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## Buhl Dam is no longer, new footbridge in place

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Once again, after seven decades, the waters of the south branch of the Pine River near the Buhl Dam are running freely.

The Buhl Dam, which was located off Buhl Road and F-30 in Mikado, has been removed and a new pedestrian footbridge is in place, making the U.S. Forest Service land more accessible for fishing and other quiet public recreation opportunities.

According to Huron Pines, the site is a heavily used location for outdoor recreation and is a connective pathway to large tracts of land within the Huron Manistee National Forest.

The South Branch of the Pine River provides quality cold water fish habitat for brook, brown and rainbow trout as well as occasional steelhead, seasonal salmon and the northern hogsucker. The state-threatened channel darter is also thought to be present in the Pine River.

In addition to the new footbridge, a still usable bridge

which was in place over the old dam, was moved to a new home over the Pine River at the Pine River Campground.

Deconstruction of the dam began on May 18 with Team Elmer as the contractor. However, plans for the deconstruction began in 2001 when Huron Pines received a grant from the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality to put together a watershed management plan.

The dam, which was commissioned in the 1930s by the Buhl family who had a large hunting lodge nearby, supplied the lodge with the only electricity west of Mikado until Consumers Energy brought electricity to the area in 1946.

At that time, the generators were removed, making the dam obsolete. It had been in disrepair for decades. Crumbling cement impeded the natural river processes causing a barrier for fish migration and served no purpose, according to Huron Pines.

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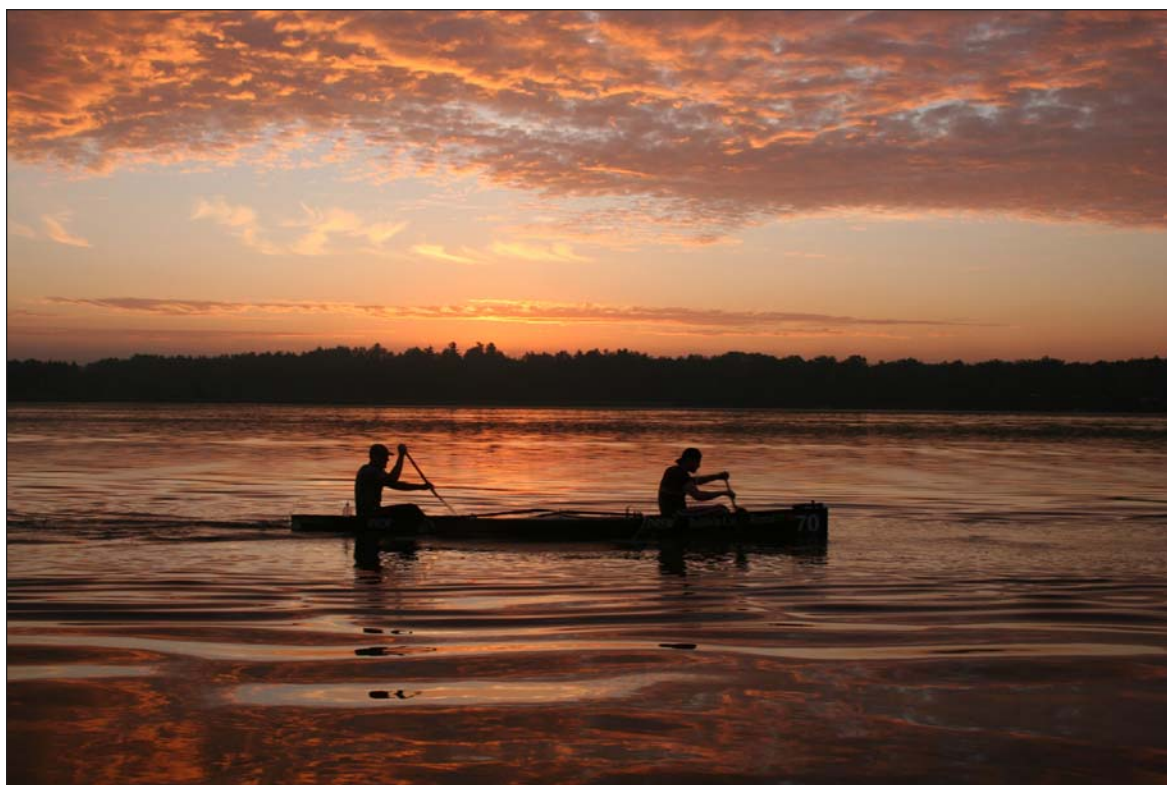
Team Elmers, contractor for the demolition of Buhl Dam, work carefully, but efficiently, during the removal process. *Courtesy photo.*

## 70<sup>th</sup> annual canoe marathon graces AuSable River

More than 50,000 fans are expected to converge in northern Michigan's AuSable River Valley for one of the state's most iconic sporting events: The 70<sup>th</sup> edition of The AuSable River Canoe Marathon, widely recognized as one of the greatest canoe races on earth.

At least 80 two-person teams -- including participants from Australia, Belize and 17 U.S. states and Canadian provinces -- will compete in the 120-mile nonstop overnight race on the AuSable River. They will paddle at a rate of 50-80 paddle strokes per minute for 14 to 19 hours in sleek and stealthy hi-tech carbon-fiber racing canoes that weigh less than 30 pounds, many costing \$5,000 or more.

The teams battle the darkness, river obstructions, frequently adverse weather conditions and exhaustion during the 120-mile race that includes running portages around six Consumers Energy hydro dams. At locations along the way they receive food, drink, clothing changes and other support from "feeders," or pit crews. The top teams vie for a share of the \$50,000 cash and prizes purse.



AuSable Canoe Marathon competitors paddle Alcona Pond as the sun begins to rise. Their destination is the finish line in Oscoda. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

Thousands of fans follow the action following the frenzied LeMans-style running start to the river that begins the race in Grayling, Mich. at 9 p.m., Saturday, July 29. Many fans move on to viewing locations at bridges, public access points and dam portages to cheer on the teams throughout the race to

the finish line in Oscoda on Sunday morning, July 30. Thousands of other fans encourage the competitors from riverfront cabins and homes, many being the site of marathon parties where family and friends gather to catch a glimpse of the action.

Time trial sprints are held Wednesday through Friday

afternoon in Grayling. Similar to Sprint Cup or Indy Car qualifying, teams individually sprint a looped course upstream to a buoy in the center of town to score a time that determines their starting position for Saturday night's run to the river with their canoes that starts the AuSable Marathon.

The main event pre-race program kicks off at 6 p.m. Saturday, July 29, in Grayling, Mich. The race gets underway with the running start to the river. The leaders are expected to arrive at the finish line in Oscoda close to 11 a.m.; teams must finish within 19 hours (by 4 p.m.) to be considered an official finisher.

The week-long AuSable River Festival takes place in conjunction with the AuSable Marathon in Grayling, Mich.

For more information about the AuSable River Canoe Marathon:

- AuSable River Canoe Marathon website: [AuSableCanoeMarathon.org](http://AuSableCanoeMarathon.org)
- Facebook: [facebook.com/AuSableCanoeMarathon.org](https://www.facebook.com/AuSableCanoeMarathon.org)
- Instagram & Twitter: @ausablemarathon #HupAllNight
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In case of inclement weather, this event will be held at  
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# Obituaries

### Roger L. Panich

Roger Lawrence Panich, 80, of Harrisville, died on Monday, July 17, 2017 at home.

He was born December 7, 1936 in Detroit, Mich., to John and Ruth (Depp) Panich. He was raised in Detroit and Allen Park, Mich. He graduated from Allen Park High School in 1955.

He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1957 and served until 1961.

He married Kathleen Higgison on September 12,

1964 at Angelica Lutheran Church in Allen Park, Mich.

Mr. Panich was a police officer in the Allen Park Police Department and retired in 1979. He moved to Harrisville in 1983 where he pursued his love of gardening.

He volunteered for 20 years as a facilitator for a depression group in Alpena and Oscoda.

Mr. Panich is survived by his wife, Kathleen; two sons, Jeff (Billie) Panich of Spruce

and Steve (Michelle) Panich of Harrisville; two grandchildren, Kevin Panich and Darien Panich; one brother, Thomas (Patricia) Panich of Knoxville, Tenn.; and his constant companion, Daisy, his yellow Lab.

The funeral was held on July 19. The Rev. Timothy Azzam officiated. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Humane Society. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

### Finas J. "Jim" Smelley

Finas J. "Jim" Smelley, 76, of Greenbush died on Saturday, July 22, 2017, at Covenant in Harrison, Mich.

He was born in Saginaw, Mich. on March 28, 1941, to Finas and Agnes (Moulton) Smelley. He graduated from Arthur Hill High School with the Class of 1959.

He married Mary Ann MacConnel on September 5, 1959.

Mr. Smelley was employed at Saginaw Metal Castings for over 35 years as an electrician.

He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Harrisville. He enjoyed his family and loved his place at the lake.

Mr. Smelley is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Smelley; three sons, James M. Smelley

of Marlette, Mich., David C. (Raphael) Smelley of Southington, Conn. and William J. Smelley of Long Beach, Calif.; one daughter, Linda A. (Michael) Ward of Anchorage, Alaska; five grandchildren, Christin Laubhan, William Smelley, David Smelley, Travis Ward and Erica Ward; one great-grandson, Domanic Laubhan; one sister, Dany Strongrich of Saginaw, Mich.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by one sister, Margery Kocks.

The funeral will take place at 11 a.m. on Monday, July 31 at the W. L. Case & Company Funeral Chapel, 4480 Mackinaw Road, Saginaw, Mich. Visitation will be held at the funeral home on Sunday, July 30 from from 2 to 4



p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., and on Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of service. Memorial donations may be made to Westminster Presbyterian Church of Harrisville, the American Cancer Society, or a charity of the donor's choice.

### Beverly A. Post

Beverly A. Post, 64, of Bay City, Mich. died on Saturday, July 22, 2017 at Red Oaks Adult Foster Care Home in Bay City, Mich.

She was born on September 4, 1952 to Jack and Margot (Ford) London in Harrisville. She was raised in Mikado.

She enjoyed cooking and loved spending time with her grandchildren and family.

Mrs. Post is survived by one daughter, Kari Post of Bay City, Mich.; two sons, Wayne Post II of Bay City, Mich. and Thomas (Penny) Post of Bay City, Mich.; six grandchildren, Rylee Ho-

ward, Bailey Howard, Trevor Post, Brian Hacker, Logan Post, and Megan Post; special niece, Dawn Revord; special nephew, Paul Howe; one sister, Tracy Hoots of Mississippi; four brothers, Mike (Debbie) London of Mikado, Tim (Marhea) London of Curran, David London of Bay City, Mich., and Steve (Bobbi Higgins) London of Greenbush; several nieces and nephews; and her children's father, Wayne Post.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Jack and Margot London.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 27 at 2



p.m. at the Squires Funeral Home, 211 N. Henry Street, Bay City, Mich. Visitation will be held at the funeral home from noon until the time of the service.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2017						
Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	July 16	65		58	0.07	5.4
July 17	69	54	0.00	3.9	15	N
July 18	75	56	0.00	3.7	16	SSW
July 19	76	61	0.00	2.0	12	SSW
July 20	73	60	0.02	3.0	15	S
July 21	76	63	0.00	2.0	10	NNE
July 22	70	65	0.02	2.6	11	SSE
Precipitation Summary (Inches) for 2017						
	2017	2016	Normal			
Weekly Total	0.11	0.19	0.73			
July to Date	2.33	1.71	2.18			
Year/Season to Date	21.09	14.07	14.87			
Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)						

**Letter to the Editor**

**To the Editor:**  
On behalf of radio station WXTF-LP, I would like to thank the Alcona County Review for the wonderful article about us in the July 12 issue. We, at the station, are in no doubt that this article contributed materially to the amazing attendance at our July 22 fund-raiser concert, which was a resounding suc-

cess in every sense of the word - artistically, emotionally and financially. I must also thank all of the WTF volunteers, who put in endless hours of planning, preparation and hard work to make this event happen. And, without the incredible musicians, who donated their time and talents to provide over nine hours of excellent

entertainment, there never would have been an event at all.

Everyone I spoke to at the concert was amazed at the quality of the music and the fun, friendly atmosphere, and were asking when the next one will be.

I was also stunned by the favorable comments I received about WTF, and the generosity of the Harrisville community in supporting us. I had no idea how many people enjoy the station and consider us an important part of their lives. Many of the WTF crew were moved to tears by the outpouring of love and support we received.

Speaking for all members of the WTF family, we are thrilled to be part of the Harrisville community, and very grateful for their support, as well as the support of the Alcona County Review.

Tom Thomas  
General Manager,  
WXTF-LP

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THINGS	THATHAVE	KEYS	
ZORRO	OOH	ICEAGE	EBBS
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TEAMS	LOT	SANTAS	TADS

**Calendar of Events**

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

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Ramada Inn, 1000 US-23 North in Alpena. The guest speaker will be Don MacMaster, president of Alpena Community College. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Griffin, (989) 727-3350 or David Dionne, (989) 736-6473 for more information.

**THURSDAY, JULY 27**

Vacation Bible school for children in preschool through fifth grade at Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (989) 727-3206.

A musical tribute to the lumberjack camps of times gone by "It's Daylight in the Swamps" will be presented by Bill Jamerson. He will share true stories, tall tales and songs about logging the mighty pine. This free event will be held at Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library located at 211 North First Avenue at 6:30 p.m.

A free introductory to archery program with Colleen Higgins will be held at the Day Use Pavilion at Harrisville State Park, 248 State Park Road from 6 to 8 p.m. Program includes a brief history of archery, introduction to archery equipment and safety procedures, and hands on target shooting. Program may be cancelled due to rain or other severe weather. For more information, e-mail [higginsc@michigan.gov](mailto:higginsc@michigan.gov) or call the park at (989) 724-5126. A Recreation Passport is required for entry into the park.

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. First meeting is free, handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107, or (989) 739-4483.

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Learn all about raccoons at 3 p.m. at the Harrisville

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 26**

Vacation Bible school for children in preschool through fifth grade at Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (989) 727-3206.

Sunrise Community Food Pantry will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Road, Hubbard Lake. Clients are asked to come only one time per month and must be present to receive food. The pantry accepts clients regardless of county of residence. Identification is required. For more information, call (989) 727-3606.

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.

Flying Aces Pro Frisbee Team will entertain all ages on the lawn of the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 1:30 p.m. Bring lawn chairs. For more information about this free program, call (989) 724-6796.

Learn all about Lake Huron and Lake Michigan at 10 a.m. and shipwrecks in the Great Lakes at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville State Park, 248 State Park Road south of Harrisville. Meet at the Explorer Program Den. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. Recreation Passport is required for entry. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

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Enjoys spending time with her family and younger siblings. Victoria plays volleyball and is excited to learn new sports while in America.



*Giorgio from Italy, 16 yrs.*  
Loves to play baseball and spend time with his dogs. Giorgio also plays the guitar, and his dream is to join a drama club at his American high school.

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Dr. Brickel is a 2016 graduate of the Michigan State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She recently moved to the Alpena area from the Tri-city area, where she had worked at a small animal practice for one year.

Dr. Brickel has special interest in general medicine and in educating owners to help their pets enjoy a long and healthy life. She has raised and owned horses, cattle, and dogs, and her experience and knowledge will allow her to provide excellent care for your pets, horses, or livestock.

In addition, the clinic will be broadening its farm call services, which will include traveling to Alcona County. Dr. Brickel will be available for services here at the clinic in Alpena, and will also be traveling to farms.

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State Park, 248 State Park Road south of Harrisville. Meet at the Explorer Program Den. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. Recreation Passport is required for entry. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

**FRIDAY, JULY 28**  
Vacation Bible school for children in preschool through fifth grade at Hope Lutheran Church, 5462 West Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information, call (989) 727-3206.

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

— Weekly SUDOKU —  
Answer

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Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions program, will meet at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2480 South State Street. For more information, contact Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Alcona County Library presents Bill Jamerson at the Harrisville Harbor at 7 p.m. Jamerson's lumberjack program makes history come alive with music and storytelling. For more information about this free program, call (989) 724-6796. Bake sale and refreshments provided the Alcona Historical Society.

Learn all about squirrels at 10 a.m. and Michigan carnivores at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville State Park, 248 State Park Road south of Harrisville. Meet at the Explorer Program Den. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. Recreation Passport is required for entry. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

**SATURDAY, JULY 29**  
The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site (fairgrounds) on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Everything is grown or made locally. Double-up Food Bucks, Snap and Bridge cards are accepted. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Alpena Garden Club's annual Summer Garden Walk featuring a lakeside garden with outdoor kitchen, a park-like country garden, a butter garden and more. Tickets are \$10 and available for purchase at Prattscape Garden and Gift Shop, Prattscape Flour Mill and Neiman's in Alpena.

Dollar-A-Day Boys! A musical tribute to the Civilian Conservation Corp presented by Bill Jamerson. The Escanaba based author and songwriter will present a music and storytelling program about the federal worker's program created by President Franklin Roosevelt in the heart of the Great Depression. The CCC built many of the structures and trails near Lumbermans Monument. This free program will be held at 1 p.m. at Lumbermans Monument located 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

Friends of the Library will hold a book sale at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Blessing of the Animals, a special service, will take place at Spruce Presbyterian Church, 6230 Gillard Road at 3 p.m. Bring your critters

to be blessed by Rev. Ken Krause and Rev. Leslie Nye. Walk, gallop, hop, fly or slither down, all of God's creatures are welcome.

A summer concert performed by the Alpena Symphony Orchestra will be held at 7 p.m. at Lost Lake Woods Club in the clubhouse located at 4243 North Lost Lake Trail off F-41 north of Lincoln. Admission is \$10 with students and children admitted free of charge. Tickets may be purchased at the door or in advance at Neiman's Family Market in Alpena. For more information, call Andrea Arbuckle at (989) 354-5139.

Hike and seek scavenger hunt at 10 a.m. on the Cedar Run Trail, be prepared for bugs and to walk on unpaved trails. Learn about the Monarch butterfly at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville State Park, 248 State Park Road south of Harrisville. Meet at the Explorer Program Den. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. Recreation Passport is required for entry. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

**SUNDAY, JULY 30**  
Singspiration at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street at 6:30 p.m. Church choirs, solos, duets, trios or anyone who would like to participate by singing, or sharing a reading or poem that is inspirational is invited to attend. Light refreshments will be served. Call Meg Nisbet at (989) 335-1379 for details.

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 1**  
Griefshare Recovery Support Group will meet at 1:30 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 12365 US-23 South in Ossineke. Call (989) 471-5428 for details.

MEA-14A Retired will meet at 10 a.m. at the Fresh Palate, Center Building located at 109 North Second Avenue in Alpena. Lunch special or order from the menu-self pay.

Kid's Day. Did you know that bats are the only mammal that can truly fly? Learn lots of fun facts about bats and why there are not as many bats around as there used to be. This event will be held at 1 p.m. at Lumbermans Monument located 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Road. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2**  
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. Formula, diapers, toys, new and gently used shoes and clothing will be available to residents of Alcona County with newborns to age five. Layettes available for the soon to be born.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena  
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## Local Notes



### Book Sale

There will be a book sale at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. There is a wide selection of fiction, mysteries, classics, politics, history, romance, biography/autobiography, gardening, cooking, large print, westerns, nonfiction, crafts/home, health, self-help, business, children/youth, and a large selection of VCR tapes.

### 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, July 31 — Chicken mostaccioli, green beans, tossed salad, pineapple, and garlic bread.

(Editor's note: No further information was available by press time.)

### Orchestra Concert

The Alpena Symphony Orchestra, conducted by James VanEizenga, presents "Concert by the Lake" on Saturday, July 29 at 7 p.m. at Lost Lake Woods Clubhouse. The orchestra will perform works by Beethoven, Rossini, and Dragonetti. Featured soloist will be Kyle Pitcher of Kalamazoo, Mich. The concert will be held at Lost Lake Woods Club, on F-41 north of Lincoln. Purchase tickets at the door; \$10 for adults, students and children are free.

### Lumberjack Tribute

Escanaba-based singer/storyteller Bill Jamerson will present an hour-long musical tribute to Michigan lumberjacks on Friday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m. at the Harrisville Harbor Pavilion. With guitar in hand and dressed in costume, Jamerson sings traditional lumberjack songs and tells stories about life in the lumber camps on this musical journey through the daily life of a lumberjack. This program is free and open to the public. Bring a lawn chair. In case of rain, the program will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.



Lumberjacks are the focus of a free musical presentation Friday evening at the Harrisville Harbor. *Courtesy photo.*

### ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on the Alcona County Fairgrounds (ARA Site) on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Available this week: Green and yellow beans, beets, cucumbers, garlic, fresh herbs, lettuce, onions, sweet and hot peppers, potatoes, radishes, sorrell, Swiss chard, tomatoes, dried pears and popcorn, bread, cookies, cakes, pies, seasonings, all cuts of antibiotic and hormone-free beef, brats, and snack sticks; homemade laundry detergent, honey, jams, jellies, maple syrup, perennials, cut flowers, herb plants, flavored vinegars, burlap bags, pot holders, custom signs, handmade soaps, jewelry, papercrafts, and wooden items.

### Coffee Pot Terrariums

Teenagers and pre-teenagers are invited to create coffee pot terrariums at the new "Recycle That" program at the Alcona County Library. This program is available on Tuesday, Aug. 1 from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, and from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Mikado branch. This free program, with all supplies included, is supported with a grant from United Way of Northeast Michigan. For more information, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the web at [www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us](http://www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us).

### MDHHS Open House

An open house will be held at the county's new Michigan Department of Health and Human Services (MDHHS) office on Thursday, Aug. 3 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Alcona County residents can now obtain services from the MDHHS locally instead of having to travel to Alpena or Iosco counties. The Alcona County satellite office opened July 18 and is located at Harbortown Marketplace, 410 E. Main Street, in Harrisville. The office is open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The phone number for the new office is (989) 724-9000.

### Classroom Critters

There will be two presentations by Classroom Critters on Wednesday, Aug. 2 at

10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Live animals will be featured, showing the specialized bodies and tools needed to survive. Animals are presented for viewing and touching in this child-friendly program. This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs Mini-grant Program, administered by Northeast Michigan Center for Fine Art, Inc. For more information, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the web at [www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us](http://www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us).

### Fine Arts Festival

The 57<sup>th</sup> Annual Tawas Bay Waterfront Fine Arts Festival will be held in Tawas City on Saturday, Aug. 5 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, Aug. 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Visitors and art enthusiasts will enjoy a wide variety of creativity as they wander through the displays at Shoreline Park (on US-23 in Tawas City. Participants in the show are painters, photographers, metal workers, jewelers, potters and woodworkers; all with juried art, for show and sale.

In addition to the art show, there will be a Family Sand Castle building contest on the beach both days with awards of ice cream coupons. There will be musical entertainment both days, including Willy Colby sharing the DJ spotlight with Chris Stilman and a variety of live musical entertainment. On Saturday Jan Cortwright will play the accordion and The Shimmy Chixs dance group will perform. On Sunday, the Tawas Bay Playings musical group and other musicians will perform.

### Collage Workshop

Adults and older teenagers (15 and up) are invited to a collage and stencil workshop with Alpena artist Ellen

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### ALPENA PUBLIC SCHOOLS

#### SCHOOLS OF CHOICE PUBLIC NOTICE

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Alpena Public Schools is accepting **SCHOOLS OF CHOICE** applications for non-resident students for all grades in all schools for all programs under **SECTIONS 105 and 105c**. Applications will be accepted from August 1, 2017 through September 8, 2017. Enrollment documents may be obtained at Gordon Administration Building, 2373 Gordon Road, Alpena, Michigan between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday or online at [www.alpenaschools.com](http://www.alpenaschools.com). Completed paperwork may be submitted at Gordon Administration Building, 2373 Gordon Road, Alpena, Michigan within the application period. For additional information, call Angie at 989-358-5025.

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### Goodbye?

This will be the last year our Antique Show Committee will be writing a Thank You note to you. Through 22 years many people have contributed to the success of the show as committee members, volunteers, organizers, musicians and more. We thank and appreciate them all, and our sponsor the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce. Though some members, and job descriptions have changed over 22 years, everyone on the current committee has been involved in the show in some way from the start and there are three original committee members.

We have love working with the community and with those from other places who have offered their beautiful antiques for sale or have to come to enjoy the show. We have worked, planned and laughed together and made some great friends, so it is with mixed feelings that we decided last year to retire from our responsibilities. We informed the chamber that 2017 would be our last show, but so far we do not have a show committee for 2018.

However, we are still hopeful that a new generation will step up so the show can continue. Some of us would like to stay on as dealers and all of us would be happy to help a new committee get started. We also have many loyal dealers waiting to hear if they will be coming to Harrisville next July for their favorite show with the friendliest people.

Hoping to see you all next year at the 23<sup>rd</sup> annual Harrisville Antiques and Collectibles Show.

The Show Committee,  
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# Area learning center enriches lives

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

*"The best thing for being sad is to learn something. That is the only thing that never fails. You may grow old and trembling in your anatomies, you may lie awake at night listening to the disorder of your veins, you may miss your only love, you may see the world about you devastated by evil lunatics, or know your honour trampled in the sewers of baser minds. There is only one thing for it then -- to learn.*

*"Learn why the world wags and what wags it. That is the only thing which the mind can never exhaust, never alienate, never be tortured by, never fear or distrust and never dream of regretting. Learning is the thing for you."*

~ Merlin

*"The Once and Future King"*  
by T.H. White

A local nonprofit organization that set out five years ago to enrich the lives of citizens 45 years of age and older, has been gaining membership and awareness since its inception, and it has done it all with a full volunteer staff.

The Sunrise Side Lifelong Learning (SSLL) has improved greatly and grown in the last five years with a dedicated volunteer advisory board and volunteer staff which runs its office five days a week for six hours a day. And, now, several committees to make sure operations run smoothly and classes and trips are interesting and affordable.

According to Carole Cooper, SSLL program coordinator, the organization, which has about 320 members serves four counties: Alcona, Arenac, Iosco and Ogemaw, with classrooms in both Oscoda and Tawas.

"More members join every year, but it's still a small portion of the four-county area," Cooper said.

Affordable classes are of-

ferred two seasons a year -- summer (from May through August) and fall (from September through December) at either the Oscoda campus of Alpena Community College (ACC) or at the Iosco Regional Education Service Agency (IRESA) in Tawas.

The organization also plans two or three day trips each month, up to three multiple-day domestic trips per year and one international trip per year.

An array of classes are offered ranging in one of 10 categories: Art and photography; computers and technology; cooking and hobbies; fitness and health; history and the future; legal issues, personal finance and development; literacy, writing and literature; music and movies; nature and science; and religion and anthropology.

A participant does not have to be a graduate of high school or college to attend classes. "We want people to try new

the classes and trips but will have to pay the nonmembership fee. Cooper warned that the age for members may be moved up to 50 and older next year as that is where most lifelong learning centers start their memberships.

Cooper also warned that because of the low price, as SSLL only charges what it costs them, some classes, day trips, domestic trips and international trips fill up quickly with members getting advance notification when they become available to register.

The multi-day domestic trips by motor coach have included visits to Washington D.C., New York City, Boston and the East Coast. A group just recently returned from Branson, Mo. Registration is going on now for the 2018 multi-day trip to Montreal, Quebec and Ottawa. Cooper said because it is Canada's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary they are trying to do things to

*"We want people to try new things in their life and follow interests they have already developed,"*

~ Carole Cooper

SSLL Program Coordinator

things in their life and follow interests they have already developed," Cooper said.

Classes such as craft beer making, paddle-boarding, forest archeology and famous figures from the new testament -- "The bad guys of the Bible" are provided without tests, grades or papers and meet in one to four-hour sessions, with some having day-long sessions. Cooper said class selections come from surveys which are sent to participants to find out what interests them.

Membership, which funds two annual program guides, maintains the phone, postal and office services, is from May 1 through April 30. Cost is \$25 for those providing an email address to receive the SSLL bimonthly newsletter and \$30 per year for those wanting their newsletter mailed to their home.

Cooper explained membership pays for itself. If a member takes two classes per year as classes typically run about \$8 per meeting session for members and \$16 for non-members, the cost of the class pays for the instructor as IRESA and ACC offer its classrooms free of charge to the organization.

Besides enjoying reduced costs for trips, classes, and newsletters, other advantages of having a membership include the group's new affiliation with McLaren Hospital and can attend free health screenings. There are also member email alerts and three member-only meetings per year which provide a lunch and a speaker as well as member-only trips.

Members must be 45 years or older and can live anywhere, but typically reside in the four-county area during part of the year to take advantage of the classes and trips. People younger than 45, even children and teenagers can take advantage of

celebrate that.

Registration is also available for an overnight trip to Canada's Stratford Theatre on September 12 and 13 to see three plays: "Romeo and Juliet," "Guys and Dolls" and a premier play written and directed by an Inuit woman called "The Breathing Hole," which follows a 150-year history of whites being introduced to the land told through the eyes of a polar bear.

International trips just became available to the organization about three years ago with trips taken to Costa Rica and Iceland. A trip, which has already reached full capacity, to Ireland is planned for 2018.

Cooper explained that a speaker from the group's last kick off, which is held annually around Earth Day in April, was a professor from Central Michigan University who works every summer doing photo journalism for Denali National Park in Alaska. "Our members thought he was so interesting they wanted to see Denali. So instead of taking an international trip in 2019, we planned the trip to Alaska," Cooper said.

The organization always hires the same tour company because they can take small groups and are very good at acquiring single rooms without additional costs. They also offer bonus points which can be put toward the next trip and saves members money, according to Cooper.

Day trips to understand local history, such as a recent trip to Alabaster and an upcoming trip through the Heritage Trail of Harrisville as well as trips to destinations such as Mackinac, Drummond Island and Beaver Island are provided by Iosco County busses. "Because of this, all day trips start in Iosco County, typi-

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## How to find and claim your family's unclaimed money

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I've heard that there are free online search tools that can help people look for lost or forgotten money left behind by deceased relatives. Can you refer me? When my father passed away his financial affairs were in such a mess, I'm wondering if there was anything he left behind.  
Wondering Daughter

Dear Wondering,  
Forgotten or lost money is actually quite common in the United States. According to the National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators, there is around \$42 billion in unclaimed funds sitting in state treasuries and other agencies just waiting to be found.

These unclaimed funds are from accounts that are inactive or whose owners, or their heirs, cannot be located. Unclaimed funds can include things lost or forgotten saving or checking accounts, stocks, utility security depos-

its, tax refunds, life insurance proceeds, un-cashed dividend checks, contents of safe-deposit boxes and more.

This typically happens because of a change of address (the owner moved), a name change (the owner got married or divorced), or the owner dies and the estate was unaware of the money or the heirs could not be located. By law, companies and financial institutions that can't find the owner or their next of kin within two to five years must turn the property over to the state where it's held indefinitely.

It's very possible that your father, or you, have some unclaimed money out there and you don't even know it. To start your quest go to Unclaimed.org, which has links to all state programs that will let you to do a state benefits search online for free. Or, you can do a multi-state search in 40 states at MissingMoney.com.

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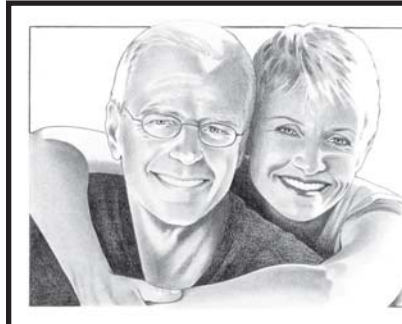
your father or you have lived, worked or conducted business.

Also, if you're married, make sure to check under your maiden name as well. Using a first initial and your last name is also encouraged to make sure everything comes up. Every state can tell you immediately if you or your dad have some unclaimed money, as well as how to go about collecting it.

In addition to state treasuries, here are some other agencies that can help you find unclaimed money.

- Internal Revenue Service: Each year thousands of refund checks totaling millions of dollars are returned to the IRS by the post office. To look for lost federal tax refund checks go to IRS.gov/refunds, or call (800) 829-1954.

- U.S. Treasury: To find out if there are any savings bonds your dad didn't claim dating back to 1974, go to TreasuryHunt.gov. For older bonds or those still drawing



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interest use form 1048, which you can download at TreasuryHunt.gov/forms/sav1048.pdf, or call (844) 284-2676 to request a form by mail.

- Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation: If your dad worked for a company that went out of business or ended its defined benefit pension plan, you may be entitled to some of his benefits. To look for lost pensions, use the pension-search tool at PBGC.gov/search/unclaimed-pensions, or you can call 800-400-7242 and get help over the phone.
- National Association of

Insurance Commissioners: To track down a lost or forgotten life insurance policy, the NAIC, an insurance regulatory support organization, offers a national policy locator service at Locator.NAIC.org.

- PenChecks Inc. and Millennium Trust Co.: To search for lost or forgotten retirement benefits or 401(k) funds left behind with an old employer, go to Unclaimed-RetirementBenefits.com and MTrustCompany.com/unclaimed-retirement-funds.

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Partners for the project included the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, Pine River Van-Etten Lake Watershed Coalition volunteers, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Northwest Design Consult-

ing Engineers, Great Lakes Restoration and Team Elmers.

Funding for the project included the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation Sustain Our Great Lakes Program in the amount of \$157,000, DNR Habitat Improvement Account in the

amount of \$106,000, U.S. Forest service in the amount of \$88,000 and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the amount of \$20,000.

A ribbon cutting ceremony, hosted by the Pine River Van-Etten Watershed Coalition, will take place in the fall.



The new pedestrian footbridge which connects pathways to large tracts of land within the Huron Manistee National Forest over the South Branch of Pine River is in place and the old Buhl Dam, which had been obsolete for several decades and impeded the water flow has been removed. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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cally in Oscoda, but if the group is going north, say to Alpena, a stop will be made in Harrisville to pick up people that live there. The same goes for going south, say to Standish, the trip will start in Oscoda and pick up people living in the Tawas along the way," Cooper said.

The county will only provide two busses for the organizations day trips in the summer. Cooper said the trip to Harrisville, which will include historic buildings, a tour through the Cultural Learning Institute and a visit to the Clydesdale farm, filled two busses extremely quickly. She said people really like being tourists in their own area and enjoy learning the

history they never knew.

"People will come to a community because of the work and businesses, but stay in a community because of their nonprofit organizations that are there to fulfill their needs. We plan trips and classes to get more people to know about the services and businesses we have here. It's like Merlin said, you can never be depressed if you're learning. Learning keeps you young."

Classes are still available for late July and August sessions. Consult the SLL website at [www.sunrisesidell.com](http://www.sunrisesidell.com) or call (989) 362-3006 extension 168 for a list of available classes, fees and locations or for more information on trips and membership.

## Americanisms



"If there's a book you really want to read but it hasn't been written yet, then you must write it."

— author *Toni Morrison*



# The wonder of grasslands

Perhaps one of the most underrated habitat types in the nation is the grassland. For a country with deep agricultural roots, grasslands are sometimes viewed as farmland that just hasn't been planted yet.

Grasslands, however, are so much more than empty fields. Grasslands provide great benefits to wildlife and to people as well.

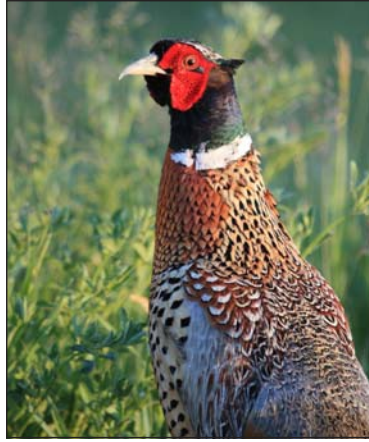
Many people may not know that grasslands help to improve water and air quality – important for all Michigan residents and throughout the world. They are also simply stunning to view in mid-to-late summer, when the prairie wildflowers are in full bloom.

Grasslands can be found all over the world – from the

colate down into the soil, where it can be cleaned and filtered. Grasslands also pull carbon dioxide from the air and release clean oxygen.

“The water filtration conducted by grasslands is especially important in agricultural areas where pesticides, excess nitrogen and phosphorus and other potentially harmful chemicals can be filtered instead of running off into waterways,” said Bill VanderZouwen, Pheasants Forever regional representative and Michigan Pheasant Restoration Initiative co-chairman.

In agricultural areas, farmers often plant buffer strips of grass along streams or agricultural ditches to prevent runoff from occurring. Grasslands also help to anchor the



Ring-necked pheasants inhabit grasslands in Michigan.

munications coordinator Holly Vaughn. “Badgers, meadow voles, coyotes, and white-tailed deer rely on

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Grasslands are stunning when in full bloom in summertime. Photos courtesy of Pete Berthelsen, Pheasants Forever

savannas of Africa to the steppes of Russia to the plains and prairies of North America.

Grasses form most of the plant life, and natural grazing, wildfires and periodic drought help to keep woody plants from growing in grasslands. The soil in grasslands is nutrient-rich from the growth and decay of deep grass roots.

Important in the filtration and purification of air and water resources, grasslands have deep, dense root systems. Grasslands trap precipitation so water can per-

soil along streambanks and ditches to reduce sediment load in waterways.

Congressional passage of the federal Farm Bill helps to restore grasslands by offering farmers financial reimbursement for conservation practices, including the planting of grasslands and buffer strips.

In addition to their important role in water purification, grasslands also improve air quality. Native grasses take in carbon dioxide and give off clean oxygen.

Native grassland vegetation also sequesters carbon. When plants die, most of the dead plant material – which gives off carbon as it dies – is in the root system, under the soil. The carbon is trapped beneficially in the soil instead of being released to the air.

For many wildlife species, grasslands are a vital habitat type. Many creatures make their homes in these areas, including a variety of songbirds that use the grasses for nesting and feeding, including red-winged blackbirds, savannah sparrows, ring-necked pheasants and eastern meadowlarks.

“Pollinators like bees and butterflies love the wildflowers that grow in grasslands and many mammals make their homes in grasslands too,” said DNR wildlife com-



Savannah sparrows are among several sparrow species that live in grasslands. Photo courtesy of Michigan DNR.

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## Savvy

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ance Corporation: To search for unclaimed bank accounts at firms that were shut down between January 1, 1989 and June 28, 1993 go to Closed-Banks.FDIC.gov/funds. State treasuries hold assets from shutdowns after 1993.

• Social Security: To find lost Social Security benefits, including the \$255 death benefit, call (800) 772-1213.

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# Local Notes

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LaCross on Monday, Aug. 7 at 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Participants will create a collage with stenciled accents suitable for framing with paper, fabric, yarn, paint and more. All materials and light refreshments are provided for \$5 per person. Anyone planning to participate must call to register. This program is supported by a grant from the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, administered by Northeast Michigan Center for Fine Art, Inc. For more information, call (989) 724-6796 or visit the web at [www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us](http://www.library.alcona.lib.mi.us).

Trauma in Children

Two seminars about dealing with children who have experienced trauma will be held in Oscoda in August. "Trauma and Its Effects on Children" will be held on Wednesday, Aug. 9 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. and "Providing Trauma Informed Care," will be held on Monday, Aug. 14 from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. Both will be held at the Oscoda United Methodist Church, 120 W. Dwight Ave., Oscoda

These seminars are available for foster parents, adoptive parents and staff members and volunteers in setting such as: Home visiting programs, recovery services, centers or home-based childcare, protective service, school, health care, shelters, and churches.

Classes are free for anyone who works with children and their families. Class content will define trauma, toxic stress and adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and will explain how these can affect a child's brain development and behavior. The second class offers practical ways to use this knowledge in caring for children.

Trauma and Its Effects on Children is a prerequisite for Providing Trauma Informed care. Attendance is required on August 9 to attend on August 14. Register by Monday, Aug. 7 by calling Partners In Prevention at (989) 356-2880 or (800) 354-2880 or Child & Family Services of Northeast Michigan at (989) 356-4567 ext. 223.

# Calendar of Events

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Council will hold its membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall located at 2900 Connon in Alpena. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be present to answer questions. Lunch will be served at noon. Bring a can of food for the needy. Call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080 for details.

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

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

woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Learn all about beetles at 10 a.m. and how to avoid spreading invasive species from your shoes at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville State Park, 248 State Park Road south of Harrisville. Meet at the Explorer Program Den. Children under the age of eight must be accompanied by an adult. Recreation Passport is required for entry. Call (989) 724-5126 for details.

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 3**

Join your fellow comrades at the veteran's coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 North Second Street in Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

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. First meeting is free, handicap accessible. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107, or (989) 739-4483.

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

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 4**

Fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion, 2205 Alger in Mikado. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children six to 12 years old, no charge for children five and under.

Reformers Unanimous, a faith-based addictions program, will meet at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Community Baptist Church, 2480 South State Street. For more information, contact Wayne Whitten at (989) 335-0172.

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 5**

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the ARA site (fairgrounds) on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Everything is grown or made locally. Double-up Food Bucks, Snap and Bridge cards are accepted. For more info., call (989) 724-5077.

Hike the Discovery Trail with a ranger and learn about forest management, local wildlife and plant life. This event will be held at 11 a.m. at Lumbermans Monument, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River. The hike will finish at the sand dune overlook. Call (989) 362-8961 for details.

The annual Hubbard Lake Triathlon will begin at the North End Park in Hubbard Lake. This event offers an Olympic and sprint distance triathlon, triathlon relay options and a road cycling race around Hubbard Lake. Beginner and experienced triathletes are welcome. Learn more and register at [www.facebook.com/HubbardLakeTriathlon](http://www.facebook.com/HubbardLakeTriathlon). For more info., call (248) 894-5539.

# AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  
 Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.  
 Harrisville • 724-5160  
[www.standrewschurhharrisville.org](http://www.standrewschurhharrisville.org)  
**10 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE**

**Haynes Community Church**  
 4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740  
 Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.  
 989-724-6665  
 Pastor Claire Duncan • [haynescommunitychurch.org](http://haynescommunitychurch.org)

**Family Heritage Baptist Church**  
 4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)  
 Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • [www.church72.org](http://www.church72.org)  
 Sunday worship services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.  
 Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.  
 children's ministry. Wednesday 7 p.m. midweek service (preaching and prayer service).

**First Baptist Church of Lincoln**  
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.  
 Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.  
**Pastor Dr. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796**

**New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  
 Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,  
 3/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course  
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

**CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 2902 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745 • (989) 736-8345  
 Pastor Tim Steiner  
 Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
 Monday: 6:30 p.m. \*Teen Program (Grades 7-12)  
 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & \*Youth Programs (Grades K-6<sup>th</sup>)  
 \*Fall-Spring programs • Website: [www.wcbcmikado.com](http://www.wcbcmikado.com)

**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)**  
 Church Street at Traverse Bay Road  
 Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227  
 Pastor David Putz~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

**Spruce Presbyterian Church**  
 Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids  
 6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37) Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464  
 Worship 9 a.m.  
**Rev. Ken Krause - Office Hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

**ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
 6891 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747  
 Sunday Worship 9:30 a.m.  
 Sunday School & Adult Bible Class at 11 a.m.  
 Pastor Joseph Llewellyn • (989) 727-2496

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF GOD**  
 158 N. Barlow Road., Harrisville • (989) 736-6350  
 Pastor Edward Morrison • Full Gospel  
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 Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday

**Our Savior Lutheran Church**  
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 Jerry Dodds, Pastor  
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 6012 N. Skeel, Oscoda, Next to Parks Library

**ALCONA COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES**  
 ST. RAPHAEL, Mikado, Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
 ST. GABRIEL, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.  
 ST. CATHERINE (Ossineke) Sunday 9 a.m.  
 ST. ANNE, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.  
 Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

**COMMUNITY OF CHRIST**  
 Church School 10 a.m. ~ Worship 11 a.m.  
 3155 E. F-30, Mikado MI • Church 736-8727  
 Pastor Char McGuire • 736-3486

**Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.**  
 201 N. Second at Jefferson, Harrisville  
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 Monday & Wednesday office hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
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 • Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m. Wednesday Prayer Meeting 6 p.m.  
 • Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

# Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



## Local News

**July 28, 1892** ~ Harrisville is bound to take its place sooner or later as an attractive summer resort. The place and surroundings possess all the necessary attractions except a properly equipped summer hotel near the lake and under the management of a man thoroughly conversant with the needs of the summer tourist. Harrisville's day will come, have no fear. No other point from Bay City to Mackinac has such an attractive location.

-X-

Sheriff McDonald started last week for Ashland, Wis., equipped with the necessary papers for the arrest of Joe Liberty, the young man who is supposed to be chiefly responsible for the larceny of the trunk of clothing belonging to Miss Elmes of Haynes. Liberty's mother has been made a defendant in the case for receiving stolen goods. Tuesday she acknowledged in Beede's court that her son had brought them there, although at first she disclaimed any such knowledge.

-X-

Presiding Elder Ctister preached a strong sermon Sunday morning last on the immortality of the soul which was intensely interesting and instructive to those who were fortunate enough to hear it. In the evening he fulfilled his promise and carried his auditors in imagination to Athens, Corinth and Venice, and gave them a graphic and entertaining lecture on a few of the history points of interest connected with each. The capacity of the church was fairly tested in the evening and the large audience were interested to the last word despite the sultriness of the evening.

-X-

July 15th the tug Winslow, towing a raft containing four millions of logs, encountered a heavy gale while abreast of Sturgeon Point. The tug had to let go the raft and that, left to the mercy of the waves, was threatened with total destruction. The crew at Sturgeon Point answered the first signal of distress, and through their prompt assistance the services of two additional tugs secured and the raft was saved. Capt Henderson has since received a letter from B. Bontell of the Saginaw Towing Association, warmly expressing his appreciation of the service rendered by his crew in the hour of distress.

-X-

The bill increasing the pay of keepers of life saving stations to \$900 per year and of surfmen to \$65 per month has passed both houses of congress, and will soon be a

law. Congressman Weadock telegraphed the Alpena Echo on Monday that President Harrison had signed the salary bill of the life savers. Good for the boys, Now the query is: when does the increase of pay begin? It is understood that the present congress has not provided for it in any of its appropriation bills.

-X-

The new passenger steamer Pilgrim has made its first trip up from Cleveland, but it did not call at this port.

An advertisement in the Detroit papers states that it will leave for Tawas, Oscoda, Alpena and way ports every Saturday at 8 p. m. and for Tawas, Oscoda and way ports every Wednesday at 8 p. m. The steamer is 123 feet keel and 21 feet beam and is licensed to carry 350 passengers.

-X-

Lightning struck the barn of L. H. Dunn during the fierce electric storm Monday afternoon. The building was ignited, but it was discovered at once and prompt measures saved the property from destruction. The barn and contents were insured in the Farmers' Mutual Ins. Co. An immense amount of rain fell in a brief interval of time in Monday's storm and lightning played sharp and somewhat dangerous freaks at various points. Besides striking Dunn's barn, it ran in on the telephone wires to Colwell, McGregor & Co's store and did some damage

to the instrument and surrounding wood work. Several telephone poles on the state road west of town were splintered and demoralized. A barn at Long Lake, Alpena county, was struck and destroyed. Standing crops of grain are reported as having been laid almost flat by the pelting rain and harvesting in some fields will be anything but fun. Considerable hay was caught out in the wet, but as the succeeding day was bright and warm the loss from that source will be slight.

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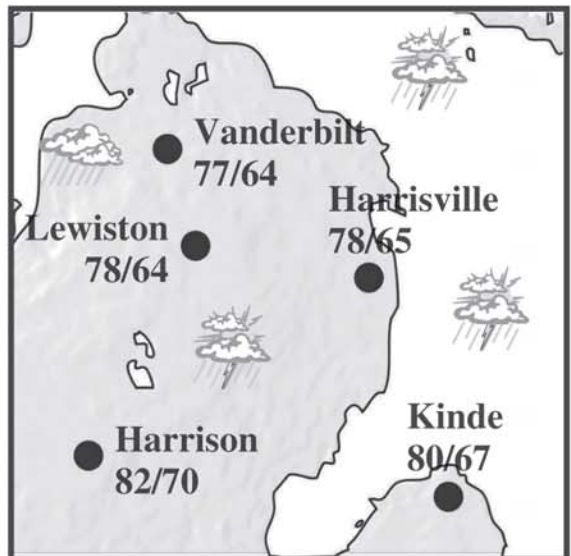
## Alcona Review Weather Report

## July 26, 2017

### Seven Day Forecast

	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Scattered T-storms High: 78 Low: 65
	<b>THURSDAY</b> Showers Likely High: 75 Low: 62
	<b>FRIDAY</b> Sunny High: 74 Low: 59
	<b>SATURDAY</b> Sunny High: 76 Low: 59
	<b>SUNDAY</b> Sunny High: 79 Low: 60
	<b>MONDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 77 Low: 58
	<b>TUESDAY</b> Sunny High: 73 Low: 54

### Today's Regional Map



### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 40% chance of showers and thunderstorms, high of 78°, humidity of 62%. South southwest wind 9 to 13 mph. The record high for today is 98° set in 1955. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 55% chance of showers, overnight low of 65°. West southwest wind 3 to 10 mph.

### \*Last Week's Almanac


Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	89	51	80/56	0.00"
Wednesday	86	59	80/56	Trace
Thursday	84	58	80/56	Trace
Friday	88	59	80/56	0.00"
Saturday	75	62	80/56	Trace
Sunday	78	59	80/56	0.60"
Monday	76	55	80/56	0.09"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
<b>First</b> 7/30	Wednesday	6:13 a.m.	9:07 p.m.	9:57 a.m.	11:12 p.m.	
	Thursday	6:14 a.m.	9:06 p.m.	11:05 a.m.	11:41 p.m.	
	Friday	6:15 a.m.	9:05 p.m.	12:09 p.m.	Next Day	
	Saturday	6:16 a.m.	9:04 p.m.	1:12 p.m.	12:09 a.m.	
	Sunday	6:17 a.m.	9:03 p.m.	2:13 p.m.	12:37 a.m.	
<b>Full</b> 8/7	Monday	6:18 a.m.	9:01 p.m.	3:12 p.m.	1:06 a.m.	
	Tuesday	6:19 a.m.	9:00 p.m.	4:10 p.m.	1:37 a.m.	

### Local UV Index



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

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

### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 95 in Quincy, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms today and Thursday, scattered thunderstorms Friday, with the highest temperature of 96 in Winter Haven, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 101 in Hermiston, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 111 in Bullhead City, Ariz.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:39 a.m.	10:10 p.m.
Venus	3:15 a.m.	6:26 p.m.
Mars	6:11 a.m.	9:10 p.m.
Jupiter	12:34 p.m.	11:57 p.m.
Saturn	6:08 p.m.	n/a
Uranus	12:18 a.m.	1:46 p.m.

### Weather History

**July 26, 1987** - Thunderstorms developing along a cold front produced hail two inches in diameter in McHenry County, Ill. and wind gusts to 70 mph at Auburn, Maine. A wind gust of 90 mph was recorded at Blairstown, N.J. before the anemometer broke.

### Weather Trivia

What was the greatest amount of rain recorded in one day?

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Answer: On March 15, 1952, 73.62 inches fell on the island of Runton, Indian Ocean.


www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### CryptoQuip

answer

I'm kind of overweight just from drinking lots of party fruit juice. Would you say I have a punch paunch?

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Bat in a Hat



It is one o'clock in the morning, and its not even time for bed. Im at the Mars Desert Research Station near Hanksville, Utah and participating in the construction of the new robotic observatory which Moravian has a 25 percent share in time usage. Im tired and thirsty. Im also sitting on the throne in our luxurious state of the art bathroom facility which is simply an adapted RV toilet. It you dont have to reinvent it, why not use whats available? Suddenly, and I mean suddenly, the largest moth that I have ever seen in my entire life flutters down within inches of my face and lands on the floor. I notice that its wings have bones in them so I immediately realize that its a bat. It doesnt want to be there in company with me, and frankly, Id like to see it depart. Im not primo bat food, you know. I reach forward, crack open the door, and hope that it will see its escape (bats are not blind), move in that direction, and find insects elsewhere. It does precisely as I predicted, but as Im closing the door and regaining my sense of composure, I realize that all the other doors in the MDRS facility are shut too. So now weve got a bat in a hatactually, in a large tin can. That was enough excitement for one evening. The bat found a place to hide; I eventually finished my assignments, then navy showered, and went to bed, immediately falling into a deep sleep in my small cubicle on the upper deck. Suffice to say that living on Mars in the Utah desert has its exciting moments, but it also has some of the darkest skies in the US; and if youre an astronomer, youll take the occasional surprises for the nighttime bliss. [Literally, as Im writing this, a gust of wind just knocked out the window of our front door. Fixed it!] There is an ecosystem flourishing under the habitat that we rarely get to see, but its there. No snakes or scorpions yet, but an occasional rodent makes its way inside, including bats, and a very lost and hairy tarantula that greeted my buddy, Pete, on a bathroom run several years ago. Unfortunately, after numerous attempts at extrication, it did not get the chance to grow old. The biggest problem this year has been the heat. The MDRS is not air-conditioned. Days are hot with highs in the low hundreds, but the nights are pleasant with temps in the upper fifties to low sixties. Fans pump enough cool air into the facility during the evening hours to create pleasant sleeping conditions and make the days almost bearable. Our record indoor high this trip was 99.1 degrees F. Hydration is essential with humidity levels under 15 percent. More about life on Mars next week. www.astronomy.org

# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **GEOGRAPHY:** What body of water separates European and Asian Turkey?
2. **PROVERBS:** What is the ending to this famous proverb: "Actions speak ..."?
3. **LITERATURE:** What flower does the following Shakespearean line refer to: "That which we call ... by any other name would smell as sweet"?
4. **U.S. STATES:** Which state is last in alphabetical order?
5. **COMICS:** What was Wolverine's secret identity?
6. **MEDICAL:** What is a more common name for tussis?
7. **ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a group of herons called?
8. **MATH:** How many zeroes are in a trillion?
9. **ANATOMY:** What role does the olfactory nerve play in the human body?
10. **HISTORY:** What was the name of the military operation for the Allied invasion of France?

**Answers:** 1. Bosphorus Strait; 2. ... louder than words.; 3. A rose ("Romeo and Juliet"); 4. Wyoming; 5. James Logan Howlett; 6. Cough; 7. A siege; 8. 12; 9. Responsible for sense of smell; 10. Operation Overlord. (c) 2017 King Features Synd., Inc.

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Overbrim</p> <p>5 Lowercase letter with a dot</p> <p>11 Deg. for a future exec</p> <p>14 Be snoozing</p> <p>19 Magic incantation starter</p> <p>20 Add more criticism</p> <p>21 OPEC supply</p> <p>22 Big blood vessel</p> <p>23 Old Cougar carmaker, for short</p> <p>24 Sci-fi author Isaac</p> <p>25 Cry in a party card game</p> <p>26 Great fear</p> <p>27 Table in a dictionary</p> <p>31 Tension</p> <p>32 Pew, for one</p> <p>33 "Neon" tank fish</p> <p>37 Dessert akin to cobbler</p> <p>38 Smartphone buy</p> <p>41 It may be true-false</p> <p>44 Book with many maps</p> | <p>48 Word in a Doris Day song title</p> <p>49 Oh-so-sentimental</p> <p>50 Big bother</p> <p>51 Chief Pontiac's people</p> <p>53 Wall St. manipulator</p> <p>55 "— Abner"</p> <p>56 Pro opposite</p> <p>57 Tidy</p> <p>58 Printed symphony, e.g.</p> <p>63 Twistable treat</p> <p>65 Dol. units</p> <p>67 Pantheon member</p> <p>68 Really happy</p> <p>69 Dunking site</p> <p>75 The Chiffons' "He's —"</p> <p>78 Ambience</p> <p>79 Hither and —</p> <p>80 Ship pole</p> <p>84 Jailer</p> <p>88 Flaky mineral</p> <p>91 U.S. 66, e.g.</p> <p>92 Rustic stopover</p> <p>93 Spam may be in it</p> <p>94 Plunder</p> <p>96 Period in history</p> <p>97 Cowgirl's rope</p> | <p>100 Agenda, informally</p> <p>103 Concert Steinway, say</p> <p>105 The West Indies, e.g.</p> <p>108 Brainpower stats</p> <p>109 In need of medical care</p> <p>110 From that place</p> <p>111 Olds oldies</p> <p>113 Brain twister</p> <p>116 Theme of this puzzle</p> <p>122 Mark-leaving swordsman</p> <p>125 Utterance of amazement</p> <p>126 Time of mammoths</p> <p>127 Trails off</p> <p>128 Rack up, as debt</p> <p>129 Sense of self</p> <p>130 Earth orbits it</p> <p>131 "Dies —" (Latin hymn)</p> <p>132 Lions, Tigers and Bears</p> <p>133 Realty unit</p> <p>134 Seasonal mall figures</p> <p>135 Itty-bitty bits</p> | <p>3 Often messing up</p> <p>4 Lehrer's old PBS partner</p> <p>5 Arches over</p> <p>6 Various items: Abbr.</p> <p>7 Et — (and others)</p> <p>8 Golf's "Champagne Tony"</p> <p>9 Plunders</p> <p>10 Visible</p> <p>11 Canadian cop</p> <p>12 Singer Crosby</p> <p>13 Matty or Felipe of the diamond</p> <p>14 Makes glum</p> <p>15 Actress Swit</p> <p>16 Previous to</p> <p>17 Theta lead-in</p> <p>18 Hip home</p> <p>28 Applied to</p> <p>29 Scull needs</p> <p>30 Suffix with Wyoming</p> <p>34 Scheme anew</p> <p>35 Shoot for, with "to"</p> <p>36 Fashioned</p> <p>38 Invasion</p> <p>39 River through Nebraska</p> <p>40 Bear's foot</p> <p>42 Gillette — II razor</p> | <p>43 Scarlett O'Hara's plantation</p> <p>44 Texas city</p> <p>45 Bad smell</p> <p>46 Had grub</p> <p>47 Golfer Snead</p> <p>52 Sweetened</p> <p>54 Chicken cordon —</p> <p>59 Name for 130-Across</p> <p>60 In a lazy manner</p> <p>61 Camera type, for short</p> <p>62 "Cool" guys</p> <p>64 Honshu sashes</p> <p>66 130-Across is one</p> <p>70 "I'll take that as —"</p> <p>71 Emailed, e.g.</p> <p>72 Wish</p> <p>73 Onetime big name in PCs</p> <p>74 Hamburger toppings</p> <p>75 Demon, e.g.</p> <p>76 Dean of 102-Down books</p> <p>77 Composition conclusion</p> <p>81 Middle-school math class</p> <p>82 Gobs</p> <p>83 City near Lake Tahoe</p> <p>85 Ill. neighbor</p> | <p>86 Egyptian symbol of life</p> <p>87 Minus: Abbr.</p> <p>89 El — (hero of Spain)</p> <p>90 Like Swiss mountains</p> <p>95 — Lankan</p> <p>98 Childish fit</p> <p>99 Affixes firmly</p> <p>101 Range of hearing</p> <p>102 Food intake</p> <p>104 "That pleases me"</p> <p>106 Agnus — (Mass part)</p> <p>107 Perfect-game feature</p> <p>112 Comic actor — Baron Cohen</p> <p>113 Makes uniform</p> <p>114 "Oops, sorry"</p> <p>115 Stubborn animals</p> <p>117 Caroling tune</p> <p>118 Full of energy</p> <p>119 Harry Potter, for one</p> <p>120 "... why — thou forsaken me?"</p> <p>121 Water, in Cuba</p> <p>122 Nose flaw</p> <p>123 Indivisible</p> <p>124 LG rival</p> |
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## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Aug. 12, 30 B.C., Cleopatra, queen of Egypt and lover of Julius Caesar and Mark Antony, takes her life following the defeat of her forces against Octavian, the future first emperor of Rome.
- On Aug. 13, 1878, a restaurant owner dies of yellow fever in Memphis, Tennessee, after a man who had escaped a quarantined steamboat visited her restaurant. In the 19th century, it was not known that mosquitoes carried yellow fever, and victims were quarantined in an attempt to prevent its spread.
- On Aug. 7, 1912, former president Theodore Roosevelt is nominated for the presidency by the Progressive Party. Also known as the Bull Moose Party, its platform called for the direct election of U.S. senators, women's suffrage and reduction of tariffs.
- On Aug. 8, 1963, the 15 men involved in the Britain's Great Train Robbery use an ex-British Army truck and two stolen Land Rover all-terrain vehicles to escape with some \$7 million in stolen loot.
- On Aug. 10, 1977, postal employee David Berkowitz is arrested and charged with being the "Son of Sam," the serial killer who terrorized New York City for more than a year. Berkowitz claimed that demons and a black Labrador retriever owned by a neighbor named Sam had ordered him to commit the killings.
- On Aug. 11, 1984, President Ronald Reagan, while testing a microphone before a radio address, jokingly announces, "My fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you today that I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes."
- On Aug. 9, 2000, tire manufacturer Bridgestone/Firestone Inc. announces the recall of 6.5 million of its tires after the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration linked at least 46 deaths to problems with tread peeling off the tires.

## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was 19th-century English writer Sir Arthur Helps who made the following sage observation: "Reading is sometimes an ingenious device for avoiding thought."
  - In the state of Texas, it's against the law to milk a cow that's not your own.
  - You might be surprised to learn that when Walt Disney first released the animated film "Sleeping Beauty," in 1959, it was a box-office flop. However, the success of the various re-releases -- in 1970, 1979, 1986, 1995 -- have made it one of the most successful films released in 1959, second only to "Ben-Hur." The domestic total gross amounts to \$623 million (when adjusted for the inflation of ticket prices), which puts "Sleeping Beauty" in the top-40 films of all time.
  - You might be surprised to learn that hyenas are more closely related to cats than to dogs.
  - Those who study such things say that men who tuck in their shirts on a regular basis -- and 49 percent of American men do tuck -- tend to be happier than non-tuckers. For starters, they earn, on average, 19 percent more. They're also 22 percent more likely to have an optimistic outlook, are 10 percent more likely to feel that they're outgoing, and are more likely to report that they date often.
  - Marsupials and platypuses are the only mammals that don't have belly buttons. A marsupial loses its umbilical cord before emerging its mother's pouch, so a scar never forms. Platypuses are hatched and never have an umbilical cord to begin with.
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- Thought for the Day: "The great secret of success is to go through life as a man who never gets used up. That is possible for him who never argues and strives with men and facts, but in all experience relies upon himself, and looks for the ultimate cause of things in himself." -- Albert Schweitzer
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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: D equals P

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WFLS IFOGROGH TLVB LW DZFVE

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# Now Here's A Tip

By JoAnn Derson

• "To loosen grime in the shower, run the shower hot for a few minutes and then use a cleaner. The heat and steam make it easier to clean. Or you can clean up the shower just before you clean up yourself." -- T.G. in Texas

• When moving, pack a suitcase or two with essentials for a few days: toiletries, clothing, medicines, etc. This way, the pressure is off to everything set up right away.

• "To make sure you don't get any slipped stitches when you're interrupted while knitting or crocheting, just clip the work at the needle with a clothespin. It stays put, and you can pick it right back up after you are done taking a break." -- C.C. in Arkansas

• If you use cold water to clean all of your clothes, you can save about \$40 a year in electricity costs. Your clothes will last longer, as well. And consider a clothesline for air-drying items like towels and sheets on nice days. That saves electricity too.

• Be sure to get and check references for any home-service professional you hire. Get estimates in writing, and make sure the estimates list what is included -- and what is not.

• "My 3-year-old wants to help with EVERYTHING these days, so when I clean house, I give her a spray bottle with plain water and a large, clean cloth. She's responsible for 'cleaning' the sliding glass door, which she does very well and safely. I also have her dust shelves and fold washcloths." -- R.V. in Arizona

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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

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# Alcona County Review

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#### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - A mortgage was granted by Kathleen M. Morgan, an unmarried woman, mortgagor(s), to Independent Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated January 25, 2008, and recorded on January 28, 2008 in Liber 449 on page 754; and modified by agreement dated November 13, 2015, and recorded on November 30, 2015 in Liber 519 on page 928; and assigned by said mortgagee to Independent Bank as assignee as docu-

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mented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty-eight thousand three hundred forty-three and 60/100 dollars (\$38,343.60). Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on August 9, 2017. Said premises are situated in township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 19 of Ridgeway Estates No. 2, a subdivision recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 76, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six

2006 in Liber 437 page 711 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC, by assignment dated June 13, 2014 and recorded June 19, 2014, in Liber 507 page 1,244 Alcona County records; on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thirty thousand three hundred twenty-one and twenty-one cents (\$130,321.21) including interest 4.375 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, the circuit court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on August 16, 2017. Said premises are situated in township of Alcona, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 21 and 22, Block 4 of Lost Lake Woods, a subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 59-61 and 63, Alcona County records. The

months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: July 12, 2017 For more information, please call (248) 593-1311 Trott Law, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334-5422 FileNo. 463594F03 7-12, 7-19, 7-26, 8-2

redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(16) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: July 19, 2017 Ocwen Loan Servicing, LLC Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C. 251 Diversion Street Rochester, MI 48307 (248) 853-4400 File No: 106998 7-19, 7-26, 8-2, 8-9

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald Orban, a single man, mortgagor, to First National Bank of America, mortgagee, dated February 7, 2007, and recorded February 14, 2007, in Liber 439, page 315, of Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice \$40,446.29, including interest at 10.95 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the state of Michigan, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public

auCTION to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, August 23, 2017, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan. Said premises are situated in the township of Alcona, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The north 1/2 of the north 1/2 of the SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, T28N, R9E, except a parcel of land located on the SW corner of this legally described property being 200 feet on Barlow Road and being 250 feet in depth; and the south 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 19, T28N, R9E, c/k/a 5150 F-41 North, Black River, Mich. 48721. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale, unless the premises are determined to be aban-

doned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be one month, or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later. Please be advised that if the mortgaged property is sold at a foreclosure sale by advertisement, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: July 26, 2017 LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC Attorneys for Mortgagee P.O. Box 721400 Berkley, Mich. 48072 (248) 236-1765 7-26, 8-2, 8-9, 8-16

#### Notice to Creditors

Daniel C. Alm and Farrell Jean Alm Revocable Trust Agreement To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Daniel C. Alm, died May 28, 2017. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Alm, successor trustee, 6431 Perry Road, Grand Blanc, Mich. 48439. Date: July 21, 2017 David H. Cook P40560 5466 M-72 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5155 Robert Alm, successor trustee 6431 Perry Road Grand Blanc, Mich. 48489

#### Notice to Creditors

Marilyn J. Bernier Revocable Living Trust date July 24, 2008 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Marilyn J. Bernier, died June 30, 2017. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Craig R. Bernier, trustee, 501 Shelbourne Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15221. Date: July 21, 2017 David H. Cook P40560 5466 M-72 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5515 Craig R. Bernier, trustee 501 Shelbourne Avenue Pittsburgh, Pa. 15221

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### TWO ESTATE SALES

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# Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

## Transparency at the Veterans Administration

Once again, I'm impressed with Department of Veterans Affairs boss David Shulkin. He promised transparency in the V.A., and it appears he has delivered.

Starting recently, a (long) list of adverse employee actions is being posted online by and will be updated weekly as part of the V.A. Accountability and Whistleblower Protection Act.

The list goes back to Janu-

ary 20, the day the new administration went to Washington. The V.A. is the first federal agency to provide this list.

While the list doesn't contain employee names, it does list the V.A. region, job title and type of action taken, including demotions, suspensions over 14 days and terminations. It will be adding new categories of actions in future weekly updates.

There are a couple of unexplained things, such as requiring senior-level official signoffs on settlement actions above \$5,000. We're not talking department heads here. Maybe in future installments of the list we'll learn just what kinds of settlements are taking place.

To view the list, go to [www.va.gov/accountability](http://www.va.gov/accountability) and scroll down to the Adverse Actions list.

There's some interesting stuff there. One wonders what a pharmacy technician did to get removed, or why a registered nurse was suspended more than 14 days. In the course of one day at the same location, we see a medical support assistant, hospital housekeeping officer, nursing assistant and supervisory medical supply technician all being removed, while a maintenance mechanic got a sus-

pension. Inquiring minds want to know what happened.

Since the list went up a mere two weeks after President Donald Trump signed the Act, the V.A. must have been in a bit of a rush. The 27 pages of the list all still say at the top "For Official Use Only. Not for release outside of the Undersecretary and Secretary of Veterans' Affairs Office."

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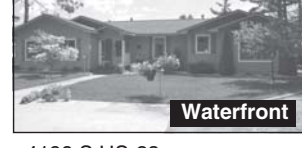
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grasslands. Believe it or not, even American bison once roamed Michigan's southern prairies."

Grasslands have become increasingly rare over the last 150 years due to the conversion of grasslands to agriculture. The rich soil and lack of trees made prairies, plains and other grasslands in North America prime lands for

farming. This conversion has led to a decrease in many grassland wildlife and plant species.

In Michigan, the Michigan Pheasant Restoration Initiative is working to improve, enhance and restore the state's remaining grasslands on private and public lands.

"Extensive grassland restoration work is in progress

at Lake Hudson State Recreation Area in Lenawee County, Verona State Game Area in Huron County, Sharonville SGA in Jackson and Washtenaw counties, and Maple River State Game Area in Gratiot County, as well as on other public and private lands in southern Michigan," said Al Stewart, DNR upland game bird spe-

cialist.

Bringing together many partners, this restoration work is a conservation initiative to restore and enhance Michigan pheasant habitat (grasslands), populations, and hunting opportunities on private and public lands via pheasant cooperatives.

The initiative works by ac-

quiring state and federal resources to assist landowners in the cooperatives to improve wildlife habitat on their properties and by improving grassland habitat on selected state game areas, recreation areas or other public lands.

To learn more about this restoration effort, visit [www.mi.gov./pheasant](http://www.mi.gov./pheasant).



Cattlemen and women from northern Michigan and Midland, Mich. gather at the Byelich farm on Poor Farm Road in Harrisville for a pasture walk to share information about rotational grazing and other aspects of their business. The pasture walk was hosted by the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) based in Midland, Mich. Gerald Lindquist of Michigan State University and Boyd Byelich (left), of NRCS, shared information about cattle production on his family's farm. Byelich explained cattle producers gather informally once a month in the winter and during the summer "go into the field" in summer at different locations to share information, about common interest in land management and sustainability. Byelich was raised on the farm and is a conservationist with the United States Department of Agriculture. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*



A male sharp-tailed grouse does its mating dance. (Photo courtesy of Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.)

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# Marine Sanctuary friends group receives \$200,000 in grants from Besser Foundation

Thanks to support from the Besser Foundation, Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary is expanding education and economic development opportunities in the Alpena area.

The Besser Foundation board of directors recently approved two grant proposals submitted by the Friends of Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary (TBNMS) totaling \$200,000.

"The Besser Foundation does not usually receive two grant proposals from the same organization within the same funding cycle, especially for such significant dollar amounts," said Gary Dawley, board secretary of the Besser Foundation, as he addressed more than 150 community members attending a Friends of TBNMS event, "All Aboard!," held at the Fletcher Street Depot recently.

"The reason the Besser Foundation board approved these two significant and exciting grants is pretty simple. Both projects will improve educational opportunities and increase tourism for Alpena, two of the Foundation's top funding priorities," Dawley said.

The Besser Foundation and its trustees have more than 70 years of experience providing financial support for Alpena development efforts with an ongoing focus on children, education, social needs, and continuous economic improvement within the community.

TBNMS Superintendent Jeff Gray was the host of the event and recognized how important community partnerships have been to expanding the sanctuary's reach. "The Besser Foundation has been invested in the sanctuary from the start.



The Lady Michigan is a 130-passenger glass-bottom boat used to explore shipwrecks in Lake Huron, and as a "floating laboratory" for schoolchildren to learn about Great Lakes history and ecology. *Courtesy photos.*

However, these two grants come at a critical time. The Friends of TBNMS is taking on two significant efforts that will have a direct and immediate impact on our community," Gray said.

The Besser Foundation is awarding a \$100,000 grant to the Friends of TBNMS for educational technology enhancements and a STEM (Science, Technology, Education and Math) educator for the Lady Michigan. Additionally, a portion of the grant will serve as matching dollars for another grant that the Friends recently received from the National Marine Sanctuary Foundation to promote sustainable recreation and tourism in northeast Michigan.

The Lady Michigan is a 130-passenger glass-bottom boat used to explore shipwrecks in Lake Huron, and as a "floating laboratory" for

schoolchildren to learn about Great Lakes history and ecology. The boat is a tourist attraction, with nearly 10,000 tickets sold each year, in addition to private charters.

While the Lady Michigan has been operated by Alpena Shipwreck Tours for six years, now the Friends of TBNMS will run it as a non-profit education vessel.

"This is the best the Lady Michigan has looked since first arriving in Alpena six years ago," said Chuck Wiesen, president of the Friends of TBNMS and a frequent guide on the boat. "The Friends board is truly grateful for all the work the crew and local contractors have done over the past few months to make the Lady

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This is the 500,000-gallon dive tank located on the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center (GLMHC) campus in which a water filtration system will be installed with the second grant.

## Help is available for survivors of domestic and sexual violence

**By Mary Weber**  
Staff Writer

Getting way from situations of sexual and domestic violence is complicated. It's a road filled with barriers and when those barriers include living in a rural area, it can be nearly impossible.

However, there is one organization, Hope Shores Alliance, which is working to make a difference in rural northeast Michigan for those who want to break free from an abusive relationship.

Each individual case is different, but according to Hope Shores Alliance Executive Director Katy Conklin, the biggest challenge is living in a rural community. "There are more barriers here. Economic barriers, geographic isolation, lack of transportation to get to services and services are spread out.

"Communities are small and everybody knows everybody so there is fear of confidentiality. An abuser will pull out all the tactics. They will take phones and computers away; some areas have no cell phone coverage or computer access. If you really want to isolate someone, you can up here. It's a challenge for someone to try and escape, especially if they have kids. Often women will stay because they feel they have no alternative for survival," Conklin said.

Hope Shores Alliance, formerly known as Shelter, Inc., began just helping survivors of domestic and sexual abuse in Alpena in 1977. According to Conklin, the organization was very grass roots that first year and people were opening their homes to shel-

ter families. A year later it was incorporated as a non-profit organization and expanded to five counties covering 3,004 square miles -- Alpena, Alpena, Iosco, Montmorency and Presque Isle.

Hope Shores Alliance believes everyone has the right to live in a safe environment and assists those affected by sexual and domestic violence and stalking and dating violence, she explained.

Survivors and their families can receive up to two years of support and specific assistance to provide a fresh start and break free from any danger. With an active, professional staff of 28, including two masters level social workers, and numerous volunteers, Hope Shores Alliance offers a wide variety of free, confidential and volun-

teer services and resources making it one of the largest organizations of its kind in the state of Michigan.

Services include a 24-hour, seven day a week, 365 days a year help and empowerment support line, education and prevention programs, emergency shelter, counseling, medical and legal advocacy, transitional supportive housing program, housing advocacy, adult and child support groups, social justice and system advocacy, volunteer program and two thrift stores.

The thrift stores, one located in Rogers City, Mich. and the other located in Oscoda, provide financial support for the programs and services offered by Hope Shores Alliance and is its largest source of unrestricted

funds. In addition, donations of clothing and household items are available to survivors at no cost though shopping vouchers during their transition period.

The organization provides medical crisis response after a sexual assault by helping to advocate for the survivor and give comfort and support during a sexual forensic exam.

Staff members will also accompany survivors in court, especially family court. "We can provide assistance with personal protection orders and have a small amount of money set aside from a grant to help with attorney costs for termination hearings or violation hearings," Conklin said. She also said gas card assistance is available to sur-

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# Lincoln's fine lady

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**By Mary Weber**  
Columnist

Some relationships start with a passing glance or a smile, some begin as friends and grow with communication, some, however, simply start with the wag of a tail.

The relationships between human and animal never cease to amaze me. Anyone who has owned a pet and felt that mutual kindred spirit, which only a devoted pet can give, knows exactly how deep that bond can be.

My husband and I have felt this with our own animals, many times, but we've never actually seen any of our pets bestow themselves to anyone, other than ourselves, until this year.

This year actually began for us back in late November when we learned my husband's mother, Agnes Weber, who is 95 years young, would be coming to stay with us for a while.

Having Agnes live with us was something Wil and I had been advocating for several years when we first became aware she should no longer live by herself. While her health is good, her gate is a bit wobbly, and she's had a few nasty falls, which caused cuts and broken bones. She's had two hip replacements and a few lengthy stays in rehabilitation centers as a result. Agnes uses a walker or wheelchair to get around.

It isn't every daughter or son's dream to have their aging parent live with them, but Agnes isn't your average mom. She has a wonderful personality, enjoys laughing and never complains about a thing. For years not only did my husband want his mom to live with him, but so did his brother and two sisters.

Wil's siblings all live downstate, as do the rest of our extended family. It was Agnes' home too for many years, so she chose to live there and moved in with Wil's brother.

In November, it was decided Agnes shouldn't be left alone for extended periods of time. Although she does fairly well, it was a concern for all of



**Alcona's Backyard**  
*By Mary Weber*

us. Wil's brother still works, as does his wife, and since Wil was the only sibling who stays at home most of his days and we had a home on one level which would be easy for her to navigate, Agnes decided she'd like to try northern living.

We were thrilled and immediately went to work to make

counters were "needed" too.

At one point, there wasn't a single room in the house, except for our bedroom, that wasn't in some state of upset.

Wil and I are not as young and capable of manual labor as we once were; and our two large dogs, Lincoln,



Lincoln and Agnes

sure her room was welcoming. Fresh paint, new carpet, and the installation of a doorway large enough for her to maneuver through with her walker or chair were first on the "to do" list. The guest bathroom was also remodeled with a walk-in shower, heated ceramic tile floor, heated towel rack and every other convenience we could think of to make sure she would be happy and comfortable.

Since Wil is handy and we watch a lot of home renovations shows, we tackled the renovation ourselves. It took longer than we originally planned because we'd get one project done and three more would crop up -- the kitchen needed painting and new flooring and, while we were tearing things up, new cupboards and

a 120-pound, 10-year-old Great Pyrenees, and Gustin, a seven-year-old, 70-pound Labrador mix, are not much help with grouting ceramic tile, but, could, when the mood struck, "help" by swishing their tail over freshly painted walls.

December went by in the blink of an eye. Finally, on a crisp January day, it was time for us to bring Agnes home.

As I looked around the house on the evening before, I was pleased. Everything was in its place, new towels were folded in her linen closet, a new comforter and sheets neatly tucked in place on her bed, all floor mats were removed

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and the new, easy to traverse flooring was warm and welcoming.

I glanced around proud of our efforts. That's when I saw him. A very large mass of panting white fur laying directly in the middle of the route Agnes would take several times a day.

"Hey Wil, what are we going to do about Lincoln and your mom? I'm not worried about Gustin because he'll get up and move when we ask him. But Lincoln is so old it's hard for him to get up." I said this out loud, knowing I was saying it more for myself than for Wil to answer.

Agnes has never had an inside dog for a pet, and wasn't all that fond of animals. I wondered how they would get along.

Lincoln is a senior-senior citizen in the Great Pyr world. Typically, Pyrs only live nine or 10 years and although it's difficult sometimes for him to get the back end of his five-and-a-half-foot spine to rise, it does still rise. He rarely has an accident in the house, he eats well and at times, he's as affectionate and playful as a puppy.

Great Pyrs are caregivers and protectors of the flock, and Lincoln has proven his worth by barking at every deer, rabbit, squirrel, porcupine and opossum we've ever had in our yard. The one time a bear muddled up our large dining room window, Lincoln said nothing. I believe he knew the bear was there, weighed the situation, and decided barking at a creature twice his size just wasn't a good idea.

The next morning, I explained to our fur-kids that a new member of the family would be joining us and they were to be on their very best behavior. Neither of them cared, they just wanted a cookie.

"Don't worry about it," Wil

said, "Either Lincoln will have to move so mom can get by or she'll have to learn to jump over him." The whole drive downstate I envisioned this sweet, little, 95-year-old lady pole-vaulting through the air to avoid Lincoln's massive body.

When she arrived, the dogs greeted her warmly with an excited sniff and ran to their bowls to be fed.

That night we coaxed Lincoln into a new spot so Agnes could get by and everything seemed fine. The following morning, however, Lincoln seemed restless, he wasn't sure where to lay until Agnes awoke and made her way to her chair. He followed her and, as she settled in, she told Lincoln he was a good boy.

You would have thought it was Christmas morning the old dog was so happy. He gazed at her adoringly and moved past her walker carefully, and laid his head on her lap for a pat on the head, which she gladly gave him.

From that day forward an inseparable bond formed. Lincoln, who still sleeps on the floor in our bedroom, awakes with eagerness and purpose. After a morning treat and a quick trip outside, he settles down next to Agnes' bedroom door to wait for her morning appearance. As soon as the door opens, he's in work mode and escorts the fine lady with a walker to her chair.

It's Christmas morning all over again for the aging canine as she gives him a nice pat on the head and tells him how good he is. His job for the remainder of the day, with just a few breaks in between, is to lay in front of her walker so that Gustin doesn't get close enough to accidentally push it out of her reach. When the lady is up, more often than not, Lincoln is up as her escort. When Lincoln's lady

goes to bed, Lincoln goes off duty.

On days when Lincoln is feeling his age and has issues getting up, Agnes, carefully maneuvers around him, all the time saying, "I'm okay Lincoln, you just stay there, don't get up." The two seem to have a perfect understanding of each other's needs and wants and it's been a delight to watch this relationship unfold.

We've have seen Lincoln take to guests before. He's always been good at watching over babies and elderly folk, but we've never seen the adoring affectionate glances he has for Agnes. We don't know how long Lincoln will be "in the way," but we all, including Agnes, hope its forever.

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

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- Brenda Weaver

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vivors who need gas to attend a meeting with an attorney or counselor. "Abusers use the same tactics in courts as they do in a home. It's just another venue, another way to exert power and control. They can drag out custody matters and try to make the survivor look bad and themselves look good. They are pretty good at it. They are master manipulators," Conklin said. She said sometimes it's the very systems in place to help protect survivors that can act as barriers.

Conklin believes there are

doesn't she (or he) leave, we should be asking why he/she (the abuser) is doing that," Conklin said.

Hope Shore Alliance's transitional supportive housing program is fundamental for survivors who feel they have no alternative. The program has had many successes including survivors who have been able to break free, return to school and become nurses and other professionals, according to Conklin.

For any survivor on the cusp of fleeing, Conklin said that Hope Shores Alliance

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~ Katy Conklin  
Executive Director  
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a lot of forces in play which creates a culture that sometimes normalizes abuse and blames the victim. "Certainly, we have a rape culture in our society. A lot of time everyone is blamed but the abuser or the rapist. There is a lot of shame and lack of support in communities. That's why we collaborate with all the systems a survivor or their family might be involved in. Courts and judges need to understand the nature and impact of the trauma. This is everybody's problem," Conklin said.

When people wonder why an abused person would stay in such a relationship, Conklin says it's because of the barriers in place. "Many times, they stay because of the children. Sometimes it's because they are going to be killed if they leave. That's a reality. We have had domestic homicides in our area. Usually one or more a year. When people try and leave the violence escalates. We shouldn't be asking why

service is free and confidential, "We believe you. You are not broken. We feel survivors are strong, resilient, resourceful, whole individuals who might need some help and support to deal with trauma they are experiencing, present or past, without judgement and conditions. It's just a phone call away. They will receive supportive listening, validation, and trauma informed services. No one will question your decision. The survivors are given all the tools and support we can give and they can come back at any time. The door is always open," she said.

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Michigan shine as a point of pride for the Alpena area.

"The Besser Foundation funding is a tremendous show of community support, enabling us take Alpena Shipwreck Tours' educational and tourist experience to a whole new level," Wiesen said.

The second \$100,000 grant from the Besser Foundation will help purchase and install a water filtration system for the 500,000-gallon dive tank located on the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center (GLMHC) campus. The grant also supports STEM education programming at the sanctuary.

Once the water filtration system and related construction work is completed, the tank will be the premier facility of its kind in the Great Lakes region and one of the few in the country of its size.

The 18-foot deep tank provides an ideal controlled environment for diver training and certification, testing of diver protocols and equipment, research and development of marine advanced technology, as well as STEM education for area elementary, high school, and college students.

State and local law enforcement and other public safety officers have utilized the tank for in-water training.

Installation will finish in time for the American Association of Underwater Scientists (AAUS) annual conference planned for September 12-16 at the GLMHC. The conference will attract approximately 150 of the country's top underwater scientists. They will share cutting-edge research, use the dive tank for training and certification demonstrations, interact with elementary and high school underwater robotics classes and Alpena Community College's Marine Advanced Technology students, and explore Thunder Bay's extensive array of fresh water shipwrecks.

"The AAUS conference is a perfect example of how this facility will benefit the Alpena area well into the future," said Gray. "There are very few places where professional divers and underwater scientists can access such a large, professional dive tank for controlled testing and training, adjacent to a major river system and a Great Lake with one of the world's largest collections of shipwrecks preserved in fresh water," Gray said.

"We were able to attract the conference to Alpena because of the tank and the fact that every skill-level of professional diving and underwater research can be experienced within minutes of the GLMHC," he said.

"These programs are truly collaborative in nature. As Alpena diversifies, these types of opportunities create a pipeline for future development. With projects like these, Alpena has the ability to become a statewide center of excellence in STEM education, advanced technology, and research," Dawley said.



# Organization Notes



## Lake Huron Sports Fishing Association



The Lake Huron Sports Fishing Association held its annual Physically Challenged Fishing Event at Cedarbrook Trout Farms recently. Over 70 physically challenged children and adults enjoyed the event with their caretakers. Scott Young (left) of Hawks, Mich., shows his catch with Gene Kirvan from the Lake Huron Sports Fishing Association. The event, which once took place on boats on the lake, has been enjoyed by participants of five counties for about 20 years. Each participant got a chance to fish and take home two trout. The picnic luncheon, catered by Rob Young of Mancino's, included a visit from the Cat in the Hat, Smokey Bear and a ride on the Oscoda American Legion Voyager Train 669 to the Sturgeon Point lighthouse and back. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

## Harrisville Business Association

The Harrisville Business Association met on July 13. The meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Ed Foster, treasurer; Tony Haight, vice chairman; Billie Thompson; Kiann Kruttlin; Doug Cheek; Louie Campbell; Ginger Campbell; Judie Labadie, secretary; Paul Labadie; Adam Ritchie; Vanessa Ritchie; Susan Haight; Tom Thomas; and Pat Bushey

June minutes were approved on a motion by Doug Cheek/Tony Haight. The financial report - quarterly financial report was presented by Ed Foster and accepted.

Old business: Scavenger Hunt Project - this project is on hold for now, needs to be reworked; very low participation from campers.

Collection of money and selling of water: the following schedule is for selling of water and chips -- July 19 - Susan Haight and KiAnn Kruttlin; July 26 -- KiAnn Kruttlin and Adam and Vanessa Ritchie; August 2 -- KiAnn Kruttlin and Louie and Ginger Campbell.

New business: Customer Appreciation Day - Event plan is underway. The six members of the committee have divided up responsibilities.

Doug Cheek provided samples of logo's that could be used for future HBA projects, stationary etc - to be further discussed at next meeting.

New Members - No new membership applications. Labor Day Parade is back on; two citizens of Harrisville are assuming project

Meeting Adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

The next meeting is Thursday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

The June 8 meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m. Present: Ed Foster, treasurer; Tony Haight, vice chairman; Cheryl Peterson, chairman; Mark Kovachevich; Kiann Kruttlin; Judy MacNeill; Doug Cheek; Ginger Campbell; Judie Labadie, secretary; Paul Labadie; Adam Ritchie; Jim Ferguson; Susan Haight; Tom Thomas; Connie Sysak;

Kathy Baird; and Kerry Rastique.

May minutes were approved on a motion by Doug Cheek/Tony Haight.

Old business: Redevelopment Ready Community (RRC) - The MEDC has accepted City of Harrisville into the RRC program. Additional meetings have been held and out of those meetings two steering committees have been formed: Economic Development Strategy and Public Participation Strategy these two committees will be scheduling meeting and looking for participation of businesses and citizens of the Harrisville community.

The Scavenger Hunt project is moving forward. Maps have been given to Harrisville State Park and campers will start to receive over Memorial Weekend.

New business: Welcome to Harrisville Flier 2017 the initial printing and distribution of the flier was completed. A motion by Judie Labadie, and approved by Tom Thomas, to

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Thank you South Shore Fire Department board members, New Life Lutheran Church, Alcona County Sheriff Department, the Community of Hubbard Lake, Gordon Food Service, Barton City Fire Department and the Alcona Township Fire Department.  
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**Tuesday, August 1**  
"Coffee Pot Terrariums" for teens & pre-teens  
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. - HARRISVILLE branch  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m. - MIKADO branch  
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**Wednesday, August 2**  
Two programs - 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.  
Classroom Critters\*\* - Live animal presentations!  
**Friday, August 4 - 10:15 a.m.**  
FROG DAY storytime & craft for ages 3-12  
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**Friday, August 5 - noon - 1:30 p.m.**  
Color Craze for Adults. All materials & refreshments provided.

**Thursdays, August 3 & 10 - 10 a.m. - noon**  
Free Range Crafts for Adults - Share craft ideas with like-minded crafters.

**Thursdays, July 27 & August 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - 8:30 a.m.**  
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# Biking trails offer many options to get outside and explore

For anyone seeking a cure for cabin fever, with warmer weather finally returning after months of torpor-inducing cold and gray, a bicycle and a trail just might be the perfect prescription.

"Bicycling is a great way to enjoy the great outdoors, while taking advantage of all the health and environmental benefits," said Elissa Buck, a recreation programmer for the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR). "It's also an opportunity to explore your community and state, such as the extensive statewide trail system, many scenic roads, state parks and much more."

Whether it's bicycling along a former railroad track or alongside a local county road or mountain biking across rugged terrain, Michigan has unique opportunities for bicyclists of all ages, types and skill levels.

Nationally recognized as "The Trails State," Michigan has more than 12,500 miles of state-designated trails and 2,600 miles of rail trails, more than any other state in nation.

There are generally two types of bike trails, linear trails and mountain bike trails.

Linear trails, also called rail trails, run from one point to another and usually follow an old railroad track, river or land feature. They typically cover long distances and can

be either improved or unimproved, with various surfaces including asphalt, limestone or natural dirt.

"The improved linear trails are built to American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials' standards, meaning they are 10 feet wide and meet Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) compliance," said Emily Meyerson, the DNR's northern Lower Peninsula trail coordinator. "Typically we call these bike trails or multiuse trails."

In addition to a number of linear trails managed by the DNR, many rail trails are managed locally - more information about these linear trails is available at michigantrails.org.

Mountain bike trails are narrower than linear trails. Usually they consist of a natural soil surface with changing slopes and gradients and are often open to other uses, such as hiking, as well.

"Mountain bike trails are typically a single track-type trail, usually built in a system, and have multiple loops in varying degrees of difficulty," said Meyerson. "They often have obstacles there on purpose, such as log or rock jumping."

Mountain bikers have some options when it comes to what type of riding experience they're looking for.

"Mountain biking trails can be very cross-country - with



The Huron Sunrise Trail in Presque Isle County follows the shore of Lake Huron from Rogers City through Hoeft State Park and to 40 Mile Point Lighthouse. *Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

hard-packed trails and smooth, fast flow - or more technical, with lots of obstacles and jumps," said Kristen Bennett, Iron Belle Trail coordinator for the DNR.

The DNR allows mountain biking on many of the state pathways and state park trails found across the state. To search for a list of Michigan state parks, recreation areas or rustic state forest campgrounds with designated mountain bike trails, visit [www.michigan.gov/recsearch](http://www.michigan.gov/recsearch).

Michigan is also home to some of the best road bicycling in the nation. Low-traf-

fic backroads with incredible scenic vistas connect small towns and state parks. Bikes are allowed on all paved and non-paved roads in all 103 state parks and recreation areas. The Michigan Department of Transportation has regional maps showing the best roads for biking, and those to avoid.

One way to start a biking adventure is to jump on Michigan's Iron Belle Trail, the longest state-designated trail in the nation at more than 2,000 miles long. Running from Belle Isle Park in Detroit to Ironwood in the western Upper Peninsula, the

trail goes through 48 counties and 240 townships in the state.

The Iron Belle Trail features two routes, one for biking and one for hiking. The 791-mile bicycle route, now 64 percent complete, utilizes existing multiuse trails and follows US-2, a designated national bicycling route in the Upper Peninsula.

The Iron Belle Trail continues to expand, thanks in part to fundraising efforts that are enabling development of new trail segments.

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**Water Warriors**



The Water Warriors, an organization that raises funds for Special Olympics of Michigan, made its 27<sup>th</sup> annual jet ski ride from Mackinaw City, Mich. to Harsens Island July 21 through 28, with a stop at the Harrisville Harbor on July 25. Since the group's first ride, the Water Warriors have raised more than \$2.3 million to support Special Olympians. (Front row, from left) Special Olympians Corey Barwick, Jessie Smith, Lena Lee, Natalie Hopcroft, Devon Noris, (middle row) Water Warriors Johnathon Markel, Mary Rener, (back row) Jeff Doolin, John Vandabossche, Peggy Vandabossche, Chris Johns, Ann Plegue, and Tom Chauvin. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

# The basics of using downriggers

A downrigger is ideal when fishing the Great Lakes as it allows for controlled-depth fishing and targeting species suspended in the water column. For anyone considering using a downrigger in the future, keep in mind three things:.

- Manual vs. Electric -- Making a choice between manual and electric depends on how much you want to spend, how often you fish, and how big your boat is. Manual downriggers are less expensive than electric but require more work on the part of the angler.
- Cannonballs -- This is the weight lowered by the downrigger that is attached to your lure. These weights usually range from four to 14 pounds. Make a selection based on how deep you intend to fish (the deeper you go the more weight you need).
- Leads -- This is the amount of line between your cannonball and your lure. It also determines how your lure acts in the water. The deeper you fish the shorter the lead needs to be.

## Fishing Report

### Northeast Lower Peninsula July 20

- Mackinaw City: Pier anglers drifting worms or casting spoons and spinners did not have much luck. Boat anglers caught smallmouth bass in Cecil Bay when using artificial baits.
- Cheboygan: Anglers are not getting as many walleye but the fish caught were averaging 19 inches. Smallmouth bass were averaging about 18 inches and some weighed up to seven pounds.
- Cheboygan River: Many shore anglers fishing the Bois Blanc ferry dock or in front of the DNR office have caught walleye, smallmouth bass, rock bass, bluegills, catfish, suckers and freshwater drum with crawlers or leeches on a plain hook with a slip bobber

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# Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of July 17-23, 2017

**139 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 10 Arrests; 5 Warrant Arrest; 2 Drive While License Suspended; 2 Operate While Intoxicated; 1 Domestic; 8 Traffic Tickets Issued.**

### Complaint Statistics

Car Deer	5	Traffic/Traffic Stop	43
Medical	27	Warrant Arrest	5
Property Damage Accident	2	Personal Injury Accident	1
Assist	4	Animal/Dog	6
Miscellaneous	6	Suspicious Event	11
Well Being Check	3	Personal Prot. Order Vio.	1
Drive While License Susp.	2	Unwanted Subject	1
Civil	5	Perjury	1
Operate While Intoxicated	2	Domestic	2
Larceny	2	Harassment	3
Neighbor Trouble	2	Trespass	1
Fire	1	Found Property	1
Assault	1	Alarm	1

### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	8	Caledonia	14	Curtis	17
Greenbush	16	Gustin	9	Harrisville	13
Hawes	14	Haynes	6	Mikado	8
Millen	9	Mitchell	8		
City of Harrisville	12	Village of Lincoln	5		

## Organization Notes

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have flier updated to reflect new members and reprint for additional distribution throughout the community.

Summer Concert Series – HBA has volunteered to collect money on July 12 and July 19. Further discussion was held about selling water and chips at the Summer Concert Series. Cheryl Peterson will be attending the City Council meeting, requesting

approval for this project. KiAnn Kruttlin suggest that volunteers working this event wear name tags and HBA has signage present.

Summer Concert Series brochure - The City of Harrisville is requesting assistance with the printing cost of the annual concert flier. The shared cost for printing is \$83.33. A motion by Ed Foster/KiAnn Kruttlin. Approved

expense.

Customer Appreciation Day is scheduled for August 12 and planning is underway.

New Members: Harrisville Harbor of Refuge, Inspiration Alcona, Precious Paws Resale Shoppe and Biddinger, Bitzer, Pelto and Rastigue. Motion to approve by Cheryl Peterson/Doug Cheek. Approved.

### VFW Post No. 6754 Auxiliary

The July meeting was held with seven members present. Frances Ziesman served as guard and Donna Bushey served as conductress. Secretary Kathy Carriveau read the minutes from the June meeting as well as the Michigan Connection. Treasurer Sandy Light gave the financial report.

The Treasurer will send in the bond application and the auxiliary authorized a cash donation to the Huron Shores Fellowship Church in Erma Wyers' memory. It was noted that Erma Wyers' memorial

service was attended by Norma Alstrom, Karen Alstrom and Kathy Vichunas on behalf of the auxiliary and Chuck Gauthier and Al Vichunas attended on behalf of the post.

Frances Ziesman advised that get well cards were sent to Mary Ann Seymour, Norma Alstrom and Irene Chroniger. Happy birthday wishes also went out to Irene Chroniger whose birthday was July 5. The next District 11 meeting will be held on Sunday, Aug 13 at the Linwood-Kawkawlin Post. President Vichunas

advised that the notice of auxiliary inspection was received and the auxiliary inspection is scheduled for October 3. The next auxiliary meeting will be held on August 1 at 7 p.m.

## Horseshoe League

Northern  
July 20


Mikado 1	112
B.C' 1	76
Glennie 2	76
B.C. 2	71
Mikado 2	69
Glennie 1	68
Swamp 1	56
Eagles 1	48

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# Fishing Report Continued from page 9B

or a crawler harness.

• **Rogers City:** The better fishing has been when colder water is higher in the water column. Anglers have caught chinook, coho and Atlantic salmon, lake trout, steelhead and the occasional walleye in the top 25 to 30 feet of waters 50 to 120 feet deep. Orange and green spoons were good. For lake trout, try spin-glos, attractors and spoons. Chinook were caught before sunrise and after sunset. Good colors for spoons were green, blue, black and white, green and blue or anything that glows. Look for baitfish to increase catch rates.

• **Rockport:** Anglers were taking a nice mix of trout, salmon and walleye. The thermocline has been changing a lot so pay close attention to wind conditions that will roll the lake over and bring the colder water up top. Most were fishing in 60 to 130 feet with lines throughout the water column. Use bright colors up high. The fish are scattered so try straight out, around Middle Island, the Nordmeer Wreck, off False Presque Isle and Stoneport.

• **Long Lake:** In Presque Isle County had steady walleye fishing.

• **Alpena:** Anglers continue to find decent numbers of lake trout when trolling spoons or spin-glos near the bottom in 90 to 140 feet off Thunder Bay Island and the first set of "humps." A couple of steelhead were caught in the top 30 feet.

Walleye fishing was slow during the day but anglers did well at night when trolling crank baits and harnesses behind dipseys, planers, or bottom bouncers in 18 to 30 feet off Sulphur Island, Partridge Point, or in front of Bay View Park. Smallmouth bass, pike and freshwater drum were also caught. A few good size smallmouth were taken by those casting crank baits, jigging tube baits or drop-shotting in Squaw Bay, off North Point and near Grass and Sulphur Islands.

• **Thunder Bay River:** Those casting body baits or drifting crawlers and leeches near the bottom or under a bobber caught a couple nice walleye. Smallmouth bass, rock bass,

freshwater drum, and bullhead were also caught on crawlers. Pike, bowfin and smallmouth bass were caught on crank baits.

• **Oscoda:** Still had good lake trout action when trolling spoons or spin-glos near the bottom in 90 to 140 feet straight out from the river and around the "humps." A couple steelhead and pink salmon were caught in the top 30 feet. Pier anglers caught walleye, channel cats, carp and freshwater drum with leeches and crawlers near the bottom.

• **AuSable River:** Walleye were caught by those trolling harnesses with bottom bouncers or drifting crawlers and leeches through the deeper holes between Oscoda and the Whirlpool access. Legal sized fish were few and far between. Some rock bass and freshwater drum when taken by those drifting or floating crawlers. A few smallmouth bass were caught on crawlers or crank baits.

• **Higgins Lake:** Good numbers of rock bass have been caught on minnows or crawlers along the drop-offs. Perch were still being caught but

they are running small.

• **Houghton Lake:** Was producing lots of bluegills in two to three feet of water. Walleye anglers trolling a jig and leech have caught fish along the weed beds. Bass were also caught. Those targeting pike say the fish are hitting on just about anything but most of the fish were small.

• **Tawas:** Most of those trolling for walleye were heading over near the Charity Islands. The key is to find the warmer water and that's where the fish will be. Everyone was getting fish including some limit catches. Those not wanting to head out that far were fishing the weed beds off Jerry's Marina where they caught walleye and pike when trolling above the weeds or casting into the holes in the weed beds.

• **Tawas River:** Shore anglers caught a mix of catfish, freshwater drum and bass.

• **AuGres:** Walleye anglers were crossing over to the Charity Islands or heading south of Pointe AuGres and fishing in 20 to 30 feet around the "humps" northeast of the end of the shipping channel in the warmer water.

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Boots squish in wet moss  
a lovely song for wandering  
blue truck awaits  
Loth to leave such beauty  
she was once with me  
Standing, wondering  
what it all has meant  
Willow, cedar, and moss whisper  
but I can't hear what they say.

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caressed by waves  
The park borders  
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slides, like footsteps  
in yielding sand  
From a bridge  
the creek sounds  
it's voice over rocks  
From dense cedars  
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*(Editor's Note: Both poems are by Douglas Larkins of Mikado.)*

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## Trails Continued from page 7B

Foundation – in partnership with the DNR, MDOT, the Michigan Trails and Greenways Alliance and local community groups – is spearheading the Iron Belle Trails Campaign to raise \$168 million in private funding to leverage the investment state, federal and local government agencies and other partners have already made in building the trail.

“The goal is to create a trail system where both residents and visitors can enjoy the scenic views, cultural heritage, vibrant communities and natural resources that Michigan has to offer,” said J.J. Tighe, president and chief executive officer of Michigan Fitness Foundation.

“Trail systems have proven to be a boon to both rural and urban areas – they improve health, the economy and communities by promoting physical activity, tourism and community connections,” Tighe said.

Tighe pointed to Karen’s Trail – named in honor of Karen McKeachie, who was struck by a car and killed while biking on the road in 2016 – as an example of projects the Iron Belle Trails Campaign will support.

Karen’s Trail is an effort, kicked off a few weeks ago, to help fund completion of the Border-to-Border Trail in southeastern Michigan and connect it to the Iron Belle Trail. Organizers aim to pro-

vide safe, non-motorized pathways for bikers and other outdoor recreationists to enjoy.

Tighe said Karen’s Trail is just one example.

“We are seeing the same momentum from Detroit to Kent County to the more rural areas of the northern Lower Peninsula,” Tighe said. “This type of resource is great all across our state.”

While the Iron Belle Trail and other biking trails around the state offer many opportunities to explore pristine forests, pass along cool rivers and visit charming towns, some trails also provide the chance to learn more about Michigan’s history.

The multiuse, year-round Iron Ore Heritage Trail in Marquette County, for example, shares the story of the area’s iron-mining past – and how it changed the landscape of Marquette County and the United States – through educational interpretive panels, sculptures and a connection to the Michigan Iron Industry Museum in Negaunee Township. In July each summer, Iron Industry Museum staff leads popular Iron Ore Heritage Trail bike tours.

The Native American Cultural History Trail on Mackinac Island helps visitors learn more about the history and impact of Native Americans on the Great Lakes through a series of interpretive stations,

with bicycle parking, along the road around the perimeter of the island.

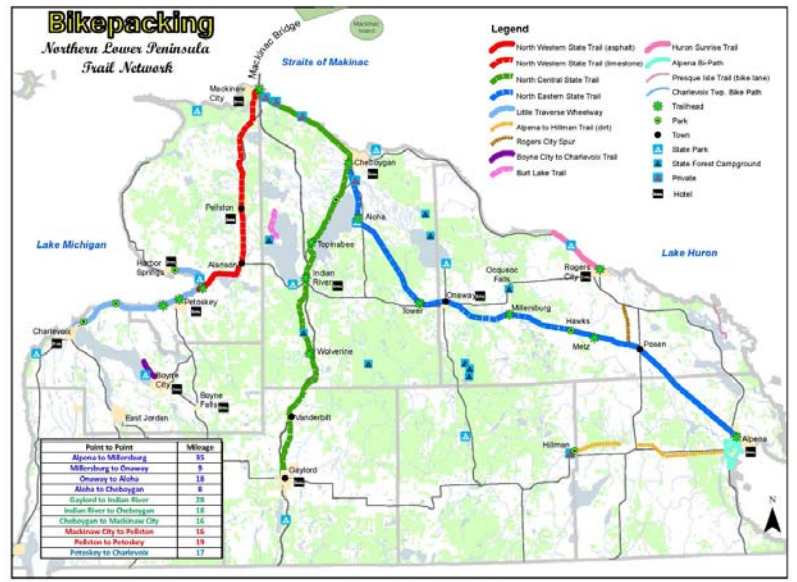
For those who want to make a weekend, or a whole vacation, of their biking adventure, there’s something called “bikepacking.”

“Bikepacking is riding a bicycle longer distances, staying overnight along the way at either hotels or campsites,” said Meyerson. “Bring minimal gear with you and stay in a hotel or pack up your panniers or trailer and camp out under the stars.”

Meyerson said the northern Lower Peninsula is Michigan’s premier bikepacking destination, with a network of more than 200 miles of bicycle trails crisscrossing the area and expanding every year.

“Bikepacking the northern Lower Peninsula you can stay entirely on easy, developed bicycle trails or combine trails and rural roads, creating an endless number of opportunities,” said Meyerson. “There are plenty of hotels and various types of camping opportunities. Small-town charm, historic sites and beautiful vistas are around every corner.”

Cyclists don’t have to stop biking even when winter rolls around again. Trails for fat-tire bikes, which are off-road bicycles with oversized tires designed to allow riding on soft, unstable terrain like snow, are becoming more common.



A map showing bikepacking places in the northern Lower Peninsula.

“Fat-tire bike trails offer a winter version of bicycling,” Bennett said. “This is the latest trend in cycling and is not available everywhere yet, but more and more trails of this type are being put in.”

Earlier this year, the DNR designated 10.7 miles of winter fat tire bike trail at the Little Presque Isle tract, situated a few miles north of Marquette in Marquette County.

“Little Presque Isle is increasingly becoming a popular place for biking, in addition to its attractions for anglers, campers, hikers and swimmers,” said John Pepin, DNR deputy public information officer. “These trails are just one example of the numerous biking opportunities

available here in the Upper Peninsula.”

Learn about Michigan biking trails, and a variety of other trails, and find trail maps on the DNR website at [michigan.gov/dnrtrails](http://michigan.gov/dnrtrails).

“Michigan trails offer so many opportunities for residents and visitors of all ages – whether it’s families or individuals – to enjoy the outdoors,” said Paul Yauk, state trails coordinator for the DNR. “Some of these trails might be in your own backyard, so get out and explore.”

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