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## Road commission plans for summer projects

The Alcona County Road Commission is gearing up for another busy year of road work.

There are four road construction projects on the list that will have an impact on travel for motorists in various areas of the county this season.

Classified as federal aid roads, more specifically, roads that are major thoroughfares or connecting routes to state trunkline routes or other federal routes, these projects qualify for special funding from the Federal Highway Administration from different funding categories.

Federal aid, or funding from the Federal Highway Administration Transportation Trust Fund, dates to when the National Highway System was established in the mid 1950s to promote the efficient movement of goods and services across the United States on a network of major connecting roads.

Still bearing the original classification of important connectors, such roads built as part of that system remain eligible for the various federal aid funding sources.

• Bamfield Road in Curtis Township qualified for funding under the High Risk Rural Road (HRRR) program and will see safety improvements to a section from Garrett Road to DeMotte Road west of Glenne.

Scheduled to start the first part of June, D. J. McQuestion & Sons, Inc. from LeRoy, Michigan will be the lead contractor on the job.

Plans are to dig up the existing surface, rework and realign a section to improve driveability, replace culverts, install new guardrail, add new traffic-directing signage, repave, and etch in roadside traffic-guiding rumble strips. The project is anticipated to be complete the first part of August. Except for minor, short-term delays, traffic is expected to be maintained during construction.

• Improvements to the intersection of Walker Road at Poor Farm Road in Harrisville Township also qualify for funding from the HRRR program.

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Fire consumes Smokey's Restaurant and Tavern, a long-standing business and popular social gathering place. The business is located on Hubbard Lake Road at the East Bay of Hubbard Lake. According to Alcona County Sheriff Deputy and Fire Investigator Robert Clink, the fire was reported at 11:30 p.m. on Thursday, May 3 by the bartender, who was serving two patrons at the time. All exited the building without injury. Wes Theim, chief, Hubbard Lake Fire Department, flames were coming through the roof of the building when he arrived on the

scene. Fire fighters worked into the next afternoon to extinguish the fire, and returned to put out an area that rekindled the same afternoon. He estimated 100,000 gallons of water were used to fight the blaze, and much of it was taken from Hubbard Lake. No one was injured while fighting the fire. Alcona Township and Sanborn Township fire departments provided mutual aid. The incident is under investigation. The owner of the business is Brian Sanders, who lives downstate. *Photo courtesy of Cyndi Apsey.*

## Exchange students leave lasting memories

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Alcona High School teachers will soon be saying goodbye to three exchange students who came here for an opportunity learn about life in the United States and rural, northeast Michigan.

However, it wasn't just the exchange students who benefited from the experience, as they have imparted a wealth of knowledge about their own countries and experiences with teachers, students and the community.

Tommaso Venditti, from Turin, Italy, Kairat Tagaev, from Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan and Ugne Jurgaityte from Klaipeda, Lithuania began their journey to Alcona County nearly nine months ago. Since arriving they have made numerous friends, met community members through presentations and volunteerism, and participated in school sports. And, because of their outgoing personalities, they have even been selected by their peers to hold positions on homecoming courts.

Jim Bouchard who teaches government, economics and world history at the high school has had all three students in his classroom. He explained that typically, a student from a foreign country are introverted for a while, and may take weeks or months to get acclimated to

their new peers and surroundings, but Venditti, Tagaev and Jurgaityte were open and personable right from the start.

Bouchard utilized the exchange student's willingness to talk about their countries in the classroom. "They have been a blessing to have in class. I put them on the spot all year to use as a resource. It was fascinating to think of something relatively mun-

dane to us and then see how it compared to how their country experiences it," Bouchard said.

Whether talking about health care, gas prices, or pop culture, nearly every day a topic would arise when students would ask one of their exchange peers how the issue was handled or what they paid for something in their country.

The exchange students

## Threat puts school district on lockdown, early release

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

An investigation into a "threat of violence" at Alcona Community Schools is ongoing following a lockdown and early dismissal last Thursday.

According to Alcona County Sheriff Sgt. Scott Stephenson, a "nonspecific" threat of violence was found in the boys bathroom of the middle/high school around 9:30 a.m. on May 3. He explained it was not a bomb threat nor a threat to shoot.

Following the discovery, the school district initiated a lockdown.

According to Alcona Community Schools Superintendent Dan O'Connor, "at

10:15 am we made the decision, after talking with law enforcement, that it was safe and appropriate to send students home for the day. We scheduled buses to arrive at 11 a.m. to begin picking up the 6-12 grade students and then head to the elementary.

After conducting an investigation, along with law enforcement, we collectively made the decision to hold school on Friday, but with added officer presence and on a soft lockdown."

Officers from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department continue to conduct interviews for the investigation.



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## Fire Report

A Greenbush residence on Cedar Lake Drive was lost to fire on Friday, May 4. According to Greenbush Fire Chief Steve Franks, the department was called out at 11:30 p.m. to find the home fully involved by fire.

Franks explained the area was experiencing high winds and power lines were down across the township. A generator at the residence was operating at the time the fire started. Homeowners, Robert and Kay Groulx were in their home at the time of the fire and were able to get out without injury.

Mikado Fire Department assisted in fighting the fire and fire fighters cleared the scene at approximately 2:30 a.m.



## Police Report

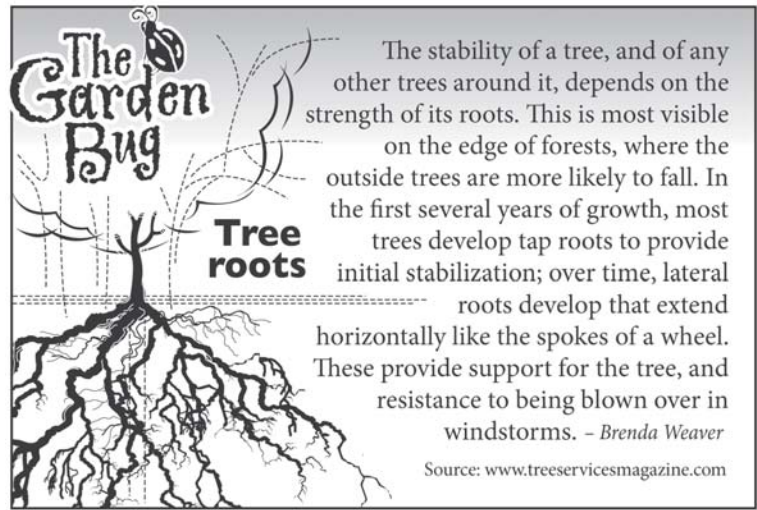
Two motorists sustained serious injuries in a head-on collision on Monday morning on Maria Road near Baywood Court the south end of Hubbard Lake in Alcona Township.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, at 9:45 a.m. Kristy K. O'Dea, 43, of Hubbard Lake was driving a black Cadillac Escalade north on Mt. Maria Road when she crossed the centerline and struck a silver Jeep Wrangler driven by Francis Joseph Leitheim, 67, of Lapeer, Mich.

Jaws of Life units were used to remove Leitheim from his vehicle. Neither vehicle had passengers. Both drivers were transported to Mid Michigan Health in Alpena and later taken to Mid Michigan Health in Midland, Mich.

First responders to the scene came from Alcona EMS, Hubbard Lake Fire Department, Southshore Fire Department, Barton City Fire Department, Lincoln Fire Department, and Lincoln DNR Fire Unit.

The incident remains under investigation by the Alcona County Sheriff's Department with assistance from Alpena County Sheriff's Department.



**The Garden Bug**  
**Tree roots**

The stability of a tree, and of any other trees around it, depends on the strength of its roots. This is most visible on the edge of forests, where the outside trees are more likely to fall. In the first several years of growth, most trees develop tap roots to provide initial stabilization; over time, lateral roots develop that extend horizontally like the spokes of a wheel. These provide support for the tree, and resistance to being blown over in windstorms. — Brenda Weaver  
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Katterman Trucking, Inc., of Hale has already started tree removal, which will be followed by modifications to the horizontal alignment of Walker Road to better alert motorists to stop, repaving, installation of raised transverse rumble strips prior to the intersection, and enhanced pavement markings and signing to include LED-lit stop signs.

Traffic will be maintained on the Walker Road project, but motorists will encounter minor delays. Completion is expected in late June.

According to Alcona County Road Commission Managing Director Jesse Campbell, both of the safety improvement projects are on sections of road that are seemingly not problematic for most drivers; however, both roads have crash statistics that suggest otherwise, qualifying them for funding directed at decreasing the statistics through enhancements and modifications to help motorists better negotiate these areas.

The other two projects slated for this year using federal funding are on Mt. Maria Road in Hawes Township and on F-41 in Mikado Township. Both projects are continuations of previous projects and both are the last in a three-phase plan.

These two projects are funded by allocations to the Alcona County Road Commission under the Surface Transportation Program and the Transportation Economic Development Fund, respectively.

- The work on Mt. Maria Road will be from Hilltop Parkway to Anne Street and will include replacing the existing asphalt surface, adding guardrail, and installing new signing.

Bolen Asphalt of East Ta was will be the main contractor and expects to begin work the first part of June, with completion scheduled for late June. Traffic is expected to be allowed through the project during the construction, but motorists again should expect delays.

- The F-41 project will be done by Elmer's Crane and Dozer, Inc. of Traverse City, Mich. and affects the section

from Andrews Road to F-30. Work is slated to begin around the end of July, with a target of finishing by the end of August. The project will include crushing and shaping the existing asphalt surface, repaving, updating guardrail, and replacing signs.

In addition to these projects, plans for local projects including gravel improvements, replacing culverts, and seal coating are still being negotiated with townships, who step up to help pay for many road improvements. All in all, motor-

ists should be prepared to encounter road work as road crews get set for another busy road construction season in Alcona County

The Alcona County Road Commission maintains over 700 miles of roads. Questions or concerns about the 2018 road projects, road funding, or any other road issues, should be directed to the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake Street, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, Mich. 48742, by phone at (989) 736-8168 or by e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com.



## Obituaries

### Peresephone Reynolds

Peresephone "Doc" Reynolds, 73, of Clinton Township, Mich., formerly of Harrisville died on Wednesday, May 2, 2018 at home.

She was born September 11, 1944 to William and Leida (Smith) Reynolds in Pontiac, Mich. She grew up in Lake Orion and graduated from Lake Orion High School.

She received a bachelor's degree and master's degree from Eastern Michigan University and received a doctorate degree from Indiana University in Pennsylvania (IUP).

Miss Reynolds moved to Harrisville in 1971 and began teaching for the Oscoda Area Schools and Alpena Community College until her retirement in 2007.

She served on the Harrisville City Council as an alderman for Ward III from September 1987 until December 2005. She served on the Harrisville Planning Commission from 2010 to 2013.

Miss Reynolds and her partner, Gloria Laurette, owned the L&R Speedwash in Harrisville for 20 years.

She was an avid reader and enjoyed tending to her flower garden.

Miss Reynolds always had a special bond with her students and fellow teachers and she enjoyed visiting with many at the Huron Poker Room in Oscoda.

Dr. Reynolds moved to Clinton Township in 2016 to be closer to family.

After 48 years as life partners, Miss Reynolds and Gloria Laurette were married on April 15, 2017 at their home in Clinton Township, Mich.

Miss Reynolds is survived by her wife, Gloria Laurette; 20 nieces and nephews; 30 great-nieces and nephews; and several cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents.  
A memorial will be held in Oscoda at a later date.

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Weekly Report			Miles Per Hour			
Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	High	Low				
April 29	43	28	0.00	5.2	20	E
April 30	62	28	0.00	5.0	24	SSW
May 1	82	43	0.00	6.0	32	SSW
May 2	78	44	0.05	5.1	30	SW
May 3	48	37	0.19	2.2	14	NNE
May 4	54	39	1.46	4.6	26	W
May 5	72	39	0.00	3.1	16	W
Precipitation Summary (Inches)						
	2018	2017	Normal			
Weekly Total	1.70	1.08	0.56			
Month of April	3.51	5.95	2.31			
May to Date	1.70	0.91	0.40			
Year/Season to Date	9.39	11.44	7.95			
Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)						

# Calendar of Events

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 9**

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. Call (989) 727-3606 for details.

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

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

Celebrate Earth Day with a free tree giveaway (while supplies last) at all branches of the Alcona County Library. Compliments of the Alcona Conservation District.

My Brother's Hope Free Store will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

The flower-themed annual dinner meeting of the League of Women Voters of Alpena County will be held at 5:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Alpena. For reservations, call Pauline Buchner at (989) 340-0391 or email pbuchner@charter.net.

Region 14A-MEA Retired group will meet at the Camp Inn Lodge, 3111 US-23, Oscoda at 10 a.m. A representative from Blue Cross Blue Shield will be the guest speaker. Call (989) 356-4551 or (800) 587-5545 for details.

**THURSDAY, MAY 10**

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

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.

**FRIDAY, MAY 11**

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.

An open house will be held from 5:30 to 7 p.m. for featured artist, Ellen LaCross, at Thunder Bay Art Gallery, 127 West Chisholm Street in

Alpena. The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

Sliders will be available from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at the Ossineke Eagles for members and guests. Cost is \$5. Call (989) 471-5047.

**SATURDAY, MAY 12**

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

My Brother's Hope Free Store will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). Call (989) 335-3541 for details.

My Brother's Hope Potluck Cafe will be serving a meal from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). For more information, call (989) 335-3541.

**MONDAY, MAY 14**

Friends of Alcona County Library will meet at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

Play pinochle at the Greenbush Township Hall at 2:30 p.m. Everyone is invited. Call Barb Taylor at (989) 739-7029 for details.

**TUESDAY, MAY 15**

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The selection for May is "Hillbilly Elegy" by J. D. Vance. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Play euchre at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center,

207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Emergency Food Assistance Program will distribute commodities from 10 a.m. to noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 16**

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

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

The Iosco-Alcona Chapter of the Michigan Association of Retired School Personnel will meet at 10:30 a.m. at the IRESA building located west of Tawas on M-55. All retired school personnel and friends are invited to attend. Call (989) 739-2635 for details.

**THURSDAY, MAY 17**

Join 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.

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# Greenbush Township

## Annual Spring Clean-up

### Saturday, May 12

### 8:00am - 2:00pm

**Items NOT Accepted**

- >BROKEN CONCRETE
- >WHOLE JUNK CARS
- >HAZARDOUS WASTE
- >COMMERCIAL BUILDING MATERIALS
- >HOUSEHOLD GARBAGE
- >GAS TANKS
- >FUEL OIL TANKS
- >PAINT (NOT DRIED)

*The site is the same as last year. Travis Sanitation, 3522 Kings Corner Road, Oscoda Township. Have proof of residency, or you will be charged.*

**As in the past, the fire fighters are here to HELP. They would appreciate your help.**

Questions? Call Dave Dailey (989) 569-3519 or Lee Major (989) 724-0716

**NON RESIDENTS OF GREENBUSH**

Residents of surrounding areas will be accepted at this site, but there will be a charge for disposal of your load(s). The charge will be charged by the size and amount of the load.

Please separate your load such as tires, scrap metal, white goods, junk, etc.

**There will be a \$2.00 charge on all tires - more on truck & implement tires**

\$45./ea charge for Freon related items, i.e refrigerators, etc.

Residents or property owners must show proof of residency or tax bill



## Local Notes



### Clarification

In the stories about Cona the new therapy dog for Alcona Elementary students, the Review neglected to provide a direct contact to Mael Fritz-Wilson, who will be handling Cona and is raising money for the therapy dog program. She can be reached by calling (989) 736-5993 or by emailing: cona@alcona-schools.net.

### Spring Arts Showcase

The 2018 Alcona Community Schools Spring Arts Showcase will be held on Tuesday, May 15 from 5 to 7:30 in the new gymnasium. This annual event will again be showcasing over 200 student projects from grades 7-12 that have been completed throughout the 2017-2018 school year. The community is invited to view many of the projects and pieces of work completed by the Alcona Community Schools wood-working and art programs. In addition, eighth grade students will also be presenting their Make a Difference (MAD) Projects. The High School robotics team and the sixth grade robotics team will also have their robots on display. This is an opportunity to check out the hard work of the many talented students from the community.

### Senior Menu

The following meals will be served during the week at 4 p.m. in Glennie at Lott Baptist Church; at 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center; and at 4:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. No reservations are required at the Lincoln Senior Center, however call (989) 736-8879 by 7 a.m. for meals served in Glennie or Greenbush. No membership is required. Suggested donation of \$3 per meal is welcome.

- Monday, May 14—Baked spaghetti, green beans, tossed salad, pears, and garlic bread.

- Tuesday, May 15—Breaded pork chop, baked potato, squash, mixed fruit, and a muffin.

- Wednesday, May 16—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli, and tropical fruit.

- Thursday, May 17—Chicken salad on flat bread, potato salad, and peaches.

- Friday, May 18—Pork tips in gravy over egg noodles, Prince Charles blend, tossed salad, and pineapple.

*(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

### Library Award

Denise Bearre, director of the Alcona County Library, received the June B. Mendel Award in Rural Library Excellence from Roger Mendel, Director of Northland Library Cooperative during the May 1 ceremony at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme, Mich. The award is given every other year by the Library of Michigan Foundation at the Loleta Fyan Rural and Small Library Conference.



Denise Bearre receives award from Roger Mendel.

The June B. Mendel Award comes with a \$1,000 gift from the Library of Michigan Foundation's June B. and Roger Mendel Fund. The Alcona County Library serves 10,942 residents in northeast Michigan and excels at programming large and small. Alcona County does not have a movie theatre, so the library partnered with Inspiration Alcona, a local nonprofit dedicated to the arts, to present monthly classic movies and a professor-led series on the history of comedy films.

In 2017, the library received an environmental initiative grant of more than \$22,000 from the Laura Musser Fund and it has been working with the MSU Extension and local groups to develop a Reading Garden and Book Trail. Additionally, the library was selected by

the Michigan Humanities Council to host the Smithsonian Water/Ways exhibit in 2018.

### On Stage

The Shoreline Players Youth Drama Association (SPYDA) will be presenting the interactive, improv mystery "The Case of the Missing..." on Saturday, May 12 at 7 p.m. The story begins as Fanny Fluffernutter's memorial service is ending. Family and friends have gathered to pay their last respects, or have they? At the garden party luncheon following the service is the reading of Fanny's will which will expose everyone's true motives for attending.

Youth cast in the show are Cara Bray, Kaleb Bray, Lane Bray, Chris Danielson, Jaidalyn Kotula, Jennalee Kotula, Hannah Moore, Andrew Moore, Aaron Nelson, Angelee Nelson, Natalie Nelson, Nathaniel Nelson, Rylan Taylor, Kaleb Williams and Rose Wilson. Shoreline adult members cast in the show include Diener, Shana Forbes, Tim Curtis and Kathy Abernathy.

Diener is also the stage manager and Chelsea Miller is working back stage. The tech crew is Sue Miller along with SPYDA member Alex Wilson. Crystal Peters is in charge of the box office. "The Case of the Missing..." is written and provided by J. D. and Chris Hock. The Shoreline production is directed by Renee Diener and produced by Sue Miller. Chelsea Miller is serving as assistant producer.

Tickets are \$5 and will be available at the Shoreline box office. The Shoreline Players Theater is located at 6000 N. Skeel Ave. in Oscoda, next to the Robert Parks Library on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base. For more information on this production or any upcoming Shoreline events you can go to [www.shorelineplayers.org](http://www.shorelineplayers.org) or call (989) 739-3586.

### MTA President

Sanborn Township Supervisor Kenneth Gauthier was elected president of the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) at the association's annual meeting, conducted during the 65th Annual MTA Educational Conference & Expo, held on April 26 at the Grand Traverse Resort in Acme Township, Mich.

"I am honored to take the helm of such an important and well-run organization," Gauthier said. "MTA does an excellent job of educating township officials through seminars, our conference and written materials. As president, I hope to encourage more officials to get involved and take advantage of the resources at our fingertips to better serve our residents and make our townships the best they can be."

Gauthier brings to his new position more than 30 years

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**In Memory of  
Gary J. Good  
July-5-1945 – May 11, 2016  
I'm Free**

Don't grieve for me for now I'm free.  
I'm following the path God laid for me.  
I took his hand when I heard him call.  
I turned my back and left it all.  
To laugh, to live, to work or play.  
Tasks left undone must stay that way.  
I've found my peace at the close of day.  
If parting had left a void,  
Then fill it with remembered joy.  
A friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss.  
Ah yes, these things I too will miss.  
Be not burdened with times of sorrow.  
I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.  
My life's been full, I've savored much.  
Good friends, good times, a loved one's touch.  
Perhaps my time seemed all too brief.  
Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.  
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about our measurements, going from metric to standard with some good-hearted sarcasm. They are just as good at dishing the sarcasm as I am. Sometimes sarcasm can be lost in translation, but not with these three," Bouchard said,

At times the three students seemed very similar to the

The biggest impression the students made on Moran was the grateful attitude they possessed at having the opportunity to spend a year at an American school.

"In class, they were able to bring a global viewpoint to the historical and cultural aspect of the literature component, posing opinions and

Barber said.

Bouchard said if someone were going to make a promotion for why Americans should take in exchange students, then these students would be exactly what to show. "They were able to do things here they couldn't do in their country, such as participate in school sports. They



Exchange students from Italy, Kyrgyzstan and Lithuania are finishing their year of studies at Alcona High School where they have imparted memories, wit and wisdom with students, staff and teachers. (From left) Edwin Barber, principal; Jim Bouchard, teacher; Tommaso Venditti, Kairat Tagaev and Ugne Jurgaityte, exchange students; Linda Moran, teacher. Photo by Mary Weber.

rest of his class, but as a teacher, Bouchard noticed the exchange students seem to watch him closer and are more attentive listeners compared to their American peers. He was not sure if their focus was something they were taught or how they are able to achieve it, but he wished more of his students had those skills.

Bouchard relayed a story about all three exchanges students doing very well on the first test of the year and when other students asked how they did it, one of the exchange students said, "The teacher told us everything we needed to know for the test." It was something Bouchard has tried to tell his students for years but coming from a peer, he was hopeful it made a better impact.

Linda Moran, an English and drama teacher has also had the pleasure of teaching all three students and said they came to her classroom with superior student skills, were highly articulate and self-motivated.

points of view from another way of thinking. Those contributions served to augment the curriculum in a much more relevant way, giving a voice and a face to their differing perspectives," she said.

Moran was proud of how students are always welcoming to new students and how they particularly enjoyed interacting with and learning about the exchange students.

Edwin Barber, principal, said the program of having exchange students was good for the school and the community.

"They have had a very positive influence here. To have a different culture for our students to be exposed to is a great thing. The majority of Alcona students have been attending school with the same kids through most of their academic lives. To have a new student from another country in class and to be able to get to know and build a relationship with them is an experience which will benefit them whether they go onto college or the work force,"

have exchanged a wealth of information and made close friendships. Two of the students are looking to furthering their education here in the states. To me that says something good about what they have experienced here. I'm sure over the next weeks we will have sad feelings about their leaving. Perhaps, if they are able to continue their education here, we will see them again."

Barber said the students will be missed but was happy that technology, such as Facetime and Messenger, may be able help them keep in touch so the friendships they have made here can continue throughout their lives. Barber looked forward to welcoming more exchange students next school year and will find out in late summer who they will be and where they are coming from.

There are many students looking for a similar experience, but exchange students can only be placed with a school if they have a host home to reside in. If anyone is interested in becoming a host family for an exchange student, contact Barber at [barbere@alconaschools.net](mailto:barbere@alconaschools.net) or call the school at (989) 736-8534.

## Americanisms




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—Steve Jobs

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## Alcona Community Schools

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# School hopes to build capacity with county library partnership

**By Dan O'Connor**

As a young teacher moving into the area in the fall of 2006, the sense of community pride in Alcona County was vibrant and robust.

That pride and collective will to do what is best for the county and its people is still there.

The school district hopes that it can play a more prominent role (if the community is interested and willing) by aligning the itself with local partners to collaborate and share purchase, or trade services.

The district is currently working toward the development of an updated strategic plan. One of the overarching proposals is to continue to look at the "Community School" model. According to the Institute for Educational Leadership, a community school is both a place and a set of partnerships between the school and other community resources. Its integrated focus on academics, health and social services, youth and community development and community en-

## Superintendent's Corner



*By Dan O'Connor*

Alcona Community Schools

agement, leads to improved student learning, stronger families, and healthier communities."

Alcona Community Schools hopes to move toward this model by starting a partnership with the Alcona County Library and help bridge the high-quality programming and staff they offer to the youth in our community.

During much of the last decade, the district hasn't been able to offer consistent programming in our library. Teachers and staff maintained what they could, but it took a group of volunteers that spearheaded our elementary library revival. Community members volunteered daily, year-round to not only update the collection but to open it for teachers and students to utilize on a daily basis.

The school district and its staff and students can't express their gratitude enough to this group of volunteers. While this core group still plans to be present and work with students at the school, the school wanted to explore ways to begin offering services back in the library. One idea that we started looking into was a partnership with the county library system.

Due to the lack of available certified librarians in the state and a small district challenged with capacity in many places, it was worth talking with a local entity who already provides high-quality services to many of the same students and families that the elementary library would service.

The options being discussed are still in early stages, but one potential option would be for the school to reimburse the library for all costs including the staff to provide three days a week of library services. Through this agreement, the students and faculty would have access to the interlibrary system as well. If the project moves forward, it will be on a cautious, part-time basis for six months to a year to determine if it's a project that is effective and serves all parties in the way that was intended.

This type of partnership would be similar to the of several that already exist in the state between public libraries and school systems.

As a small school system hoping to service students all while embedding them into what the community has to offer, this partnership is hopefully a building block toward continued steps to share resources and build partnerships with the community.

*(Dan O'Connor is the superintendent for Alcona Community Schools. He can be reached by calling the district office at (989) 736-6212.)*



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## Alcona Tiger softball swept by Oscoda

**By Ben Murphy**  
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity softball team couldn't quiet down the Oscoda bats on Monday, April 30. As a result, the hosting Lady Tigers, came up short against the Lady Owls, falling by scores of 15-0 and 14-4.

In the opener, Raegen Eller took the loss, as she gave up 15 runs and struck out three batters.

Hailee Gordy had a triple to lead the offense with Taylor Livingston and Eller getting one hit each.

Eller took the loss in game two as well, striking out three more batters.

The offense picked up in the loss, with Brianna Fogle, Livingston, Abby Lobaugh, Cassidy Clemens and Gordy getting multiple hits.

Alcona hosted Oscoda again on Monday in both teams North Star League opener, hosts Rogers City on Thursday, May 10 and heads to Whittemore-Prescott on Monday, May 14.

### top ten

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Dear Running,  
For retirees who own their home and want to stay living there, but could use some extra cash, a reverse mortgage is a viable financial tool, but there's a lot to know and consider to be sure it's a good option for you.

Let's start with the basics. A reverse mortgage is a unique type of loan that allows older homeowners to borrow money against the equity in their house (or condo) that doesn't have to be repaid until the homeowner dies, sells the house or moves out for at least 12 months. At that point, you or your heirs will have to pay back the loan plus accrued interest and fees, but you will never owe more than the value of your home.

It's also important to understand that with a reverse mortgage, you, not the bank, own the house, so you're still required to pay your property taxes and homeowners insurance. Not paying them can result in foreclosure.

To be eligible, you must be 62 years of age or older, own your own home (or owe only a small balance) and currently be living there.

You will also need to undergo a financial assessment to determine whether you can afford to continue paying your property taxes and insurance. Depending on your financial situation, you may be required to put part of your loan into an escrow account to pay future bills. If the financial assessment finds that you cannot pay your insurance and taxes and have enough cash left to live on, you'll be denied.

Around 95 percent of all reverse mortgages offered today are Home Equity Conversion Mortgages (HECM), which are FHA insured and

offered through private mortgage lenders and banks. HECM's also have home value limits that vary by county, but cannot exceed \$679,650.

How much you can actually get through a reverse mortgage depends on your age (the older you are the more you can get), your home's value and the prevailing interest rates. Generally, most people can borrow somewhere between 50 and 65 percent of the home's value. To estimate how much you can borrow, use the reverse mortgage calculator at [ReverseMortgage.org](http://ReverseMortgage.org).

You also need to know that reverse mortgages have recently become more expensive with a number of fees, including: a two percent lender origination fee for the first \$200,000 of the home's value and one percent of the remaining value, with a cap of \$6,000; an upfront two percent mortgage insurance premium (MIP) fee on the maximum loan amount, plus



Savvy Senior

an annual MIP fee that's equal to 0.5 percent of the outstanding loan balance; along with an appraisal fee, closing costs and other miscellaneous expenses. Most fees can be deducted for the loan amount to reduce your out-of-pocket cost at closing.

To receive your money, you can opt for a lump sum, a line of credit, regular monthly checks or a combination of these.

To learn more, read the National Council on Aging's online booklet "Use Your Home to Stay at Home" at [NCOA.org/home-equity](http://NCOA.org/home-equity). And see the National Reverse

Mortgage Lenders Association self-evaluation checklist at [ReverseMortgage.org/consumerguides](http://ReverseMortgage.org/consumerguides).

Also note that because reverse mortgages are complex loans, all borrowers are required to get face-to-face or telephone counseling through a HUD approved independent counseling agency before taking one out. Most agencies typically charge around \$125. To locate one near you, visit [Go.usa.gov/v2H](http://Go.usa.gov/v2H), or call 800-569-4287.

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A collaborative fundraising effort between the Lincoln Lions Club and the Mikado American Legion will provide food on the weekends for Alcona Elementary students next year. The two organizations raised \$7,200 for the Backpack Program which purchases food from the Northeastern Michigan Food Bank to send home with 72 students in need on weekends during the school year. The program was instituted at the elementary school in 2012 and each year money is raised within the community to support the program. The funds were presented recently for the 2018-19 school year with the following in attendance (front row, from left) Dan O'Connor, Alcona Community Schools superintendent; Ann Eddinger, school and food bank liaison; Norma Tracy, American Legion Auxiliary president; Rich Gillies, Lincoln Lions Club representative; (back row) Jim Burger, Barton City VFW commander; Jim Hoffman, American Legion sergeant at arms; Dick Tracy, American Legion representative; and Tim Lee, Alcona Elementary principal.

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**Mother's Day Menu**

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**River Aux Sables Chapter DAR**

The River Aux Sables Chapter DAR had a wonderful meeting after the last Michigan snow/rain storm cancelled the original meeting. There were 18 members in attendance from Oscoda, East Tawas, Tawas City, Hubbard Lake, Greenbush, Hale, AuGres, Prescott and Gladwin.

The chapter received notice from the State Awards Day presentations, by the Michigan State Society DAR, the awards that it won. The chapter received many awards for conservation and veterans services. Two members Jacki Gonterman, regent and Janet Schenk, vice regent, both of Oscoda, attended the State Awards Day on East Lansing, Mich. They were proud of their chapter Good Citizen who was a state finalist. Owen Smock from

AuGres-Sims High School, read part of his essay and said a few words regarding his future.

Due to the death of a prominent DAR member, Barbara P. Bush, the ladies of the River Aux Sables Chapter all wore their pearls to lunch at Tait's Bill of Fare in Oscoda.

The April program was given by Rick Gull and his teenage son, Andrew, from Project Applesseed. They are dedicated to keeping timeless values alive, like integrity, commitment and personal responsibility. They promote civic responsibility through the teaching of Colonial History and the American tradition of rifle marksmanship. Project Applesseed is here to make sure these timeless principals live on for generations to come.

Locally, they hold rifle

marksmanship clinics and history presentations, where they tie in the lost art of marksmanship together with good citizenship. The things that make good marksmanship are: Patience, focus, persistence, and commitment -- these also make a good citizen.

Andrew gave a talk on Sam Whittemore and his life thought out the American Revolution and then Rick explained to the ladies how Project Applesseed and Project Liberty tie into today's society.

For more information on Project Applesseed contact Rick Gull at michigan.gull@gmail.com and more information on the River Aux Sables Chapter DAR contact Jacki Gonterman at jackigopd@att.net. Our next meeting is in Lincoln on May 12.



## Glennie Sportsman's Club hosts Steel Challenge

The Glennie Sportsman's Club will host a Steel Challenge this summer. Matches will be held on the second Saturday of each month, May through October. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. and the shooting begins at 10 a.m.

The Glennie Sportsman's Club and Steel Challenge are run as a cold range, which means shooters only handle guns in specified safe areas, or while under the supervision of the range/safety officer. No ammunition may be handled in the safe area.

The SCSA - Steel Challenge Shooting Association is the governing body of a shooting sport that promotes safe, fair and fun participation in Steel Shooting competitions, for members of all ages and skill levels, through effective leadership, education, communication and administration. The main goal is to safely test the skill and ability of the individual.

Steel Challenge is a pistol

action sport shot in local, state, national and world competition venues. Each stage is measured for specified distances to set steel targets measuring 10 or 12 inches in diameter and 18 x 24 inches rectangular shape in configurations that challenge a shooter in a scenario of times versus accuracy.

A shooter may shoot center fire pistols, 22 rimfire pistols and rifles, and pistol caliber carbines 1600 feet/second maximum. Recommended gear is eye and ear protection, a holster for center fire pistols or a bog for 22 rimfire pistol and carbines, and five total magazines or five speed loaders or moon clips and appropriate holders.

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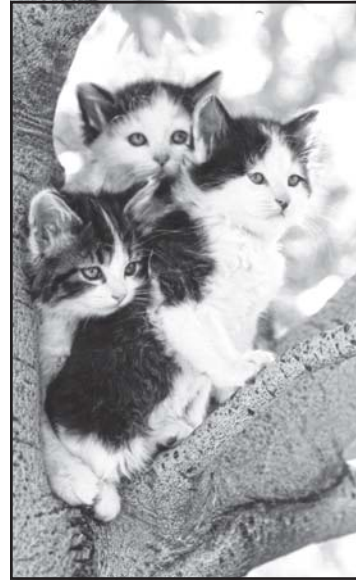
Typically, the event is run in four stages. Each stage consists of five steel plates one of which is designated as a stop plate. Under the guidance of the RO/SO and on the signal the shooter fires at the four plates and then the stop plate. The four plates must be hit before the stop plate. The time is recorded and this is repeated four more times. At the completion of the stage the shooter will show the RO/SO a clear breach and either holster or bag the firearm. Penalties (time) are assessed for misses/procedurals. The four best times will be added for the stage time. All stages are shot five times except the stage called outer limits which, has movement from one shooting box to another that is six feet away. It is only shot four times instead of five.

Round count is 100. Bring 150 rounds. Also consider bringing snacks, water, and a chair to keep hydrated and comfortable.

The Glennie Sportsman's Club is located at 5690 Brody Road, Glennie. Thanks to a generous donation fees are \$10, \$5 for an additional gun, and \$5 for a junior accompanied by an adult.



Christopher Kroon, 7, bagged this Tom turkey on Sunday, April 29 in the Lincoln area hunting while with his father, Scott Kroon. It weighed 18 pounds and had an eight inch beard. *Courtesy photo.*



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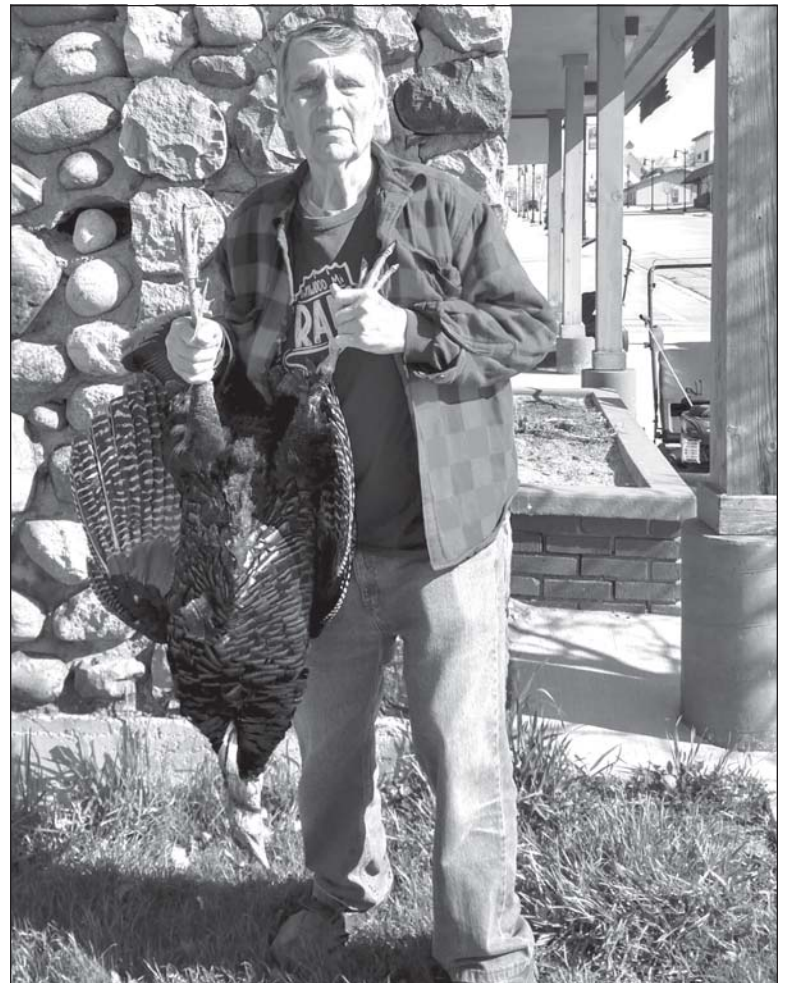
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(Top left) Jim Berry, president of the Alcona County Historical Society, displayed proposed improvements for the facilities at Sturgeon Point Lighthouse.

(Top right) Connie Sysak looks over information about Negwegon State Park as Sue Kellor, president of the Friends of Negwegon, answered questions.



Mary Lou Webb, represented Harrisville Harbor Grocery at the expo. *Photos by Mary Weber.*

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# Northern pike season is open

April 28 marked the opening of the inland walleye and northern pike seasons in the Lower Peninsula.

Northern pike like to spend their time in the weedy shallows of both the Great Lakes and inland waters. In rivers they can be found around log jams or fallen timber. They are often taken with live bait (such as large minnows) or different kinds of artificial lures.

When fishing for northern pike, many anglers like to use a six to eight-inch wire or steel leader directly in front of hook or lure. Pike have large, deep mouths with extremely sharp teeth. They are known to engulf the entire bait or lure and sever the fishing line with their teeth when it is attached directly to the hook or lure. This leaves the angler watching as the fish swims away with their offering.

## Northeast Lower Peninsula May 3

• Cheboygan: Had one boat that managed to get a couple of lake trout.

• Cheboygan River: Steelhead fishing was slow with no fish harvested. A couple of walleye were caught when casting artificials.

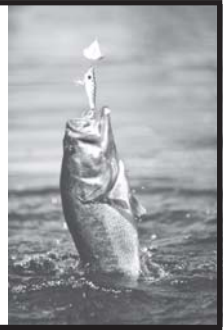
• Ocqueoc River: Steelhead were caught on spawn. Some were also using spinners and artificial baits.

• Rogers City: The fishing platform on the outer break-wall is open. Anglers should be able to fish for Atlantics by casting or using minnows under a bobber. Boats should target the shallow waters between Swan Bay and Adams Point where the water should be warmer. Try bright colored spoons and body baits.

• Presque Isle: The harbor launch is open with the docks in.

• Alpena: A few anglers starting to head out on Thunder Bay were mostly fishing near the mouth of the river in 40 feet. They were trolling spoons and body baits in bright colors like orange, chartreuse and green. A couple of Atlantics have been caught. Most are using planer

## Northeast Michigan Fishing Report



boards and running lines higher up in the water column as the water is still cold. A few boats targeting walleye had no luck.

• Thunder Bay River: The water was very high, fast and stained. Three gates were still open at the dam. Once the water recedes, look for some good steelhead fishing. Try drifting spawn, beads or flies with bobbers. A couple of fish were found in some of the slower water. The walleye opener was pretty much spoiled by the high muddy water and a very strong current. A few boats drifting jigs had limited success.

The Fletcher Street Ramp is open and the docks are in. The main public marina access still had ice blocking things but should be clear by the weekend.

• Oscoda: Walleye and a few large lake trout were caught by those still-fishing minnows from the pier. Fish were also taken on jigs and soft plastics as well as deep diving crank baits and jerk baits. More fish were starting to show up in the evening. Strong winds have stirred up the lake so water clarity was poor.

• AuSable River: Atlantic salmon were caught by those fishing the holes between Mill Street in Oscoda and the mouth. Drifting or still-fishing spawn bags and minnows took Atlantics up to eight-and-a-half pounds, walleye and suckers. Pyramid sinkers in two ounces or higher were required in the current. Those trolling plugs also caught Atlantics.

A few good walleye catches at Foote Dam for those casting jerk baits. Steelhead were taken when drifting wax worms, wigglers, beads, flies,

and spawn bags. Both chrome and winter fish were caught but high water levels from an open gate at the dam had the fish scattered. Most steelhead were pre-spawn. The ice has thawed from the dam ponds and the waters are warming more quickly.

• Harrisville: Walleye were taken by those casting or trolling jerk baits at the harbor mouth. A couple of steelhead were caught by those casting crank baits.

• Higgins Lake: Most of the ice is finally gone. No boat anglers were out as there were no docks in at the launches.

• Houghton Lake: Good fishing continues in the canals for crappie and bluegills. A few walleye were also caught. Those out trolling on the opener caught a few walleye.

• Tawas: Boats launching from the mouth of the river and fishing in Tawas Bay, down near Alabaster and off White Stone Point did well for walleye when trolling crank baits and body baits off planer boards in 15 to 25 feet. Some limits of eight fish per angler were taken. Shore anglers caught walleye at the river mouth. A few pike and small-mouth bass were caught. Pier anglers caught a few walleye, Atlantics and steelhead when casting body baits and spoons or fishing minnows near the bottom.

• AuGres: Those trolling for walleye did very well between Pointe AuGres and Whitestone Point when trolling body baits off planer boards in 15 to 25 feet. Limit catches were common.

• AuGres River: Down at Singing Bridge, surf anglers fishing late in the evening are catching quite a few walleye which seem to be feeding on gobies as they were full of them. A couple of steelhead were also caught.

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# Spring migration brings excitement to Michigan bird watchers

For many birders and other wildlife watchers, the month of May is just like Christmas.

The return of Michigan's migratory birds from their southern wintering grounds is cause for celebration, and many celebrate by heading to the fields, forests and wetlands to view these colorful harbingers of spring.

Many of Michigan's migratory birds spend the winter in the tropical areas of Central and South America, where food remains abundant all winter long. Many birders considered these neotropical migrants, like warblers, tanagers, buntings and orioles, the jewels of the tree-tops. With their bright breeding colors, these are the dazzling birds that many wait all year to see.

"I love birding in May," said Andrew Simon, a Macomb County resident and avid birder. "It's the peak of migration and marks the return of my favorite birds - shorebirds and warblers. Warblers are so bright and colorful and always moving, so watching



Green herons can be found on lakes, ponds, rivers and wetlands in Michigan. *Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.*

them is always fun and exciting."

Michigan is located largely within the Mississippi Flyway, but is on the western edge of the Atlantic Flyway. Flyways are north-south routes regularly used by large numbers of migrating birds.

The juxtaposition of the two flyways, paired with Great Lakes habitat, makes Michigan an outstanding place to observe a variety of

migratory birds, from waterfowl to hawks to shorebirds to neo-tropical migrants.

When southerly winds blow in the springtime, residents can expect to see waves of migrants coming north on the winds. Watching the weather reports can be an effective method to tell whether the next morning of birding will be a productive one.

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Wetlands provide great habitat for birds, like this sora.

## Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of April 30 - May 6, 2018

138 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 3 Arrests; 4 Traffic Tickets.

### Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	5	Traffic/Traffic Stop	39
Medical	23	Warrant Arrest	3
Property Damage Accident	3	Animal/Dog	8
Personal Injury Accident	1	Assist	8
Animal Neglect	1	Personal Prot. Order Vio.	1
Suspicious Event	1	Fraud	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Malicious Destr. of Property	2
Alarm	11	Fire/Power Lines Down	14
Missing Person	1	Gun Shots	1
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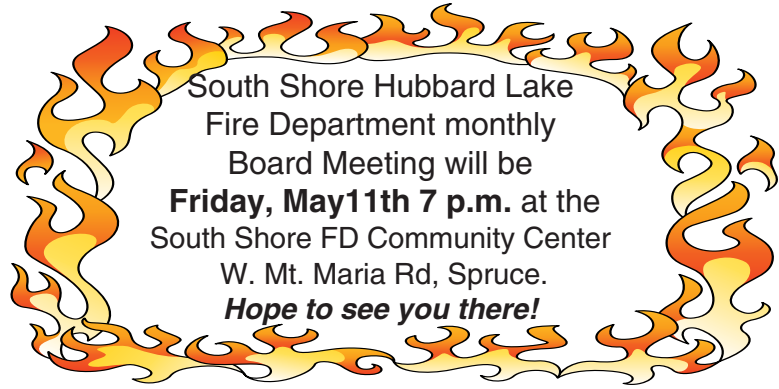
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"There's a great website that the Cornell Lab of Ornithology maintains called BirdCast," said Michigan bird conservation coordinator Caleb Putnam. "The site gives you real-time information

about the bird migration that's occurring in your backyard. It's a great tool for planning your birding trips."

Using the U.S. NEXRAD weather surveillance radar network, BirdCast can de-

gate in migration, like Whitefish Point in Chippewa County, Peninsula Point in Delta County or Brockway Mountain in Keweenaw County. "These places can provide a stunning morning



Brockway Mountain near Copper Harbor in Keweenaw County is a great place to view spring hawk migration.

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tect large concentrations of migrating birds by sensing the water in the birds' bodies. Because many birds migrate at night, checking the radar at night is a good time to see if birds are headed your way.

"Large circles of blue forming just after sunset are an indication that the radar is picking up biological targets like migrating birds, rather than rain, snow or other precipitation," said Putnam.

If the bird forecast is promising and birders looking for a place to find birds in Michigan, there are some great public lands to check out. Michigan's state parks, along with state game and wildlife areas are a great place to start. There are also several birding trails throughout the state, each with incredible places to stop and take a look around.

For anyone who is a beginning birdwatcher, getting out on a birding field trip held by an Audubon group or other club is a sure way to quickly develop identification skills, with knowledgeable trip leaders able to identify bird songs and calls. Leaders also can provide a wealth of tips for identifying various species by field marks, behavioral traits and habitat types.

Beyond state public land sites for locating migrating spring birds, there are funnel points where birds congre-

of bird watching during spring migration," said John Pepin, DNR deputy public information officer. "Males are decked out in their vibrant bright spring colors and are singing as they set up nesting territories and try to attract mates."

Brockway Mountain, near Copper Harbor, Mich. is a fantastic place to see hawk migration. The backyard is another great location to find migrating birds. Some of the colorful favorites, like indigo buntings and rose-breasted grosbeaks, are attracted to sunflower-seed feeders.

Baltimore orioles, and some other species, are attracted to oranges. Cut an orange in half and secure it to a tree or post, with a perch nearby. Keep an eye or an ear to the backyard.

Migrating birds are also attracted to bird baths. Sharply marked beautiful spring warblers can pass through an area in flocks containing several species.

"Male warblers can be identified by their facial patterns," Pepin said. "If you focus on the faces of the males, it will make identifying species easier."

He said another good tip is to use range maps in a bird field guide to study which warblers are likely to be found in an area before going out to look for them.

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– Brenda Weaver  
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# Calendar of Events



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

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

Anyone interested in amateur radio emergency or public service communications is invited to attend the Al-

cona County Amateur Radio Group meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building located at 2600 East M-72. Free refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550 or visit [www.alconaradio.org](http://www.alconaradio.org).

Stephanie Gandulla from the Thunderbay Marine Sanctuary in Alpena will present a program on local shipwrecks at the Greenbush Township Hall at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served. This event is free and open to the public. Sponsored by the

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*(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.)*

## Local Notes

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of experience in township government, having served as township supervisor since 1986 and assessor since 2003. He also served on the Sanborn Township Zoning Board of Appeals for a decade and has served as president of the Alpena County MTA Chapter. Gauthier was first elected to the MTA Board of Directors in 2005.

In addition to his township duties, he currently serves on the Negwegon-Rockport and Thompson Harbor State Park Advisory Committee and participates in the Alpena County Intergovernmental Council. Gauthier is a former chair and member of the Area Senior Citizens board of directors and served on the Alpena County Senior Committee and county Recreation Committee.

## Spring

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"Looking up each of these species in a field guide, studying their field marks and reading about these birds beforehand definitely helps folks identify birds more easily in the field," Pepin said. "The same can be said for listening to their songs."

The Cornell Laboratory of Birds "All About Birds" website is a great source for bird identification tips and song samples.

Whether watching out the window in a backyard, visiting a Wetland Wonder or a state park, or taking a birding hike, residents never know what beautiful, dazzling "presents" you may find under and in the trees.

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Sunday school 10 a.m. Wednesday 7 p.m.  
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Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

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Pastor David Putz~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.

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Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

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Monday & Wednesday office hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
Rev. Ken Krause ~ 724-6734

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2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross  
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• Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.

**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)

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Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.  
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Pastor Dr. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796

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Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study Sundays 5:30-6:30 p.m. (K-6th)  
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# Buggy Rides

From the files of the Alcona County Review



## Eugene Ranger is OK with the girls in France

**May 11, 1918** ~ Co. C. 107 U.S. Engineers, Amer. Exped. Forces, France. March 26th, 1918.

Dear Father:—  
I wrote to you just as soon as I got over here but not having heard from you it seems that my letter must not have reached you. It hope if it did it found you all in good condition. I trust that this will find you well, too.

As for myself I'm in first class enjoying Army Life as

well as can be expected. I was lucky enough to get into a good outfit—the 107th Engineers. The men are fine and the officers good. I suppose that John Ranger is looking for his money by now—for the farm I mean. Well Father, if you can try and run the farm until I get back home again, but do not over-work yourself— just keep it running any way at all, and God willing I will be back myself within the year. The war

should be over by then, if not before.

The weather over here is great and the climate is splendid. Everywhere you look over the country now you see lots of people plowing. In a majority of cases, too, it is women that are doing it. It sounds queer, but it is true. The women here think nothing of guiding three horses and guiding the plow at the same time.

You see they generally use

three horses here when plowing—one in front of the other—sort of Indian file.

Well father, I had a letter from Arthur yesterday and he is well. I answered his letter last night and he is expecting to come over here soon, if he does I hope to meet him; 'twill be nice to meet again anyway. I had letter from Zeldie and Josephine some time ago, too, so they will know got their's. I hope they are well and tell them that I will write to them

in a day or two.

Well Pete, how are you getting on with your friend the Russian? Did you work any in the woods this winter.

If you did you must have made nice money for I see in the papers here that great wages were paid for that kind of work this year. Pete, just what a sensible man you'll have to be after May next, when good old Michigan goes dry. You can't then get a drink anywhere; but I—well I can have a few when ever I feel like it.

Let me know what the McCoy boys are doing, or if they have called to the Army yet. Also if Dan Wiggin's brother has joined or been called in. Dear Pete ye don't have to worry none about me. I am all right over here with the boys, and as for the French girls I've got lots of them now. You see but few of the boys in my company can speak French, but I can and I needn't tell you that I have a great time. I like the girls here and the girls like me and when I tell them of life in Michigan they want to go there. I've a good notion of taking you back a little French girl. Ha! Ha!

Dear folks, don't you be worrying any about me, I'm all right and will I think stay so. Everything is going splendidly. I was at Communion last Sunday morning doing my Easter duty. You know it was Palm Sunday and I received at the 7:30 mass in the morning and went to a High mass at 11:30, too.

Well dear father, I must now say good bye, hoping that this will find you well.

Your loving son,  
Eugene Ranger.

### Johnson School

**May 9, 1918** ~ Motto—Make life brighter.

School will soon be ended for this year; all hard tasks will soon be done. Ask Louise and Charlie.

We have two more new scholars since the weather got warmer. They are Allen and Hughie McDonald; they are doing fine.

### Killmaster School

**May 9, 1918** ~ E. McLennan, Teacher

Motto—Observe the postage stamp! Its uselessness depends on its ability to stick to one thing until it gets there.

We are getting ready for our final examination.

Fishing is the most popular pastime before and after school. The flowers are a close second though.

Don't forget our last day of school. A jolly time all day and all evening; a Hoover dinner in Cinder's picnic grounds, ball game in afternoon, 12 kinds of races. In the evening a patriotic program will be given for which a fee of ten cents will be charged.

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## Alcona Review Weather Report May 9, 2018

### Seven Day Forecast

**WEDNESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 70 Low: 52

**THURSDAY**  
Few Showers  
High: 61 Low: 38

**FRIDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 47 Low: 40

**SATURDAY**  
Few Showers  
High: 55 Low: 43

**SUNDAY**  
Few Showers  
High: 58 Low: 45

**MONDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 65 Low: 52

**TUESDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 61 Low: 48

### Today's Regional Map

### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of showers, high temperature of 70°, humidity of 49%. South wind 2 to 14 mph. The record high temperature for today is 89° set in 1953. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 60% chance of showers, overnight low of 52°. South wind 9 to 14 mph.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	86R	58	59/36	0.00"
Wednesday	75	47	60/36	0.05"
Thursday	63	42	60/37	0.03"
Friday	58	41	60/37	0.70"
Saturday	76	48	61/37	0.00"
Sunday	59	38	61/38	Trace
Monday	64	33	62/38	Trace

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 5/15	Wednesday	6:12 a.m.	8:49 p.m.	3:37 a.m.	2:20 p.m.	Full 5/29
	Thursday	6:10 a.m.	8:51 p.m.	4:06 a.m.	3:23 p.m.	
	Friday	6:09 a.m.	8:52 p.m.	4:33 a.m.	4:28 p.m.	
	Saturday	6:08 a.m.	8:53 p.m.	5:01 a.m.	5:36 p.m.	
	Sunday	6:07 a.m.	8:54 p.m.	5:29 a.m.	6:46 p.m.	
First 5/21	Monday	6:06 a.m.	8:55 p.m.	6:00 a.m.	7:58 p.m.	Last 6/6
	Tuesday	6:05 a.m.	8:56 p.m.	6:35 a.m.	9:12 p.m.	

### Local UV Index

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

### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly to mostly cloudy skies through Friday with scattered showers and thunderstorms, highest temperature of 83 in East St. Louis, Ill. The Southeast will experience mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Friday, isolated showers Friday, highest temperature of 90 in Jackson, Miss. In the Northwest there will be mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Thursday with isolated rain, partly to mostly cloudy skies Friday with scattered rain, highest temperature of 79 in Casper, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies through Friday with the highest temperature of 106 in Indio, Calif.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	5:28 a.m.	6:28 p.m.
Venus	7:42 a.m.	11:21 p.m.
Mars	1:55 a.m.	10:50 a.m.
Jupiter	8:29 p.m.	n/a
Saturn	12:35 a.m.	9:30 a.m.
Uranus	5:28 a.m.	7:00 p.m.

### Weather History

**May 9, 1985** - Lightning struck some trees about 150 yards away from a home in Alabama and followed the driveway to the home. The charge went through the house and burned all the electrical outlets, ruined appliances and blasted a hole in the concrete floor of the basement.

### Weather Trivia

What U.S. city holds the record for the highest temperature?

?

Answer: Yuma, Ariz., with a high of 124 degrees.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Mr. Gorsky: An Urban Myth

"When Apollo Mission Astronaut Neil Armstrong first walked on the moon, he not only gave his famous 'one small step for [a] man, one giant leap for mankind' statement but followed it by several remarks and usual com traffic. Just before he re-entered the Lander, however, he made the enigmatic remark, 'Good luck, Mr. Gorsky.' Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet Cosmonaut. However upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programs. Over the years many people questioned Armstrong as to what the 'Good luck, Mr. Gorsky' statement meant, but Armstrong always just smiled. On July 5, 1995, in Tampa Bay, FL, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26-year old question to Armstrong. This time, he finally responded. Mr. Gorsky had died and so Neil Armstrong felt he could answer the question. When he was a kid, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit a fly ball that landed in the front of his neighbor's bedroom windows. His neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Gorsky. As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky, '...Sex! You want ...sex? You'll get ...sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!' True story..." The 50th anniversary of humankind's first footsteps onto the moon's surface will be celebrated next year, July 20, 2019, but somehow the Gorsky story still continues. Understand that it is simply an urban legend. It never happened. The full NASA transcript with comments regarding the closeout on the lunar surface can be found at <https://www.hq.nasa.gov/office/pao/History/alsj/a11/a11.clsout.html>. At 11:37:32 into the Apollo 11 mission, Armstrong pulled himself up onto the ladder reaching the third step. "Okay?" (11:37:15) was his last comment made from the lunar surface in reference to the placement of a package of memorial items Buzz Aldrin had just dropped onto the moon's surface from the Lunar Module. The full discussion of the origins and spreading of this urban myth can be found in more detail at <http://www.snopes.com/quotes/mrgorsky.asp>. Goodbye, Mr. Gorsky. FADE OUT... [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)



# Kovels: Antiques and Collecting

By Terry and Kim Kovel

## "Jeweled" porcelain

The "jeweled" Coalport porcelain of the late 19th century attracts buyers with its beauty and unfamiliar beading, but few know the history of the porcelain. Coalport porcelain was first made in England in 1795. In the late 19th century, a new type of porcelain vases, teaware, boxes and other ornamental wares were created. It was hand decorated with small colored "beads" of glaze, as well as sections with simulated gems like moonstones or emeralds. These pieces were very expensive when compared to the useful wares made before that time. In 1895, Coalport was able to make the jeweled porcelains by a less-expensive method, and more pieces were sold.



This round Coalport box with a lid may have been made to hold powder. It has turquoise "jewels" and a medallion. Price at auction, \$461.

flatware? I have two sets of sterling silver flatware and additional items. How do I find a reliable and safe way to sell the flatware, either for the value of the set or for the value of the silver? I have a set of Meadow Rose by Wallace and a set of Oneida's Damask Rose. I also have miscellaneous pieces such as salt and pepper, candlesticks and cutlery.

A: Sterling silver is always worth at least the meltdown value, and there are shops that buy silver and gold to melt down, but you also can sell silver flatware to a matching service. Many are listed online. Search for "matching service silver" or "matching service silver plate." Expect to get about half what it will sell for because dealers have to make a profit. Wallace in-

Collectors have favored these pieces since the 1950s, and prices are high today. At a 2016 Skinner auction in Boston, which included over 60 pieces of this type of Coalport, a round covered box, just 2 1/2 inches in diameter, brought \$461. The box has turquoise beading and a central medallion. A two-handled shaped bowl with a cover sold for about \$1,000 at the same sale.

Q: Back in the day, many brides selected a pattern of sterling-silver flatware. Today those sets of silver aren't used and are a problem for the families that inherit them. This is the dilemma I am facing. How do we get rid of the

roduced Meadow Rose pattern in 1907. It sells for more than Oneida's Damask Rose, which was first made in 1946. Monograms lower the price.

### Current Prices

- Bottle stopper, kissing couple, carved wood, push lever, heads turn and kiss, Anri, c. 1950, 6 1/2 inches, \$20
- Golf club, Brassie, brass sole plate, lead back weight, blonde fruitwood head, Epsom golf club, marked, McWatt, 1800s, 42 inches, \$100.
- Stringholder, cylindrical, Planters Cocktail Peanuts, figural Mr. Peanut, chalkware, turquoise and yellow paint, 1950s, \$455.
- Cloisonne Teapot, brass and copper, green enamel, lotus flower petals, loop handle, carved frog finial, lid, 1900s, 5 x 8 inches, \$1,500.

**Tip:** American carousel figures are more heavily carved on the right side, because they went around counterclockwise. The left side is more ornate for European figures, because the carousel turned the other way. American figures sell for more money.

For more collecting news, tips and resources, visit [www.Kovels.com](http://www.Kovels.com)

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# Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

## Wait times getting better, but ...

It wasn't so long ago that veterans were waiting a very long time for medical appointments. While clerks fiddled with fake appointment books and scribbled in notebooks instead of entering appointments correctly into the computer, some veterans died before being seen. In Phoenix it's thought that 200 veterans died while waiting on care.

The wait times for appointments under 30 days is looking better, at least in most places.

Little Mayfield, Kentucky, is over 99 percent. Enterprise Way, Illinois, is at a whopping 100 percent, as are Hanson, Kentucky, and four locations in New York.

Some locations, however, are still struggling.

Salem, Virginia, for instance, has 61,000 appointments scheduled, and they're only at an 88 percent rate. Denver is sitting at 84 percent, and Las Vegas at 83 percent. Phoenix is still struggling at 90 percent.

In all those places with appointments stretching out over 30 days, veterans can opt to use the Choice Program and go for civilian care.

There are steps to take, however, before you go that route. You need to get prior authorization to be sure you qualify, and mostly to ensure that the proposed facility is on the Veteran's Choice Program (VCP) network. Your best step is to actually call

that facility because there were quite a few that were unhappy because they hadn't been paid in a timely manner.

For eligibility you need to live more than 40 miles from the nearest Department of Veterans Affairs facility, or you need to take a plane or boat to get there, or you have a significant health problem, or the VA can't give you the care you need. To determine your eligibility, go online to [www.va.gov](http://www.va.gov) and search for Choice Program. Click the Eligibility button and answer the questions. You also can call 866-606-8198 or visit [www.va.gov/opa/choiceact](http://www.va.gov/opa/choiceact).

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## CryptoQuip answer

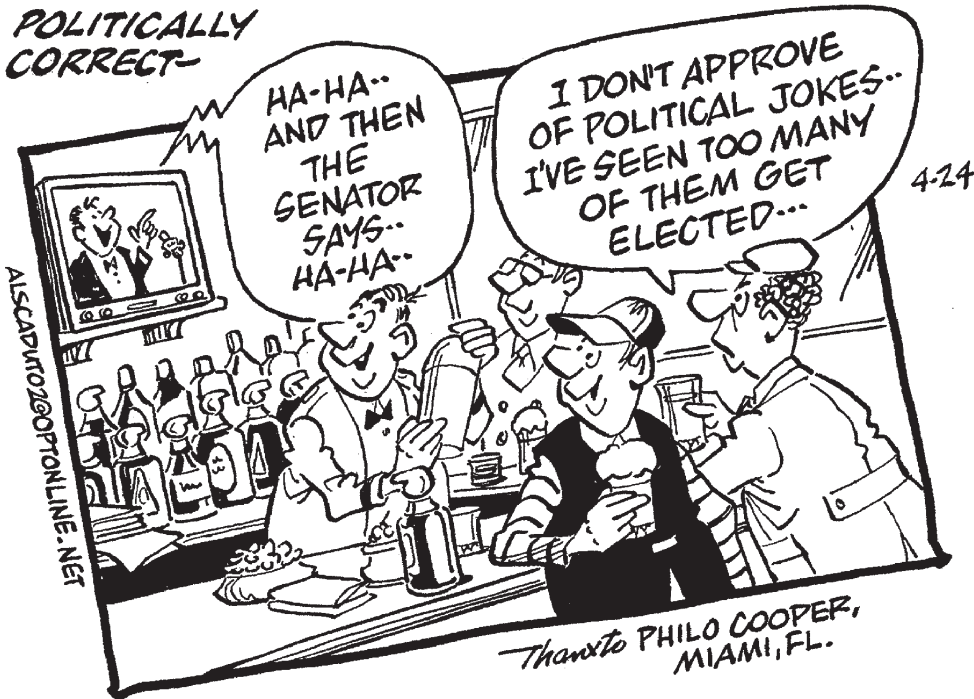
If a deep serving dish came from a certain Italian province, one might deem it a Turin tureen.

### Super Crossword

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	REAL	NON	MOEN									
OSCAR	MAYER	WIENER	TEST									
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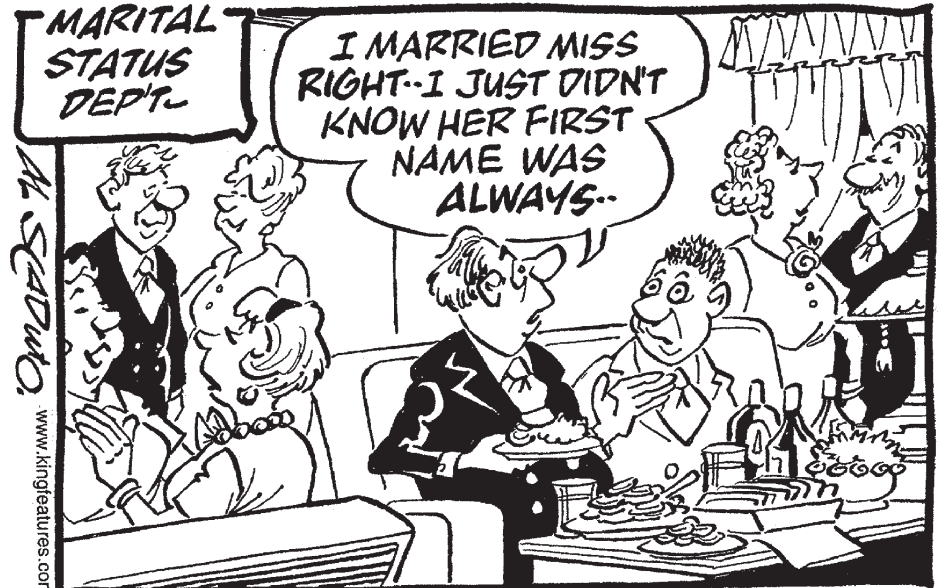
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ASK FOR DIRECTIONS... and WHA? HUH? HOW'S THAT AGAIN?



Thank to E. SQUEGLIO, FLORAL PARK, N.Y.

# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **FOOD & DRINK:** What is a manzanilla?
2. **SCIENCE:** At what temperature are the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales equal?
3. **U.S. CURRENCY:** Which non-president's image is on the \$100 bill?
4. **LANGUAGE:** What word represents the letter Q in the international phonetic alphabet?
5. **MUSIC:** How many strings does a pedal harp have?
6. **LITERATURE:** In which novel does the character Quasimodo appear?
7. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** How many points does a snowflake have?
8. **HISTORY:** Where was Napoleon exiled after his defeat at Waterloo?
9. **BIBLE:** Where did Moses receive the Ten Commandments?
10. **GEOGRAPHY:** What city claims to be the most northernmost in Europe?

**Answers:** 1. A type of sherry; 2. -40 degrees; 3. Benjamin Franklin; 4. Quebec; 5. 40-47; 6. "The Hunchback of Notre-Dame"; 7. Six points; 8. Saint Helena, an island off the African coast; 9. Mount Sinai; 10. Hammerfest, Norway (c) 2018 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On May 18, 1861, an obscure California newspaper casts first lady Mary Todd Lincoln in an unflattering light, saying she took it upon herself to appoint a stranger -- Mr. W.S. Wood -- to any office he desired. The reporter suggested that she had been smitten with Mr. Wood's handsome features, luxuriant whiskers and graceful carriage.
  - On May 14, 1916, a lead article in the Times of London proclaims that an insufficiency of munitions is leading to defeat for Britain on the battlefields of World War I. It sparked a crisis on the home front, forcing the government to create a Ministry of Munitions.
  - On May 19, 1935, T.E. Lawrence, known to the world as Lawrence of Arabia, dies as a retired Royal Air Force mechanic living in a simple cottage under an assumed name. The legendary war hero, author and archaeological scholar succumbed to injuries suffered in a recent motorcycle accident.
  - On May 15, 1942, Lt. Ronald Reagan, a cavalry officer, applies for reassignment to the Army Air Force. The actor and future president was assigned as a public-relations officer for the First Motion Picture Unit.
  - On May 20, 1956, the United States conducts the first airborne test of an improved hydrogen bomb, dropping it from a plane over the tiny island of Namu in the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean.
  - On May 16, 1964, Mary Wells gives Motown Records its first No. 1 hit with "My Guy." It would go on to release 32 more No. 1 hits in the next 10 years.
  - On May 17, 1973, in Washington, D.C., a Senate committee begins televised hearings on the escalating Watergate scandal. Former White House legal counsel John Dean testified that President Richard Nixon had been aware of the cover-up of the Watergate break-in.
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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Reprimand sharply</p> <p>7 Linguine, e.g.</p> <p>12 Fed. accident investigator</p> <p>16 Obstinate beast</p> <p>19 Get creative</p> <p>20 "I do" locale</p> <p>21 In — (as first found)</p> <p>22 A few Z's</p> <p>23 Big name in economics</p> <p>26 Cincinnati-Detroit dir.</p> <p>27 British pop singer Rita</p> <p>28 Hideous sort</p> <p>29 Suffix with prefer</p> <p>30 Smidgen</p> <p>31 — My Heart" (Toni Braxton hit)</p> <p>35 Date system of ancient Yucatán natives</p> <p>39 Igloo dweller</p> <p>41 French "sea"</p> <p>42 Candy wafer brand</p> <p>43 "I'm appalled to report that ..."</p> <p>49 Drifted about</p> <p>52 Film director Nora</p> | <p>53 Cariou of the stage</p> <p>54 Mill fodder</p> <p>56 Public radio host Glass</p> <p>57 Of Laos, e.g.</p> <p>58 Podded plant</p> <p>59 Inner beings</p> <p>61 Land — (sleep state)</p> <p>63 Gloater's syllable</p> <p>64 Aioli</p> <p>67 With 46-Down, genuine article</p> <p>69 Prefix with refundable</p> <p>70 Big brand of faucets</p> <p>71 Hot dog in a classic jingle</p> <p>78 Part of LSAT</p> <p>82 Ruckus</p> <p>83 Sleuths' jobs</p> <p>84 Abbr. for the Blue Jays</p> <p>85 Disorder</p> <p>86 Tourist's aid</p> <p>87 Asks for</p> <p>89 — -jongg</p> <p>90 Brandy's sitcom role</p> <p>91 Downhill trail</p> <p>93 Supreme Court appointee of 2009</p> <p>97 Continental coins</p> | <p>99 French "here"</p> <p>100 "Look — did!"</p> <p>101 Best Actor of 2014</p> <p>106 Inaction</p> <p>110 12:00 p.m.</p> <p>111 Injure badly</p> <p>112 Sprint, e.g.</p> <p>114 B&amp;B, e.g.</p> <p>115 Certain 4x4</p> <p>116 Mansion House resident</p> <p>122 Apply</p> <p>123 "That hurt!"</p> <p>124 Author Dahl</p> <p>125 Skin and hair care brand</p> <p>126 At all times, poetically</p> <p>127 Tennis star Arthur</p> <p>128 Full of foam</p> <p>129 5/1 festival that's apt for this puzzle's eight longest answers</p> | <p>9 Enter like the sun's rays</p> <p>10 Tiny little bit</p> <p>11 Genesis boat</p> <p>12 "Bye Bye Bye" band</p> <p>13 Soup holder</p> <p>14 Winner of six Super Bowls</p> <p>15 Double-decker, e.g.</p> <p>16 What "A.D." stands for</p> <p>17 Gifted world traveler?</p> <p>18 Javelin</p> <p>24 Li'l Abner's surname</p> <p>25 Nighttime, poetically</p> <p>30 Old Peru native</p> <p>32 Three cheers?</p> <p>33 NBAer Brand</p> <p>34 Long time period</p> <p>36 "Certainly"</p> <p>37 Elbow site</p> <p>38 Zone between biomes</p> <p>40 Actress Liv program</p> <p>43 Cruel</p> <p>44 "— -daisy!"</p> <p>45 — Pet (novelty gift)</p> <p>46 See 67-Across</p> <p>47 Spanish "water"</p> <p>48 Once every 12 mos.</p> <p>50 Greek Cupid</p> <p>51 Miami-County</p> <p>55 Chemical relative</p> <p>58 King's home</p> <p>59 Garbage boats</p> <p>60 1980s Dodge</p> <p>62 Strike at something but not hit it</p> <p>64 Shapely leg, informally</p> <p>65 Regarding</p> <p>66 Neither here — there</p> <p>68 Effacement</p> <p>71 Resistor units</p> <p>72 Drench</p> <p>73 Saved with the same filename, say</p> <p>74 Tibetan oxen</p> <p>75 Canadian gas name</p> <p>76 Guesses at LAX</p> <p>77 Not at all, in dialect</p> <p>79 Effortless</p> <p>80 Artsy NYC area</p> <p>81 Old Russian bigwig</p> <p>85 Title for a French nobleman</p> <p>88 Immense</p> <p>89 Major artery</p> <p>90 Grumble</p> <p>92 Botch up</p> <p>94 Vardalos of Hollywood</p> <p>95 Frigid</p> <p>96 Larcenist</p> <p>98 Look (for)</p> <p>101 Happen next</p> <p>102 Immerse</p> <p>103 "Which way — go?"</p> <p>104 "Delicious!"</p> <p>105 Noble Brits</p> <p>107 Supported temporarily, with "over"</p> <p>108 Get — good thing</p> <p>109 Peeve</p> <p>113 Surname of Buffalo Bill</p> <p>116 Mauna —</p> <p>117 Ovid's "Amatoria"</p> <p>118 "Says —!"</p> <p>119 Flee hastily</p> <p>120 In vitro cells</p> <p>121 Waterloo marshal Michel</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was influential American science-fiction author Philip K. Dick who made the following sage observation: "Sometimes the appropriate response to reality is to go insane."
  - The skin of the African elephant, the largest living land animal in the world, weighs 2,000 pounds by itself, and there are more than 60,000 muscles in its trunk alone.
  - You've almost certainly heard of narcolepsy, a medical condition that causes sufferers to sleep excessively, sometimes up to 18 hours a day. You're probably not familiar with philagrypnia, though. People with this condition -- I won't call them "sufferers" -- require only three or four hours of sleep a day. What would you do with all that extra time?
  - If you're like most people, the length of your footprint is approximately 15 percent of your height.
  - While at a Turkish bath in San Francisco, Samuel Clemens -- better known to us as Mark Twain -- got involved in a chat with a local fireman. This may not seem at all interesting until you learn the name of that long-ago firefighter: Tom Sawyer. The author liked the name so much that today, American schoolkids all know it.
  - There is a law on the books in Maine that prohibits having your shoes untied in public. I assume that this one is not much enforced.
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north section line 1320.80 feet to the northwest corner of SD 40 acres; thence south 1 deg. 47' 57" west, along the west line of SD 40 acres, 630.93 feet to point of beginning; thence south 88 deg. 36' east, 1022.58 feet; thence south 4 deg. 46' 03" east, 317.30 feet; thence north 88 deg. 36' west, 1058.87 feet to a point on said west line; thence north 1 deg. 47' 57" east along said west line, 315.46 feet to point of beginning; together with and subject to the right of ingress and egress over and across a 75 foot easement as described on plat which will allow access to US-23 Highway, and also subject to a continuation of this 75 feet, easement running in a northerly direction over and across the west edge of captioned Parcel C which allows others access to Parcels A and B per plat. Commonly Known as: 1930 North US-23, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. Parcel Number: 080-025-200-015-00. This property may be redeemed during the six months following the sale. Dated: March 28, 2018 Alcona County, Deputy Sheriff Michael P. Herzoff (P-41662) Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A. 2155 Butterfield Drive, Suite 200-S Troy, MI 48084 No. 10142960 3-28, 4-4, 4-11, 4-18, 4-25, 5-2, 5-9

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