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Exercise and friendship keeps 97-year-old resident young

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Exercise, a good attitude and friendship keeps a body fit and the mind energized and no one knows this better than active seniors.

One Alcona County senior, Mae Weeks, celebrated her 97th birthday on Monday, March 2 by riding a stationary bike with the same vigor, happiness, and enthusiasm she had as a child. In fact, Weeks goes three times a week to VRC Rehabilitation and Physical Therapy in Lin-

coln to ride the bikes, meet with friends and catch up on the latest news around town.

Weeks began taking physical therapy at the facility after she broke her leg while vacuuming a few years ago and continued exercising there after her leg healed.

"It's friendly and clean and I get to catch up on what's going on with everyone. They all know me. It's a good place to meet people and visit. It's important to keep moving and keep up on stuff, if you don't, you are going to get old,"

Weeks said.

Weeks, the mother of three, grandmother of four and great-grandmother of two, exercises at VRC with her daughter, Bev Slayden. Slayden said her mom has always been active. She enjoys gardening, growing vegetables, bike riding, walking and she used to hunt deer and turkey. Slayden said her mother also used to roller skate and one year, a long time ago, her mother made an ice skating rink in the front yard and ice skated with her brother, Wayne.

Weeks was born in Oklahoma and moved to Alcona County in 1960. She said the move was good for her and said dirt and gardening kept her healthy. "I like seeing the seasons change in Michigan, Oklahoma was always stormy and hot," Weeks said.

"When I used to garden a lot I'd wake up every morning and put on a matching outfit, right down to my hat and garden gloves. It was a way of keeping myself up to par. I never wanted to look like an old lady, but now I guess that's what I am," Weeks said. Her infectious smile lit up the room, making her look much younger.

Weeks said some of her most enjoyable years living in Alcona County was working as the head cook for Alcona Community Schools for 16 years. She said the boys used to love her because she would give them extra food and to this day they still remember who she is, although she doesn't recall too many of their names.

She also enjoys the friendships she has made in northern Michigan including her best friend who is 101 and, until recently, they used to go walking together. Weeks said it was hard to walk outside in all this snow and ice, but they still both belong to the Domestic Engineers women's club and meet once a month.

Since her broken leg, Weeks has had no health issues and only takes one prescription for eye drops. She explained she does rely a lot more on her children and is appreciative of everything they do for her. Her daughter, Debbie Oyler, lives in the Upper Peninsula so she doesn't get to see her as much, especially in the winter.

Weeks spends much of her time exercising at VRC, no

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Mae Weeks (center) with her daughter, Bev Slayden, and her dog, Missy. Photo by Mary Weber.

Wood stove cause of Mikado house fire

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The quick thinking and response of a Mikado resident probably saved his home from being destroyed by fire last week.

On Wednesday, Feb. 25 the Mikado Fire Department responded to a call on Buhl Road and found smoke "going through the roof when I got there," said Wayne O'Dell, chief of the Mikado Fire Department.

According to O'Dell, the fire started in the ceiling area of the home above and behind a wood stove. "The home owner used a couple of fire extinguishers to put out the flames that he found rolling along the ceiling," he said. By the time fire fighters arrived the fire had moved into insulation and was smoldering.

To ensure the fire was

completely extinguished, fire fighters pulled apart the ceiling, removed the insulation and soaked it with water. O'Dell said they were on the scene for about an hour. No one was injured.

The home, which sustained minor damage, is owned by Bill Miller.

O'Dell has determined the cause of the fire was from the wood stove that was "overtaxed because of the cold, cold weather. The constant heat on the wood (on the wall behind the stove) for so many days it just ignited itself," he said.

He also provided preventative advice for homeowners with wood stoves and fireplaces - "keep wood stoves properly maintained, keep chimneys clean and keep the area clear of any combustible material," O'Dell said.



Move clocks ahead one hour on Sunday, March 8.



Alcona Tiger Hunter Sullivan dribbles the ball while Isaac Dubuque (40) runs the opposite lane. To find out how the Tigers fared against Bay City John Glenn, see page 6. Photo by Kathy Steiner.

One invasive species may have found a niche

By Eric Freedman
Capital News Service

Can invasive species be good news - rather than bad - for native fish in the Great Lakes?

That sounds counterintuitive, but a new study shows that the invasive round goby has become an important food source for several native species, especially small-mouth bass, but with benefits also for yellow perch and walleye.

Even so, there are still unknowns, including whether the round goby transports contaminants up through the food chain, said Derek Crane, the lead author and a research associate at Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

The study calls the round goby "one of the most successful aquatic invaders" in the Great Lakes. It's a bottom-dweller originating in Eurasia. Locally, it arrived in

contaminated ballast water. It was first identified in the St. Clair River in 1990 and spread to all five Great Lakes, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

The EPA reflects prevailing attitudes about invaders when it reported, "The Great Lakes sport and commercial fishing industry, valued at almost \$4.5 billion annually, is at risk due to growing numbers of non-indigenous mussels and fish, such as the zebra and quagga mussels, sea lamprey, ruffe and round goby. Populations of native fish including lake trout, walleye, yellow perch and whitefish are threatened by the establishment of these exotic species."

However, a Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fisheries expert says long-term experience with the round goby il-

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Obituaries



Hazel B. Barnes

Hazel B. Barnes, 92, of Lapeer, Mich., formerly of Curtisville, died on Friday, Feb. 27, 2015.

She was born on April 14, 1922 in Curtisville to George and Pearl (Spencer) Brodie.

She found joy in gardening, painting, needlepoint, sewing, and birds, especially hummingbirds.

Mrs. Barnes is survived by four sons, Larry (Lori) Barnes, Dale (Deb) Barnes, Terry (Nancy) Barnes and Denny (Milli) Barnes; and three daughters, Carol (Jule) Wilcox, Rose (Bob) Tolen and Marilyn Barnes; many grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; several great-great-grandchildren; and her beloved dog, Molly.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Duwayne Barnes in 1994.



The funeral was held Monday, March 2 at the Buresh Funeral Home in Hale. Interment will be in the Curtisville Cemetery.

Franklin L. Myers

Franklin L. Myers, 81, of Barton City, died on Tuesday, Feb. 24, 2015 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Mich.

He was born February 12, 1934 to Floyd and Emma (Humm) Myers in Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada. He was raised in Detroit, Mich.

On June 9, 1956, he married Velma Scott in Detroit, Mich. where Mr. Myers worked as a delivery man for Canada Dry.

In 1969, they moved to Barton City, where they owned and operated Paradise Cottages. Mr. Myers worked for the Alcona County Road Commission until his retirement in 1996.

He was a member of the



First Baptist Church in Lincoln. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was mechanically inclined and loved working on motors and engines.

Mr. Myers is survived by his wife, Velma; one daughter, Denise (Lee) Devers of Westland, Mich.; three sons, Tom (Dorcy) Myers of Garden City, Mich.; Floyd (Debbie) Myers of Rapid City, S.D.; and Keith (Joan) Myers of Barton City; seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his son, John E. Myers in 1968; three sisters; and one brother.

Visitation will be held on Saturday, March 7, from noon until the memorial service at 1



p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Lincoln. The Rev. Arie Van Brenk will officiate. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Death Notice

Thelma Read

Thelma Read, 92, of Spruce died on Monday, March 2, 2015 at home.

Visitation is Friday, March 6 from 2 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The funeral will be Saturday, March 7 at 1 p.m. at the funeral home. The Rev. Mary Soderholm will officiate. Burial will be in Oakwood Cemetery in New Baltimore, Mich.

Charles "Chuck" F. Rousseau, 94, of Port Huron, Mich. died on Friday, Feb. 27, 2015.

He was born April 24, 1920 in Detroit, Mich. to Leo J. and Margaret (Frank) Rousseau.

He married Frances "Jere" G. Pilliod on November 28, 1942 in Swanton, Ohio.

He served in the U.S. Army's 35th Division during World War II and received the Purple Heart.

The Rousseaus lived in Harrisville for approximately 20 years before moving to Port Huron, Mich.

Mr. Rousseau is survived by one daughter, Renee L. (Edmond) Carleton of Lexington, Mich.; four grandchildren, Anne (Kevin) Coughlin, Sharon (Tyler) Mangum, Daniel (Rebecca) Rousseau and Rebecca Rousseau; three great-grandchildren,

Charles F. Rousseau

Kathryn and Elizabeth Coughlin and Trey Mangum; one daughter-in-law, Karen Rousseau; and one sister-in-law, Patricia Rousseau.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances, on July 23, 2007; two sons, Thomas Rousseau and Peter Rousseau; two brothers, Jacques "Jack" Rousseau and Robert Rousseau and one sister, Peggy Alison.

A funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 7 at St. Mary Catholic Church, Port Huron, Mich. The Rev. Zbigniew Zomerfeld will officiate. Military honors will be conducted under auspices of the U.S. Army and the Veteran's Honor Guard Alliance. Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Mich.

Visitation will be from 2 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 6 in the Karrer-Simpson Funeral



Home, 1720 Elk Street, Port Huron, Mich. 48060. Visitation will continue Saturday, March 7 starting at 10 a.m. until the time of service in the church.

Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.

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Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Feb. 22	19	-7	0.00	3.8	19	N
Feb. 23	12	-14	0.00	3.8	18	SW
Feb. 24	25	6	0.05	8.2	28	SW
Feb. 25	16	-2	0.00	3.1	19	SSE
Feb. 26	11	-4	0.00	6.0	22	NNE
Feb. 27	21	-9	0.00	2.4	15	NNE
Feb. 28	26	0	0.00	6.0	26	SW

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.05	2.2	0.35
February to Date	0.26	9.2	1.35
Year/Season to Date	0.86	30.9	3.11

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.)

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4

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

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold its membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon in Alpena at the corner of Brooke and Connon near Diamonds Pointe. Lunch will be served. Call for reservations at (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080. Bring a can of food for the needy.

Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 Campbell Road.

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

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 5

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.

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.

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

The Confident Caregivers group will meet from 1 to 3

p.m. at the Alcona County Commission On Aging, 207 Church Street in Lincoln. This program is designed to provide support and knowledge for people caring for family members with dementia or Alzheimer's. To register, call Meghan Winterstein at (989) 358-4608.

The 4-H Archery Group will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

FRIDAY, MARCH 6

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.

Dust off your dancing shoes and attend line dance lessons at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

Enjoy popcorn and the movie "The Straight Story" at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

SATURDAY, MARCH 7

The 18th Annual Cue-for-Cure MDA fundraiser will be held at the Mikado Tavern. Events include mixed doubles pool tournament, bake sale, food sale, mystery brown bags and much more. Registration at 11 a.m. and play starting at noon. The public is welcome. All proceeds raised go to the Muscular Dystrophy Association that serves north central Michigan. For more information or to register, contact Yogi or Rita at (989) 736-8869.

MONDAY, MARCH 9

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

Men and women are invited to play pinochle at 1 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. First-timers welcome.

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

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 10

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

Play euchre at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Dust off your dancing shoes and attend line dance lessons at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

An informal breakfast meeting hosted by the Alcona County Democrats will be held at the Iron Skillet Restaurant in Lincoln at 9 a.m. Members and non-members are welcome. Call Sandra Williams at (989) 727-4080 for details.

A shortened version of the film "Iron Jawed Angels" will be shown at Madeline Briggs Center at Alpena Community College from 1:30 to 3 p.m. The public is invited. Discussion of the film and of the Women's Suffrage Movement will be led by Mary Ann Crawford. This event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Alpena County. Contact Pauline Buchner by e-mail at pbuchner@charter.net or call, (989) 340-0391 for details.

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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, March 9—Salisbury steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and mandarin oranges.
- Tuesday, March 10—Roasted pork, red bliss potatoes, broccoli and apple-sauce.
- Wednesday, March 11—Sweet and sour chicken, brown rice, Prince Charles blend and peaches.
- Thursday, March 12—

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 At the soapmaking plant, two workers falsely accused of something shouted "Lyes! All lyes!"

Spaghetti with meat sauce, carrot raisin salad and mixed fruit.

- Friday, March 13—Lemon pepper chicken, buttered noodles, tossed salad and mandarin oranges.
(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Funding for Equipment

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Any resident of the state of Michigan who has a disability or a person aged 60 and older who needs assistive technology may apply. There is no minimum loan amount; however, there is a maximum of \$30,000. The interest rate is determined by Option 1 Credit Union based on an individual's credit score and is a fixed rate for the duration of the loan. Repayment terms are based on the expected useful life of the assistive technology device or service and are for as long as possible, up to a maximum of seven years.

For more information or an application form, visit the website at: www.michigan-loanfunds.org or contact the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging at (800) 219-2273 extension 261. Region 9 provides services in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle and Roscommon.

Away at School

- Erika Smith of Harrisville recently graduated from Central Michigan University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

• Eric C. Hampton of Harrisville was named to the honor's list for the 2014 fall semester at Central Michigan University. To achieve honor's list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

• Erika L. Smith of Harrisville was named to the honor's list for the 2014 fall semester at Central Michigan University. To achieve honor's list recognition students must

earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

• Mark Blandford of Lincoln was named to the honor's list for the 2014 fall semester at Central Michigan University. To achieve honor's list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

• Tyler R. Cole of Lincoln was named to the honor's list for the 2014 fall semester at Central Michigan University. To achieve honor's list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

• Jennifer L. Coomes of Mikado was named to the honor's list for the 2014 fall semester at Central Michigan University. To achieve honor's list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

Scholarships Available

St. Joseph Health System (SJHS) Foundation's scholarship program supports the pursuit of higher education among local graduating seniors, currently enrolled college students as well as health system associates.

The Dr. Patrick and Kathleen Murtha President's Scholarship will award \$1,000 to a full-time associate with a minimum of three years employment history with SJHS. A Community Scholarship will be awarded to a high school student or graduate from Alcona, Arenac-Eastern, AuGres, Hale, Oscoda, Tawas or Whittemore-Prescott. Applicants must be a high school senior or college enrolled student pursuing continuing education in a clinical or allied human studies health care profession or healthcare management field; enrolled in a one to four year undergraduate degree program; must have a minimum 2.0 GPA; be involved in extracurricular activities; be enrolling as a full-time student (12 credit hours).

The SJHS Foundation will also award dependent scholarships. These scholarships are open to high school senior dependents of SJHS associates and volunteers who are pursuing continuing education in a field of their choice through college, trade school or a certification program. Eligibility guidelines and scholarship applications are available through area high school counseling offices, by calling the Foundation at (989) 362-0159 or visiting <http://www.sjhsys.org/foundation/scholarships.php>. Applications and all supporting documentation must be received by April 10.

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Dementia caregivers face multiple challenges; workshop provides tools

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Caring for a person with dementia can be frustrating, sad and unbearable at times. It is not easy, it can be emotionally and physically exhausting. It can test patience and tear even the strongest of families apart.

Help for individuals in this situation is available though in Michigan through Creating Confident Caregivers, a workshop that will give caregivers the tools to manage the care of a family member with dementia.

This month the workshop will be held in Alcona County at the Alcona County Commission on Aging (ACCOA) in Lincoln.

Kara LaMarre, the developmental projects coordinator for Region 9 Area on Aging, under the umbrella of Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency (NEMCSA), said the workshop is designed to provide effective skills and knowledge to people caring for a family member with dementia.

She explained that dementia is not a specific disease. It's an overall term describing a wide range of symptoms associated with a decline in memory or other thinking skills severe enough to reduce a person's ability to perform everyday activities. Alzheimer's disease is the most prevalent type of condition with vascular dementia coming in second, but there are over 60 other conditions which can cause dementia.

"With every condition time periods vary as how the patient is handling dementia symptoms. With vascular dementia, a condition caused by a traumatic brain injury, heart problems, or anything caused by conditions that block or reduce blood flow to the brain, the dementia patient will have a tendency where they do okay and then drop, do okay for a while and again drop. It's hard on those caregivers because they think their family member is doing all right and then he's not. With Alzheimer's it's a more gradual decline," LaMarre said.

She explained the free

workshop is designed for caregivers who are caring for someone who is not in a care facility; it is for the caregiver who lives either in the home or nearby that will be looking after the afflicted family member. LaMarre said the workshop would give the most help to caregivers who are looking after someone who just recently started showing signs of dementia. Anyone interested in taking the course should call first to make sure they are qualified to participate.

According to Alz.org an Alzheimer website, dementia-causing diseases are often referred to as "family diseases" because children, spouses, and other family members are often the ones who provide the necessary day-to-day care. As the disease worsens and involves more upsetting changes, it can take a heavy toll on a caregiver's health, family life, job and finances.

The Creating Confident Caregivers workshop gives tools which can reduce the caregiver's stress while helping their loved one. "We don't do for the caregiver, we teach the caregiver so they can continue the process of caring for their family member," LaMarre said.

She said there are a lot of different dynamics involved in caring for a loved one with dementia and explained how some caregivers need to develop clever strategies to calm their afflicted family member down. Other family members, such as another aging parent, siblings and in some cases, step parents and step siblings, which may not be on the same page as the caregiver, can cause additional stress on the situation.

Caregivers can also be dealing with health issues of their own or with grief issues attributed to terminal illness, such as denial, where they don't want to believe their family member is suffering from dementia.

"There is a whole host of things which may come into play (when) caring for a person with dementia. The Creating Confident Caregivers workshop is not a support group, but it is a supportive

program. It's not therapy, but it is therapeutic," LaMarre said.

"It's a tough job to be a caregiver to someone who has dementia. There's no hope, just a down hill progression, but if we could take pictures of our caregivers on how they look coming into the workshop on week one and how they look after six weeks, you could see how their load has been lightened," she said.

Due to the ACCOA senior center in Lincoln being closed last week due to weather conditions, the six week workshop, led by Meghan Winterstein, will begin this Thursday, March 5 and will run from 1 to 3 p.m. Call (989) 358-4608 prior to attending class.

The ACCOA is located at 207 Church Street in Lincoln.

Young

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matter how cold the weather is, spending time with family and caring for her dog, Missy and cat, Meany. She enjoys watching television, her favorites are game shows, "Dancing with the Stars," musicals and she really loves NASCAR racing. Occasionally she still babysits.

She keeps her brain active by knitting, doing crossword puzzles, Suduko and word jumbles. Slayden said her mom beats her on crossword puzzles all the time. "Bev will tell me she didn't get a puzzle and I'll ask her 'How did you not get that? You were a school teacher.' I tell her to work on it more," Weeks said.

VRC office manager, Rita Hartwig and aide, Debbie Vanover, both said Weeks was very dedicated and was an inspiration to others who come in to exercise. Hartwig said she rarely ever misses a day and people are shocked to find out she's 97. "She's a big influence for others. She comes in the door with no cane or walker and spends an hour riding the bikes. She is so cheerful and jokes with everyone. Everyone likes her and they always ask about her. She's just a very pleasant person," Vanover said.

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Police Report

Deputies from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department arrested Arthur James Sauve, 34, on Wednesday, Feb. 25 for a violation of the Sex Offender Registration Act.

According to the sheriff's department, the arrest resulted after an investigation into a tip about Sauve living at a residence in Greenbush. Sauve is a registered sex offender who was recently registered in Pennsylvania.

According to the Sex Offender Registration Act, registered sex offenders are required to report their address to law enforcement within three days of moving. He was found living in Greenbush without reporting his address change as required by law.

Violation of the Sex Offender Registration Act is punishable by up to four years in prison and/or a \$2,000 fine.

Sauve is lodged in the Alcona County Jail. His bond has been set at \$25,000 cash, surety or 10 percent. He is scheduled for a preliminary examination in 81st District Court on Wednesday, March 18.

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Tigers net win against Bay City team to finish regular season

By Jordan Steiner
Basketball Writer

On February 23 the Alcona boys varsity team hosted the Bay City John Glenn Bobcats on parent's night and the Tigers didn't disappoint their fans.

Alcona started the first quarter strong and went on a 15-4 run in a stretch where the Bobcats were forced to call two time-outs in attempts to stop the Tigers onslaught. But it was no use. The Tigers took a 18-6 first quarter lead.

Alcona gave a little ground in the second quarter, but still maintained a 29-21 lead going into the locker room as they finished the quarter on a 7-2 run. The third quarter got to within four points of the Bobcats closing the gap, but Alcona pulled away and made a 8-2 run to bring the Tigers lead to 45-35 as they went into the fourth quarter.

The last quarter got a little

too close for comfort when the Tiger lead came to within two points. Alcona used good defense and clutch baskets to pull out the 57-51 win in one of the biggest victories of the year.

Trenton LaVergne led the Tigers with 29 points. Jason Steiner put up 13 points. Alec Link added nine points. Isaac Dubuque chipped in with four points and Brandon Smigelski had two points.

The junior varsity team lost its second home game of the year to the JV Bobcats. The teams' record is 12-6.

On February 24, Alcona hosted the Atlanta Huskies on senior night and came away with a blowout win, where every senior scored except co-captain Brandon Ritchie who was unable to play due to injuries.

The Tigers went on an 8-0 run to start the game and they never looked back. They ended the first quarter at 22-10 and the second quarter at 42-17. In the third quarter the stifling Tiger defense limited Atlanta to six points. In the fourth quarter the Tiger's dominance of the game did not slow down as Chase Matthews sunk two free

throws to bring the lead to 58-27. Then Nick Lamantia knocked down a jump shot.

With the time winding down the only senior left to score was Jesse Schram, who missed the entire season due to a severe leg injury, but was able to recover in time to play his final game on Tiger's home court.

With vigorous chants of support from the large Alcona student section, Schram was able to lay the ball up and in to beat the buzzer and give the Tigers the 64-31 win. After the ball went in the crowd erupted into a standing ovation to end the Tigers regular season.

LaVergne led with 24 points. Link scored 10 points. Smigelski posted six points and Steiner added five points. Matthews, Dubuque and Hunter Sullivan each chipped in with four points. Tristan Gordy, Lamantia and Schram had two points apiece and Mitchell Havercroft had one point.

The Tigers will host the district tournament this year. They have a first round bye and will face Whittemore-Prescott on March 11 to start district play.

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Tiger bowling team finishes regular season

On Friday, Feb. 27 and Saturday, Feb. 28 the Alcona bowling team competed in the team and individual tournament for Region 24. The team competition was held at Bay Lanes in Bay City, Mich. with the individual games bowled at State Lanes in Saginaw, Mich.

In the team event on Feb. 27, the Tigers bowled three sets of two baker games and three team games. In the first set of baker games they bowled a 140 and 112, for the second set they bowled 149 and 220 with final set being 109 and 171 for a baker set total of 901.

In the first team game Cory Hoffman bowled a 208, Robert Levesque and Brett Wambold combined for a 98, Brandon Sweet rolled a 108, Jay Nordstrom had 130 and Leigh Gibson finished up with a 154 for a total of 698.

In the second game Hoffman rolled 156; Levesque had 144; Wambold bowled 104, Nordstrom had 176; and Gibson had 191, for a total of 771.

In the third game, Hoffman

rolled 185; Levesque had 150; Sweet got 140; Nordstrom rolled 175; and Gibson had 204, for a total of 854. Their overall total was 2,323 but it was not high enough to advance to the state tournament on March 6.

On Saturday in the individual competition Hoffman bowled scores of 177, 146, 166, 181, 219 and a 150 for a total of 1,039. Levesque scored 133, 161, 145, 181, 219 and 150 for a total of 822. Wambold rolled scores of 182, 159, 149, 137, 178, and 150 for a total of 955. Sweet had scores of 125, 153, 137, 122, 122, and a 188, a personal best, for a total of 847. Gibson's scores were 194, 202, 176, 178, 178, and 136 for a total of 1,064. Nordstrom rolled scores of 203, 169, 155, 214, 190 and 192 for a total of 1,123.

Nordstrom qualified for the state singles tournament at State Lanes in Lansing, Mich. on March 7. Gibson missed qualifying for state by just eight pins.

~ Submitted by Coach Ron Ellsworth.

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Simplified smartphone options for tech shy seniors

Dear Savvy Senior,
I'm interested in getting my 72-year-old mother a smartphone, but want to get one that's very easy for her to use. What can you recommend?

Shopping Around

Dear Shopping,

There are several different ways you can go about getting your mom a simplified smartphone that's easy for her to use. Depending on how much you're willing to spend, here are some different options to consider.

The cheapest way to set

your mom up with an easy-to-use, uncomplicated smartphone is to get her a secondhand android phone, and install a senior-friendly "launcher app" on it, which is a user interface software application.

This type of launcher will turn the appearance and performance of most android smartphone into a simplified phone with big understandable icons for commonly used features (phone, text messaging, camera, contacts, et cetera.) and no excess clutter. Most launchers can also be customized to fit your

mom's needs and preferences.

There are a variety of launcher apps available today that provide this type of technology and are completely free to use. Some popular options include, Necta Launcher (launcher.necta.us), Wiser (wiser-me.com), Seniors Phone (seniorsphone.mobi), Fontrillo (fontrillo.com) and Big Launcher (biglauncher.com), which also offers an upgraded version for \$9.

Or, if you have an old Apple iPhone that you'd like to convert, check out Silverline Mobile (silverline.mobi) that converts both Apple and androids for free.

If you're interested in purchasing your mom a new smartphone, you have options here too. For starters, you could purchase her a smartphone that's specifically designed for seniors, like GreatCall's Touch3 that costs \$150 (with no contract) at greatcall.com or (800) 918-8543. This is an android



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phone, made by Samsung, that has a four-inch touchscreen and provides a simple menu list to often-used features like the phone, text messages, camera, pictures, e-mail and Internet, along with your contacts and apps.

It also offers a variety of health and safety features like the "5Star app" that would let your mom speak to a certified agent 24/7 that could identify her location and get her the help she needs. "Urgent Care," which provides access to registered nurses and doctors for advice and diagnoses. And "MedCoach," which sends medication reminders.

Another way you could go is to purchase her a standard/mainstream smartphone that provides a built-in "Easy Mode" or "Simple" feature in the phone's settings. This will let you convert the phone into a much simpler mode of operation, that provides larger, well-labeled icons, to only commonly-used functions like the phone, camera, messaging, Internet, pictures, contacts and her favorite apps.

Smartphones that offer the "Easy Mode" or "Simple" feature include the Samsung Galaxy phones, which are available through most cell

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Catch more bluegills by eliminating jig spin

Anglers out fishing this winter might want to follow this tip to eliminate jig spin – which can enhance bluegill fishing. It is difficult for blue-

gills to eat a jig when it's spinning at the end of a line, so try these three activities to help combat this problem.

1. Stretching out the line

is one of the easiest things to prevent jig spin. Anglers using a spinning reel should get in the habit of stretching out the first couple of feet of line every time they bring the jig up.

2. Balancing the line and the jig is another easy thing to do. When there is balance the line will hang straight because of the weight of the jig.

3. Sometimes switching up equipment can also help to eliminate jig spin. Small plastic reels have been shown to produce less spin and may be something you want to consider.

Northeast Lower Peninsula February 26

• Fletcher's Pond: Pike anglers are still taking fish on tip-ups. Panfish are hitting on minnows, wax worms and spikes.

• Higgins Lake: Has little snow but there are some drifts that anglers will need to watch out for. Travel was good for snowmobiles and ATVs. Even

Northeast Michigan

Fishing Report





with the cold weather, a few perch were caught off the North State Park, B & B Marina and near Treasure Island and Sunken Island. Try 40 to 60 feet with minnows, wax worms or wigglers. Lake trout were hitting in 80 to 110 feet. Try blues, goldens or small suckers just off the bottom. Some nice rainbow trout up to 28 inches were caught in shallow waters near Big Creek.

• Houghton Lake: While catch rates have not been steady, anglers are still getting a few walleye, pike and panfish. Bluegills were caught in 10 to 12 feet out near the Middle Grounds.

• Tawas: Fishing was generally slow with only a few small perch taken in 18 feet and a couple walleye found in 22 feet.

• Au Gres: Some were fishing the river and the end of

the breakwall, but not really catching anything. Those fishing off Palmer Road were getting some walleyes and a few bigger perch in waters 10 and 22 feet deep.

(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.)

NOTICE

Harrisville Township will hold a public hearing on the proposed Township Budget for the 2015-2016 at the Township Hall, Tuesday, march 10, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of of the proposed budget will be available after March 1 by calling the supervisor at (989) 724-6872. Thomas Stone
Harrisville Township Supervisor

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NOTICE

Hawes Township will hold its annual budget meeting at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10, 2015 at the Barton City VFW Hall, 2120 Trask Lake Rd. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting.** Regular meeting to follow at 7 p.m. Janette Richardson-Stover
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(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.)

American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser
U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

Dogs are smart enough to get people to take care of them, a skill that a lot of people haven't learned, but they're still wild at the heart. Paul S. Piper lives in Washington.

Dog and Snow

Dog sees white. Arctic light, the bright buzz in the brain of pure crystal adrenaline. In a flash he is out the door and across the street looking for snowshoe hares, caribou, cats. His wild ancestry ignited, Dog plunges his nose into snow up to his eyes. He sees his dreams. Master yells from the front porch but Dog can't hear him. Dog hears nothing except the roar of the wind across the tundra, the ancient existential cry of wolves, pure, devastating, hungry. Time for crunchies. Taking many detours, Dog returns to the porch. Let master think what he wants. Freedom comes at a price.

American Life in Poetry is made possible by The Poetry Foundation (www.poetryfoundation.org), publisher of Poetry magazine. It is also supported by the Department of English at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Bowling

Early Bloomers

February 24

Rosebuds	168.5	95.5
Mums	142.5	121.5
Marigolds	130	134
Daffodils	128	136
Violets	121	143
Buttercups	100	164

High game and series: Lori Miller, 178 and 488.
High team game: Rosebuds, 436.
High team series: Marigolds, 1,199.

Majors

February 28

Crazy Kids	295	164
Spare Happens	242	217
Pin Busters	212	237
Lucky 7	164	286

Boy's high game and series: Alex Harmon, 189 and 533.
Boy's high handicap game and series: Alex Harmon, 256 and 734.
Girl's high game and series: Hannah Tanner, 74 and 197.
Girl's high handicap game and series: Hannah Tanner, 203 and 584.

Minors

February 28

Tigers	174	47
Red Skulls	138	57
Girl Power	104	117

Boy's high game and series: Triston Robinson, 87 and 154.
Boy's high handicap game and series: Triston Robinson, 234 and 448.
Girl's high game and series: Emily Hanson, 80 and 155.
Girl's high handicap game and series: Claire Somers, 228 and 441.

Wednesday Nite Women's

February 25

Alcona Abstract	41.5	18.5
Back Alley Bar	40	20
Stoney Acres	35	25
Lincoln Precis.	35	25
JB's Auto	32	28
Ark Plumbing	24	36
Alcona Tool	14.5	45.5

High game: Lynn Gibson, 221.
High series: Patty Cook, 548.
High handicap game and series: Linda Hudgins, 258 and 673.

He's & She's

February 27

Splits Happen	116.5	33.5
Family Affair	97	53
Wine Tards	96	54
3 Right /Wrong	84	66
Up Your Alley	78	72
Part Timbers	57	93
Wild Ones	38.5	111.5

Men's high game and series: James Armstrong, 267 and 713.
Men's high handicap game and series: James Armstrong, 267 and 713.
Women's high game and series: Gale Rowley, 199 and 515.
Women's high handicap game: Kathy Smith, 239.
Women's high handicap series: Heather Loyer, 665.

Pool League

Alcona Women's

February 26

Mikado Tavern	125
Mikado Also	96
Glennie Tavern	81

Organization Notes

Alcona County Chamber of Commerce

The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce held its general membership meeting on January 14 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Present: Rich Gillies, president; Christy Holmes, treasurer; Karen Sanderson, secretary; Ed Toombs, trustee; Judie Labadie of Coming Attractions; Pat Bushey of Alcona Coffee; Jeanne Meskus of FOACL, St. Andrews, HFH; Mark Miller of Lost Lake Woods and John Bhends, Alcona Chamber volunteer. Absent: Ben Dietrich, Harrisville Eye Care and Jim Pyne, Pyne Enterprises. Guest: Ron Rademacher, chamber webmaster

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by president Rich Gillies and the pledge was said. A motion was made by Karen, support by Christy, to approve the agenda with the addition of approval of minutes from the November 12, 2014; December 2, 2014 and January 7 meetings. Motion carried.

Ron Rademacher began his overview with itemizing and explaining his billing to the chamber. His company is in the process of reworking the visual as well as the technical aspect of the chamber

website. Members are urged to send changes in their profile page directly to Ron. He said a video of your business is very appealing and doable. He will make sure they are compatible and presentable. One highlight that he mentioned was the Three Day Getaways promoting our area. It gets lots of hits on the Terrific Towns page.

Motion by Jeanne, support by Christy, to approve November 12, 2014 general membership meeting minutes with corrections. Motion carried. Motion by Jeanne, support by Karen, to approve December 2, 2014 executive board minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Jeanne, support by Karen, to approve January 7 executive board minutes. Motion carried.

Christy gave treasurer's report. Motion by Jeanne, support by Karen, to accept the treasurer's report. Motion carried.

Motion by Jeanne, support by Judie, to accept Nicole and Mike Land, Nicole's Store and More for membership. Motion carried. (Note: Membership can only be accepted at general meetings. An e-mail/

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illustrates that such widely held fears don't always prove true.

The round goby does exhibit some traits that other invaders share, such as quick reproduction, dense populations and adaptability to a variety of food sources and habitats, said Nicholas Popoff, the manager of aquatic species and regulatory affairs in DNR's Fisheries Division.

But 25 years after their discovery in the Great Lakes, "we're not documenting specific harms from gobies," Popoff said, referring to feared environmental, economic and human health concerns.

In fact, there are indications of possible benefits from their presence, he said. For example, "we are seeing amazing smallmouth bass," as well as some "amazing walleye," while lake trout have modified their diets from sculpin to round gobies.

One possible exception, according to Popoff, is a decline in sculpin population as documented in Lake Michigan's Grand Traverse Bay because they compete with round gobies for space and food. However, scientists haven't determined whether the lake's overall sculpin population is down or whether they've merely moved to deeper areas with fewer round gobies.

And in Calumet Harbor, the U.S. Geological Service has reported the absence of mottled sculpin nests since the round goby was established in that part of Lake Superior in 1994.

The newly published study about lakes Erie and Ontario by Crane and researchers from the New York Department of Environmental Conservation and Syracuse University reflects similar findings. Their study published in the journal *Freshwater Biology* acknowledged, "Invasive species are one of the



The round goby, while considered an invasive species, may be beneficial to some other fish species. *Photo courtesy of Michigan Sea Grant.*

greatest threats to freshwater ecosystems globally and have the capacity to rapidly change the ecosystems they invade."

Adverse effects can include transmission of contaminants and impaired reproduction of native species.

However, the study found the round goby is now a widely available food source for many native fish because of its "extreme abundance, tolerance to a variety of habitat conditions and relatively small size."

In lakes Erie and Ontario, round gobies accounted for 75 percent of the smallmouth bass diet, Crane said. If all other species have maintained stable populations, that means the bass are putting less pressure on other food sources.

His team examined trends in body condition after the round goby invasion, as reflected in the relation between fish weight and length. Heavier weight relative to length indicates a better nutritional state and more energy resources, according to Crane. Among the key findings:

- Body condition of smallmouth bass generally improved.

- Body condition of yellow perch also improved, but not as much.

- Body condition of longer-length walleye generally improved in Lake Ontario, although not necessarily because round gobies are available as a food source. Body condition of Lake Erie walleye generally didn't change.

- As for burbot, there's been moderate improvement in body condition only for smaller-length fish, with minor decreases for longer burbot.

Crane said other research shows smallmouth bass that feed on round gobies grow faster than they did before the invasion, with the greatest growth rate increase among two-to-four-year-olds.

But that's not automatically good news, he cautioned. "The flip side is that fish that grow faster tend to not live as long. They have a higher natural mortality rate... Live fast, die young," Crane said.

In addition, he said there have been localized disappearances of some sculpin and darter populations in areas with lots of round gobies.

Round gobies are "bait stealers" and don't appeal to sports anglers, he said, and "if you're fishing for perch, they'll be an annoyance. If you go to a clear pier like Charlevoix in the spring, you'll literally see them everywhere."

"From that perspective, they take up space, they eat food, but when you pull all the effects out, the tough question is whether they're more harmful or beneficial."

While the round goby has proven relatively benign over the past quarter-century, Popoff said, "one thing is for certain: The Great Lakes have been decimated by invasive species."

Michigan is focused on preventing other invaders from entering the state. "Absolutely 100 percent we don't want them here. It's better not to have these animals coming in," he said. "If we could go back 25 years and prevent gobies from entering the Great Lakes, we would absolutely do whatever it takes. But, now that they are so far down the invasion curve, control becomes less of a reality unless the harm outweighs the cost," Popoff said. "And for gobies at this point the harm does not outweigh the cost."

Annual survey helps biologists monitor frog abundance, distribution

The 20th annual statewide Frog and Toad Survey will begin this spring. Michigan's survey is second only to Wisconsin's in longevity.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Wildlife Division coordinates and analyzes data for the survey, while volunteers throughout the state conduct the field work for the survey. These annual survey efforts help biologists monitor frog and toad abundance and distribution in the state.

"We have collected a large, valuable data set to help us evaluate Michigan's frog and toad populations," said Lori Sargent, the DNR's survey coordinator. "We're now able to start watching trends and thinking about how to slow down some of the species' declines."

For example, Sargent pointed out that over the past

19 years Michigan has seen a decline in Fowler's toads and mink frogs, two species that have a limited range in the state, unlike most of the other species that occur statewide.

Declining populations of frogs, toads and other amphibians have been documented worldwide since the 1980s. Studies suggest amphibians are disappearing due to habitat loss, pollution, disease and collection.

Volunteer observers conduct the surveys along a statewide system of permanent survey routes, each consisting of 10 wetland sites. Observers visit these sites three times during spring, when frogs and toads are actively breeding, listening for calling frogs and toads at each site, identifying the species present and making an estimate of abundance.

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It's not too late to get hooked on fun, camaraderie of ice fishing

Fishing is a year-round activity and when the thermometer plunges below freezing in Michigan, most anglers have little choice but to hit the hard water. Ice fishing becomes the go-to activity until spring.

For beginning anglers, ice fishing offers one significant advantage: Access. Boat-less anglers, who are otherwise limited to shorelines or fishing piers much of the year, can often access entire lakes. That inspires some anglers to proclaim that ice fishing season is their favorite time of year.

Fortunately, ice fishing can be relatively simple. All that's needed to start is a way to make a hole in the ice (an auger or spud), a way to clear the slush from it (an inexpensive scoop), and rudimentary equipment.

So how do you get started? Novice anglers often can find assistance nearby. Tom Goniea, a fisheries biologist at the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), said finding a mentor helps shorten the learning curve.

"Ask around," Goniea said. "Ask the guys at work or the folks at church. Ice fishermen make up a community that's usually quite willing to introduce others to the sport."

"And most ice fishermen have enough equipment that they can get you started if you go with them so you can see what you need."

DNR fisheries biologist Christian LeSage agreed. "There's a big social component to ice fishing," he said. "When you get out on the ice people are usually friendly – they're willing to tell you what they're doing, what they're using, and how they're catching fish."

Ice fishing can range from fishing for panfish on a farm pond to making miles-long sojourns on the Great Lakes in pursuit of walleye, lake trout or other top-of-the-food-chain predators.

LeSage recommended starting with panfish. He likes bluegills. "You can try it on a small pond in a park," he said. "And you don't need extravagant gear. If you go places where people have been fishing, you don't even need an auger – you can re-open a hole with a hammer."

"Most veteran fishermen know that the best fishing is at dawn and dusk, but you can catch bluegills throughout the day. You can catch them in shallow water. You can catch a lot in a small area. And they're delicious."

What's nicest about bluegills is that they can be found almost everywhere and, as fishing quarry, are relatively unsophisticated. All you need is a basic gear. Small fiberglass rods with simple, spring-tension spoons can be yours for less than \$10 and you will see accomplished ice anglers using them. Add some light line, a few low-cost tear drops (small weighted hooks) and a container of insect larvae (wax worms or spikes, the early life stages of bee



Kyle Draper shows off a yellow perch (that he caught at an ice-fishing clinic at the DNR's Carl T. Johnson Hunting and Fishing Center) to his mom, Angie. *Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

moths or flies, respectively) and you're in business. Lower your bait to the bottom, begin slowly working it upward in the water column until you start getting bites, and then fish at that depth.

It can (and does) get much more complicated with expensive rods, sonar fish finders, and a plethora of other equipment. But many anglers never acquire all that gear and continue to enjoy productive bluegill fishing.

As anglers progress in the sport and explore other ice fishing opportunities, the equation becomes decidedly more complex. If they get addicted to walleye fishing they'll be into a snowmobile or a quad runner, insulated ice shanties, GPS, underwater cameras – the list is endless.

But some factors never change: The first rule of ice fishing is to be safe. Good, strong ice can support a semi-truck, but every year there are tragedies that often involve recklessness. Make sure the ice is safe. Even arctic temperatures won't guarantee it, especially if there's an insulating layer of snow on top. Up-to-date information from bait shops can be found around fishing locales, but anyone ice fishing should always make sure themselves.

Anglers should carry a spud to test the ice in front of them as they venture forth. Don't approach ice that is discolored or has objects (such as vegetation or timber) protruding through it. Be especially careful of rivers (current can degrade ice quickly) or spring-fed lakes and ponds where warmer water can cause thin spots in an otherwise solid surface.

Additionally, they should always carry basic emergency gear, just in case. Ice picks (or homemade alternatives constructed of nails in dowels) will give an individual a way to get purchase on the ice should they break through. And, always carry a rope to toss to someone else who breaks through.

It's better – some would say mandatory – not to go alone. Anglers should always make sure someone knows where they are going and when they plan to return. Carrying a cell phone is a good safety precaution.

It's important to dress for the weather -- dress in layers from head to toe. The best way to keep your feet warm is to keep your head warm – and a waterproof outer layer is advisable. Small luxuries – such as extra gloves and hand warmers – often pay large dividends.

Ice fishing isn't for everybody. But it is enjoyed by many people -- as evidenced by the huge shanty towns that spring up on some of Michigan's best fishing lakes. It's obvious that a lot of people are having a lot of fun out there.

For more information on ice fishing, visit the DNR's website at www.michigan.gov/fishing.

Chamber

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electronic vote can be used if a meeting is not possible.) Present paid membership is 44.

Clarification of who is advertising in the Michigan Festival brochure -- wine and food and antique show will advertise individually in the brochure as decided by the individual committees.

Motion by Pat, support by Judie, to correct January 7 executive board minutes to reflect the inclusion of Alcona County Chamber as an advertiser in the "Artists of the Sunrise Side" brochure. Motion carried.

Survey

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"We could still use some new volunteers in all parts of the state," Sargent said. "Please consider joining us for a fun, educational time every spring and adopt a route. The continued success of the program is dependent on strong volunteer support."

Those interested in volunteering should contact Lori Sargent at SargentL@michigan.gov or (517) 284-6216 and provide their name and address.

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Mitchell Township Residents NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Mitchell Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year on March 9, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 W. Tower Road, Curran, MI. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will a subject of the hearing.** A regular board meeting will follow the budget hearing.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection by contacting the clerk's office at 2101 Reeves Road, Curran, MI 48728, or telephoning (989) 884-1354, or emailing: dcharron@mitchelltownship.org for a pdf of the proposed budget.

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“We have more than 100 different scholarship funds that we manage for local individuals, families, businesses and organizations that are strongly committed to helping local students and adults achieve their educational and career aspirations,” said CFNEM Executive Director Barbara Frantz.

“Many of the scholarships have their own unique selection criteria, ranging from music, art, agriculture, volunteerism, health, the environment, athletics and more. The new online system helps applicants navigate through the different scholarship opportunities by answering a series of questions. Applicants no longer need to prepare a different application for each scholarship for which they may be eligible.

“Additionally, the community volunteers who serve on the scholarship selection committees will be able to review and score the application online as well,” she said.

Students and adults who need money to attend college

or other eligible career training programs are encouraged to visit the CFNEM website to explore the different scholarships available. Those interested in applying must have their online application completed and submitted by April 1, 2015 to be considered for 2015 scholarship awards. The online application system is accessible at www.-cfnem.org.

“Julie Wiesen, our program director who manages the scholarship application process for our four-county area, has put hundreds of hours into working with a leading online service provider to make the new application process run as smoothly as possible. As with the paper application process, she will still be available to help those who need assistance to navigate the online process,” Frantz said.

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Organization Notes



Alcona County Chamber of Commerce

The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce met for its general membership meeting on February 11 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

Present: Rich Gillies, president; Christy Holmes, treasurer; Karen Sanderson, secretary; Ed Toombs and Jim Pyne, trustees; Pat Bushey of Alcona Coffee; Judy Pyne of Harrisville Arts Council; Ed Foster of Harrisville Lions; and John Bhends, chamber volunteer. Absent: Ben Dietrich, Harrisville Eye Care.

Guests: Joan and Paul Dwyer.

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m. by president Rich Gillies and the pledge was said. A motion was made by Judy, support by Christy, to approve the agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Karen, support by Christy, to approve January 7 executive board, January 14 general membership and February 4 executive board minutes with correction. Motion carried. Christy gave treasurer's report. Motion by

Ed Foster, support by Judy, to accept the treasurer's report. Some discussion. Motion carried.

Tax status Rich in process of filing for 501-C6. He and Christy will gather information. Snowmobile races will be held February 21 at the ARA site in Lincoln. John will eblast to the membership. Alcona chamber executive board will meet with Alpena Chamber Board, April 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville library. Report will follow.

Discussion about the Chamber's calendar of events by John Bhend. John said many more events than past years have been received. Approval include repetitive events in this calendar. Motion by Karen, support by Ed Toombs, to proceed with the additional events for the calendar not to exceed \$900. Motion carried. John also explained the Alcona County Review's Visitor's Guide—it's too late for this year.

Adjourned at 7:15 p.m. Next meeting March 11 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

Alcona County Democratic Party

The February meeting of the Alcona County Democratic Party (ADP) was held February 24. Topic of discussion was the Proposed Constitutional Amendment to increase the state sales tax.

Vice Chairman Robert Kennedy presented the facts of the proposal, stating that the actual wording of the proposal is still under consideration. A spirited conversation followed with members expressing opinions, pro and con. Members were reminded how important it will be to vote May 5. The local party has decided not to take a position at this time. A motion was made to offer this presentation to the community at several forums in April. Dates and times will be advertised later.

Al Labreque reported on his conversation with Brandon Fewins, Senator Stabenow's northern Michigan field organizer, regarding her

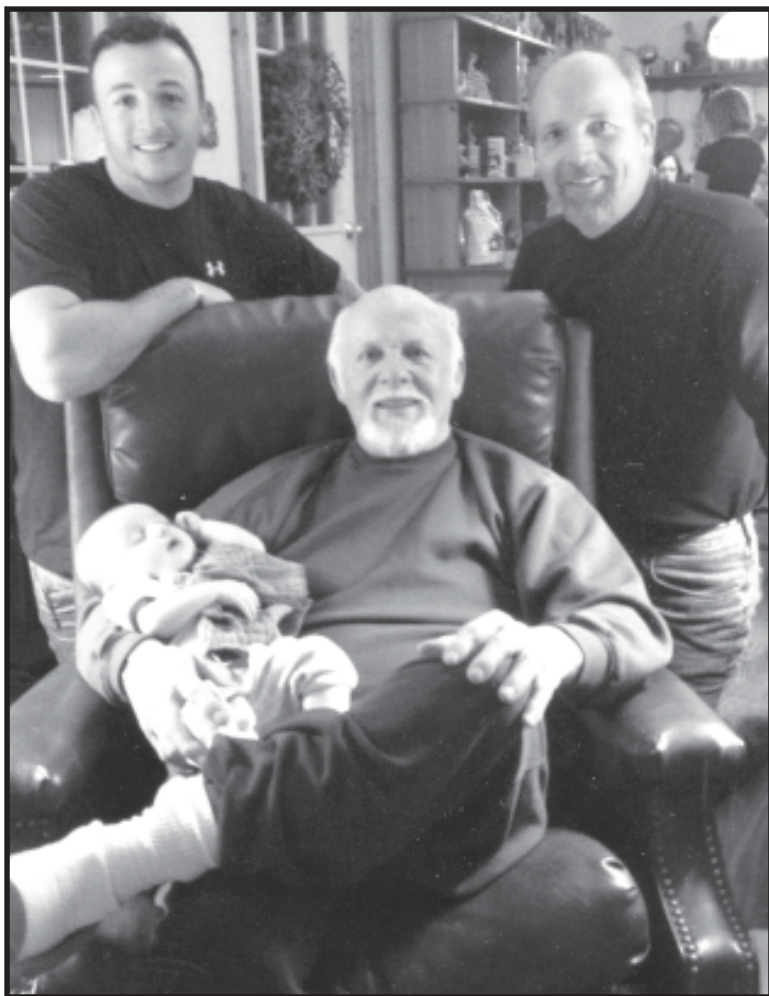
recent visit to Alpena.

A motion was made and seconded to hold our monthly meeting in different locations in the county. The June meeting will be held in Caledonia Township.

Members were encouraged to attend Dr. Felitti's presentation on the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study. Dr. Tina Hahn had introduced the group to this public health study at the January meeting.

Names of the newly elected members of the 1st Congressional District were introduced. Chairman Dan Bennett had hoped to attend our meeting, but due to weather, had to decline. We wish him much success as he takes on this new role.

Three new members were introduced and welcomed to the ADP. The next meeting will be held March 31 at 7 p.m. at the Alcona County EMS Building on M-72.



The Hart family Christmas celebration was extra special since the fourth generation of James Wilson Hart had joined the family. James Wilson Hart IV is being held by his great-grandfather James Wilson Hart Sr. They are flanked by James Wilson Hart III (left) and James Wilson Hart Jr. The Harts have lived in Alcona County all of their lives and with the exception of the baby, all have graduated from Alcona High School. James W. Hart III has been deployed to Saudi Arabia. *Courtesy photo.*

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NOTICE

Gustin Township will hold its Annual Budget Meeting for the 2015-16 fiscal year at the township hall at 113 S. Second Street, Lincoln, MI on Monday, March 16, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. **The property tax mileage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this meeting.** The regular township meeting will follow at 7 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget is available by contacting the clerk at 989-736-7204. Renee LaVergne
Gustin Township Clerk

Greenbush Township PUBLIC NOTICE

Budget Meeting for 2015-16 budget
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"The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing."

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the clerk's office at 3843 S. US-23, Greenbush. For additional information contact Dave Dailey at (989) 569-3519 or e-mail at davedailey@charter.net.

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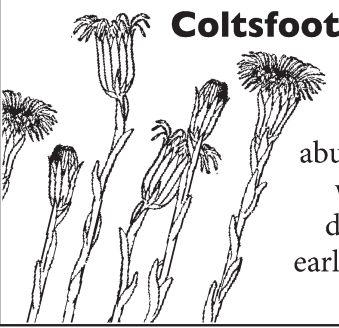
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The Gehres family celebrates five generations with the addition of Lilly Harper who was born in September 2013. (From left) Kelly Harper-Kinnee of Lincon, Tina Gehres of San Diego, Calif., Dennis Gehres of Lincoln, Lilly Harper and Sylvia Gehres, 102, of Lincoln. *Courtesy photo.*

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Calendar of Events



Continued from page 3 WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11

The Barton City Improvement Association will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Trask Lake Road. Discussion will include the St. Patrick's Day dinner. All citizens of Barton City are encouraged to attend. To volunteer or for more information, call Arlene at (989) 736-3294.

Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 Campbell Road.

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

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

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 12
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.

The Confident Caregivers group will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alcona County Commission On Aging, 207 Church Street in Lincoln. This program is designed to provide support and knowledge for people caring for family members with dementia or Alzheimer's. To register, call Meghan Winterstein at (989) 358-4608.

The 4-H Archery Group will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

FRIDAY, MARCH 13
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.

Dust off your dancing shoes and attend line dance lessons at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

Enjoy popcorn and the movie "City Heat" at 12:30

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 14
A mushroom cultivation seminar will be held at 10 a.m. at Robert J. Parks Library in Oscoda. The workshop will focus on mushroom ecology, biology and cultivation.

Registration is required. Contact, District Forester Andrew Beebe at (989) 335-1056.

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.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For

more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

My Brother's Hope Potluck Cafe will be serving a meal from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23) in Harrisville. For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

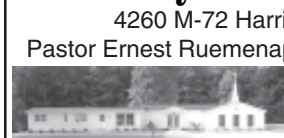
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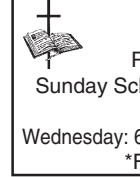
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By Juliana Moxley
Capital News Service

Preserved barns help people remember rural history, save money and boost tourism revenue.

"They represent our heritage and hold a special place in our collective rural memory," said Steve Stier, former president of the Michigan Barn Preservation Network.

Tearing down old barns or replacing them with new pole barns isn't always wise, Stier explained. Disposing of an

old barn can cost several thousand dollars. "I tell folks that usually a barn can be repaired for about as much as it would be to dispose of it properly," Stier said.

Traditionally barns were used for storage and shelter, but they are adaptable, he explained. Old barns have been used as churches, restaurants, furniture stores, wineries and event spaces, and their use is limited only by the imagination and resources of their owners.

According to Stier, their

preservation can boost a community's economy, depending on the barn's use and the surrounding landscape. Old barns are increasingly part of quilt trails, with painted wooden squares displayed on a series of barns as a tourist attraction. Many barn quilt trails in Michigan attract tourists who spend money on gas, food and lodging.

For example, Alcona County residents formed a committee in 2007 for the Alcona County Quilt Trail Project. It uses old barns to attract tourists and boost the economy, said Cindi Van Hurk, president of the project.

Quilt trails are growing in popularity, Van Hurk said. The committee knows of 13 in Michigan, and there may be more. Among them are trails on the Old Mission Peninsula, the Keweenaw Peninsula and Mecosta and Wexford/Missaukee counties.

The one in Alcona County is the first in Michigan to offer a trail through barns and other property showcasing hand-painted quilt blocks, Van Hurk said. The quilt squares represent either the properties' history or their owners' family heritage.

The quilt blocks along the Alcona County Quilt Trail are hand-painted designs on wood hung on 28 barns and other buildings. The trail came at a critical time, Van Hurk said. A former county treasurer had embezzled funds, shocking and embarrassing residents. The committee wanted a project that would involve the community and saw the project as a healing experience.

A six-person local committee collaborated with a Michigan State University class that researched how other states had done quilt trails, what materials were needed for the project and how the committee would construct the quilt blocks.

The committee installed the first quilt block in the spring of 2008. "One of our goals was to have equal representation throughout the county, so we set a goal of two quilt squares for each of our 11 townships, with plans for a five-year life of the project," Van Hurk said.

According to Van Hurk, the committee produced 28 squares by 2009. Then it shifted into promoting the trail. "We have passed the five-year mark and we are still going," she said. "We know that other trails that don't continue to publicize and actively promote result in dead trails with little impact on the area."

The trail has been successful, although she said it's impossible to count the number of people who visit the trail. More than 5,000 paper maps of the trail have been distributed, but that doesn't count ones that people have printed from the Alcona County Quilt Trail's website.

She said it's important to

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Alcona Review Weather Report

March 4, 2015

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 20 Low: -3

THURSDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 14 Low: -2

FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 23 Low: 16

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 30 Low: 15

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 32 Low: 19

MONDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 28 Low: 17

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 30 Low: 14

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 20°, humidity of 52%. West wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 49° set in 1964. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of -3°. The record low for tonight is -27° set in 1962. Thursday, skies will be partly cloudy with a high temperature of 14°.

*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	10	-17	30/11	0.00"
Tuesday	34	7	30/12	0.03"
Wednesday	20	-2	31/12	0.00"
Thursday	11	-9	31/12	0.00"
Friday	20	-19	31/13	0.00"
Saturday	28	2	32/13	0.00"
Sunday	29	5	32/13	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:04 a.m.	6:25 p.m.	5:41 p.m.	6:21 a.m.
Thursday	7:02 a.m.	6:26 p.m.	6:39 p.m.	6:50 a.m.
Friday	7:00 a.m.	6:28 p.m.	7:37 p.m.	7:17 a.m.
Saturday	6:58 a.m.	6:29 p.m.	8:35 p.m.	7:44 a.m.
Sunday	6:58 a.m.	6:29 p.m.	9:34 p.m.	9:11 a.m.
Monday	7:55 a.m.	7:31 p.m.	11:33 p.m.	9:41 a.m.
Tuesday	7:53 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	No Rise	10:13 a.m.

Local UV Index

0-2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11+

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

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered rain and snow today and Thursday, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 57° in Salisbury, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 87° in Punta Gorda, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today and Thursday, isolated showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 69° in Central Point, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 75° in Thermal, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:14 a.m.	4:05 p.m.
Venus	8:15 a.m.	9:04 p.m.
Mars	8:05 a.m.	8:38 p.m.
Jupiter	3:37 p.m.	6:10 a.m.
Saturn	1:16 a.m.	10:42 a.m.
Uranus	8:16 a.m.	9:02 p.m.

Weather History

March 4, 1909 - Though fair weather was forecast, President Taft was inaugurated amidst a furious storm. About 10 inches of wet snow disrupted travel and communications. The storm drew much criticism against the U.S. Weather Bureau.

Weather Trivia

What is the difference between the terms weather and climate?

Answer: Climate is the average weather over a prolonged period of time.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Women Rule the Night

Women lead the pack this week if you're into making observations guided by the bright moon, Diana, and the Goddess of Love, Venus. Then on March 8, we draw nearer to the Promised Land when our clocks spring ahead one hour on Sunday at 2 a.m. With the longer evening light, Daylight Saving Time is something that I definitely will be cherishing. For this week's viewing, binoculars will prove handy. They will enhance the pleasure of your observations and are necessary to view at least one distant planet. Start on Sunday with a bright waxing gibbous moon in the southeast at 7 p.m. Approximately one fist held at arm's length above the moon will allow you to find the two brightest stars of the Gemini Twins, Castor (higher and fainter) and Pollux. To the moon's left will be Jupiter, which Luna will rendezvous with on Monday. You'll easily be able to witness the moon orbiting Earth if you go out Tuesday and see how Luna's position has changed in reference to Jupiter. You will also notice that Luna is now cozying up to the bright star Regulus of Leo the Lion, which will be found to the moon's left. Wednesday, the moon is located below Regulus. Also on Wednesday, March 4, look low in the West at 7 p.m. to catch brilliant Venus snuggling with Mars (naked eye) and Uranus (binocular). They will fit comfortably within the field of view of average binoculars. Uranus will be that star like object just below Venus. They are extremely tight on Wednesday. By Thursday, Venus and Uranus are separated by over a degree, but Mars included, are still a nice fit in most binoculars. Thursday also finds the full moon, opposite to the sun, rising on the East Coast just after 6 p.m. while the sun sets just minutes before 6 p.m. Set your clocks ahead on Sunday morning, March 8, and you'll find the sun rising an hour later, but also setting an hour later which will give the illusion that night is now on the run. Spring is just around the corner. www.astronomy.org

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald E. Szuch, AKA Donald Eugene Szuch, a married man and Pat Szuch, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated April 27, 2012, and recorded on April 30, 2012, in Liber 487, on page 466, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, national association, as assigned, Alcona County records, Michigan. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thirteen thousand one hundred ninety-four dollars and forty-five cents

(\$113,194.45), including interest at 4.000 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan at 10 a.m. o'clock, on March 25, 2015.

Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: Part of the west 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 17, T26N, R9E commencing 20 rods east of the northwest corner of the west 1/2 of the northeast 1/4; thence south 35 rods; thence east 57 rods; thence north 35 rods; thence west to the point of beginning except a parcel of land described as commencing at the north 1/4 corner of said Section 17; thence south 89 degrees 25

minutes 14 seconds east along the north section line 667.30 feet; thence south 0 degrees 42 minutes 05 seconds west parallel to the north-south 1/4 line 71.90 feet to a point on the southerly right of way line of Highway M-72, being the point of beginning; thence continuing south 0 degrees 42 minutes 05 seconds west 505.60 feet; thence south 89 degrees 25 minutes 14 seconds east parallel to the north section line 603.20 feet; thence north 0 degrees 42 minutes 05 seconds east 505.37 feet to a point on the south right of way line of said Highway M-72; thence along the arc of a curve to the left with radius of 515,587.02 feet, the long chord being north 89 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds west 603.21 feet to the point of beginning except land deeded to the Michigan State Highway Department for road purposes. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined aban-

doned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be one month from the date of such sale, or as to MCL 600.3241a only, 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48335 JPMC.003167 VA 2-25, 3-4, 3-11, 3-18

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew J. Balsbaugh and Lori Ann Balsbaugh, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated September 4, 2002, and recorded on September 24, 2002, in Liber 369, on page 902, and assigned by said mortgagee

to JPMorgan Chase Bank, national association, as assigned, Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-five thousand three hundred sixty-nine dollars and twenty-one cents (\$65,369.21), including interest at 7.625 percent per annum.

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

a.m. o'clock, on March 18, 2015. Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 21 of Block 37 of Lost Lake Woods Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of plats, pages 59 - 63, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be one month from the date of such sale, or as to MCL 600.3241a only, 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later. If the above referenced property

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JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 JPMC.003071 FNMA 2-18, 2-25, 3-4, 3-11

Notice of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Richard P. Shepard and Sandra Marie Shepard, whose last known address is 1096 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742 to Bank of Alpena and assigned to First Federal of Northern Michigan by instrument recorded in Liber 509, page 57 Alcona County records, 100 South Second Avenue, Alpena, Mich. 49707. Said mortgage dated April 17, 2008 and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona, and state of Michigan, on April 18, 2008 in Liber 451, page 885, and modified by a modification of mortgage dated October 16, 2008 and recorded on October 20, 2008 in Liber 456, page

563, Alcona County records, on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$148,787.24.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the state of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 25th day of March, 2015 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the county courthouse in the City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan. Of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also

any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Situated in the township of Gustin, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, described as: Part of Lots 11 and 12 of Block 26, Village of Lincoln, commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 12 of Block 26, thence running south 40 feet eight inches; thence west 120 feet; thence north 40 feet eight inches; thence east 120 feet to the point of beginning. If the property described in this notice is sold at the foreclosure sale referred to above, the mortgagor will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period as provided by MCL 600.3278 or otherwise by law. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale unless the property is deter-

mined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a. Bodman PLC Dated: February 18, 2015 By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430) Debt collector for First Federal of Northern Michigan 229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405 Cheboygan, MI 49721 (231) 627-8000 2-18, 2-25, 3-4, 3-11, 3-18

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NAME CHANGE

Sheree L. Roussey is changing her name to Sheree L. Naif.

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use every resource available to bring tourism dollars to Alcona County. Aside from the county government, including the sheriff's department and road commission, and a few small industrial shops, Van Hurk said most residents make their living from family-owned businesses.

"So anything that we can do that brings people into our county is a plus," Van Hurk said. "Also, the trail is a source of pride for the people here."

She said when Alcona County residents have visitors, they take them on the trail and show them the squares. That's also true in other Great Lakes states.

For example, LaGrange County in northern Indiana has a barn quilt trail that celebrates the history of agri-

culture, the time-honored tradition of quilting and the community's passion for art, community pride and Hoosier hospitality, said Beth Thornburg, executive director of the LaGrange County Convention and Visitors Bureau.

The quilt trail, which opened in 2011, encompasses six communities and 29 stops at quilt patterns that tell stories about family, history and culture.

While the goal is to connect communities and encourage tourists to enjoy the scenic countryside, it's difficult to measure the economic impact because it's a free attraction, Thornburg said. Plans include adding more stops along the way, such as ice cream shops and local artisans.



A sunflower quilt block at White Barn Gardens near Harrisville. Photo courtesy of Cindi Van Hurk.

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Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 15-002983
3-4, 3-11, 3-18, 3-25

**State of Michigan
Probate Court
County of Alcona
Notice to Creditors
Decedent's Estate
File No. 15-5431-DE**

Estate of Donald R. Moore

Date of birth: April 3, 1926

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Donald R. Moore, died January 2, 2015.

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Date: February 23, 2015
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Dorothy Moore
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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ASTRONOMY:** What former planet in our solar system was downgraded to a "dwarf planet" in 2006?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where was Shakespeare's Globe Theater located?
3. **LITERATURE:** What was the name of the character in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" who had a donkey's head as a result of a spell?
4. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of the agent played by Efrem Zimbalist Jr. on "The F.B.I." series?
5. **LANGUAGE:** What five-letter word contains five personal pronouns?
6. **MYTHOLOGY:** Who was the Greek goddess of the moon?
7. **RELIGION:** What is the first of the seven sacraments in Christian theology?
8. **MOVIES:** What was the home planet of Luke Skywalker in "Star Wars"?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Faroe Islands located?
10. **HISTORY:** What type of gun was used to assassinate President Abraham Lincoln?

Answers: 1. Pluto; 2. London; 3. Nick Bottom; 4. Lewis Erskine; 5. USHER (us, she, he, her and hers); 6. Selene; 7. Baptism; 8. Tatooine; 9. Halfway between Norway and Iceland; 10. A derringer pistol (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

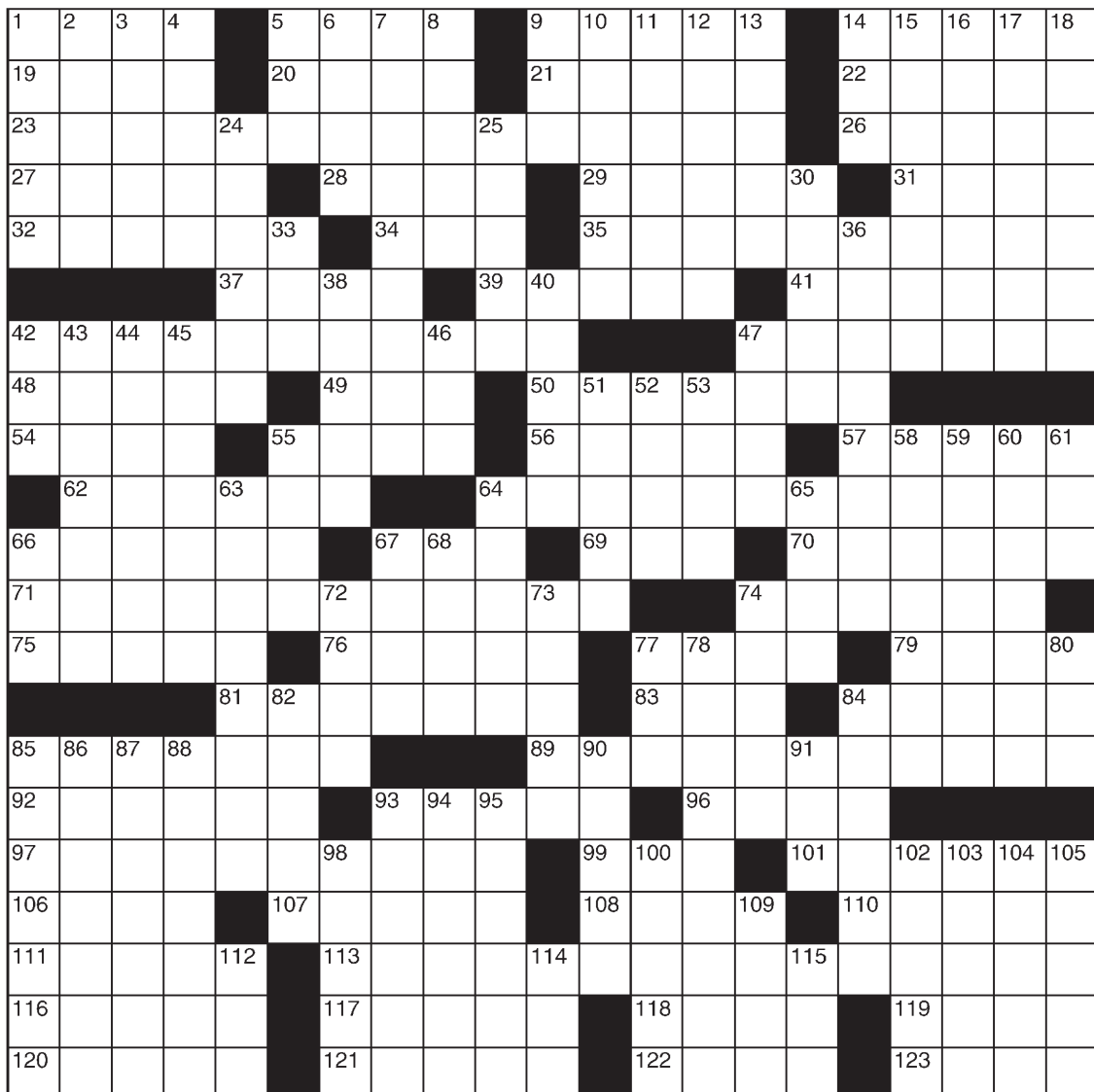
By The History Channel

- On March 16, 1751, future President James Madison is born in Virginia. Madison, one of the key drafters of the U.S. Constitution and the Bill of Rights, became America's fourth president in 1809 and is considered the Father of the Constitution.
- On March 21, 1804, French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte enacts a new legal framework for France, known as the "Napoleonic Code." The Code strengthened the authority of men over their families, deprived women of any individual rights and reduced the rights of illegitimate children.
- On March 20, 1861, President Abraham Lincoln's youngest sons, Willie and Tad, are diagnosed with the measles. The boys recovered, but in 1862, Willie died from typhoid fever. Tad died at age 18 in 1871. Lincoln's second son, Eddie, died before his fourth birthday. Only the first born, Robert, lived to an advanced age; he passed away in 1926 at age 82.
- On March 17, 1905, future president Franklin Delano Roosevelt weds his fifth cousin once-removed, Eleanor Roosevelt. After losing her mother when she was 8 and her father when she was 10, Eleanor was raised by the extended Roosevelt family. She met her future husband when she was 2 years old and he was 4.
- On March 18, 1911, Irving Berlin copyrights the biggest pop song of the early 20th century, "Alexander's Ragtime Band." The song was easier to play than Joplin's "The Entertainer," which encouraged sheet music sales. Those topped 1.5 million copies in the first 18 months.
- On March 19, 1953, the movie world's most prestigious honors, the Academy Awards, are telecast for the first time, on NBC. Previously, audiences at home could only listen on the radio. The sealed envelope system began 12 years earlier after a newspaper printed the results prematurely.
- On March 22, 1983, the Pentagon awards a production contract to develop 55,000 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), nicknamed the Humvee. In 1992, a 10,000-pound civilian version, known as the Hummer, went on sale.

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A STEP BACKWARDS Super Crossword

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| ACROSS
1 Sol, la or ti
5 Low-pitched
9 Salt Lake City resident
14 Ahead by a single point
19 Otherworldly glow
20 Admit openly
21 Spanish appetizers
22 More sensible
23 Datum for a hard drive
26 Brand of fake fat
27 Geriatrics topic
28 Vegetable in Cajun cuisine
29 Beach birds
31 St. Patty's land
32 Gains' opposites
34 Australian avian
35 Defunct figure-skating show
37 Robin's place
39 Woven together
41 Take one's turn after all others | 42 Actress married to Steven Spielberg
47 Develops an affinity for
48 Strong glue
49 MGM lion
50 Sling mud at
54 Mushy food
55 Itinerary info
56 Morganstern of 1970s TV
57 Hoarse
62 Evoke
64 Camera-to-computer upload
66 Like some sci-fi aliens, location-wise
67 Caterer's receptacle
69 Got the gold
70 Fruity frozen dessert
71 Jackson or Lincoln, e.g.
74 Lay to final rest
75 Actress Daly and novelist O'Connell
76 Largest frat in the U.S.
77 Pooch name
79 Lowly worker
81 — -la (utopia)
83 College e-mail ender | 84 Supreme Court's Sotomayor
85 With 33-Down, arm of the Indian Ocean
89 Voyager Golden Record, e.g.
92 Roving sorts
93 Is sickeningly sweet
96 Old fruity soda
97 Sailor's reply
99 In shape
101 Should it happen that
106 Skinny
107 Epsom —
108 Redding with a Grammy
110 Flynn of early films
111 Classic tune
113 Snapshot go-withs
116 Edmund of "Miracle on 34th Street"
117 Apple messaging software
118 Like men
119 Ovid's
120 Swamp plant
121 Bête —
122 Multitude | DOWN
1 Vocally twangy
2 Expenditure
3 Three, in Lille
4 Deserves
5 Bit of luggage
6 Chevrolet hatchback
7 Collection for a wrench
8 Hive cluster
9 Actress Hagen
10 Maneuver
11 Each
12 Strong dislike
13 "It's Gonna Be Me" band
14 Mil. hangout
15 Sierra Nevada brew
16 New York tribe members
17 Least distant
18 Cuba's Guevara
24 Part of CIA
25 Cook Deen
30 Continuing dramas
33 See 85-Across
36 Kitty
38 Snowball impact sound
40 Extend — welcome
42 Beer cask
43 Galore
44 Moniker for TV's Tim Taylor
45 Make amends for
46 Sod-busting tool
47 — II (Gillette razor)
51 Stole's kin
52 — stick (jumping toy)
53 Utopia
55 The "D" of CD
58 Fate who cut the thread of life
59 Secondary option list
60 Heat to 212 degrees in advance
61 As of now
63 Old Toyota
64 Prefix with 39-Across
65 "It will come — surprise ..."
66 East, in Bonn | 67 Go — smoke
68 Bond girl player Diana
72 Hot — oven
73 "Tis —" ("So sad")
74 Draw out
77 Like women: Abbr.
78 Same
80 No, in Selkirk
82 Lock holders
84 Kind of piano
85 Comparable things
86 Sovereign's "I," often
87 Revised
88 Supporting
90 "C — Cookie"
91 Food tuna
93 Tricolor cat
94 Chinese fruit
95 Car security system
98 Easy putt
100 Gossip tidbits
102 Pinch into small folds
103 Good smell
104 Kind of boom
105 — the Cow (milk mascot)
109 Markdown
112 Shanghai-to-Tokyo dir.
114 Adaptable truck, briefly
115 Church perch |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw who made the following sage observation: "There is no sincerer love than the love of food."
- You might be surprised to learn that the fastest flying insect is the dragonfly; it's been clocked at speeds up to 35 mph.
- In Japan, a black cat crossing your path is considered to be good luck, not bad.
- If you have trouble getting along with your in-laws, you might dream of getting payback someday. A man named Charles Webb did just that -- on a grand scale. While in high school, Webb dated a girl named Eve; Eve's mother, however, didn't think Webb was good enough for her daughter and did everything she could to keep them apart. The two eventually got married, and Webb wrote the novel "The Graduate" ... yes, the one that was turned into a movie starring Dustin Hoffman. The character of the drunken, promiscuous mother-in-law was based on the woman who'd tried to sabotage his relationship for years.
- When archaeologists discovered the tomb of King Tut, one of the objects they found inside was a bronze razor -- and it was still sharp enough to use.
- Washington, D.C., has a lower marriage rate than any other major U.S. city.
- The breed of dog known as the Great Dane didn't come from Denmark; it's German in origin.
- President George Washington reportedly was terrified at the thought of being buried alive. He insisted that his burial not take place until at least three days after his death, just to make sure he was really deceased.
- The starling is the world's most common bird.

Thought for the Day: "Few things are harder to put up with than a good example." -- Mark Twain

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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: **G** equals **T**

ZG GAV MUZDNZXYFH DTZFG,
 GCU CUOXVOM JZTMVTB
 ZSSEMK UJ MUNVGAYFH
 MAUEGVK "TBVM! ZTT TBVM!"

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