Summer reading takes off

By Judy Reed

“If you build it, they will come.” That iconic line from the movie “Field of Dreams” came true for the new Cedar Springs Community Library at the kickoff of their Summer Reading program on Monday, June 12, when between 950 and 1,000 people attended the opening event.

“At the end of yesterday we had 920 people signed up for summer reading, which is 300 more sign-ups than we ever had over an entire summer, and 400 more people came in Monday than have in the past,” remarked Library Director Donna Clark.

Double K Petting Barn with Animal Junction 4H had their petting zoo set up back, under a tree, near the creek. But the heat didn’t seem to deter people. In fact, children took the opportunity to splash in the creek, hang out on the bridge, and rest on the wall. “It was a great first day!”

Concerts in park kick off summer

Photos by J. Reed.

Cedar Springs Area Parks and Recreation will kick off their summer series of free concerts at Morley Park tonight—Thursday, June 15, with Mane Street at 7 p.m.

Now in its 11th year, the concerts put on by Cedar Springs Parks and Recreation and sponsored by area businesses give people a chance to relax with friends and family, while listening to some great music.

There are concessions on site, and free raffle tickets give concert-goers a chance to win prizes from area businesses.

Other dates this summer are July 20 with the Oxyromors, and August 17 with The Sea Cruisers. Be sure to bring a lawn chair. Concerts start at 7 p.m. In the case of rain, the concert will be moved to Cedar Springs Middle School.

Newaygo woman charged with OWI, domestic abuse

A Newaygo woman that got into a fight with a passenger in her vehicle has been arrested on several charges.

According to the Montcalm County Sheriff Department, deputies were alerted to a possible drunk driver within Reynolds Township, on June 8, about 10:52 p.m. The report indicated a burgundy minivan was being driven in an erratic manner. Before the vehicle could be located by officers, an additional report was received advising the vehicle was stopped near the intersection of Gates and Dagget Roads and there was a woman lying on the road near the vehicle. Upon arrival, the deputy determined that there had not been a vehicle crash at that location, but several other law violations were discovered.

Through the investigation, it was determined that the driver, Christa Ann Knox, 36, of Newaygo, had been traveling westbound on Gates Road when she suddenly stopped her vehicle. Knox then engaged in some type of altercation with a 51-year-old Newaygo woman who was a passenger in the vehicle. The 51-year-old woman was found lying in the roadway. She was transported to Spectrum Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids for treatment and it was determined she sustained no serious injuries.

The deputy determined that Knox was intoxicated, was not a valid driver, had her young child in the vehicle, was intoxicated, was not a valid driver, and had previous driving related convictions, and had several warrants out for her arrest. Knox was arrested and transported to the Montcalm County Jail where she was lodged.

After review, the prosecutor’s office authorized a warrant charging Knox with Operating While Impaired, third offense; driving on a suspended license, second offense; and domestic violence, second offense. Knox is currently being held at the jail with a $7,000.00 bond for those charges.

The Montcalm County Emergency Medical Services and the Michigan State Police assisted at the scene.
Woman killed in car vs pedestrian crash

An 18-year-old Caledonia woman was killed Sunday evening, June 11, when she was struck by a pickup truck in Sheridan.

According to the Michigan State Police Lakeview Post, the crash occurred on June 11, 2017 at 8:54 p.m. on East Holland Lake Road east of Staines Road, in Sheridan.

Police said the woman was struck by a 2005 Ford F-250 pickup truck on East Holland Lake Rd. The vehicle was driven by a 45 year old Douglas Weaver of Sheridan. The pedestrian was airlifted to Butterworth Hospital in Grand Rapids where she passed away due to her injuries.

The name of the pedestrian is being withheld at the request of family members.

Alcohol, speed, and weather conditions are not believed to be a factor.

Troopers were assisted at the scene by the Sheridan Fire Department and Montcalm County EMS.

Police departments to host Citizens’ Academy

The Montcalm County Sheriff’s Department (MCSD) and Michigan State Police (MSP) Lakeview Post is pleased to announce a Citizens’ Academy, which will start September 19, 2017 and end November 14, 2017.

Attendees will meet from 6pm – 8pm every Tuesday night. The eight week academy will give citizens the opportunity to become familiar with the mission and operation of the MCSD and MSP, understand the procedures deputies and troopers follow, increase their awareness of law enforcement’s role in the community, and get to know personnel at the MCSD and Lakeview Post.

The eight week academy will meet at Montcalm Community College’s Sidney Campus. A graduation ceremony will be held on November 14, 2017 at 7:00pm. Individuals who are interested in attending the Citizens’ Academy should contact Undersheriff Mike Williams at 989-831-7586 (mwilliams@montcalm.us) or F/Lt Kevin Sweeney at 517-719-1195 (sweeneyk@michigan.gov) to receive an application.

Boy Scouts donate time to Library

Boy Scouts Ben Barber and Derek Bordeaux donated their time at the Cedar Springs Community Library putting magnets on 100 bookends that were donated by a Lakeland Library and freshly painted by Basset’s Auto to match the library’s new shelving.

Reading

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was so great seeing kids rediscovering the creek,” remarked Clark.

The Cedar Springs Fire Department also had an engine pulled out for the kids to explore. The ice cream cups provided by Kelly’s Restaurant were also a big hit. One of the biggest hits was the appearance of Ronald McDonald himself, who entertained kids first outside with a book and some magic tricks, then inside in the area around the fireplace. “He was so kind and so funny,” said Clark. “Kids were lined up to get their picture taken with him.”

June and July will be filled with reading and special events. The more hours a person reads (K-12) and the more books adults read, the better his/her chance is to win one of the prizes offered by 29 local businesses.

The last day to turn in reading logs is July 21. The program will end with a carnival at Morley Park on July 27, where the prizes will be given away. But kids in grades K-12 don’t have to wait until July 27 to win something—they win with every one of the five reading coupons turned in throughout the summer.

For a complete schedule of events, stop in and pick up a brochure at the library.
**Dangerous currents, waves and water safety week**

**Important to be prepared in natural waters**

On average, more than ten people die each year because of dangerous currents in the Great Lakes. While residents are encouraged to enjoy Michigan’s beaches, the Michigan Department of Health and Human Services is urging everyone to learn about water currents and the signs of dangerous currents.

Dangerous currents develop when winds blow toward the shore, and waves are moderate to high (3 feet or higher). The Great Lakes produce structural currents, rip currents, out- let currents, longshore currents, and channel currents—all of which can cause serious danger to swimmers.

The eastern shore of Lake Michigan has the most current-related incidents of all the Great Lakes, and out of the 514 current-related incidents (rescues and drowning) that occurred on the Great Lakes from 2002-2016, 71 percent were on Lake Michigan.

The good news for beachgoers is that currents and high wave activity can be forecasted, and with the right information, you can help have a safe and enjoyable time in natural waters.

MDHHS encourages all residents to remember the following before visiting the beach:

- Everyone is encouraged to learn to swim and how to be safe in and around the water.
- Watch for dangerous waves and signs of rip currents (water that is turbulent and white, with debris and moving in a channel away from shore).
- It is never safe to swim near a structure such as a pier or break wall.
- Never go swimming alone, and designate someone to watch people who are in the water.
- Follow beach hazard statements and avoid the water when conditions are not safe for swimming.

While it is important to avoid currents altogether, it is equally important to know how to survive one.

If you find yourself in a rip current, flip on your back, float to conserve energy, and follow the safest path out of the water—which could be along the line of the current until it is less strong, or along the shoreline.

To learn more about drowning risks in natural water settings, visit [https://www.cdc.gov/features/drowningrisks](https://www.cdc.gov/features/drowningrisks) or the national weather service site at [http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov](http://www.ripcurrents.noaa.gov) for information about rip currents.

To check Great Lakes beach hazards, visit [http://www.weather.gov/greatlakes/beachhazards](http://www.weather.gov/greatlakes/beachhazards).

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**MDHHS Director and four others charged in Flint Water death**

Michigan Attorney General Bill Schuette announced on Wednesday, June 14, that he has charged Michigan Department of Health and Human Services Emergency Manager Darnell Earley, former City of Flint Water Department Manager Howard Croft, Michigan Department of Environmental Quality’s Water Chef Liane Skehen-Stephenson, City of Flint Water Supervisor Stephen Busch, with involuntary manslaughter, and five others with involuntary manslaughter related to their alleged failure to act in the Flint Water Crisis.

Involuntary manslaughter is punishable by up to 15 years in prison, and/or a $7,500 fine.

In addition to the involuntary manslaughter charges, Schuette also charged Lyon with Misconduct in Office, a felony, subject to up to 10 years in prison, and/or a $10,000 fine.

Two other people have been charged, and pre-trial hearings and other legal proceedings occurring. Schuette released the initial results of the more than yearlong investigation. Included in the report is a look at today’s and past charges made, as well as a review of the facts and evidence in the case. (You can find the report on our website at [www.cedarspringspost.com](http://www.cedarspringspost.com/).)
Thank you for the cards and gifts. Sharing my 90th birthday with me. Thank you for the cards and gifts.

Autumn Hartman, daughter of Ed and Becky Hartman, of Sand Lake, graduated Valedictorian with a 3.99 from Algoma Christian School. Her favorite subject in school was English. Her extracurricular activities included volleyball, National Honor Society, and Resonate Church. She will be attending Ferris State University to major in Nursing in hopes of a career as a Registered Nurse.

Daryl and Jo Magoon will celebrate their 50th anniversary on June 16th, 2017 with their four children, Melissa Mason, Kimberly (Scott) Saboo, Daryl (Cindy) Magoon Jr., Jason Magoon, eleven grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

In loving memory of my beloved mom who passed away 19 years ago on June 15, 1998. On that night, God took you from my arms to His. Oh, how I miss you. What a strong, wonderful woman you were! I love you, Mom.

Your daughter, Robin

Morgan Kroes, daughter of Rick and Tenna Kroes, of Cedar Springs, graduated Salutatorian with a 3.98 from Algoma Christian School. Her favorite subjects were U.S. History, Chemistry, and Calculus. Her extracurricular activities included volleyball, soccer, Spring Drama, worship team, chapel planning committee, math tutoring, and small group leader. She plans to attend Frederik Meijer Honors College at Grand Valley State University to major in Mechanical Engineering in hopes of a career in Cellulose, Tissue, and Genetic Engineering.

Megan Huntoon Lindeman, great-grandchild of long time Cedar Springs resident Betty Goller, and her husband Ryan Lindeman, recently graduated from the graduate school at Northern Illinois University. Megan earned her doctorate in psychology and Ryan earned his master’s degree in public administration. Ryan also earned a promotion from staff sergeant to second lieutenant in the US Army by graduating from the Northern Illinois University ROTC program. Megan’s grandfather, Max Huntoon, a veteran of the Vietnam war and Sand Lake resident, delivered Ryan’s first salute as a US Army officer.

Meghan & Ryan Lindeman

Charlie Prahl from Cedar Springs and Kathy Corwin from Cedar Springs fell in love and they are getting married. Yes, it will be a blended and blessed family. The blending will begin on June 30, 2017.

A special thanks to family and friends for sharing my 90th birthday with me. Thank you for the cards and gifts.

Thank you
Clark “Red” Robinson

Due to some typographical errors, we are re-running the Algoma Christian School’s Highest Honor students. We apologize for the mistakes.

Corwin – Prahl

Russell A. Weis II, age 52, of Cedar Springs, died Sunday, June 11, 2017 in Grand Rapids. Russell was born November 17, 1964 in Grand Rapids, MI the son of Russell and Donna (Sims) Weis. He was a hard working man. He enjoyed cars and was a mechanic, and later worked in HVAC. He was a great father and grandfather. Surviving are his wife, Jane; children, Rachel Schutt, Russell Weis III, and Leah Weis; four grandchildren; niece, Alix Millar, and nephew Nathan Cubitt. He was preceeded in death by his parents and a sister, Naomi Cubitt. A graveside service was held Wednesday, June 14 at 1:00pm at Ashton Cemetery, north of Reed City.

Arrangements by Bliss-Witters & Pike Funeral Home, Cedar Springs

Michael A. Shellito, 19 of Cedar Springs, died Monday, June 12, 2017 at his home. Michael was born May 3, 1998 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He was a graduate of New Beginnings High School and was a natural at all sports and horseback riding. He was very much loved and will be missed by his family. Surviving are his father and stepmother, Andrew (Bonnie) Shellito; mother, Bonnie Phillips; brother, Andrew Shellito; sisters, Nicole Hinton and Madison Shellito. The family will receive friends Thursday from 2-4 and 6-8 pm at the Bliss-Witters & Pike Funeral Home, Cedar Springs where the service will be held Friday 11:00 am. Pastor Larry Young officiating. Interment Solon Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to help the family with expenses.

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As we come into this weekend, naturally our thoughts turn to the father that God has placed in our lives. We will give cards and gifts, make telephone calls, and go out to eat as we honor the men who have so greatly impacted our lives. It is good that we do so. Fatherhood is designed by God to have a strong and positive role in a family, and we need to honor and restore that institution in our generation.

In our current culture, the role of the father in a family is one that is often mocked or misunderstood. In many TV sitcoms, the dad is portrayed as a doofy buffoon, a lustful and leering predator, or a weak and emasculated figure, who is constantly subservient to an inferior role in the family by disrespectful children and/or a dominating wife. Reality is that what is seen on TV is often played out in real life in homes all across the country.

Some people do not have positive relationships with, or memories of, their father. Unfortunately, many times those strained relationships or bad memories have been rightly earned by men whose parenting skills have been lacking. Many children, small or grown, have bitter memories of fathers who were physically or verbally abusive or even went AWOL.

While there are many fathers who are derelict in their duty, thankfully there are also many who have accepted their rightful roles and are living out a reflection of God’s character in their own lives to the best of their ability. I am truly grateful that I have been blessed with a wonderful father who has lived out his faith in God and blazed a trail for me to follow in the paths of righteousness. Dad has lived his life in a way that made it easy for me to embrace the concept of God as a loving, Heavenly Father.

Jesus told Philip in John 14:9: “He who has seen Me has seen the Father” (NKJV). Dads, that needs to be the goal in our lives. Part of the process of restoring fatherhood to God’s-ordained place in society is for men to step up and accept and shoulder the responsibilities that come with that position. Being a dad is far more than just a title; it is an ongoing action.

It is being humble in our attitudes, consistent in our daily walk of faith, unwavering in unconditional love for our families, uncorrupted by current culture, constant in our generosity, and magnanimous in our acts of grace. It is being firm enough to provide boundaries for our families’ actions, strong enough to demand a proper code of conduct for our families’ behavior, and gentle in teaching those ways to ones we love. We are to model the heart of Jesus for those with whom we live.

A shut mouth gathers no foot.

He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction

Proverbs 13:3

Bless-Witters & Pike
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Alpha Family Center LifeWalk
June 17: Alpha Family Center will hold its 22nd Annual LifeWalk – Humanity 101 on Saturday, June 17th at 10 am. Maple Park in Cedar Springs. There will also be a 5K LifeRun at 8:30 am, registration at 7:30 am and a Kids FunRun (ages 5-11) at 9:15 am, LifeWalk at 10 am, registration at 9 am. For more information and pledge forms visit AFC website: alphafamilycenter.org. #22-24b

Blessing will be given at 2:30 pm by Pastor Greig followed First St. Several used Bikes have been graciously donated pm at The Springs Church parking lot, corner of Oak and Ave., Gowen. #24

Dinner at the Legion June 19: American Legion, 80 S. Main St. Cedar Springs, hosting a Swiss Steak dinner on Monday, June 19th, from 5 – 7 pm. Included will be mashed potatoes, baked beans, veggies, salad, roll and dessert. The cost is $8 for adults, children (15 and younger) $4.00. Come and enjoy home cooking. Take out is available. 616-696-9160. #24p

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Happy Father's Day

Father's Day Gifts

FOR THE MAN WHO LOVES TO COOK

FAMILY FEATURES
While the typical Father's Day gifts generally get the job done – think golf clubs, fishing tackle or grilling equipment – don’t forget about the dad who enjoys spending time making magic in the kitchen.

Give him the tools he needs to succeed, whether baking for the big game, preparing a meal for the family, trying out a new recipe or simply seeking to master the perfect cup of coffee. Reaching one’s fullest potential in the kitchen requires the right equipment, so put the best gear in his hands (or on his counter) and up his culinary experience with these ideas from KitchenAid.

From baking equipment to knife sets to attachments that turn his favorite countertop appliance into a versatile powerhouse, give your food-savvy dad just what he needs to up his kitchen game. For more Father's Day gift inspiration, visit kitchenaid.com.

Sleek and Elegant
Dad deserves tools as bold and innovative as his culinary creations. Featuring a cast iron-like finish and premium materials, including die-cast zinc, satin and black chrome, the limited edition Artisan® Black Tie Stand Mixer from KitchenAid is a timeless collector’s item that will never go out of style. With 16 speeds, a tilt-head design and more than a dozen optional hub-powered and bowl attachments, this one-of-a-kind stand mixer is sure to take his culinary prowess to a whole new level.

Adaptable Attachments
For many dads, summer is synonymous with outdoor grilling and barbecues. Help dad transform his stand mixer into a multi-purpose tool with a Food Grinder attachment, a perfect accompaniment for everything from grinding raw meat for hamburgers to preparing homemade salsa. Pair it with a Sausage Stuffer Kit to make breakfast sausages, brats and more.

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Soccer player commits to Northern Kentucky University

Also trying out for national Futsal team

Isaiah Schatz, a 2017 graduate of Cedar Springs High School, recently committed to a Division 1 soccer program at Northern Kentucky University as a goalkeeper. He also has been invited (based on an earlier trial in South Carolina) to attend the final U.S. Youth Futsal National I.D. trial that brings together the best youth Futsal players in the nation as judged at all State Futsal I.D. Trials earlier in the year. Top players at the U.S. Youth Futsal National I.D. Trial will be selected for U.S. Youth Futsal National Teams. The final trial is in Kansas from July 13-15. Players are evaluated throughout the event, with top players chosen for U.S. Youth Futsal Teams that will train together and travel internationally. Those chosen will travel to Costa Rica for three international matches from July 23 to July 30. Futsal is the official indoor soccer game. It is small sided (5v5), played on a smaller pitch (roughly basketball court sized) and with a smaller ball.

Red Hawk to Panther

Jordan Ringler commits to Davenport University

Jordan Ringler, a 2017 Cedar Springs High School graduate, has signed a letter of intent to wrestle for the Davenport University Panthers this fall.

Jordan, son of Paul and Jane Ringler of Cedar Springs, has wrestled most of his life, beginning with freestyle when he was just a kindergartener. Jordan, a very tough competitor, has taken several awards over the years through the Michigan Youth and the Middle School/High School programs. He has participated on national teams, and he has been a consistent hard working leader, as described by teammates and coaches. Jordan plans to pursue the health care field for his BA and eventually hopes to obtain his doctorate of Physical Therapy. Congratulations Jordan!

USMC Sports Leadership Academy to host basketball clinic

The United States Marine Corps Sports Leadership Academy will host a free basketball clinic June 24 at MSA Fieldhouse (5435 28th St Ct SE, Grand Rapids, MI 49546).

The USMC Sports Leadership Academy is a unique experience for athletes seeking skill training and leadership insights that go beyond the playing field. These nationwide sports clinics offer the chance to enhance basketball ability through instruction from some of the area’s best basketball coaches as well as learn leadership from some of America’s best leaders, the United States Marines. “We are excited to provide this opportunity for the local youth to complement their athletic experiences with the skillset to become exceptional leaders,” Mr. Leroy Pennington, Director of Eastern Recruiting Region Marketing said. “The USMC Sports Leadership Academy is a unique skill building experience that provides a great atmosphere for its participants.”

Participants will be immersed in the fundamentals of basketball while being exposed to Marine-style leadership. Marine Corps Leadership Traits will be taught during short breakout sessions throughout the day and focus on how the sports skills learned on the field relate to real world leadership challenges. Whether in the classroom or on the court, USMC Sports Leadership Academy attendees will experience the skills required to stand out among their peers.

The Basketball Academy begins at 8 a.m. and concludes at 4:30 p.m. following the awards presentations and closing ceremony. All participants receive a USMC Sports Leadership Academy t-shirt and free lunch as well as a camp swag bag. The event is open to anyone between the age of 15 and 19 years of age. Limited registration is available at www.usmcsports.com.

Coaches know the game, now players can learn the secrets of leadership that will carry on beyond the realm of athletics.
Help keep Michigan black bears at a distance

The Department of Natural Resources asks Michigan residents to help keep the state’s unique and wild animal by keeping bears at a distance. With many people (whether they’re seasonal visitors or year-round resi-
dents) outdoors and enjoying northern Michigan in the summer months, removing bird feeders is an easy answer to bear problems.

It’s not unusual for a bear to approach a home at a distance. With many people (whether they’re seasonal visitors or year-round residents) outdoors and enjoying northern Michigan in the summer months, removing bird feeders is an easy answer to bear problems.

Bears are smart, so we have to be smarter,” said Keen. “They are wild animals that are unpredictable and can travel many miles. Your habits can affect those around you, and a bear that loses its natural fear of humans because food has been introduced can end up being bold or dangerous and may need to be put down.”

Michigan’s bear population generally is found in the northern half of the Lower Peninsula and across the Upper Peninsula. Bears eat most items found in the forest, including plants, berries, nuts, acorns, insects and, occasionally, small mammals. Because bears will eat most anything, their behavior and normal travel patterns will change if an easy food source is discovered. “Don’t wait for the first time a bear knocks down your bird feeder or garbage can, be proactive and don’t let a habit form,” said Keen.

Learn more about living with bears and ways to avoid attracting bears to your property with the DNR’s “The Bear Essentials” video on Michigan.gov/wildlife. In addition to bird feeders, pet food, garbage, barbeque grills and beehives also can attract bears. Pet food should be stored indoors, as should garbage, until the time of pickup. Garbage that is set out the night before can attract bears. Pet food should be stored indoors, as should garbage, until the time of pickup. Garbage that is set out the night before can attract bears.

Summer savings event

We are dummied a coyote was running for its life from a deer in hot pursuit. If a deer is healthy, a coyote’s chance of killing it are reduced. A heavy coyote weighs about 35 pounds and an adult doe averages 125 to 150 pounds. The deer has the advantage of weight, height, speed, and sharp hooves. It is not the best use of time and energy for a coyote to attempt to take a healthy deer.

Deer chasing coyote

A coyote suddenly dashed from the woods, in front of Kar-
en and me, with a deer in close pursuit. The deer was about 15 feet behind the coyote that was running for safety. The coyote looked healthy but was anxious for escape. The deer was determined to nail the coyote with some serious blows. After passing in front of us, the coyote dodged around us and turned again to enter the woods. Karen and I were traveling in a clearing on pavement. The deer held true to its pursuit, passing in front of us as if we were not there with focus on the canine. She barked on the pavement and made a second turn toward the woods. The pavement was too smooth for her hooves and her legs were out from under her. She fell hard on her left side, jumped up and continued. Karen was concerned that she might have received a seri-
ous injury. She did not appear to have broken a limb and hopefully the worst would be bruising.

Both coyote and deer disappeared into the woods in sec-
onds. We hardly had time to process what was occurring. We were dumbfounded a coyote was running for its life from a deer in hot pursuit.

Michigan Boating Week June 10–16 highlights the freshwater state

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources invites residents and visitors to celebrate the state’s unparalleled boating opportunities and one of the best freshwater destinations in the world during Michigan Boating Week June 10–16.

“Well situations occur concerning a bear, some form of food has usually attracted the bear into the area,” said DNR wildlife communications coordinator Larry Keen. “The common element is usually a bird feeder—seed, suet and even hummingbird feeders. The good news is a homeowner can choose to take control of the situation.”

Michigan’s estimated black bear population is over 12,000 adult bears—2,000 in the northern Lower Peninsula and 10,000 across the Upper Peninsula. Typically, black bears are shy animals, but they have a great sense of smell and can remember a food source. As a result, a black bear will go places it normally wouldn’t if a food reward is available.

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Bear population and distribution are managed through regulated bear hunting. Michigan’s bear hunting seasons vary by bear management unit, with the first 2017 season starting Sept. 8. A total of 7,140 bear hunting licenses will be available with the first 2017 season starting Sept. 8. A total of 7,140 bear hunting licenses will be available through regulated bear hunting. Michigan’s bear population generally is found in the northern half of the Lower Peninsula and across the Upper Peninsula. Bears eat most items found in the forest, including plants, berries, nuts, acorns, insects and, occasionally, small mammals. Because bears will eat most anything, their behavior and normal travel patterns will change if an easy food source is discovered.

“Don’t wait for the first time a bear knocks down your bird feeder or garbage can, be proactive and don’t let a habit form,” said Keen. "They are wild animals that are unpredictable and can travel many miles. Your habits can affect those around you, and a bear that loses its natural fear of humans because food has been introduced can end up being bold or dangerous and may need to be put down."
MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H FAIR
Montcalm County Fairgrounds
June 24th - July 1st, 2017

MONTCALM COUNTY 4-H FAIR
YOUTH SHOWS, GRAND STAND EVENTS & CARNIVAL RIDE SCHEDULES

Times and dates are subject to change, please check the Montcalm County 4-H Fair Association and/or MSU Montcalm Extension 4-H websites for updated information: www.montcalmcountyyoungfarmers.com and https://msue.anr.msu.edu/county/montcalm/4_h_fair_info

Saturday, June 17th.....
4-H Dog Show (Cloverbud, Showmanship, Obedience, Rally and Costume Classes) – Livestock Arena Registration: @ 1 p.m. Show: @ 2 p.m.

Saturday, June 24th.....
4-H Still Exhibit Project Judging – Ash Foundation Building @ 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. Open Class – Ash Foundation Building Entries: @ 10:00 a.m. – 2 p.m. Judging: @ 2 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies/4-H'er of The Year and Awards Presentation – Ash Foundation Building @ 6:00 p.m.
4-H Exhibitor's Food Auction – Ash Foundation Building Following Awards Presentation

Sunday, June 25th.....
4-H Market Animal Livestock Weight-Ins: Cattle, Goats, Sheep and Swine – Livestock Barn @ 6 a.m. – 2 p.m. Rabbits – Small Animal Barn (Rabbit End) @ 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. with Record Book. Poultry – Small Animal Barn (Poultry End) @ 8 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Pullorum Test 8 a.m. - 12 p.m.
4-H Carcass Class Live Evaluation – Sheep and Swine – Livestock Arena @ 4:00 p.m.
Combine Demo Derby – Grand Stand @ 5:00 p.m. Adults and Children 11 and up...$10.00 each – Children 10 and under...$5.00 each

Monday, June 26th.....
4-H Small Animals/Pocket Pets Show – Ash Foundation Building @ 9:30 a.m.
4-H Demonstrations and Interviews – Ash Foundation Building @ 10:30 a.m.
4-H Horse/Pony Show – Showmanship, Western Horsemanship, Reining – Horse Arena @ 9:00 a.m.
4-H Dairy Check-In – animals in place with Record Book by 12 p.m.
4-H Poultry, Waterfowl, Wild Fowl, Pigeons, Eggs and Embryology Show – Small Animal Arena @ 1:30 p.m.
4-H Horse/Pony Show – Cloverbuds – Horse Arena @ 6:30 p.m.
4-H Sheep Show – Livestock Arena @ 7:00 p.m.
Antique Tractor Pull – Grand Stand @ 7:00 p.m. Adults and Children 11 and up...$5.00 each – Children 10 and under...Free
4-H Record Books due – Livestock Arena @ 11 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, June 27th.....
4-H Swine Show – Livestock Arena @ 8:30 a.m.
4-H Horse/Pony Show – Western Walk Trot, W/T Trail, Intermediate Trail, Trail Novice, Adv., W/E Riding Pattern, Western Pleasure, Versatility – Horse Arena @ 9:00 a.m.
4-H Goat Fun Classes (Trail, Costume & Goat Cart) – Small Animal Arena @ 2:00 p.m.
4-H Goat Show – Small Animal Arena @ 3:00 p.m.
4-H Performing Arts and Style Show – Ash Foundation Building @ 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, June 28th.....
4-H Horse/Pony Show – W/T English, Saddle Seat, Hunt Seat Equitation, Hunt Seat Pleasure – Horse Arena @ 9:00 a.m.
4-H Rabbit and Cavy Show – Small Animal Arena @ 9:00 a.m.
4-H Dairy Show – Livestock Arena @ 9:00 a.m.
4-H Beef Show – Livestock Arena @ 1:00 p.m. Market Beef Cattle Ultrasound – Beef Barn after show
4-H Llama/Alpaca Show – TBA Livestock or Small animal Arena @ 5:00 p.m.
4-H Sheep and Swine Carcass Show – Sage’s Meats, Greenville @ 6:00 p.m.
Maple Leaf Amusement Rides $18.00 per armband- all day.

Thursday, June 29th.....
4-H Horse/Pony Jumping and Dressage – Horse Arena @ 9:00 a.m.
Maple Leaf Amusement Rides $18.00 per armband or $30.00 for two armbands – all day.
4-H Market Animal Livestock Auction – Livestock Arena @ 3:00 p.m. NEW TIME! (Bidder Registration starts @ 2:00 p.m.)

Friday, June 30th.....
4-H Horse/Pony Show – Gymkhana Horsemanship, All Speed events – Horse Arena @ 8:00 a.m.
Kids Day Expo – 4-H Tent/Ash Foundation Building @ 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Maple Leaf Amusement Rides $12.00 per armband – all day.
Super Kicker Rodeo Production – Grand Stand @ 7:00 p.m. Adults and Children 11 and up...$10.00 each – Children 10 and under...$5.00 each

Saturday, July 1st.....
4-H Horse/Pony Cart Classes – Horse Arena @ 10:00 a.m.
4-H Showmanship Sweepstakes – Livestock Arena @ 10:00 a.m. (4-H Exhibitors Honors and Outstanding Photos after Sweepstakes @ 12:00 p.m.)
4-H Horse/Pony Costume Class – Horse Arena after 4-H Showmanship Sweepstakes.
4-H Tractor Driving Contest – Location to Be Announced @ 1:00 p.m.
4-H Dog Show ( Agility Classes) – Livestock Arena Registration: @ 1 p.m. Show: @ 2 p.m.
Maple Leaf Amusement Rides $18.00 per armband or $30.00 for two armbands – all day.
4-H Club Herdsmanship Awards – To be announced in the evening
Unique Motor Sports Demolition Derby – Grand Stand @ 7:00 p.m. Adults and Children 11 and up...$15.00 each – Children 10 and under...$5.00 each

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Thursday, June 15, 2017
Are you looking for a new place to get your insurance? Check out Ryanne Donahue State Farm Agency, located at 60 N. Main Street. Owner Ryanne Donahue said they offer Insurance and Financial services to help people protect what is important to them, prepare for the unexpected, and plan for the future!

What makes them unique from other insurance agencies? Ryanne and the agency team believe in a “good old days” approach to business. “In the world of 15-minute insurance quotes, we want to take the time to get to know the people we serve,” she explained. “We try to always remember that people need their insurance agent most when something bad or scary has happened, we don’t want to be a stranger in those times we want to be a trusted friend.”

Ryanne and her employees are all local residents from Cedar Springs, to Kent City, to Sand Lake. “We know the community and have the same worries, goals, dreams, and fears as our clients. We offer a wide range of services to help cover every day risks, all backed by State Farm!” she said.

Ryanne said they plan to be at 60 N. Main for many years. “Our goal is to have a conversation with every person we come across, to make sure they are getting the best value and protection that their insurance policies can offer. We want to make sure that when something scary happens, our clients can hear us say ‘I’m sorry that happened, but we can help!’” They are open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9 a.m to 6 p.m on Tuesday and Thursday. You can check them out at ryanne-donahueinsurance.com or give them a call at 616-696-1329.

Don’t Let Your Investments Take a “Vacation”

It’s summer again – time for many of us to take a break and possibly hit the open road. But even if you go on vacation, you won’t want to “take a break” from your investments. So, in fact, without your input, any moves at all, your portfolio can move in directions that may not be favorable to you. Suppose you think your holdings should be made up of 70% stocks, but due to strong gains, your stocks now make up 80% of your portfolio. This development could lead to a risk level that feels uncomfortably high to you. That’s why you should review your portfolio at least once a year, possibly with the help of a financial professional, to check your progress and make adjustments as needed.

Don’t stop at the nearest “resting place.” Some people hope that if they can get that one “winner,” they will triumph in the investment arena. But the ability to “get rich quick” is much more of a myth than a reality. True investment success typically requires patience, persistence and the resilience to continue investing even during market downturns.

In other words, ignoring it is not an option. You engaged in this long term endeavor, and you need a portfolio that reflects this reality. The investment moves you make today may pay off for you decades from now. You need to establish your goals and keep them constantly in mind as you invest. And you will never really reach the end of your investment journey, because you’ll need to make choices and manage your portfolio throughout your retirement years.

Hopefully, you will enjoy a pleasant vacation time with your investment portfolio shouldn’t take off.

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BUSINESS BITS
Ryanne Donahue State Farm Agency

New FTC Website helps small businesses avoid scams/cyber attacks

Attacks can be especially devastating to small businesses; Agency provides information on how they can protect themselves.

At the direction of Acting Chairman Maureen Ohlhausen, the Federal Trade Commission has launched a new website—ftc.gov/SmallBusi-nesses—which includes articles, videos, and other information aimed at helping small business owners avoid scams and protect their computers and networks from cyberattacks and other threats.

“Small businesses are critical to our economic strength, building America’s future, and helping the United States compete in today’s global marketplace,” Acting Chairman Ohlhausen said. “This innovative new website is a one-stop shop where small businesses can find information to protect themselves from scammers and hackers, as well as resources they can use if they are hit with a cyberattack.”

According to the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), there are more than 28 million small businesses nationwide, employing nearly 57 million people. Scammers frequently target small business owners to perpetrate scams/cyber attacks.

The FTC offers specific information to help small businesses protect their networks and other cyber threats such as ransomware and phishing schemes targeting small businesses. The FTC is continuing to work with the SBA on additional ways to help small businesses.

The Federal Trade Commission works to promote competition, and protect consumers and educate consumers. You can learn more about consumer topics and file a complaint or request a tip by calling 1-877-FTC-HELP (382-4357). Like the FTC on Facebook, follow us on Twitter, read our blogs and subscribe to press releases (www.ftc.gov/ stay-connected) for the latest FTC news and resources.

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Car center celebrates with car show

The Car Center recently celebrated its one-year anniversary here in Cedar Springs with a car show.

The Car Center celebrated its first year of business in the Cedar Springs area with a grand reopening car show at their location on 13399 White Creek Avenue. There were lots of door prizes—a variety of antique, late model, and sports cars and free food and drinks. Car Center Cedar Springs—offering collision services—in the newest location of Car Center in Greenville, which provides both collision and mechanical services with deceptive tactics designed to get them to pay for supplies they didn’t order, donate to fake charities or trick them into giving access to their networks or downloading malware that can corrupt their business’s computers.

Cyberattacks can be particularly devastating to small businesses, and many of them lack the resources that larger companies have to devote to cybersecurity. Symantec Corp.’s 2016 Internet Security Threat Report indicates the percentage of spear-phishing attacks targeting small business rose dramatically from 18 percent to 43 percent between 2011 and 2015.

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Shekter-Smith was previously charged with a felony of Misconduct in Office and a misdemeanor charge of Willful Neglect of Duty.

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DARNEL EARLEY - As an appointed Emergency Manager for the City of Flint, Earlery was tasked with enacting the policy and welfare of the City. During his terms as Emergency Manager, Earlery contributed to the decisions that allegedly caused the death of Robert Skidmore by keeping the City on the water source even in situations where the source should have been switched back to Detroit Water & Sewer.

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FELONY: 5 Years and/or $10,000.00. DNA to be taken upon arrest.

STEPHEN BUSCH - Stephen Busch served as the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality’s Water Quality Division Director. Busch was previously charged with felony Misconduct in Office and involuntary manslaughter; contrary to MCL 750.479c(2) (750.479c) FELONY: 15 Years and/or $5,000.00.

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As Director of Public Works for the City of Flint, Croft was required to order the Flint Water Treatment Plant shut down because it was not producing safe water. As the Chief of the Office of Drinking Water & Sewer, Croft was allegedly pressured by Croft to start using the Flint Water Treatment Plant. Croft’s alleged failure to treat the water properly contributed to the bacterial outbreaks found in Flint, including the legionella in the spring of 2015.

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County Prosecuting Attorney John Herrington is leading the investigation.

The American Civil Liberties Union filed a federal lawsuit on behalf of people who have been exposed to Legionnaires’ disease outbreak in Flint, Michigan when he had notice that another outbreak would occur; contrary to MCL 750.321 (750.321-C) FELONY: 15 Years and/or $7,500.00. DNA to be taken upon arrest.

Charges: COUNT 2 – MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE Did between Febru-
ary 2015 and May 2017, commit misconduct in office, an indict-
ment of Involuntary Manslaughter. DNA to be taken upon arrest.

FELONY: 5 Years and/or $10,000. DNA to be taken upon arrest.

The weeklong celebration also includes a handful of events taking place in harbors across the state and five radio broadcasts that will feature DNR staff and other industry professionals. Since residents and visitors are never more than 6 miles from a body of water or 85 miles from a Great Lake, there are plenty of reasons to take pride in Michigan’s vast freshwater resources. The following freshwater facts help define why Michigan is the Great Lakes State: 1,328 miles of Great Lakes shoreline. 11,000-plus inland lakes. 36,350 miles of rivers and streams. 1,300 boat launches and 82 public harbors administered by state, county and local units of government. More lighthouses than any other state. Access to 154 species of fish. A portion of revenue collected from Michigan’s gas tax and watercraft registrations helps fund state facilities, including 19 harbors and approximately 1,000 boating access sites. Another portion of that revenue funds grants to local units of government that oversee 63 harbors and roughly 200 boating access sites. These resources help fund waterways projects and the ongoing maintenance at public recreational boating facilities, benefiting local and regional economies and contributing to statewide tourism. Visit www.michigan.gov/boating to learn more about Michigan boating, Michigan Boating Week, water safety and more. In addition, the Michigan Harbors Guide is available for download by state and is designed to offer essential boating information and a list of locations and amenities offered at state harbors.
Deer

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I personally possess a scar on my right arm from 58 years ago when a deer casually sliced me open with one swipe of its hoof. That wild deer did not intentionally try to injure me. Back in those days, we fed wild animals in national parks. My mother put some salt on my hand and I held it out for the deer. It licked the salt and when the salt was gone, the deer paused momentarily, or maybe a dozen feet away. Its hoof glared at my hand. That scar has been there since.

So why was this deer chasing a coyote? The deer would not eat the coyote. What would cause it to endanger itself? 

As a team on this shared goal. Thank you for listening to this position.

Cedar Springs Board of Education. We look forward to working with the Cedar Springs Post has a responsibility to this community to report ALL news, even if it’s something you don’t want to see. I don’t want to see our teachers public- ly beg for help from the board of education after months of waiting. The board here we are and it is STILL happening. So while we ALL would like to see news full of sunshine and rainbows, it’s difficult to admire the drapes when the house is on fire.

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Response to “Reader disappointed in story choice”

I too was at the last board of education meeting. I ad- mire your dedication to family in supporting the position of a relative on the board, however there are a few state- ments you made that I don’t believe are accurate. One only needs to look through recent issues of the Post to see several articles about our students’ accomplishments. One article in the last 7 months bringing awareness to our community that our teachers are STILL working un- der fear and intimidation does not constitute a pattern. I would also argue that the “slanted viewpoint from the vo- cal minority” is not accurate. The board meeting I attend- ed was standing room only, and ended with a standing ovation from an overwhelming majority when Trustee Sabinas filed a formal complaint against Dr. VanDuy. The Cedar Springs Post has a responsibility to this community to report ALL news, even if it’s something you don’t want to see. I don’t want to see our teachers public- ly beg for help from the board of education after months of waiting. The board here we are and it is STILL happening. So while we ALL would like to see news full of sunshine and rainbows, it’s difficult to admire the drapes when the house is on fire.

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Dear Father’s Day

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Slice and Dice

Since knives are used more than nearly any other kitchen utensil, make sure dad has a cut- lery set he can count on, like Professional Series Cutlery from KitchenAid. The dif- ferent options of cutlery sets can make his chopping, peeling, paring, slicing, cutting, and sharpening easy and grace- ful. Available for purchase as a set or in- dividually, a customizable set is within dad’s reach.

Rise and Grind

If dad appreciates precision, then a Burr Grinder is a great way to give him complete cus- tomization of his morning coffee. He’ll be able to grind coffee beans just the way he prefers with 15 grind levels for French press, pour-over, drip coffee, espresso and anything in between. The glass bean hopper holds up to 7 ounces of grinds, plus the stainless steel offer both durability and powerful cutting burrs performance.
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**Garage/Yard Sales**

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For more information on the humane society of west michigan, call 616-453-8900 or visit them at hswestmi.org

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**Lola** – Female Wire Fox Terrier / American Staffordshire Terrier Mix

I’m a 2 year old dog looking for my forever home! I was trans-ferred to Humane So-ciety of West Michigan three weeks ago and am currently living in a foster home. When I first arrived I was very nervous and scared, so HSWPM connected me with a loving foster home right away. I’ve been building up trust for people and I like to be a little shadow following my people and dog friends around! I LOVE being with other dogs and must go home with a social, playful dog that I could become BFFs with and do everything together! I enjoy playing in the wa-ter and having fun. If you’re interested in meeting me, please call Humane Society of West Michigan at 616-453-8900 for more information or to set up a meet & greet!
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**Thinking outside the coop: 8 common myths about raising backyard poultry**

(BPT) - From fresh egg production to natural garden fertilizer, there is no shortage of benefits in raising backyard poultry. But even as families become more familiar with sustainable living and keeping chickens, several poultry myths still exist.

Here to set the record straight for our feathered friends is poultry expert Lise Steele, creator of the renowned Fresh Eggs Daily brand and author of three nationwide bestsellers. Steele is a one-stop shop with coops, equipment, feed and the expert advice you need to successfully raise chicks into an egg-laying production of sweet cherries.

**Myth 1: Chickens are difficult to care for.**

"There is, of course, a certain level of responsibility required to properly care for any living animal. However, when it comes to backyard poultry, the time commitment is fairly minimal - maybe 30 minutes a day," Steele says. Here’s what you can expect: In the morning, chickens will need to be let out and fed; waterers will need to be filled. At some point, eggs will need to be collected. Then, around dusk, after the chickens have wandered back to the coop, the door needs to be locked to protect from predators.

**Myth 2: Chickens (and coops) smell.**

"Chickens themselves don’t smell, nor does a well-maintained coop," Steele says. "On average, a chicken produces about 1.5 ounces of manure a day, which is far less than the average dog - not to mention, when composted, it makes wonderful nitrogen-rich fertilizer for a garden."

**Myth 3: Chickens are noisy.**

"Despite what you may have heard, chickens are pretty quiet. In fact, a clucking chicken tends to be on par with normal house conversations (10-65 decibels). In other words, it’s a lot quieter than your neighbor’s barking dog, lawn mower or car alarm," Steele says.

**Myth 4: You need a rooster to get eggs.**

"Chickens will lay eggs regardless of whether or not there is a rooster in the flock. A male chicken is only needed to fertilize an egg, meaning eggs laid by hens in a rooster-less flock can never hatch into baby chicks. And while there are some benefits of having roosters, they aren’t necessary for your hen to produce a basket of delicious, fresh eggs."

**Myth 5: A chicken lays an egg every day.**

"Fresh eggs to eat and share with friends are one of the best benefits of raising poultry, but Steele says not to expect your chicken to lay an egg every day. The average chicken will produce four to five eggs a week, but that will vary depending on the chicken’s age, breed, health and environment. Shorter days, extreme temperatures, molting (growing in new feathers) and other stressors, such as the presence of predators, can all affect egg production," Steele says.

**Myth 6: Brown eggs are more nutritious than white eggs.**

"The nutrient content of an egg is based largely on a hen's diet, not the color of its egg, which is determined solely by the chicken’s breed," Steele says. According to a study conducted by Mother Earth News magazine, a free-roaming chicken that consumes grass and bugs will lay eggs with less cholesterol and saturated fat and more Vitamin A and E, beta-carotene and Omega-3s than a chicken fed purely commercial corn-grain-based foods.

**Myth 7: Chickens carry disease.**

"Chickens don’t carry any more risk of disease than a dog or cat. In fact, they love to eat ticks and other pesky critters known to transmit diseases like Lyme disease, tapeworm and heartworm," Steele explains. "While salmonella can be transmitted to humans through poultry dander and feces, simply washing hands after handling the chickens keeps the risk of infection minimal."

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also cautions against live poultry inside the home and against letting children younger than 5 years old handle poultry.

**Myth 8: Chickens attract rodents and predators.**

"Wild predators are not any more attracted to chickens than they are to wild birds, rabbits, squirrels and other small animals," Steele says. "The truth is, predators are likely already living in your yard. The key to keeping them at bay is to keep your chickens safe in an enclosed pen or run area. Chicken feed should also be taken up at night and stored in predator-proof containers to reduce the possibility of flies and mice."

When it comes to raising backyard poultry, Tractor Supply is a one-stop shop with coops, equipment, feed and the expert advice you need to successfully raise chicks into an egg-laying flock. For more expert information on safe handling and care for poultry, starting a chicken coop and more, visit TractorSupply.com/Chicks.
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