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Forest fire sweeps through 472 acres Sunday

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Dry conditions, warm weather and gusting winds made for the "perfect storm" Sunday as a forest fire swept through 472 acres, causing the evacuation of homes and the closing of M-72 before it was contained in roughly 10 hours.

Fire fighters were on high alert Sunday morning following a "red flag" warning that was sent out across Alcona and Iosco counties and throughout Michigan because fire conditions were extremely high. According to Roger MacNeill, fire officer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), when a red flag warning is issued, if a fire does ignite "it will advance rapidly and it will be explosive."

In anticipation of that likelihood, measures are implemented by the DNR and U.S. Forest Service in preparation. Extra aircraft were flying to "spot" any sign of fire and fire crews from both departments were on standby.

The crews didn't have to wait long. At approximately 1:20 p.m., the first call came into Alcona County Central Dispatch to report a fire near Stout Road and M-72. Barton City Fire Department and the DNR fire crew from Lincoln were the first fire fighters to respond. Crews from the U.S. Forest Service and DNR and Mikado, Lincoln and South Shore fire departments also responded.

The fire, according to U.S. Forest Service Public Information Officer Ken Arbogast, started off of a forest service road southeast of Reid Lake. "Conditions were perfect for it to move fast," Arbogast said. "It jumped a swamp and the highway (M-72) at O'Donnell Road and continued to move northwest toward Barton City. There were pretty good gusts of wind (Sunday) afternoon and part of the evening."

M-72 was closed at approximately 2 p.m., according to central dispatch. Air support for approximately 100 fire fighters and support teams came from a Cesna 340 which provided aerial observation over the fire scene communicating with crews about the advance and direction of the fire and other pertinent information.

A Bombardier CL415 provided one water drop early on, but was called away to another forest fire. Two helicopters - a Type I CH54B with a 3,000 gallon tank and a Type III Bell 206L4 with 100 gallon bucket "dropped"

water on the fire throughout the afternoon and evening.

Also assisting ground crews were several small bulldozers and tractor plows (a bulldozer designed to fight fires) that put in control lines - turned up earth roughly four feet wide (or more) that interrupts the advance of the fire along the ground.

MacNeill explained that DNR and forest service fire crews used "black lining" to directly attack the fire Sunday. "We put in a control line and then burn from that control line... that small fire is then sucked into the main fire as the main fire gets closer - this increases our ability to control the fire... We are literally fighting fire with fire. (Black lining is not the same as a "back fire," which, according to MacNeill, is an indirect attack.)

When the two fires come together flames and smoke increase and, sometimes, the sound of the fire also increases, according to MacNeill. "That is the expected result.... The two fires come together at a rapid force."

While federal and state fire crews worked together to battle the blaze, local fire fighters protected buildings that were in the path of the fire, provided water support to "total operation" and helped with the evacuation of 16 homes in the Barton

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Fire fighters with the U.S. Forest Service and Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) walk through the charred acres putting out "hot spots" and "heavies," tree roots smoldering underground and vented through stumps (below), Monday afternoon. This "mopping up" will continue through the rest of the week in effort to control the fire, which started Sunday afternoon, and ensure it doesn't flare back up. For more photos, see page 12A. Photos by Cheryl Peterson.



The Family of John Kerr wishes to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, phone calls, visits and food. A special thank you to Rev. Mary Soderholm, Hospice, James Richards and staff and the Harrisville United Methodist Women. Thank you for the support during the illness and passing of John.

Sincerely,
Liz, Mike, Patrick, Lora and Alan

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Obituaries

Christine Ellen White, 50, of Greenbush, formerly of Wayne, Mich., died on Monday, April 27, 2015 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

She was born in Detroit, Mich. on December 22, 1964 to Robert and H. Colleen (Morgan) White.

Ms. White graduated from Wayne Memorial High School in 1983. She attended and worked for NEMROC, Inc. in Alpena for many years.

She loved taking trips to Disney World in her parents' motor home. She enjoyed dancing at the Exceptional Friends of Ossineke parties

Christine E. White and was a member of Sunrise Ringers, which performed hand bell concerts at area churches.

Ms. White is survived by her mother, H. Colleen White; one sister, Candace (Michael Gordon) White; and two nieces, Hannah Gordon and Molly Gordon.

She was preceded in death by her father, Robert H. White; and one sister, Linda C. White.

The funeral was held on Friday, May 1 at Buresh Funeral Home in Oscoda. The Rev. Rob Nordin officiated. Interment was in Springport



Cemetery in Harrisville. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

Richard B. Travis

Richard B. Travis, 64, of Harrisville, died on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at his home.

He was born March 12, 1951, to Basil and Lela (Proconier) Travis in Mikado. He was a lifelong resident of Alcona County.

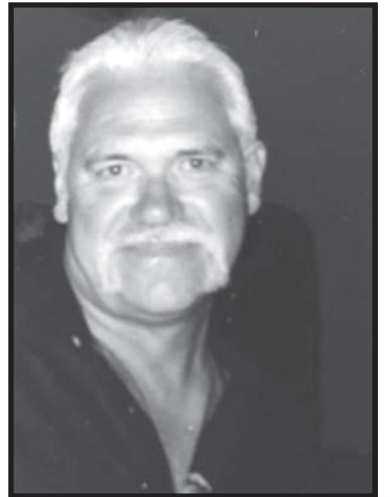
He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. In 1986 he married Pamela Maluchnik in Harrisville, where they resided.

Mr. Travis worked at Hillman Tool in Lincoln and retired in 2003.

He loved antique cars, attending car shows and watching NASCAR. He enjoyed chainsaw carving and hunting.

Mr. Travis is survived by his wife, Pam; three daughters, Christina (Brian) Williams, Amanda (Marc) Alvarez and Holly (Rob Kirby) Smith; two sons, Andrew (Wander) Travis and Joel (Ashley) Travis; 10 grandchildren, Kylie and Bret Williams, Allie Travis, Ashton, George, and Sawyer Kirby, Reid and Isaiah Travis, and Oxalis and Jasmine Martich; one sister, Linda Ayres; two brothers, Lonnie (Sandy) Travis and Donald (Lois) Travis; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by three sisters, Dora Travis, Verna Hopp and Betty Kenitz; and five brothers, Frederick "Fritz," Travis, Leonard



Travis, Robert Travis, Allen Travis and Billy Travis.

The funeral was held Monday, May 4 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln.

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Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Avg. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
April 26	49	33	0.00	7.2	24	NNE
April 27	49	38	0.00	8.9	26	NNE
April 28	48	37	0.00	4.2	14	E
April 29	56	34	0.00	3.5	17	E
April 30	55	37	0.00	7.7	27	NNE
May 1	57	44	0.00	4.3	13	NE
May 2	54	42	0.00	4.3	16	SSW

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.00	0.00	0.56
Month of April	1.92	1.2	2.31
May to Date	0.00	0.0	0.16
Year/Season to Date	3.12	34.8	7.71

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.)

Obituaries

Frederick J. LaVergne Jr.

Frederick J. LaVergne Jr., 77, of Black River died on Thursday, April 30, 2015 at the Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehab Community.

He was born April 17, 1938 to Frederick J. and Margaret LaVergne in Black River, where he was raised.

Mr. LaVergne served in the U.S. Marine Corps for four years and then moved to Bay City, Mich. He was an auto mechanic for Dunlop Pontiac of Bay City, Mich. for many years.

He married Lois LaFave on March 7, 1970. They moved to Black River in 1983.

He enjoyed many sports, including fishing. He enjoyed watching his grandchildren compete in high school sports.

Mr. LaVergne is survived by three daughters, Angie (Tracie Beebee) LaVergne of Lincoln, Kelly Schaefer and Debbie Zawicki, both of Bay City, Mich.; one son, Edward (Renee) LaVergne of Lincoln; 11 grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; three sisters, Tracy Maviglia of Harrisville, Karen (Doug) Mills and Claire (Patrick Strzelecki) Whitten both of Grand Rapids, Mich.; and one brother, David LaVergne of Grand Rapids, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lois, on September 15, 2005; and one daughter, Melanie Moreno.

No services are planned. Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies



Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorials may be made to the Alcona Athletic Association.

Peter D. Deller

Peter Dudley "Pete" Deller, 71, of Shelby Township, Mich. died on Friday, March 24, 2015.

He was born on March 15, 1944 to Kenneth and Thelma (Oldswager) Deller in Gustin Township. He graduated from Alcona High School in 1963.

He was drafted into the U. S. Army in March 1966. He served in Vietnam from September 1966 to March 1968, where he was in charge of 175 Long Tom mobile guns which supported the ground troops. He was honorably discharged from the U.S. Army as a staff sergeant.

Along with his father, he helped build Highway 696 in the Detroit, Mich. area.

On September 1, 1973 he married Patricia Miller at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Madison Heights, Mich. He was a member of Mammoth Baptist Church.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing and spending time with his family. He was a craftsman, with skills in carpentry, plumbing and other areas needed to make a house into a home.

Mr. Deller is survived by one son, Peter F. J. (Natalia) Deller of Sterling Heights, Mich.; two grandchildren, Nicholas and Jade Deller of Shelby Township, Mich.; three brothers, Kenneth J. (Sandy) Deller of Albuquerque, N.M., Richard D. (Chris) Deller of Osseo, Mich. and Arthur L. (Kathi) Deller of Fairfield Bay, Ark.; two sisters, Pauline Deller-Sears of Fairfield Bay, Ark. and Gloria J. (James) Fry of Farmington, N.M.; one brother-in-law, Fred Miller of Detroit, Mich.; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife, Patricia; one brother, R. Robert "Bob" Deller; one nephew, Aaron J. Deller; and one brother-in-law, Dean Sears.

A funeral was held on April 11 at the Mammoth Baptist Church, Shelby Township. Burial was in Christian Memorial Cemetery in Rochester Hills, Mich.

A special memorial service will be held honoring Mr. Deller as a Vietnam War veteran on July 18 at 11 a.m. at Christian Memorial Cemetery, 521 East Hamlin Road, Rochester, Mich. The American Legion Post No. 4, Patriot Team, Honor Guard (Mt. Clemens, Mich.) will be conducting the military honors.

Death Notice

Cathy Geerlings

Cathy Geerlings, 54, the daughter of Howard Geerlings and Nellie Sabin, died on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at Spectrum Special Care Hospital in Grand Rapids, Mich.

Her parents were former teachers at Alcona High School. A memorial service will be held at noon on Friday, May 8 at Cook Memorial Chapel (East Building), 4235 Prairie Street, S.W., Grandville, Mich.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society or the Mayo Clinic Foundation, Peripheral Nerve Lab, 200 First Street SW, Rochester, Minn., 55905.

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

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

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

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

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

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900

Connon, Alpena, at the corner of Brooke and Connon, near Diamonds Pointe. Lunch will be served. Bring a can of food for the needy. For more information, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

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

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

THURSDAY, MAY 7

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

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Alcona Historical Society will hold their annual dinner at Lost Lake Woods Club. Welcome hour and cash bar begins at 5 p.m., buffet dinner at 6 p.m. A historical program on northeast Michigan will begin immediately after dinner. Cost is \$20 per person. To reserve a place,

call (989) 727-3523 or (989) 471-2088. Everyone is welcome.

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

FRIDAY, MAY 8

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

A fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Take out available.

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

An open house will be held for Beverly Chase, featured artist of the month, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Thunder Bay Art Gallery located at 127 West Chisholm Street in Alpena. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

SATURDAY, MAY 9

A Safety Day Carnival will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Alcona Elementary School on Barlow Road. Lots of fun, safety education, snacks and giveaways. For more information, call (989) 736-8716. This event is sponsored by the Alcona Health Center Tiger Clinic.

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

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

The North American Migration Count will be held in Alcona County. This is an all-day event at various areas of the county to count birds migrating and on territory. Counts can be made in backyards, at bird feeders, lakes, et cetera, for any time period during the day. If you would like to participate, call (989) 724-3056 for more information.

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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Happy Mother's Day

Mother's Day ~ Sunday, May 10th

Brunch Buffet served from 7 a.m. – 2 p.m.
French toast, pancakes, corned beef hash, biscuits and gravy; fresh pineapple, grapes oranges, strawberries; vanilla and strawberry yogurt with granola topping; freshly baked muffins and turnovers; Kielbasa with onions and peppers; honey glazed spiral cut ham, bacon, sausage, scrambled eggs, cheese omelets; donuts, bagels, English muffins, toast; assorted cereals along with many other items.
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Fund Raising Dinner

The Barton City Improvement Association is having a spaghetti dinner on May 9. Dinner will be at the BC Bar on Trask Lake Road in Barton City. This fund-raising event is for the scholarship fund. The cost of the dinner is \$7 and begins at 4 p.m. For more information, call Arlene at (989) 736-3294.

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be open Saturday, May 9 from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the Alcona County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) in Lincoln. Vendors accept Bridge Cards and offer Double Up Food Bucks on qualifying purchases. Available this week: Salad turnips, radishes, spinach, mixed lettuces, arugula, kale, chicken and goose eggs, all cuts of grass-fed and grain-fed beef, assorted white, wheat, multi-grain and sweet breads, muffins, quick breads, cookies, mini doughnuts, Terenzo container tomato plants, perennials, cut flowers, hanging baskets, potholder rugs, dish towels, cat toys, sachets, homemade laundry detergent, handmade wooden items and more. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Senior Menu

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

- Monday, May 11—Sweet and sour chicken, rice, three bean salad and pears.

- Tuesday, May 12—Roasted pork, mashed potatoes and gravy, corn and applesauce.

- Wednesday, May 13—Fish almondine, buttered rotini, peas and raspberry applesauce Jell-O.

- Thursday, May 14—Beef taco salad, baby carrots and mandarin oranges.

- Friday, May 15—Chicken Parmesan over spaghetti, mixed vegetables and peaches.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Gardening Roadshow

The Alcona Master Gardener Association is sponsoring the Smart Gardening Roadshow. Educators Mary Wilson and Rebecca Finneran from Michigan State University Extension bring this informative seminar to the United Methodist Church in Oscoda on Friday, May 15 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Finneran will talk about "Greening the Garden...A Smart Gardener's Journey," with ideas for designing a garden that is both green and

gorgeous using plants that are water smart, pest-free and low input.

Wilson's talk on "Native Trees and Shrubs with Bling" demonstrates that native plants are far from drab and boring. She'll share some of her favorite species, both native species and their cultivars, for a bright colorful garden in various seasons. The cost is \$20, which includes lunch. To register and get more information, contact Becky Stoddard at (989) 724-5804, e-mail alconamga@gmail.com, or visit Alcona Master Gardener Association on Facebook.

Non Timber Forest Products

Non Timber Forest Products (NTFPs) are products humans can produce from woodlands other than cutting trees down for timber production. Non timber forest products present opportunities to allow landowners to better enjoy their woodlots and possibly even turn a profit. This presentation will discuss 10 NTFPs that are well suited for Alcona and Iosco counties.

This hour-long presentation will be held at Oscoda Township's Parks Library, 6010 N. Skeel Avenue, Oscoda on Saturday, May 16 at 10 a.m. This free presentation is open to the public. For more information, contact district forester Andrew Beebe at (989) 335-1056.

ORV Safety Class

An ORV safety class is scheduled for Saturday, May 16 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Robert J. Parks Library in Oscoda. The class is open to all youth under the age of 16, but any youth under the age of 11 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. It is designed to teach trail etiquette, proper riding gear, basic first aid and the rules and regulations of proper ORV operation. The class is sponsored by the AuSable Valley Trailriders and is free of charge. Parents and guardians may attend the class. Space and class materials are limited, so preregister by calling David Hanson at (989) 739-4711.

Business News

Through the hard work and dedication of its employees and the generosity of its membership, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU) was able to raise \$322.33 in monetary donations for The Sunrise Mission, an organization that provides shelter, meals, clothing, support and counseling to those in need in the community. Employees of the Ossineke branch sold candy bars, chips, cookies, Easter bags, Valentine's Day bags, and shamrocks. They also held a movie basket raffle and bottle drive. Along with the member do-

nations, staff members were able to donate \$2 on Fridays to dress down in jeans.

Additionally, AAACU employees from the main branch in Alpena raised \$1,164.75 in monetary donations for Third Level Child and Family Services, which is an organization that offers counseling and teaches real world skills to homeless and runaway youth. It also offers temporary housing to allow kids to focus on finishing school. The Alpena main office sold candy bars, chips, held a 50/50 and a frozen basket raffle. Along with member donations, staff members were able to donate \$2 on Fridays to dress down in jeans.

- Dr. Ben Dietrich, the owner of Harrisville Eye Care, was the guest speaker for the Greenbush Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, April 30. The focus of his talk centered on various eye diseases and how to prevent and treat them. Some of the diseases that he covered included diabetes, cataracts, glaucoma and macular degeneration. He also went on to discuss the treatment of low vision. Dr. Dietrich was pleased to answer all of their questions concerning their vision. He encouraged everyone in attendance to get their annual eye exams to make sure their eyes are as healthy as they can be.

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

A spaghetti dinner will be held at the BC Bar on Trask Lake Road in Barton City at 4 p.m. Cost is \$7 per person. The dinner is a fundraiser for

the Barton City Improvement Association scholarship fund. For more information, call Arlene at (989) 736-3294.

SUNDAY, MAY 10

A Mother's Day breakfast will be served at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Eagle moms eat free, all other moms \$4. Adults \$7, children age six to 12 \$4, six and under eat for free.

care workers who can answer questions and guide you through the process. To register for a no obligation orientation scheduled from 6 to 9 p.m., call Wellspring Lutheran Services at (989) 732-1040.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

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

MONDAY, MAY 11

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

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

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TUESDAY, MAY 12

Commodities will be distributed by the Emergency Food Assistance Program from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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.

The Alcona County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. at Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville. Contact Jennifer Hoppe at (989) 358-4605 or e-mail hoppej@nemcsa.org for details.

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

Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet from 1:15 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. All levels welcome. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

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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.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

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.

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

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

Region 14A - MEA Retired will meet at 10 a.m. at the Camp Inn Lodge, 3111 US-23, Oscoda. Keynote speaker will be Branko Dojicic, a Blue Cross/Blue Shield representative. Everyone is welcome to attend. For more information, call (989) 356-4551.

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.

Join John Webster from Tait's Bill of Fare for a cooking demonstration at noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Cost is \$5 per person. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

The public is invited to a general meeting of the Greenbush Historical Society to hear a park ranger talk about Negwegon State Park, a little known gem in Alcona County. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. Refreshments will be served.

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City area, according to Barton City Fire Chief Rodney Cordes. "As the fire approached we were lined up along M-72 standing by to watch for 'hot spots' - embers that fly through the air ahead of the fire -- and we did line protection as the black lines were lit," Cordes said. "Our training is focused on structures, so structure protection was our main goal (on Sunday).

The fire was contained within the controlline around 9 p.m. and M-72 was reopened. Evacuated residents were allowed to return to their homes by 10 p.m. No buildings were lost and no one was injuring during the incident, according to Arbogast.

"Because of the tactics used this fire was contained in a short manner," MacNeill said. "It could have been much larger if it wasn't for the combined efforts of the ground crews, air support, volunteer fire departments' assistance and everything else that was involved... This was truly a team effort between these two entities (DNR and forest service). It was a very successful, well orga-

nized and well-orchestrated effort."

The fire is contained, which does not mean it is under control or considered extinguished. According to Arbogast, federal crews will be "mopping up" for several days, or possibly longer due to the dry conditions. "We will be getting back into a dry period in the next few days and don't want it to reignite."

"People are in there (fire zone) keeping an eye on it 24 hours and air support will be monitoring it as well," Arbogast said. "They will be working in teams of up to 12 walking through looking for 'hot spots' that are still burning - like snags that are partially burned. Our goal is that everything that is black is cold."

Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison said his department played a minor role in the incident by providing traffic control until the county's citizen emergency response team (CERT) took over those duties. "We increased manpower when the fire jumped M-72 and when residences became possibly threatened," Atchison said.

"It went well. I was impressed with how well the state and federal departments and the local departments worked together."

"Our dispatchers, Deanna Morgan and Barb Spencer, really did a good job. They were taxed pretty hard Sunday. Central dispatch never gets the credit they deserve," he said.

As of Monday evening DNR fire crews and local fire departments were relieved from duties related to the forest fire. "The initial attack is over... We worked all day Sunday, Sunday night and Monday," MacNeill said. "Local departments provided water support."

"Now, (federal crews) will work the fire for the next week and a half, most likely, and will start rehabbing soon - maybe in the next couple of days. Once the initial attack is over, we and local departments go back to normal duties. This frees up local resources so they are available for anything that flares up."


Arbogast said the cause of the fire is under investigation by the forest service and DNR.



In addition to the large forest fire, local fire fighters responded to four other wild fires Sunday, like this one on Hubbard Lake Trail, that began with residents burning various yard debris and escaped their control. Fire chiefs urge residents to get burn permits.
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Volunteers from Spruce Presbyterian Church participate in the Adopt-A-Highway project along US-23 for approximately three miles from Sayers Road to LaFave Road on April 25. Fourteen bags of trash were collected by participants (back row, from left) Chad Kamischke, Brad Bachelor, Jesse Schram, Torie Harmon, Chris Kamischke, Ted French, Richard Rasmussen, (middle row) Caleb Kamischke, Kristin Benghauser, Janine Bachelor, Danielle Gauthier, Tonya Pagels, Jim Holsworth, Hope Smith, (front row) Brooklyn Pagels, Courtney Winters, Annabelle Rowe and Dakota Stevenson. *Courtesy photo.*



Skywarn Weather Spotter Training raffle winners, (from left) Lynne Gull; Gary Butkovich; Andy Sullivan, meteorologist; Art Laatz and Buffy Carr, emergency management coordinator for Alcona and Iosco counties, display their NOAA weather radios and tornado kit at the April 16 class held in Harrisville. The trainings are offered twice a year. *Courtesy photo.*

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Men's high game: Ryan Bilbey,	225.	
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Men's high handicap game and series: Bill Peterson,	276 and 733.	
Women's high game and series: Kathy Himick,	215 and 541.	
Women's high handicap game and series: Kathy Himick,	272 and 712.	

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of April 27- May 3, 2015

58 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 3 Arrests; 3 Warrants.

Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	4	Property Damage Accident	2
Miscellaneous	5	Dog/Animal	8
Traffic	7	Alarm	2
Drug Crime	1	Littering	1
Domestic	2	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	2
Patrol Check	1	Trespassing	1
Warrant Arrest	3	Civil	1
Unlawful Driving Away	1	Be On The Lookout	1
Medical	1	Personal Injury Accident	1
Open Door	1	Minor In Possession	1
Lost/Found Property	2	Fire	5
Noise Complaint	1	Suspicious Events	3
Sex Offender Violation	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

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Greenbush	9	Gustin	2	Harrisville	11
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Drones are everywhere — here's why

By Collin Krizmanich
Capital News Service

Seems like every day there is something new about drones, whether it's military use of drones overseas, Amazon floating the idea of creating a drone delivery system, journalists using drones to report stories — or even just a neighbor down the street who bought a drone for fun.

In Washington D.C., a drone recently crashed onto the lawn of the White House. In Michigan, lawmakers were concerned enough about drones to pass a law preventing people from using drones to hunt or to bother hunters.

"The future of drones is absolutely astonishing, as to what they're going to be able to accomplish for us," said Ryan Latourette, a recreational drone user from Grand Ledge, Mich.

Drones are increasingly becoming part of everyday life, but they're still not well understood.

Here's a quick primer on the technology and how it's used.

What is a drone?

In practical terms, a drone is an unmanned aircraft, commonly referred to as an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV). By this definition, a \$50 remote control toy helicopter could be considered a drone, as would some military aircraft that can cost tens of millions of dollars.

Right now, the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) makes very little distinction as to what type of UAVs are legal in the United States. The only policy dealing directly with the aircraft itself, is that the maximum weight is set at 55 pounds.

One emerging trend in consumer drones is first-person-view capabilities, which allow the drone's pilot to connect to a camera attached to the drone and view the flight in real time.

What are drones used for?

Until recently, drone use in Michigan could be grouped into two categories, commercial and recreational. The Michigan State Police recently purchased its own drones, adding law enforcement to the mix.



Photograph DJI Phantom drone equipped with GoPro camera, used to photograph MSU campus. *Courtesy photo.*

Recreational use is defined by the FAA as "operation of an unmanned aircraft for personal use and enjoyment," such as taking aerial photos and videos for fun.

Commercial use is defined by the FAA as any use in connection with a business, which includes "selling photos or videos, providing contract services, such as industrial equipment or factory inspection, and providing professional services, such as security or telecommunications."

Aerius Flight, LLC in South Lyon, Mich. recently became the first company in Michigan to receive FAA approval for commercial drone use. Co-owner Jeremy Barber said potential commercial uses include real estate photography, agricultural analysis, surveying land, 3D mapping, inspecting cell phone towers and power lines -- just to name a few.

Even though the company is just starting out, people are clamoring for its services.

"We didn't expect to have this much demand," Barber said. "It's pretty limitless right now."

The state police recently made headlines by becoming the first law enforcement agency in Michigan to receive FAA approval for drone use. The department purchased an Aeryon SkyRanger for \$160,000 using federal Department of Homeland Security funds. The drone was first used by law enforcement to fly over a fire in Jenison, Mich. Drones can be used to gather photographs and videos that can help investigators in real time.

Why are we hearing so much about drones?

New technology has quickly made drones more accessible and affordable in recent years. One of the most notable features that separates some modern drones from toy helicopters is a "return to home" feature. This means that if the drone goes out of range of the user, it will autonomously navigate back to its takeoff location.

Drones with extensive capabilities cost thousands of dollars in years past, but recent prices have come down to less than \$500, increasing recreational use.

Additionally, drone sales have increased and so have drone accidents. The Washington Post compiled a list of 25 "near midair collisions" between drones and airplanes in just six months last year.

How are drones regulated?

Drones are regulated on the federal level by the FAA. As it stands now, the most important distinction in drone use regulations is between recreational and commercial use.

The FAA has released safety guidelines for recreational users, including flying no higher than 400 feet, remaining clear of manned aircraft operations and alerting air traffic control when operating within five miles of an airport. But these guidelines can't be enforced for recreational users.

Some states, including Michigan, have passed legislation dealing with drone usage in specific situations, such as hunting. "We don't want to have these drones be part of an advantage by a hunter to take game with," said Sen. Phil Pavlov, R-St. Clair. "We also don't want drones used for hunter harassment."

This legislation was triggered by a People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) program called "Air Angels." This program involves the use of drones to monitor potential illegal hunting activities.

In commercial use of drones, the FAA has recently stepped up its regulations. Aerius Flight recently completed the application process to use drones commercially. "It was pretty daunting and time consuming," Barber said. "We had to develop a flight operations manual and a pilot operations handbook for each of our drones. It took us just under six months."

Both Barber and Latourette agree that it is important for the FAA to set some sort of guidelines for drone usage. "They're so reactive," Barber said of the FAA. "It's not until something happens that they're making rules. If they can stay out ahead of it, that would be better."

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• If you think you have a pension and the company you worked for still is in business, your first step is to call the human resources department and ask how to contact the pension plan administrator. Ask the administrator whether you have a pension, how much it is worth and how to claim it. Depending on how complete the administrator's records are you may need to show proof that you once worked for the company and that you are pension eligible.

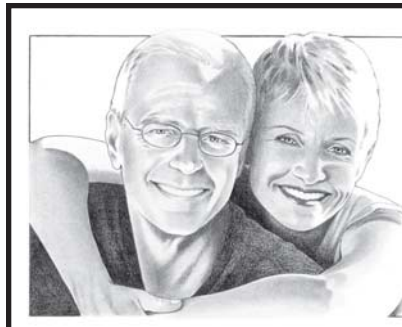
Your old income tax returns and W-2 forms from the years you worked at the company will help you here. If you haven't saved your old tax returns from these years, you can get a copy of your earnings record from the Social Security Administration, which will show how much you were paid each calendar year by each employer.

Call (800) 772-1213, and

ask for Form SSA-7050, "Request for Social Security Earnings Information," or you can download it at ssa.gov/online/ssa-7050.pdf. The SSA charges a \$136 for this information.

Some other old forms that can help you prove pension eligibility are summary plan descriptions that you should have received from your employer when you worked there, and any individual benefit statements that you received during your employment.

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A control line (left) keeps the fire from spreading. Federal and state fire fighters and support teams will be working within the fire zone for most of the week. *Photos by Cheryl Peterson.*

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Safety Carnival offers information and family activities

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

In an effort to keep accidents to a minimum and to help make everyone aware of safety issues for children, a Safety Carnival Fun Day will be free to all on Saturday, May 9.

The carnival will take place in and around the Alcona Elementary School from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and will focus on safety issues from many community entities.

Kristin Benghauser, Tiger Health Extension clinic social worker, said students from kindergarten through fifth grade will have a taste of what is to come on Saturday when Deputy Nathaniel Leeseberg of the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, the Lincoln Fire Department and the U.S. Forest Service, along with Smokey Bear, comes to talk to students

about safety issues during school the day before the carnival.

Benghauser said there were so many safety issues that parents needed to be reminded of as well as wanting a fun experience for the students they set aside the following day on Saturday to invite the entire family -- from younger siblings to parents and grandparents -- to attend.

One of the safety topics the carnival will be stressing is bicycle safety and the importance of wearing a helmet. She said while questioning students many said they did not use a helmet because the helmet did not fit, they could not afford one or they simply did not like wearing it and were not encouraged to wear it.

"Many people don't realize the damage not wearing a

helmet can do. The idea is to get kids wearing a helmet at a young age. Even kids riding tricycles should be wearing a helmet," Benghauser said.

She relayed a story about a person she knew who, as a youth, was riding his bicycle when a car going down the street got too close. The youth ended up hitting a telephone pole and seriously disabled himself for the rest of his life because he was not wearing a helmet. "Those kinds of things make an impression. You don't think it will ever happen to you or to someone you love, but these things do happen," Benghauser said.

Other safety discussions on Saturday will include fire safety with the Alcona Township Fire and Lincoln Fire departments. Benghauser said the Alcona Township Fire Department is bringing one of its older pumper trucks along with a house so the kids can spray it with a fire hose.

Smokey Bear will be back on Saturday with the U.S. Forest Service to talk about campfire safety and have a

campsite demonstration. Smokey Bear and Alcona Tiger mascot will both be on hand for photo opportunities during the carnival.

Health Department No. 2 will discuss tick safety, what to look for and how to take care of them. Benghauser said last year the county was heavily hit with ticks and they are gearing up again for the coming months to be about the same. The clinic already had its first student in for tick removal last week.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources Conservation Officer Warren MacNeill, will be talking about hunter safety and will be bringing an interactive safety video game. Laurie Ames from Catholic Human Services will be discussing drug awareness and safety and Tracy D'Augustino from Michigan State University Extension office will be demonstrating the importance of protecting the brain by using an egg to demonstrate different ways of keeping it from getting broken on impact.

Tamara Quick from Child

Abuse and Neglect Prevention of Alcona County (CANPAC) will be talking to students and parents about safe sleep and Deputy Leeseberg will talk on Saturday about stranger danger.

The Tiger Extension clinic will be discussing sun safety and how to protect from sun burns and skin cancer and also has information on electrical safety.

Crafts and games include decorating flower pots and planting basil in them to take home, a bean bag toss, ring toss, and fun with bubbles.

Four bikes and four bike helmets will be given away courtesy of Wal-Mart of Tawas and three \$25 gift cards courtesy of Wal-Mart of Alpena will be given. Free hot dogs and beverages will be provided by the Lincoln Lions Club and the Parent and Teacher Organization of Alcona Elementary School.

The Tiger Extension clinic is looking for more volunteers to help with carnival activities. Anyone interested can call by the morning of Friday, May 8, (989) 736-8716.



Peggy Ridgway (left) is recognized by the AuSable Valley Audubon for her work initiating the new Sunrise Coast Birding Trail during Saturday's ribbon cutting ceremony. She was recognized by AuSable Valley Audubon president Ruth Golm.



Approximately 50 people gather for the Sunrise Coast Birding Trail ribbon cutting ceremony at Shoreline Park in Oscoda on Saturday, May 2. Former Michigan Audubon president and past president of the AuSable Valley Audubon, Peggy Ridgway (center standing), introduced State Senator Jim Stamas (front row, third from right), State Representative Peter Pettalia (front row, second from right) and others which helped turn the idea into a reality. Representatives from Michigan Audubon, Consumers Energy, Heritage Route 23, and the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments were also in attendance. The trail covers over 145 miles of Lake Huron coastline and inland locations along US-23 from Shoreline Park in Oscoda to Mackinaw City, Mich. Photos by Mary Weber.

Hidden health gem: Tiger Extension clinic

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Tucked away in a far corner of Alcona Elementary School is a health care gem which goes unnoticed unless its services are needed by a young family member.

This gem is called the Alcona Health Center's (AHC) Tiger Extension clinic which provides services to about 380 elementary school-aged children throughout the year and offers health care assis-

tance for a variety of issues from a minor sore throat to administering lifesaving medication or counseling.

The year-round clinic first opened its doors in May of 2006 as the first school-based clinic to serve rural elementary children. It is still unique to northern Michigan and is one of only 70 school based clinics in the state.

The three employees, social worker Kristin Benghauser, nurse practitioner, Andrea Eby and medical assistant Ivy Seminoff, who work at the clinic are proud of the work they do and the students who come to see them.

They see every student one time or another throughout the year and are also available to see home schooled children ages five through 12. "We see the students for anything from acute sick visits to well child exams or behavioral issues," Eby said.

An acute sick visit, Eby explained, is most often called in by a parent asking the clinic to see a child for an ear ache, sore throat or a cough. Well child visits involve looking at the growth of the student, recording vital statistics such as height, weight, temperature, blood pressure and checking to see if immunizations are up to date.

The Tiger staff works with the teacher in bringing students to their clinic at a time when they won't miss too much class instruction. After the exam the staff is in contact with parents to discuss the student's care. Performing visits this way, Eby said, assures that the child gets the care they need while not missing much class time.

Parent benefits by not having to take time off from work to take the child to the doctor.

Other reasons student visit the Tiger clinic may include getting an immunization, allergy injections or lab draws. AHC also offers dental cleanings and X-rays at the school twice a year.

Eby said they also help parents with insurance questions and offer Medicaid outreach. She and Seminoff have both been trained through Medicaid to assist people with insurance issues. Eby explained many people don't know their child may be eligible for low or no cost insurance.

Benghauser, who has been the social worker with the Tiger Extension clinic for about six years, said she sees students for individual counseling for issues such as school behaviors, adjustment to family changes and attention deficit hyperactivity disorders (ADHD). Benghauser said she is currently seeing about 62 students individually, nearly 20 percent of the student body.

Benghauser also works with school staff to develop behavior plans to increase a child's school success and works in the classroom to teach the social emotional unit of Michigan Model to grades one through three and does presentations in the early spring on body changes and hygiene for fourth-grade students.

"The purpose of the school-based clinic is to ensure the child is receiving adequate healthcare without parents/guardians missing work and

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the child missing school. We try to make it convenient for the child to receive the health-care they need," Benghauser said.

The clinic is open Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. year-round and offers a flexible schedule if parents need their child to be seen earlier or later in the day. To schedule an appointment, call (989) 724-5679.

The Tiger Extension clinic is funded by grants from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) which are noncompetitive each year for four years and become competitive on the fifth year. The next competitive grant will be applied for in 2016.



Social worker Kristin Benghauser (left), nurse practitioner Andrea Eby (middle) and medial assistant Ivy Seminoff are the friendly faces which greet students ages five through 12 at the Alcona Health Center's Tiger Extension clinic located inside the Alcona Elementary School. The clinic is open year-round and offers acute sick care, well child visits and counseling. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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Alcona track competes in Standish Invitational

By Hope Smith
Sportswriter

The Alcona varsity track team faced some tough competition at the Standish Invitational Friday, May 1. The Tigers competed against athletes from Whittemore-Prescott, Tawas, Standish-Sterling, Roscommon, Saginaw Valley Lutheran, Ogemaw Heights, Bay City John Glenn and Oscoda high schools.

Alcona girls finished in ninth place and the boys finished in eighth place overall.

Girls team top finishers

- High jump: Seventh - Torie Harmon, 4 feet, 6.25 inches.
- Long jump: Sixth - Brooke Shultz, 13 feet, 5.50 inches; 10th - Rachel Warner, 12 feet, 10 inches.
- Pole vault: First - Shultz, 7 feet.
- Shot put: 14th - Taylor Murray, 25 feet, .25 inch.
- 4x800 Relay: Second - Harmon, Harlie LaFond, Shultz and Caitlin Sorenson, 11:39.81.
- 100 Meter dash: 11th - Katherine Edwards, 14.47.
- 4x200 Relay: Sixth - Edwards, Murray, Sorenson, Warner, 2:04.17.
- 1600 Meter run: 13th - LaFond, 6:58.95.
- 4x100 Relay: Eighth - Edwards, Murray, Sorenson, Warner, 59:50.

- 400 Meter dash: Third - Harmon, 1:03.56.
 - 800 Meter run: Ninth - Katie Nelson, 2:56.14; 9th - Shultz, 3:03.14
 - 3200 Meter run: 12th - LaFond, 15:10.23.
 - 4x400 Relay: Fifth - Harmon, Nelson, Sorensen and Warner, 4:47.31.
 - 200 Meter: 10th - Edwards, 30.67.
- Boys team top finishers**
- Long jump - 10th - Hunter Sullivan, 17 feet, 8 inches; 16th - Jordan Steiner, 15 feet, 8.50 inches.
 - 4x800 Relay: Seventh - Schram, Ryan Shultz, Kyle Thum and Jordan Steiner, 10:17.27.
 - 100 Meter dash: Third - Jason Steiner, 11.48.
 - 4x200 Relay: Fifth - Brandon Ritchie, Nick Lamantia, Sullivan and Mitch Havercroft, 1:39.04.
 - 1600 Meter run: 12th - Thum, 5:18.88.
 - 4x100 Relay: Fifth - Ritchie, Jason Steiner, Jordan Steiner and Sullivan, 47.20.
 - 800 Meter run: 10th - Jeffery Schram, 2:24.09.
 - 200 Meter dash: Second - Jason Steiner, 23.23; 9th - Lamantia, 24.47.
 - 3200 Meter run: Third - Thum, 11:02.33.
 - 4x400 Relay: Third - Jason Steiner, Ritchie, Lamantia and Havercroft,

- 3:42.01.
 - On April 28 Alcona hosted the North Star League track meet with athletes from Rogers City and Hale high schools. Alcona girls were nudged out of first place by one point; finishing second behind Rogers City. Alcona boys took top honors earning the first place win.
- Girls team top finishers**
- High jump: First - Harmon, 4 feet, 10 inches.
 - Long jump: Second - Warner, 13 feet, 4 inches; third - Shultz, 12 feet, 11 inches.
 - Pole vault: First - Shultz 7 feet.
 - Shot Put: Fourth - Murray, 22 feet, 11.50 inches; Samantha Schott, 22 feet, 10.50 inches.
 - Discus: Sixth - LaFond, 56 feet, 6 inches; 9th - Samantha Bosley, 52 feet, 5 inches; 13th - Schott, 47 feet, 9 inches.
 - 4x800 Relay: First - Nelson, LaFond, Shultz, and Harmon, 11:58.00.
 - 100 Meter dash: First - Edwards, 15.66.
 - 4x200 Relay: First - Edwards, Murray, Sorenson and Warner, 2:07.31.
 - 1600 Meter run: Fourth - LaFond, 6:55.8.
 - 4x100 Relay: First - Edwards, Murray, Sorenson, and Warner, 59:93.
 - 400 Meter dash: First - Harmon, 1:05.21.
 - 800 Meter run: Third - Nelson, 3:00.48; fourth - Shultz, 3:12.07
 - 200 Meter dash: First - Edwards, 31.43; third - Murray, 32.87.
 - 3200 Meter run: Third - LaFond, 15:27.88; fourth - Schott, 16:55.61.
 - 4x400 Relay: First - Warner, Nelson, Sorensen and Harmon, 4:46.15.
- Boys team top finishers**
- Discus: Third - Jeffery Schram, 97 feet, 8 inches; 5th - Jesse Schram, 71 feet, 10 inches.
 - High jump: Second - Havercroft, 5 feet, 6 inches.
 - Long jump: First - Sullivan, 15 feet, 5 inches.
 - Shot put: Fourth - Jesse Schram, 27 feet, 8 inches.
 - 4x800 Relay: Second - Thum, Jordan Steiner, Shultz and Jeffery Schram, 10:08.01.
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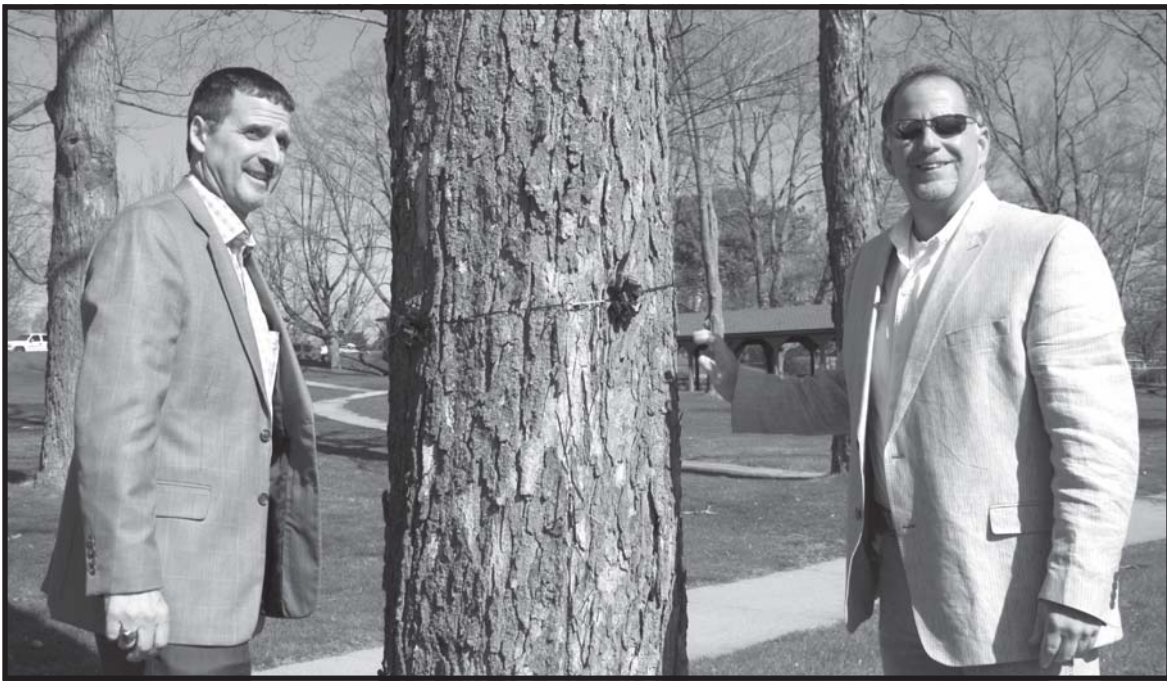
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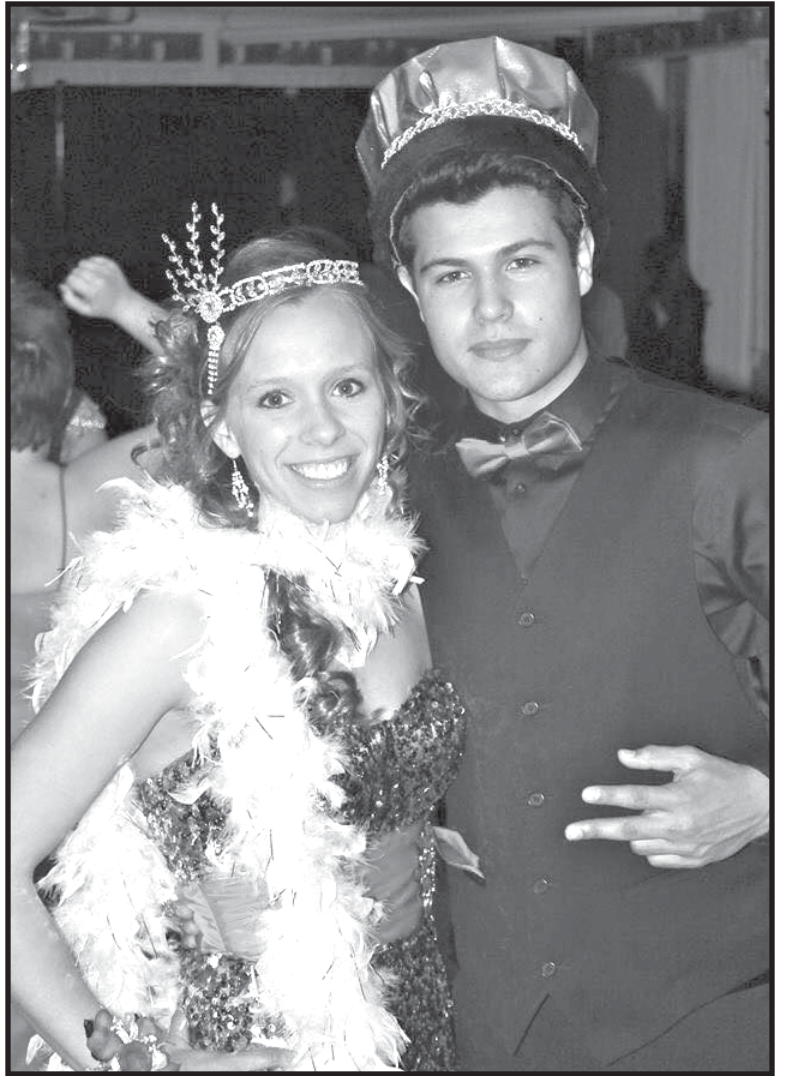


Alcona varsity baseball pitcher Trenton LaVerne throws a shutout with nine strikeouts Friday in the first game of a doubleheader against Whittemore-Prescott. The Tigers won the first game 4-0 and the second 11-7. The second game was tied 7-7 until four Tigers scored in the fifth inning to break the tie. *Photo by Kirk Walton.*

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John Keller (left) from the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services and Tom Weichel, Alcona County prosecuting attorney, finish tying blue ribbons around a tree on the Alcona County Courthouse lawn. May is National Foster Care Month and a handful of citizens joined them in decorating the area with the blue ribbons to raise awareness about foster care and encourage more citizens to get involved in the lives of youth, whether as foster parents, volunteers, mentors, employers or in other ways. Photo by Mary Weber.



Alcona High School seniors Avery Perez of Harrisville and Katelyn Nelson of Lincoln were nominated by their peers as the prom king and queen for 2015. Courtesy photo.

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Northeast Michigan's Youth Advisory Council awards grants

The Northeast Michigan Youth Advisory Council (NEMYAC) recently awarded 27 new grants totaling \$18,392.83 to local nonprofit groups and schools in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties.

Youth Advisory Councils in each county are comprised of young people, ages 12 to 21, who are committed to improving the lives of children and youth in the community through the allocation of grant money. NEMYAC members review grant applications and make recommendations to the Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan board of trustees for final approval. (The next NEMYAC grant application deadline is May 1.)

Six grants were awarded in Alcona County for a total of \$2,600 to Alcona Community Schools for the following:

- \$500 to Alcona High School's baseball program for the purchase of new equipment, including batting helmets, catcher's equipment, bats and balls.

- \$250 to upgrade the Alcona schools' world language display computer to enable full-screen videos and allow for more than one program to run concurrently.

- \$250 toward the purchase of Chromebooks for Alcona schools' first-graders to improve their reading, math and keyboarding skills.

- \$300 to pay for transportation and parking for the Al-

cona High School senior field trip.

- \$800 to start a FIRST Robotics Competition Team at Alcona High School. The grant will help cover travel and uniforms.

- \$500 for the Alcona High School track team to replace old equipment and purchase medals and trophies for the 2015 regional meet.

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Foundation, local Youth Advisory Councils review grant applications and provide awards to those programs and projects that benefit youth in their communities. By serving on Youth Advisory Councils, young people learn about the needs of their communities, as well as the importance of philanthropy and charitable giving-traits that will affect their lives long after they graduate from high school.

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan is a charitable organization committed to providing people who care about the future of the area with unique and effective ways of supporting their community now, and for generations to come.

Led by a volunteer board of local citizens, the foundation oversees a group of permanent endowment funds from a wide range of donors. Gifts

of all sizes from individuals, families and corporations are invested in a balanced, well-managed portfolio to build endowments, enabling support for local community nonprofit groups.

To make a donation or learn more about how community foundations and youth advisory councils work, visit www.cfnem.org or call (989) 354-6881; toll-free: (877) 354-6881.

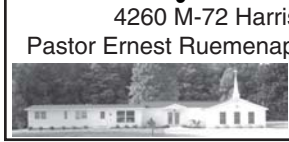
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As many anglers know, much of Michigan's inland-waters walleye fishery is supported by hatchery-raised fish. What many don't know is that the source of those fish - the Muskegon River, below Croton Dam - is supported by hatchery-raised fish, too.

"There's not a lot of natural reproduction in the system," said Rich O'Neal, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fisheries biologist who oversees the Muskegon River watershed. "We're getting very low production in the river. We're not sure why, but we think water velocity or water temperature could have something to do with it. We know we get good natural reproduction further up-stream."

"There are three to four billion eggs laid here when they're spawning, but we're just not getting fry production."

It took a stocking effort to rebuild the Muskegon River population after it collapsed in the 1960s. O'Neal said sea lamprey predation - the preying of one animal on another - on adult walleyes was part of the problem, but alewife predation on juveniles was also a factor. "We saw that all over the Great Lakes," he said.

O'Neal estimated the population of the Muskegon River spawning run at 40,000 fish, about 18,000 females. Most are migrants. "There's about two fish per acre that remain in the river," he said. "The rest move down to Muskegon Lake or out into Lake Michigan, as far north as Bay de Noc and down to Indiana. It's been that way since the earliest tagging studies in the 1950s."

Muskegon River walleyes spawn over a period of three weeks to a month with most of the activity taking place in a 12- to 14-day period, O'Neal said. "Water temperature is the key," he said. "They start at 37 to 38 degrees, by 40 they're really starting to move, and around 45 degrees is peak spawning."



A three-person crew from the DNR's Plainwell office checks the walleyes they shocked for spawning viability. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

It took a three-man electro-fishing crew, led by Ed Pearce, the fisheries technician supervisor out of the DNR's Plainwell office, a total of five trips to the river to capture the necessary brood stock. The first attempt, in late March, turned up too many fish that weren't ready to go. But by the end of the month, the fish had ripened and the crew spent four days, spread over a period of about a week, collecting the eggs.

According to Pearce, it was challenging. "Last year the river was at flood level, but this year we're bumping bottom," he said. Pearce led the crew in a 17-and-a-half-foot johnboat with a 115-horsepower jet drive outboard that can run in mere inches of water. "We couldn't fill the live well with water, so we couldn't haul as many fish as we'd like."

The crew runs a generator that creates direct current sent between the booms on the front of the boat, stunning the fish, which are netted by DNR fisheries personnel standing on the bow.

"It makes the fish twitch," Pearce said. "It draws them to it. We can shock down to about six feet within a 10-foot radius of the booms."

How the fish react varies, Pearce explained. "Some will be completely knocked out for 10 minutes. Others are just tickled and they take off."

When a tub of fish is collected, the boat crew brings them to the bank, where a five-person crew from the Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery takes over. Fisheries biologist Matt Hughes leads the operation. The fish are divided by sex, and then paired off for spawning.

Two workers strip the females' eggs into pans by pushing on the fish's bellies, while another massages the male to get it to release milt. The milt is collected in a bottle of water, is circulated, and is dumped into the pan of eggs. Fertilization is almost instantaneous.

Males and females are matched one-to-one in order to promote maximum genetic diversity, Hughes said. After the eggs are fertilized, they're transferred into a five-gallon bucket - along with other fertilized eggs - that is filled with river water and a fine clay particulate to keep the naturally adhesive eggs from clumping together.

Every five pans, the bucket is dumped into a fine-mesh holding pen in the river to allow the eggs to harden. After 60 to 90 minutes, the eggs are put into the transport trailer - which is filled with water from the hatchery - and they're disinfected with iodine to make sure contaminants aren't introduced into the hatchery.

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DNR fish hatchery workers coax walleyes into releasing their eggs into pans for fertilization.

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Improved robot fish designed for Great Lakes

By Danielle Woodward
Capital News Service

New and improved robot fish will soon track live fish and toxic algae blooms in the Great Lakes.

This next-generation fish, going on its second year of development, is the third model built by Xiaobo Tan, an associate professor of electrical and computer engineering at Michigan State University, and his research team.

"We have a deadline right now to have two of these new ones done before summer, probably May," said Cody Thon, a research assistant and a mechanical designer of the robot. "There is an algae problem every summer in Lake Erie, so it would be wise to bring them out and see what they can do."

One prototype is already in testing at the university's Kellogg Biological Station on Wintergreen Lake, in Augusta between Kalamazoo, Mich. and Battle Creek, Mich. Tan said. "We were able to run the robot: Diving, swimming, going to certain spots, collecting data on harmful algae and temperatures, and send back that data to laptops," he said.

After successfully demonstrating the robot fish, Tan said he's confident that the next one will be ready to hit the Great Lakes. "We would like to test it in Thunder Bay on Lake Huron," he said. "We think it should be a relatively straightforward extension to be used in understanding and monitoring Lake Erie due to its depth."

Last year, Lake Erie algae blooms were so extreme that people in parts of Canada and Ohio were told not to drink the water. Algae blooms can produce toxins capable of causing illness, irritation and sometimes death in humans, livestock and pets.

The new robot will carry more sensors and allow researchers to more easily swap out parts for different applications. And they can more easily open the robot for maintenance, Tan said. The robots will also have an underwater acoustic antenna system to communicate with each other under water.

That's critical for tracking fish. Trailing fish to understand where they travel, find food and spawn is a new and unanticipated application.

"The project started as the fish being a platform for plugging sensors and a tool that scientists could use to test for anything they want in the water," Thon said. "They can use these fish for anything from testing for harmful algae or crude oil to tracking schools of fish."

The team recently started tracking live fish, tagging them with a surgically implanted acoustic device that sends a signal. The robots carry receivers that decode the signal and tell them where to swim.

"As we build these, they have far more applications than we even perceived," Thon said. "People are calling from all over the place, asking us to track fish with sonar sensors."

Tracking fish is useful for



The first two generations of the robot fish. Photo courtesy of Danielle Woodward.

both native and invasive species.

"If it's invasive, such as sea lamprey, we want to control it, and if it's native, such as lake trout, we want to restore it," Tan said. "To do this we need to understand where they travel, find food and spawn. When we know this, we can construct habitats to aid or weaken their reproduction and development."

Tan figures it will be three to four years before robotic fish will swim in the Great Lakes. The National Science Foundation has given \$1 million to fund the project.

The goal is for the robotic fish to become a commercial product for scientists to carry around and use at their convenience, Thon said. That will most likely take more than another three years of development. "We haven't had one in a Great Lake yet," Thon said. "It's a big body of water with factors like underwater currents where a lot can happen to the robotic fish."

Also in the future: solar panels for the fins, Thon said. "That will be a big step because it would essentially allow you to keep the robots out there forever," he said.

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"The goal this year was 50 million eggs," Hughes said. "We go through about 250 pairs of walleyes to collect them. We go until we get our target. We can usually get them in four days, but you don't want all the fish coming at the same time. We don't have enough room in the hatchery to take them all at once. We can only hold around 10 million fry at one time."

Some of the fertilized eggs are sent directly to the Platte River State Fishery, where they'll be hatched out and sent to northern Michigan rearing ponds. Others go to a tribal facility. The rest go to Wolf Lake, where they'll be hatched and reared. Some will be directly stocked into bodies of water while the majority will go to rearing ponds where they'll grow to fingerling size before they're stocked.


"We typically get around 70 to 80 percent fertilization," Hughes said. "Our goal is to produce 12 million fry for

rearing ponds and direct plants. Eggs take 17 to 21 days to hatch. Fry are held one to five days. We start putting fry out to ponds by the third week of April, and we're finished by the second week of May."

The fish are stocked in lakes and streams in the southern two-thirds of Michigan. (Walleyes for northern Michigan stocking projects come from similar egg-takes at Little Bay de Noc.) Among the waters stocked is the Muskegon River, where, after a few years, those walleyes will be collected to serve as brood stock for that year's egg-take.

For more information on Michigan fisheries, visit www.michigan.gov/fishing.

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



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Michigan Outdoor News suggests not selecting a completely different fly for your next cast, but rather choosing a fly with a slight color variation from the one you just cast. It's been noted that often just a slight color variation can tickle a trout's fancy and encourage a bite.

New to the sport of fly fishing and not sure where to

start with flies? Find out all you need through the DNR's How-To Go Fly Fishing website.

Northeast Lower Peninsula Thursday, April 30

- Ocqueoc River: More steelhead entered the river but it is still slow. Some are drifting spawn bags or tiny jigs under a bobber while others are casting very small spinners of cleos. Water levels are low so try the deeper holes.

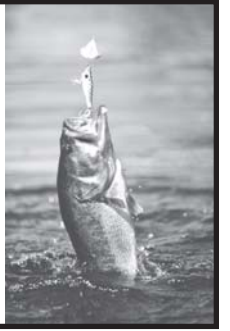
- Pigeon River: Anglers caught a few brown trout and steelhead.

- Rogers City: Had very little activity as it has been too cold. If it ever warms up there should be Atlantic salmon and lake trout available. Try shallow waters up to 40 feet deep but fish up high in the water column and head south towards Calcite Harbor and Swan Bay. Look for stained water from the rivers as it will be a few degrees warmer. Spoons and body baits usually work best and good colors are blue and silver, green and silver, orange, fire-tiger or silver.

- Alpena: Most anglers are trolling near the marina or out by the cement plant for a

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mix of lake trout, walleye and the occasional Atlantic salmon. Try spoons and body baits and use bright colors in the stained water.

- Thunder Bay River: More steelhead came into the river but the numbers seem to be

way down. Try drifting spawn bags under a bobber. Those fishing the bottom with white, orange or chartreuse flies have caught fish. The river has been overrun with suckers.

Steelhead anglers reported are incidentally catching 15 to 20 suckers a trip so walleye and trout fishing will be easier once the suckers are gone. A few walleye are in the river. Shore anglers are fishing crawlers on the bottom or casting body baits. Boat anglers are jigging from the foot bridge down to the mouth.

- Harrisville: Steelhead started making their way into the harbor in good numbers. A few walleye and lake trout were also caught on body baits and spoons. Early morning was best for trout but walleye anglers did best late evening and into the night. Dredging has not started but should be underway within the next week.

- Oscoda: Pier fishing has started to pick up for steelhead, lake trout and walleye. Early morning and late evening were best but mid-day catches have also been recorded. Body baits, spoons, minnows and crawlers are all working well.

- AuSable River: Steelhead made their way up river and the females are on the beds. Most of the fish are silver and fresh, and the males should follow. Try drifting body baits, flies and spawn. Brown trout and some brook trout were also caught.

- Houghton Lake: The walleye opener was slow but should pick up as the temperatures warm up. Other than a few crappie caught in the canals, fishing was slow.

- Tawas: Was producing some limit catches of walleye for those trolling around Buoy No. 2. Walleye and lake trout were caught by those jigging off the artificial reef. Pier anglers caught Atlantic salmon or pike during the day and walleye at night. Smallmouth bass were caught and released.

- AuGres: Had good walleye fishing with limit catches reported by those using husky jerks and body baits in 18 to 20 feet.

- AuGres River: Anglers caught a few salmon, brown trout and steelhead although not the target. There were rumors of steelhead and walleye caught in the surf near the Singing Bridge.

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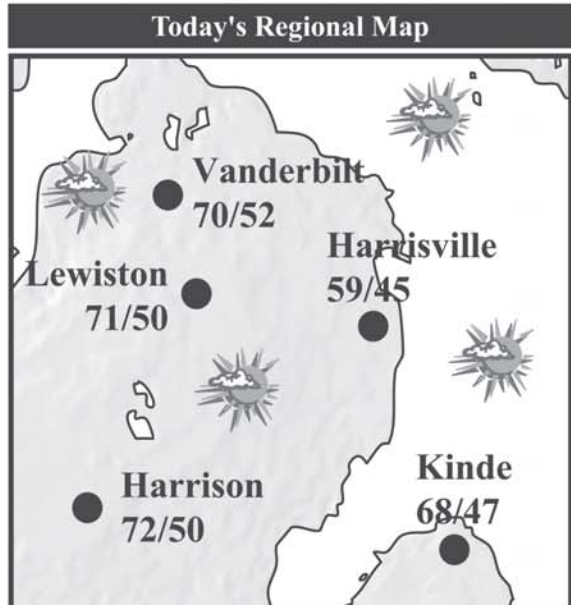
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May 6, 2015

Seven Day Forecast

- WEDNESDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 59 Low: 45
- THURSDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 70 Low: 54
- FRIDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 72 Low: 51
- SATURDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 62 Low: 45
- SUNDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 57 Low: 41
- MONDAY**
Cloudy
High: 52 Low: 40
- TUESDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 56 Low: 38



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 59°, humidity of 48%. Light winds. The record high temperature for today is 88° set in 1949. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 45°. South wind 5 mph. The record low for tonight is 23° set in 1967. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 70°.

*Last Week's Almanac

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	54	39	56/34	0.00"
Tuesday	61	38	56/34	0.00"
Wednesday	62	37	57/35	0.00"
Thursday	60	36	57/35	0.00"
Friday	68	38	58/35	0.00"
Saturday	72	36	58/36	0.00"
Sunday	81	45	59/36	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	6:15 a.m.	8:44 p.m.	11:16 p.m.	8:13 a.m.
Thursday	6:13 a.m.	8:45 p.m.	No Rise	9:04 a.m.
Friday	6:12 a.m.	8:46 p.m.	12:10 a.m.	10:01 a.m.
Saturday	6:11 a.m.	8:47 p.m.	12:58 a.m.	11:03 a.m.
Sunday	6:10 a.m.	8:49 p.m.	1:42 a.m.	12:09 p.m.
Monday	6:08 a.m.	8:50 p.m.	2:22 a.m.	1:18 p.m.
Tuesday	6:07 a.m.	8:51 p.m.	2:59 a.m.	2:29 p.m.

Local UV Index

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

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 86° in Lincoln, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 89° in Petersburg, Va. The Northwest will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 74° in South Big Horn, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 90° in Gila Bend, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:06 a.m.	10:43 p.m.
Venus	8:31 a.m.	12:29 a.m.
Mars	6:46 a.m.	9:37 p.m.
Jupiter	12:26 p.m.	3:00 a.m.
Saturn	9:54 p.m.	7:28 a.m.
Uranus	5:16 a.m.	6:12 p.m.

Weather History

May 6, 1988 - A major storm brought high winds to the western half of the country. A wind gust of 74 mph at Pueblo, Colo. broke the May record that city established just four days earlier. Winds in the Arapahoe Ski Basin area of Colorado reached 85 mph.

Weather Trivia

What is a waterspout?

Answer: A waterspout is simply a tornado traveling over water instead of over land.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Glittering Stars against a Velvet Night

I don't recall a semester where the weather was so uncooperative. Three of the four evenings where classes were cancelled because of icy conditions, occurred on field trips, and it took 14 tries, yes, 14 attempts before my students got one night where the weather was decent. That just happened on April 28, a beautifully transparent and temperate dark with little wind and a bright gibbous moon lighting the grassy fields at Shooting Star Farm north of Quakertown, PA. Members of the Lehigh Valley Amateur Astronomical Society, a club that I joined when I was only 16, also had their scopes assembled to help my students drink in a wider variety of celestial gems. As the contrails of westward heading jets disappeared in the dimming twilight, Tom Duff caught Mercury in his 80mm refractor. What a joy! I've only viewed the Messenger God a half-dozen times telescopically. It became an easy starlike target as the sky darkened. Mercury will remain well positioned, for the next two weeks, but a little fainter each night. Above Mercury lay stunning Venus, so bright that it became visible just a few minutes after sundown. Bill Dahlenburg centered the Goddess of Love in his 8-inch Schmidt-Cassegrain and jacked up the power to about 400 to reveal a surprisingly steady, but featureless object that had the phase characteristics of a waning gibbous moon. I had never seen Venus looking so good at such a high magnification, indicating that not only was the night pristine, but the air steady (non-turbulent) enough to allow that kind of crispness in an image. Sandy Mesics and I zoomed our scopes around, showing off blue and red supergiant stars, double stars, and the moon, but the highlight in my refractor was Jupiter which just kept revealing more and more detail as higher magnification eyepieces were introduced. Heaps of thanks are extended to friends, Bill Jacobs and Johnny Killwey, for hosting a truly special evening under the glittering stars. www.astronomy.org

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Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **ENTERTAINERS:** What was Irving Berlin's name at birth?
2. **MOVIES:** How old in years was Yoda when he died in "Return of the Jedi"?
3. **ACRONYMS:** What does the first "A" in NASA stand for?
4. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Which pro baseball team calls Citi Field its home?
5. **TELEVISION:** Who played the bumbling Sgt. Schultz on TV's "Hogan's Heroes"?
6. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the children's book "The Tale of Benjamin Bunny"?
7. **HISTORY:** How long did it take for Charles Lindbergh to make his famous first solo flight across the Atlantic?
8. **INVENTIONS:** What consumer product was invented by Walter Diemer in 1928?
9. **BIBLE:** How many pieces of silver did Judas receive for betraying Jesus?
10. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is the largest primate on land?

Answers: 1. Israel Baline; 2. 900 years; 3. Aeronautics; 4. New York Mets; 5. John Banner; 6. Beatrix Potter; 7. 33 1/2 hours; 8. Bubble gum; 9. 30; 10. Eastern lowland gorilla (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On May 19, 1836, during a raid, Commanche Indians in Texas kidnap 9-year-old Cynthia Ann Parker and kill her family. Adopted into the Commanche tribe, she lived a happy life with them for 25 years until Texas Rangers recaptured her and forced her to live again among Anglo-Americans. Weakened by self-imposed starvation, she died of influenza.
- On May 18, 1920, Karol Jozef Wojtyla is born in Poland. Wojtyla went on to become Pope John Paul II, history's most well-traveled pope and the first non-Italian to hold the position since the 16th century. Pope John Paul II issued the Catholic Church's first apology for its actions during World War II.
- On May 21, 1932, aviator Amelia Earhart becomes the first pilot to repeat Charles Lindbergh's feat, landing her plane in Ireland after a 2,000-mile solo flight across the North Atlantic.
- On May 23, 1941, Joe "The Brown Bomber" Louis beats Buddy Baer to retain his heavyweight title at Griffith Stadium in Washington, D.C. Baer knocked Louis through the ropes in the first round, but Louis clawed his way back and eventually gutted out a victory.
- On May 22, 1969, the legendary actor, philanthropist and automobile enthusiast Paul Newman makes his onscreen racing debut in the film "Winning." Three years later, Newman launched a racing career of his own, driving a Lotus Elan in his first Sports Car Club of America race.
- On May 24, 1971, at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, an antiwar newspaper advertisement signed by 29 U.S. soldiers supporting the Concerned Officers Movement appears. The ad was in support of the group's members who opposed the departure of the carrier USS Constellation for Vietnam.
- On May 20, 1995, President Bill Clinton permanently closes the two-block stretch of Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House to all vehicular traffic, citing the need for security. The road had been opened to traffic for nearly 200 years.

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Super Crossword

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 Old Glory, for one</p> <p>5 Up in smoke</p> <p>11 Reflexes of tides</p> <p>15 Ankle-knee connector</p> <p>19 I, to Greeks</p> <p>20 "Speak up!"</p> <p>21 Ark captain</p> <p>22 Chipotle item</p> <p>23 "Great job, play more!"?</p> <p>25 Be sweet on</p> <p>26 Wilson of film</p> <p>27 One half of a 45</p> <p>28 Eat</p> <p>29 Stingy type</p> <p>30 Get a B, e.g.</p> <p>31 Mauna —</p> <p>33 Sharp rise in new findings?</p> <p>36 Napoleon's birthplace</p> <p>40 Gem, e.g.</p> <p>41 Writer — Jackson Braun</p> <p>42 — out (supplement)</p> <p>43 Ice melter</p> <p>45 — word (coinage for one occasion)</p> <p>48 Throbs</p> <p>49 Perpetual pampering?</p> | <p>53 Country singer Evans</p> <p>55 Born, to Gigi</p> <p>56 Gridiron gp.</p> <p>57 Repulsive</p> <p>59 Fiennes or Macchio</p> <p>62 Fishermen, often</p> <p>65 "Hear No Evil" star</p> <p>67 Really move on the dance floor</p> <p>71 Round of applause all for oneself?</p> <p>73 Company symbol on a container of breathing gas?</p> <p>75 Capital of Croatia</p> <p>76 Scrape the bottom of</p> <p>78 Flushes</p> <p>79 Antipasto bit</p> <p>81 Loved by</p> <p>83 "— Beso" (1962 hit)</p> <p>84 56-Across stats</p> <p>87 Old phone part</p> <p>89 Distinctive feature of blasting material?</p> | <p>93 Is on hold, say</p> <p>96 Spanish for "silver"</p> <p>98 Draft-eligible</p> <p>99 Item in a pod</p> <p>100 Congenital</p> <p>102 Bands of three</p> <p>105 Most morose</p> <p>107 Quaint theater where everyone hung out?</p> <p>111 Post-it note abbr.</p> <p>112 Soccer immortal</p> <p>113 Change formally</p> <p>114 Slugger Willie</p> <p>116 Evade artfully</p> <p>120 "Woe is me"</p> <p>121 — de foie gras</p> <p>122 Alternate title for this puzzle</p> <p>124 Madison Avenue prize</p> <p>125 Hens and cows</p> <p>126 Bright-shining</p> <p>127 Appellation</p> <p>128 Composer Jerome</p> <p>129 Acoustic pair</p> | <p>130 Pint-size</p> <p>131 Otherwise</p> <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Small lies</p> <p>2 Actress Singer</p> <p>3 Just slightly</p> <p>4 Judges' mallets</p> <p>5 Bar drink</p> <p>6 Cherished</p> <p>7 Intelligible</p> <p>8 Hunky guy</p> <p>9 Most scant</p> <p>10 Before, to Kipling</p> <p>11 Spices up</p> <p>12 Idaho city</p> <p>13 Cake creator</p> <p>14 Singer Crow</p> <p>15 Cork up, as a bottle</p> <p>16 Maui native</p> <p>17 Emulate Tara Lipinski</p> <p>18 "Baloney!"</p> <p>24 Certain woodwind player</p> <p>29 Early hi-fi format</p> <p>32 Berry rich in antioxidants</p> <p>34 See eye to eye (with)</p> <p>35 Sis, say</p> <p>36 Frame of a cartoon</p> <p>37 Japanese island</p> | <p>38 Calling the shots</p> <p>39 Nearly</p> <p>44 WJM anchor</p> <p>46 Pop singer</p> <p>47 Chunk of history</p> <p>50 Animal at "una corrida"</p> <p>51 East — (Asian nation)</p> <p>52 Spotted, as money</p> <p>54 Playwright Edward</p> <p>58 Ad catchphrase</p> <p>60 Little lake</p> <p>61 Texas — (poker game)</p> <p>62 Singer</p> <p>63 Stunt legend</p> <p>64 Very zealous</p> <p>66 Put out</p> <p>68 Freaks out</p> <p>69 Tunes out</p> <p>70 Canon — Rebel</p> <p>72 Best possible</p> <p>74 Bad-pun responses</p> <p>77 Keep waiting</p> <p>80 Mr. Big</p> | <p>82 However, briefly</p> <p>84 Pair of identical products sold as a unit</p> <p>85 Writer Steel</p> <p>86 "Babbitt" author Lewis</p> <p>88 White</p> <p>90 Tree flutterer</p> <p>91 New royal of 1981</p> <p>92 Kit —</p> <p>94 Confronts</p> <p>95 Canonized Fr. woman</p> <p>97 Walked (on)</p> <p>101 Slip away</p> <p>103 Electrical resistance measure</p> <p>104 Subject to legal action</p> <p>106 Singer</p> <p>108 Large city in Nebraska</p> <p>109 Ward off</p> <p>110 Ordinance</p> <p>115 Withered</p> <p>117 "You're on!"</p> <p>118 Mouth parts</p> <p>119 Lightish sword</p> <p>122 Salary ceiling</p> <p>123 Actor Bruce</p> |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was a man named Thomas Jones who made the following sage observation: "Friends may come and go, but enemies accumulate."
- If you're like the average American, you order meals to take away from restaurants more often than you actually eat inside a restaurant.
- You may be forgiven if you've never heard of Violet Jessup, who lived a remarkably fortunate (or unfortunate, depending on your point of view) life. At the age of 23, Jessup was serving as a steward on the RMS Olympic when the luxury liner collided with a British warship and sank. She survived to continue her profession, taking a position on the RMS Titanic less than two years later, in 1912. That didn't end well, as we all know, but once again, Jessup survived. Amazingly, she continued her oceangoing career, and during World War I she served as a nurse aboard the Hospital Ship Britannic. When the Britannic struck a mine and sank, Jessup was pulled underwater and hit her head on the keel of the ship. Despite her injuries, she was rescued once again. Three maritime disasters didn't seem to faze her, though; she remained a stewardess for the rest of her career.
- In 2007, researchers using Google Earth discovered the world's largest beaver dam. Located in the wilderness of northern Canada, the dam is more than a half-mile long at 2,790 feet; experts estimate the structure was started in the mid-1970s.
- If you're a resident of Ohio, please keep in mind that in that state, it is illegal to get undressed in front of a man's portrait.

Thought for the Day: "The greatest analgesic, soporific, stimulant, tranquilizer, narcotic, and to some extent even antibiotic -- in short, the closest thing to a genuine panacea -- known to medical science is work." --Thomas Szasz
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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: Q equals E

EWJP BWJBQUJAJP X EQIQJHQJ

-OQXU-WGC CUQEEQC RXUTGO

AJ RAJHQUHATQ:

"X HQQJXPQU AJ PGWIQE."

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

Mortgage sale: Default having been made in the conditions of certain mortgage made by Carol B. Lepard, a married woman, of 1480 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, to the United States of America, acting through Rural Development, United States Department of Agriculture, with its office being located at 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, Mo., 63120, the mortgagee, the mortgage being dated April 9, 1992, and recorded April 9, 1992, in Liber 247, pages 959 - 962 in Alcona County records. And the mortgage being dated November 7, 1994 and recorded November 7, 1994, in Liber 280, pages 217-220, in Alcona County records, pursuant to said mortgages; which is being foreclosed hereby; and such mortgages being given to secure promissory note payable to the government, and by reason of such default the mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such mortgages due and payable forthwith.

On which mortgages there is claimed to be due as of May 6, 2015 date of the notice, for principal, interest and other charges, the sum of one hundred thirty five thousand, four hundred eighty-eight and 48/100 (\$135,488.48) dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted

at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said mortgages, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgages has become operative. Now, therefore, notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described, or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the west entrance of county courthouse at 106 5th Street, in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, Michigan 48740, that being the place of holding the circuit court in and for said county, on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at 10 a.m., local time.

Said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the mortgage together with 8 percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said mortgage are situated in the state of Michigan, Alcona County and are described as: That part of the northwest one-quarter of the northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Town 27 North, Range 9 East, described as commencing at the northwest corner thereof, thence south 300.0 feet along the centerline of county road, which is F-41, thence east 33.0 feet to the point of beginning, thence east

200.0 feet, thence south 100.0 feet, thence west 200.0 feet, thence north 100.0 feet parallel to the road centerline to the point of beginning. Subject to easement, restrictions and reservations of record.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall expire thirty (30) days from the date of sale. According to MCL §600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, 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.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, Centralized Servicing Center, Foreclosure Centralization Initiative, 4300 Goodfellow Blvd., Building 105, FC-215, St. Louis, MO, 63120; telephone (800) 349-5097 ext. 4500.

Dated: May 6, 2015

United State of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration (now Rural Development), United States Department of Agriculture, mortgagee Michael I. Conlon (P43954) Running, Wise, Ford, P.L.C. 326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686 Traverse City, Mich. 49685-0686 5-6, 5-13, 5-20, 5-27

Notice to Creditors Decedent's Trust

Jay D. Kennedy Living Trust dated October 18, 1995

Date of birth: March 8, 1932

Notice to creditors and all interested persons: Your interest in this matter may be barred or affected by the following: The decedent, Jay D. Kennedy, lived in Alcona County, Michigan, and died January 13, 2015. Creditors of the deceased are notified that all decedent's assets were held by the trustee at decedent's death, and the decedent has no probate estate.

Creditors of the deceased are further notified that all claims against the trust estate will be forever barred unless presented to: Joshua Kennedy, named trustee, at 45267 Gable Inn Street, Shelby Township, Mich. 48317 and/or the attorney's office representing Joshua Kennedy, named trustee, at Chalgian & Tripp Law Offices, 1019 Trowbridge Road, East Lansing, Mich. 48823, within four (4) months of the publication of this notice.

This notice is published pursuant to MCL 600.7608. If a probate estate is opened in the future for the decedent, this notice is intended to satisfy the requirements of MCL 700.3801.

Date: May 1, 2015

A. Michelle Lane P56745
1019 Trowbridge Road
East Lansing, Mich. 48823
(517) 332-3800
Joshua Kennedy
45267 Gable Inn Street
Shelby township, Mich. 48317
(248) 709-5054

State of Michigan Probate Court

County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 15-5466 DE

Estate of Ronald L. Otto

Date of birth: September 1, 1941

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, Ronald L. Otto, died March 13, 2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Susan W. Otto, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 5th Street, Harrisville and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 1, 2015

Chelsea M. Wallace P76484
105 West Chisholm Street, Suite 201
Alpena, Mich. 49707
(989) 262-0062
Susan W. Otto
4846 North Lake Shore Drive
Black River, Mich. 48721
(989) 464-6194

State of Michigan Probate Court

County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 15-5467 DE

Estate of William E. Rice

Date of birth: May 7, 1949

To all creditors:

Notice to creditors: The decedent, William E. Rice, died February 11, 2015.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Lonell D. Rice, personal representative, or to both the probate court at 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: May 1, 2015

Kelly M. Hayes P41661
One Town Square, No. 1835
Southfield, Mich. 48076
(248) 386-5900
Lonell D. Rice
18409 Magnolia Avenue
Southfield, Mich. 48075
(248) 318-7751

MITCHELL TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Mitchell Township Board met on April 13. Members present: Supervisor Gregory Mumock, clerk Donita Charron, treasurer Kevin Small, trustee Carla Brimm and trustee Aaron Welch. Others present: Fire chief Mike Lay.

The board: Accepted the March 9 regular meeting minutes as corrected; accepted March financial report as submitted; accepted March zoning report; accepted the contract of C&S Dust Control for 50 percent of cost up to 400 feet at a cost of up to \$160.

Roll call vote to pay \$11,210 to Marksmen Excavating for the replacement of

septic system at town hall. The board granted Laura Poellett the lawn mowing bid; granted Allband Communications Cooperative an easement at Mitchell Township Park and agreed to pay David H. Cook, P.C. his yearly retainer.

There were two medical and two fire runs for March. Turnout gear to be purchased from Time Emergency with DNR Grant. Tara Lay was added to fire department. Various other correspondence with no action taken. The next meeting is May 11 at 7 p.m. For the full board minutes or for more information, contact clerk Donita Charron (989) 884-1354.

Dollars And Sense

By David Uffington

Study: Many parents don't have a will

Almost half of all parents don't have a will. That's a stunning number of people who haven't put their final wishes in writing. A Princeton Survey Research Associates International's poll for Caring.com asked adult children across the country for their knowledge about their parents having a will.

Here are some of the statistics:

- Forty-four percent of parents don't have a will or living trust, period.

- Sixteen percent of adult children don't know whether their parents have a will.

- Of those who know there is a will, half of adult children don't know where to find those documents, and most don't know what's in them.

- Only 40 percent of parents have updated their wills within the past five years.

- One-quarter of adult children don't know if the wills have ever been updated.

- More females than males know what's in the wills, but men are more likely than women to know where the wills are.

- Older adults, who have older parents and therefore should be much more informed about the location and contents of wills, aren't much better off than young adults. In the 50-64 age category, 38 percent don't know what's in the will and 29 percent don't

know where it is.

No matter your age, if you're a parent, you need a will. Consider what happens if you suddenly pass away without having made written instructions about what's to happen to your house, your financial accounts and all your other assets. Not only are you leaving your loved ones in a bad position at an emotional time, it's also going to be expensive for them to sort out.

Dying without a will is called intestate, and each state has different rules about how your property will be divided. Those rules won't necessarily coincide with your wishes.

If you consult an attorney about having a will written, ask about revocable living trusts laws in your state. It's possible (not guaranteed) that your inheritors can avoid the delays of probate.

If you have a will, update it periodically to add or revoke provisions by having a codicil (an amendment) added to it.

Have all your important documents in one place: insurance policies; information about how to contact your attorney, CPA and financial adviser; and your will. And be sure your family knows where this information is stored.

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Veterans Post

By Greddy Groves

Stand downs for homeless veterans

The Department of Veterans Affairs has been working hard to meet its goal of eliminating veteran homelessness by the end of fiscal year 2015 and getting veterans into permanent and stable housing, but the need is still great.

Depending on the statistics you read, the number of homeless veterans is either going up, or down ... or the veterans are moving to other locations, altering the count. In any event, there still are too many veterans on the street. You can help by stepping forward and participating in a Stand Down.

Stand Downs span a variety of services. There are three- and four-day events with shelter, one or two-day resource fairs, health fairs and job fairs. Services can range from referrals for employment, substance-abuse treatment, health care and housing, to food, shelter, legal help, dental services and

clothing. Veterans also can get counseling and help with benefits and Social Security.

To participate individually, go online to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans (nchv.org) and look under Service Providers.

To host a Stand Down with your veterans service group, go to the same website and read the Guide and Overview. Be sure your event is listed there as well as on the VA site at www.va.gov/homeless.

If you're a veteran seeking services from a Stand Down event, call 202-461-1857 to find out when one will be in your area.

If you're a homeless veteran (or are about to be homeless) call 877-4AID-VET (877-424-3838) for help. If you have a computer (or can use one at the library), see www.va.gov/homeless for more information.

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HELP WANTED

Now hiring CNAs, all shifts. Part time and full time. Jamieson Nursing Home (989) 724-6889.

Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Road, Glennie, (989) 735-2601, is seeking a new library director. This is a part time position. The director is responsible for the management of the library and reports directly to the library board of trustees. The director must have good communication skills, enjoy working with the public and have a working knowledge of Microsoft office products. Requests for a detailed job description can be sent to librarydirector@centurytel.net.

Part time: Looking for maintenance and shop person to work afternoons. Approximately 3 to 9 p.m. Must have drivers license and references. Apply in person Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. John's Home Maintenance, 574 South Second Street, Lincoln. Telephone (989) 736-8315.

NEMCSA seeks field support specialist. Provides outreach and field support for the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Volunteer programs. Working approximately 20-24 hours weekly at a wage of \$10.90 hourly. View job specifics and apply online at www.nemcsa.org. Applications (resumes will not be accepted) will be received through May 17, 2015. Upon request, auxiliary aids and services will be made available to individuals with disabilities. Michigan Relay Center Voice and TTY/TDD (800) 649-3777. An equal opportunity employer.

Part time bookshelver at Alcona County Library, Harrisville, summer months only. Applications and job description available at any branch. Students 16 and older are encouraged to apply. Applications accepted until 5 p.m. May 19.

PART-TIME HELP WANTED

Waitress/Server. Must be 18, reliable, motivated and able to work nights, weekends and some holidays. Interested applicants should apply to: Lakewood Shores POA 7701 E. Cedar Lake Drive Oscoda, MI 48750

Handyman needed, must have valid drivers license and reliable transportation. Send application to: Handyman, P.O. Box 297, Harrisville, Michigan 48740-0297.

BINGO

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

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

LOST / FOUND

Lost dog. Female springer spaniel and chow mix, black, long-haired, 18 years old. Last seen April 17 near Trask Lake and McConnell roads in Lincoln. Deaf, no collar. Call (989) 736-8213 alive or dead.

WORK WANTED

Caregiver available anytime. References, two years experience. Cook, clean, personal care. Live in Harrisville but will travel. (305) 304-9962.

SALES

Resale and rummage event. Thousand of dollars of new and used donated items. Friday and Saturday, May 15-16, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Alcona High School. Proceeds to benefit Alcona UCREW Special Education Program.

Estate & Moving AUCTION!

Sat. May 9. 10 a.m.

Perry Creek & M-33 Mio, MI.

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Hourly, 37.5 hrs/wk, 12 months annually. This position provides email support, helpdesk, clerical support and assistance in technical and data processing activities. Qualifications include, but are not limited to: Associate degree required and at least one year of specialized training in a related area preferred, typing speed 60 wpm, ability to learn troubleshooting techniques for Windows operating systems, advanced skills in Microsoft Office applications (Word, Publisher, Excel, Access).

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Hourly, 37.5 hrs/wk, 12 months annually. This position is responsible for all non-book inventory, including purchasing, shipping, receiving, pricing, and accounts receivables and payables. This position will also be responsible for clerical duties and maintaining a high level of quality customer service. Qualifications include, but are not limited to: High School Diploma or equivalent required, Associate degree in related area preferred, one year clerical experience required, retail experience (including merchandising) preferred, typing speed 40 wpm required, advanced computer skills in word processing, spreadsheets and database management required.

A complete job description and vacancy announcement as well as the procedure to apply may be found at: http://discover.alpenacc.edu/faculty_staff/employment_opportunities.php or by visiting the Human Resources office, Room VLH102. Application deadline is 4:30pm on May 15, 2015. EOE/ADA

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Jason Steiner, 12.20; third - Lamantia, 12.44; fourth - Ritchie, 12.87; fifth - Jordan Steiner, 13.21.

- 4x200 Relay: First - Brandon Ritchie, Lamantia, Sullivan and Mitch Havercroft, 1:38.41.

- 1600 Meter run: Second - Thum, 5:10.34; seventh - Shultz, 6:18.29.

- 4x100 Relay: First - Ritchie, Jason Steiner, Jordan Steiner and Sullivan, 48.37.

- 400 Meter dash: First - Havercroft, 1:00.05.

- 800 Meter run: First - Jeffery Schram, 2:26.66; second - Shultz, 2:28.24; fourth - Thum, 2:30.29.

- 200 Meter dash: First - Jason Steiner, 24.25; third - Lamantia, 25.57; fourth - Sullivan, 26.07.

- 3200 Meter run: Third - Thum, 11:41.02.

- 4x400 Relay: First - Jason Steiner, Ritchie, Lamantia and Havercroft, 3:56.13.

On Thursday, April 30 the Alcona boys and girls middle school track athletes traveled to Fairview where the boys 4x200 relay team improved their record breaking relay time from 1:57.61 to 1:53.83 to reset the middle school

record. Koedy Berryhill, John Sharboneau, Dylan Faszczwski and Mason Clark.

The girl's team finished in ninth place out of 12 schools and the boys came in fifth

place. The Alcona middle school track athletes ran in Hale Monday, April 27. Alcona girls finished seventh out of eight schools and the boys finished sixth.



Every year for the last decade, two snapping turtles make their home in the ponds on the property owned by Mary and Willy Weber of Mikado. The Webers named the turtles Nessie and Clarence after Willy's parents. Visitors to their home enjoy watching the turtles frolic and throw dog food into the pond to watch them eat. Typically, the first sighting of the turtles comes about the third week in May, but the Webers were surprised this week when both turtles made an early appearance on May 4. Clarence, the smaller of the two turtles, is approximately two feet long from the tip of his nose to the end of his tail and was making a mad "turtle dash" from the back pond at the Weber Mosquito Farm to the front pond when this photo was taken. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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COMMUNITY GARAGE SALE

PARTICIPANTS WANTED

Participants for the Annual Community Garage to be held on **Saturday, June 20**, beginning at 8 a.m. in Harrisville and surrounding area.

Registration will include a map listing or detailed directions, plus newspaper advertising the date of the sale.

Cost is only \$3!

Please complete and return the attached form with your \$3 registration fee **no later than June 8!**

Mail or drop off registration information and \$3 to **Alcona County Review, 111 Lake St. • P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.**

Registration Form

Annual Community Wide Garage

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

DIRECTIONS (If necessary) _____

PHONE _____

HARRISVILLE



Harrisville and surrounding area residents -- mark your home on the map with a star. Due to limited space, we are unable to show township residents living outside the city/village -- please give brief directions to your sale.

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Springtime beauty can be found anywhere in northeastern Michigan like the green and yellow stripes of this snake beside a matching mini daffodil in bloom near the pond of Marshall and Amy Stevens in Spruce. *Courtesy photo.*

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