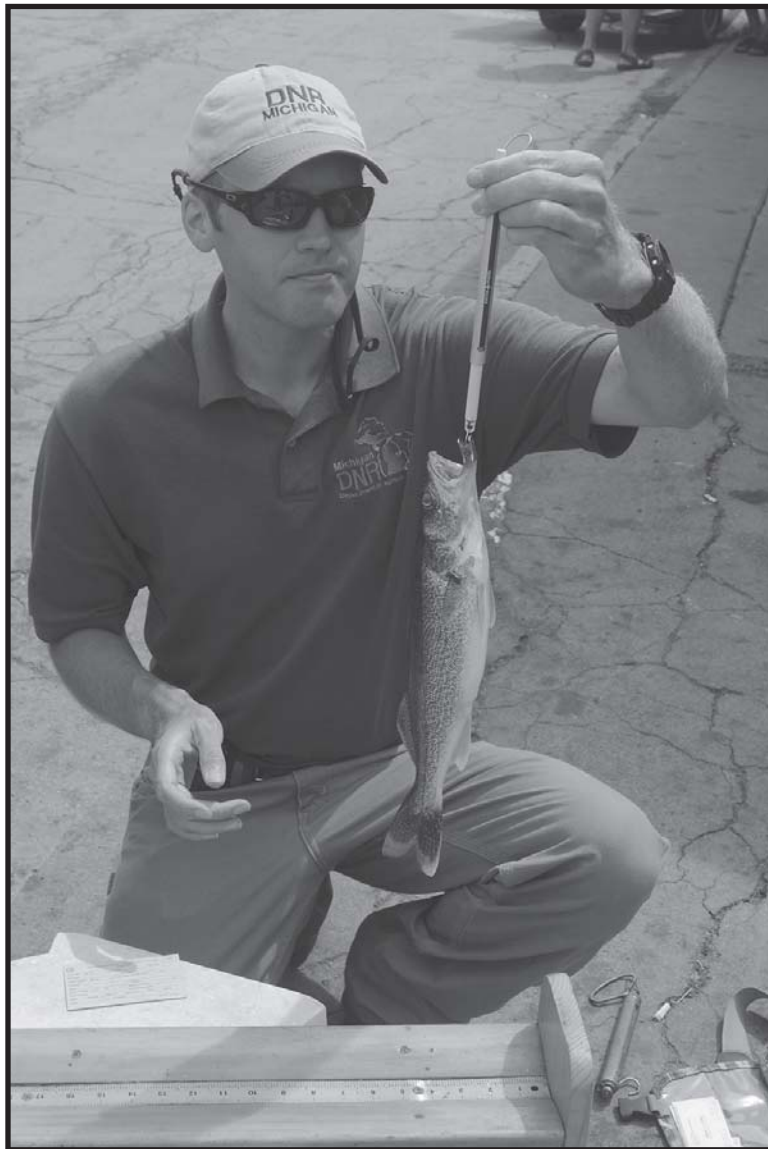
Tower visits the boat launches and harbors, interviewing anglers after they've fished. Besides recording catch data, he also weighs and measures fish and takes samples - spines from wall-eyes, spines or scales from perch, scales from salmon, and jaws from lake trout - from amenable anglers. The samples are used to age fish to help biologists determine growth rates.

Tower loves his job. "I could not believe you could get paid to do something like this," he said.

Reuben Peterson, in his 23rd year as a fisheries assistant, surveys Keweenaw Bay, working out of L'Anse and Baraga some days, Traverse Bay and South Portage entry on others. In the summer months, he stations himself at boat launches. In the winter, Peterson's out on the ice on a snowmobile asking about the catch and taking samples of the trout and salmon species and perch.

He loves his job, too. "I've become friends with thousands of people that I've met out on the ice or at the marina," he said. "Some days are rough, but it would be really hard to give up a job like this. If you love your job it's not really work, is it?"

Peterson created a pilot program using remote cameras to get accurate data on how many boats are out during the fair-weather months. "Sometimes when I'm travel-



DNR creel clerk Eric Morrow weighs a walleye from the Detroit River. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

ing from port to port, boats come in and I'm losing interviews," he said. "The more information you can get, the better."

Accurate participation data is important, Kolb said, because the DNR uses it to figure out approximate harvests. "We sample a portion of the anglers and assume they're representative of the population, and expand the numbers out to times and days we're not there," she said. "By sticking to a strict sampling protocol, we can ensure the range of estimates we come up with falls within three percent of the real value."

On vast bodies of water - Saginaw Bay or Lake Erie, for instance - the DNR uses aerial surveys to determine how many anglers are out on the water. That's happening this year as part of an international creel survey on the Detroit River, developed in conjunction with the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the United State Geological Survey, which is funding aerial counts.

"We'd like to know the total amount of effort because

we haven't creeled the river internationally ever and the last time the Michigan DNR creeled the Michigan side was 10 years ago," Kolb said. "There's a lot of activity there and we want to characterize it so we develop proper management programs."

Eric Morrow works the American side of the Detroit River. A native Detroitier who spent five years as a creel clerk at Lake Superior, Morrow splits his time between the upper river - four sites in Detroit and one in River Rouge - and the lower river, which has six creel sites from Ecorse to Gibraltar, Mich. He said he's been pleasantly surprised by how willing the anglers are to participate; the Lake Superior anglers were more tight-lipped.

"Detroiters are willing to share their information," said Morrow. "I get a lot of 'We appreciate you being out here' and 'We appreciate the work you're doing.'"

Morrow, who has a biology degree from Oakland University, says he takes perch and walleye samples, but he makes sure he gets the whole

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Devils Lake anglers Mark and Steve Dubuc chat with DNR creel clerk Shawn Spilak.

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Frank Locker of Toledo is the guest of his schoolmate, Claud Yockey.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Monroe and daughter Maxine have returned from Detroit.

Wm. Eston of Bay City won the rose center piece recently offered by St. Anne's Society.

I. Grabowsky of Detroit, father of Mrs. S. B. Pizer, is a guest at the Pizer home.

Miss Marsaida Corcoran of Port Huron is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. W. Hayden.

S. B. Kahn arrived Sunday from Detroit and will spend the week looking after business matters here.

Mr. and Mrs. F. N. Stocking and Master Norman Stocking arrived in Harrisville Thursday, July 22, and are staying at the "Poplars."

Miss Elizabeth L. Stocking, who has been staying at the "Poplars" since June 3rd, returned to Detroit Saturday.

Miss Mary Brophy arrived Saturday to spend a portion of the warm weather at her cozy cottage on Huron avenue.

A. L. Noyes has received his commission as an official of the Civil Service Commission to conduct examinations for fourth class postmasters.

Jas. Miller is substitute examiner.

Tea siftings, 2 lbs. for 25 cents at Ferguson's.

The Yearn-Hubell auto party spent a week at Hubbard Lake. They expect to leave today for their return trip to Port Huron.

Leroy A. Wagerly and Miss Zella O. Allison, both of Glenzie, were married Tuesday evening at Alpena by the Rev. E. L. Little. They were unattended. The Review joins in extending best wishes.

An automobile party from Harrisville consisting of George LaChapelle, Will

Carle, S. B. Kahn and Walter Chapelle (editor of Harrisville Review) arrived in the city this morning about 9 o'clock in Walter's auto. They returned to Harrisville this afternoon.—Alpena News.

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Haines and Miss Agnes Herr returned to Detroit Wednesday morning, after spending two weeks with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Herr.

Howard Chiritree went to Detroit Wednesday morning; also his cousin, Harold Caves, who was visiting here.

Miss Edith Beede returned from Alpena Tuesday.

Jos. Baror was in Alpena Wednesday to consult a doctor.

Irene and George Van Horn of Grand Ledge came Tuesday to visit their grandmother, Mrs. J. Van Horn.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Green and daughter Nora left this morning to spend a week in Detroit.

Mrs. John Sharp with her son George, recently entertained Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Curtis, the Misses Logan and German, all of Detroit, at the Sharps' wild-land farm

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"Tipperary" located a few miles west of Lincoln. Luncheon was served in the open. Mr. Sharp was able to show the guests a beautiful field of rye on his place, measuring 54 inches in height.

Last Thursday Miss Harriett Sharp gave an auto party to the Misses Esther Boyce and Nora Green of Harrisville and to the Misses Victoria Van Fleet and Beatrice Barden of Detroit. The party toured to Oscoda going via Mikado, and after light refreshments at Oscoda returned via the shore route. Mr. Curtis drove for Miss Sharp.

Mrs. Allen Chisholm is reported very ill at her home in Harrisville township. Miss Pearl Henderson is nursing her.

An examination will be held Aug. 14, 1915, at Greenbush, of persons who may apply for the position of postmaster at that town. The position paid

\$191 last fiscal year.

A special meeting of the Woman's Civic Club will be held at Odd Fellow Hall Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock local time. Each member try and be present. Regular meeting every Monday evening.

A large crowd attended the masquerade given at the Pastime roller rink last Wednesday evening. Some of the skaters displayed talent in their costumes and caused much amusement to the spectators. Prizes were given to Miss Lois Conklin, Arthur Jrcocks, Forest Conklin and Joie Miller.

Henry Buchanan, a former resident of this section, is visiting at the home of Walter Martin. Hard luck has followed Henry since he left Lincoln several years ago. He burned out at Lachine losing nearly everything and is now just recovering from an attack of typhoid.

Isaac Dagget, the insane man, who was taken to Traverse City last week by

Sheriff Hamilton and Judge of Probate Burt, gave the officers some trouble enroute. First he destroyed a new hat that had been provided him and at the Bay County jail, where he was confined over night, he became violent and destroyed his bedding and other articles in the cell. The attendants at last were compelled to put him in a straight jacket to keep him from injuring himself or destroying more property.

Ed. Killmaster played center field for Alpena Sunday at Rogers City, when the Rogers team was defeated 13-6. Alpena's first baseman, Geo. Fitzpatrick, was hit on the nose by a pitched ball in the fifth inning and knocked out. Killmaster took first base during the balance of the game.

J.R. Snody and other members of the state tax commission completed the reassessing of Gustin township and last Thursday held are view of the same at the town hall.

Quite a number of taxpayers appeared before the board and several readjustments were made. The commission is now working in Alpena county.

Judge Burt and Sheriff Hamilton were in Alden, Antrim county, Sunday and took dinner with Peter Chapelle. "Pete and Jim" were acquaintances at Harrisville thirty-five years ago. They report Peter pleasantly located on Torch Lake where he keeps summer boarders. He is also engaged in the undertaking and store business. The two officials also visited at Bellair, the county seat of Antrim county, where Judge Burt found that the sheriff was an old school boy chum of his and they spent several hours renewing acquaintance. The two Alcona officials had been at Traverse City with a patient and visited Alden and Bellaire while waiting for a train.

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Clerks

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story. "We're looking for information about everything," he said. "I'm writing down as much information on freshwater drum and white bass as I am walleye. I take weights and measurements for white bass, smallmouth, northern pike or any muskie that comes in. When the white bass started mixing in with the walleyes, people would come in and say, 'All I got was white bass,' and kind of shrug it off. But we want that information, too."

While many creel clerks spend their time at launch ramps, Shawn Spilak spends most of his days in a boat, cruising Lake Hudson and Devils Lake in Lenawee County, Mich.

Because so many anglers live on the lake - or access it through private property - he won't get the whole story if he stays at the ramp. Spilak said he's careful that he approaches anglers from the right direction so as not to disturb the fishing. And because Devils Lake has a lot of bass fishermen, Spilak said, "I try not to talk to the bass tournament guys while they're fishing. I'll wait until they get back to the launch."

Spilak, who has a degree in environmental science and has worked creel at Grand Traverse Bay and Lake Erie in the past, said the anglers he surveys on the inland lakes are pleasant and interested in what he's doing. "You get a different group of guys than you do on the Great Lakes, guys with 12-foot boats who live a mile up the road," He said. "They're not in as big a rush. A lot of times the anglers ask more questions than I do."

That's another important function of creel clerks - simply interacting with the public. "There are a lot of people who are very, very nice, very helpful, very friendly," Tower said. "I would say 99 percent of people are helpful. There are one or two people a season that are difficult; a very tiny amount of the people I speak with. In fact, there are certain guys who pull right up to me and offer me samples."

Clerks say there are other benefits to the job. "I get to see what lures are working, what colors," Spilak said. "I get a lot of information about what's going on for myself. It's almost like cheating."

Learn more about Michigan's creel survey work on the DNR website www.michigan.gov/fishing.

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