

New director looking forward to meeting seniors

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Being the new executive director of the Alcona County Commission on Aging has presented a few more challenges than expected, but Suzan Krey is looking forward to making the senior centers a "fun place to be."

Krey started on December 14, 2009. She was hired to fill the position after the former executive director, Lynn Hinojosa, died in September 2009.

She was born and raised in the Posen, Mich. area and has lived in northern Michigan throughout her life. She and her husband, Jeff Johnson, a lab technician at LaFarge Corp., live in Ossineke. She has two daughters and four grandchildren.

Krey has a bachelor's degree in accounting and a master's degree in business administration. Her previous full time position was as the executive director of Alpena's Habitat for Humanity. She was also the administrative supervisor at Child and Family Services - based in Alpena - which covers 10 counties and the controller at Baker Enterprises and Oscoda Engineering and Manufacturing (both owned by the Besser Company).

Kreysaid she was attracted to the position because "I've always been interested in doing something that makes a difference. When you work for a private company the harder you work, the more money you put in someone else's pocket. When you work for a nonprofit the harder you work, the more you help. I enjoy that."

Since she began less than a month ago, Krey has had to deal with several factors that were unexpected - a death in her family, a leak between the first and second story of the senior center in Lincoln that flooded the conference room where numerous documents were stored and subsequently destroyed and coming back from the holiday break to find the building at 52 degrees.

Admittedly not the best of circumstances after taking a new position, but she is looking toward the bright side - a "wonderful staff" of eight full and part-time employees at the Lincoln center and a helpful and supportive board of directors. "When I found out about the leak, I expected to have to clean it up myself, but five board members came in to help," Krey said.

Krey has been focused on getting all of the accounting caught up and said it will take until the end of the month to accomplish that goal. When that goal is met, she is "looking forward to

meeting the staff of the Glenie and Greenbush centers and meeting the seniors that frequent the centers. I'm also looking to do some upgrades," Krey said.

"I want to look at the menus and redecorate the (Lincoln) dining room. I don't know about the other centers because I haven't been there yet. My ultimate goal is to make the senior centers fun places to be."

When she isn't working, Krey enjoys kayaking, hiking, biking, cross country skiing and traveling. She is also an avid reader and enjoys knitting and crocheting.

For more information about the services offered by the Alcona County Commission on Aging, call the Lincoln Senior Center at (989) 736-8879.



New Executive Director Suzan Krey (middle) and staff members of the Alcona County Commission on Aging (from left) Rodney Karas, Linda James, Viola Schmitz and Danna Howay. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

Looking at history helps guide the future of the state forest

On a sunny morning this past spring, Michigan Department of Natural Resources Forester Cody Stevens found himself standing on a two-track road just north of the town of Atlanta in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula.

Surrounding him was a 1,953-acre compartment of state forest land, covering four sections of Briley Township in Montmorency County, with which Stevens would become intimately familiar this year.

Stevens was there to inventory and review the present condition of the many forest cover types in this small corner of the Atlanta Forest Management Unit in order to determine how each type should be managed to

attain the desired future condition of the forest.

In such a serene setting, Stevens asked himself, "Where to begin? What is the desired future condition? How should we manage these woods?" The last question is of particular interest to the many users of the state forest, such as hunters, anglers, recreational trail enthusiasts and the timber industry.

As he had done in similar evaluations of other state forest compartments, Stevens decided it was best to begin with the past.

Over 150 years ago, the forests on this site were predominantly white pine and red pine, with some of the richer soils supporting a northern hardwood forest of beech, sugar maple and hem-

lock. The area was part of the great northern Michigan pine forest that supported the logging and lumber boom in the late 19th century. But after the lumber boom ended, the cut-over lands were unwanted and reverted to state ownership, becoming part of the state forest in the early 1900s.

Today, after some 100 years of re-growth, the present forest Stevens was seeing was dominated by three pioneer, sun-loving tree species - aspen, oak and red pine.

Of these species, more than half of the acreage was covered by aspen.

Back in the 1970s and '80s, the DNR found itself presented with a similar question that had implica-

tions for Michigan's entire 3.9 million acres of state forest: What should be done with the mature aspen resources of the state?

The answer, of course, was to harvest it, in order to perpetuate the aspen resource for purposes of providing good habitat for species such as grouse, deer and elk, and as a source of timber for nearby oriented-strand board mills.

The impacts of this history now formed the basis for the question that Stevens was presently asking, "What to do now and why?"

"To assist Cody and other DNR foresters in answering these questions, the state forest is organized into compartments (groups of forest stands) and management areas (groups of similar compartments)," said William Sterrett, Forest Resource Management section manager for the Forest, Mineral and Fire Management Division.

Each year, DNR personnel inventory and evaluate one-

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Ever witnessed a gaggle of turkeys play hockey? All it takes is an overcooked dinner staple and the game is on! See Alcona's Backyard for the details on page 7. Photo by Al Broadwood.

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**Letter to
the Editor**

To the Editor,
It is easy to forget that whether you know your cashiers, or the person in line next to you, your words and actions may be your last spoken or heard. During holidays most people remember well wishes given and received. Most can be confident that their last greetings were pleasant.

By the time this letter goes to print the New Year will have begun. Appreciating life and its uncertainty is often taken for granted.

For instance, the recent tragedy which took Kayla Paad. I did not know Kayla, but I am acquainted with some employees and customers from Glen's Market, whose lives are forever changed because of Kayla's life and life lost.

Additionally, I frequent Nedo's Market, where many are acquainted with Wayne, Marta, their children and employees, Terry and Melissa. During the week of Christmas, Melissa Elliot unexpectedly passed away. Shocked and saddened, we will miss her. Thankfully, I know the last time I saw her, I wished her a Merry Christmas with a warm hug.

On this final note, I would like to reaffirm that treating others as if everyday were a holiday would be beneficial to all. It might be their last, or yours.

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Obituaries

Robert B. Cain

Robert B. Cain, 64, of Lincoln, formerly of Columbiaville, Mich., died on Tuesday, Dec. 29, 2009 at home. He was born April 18, 1945 in Detroit, Mich. and was raised in Warren, Mich.

He served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a policeman with the Warren Police Department from 1967 until retiring in 1989.

In 1996, Mr. Cain moved to Mikado. He began working at Gillies Funeral Home in 1997. In 2000, he moved to Lincoln.

He was a member of New Life Lutheran Church in Spruce, and the American Legion Mikado Post No. 254.

Mr. Cain is survived by one daughter, Shannon E. Cain; one granddaughter, Skye Ava Hassankhani; and one son-in-law, Alborz Hassankhani.

His parents; Robert F. and Ethel L. (Stolzenfeld) Cain preceded him in death.

The funeral was held at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln, on January 5. The Rev. Christina Bright officiated. Burial will be in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, San Diego, Calif.

Eunice I. Matthews

Eunice I. Matthews, 89, of Curran, died on Friday, Jan. 1, 2010, at Tendercare Nursing Center in Alpena.

She was born on March 15, 1920 in Leonard, Mich. to Irvin and Nora (Glover) Garnett.

She married Milen Matthews on November 20, 1940 in Toledo, Ohio. They moved from Rochester, Mich. to Curran in 1973.

Mrs. Matthews worked at the Curran General Store for 15 years. She was a member of the Curran Home Extension Club and a member of the Brookland and Curran Fire Departments' ladies auxiliaries.

She enjoyed crocheting, playing bingo and working with the public where she could meet many different people.

Mrs. Matthews is survived by one son, Frank Matthews of Hubbard Lake; one adopted daughter, Lois Howells of Rochester Hills, Mich.; four grandsons; five great-grandchildren; one half-sister, Madlean Koreck of Vassar, Mich.; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Milen, in April 1999; and eight brothers and sisters.

The funeral was held January 4 at Lashley Funeral Home, Mio, Mich. The Rev. Arthur Fournier officiated. Interment was in Flynn Valley Cemetery, Curran.

Writing Letters to the Editor

The Alcona County Review welcomes Letters to the Editor so readers can express their opinion or draw attention to issues.

Letters to the editor must be signed with a first and last name and include an address, also a phone number where the author can be reached for confirmation or questions during regular business hours. Unsigned letters will not be published.

Letters must address the editor -- not government, the community, organizations or the authors of previously published letters.

Letters should be no longer than 200 words. Inappropriate content will be deleted and letters will run on a space available basis.

This forum is not intended as a thank you section for groups and organizations. Thank yous are considered personal messages and therefore advertising.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2009/2010

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Dec. 27	31	20	0.02	3.8	20	SW
Dec. 28	29	13	0.03	5.4	31	N
Dec. 29	25	7	0.00	1.9	15	W
Dec. 30	28	12	0.00	5.6	20	SW
Dec. 31	35	25	0.04	3.5	13	SW
Jan. 1	25	13	0.01	4.5	26	N
Jan. 2	13	-1	0.00	5.0	25	N

2009-2010 Precipitation Summary (Inches)		
	Water Content	Snow Fall
Weekly Total	0.10	2.8
Month of December	2.17	8.7
January to Date	0.01	0.2
Year/Season to Date	0.01	8.9

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

(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" or "raffle ticket sales" information is also not eligible.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6

The Lincoln Book Club will meet at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library from 3 to 4 p.m. The selection for December is "Second Glance" by Jodi Picoult.

The Spruce Lutheran Church, 1265 E. Spruce Road, will offer a food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. for those in emergency need of groceries. Guests may receive food once a month and must be present to obtain groceries. There is no qualifying but guests must provide name, address and proof of residence. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

The Alcona Baby Pantry will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado. Items are available for ages 0 to five years old for Alcona residents only. For more information, call Val at (989) 736-8513 or Brenda at (989) 736-8532.

A basic computer class will be given at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 7

TOPS No. MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-4483.

The Community Walking Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. This is for everyone.

St. Joseph Occupational Health Services will offer flu vaccinations from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Appointments are not necessary. For more information, call (989) 362-9375.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 8

An adult American Red Cross CPR/AED challenge course will be offered at the Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority office in Alpena from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Anyone interested in attending can register by calling Jennie at (989) 356-2161. There is an \$18 course fee.

A story and craft project for children will be available at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10:15 to 11 a.m.

The Alpena MS Support

Group will meet at the First Presbyterian Church, 1600 Chisholm Street, Alpena from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Family, friends and caregivers are welcome. For more information, call Vivian at (989) 471-3190.

Knights of Columbus Council No. 4235 will serve a fish dinner with all the fixings from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall in Harrisville. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children and five and under are free.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9

My Brother's Hope Free Store, located at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, will be open from 10 a.m. to noon. Also a free meal will be served. Meal and store are available to any Alcona County resident. The Alcona County Food Pantry, also located at the church, will be open from 11 a.m. to noon. Bring ID as proof of Alcona County residency.

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

A benefit spaghetti dinner will be held at the Mikado Civic Center beginning at 4 p.m. to help offset the medical expenses of Mike and Jessie Travis. There will be an auction and 50/50 raffle. Cost is \$5 per person. Kids five and under are free. Donations are needed for dinner and auction - if interested, call (989) 736-7073.

MONDAY, JANUARY 11

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

All ladies are invited to play bunco, an easy to learn game, at the Lincoln Senior Center at 2:30 p.m. First-timers are always welcome. Questions, call (989) 739-7029.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 12

The Alcona County Democrats will hold their first breakfast of the year at the Iron Skillet in Lincoln at 9

a.m. The public is always invited to join in on some interesting conversation. Questions, call (989) 736-6516.

The Digital Photography Club will meet at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library from 1 to 2 p.m. Call (989) 736-3388 for more information and to register.

Kids are invited to the Mikado branch of the Alcona County Library from 3:30 to 5 p.m. to play games on the library's Wii system.

An adult American Red Cross CPR/AED and standard first aid challenge course will be offered at the Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority office in Alpena from 9 to 11 a.m. Anyone interested in attending can register by calling Jennie at (989) 356-2161. There is an \$18 course fee.

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

The Barton City Improvement Association will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post No. 8135 in Barton City. For more information, call (989) 736-3263.

A beginning word processing class will be given at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

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pints were produced; 64 people presented themselves to give including three first timers. Seven people were deferred. The Lincoln Lions sponsored the blood drive and the men did a great job; someone even made cookies. The next blood drive will be February 17. Mark your calendar to give the gift of life.

marksmanship, physical fitness, field training and first aid skills. The recruit developed combat skills and handled various weapons available to the infantry soldier.

During AIT, McDonald received instruction to serve as an infantryman/mortar-man using light and heavy anti-armor weapons, indirect-fire support and mechanized operations while assigned to a rifle or mortar squad. The training included weapons qualification, tactics, patrolling, navigation, field communications, and combat operations, engagement in infantry combat exercises, battle drills, land mine locating, neutralizing and extracting, and survival operations during a nuclear, biological or chemical attack.

McDonald is the son of Tim McDonald of Mikado.

berg, and "Simple Abundance" by Sarah Ban Breathnach. In the health section, "8 Steps to a Healthy Heart" and "The McDougall Program for a Healthy Heart." The book cart contains romance novels, mysteries and audio/video selections. Contributions are used for library functions and programs.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday and by 9:30 a.m. on Friday.

- Monday, January 11—Scalloped potatoes with diced ham, green beans, cole slaw and fruit.

- Tuesday, January 12—Beef lasagna, peas and carrots, American blend salad, garlic bread and fruit.

- Wednesday, January 13—Cook's choice meat, potatoes, vegetable, salad and fruit pie.

- Thursday, January 14—Sweet and sour meatballs, rice, cauliflower, three bean salad and peaches.

- Friday, January 15—Sloppy Joe on a bun, pasta salad, wax beans, pickled beets and fruit.

Grant Applications

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for the second quarter of its 2010 fiscal year. The application deadline for Common and Youth Advisory Council grants is February 1, 2010. All 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies and organizations in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle are invited to apply. For more information, call Julie Wiesen at (989) 354-6881, toll free (877) 354-6881, or stop by the CFNEM office at 111 Water Street in downtown Alpena. Fillable applications are also available online at www.cfnem.org

The Tobacco Settlement Fund has a separate application form and the deadline will be February 1 each year. This initiative supports tobacco-related programs and projects for residents of any age. All 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies and organizations in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency, and Presque Isle are invited to apply. Fillable application forms can be found online at www.cfnem.org.

Discuss Elk Issues

Throughout the next year, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources will be working with stakeholder groups to receive input on

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ALCONA HEALTH CENTER WELCOMES



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Interested adults are invited to Cooking with John on Thursday, Jan. 21 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Chef John Webster Jr. from Tait's Bill of Fare is back, this time serving up hearty winter recipes to warm the body and soul. Cost is \$5 per person, includes light lunch and recipes. Absolutely must register and pay fee by Wednesday, Jan. 13. Call (989) 724-6796.

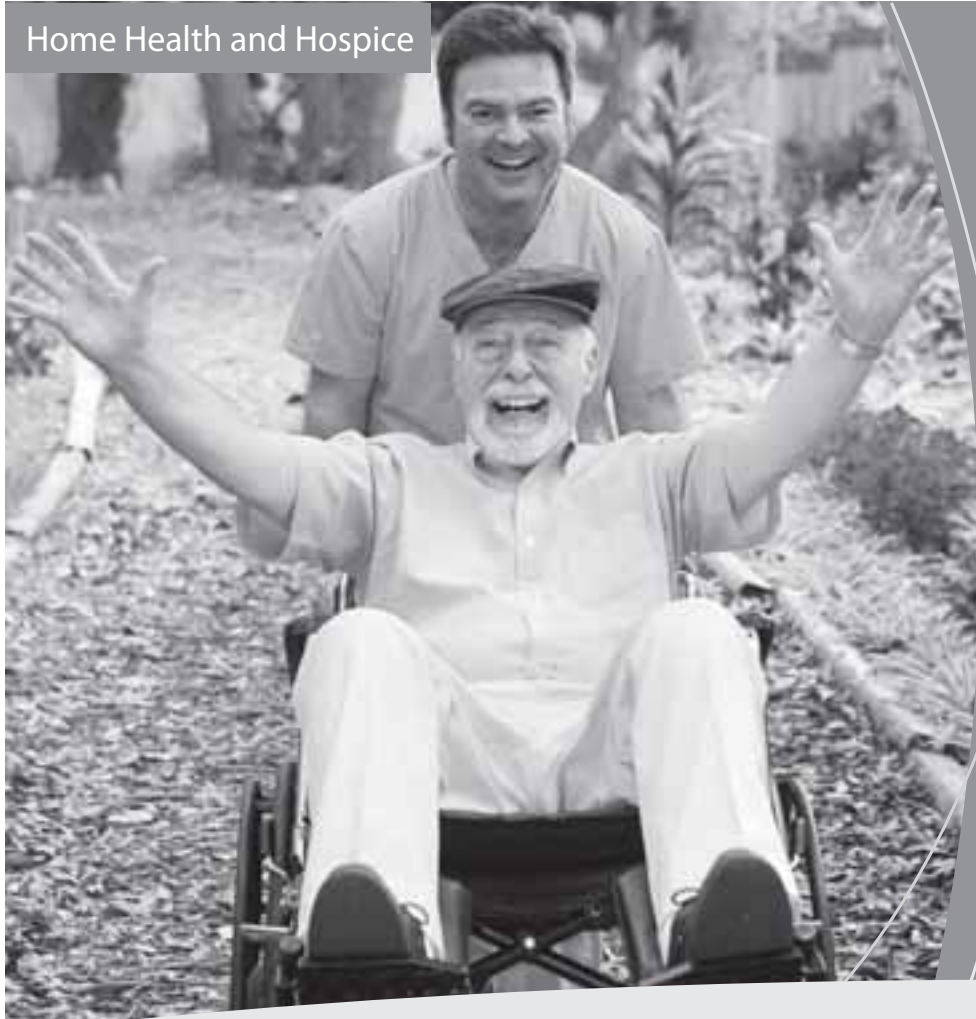
In the Service

Army Pvt. Brian P. McDonald has graduated from One Station Unit Training (OSUT) at the U.S. Army Infantry School, Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga. The training consisted of basic military training and advanced individual training (AIT). During basic training, he received instruction in drill and ceremonies, military customs and courtesies, map reading, tactics, basic rifle

Reading for the New Year

The Friends of the Alcona County Library highlight the following books this week at the Harrisville branch. On the shelves in Conference Room A: Cambridge Biographical Encyclopedia, Webster's Biographies; newer books of Clive Barker, Chris Bohjain, Jayne Ann Krentz, Stuart Woods; religion/spiritual choices include Jimmy Carter's "Journey of Strength," "Gifts from the Sea" by Anne Morrow Lind-

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District Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in November and December 2009 by the Honorable Laura A. Frawley and the Honorable Allen C. Yenior.

November

• Robert Lee Riddle Jr., 45, of Enlighton, Ala. was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$305 for nonsufficient funds less than \$100 first offence.

• Cory Dustin Huebshman, 34 of Greenbush was sentenced to four days in jail, one year probation and fines and court costs of \$905 for domestic violence and violation of probation.

• Paul Phillip Panzica, 31, of Greenbush was sentenced to three days in jail, one year probation and fines and court costs of \$1,045 for malicious destruction of property — \$200 or more but under \$1,000.

• Sandra Faye Collins, 44, of South Branch was sentenced to five days in jail and fines and court costs of \$1,150 for no insurance and operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.

December

• Jason Adam Pinto, 30, of Mikado was sentenced to 20 days in jail and fines and court costs of \$100 for violation of probation.

• Shawn Patrick Martell, 32, of Alpena was sentenced to one day in jail, two years probation, court costs and fines of \$1,255 and restitution of \$4,123.35 for abandon/cruelty to animal.

• Laura Lee Martell, 26, of Herron, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail, two years probation, fines and court costs of \$1,255 and restitution of \$4,123.35 for abandon/cruelty to animal.

• Robert Wayne Bates, 39, of Harrisville was sentenced to seven days in jail, six months probation and fines and court costs of \$1,120 for operating while visibly impaired.

• Matthew Emanuel Pearson, 33, of West Branch, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail and court costs and fines of \$495 for operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.

• Cory Dustin Huebshman, 34, of Greenbush was sentenced to 45 days in jail, two years probation and fines and court costs of \$1,805 for domestic violence.

• Keith Lewis Staley, 41, of Harrisville was sentenced to one day in jail, two years probation, 200 hours of community service and court costs and fines of \$705 for abandon/cruelty to animal.

• Eric Robert Weihman, 38, Rochester Hills, Mich. was sentenced to 10 days in jail, one year probation and court costs and fines of \$1,770 for operating while intoxicated and concealed weapon with blood alcohol content of .08 - .10.

• Kevin Michael Walatkiewicz, 45, of Madison Heights, Mich. was sentenced to 34 days in jail, one year probation and fines and court costs of \$855 for assault or assault and battery.

• Stephanie Ann Maida, 27, of Allegan, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail, six months probation and court costs and fines of \$1,120 for operating while visibly impaired.

• Randy Dean Parrott Jr., 23, of Harrisville was sentenced to six days in jail (five days held in abeyance), one year probation, 200 hours of community service and fines and court costs of \$1,270 for operating while visibly impaired.

• Daniel Dion Dillon, 47, of Tawas City was sentenced to court costs and fines of \$300 for no valid license in possession.

• Nicole Marie Terryah, 20, of Mikado was sentenced to one day in jail, one year probation and fines and court costs of \$970 for operating while visibly impaired.

• Christopher Raymond Gould, 36, of Lincoln was sentenced to 10 days in jail and court costs and fines of \$1,170 for operating while visibly impaired.

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elk management concerns and guidance on potential elk management strategies. The DNR plans to have an elk management plan in draft format by fall 2010.

As part of this effort, the DNR is inviting the public to participate in two public meetings. Locations and dates are as follows:

• Wednesday, Jan. 13 at Northland Sportsmen's Club, 1592 Old Alba Road, Gaylord, Mich.

• Wednesday, Jan. 20 at the Atlanta VFW Post 9489, 11761 Pettenger Road, Atlanta, Mich.

At each location, the meetings will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Individuals can also submit written comments via e-mail or U.S. mail. Send comments to: DNR Wildlife Division, 1732 W. M-32, Gaylord, Mich. 49735 or via e-mail at: dnr-wld-wild@michigan.gov. Persons with disabilities needing accommodations for effective participation in the meeting should contact Alice Stimpson at (517) 335-3453 or stimpsona@michigan.gov, at least seven days prior to the meeting date.

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tenth of the state forest. Information gathered includes the health, quality and quantity of all vegetation; wildlife and fisheries habitat and needs; archeological sites; minerals; recreational use; wildfire potential and social factors, such as proximity to roads and neighborhoods, and use on adjacent lands (public and private).

A computerized inventory system enables foresters to track the age and condition of each stand, compartment and management area of the state forest. Using this inventory data, the DNR is developing regional state forest management plans for each region of northern Michigan.

"These plans, which employ landscape-level analyses, describe the current condition, desired future condition and 10-year management objectives for the major forest cover types in each management area," Sterrett said. "They also complement the State Forest Management Plan that ensures our state-owned forests are managed in a healthy, sustainable manner."

The compartment (Compartment 47) that is under review this year in Montmorency County lies in the DNR's Thunder Bay Outwash Management Area. This section of the draft regional state forest management plan discusses the result of the management actions for aspen in the 1970s and '80s — a large bubble of 30 to 40-year-old aspen and relatively little younger or older aspen.

When analyzing the current inventory data for Compartment 47, Stevens noted a similar trend, with more than 60 percent (671 acres) of the total acres of aspen being 30 to 40 years of age.

This characteristic sets up the possibility for a recurring boom and bust cycle of aspen timber and habitat resources, an issue that concerns DNR forest managers who are committed to the sustainable management of state forest timber and wildlife resources.

To address the problem, Stevens is applying the current objectives for aspen that are provided in the draft regional state forest management plan.



Ruffed grouse utilize aspen stands of all ages and woodcock do well in young stands with high stem densities. Sixty percent of all the aspen in Michigan is located in the northern Lower Peninsula. DNR forest managers are seeking to keep the age class distribution of aspen throughout this region more balanced to provide a more consistent and sustainable amount of aspen habitat for wildlife and timber for the forest products industry. The heavy rate of aspen harvest over the past few decades, however, has created an unbalanced age class distribution, which causes a "boom and bust" cycle in the wildlife populations that are dependent upon this habitat.

Photo by David Kenyon, Michigan DNR.

"We are proposing to harvest 223 acres of the younger aspen in order to restore balance to the number of acres in each 10-year age class," Stevens explained. "Over the long term, this will provide a more consistent and sustainable amount of aspen habitat for wildlife species and timber for the forest products industry."

Lessons from the past will be applied to help form the future of this little corner of the state forest.

More information about forest management and

planning, including the proposed treatments for Compartment 47 and other areas of the Atlanta Forest Management Unit, is available under the "Forests, Land and Water" section of the DNR's Web site at www.michigan.gov/dnr.

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

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Winter, when the biscuit hits the ice

By Mary Weber
Special to the Review

There aren't many things that the Weber household loves more than a big turkey dinner with lots of family gathered around the table and an exciting game of hockey after the meal.

When my husband, Willy, was growing up in Goderich, Canada, winter meant hockey. As a boy, he couldn't wait to get outside to a good game on the pond. So when we started to look for a retirement place in northern Michigan, a pond in the backyard was definitely on his 'want' list. I was concerned about all the mosquitos a pond would have in the summer, all he could see was the ice and the thrilling feel of slapping a puck into a goal. His enthusiasm wore down my fears when we found the perfect spot in Alcona County about five years ago.

Our backyard pond was mostly an overgrown swamp when we first stepped on the property. We had quite a bit of work hauling dead trees and battling bugs during that long hot summer to clear an area and ready it for future hockey games. More than once I questioned my husband's determination to relive his childhood while I swatted at mosquitos that were intent on only biting me (he never gets bit).

I also questioned my own abilities, I wasn't all that sure if I could even skate, let alone hit a puck with a stick. Still, he just kept envisioning this entertaining hockey game and nothing was going to stop his dreams from coming true.

It seemed like forever waiting through November and December for the ice to freeze solid. Finally, a cold snap hit just after New Year's day. The pond was ready; family from down state was notified and a big get-together with lots of food and skating was in the works.

On the day of the first Weber Mosquito Farm Hockey Game, I busied myself grocery shopping and cooking enough food to feed several platoons, even though only a car full of people was expected. While I was cooking, Willy tended to the last minute details on the ice smoothing out any bumps and lumps and carefully sweeping it with water until the whole thing was mirror

image slick.

The plan was when the family got here we would first eat and then hit the ice for a quick game before it got too dark. My cooking skills are not the greatest and my oven was being completely uncooperative that day. At will, the oven would raise or lower its temperature 200 degrees without my knowledge or control. With it taking a little longer than expected for the family to drive up due to weather conditions, everyone was a little disheveled, exhausted and hungry. The turkey was dry and the biscuits were hard as rocks, but despite my cooking blunders, there was still more than enough edible food and we all quickly over indulged.

With stomachs too full to bend over to even tie skates (let alone play a game of hockey) we sat around the table making small talk and staring out the window that over looks the backyard pond. Feeling lethargic, I think we were all hoping enough time would go by making chit chat we wouldn't have to leave our comfortable warm seats to venture out in the cold.

Just as the conversation came to a lull, and the overwhelming fear set in that we may just have to put on skates to appease my husband's dream game, a flock of about 25 wild turkeys strutted on to the scene. They were pecking at the seeds that had fallen out of a bird feeder located near the edge of the pond.

Our down state guests didn't usually get to see wild turkey so my dear Wil decided to make things a little more interesting and threw one of the nasty hard biscuits (that I so lovingly overcooked) out the window for the turkeys to eat.

Well that did it. The biscuit hit the ice and the hockey game was on, turkeys pecking everywhere, the biscuit puck shooting out from underneath them as they each took a peck at it. Feathers were flying at one end of the rink and then the other, back and forth with great speed and energy. The game was intense. Hitting, checking and all out squalls irrupted without a referee in sight as the turkeys slid along the surface trying to get their goal.

Unable to stop on the slick ice they kept plowing into one another. It was old time hockey

Alcona's Backyard

at its best as not one of those silly birds had a helmet on. Turkeys were spinning in circles, some dazed and confused while others kept a keen eye on the puck and let nothing get in their way. We couldn't tell which team was which or if they each had their own agenda. We just stood at the window cheering them on for several minutes until the last of the biscuit puck squirted up over the ponds edge and the feathered teams were able to carry it away into the woods out of our sight.

My darling husband sat back in his chair with a totally satisfied grin and stated with laughter "Aren't you glad we live here? Dinner and a show! You can't beat that!!"

From that day on, my biscuits have been referred to as the greatest hockey pucks ever.

(Mary Weber, born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit, moved to Alcona County in 2005 with her husband, Willy, when he retired. Life in the north woods, away from city life, presents new experiences with nature on a daily basis...and they love every minute of it!)

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December 29

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Timm/Neumann pledge vows

Ken Timm and Doris Neumann were united in marriage at an afternoon ceremony at Spruce Lutheran Church on December 5, 2009. Pastor Laraine Sundin officiated.

Their attendants and families joined them at Rosa's Look-out Inn for dinner afterward. Their children hosted guests at their home during the evening.

They flew to Hawaii for their honeymoon and now are making their home in Spruce. Another celebration will be held at a later date to include all of their family and friends.



Doris and Ken Timm

Organization Notes



Bill Miller and Jerry Blevins of the American Legion Post in Mikado present \$200 to Brenda Forsythe and Valerie Joslin, representatives of the Alcona County Baby Pantry. The money was raised from the Thanksgiving Dinner. *Courtesy photo.*



Bill Miller and Jerry Blevins of the American Legion Post in Mikado present \$100 to Leo Marciniak of St. Vincent DePaul and St. Raphael Church in Mikado. The post is also donating \$100 to the Mission Church in Mikado. The money was raised from the Thanksgiving Dinner. *Courtesy photo.*

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Senior Lifestyles

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Dear Savvy Senior,
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Raising Cane

Dear Raising,
When it comes to choosing a cane for walking and support, just any old cane won't do. Canes come in many shapes and sizes today and choosing the right fit is very important for your dad's comfort and safety.

Not surprisingly, the most widely used assistive device in the U.S. is the cane, used by nearly 5 million people. The kind of cane you get for your dad should be determined by the amount of support he needs and the style of the grip he prefers.

Here are the basic types of canes you'll have to choose from:

- **Crook or "C" cane:** Shaped like a candy cane with the curved handle, this is the most common and basic type of cane and the least expensive, starting as low as \$10.

- **Ergonomic-handle canes:** These types of canes have bigger, ergonomic shaped handles (there are lots of styles to choose from) which provides a more comfortable and secure grip than a crook cane. Usually made of lightweight aluminum or wood, most of the aluminum

models are adjustable in height and some even fold up which is convenient for travel. Prices typically range between \$20 and \$80.

- **Offset-handle cane:** This style has a swan neck curve in the upper part of the shaft that puts the user's weight directly over the cane tip, making it ideal for people who need extra stability. Starting at around \$25, offset-handle canes are typically aluminum, adjustable and come with a flat, soft grip handle that's easy on the hands.

- **Knob cane:** Also known as brass handle or parrot head canes this style is best suited for people who need a cane only for balance or mild weight bearing.

- **Quad cane:** This cane works best for people who need maximum weight bearing and support. As the name implies, a quad cane comes with four separate tips at the base and usually have an offset flat handle, and cost \$30 and up.

Many canes are adjustable, but some are not. To make sure your dad's cane is the right fit; have him stand up with his arms hanging straight down at his side. The top of the cane should line up with the crease in his wrist. And, with the cane in his hand, his elbow should bend at a comfortable 20 degree angle.

If his cane is too long, it won't provide the support he needs. Too short, and he'll

Savvy Senior

have to lean or bend over to use it which is uncomfortable and may even cause him to fall.

The rubber tip on the end of your dad's cane grips the floor and helps provide traction. Make sure the tip is supple and the tread is in good shape. If the tip looks worn, buy a replacement tip at a pharmacy or medical supply store.

When using a cane, it should always be held in the hand opposite of the leg that needs support. For example, if your dad's knee pain is on his right side, he should use the cane in his left hand. The cane should then move forward as he steps forward with the bad leg.

If he has to go up stairs, he should lead with the good leg. And when he goes down stairs, the cane and bad leg should go first. To help, the Mayo Clinic offers a slide show on its Web site (www.mayoclinic.com/health/canes/HA00064) that will show you how to choose and use a cane. It's also a smart idea to work with your dad's doctor or physical therapist.

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Help your brain by helping others

By Matilda Charles

Seniors are always told to keep busy. Exercise keeps us more physically fit. Getting out among friends keeps us socially active and aware. And now we're told that helping others can help our brains.

A recent study determined that volunteering in a social setting netted dual results: Others were helped, and the seniors made gains in brain function.

In this particular study, volunteers age 60 and over were recruited to teach literacy and other skills to children in kindergarten through third grade. After two weeks of training, they worked alongside other volunteers for 15 hours per week for six months. The volunteers had brain MRIs before the study started, and follow-up MRIs when the study was finished.

At the end of the study, the volunteers showed increases in brain activity and cognitive function, which proved the point the researchers were trying to make: Specific activities can increase "plasticity" in the brain and "prevent or halt age-vulnerable cognitive and neurological declines."

This is more than a case of "use it or lose it," as the skills were not those we

would necessarily use every day. The specific skills the volunteers used in this program were problem solving, literacy support, conflict resolution and being able to work through distractions.

One thing that came out of the study was that it's important that the activities have meaning. Researchers had a high level of participants who stayed with the program, likely because it was rewarding and stimulating to work with the children.

If we're to use social volunteering as a means of strengthening our own brain functioning, we need to decide what things matter to us — literacy, poverty, animal welfare, soup kitchen and food bank, transportation for cancer or dialysis patients, tree planting, Habitat for Humanity — and focus on those activities.

What matters the most to you?

Matilda Charles regrets that she cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into her column whenever possible. Write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.

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Complaint Statistics			
Traffic	3	Car/Deer Accidents	8
Property Damage	3	General Assistance	6
False Alarm	3	Domestic	1
Animal	1	Patrol Check	2
Mental	2	No Insurance	1
911 Hang Up	2	Larceny	2
Mal. Destruction of Property	1	Drive While Lic. Suspended	1
Well Being Check	1	Civil	1
Probation Violation	1	Missing Person	1
Personal Injury Accident	3	Harassment	1
Prowler	1	Trespass	1
Warrant Arrest	1	Miscellaneous	1
Suspicious Activity	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village			
Alcona	1	Caledonia	6
Greenbush	5	Gustin	4
Hawes	0	Haynes	6
Millen	1	Mitchell	5
Harrisville City	3	Village of Lincoln	2
		Curtis	6
		Harrisville	3
		Mikado	7

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 Pastor Mike Wigle (including Children's Church and nursery 5yrs. & younger)
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 Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
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GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
 2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.


Haynes Community Church
 4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740
 Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
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 Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org

Family Heritage Baptist Church
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 Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org
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 Pastor Tracy Brooks
 Worship 10:45 a.m. ~ Church ~ 724-5450


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

 Church Street at Traverse Bay Road
 Lincoln, Mich. 48742 ~ 736-1227
 Pastor Michael Sheppard ~ Service, Sunday 9 a.m.


Lincoln United Methodist Church

 101 E. Main Street
 Church School 9 a.m. ~ Worship 9 a.m.
 Pastor Tracy Brooks
 Parsonage 724-6266 ~ Church 736-6910

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)


 2100 Trask Lake Rd., Barton City 48705
 Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Laraine Sundin, Pastor 736-6241


First Baptist Church of Lincoln

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top ten

Commercial Fish*

1. Sea scallop
2. American lobster
3. Walleye pollock
4. Dungeness crab
5. Pacific halibut
6. Pacific cod
7. Sockeye salmon
8. White shrimp
9. Brown shrimp
10. Blue crab

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Calendar of Events

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The Community Walking Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. This is for everyone.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

A story and craft project for children will be available at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10:15 to 11 a.m.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

The Weight Loss Support Group will meet at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln United Methodist Church. Visitors are welcome and there is no mem-

bership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

Ladies are invited to play bunco, an easy to learn game, at the Greenbush Township Hall at 2:30 p.m. First-timers are always welcome. Questions, call (989) 739-7029.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for December is "Never Cry Wolf" by Farley Mowat.

St. Joseph Occupational Health Services will off flu

vaccinations from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Appointments are not necessary. For more information, call (989) 362-9375.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

A basic Excel class will be given at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

The Spruce Lutheran Church, 1265 E. Spruce Road, will offer a food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. for those in emergency need of groceries. Guests may receive food once

a month and must be present to obtain groceries. There is no qualifying but guests must provide name, address and proof of residence. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

The Lincoln Writing Group will meet at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

The Huron Shores Genealogical Society will hold its quarterly meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the A Different Blend Coffee House, 513 West Bay, East Tawas. Questions, call

Judy at (989) 984-9305 or huronshoresgs@yahoo.com. All interested in genealogy are welcome to join.

John Webster from Tait's Bill of Fare will present a cooking demonstration at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a \$5 fee for supplies. Call (989) 724-6796 by January 11 to register.

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Bowled over

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

As regular readers probably remember, I am not a serious sports fan. I know something about baseball. It was impossible to grow up with my dad and not know something about baseball.

I know a little about basketball. My first boyfriend played basketball and if you sit through enough games, you're bound to learn a little.

That theory doesn't hold up when it comes to football, however. Given my membership in the pep band, I spent virtually every home game for four years of high school at the local football game. All I ever really figured out was that one team was trying to get the ball to the other end of the field and the other team was trying to fall on them. And that periodically, someone would try to kick the ball through the H-shaped things. That's pretty much it. So the back-to-back "bowl" games between Christmas and New Year's don't get me very excited.

I do have friends in Virginia, though, who not only watch the games and root for the teams, they know the names of the players. They take their football semi-seriously. With the advent of text messaging, I take every chance I can to play the role of annoying kid next door, sending them periodic inane questions based on tidbits I pick up while channel surfing in search of something other than football.

Bowl games, as I understand it (which is not well, see previous paragraphs) are the championship playoffs of the college teams. When I was a kid, one of the major ones was the Sugar Bowl (held, I think, in Hawaii - or Bay City - or somewhere they make sugar). At the time, my mother had a white, lidded sugar bowl with turquoise flowers on it that

sat on the kitchen table. I liked the idea of lifting the lid and finding two little tiny teams of football players on a little tiny football field in there.

That was probably the last time I was truly enchanted with the idea of a bowl game. Until this New Year's Day, when I ran across the fact that in just a few moments, the Chick-A-Filet Bowl was about to begin. Art and I rather fell in love with Chick-A-Filet restaurants in our travels down south. Their southern style food is good, but we especially love their ads - billboards of black and white cows directing people to "eat more chicken."

If that wasn't enough to make my day, the game was between Virginia Tech and Tennessee. My semi-serious football fan friend's husband graduated from Virginia Tech. I whipped out my trusty cell phone and sent a text message their way.

"You get a biscuit with that Chick-A-Filet Bowl?" I typed.

A moment later, my phone chirped. "Yes," my friend had replied. "And two sides." Then she added, "Go Hoakies!"

I couldn't resist that one. "No, no," I texted back to her. "Not hoagies. I want the Chicken Bowl. With a biscuit. And the slaw."

This time, the response came back even faster. "Hoakies, Kay. Hoakies."

"I still think I'd rather have the chicken," I wrote. "And a Coke."

This went on for the rest of the day. In between quiet lulls, when she was presumably watching one game or another, she'd text again. "Actually, you might like the Tostitos Bowl."

While I was considering this, she wrote again. "Or the Gator Bowl."

"I think I'm allergic to gator," I told her. "Is the Tostitos Bowl for real? 'Cause I sense a column coming on."

"I thought it was the Toastie Toes Bowl for a while," she told me, "but it's for real."

"Does it come with sour cream?" I asked.

"Then," she informed me, "There's the Outback Bowl."

"As in the restaurant?" I typed in. "Or the car?"

"The restaurant," she told me.

"Ah," I considered. "Nope. It kind of sounds like the privy."

Puttin' On The Fritz

Grandpa's gone to use the Outback Bowl."

"It does," she agreed, "But I think it comes with fries."

I still think I'll stick with the chicken," I argued. "Or the hoagies."

"Hoakies, Kay," she pointed out, "Hoakies. And they won."

"Hokay," I told her. "Hokay!"

"There's a Fiesta Bowl, too," she said.

"That one is probably the supreme," I typed. "The Tostitos Bowl is probably just chips and cheese."

"Yeah," she concurred, "But the Fiesta Bowl sounds like it might have pineapple."

"Ew."
"There's a Capital One Bowl, too," she said. "But given the economy, who wants a bowl of credit cards?"

"Well," I finally told her as the evening news came on. "I should probably go start dinner. Love you guys. Tell Bobby I said go hoagies. To go hoagies. With extra cheese - and onions."

"His favorite," she told me. "Let's have them with the Tostito Bowl, with salsa and sour cream. Put it on the Capital One Bowl. Oh, and two Cokes with that."

"The Coke Bowl," I replied. "Presumably held in downtown Detroit."

Apparently, this one drove my friend - a native Detroit - over the edge. "Go make dinner!" she instructed me.

"Hokay," I told her. "Just saying."

"I love you," she texted back. "Happy New Year."

"You, too," I told her. "And hey! No wonder you guys watch football! I never knew it was so much fun!"

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 25 years. A Voices of Michigan 2002 author, she has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville. The couple has one daughter, Katrina - "the Princess," two dogs, Lady and Henry, Oliver the cat, and grand-dog, Bastian, all of whom are frequent victims of her column.)

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Emerald ash borer quarantine includes more UP counties

The Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) has revised its emerald ash borer (EAB) quarantine to include three additional counties in the Upper Peninsula - effective immediately. A new map is available at www.michigan.gov/eab.

Alger and Chippewa counties have been added to the EAB interior quarantine as a result of infestations discovered in the fall of 2009. Luce County was also added due to its geographic proximity to other quarantined UP counties. The UP counties of Delta, Houghton, Keweenaw, Mackinac and Schoolcraft remain under quarantine.

MDA continues to ask hunters and other travelers not to move firewood to help prevent the artificial spread of the emerald ash borer. The ban on moving hardwood firewood north across the Mackinac Bridge remains in effect and quarantine violators can still face fines ranging from \$1,000 to \$250,000 and jail time of up to five years. Additionally, MDA's Animal and Plant Health inspection station at the Mackinac Bridge remains in place to prevent hardwood firewood and other regulated material from entering the U.P.

"MDA is still committed to protecting the ash resource in the U.P. from the artificial spread of EAB," said Rauscher. "Although, travelers are able to freely move firewood throughout the Lower Peninsula, and now a larger area in the U.P., we are urging them not to do so as

there are other invasive insects besides emerald ash borer - such as gypsy moth, Asian longhorned beetle and siren woodwasp - that can hitch a ride on it. Please continue to only use local sources of firewood, burn all you buy, and don't take any unused firewood back home or to the next location."

Additionally, MDA is reminding campers and hunters to purchase firewood locally when visiting state parks, recreation areas and state forest campgrounds as it is a violation of state land use rules to bring ash firewood onto state forests, state

parks, recreation areas, and state forest campgrounds.

The infestation in Alger County is centered on the City of Munising. The Chippewa County infestation is in the area northeast of Brimley State Park.

The Alger County quarantine is divided into two levels - the City of Munising and the townships of AuTrain, Grand Island and Munising are designated as Quarantine Level II, and the remaining portion of Alger County is Level III.

The Chippewa County quarantine is also divided into two levels: The City of

Sault Ste. Marie and the townships of Bay Mills, Dafter, Soo (excluding Neebish Island), Sugar Island and Superior are designated as Quarantine Level II, and the remaining portion of Chippewa County is Level III.

Luce County is designated as Quarantine Level III in its entirety.

The movement of hardwood firewood and other regulated material out of quarantine Level II and III areas is prohibited except regulated articles may move from Level III into Level II and from Level II in Mackinac Co. to the Lower Peninsula.

EAB is an exotic insect native to Asia that attacks ash trees. In its larval stage, EAB feeds undetected under the bark of ash trees, disrupting water and nutrient flow -- ultimately killing the trees in three to four years. First discovered in 2002, the borer is responsible for the death or damage of approximately 35 million ash trees in the Lower Peninsula.

Additional information about EAB, quarantine details, and a map of the quarantine boundaries are available at www.michigan.gov/eab or www.emeraldashborer.info.

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Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 24 Low: 15

THURSDAY
Snow Possible
High: 21 Low: 10

FRIDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 18 Low: 9

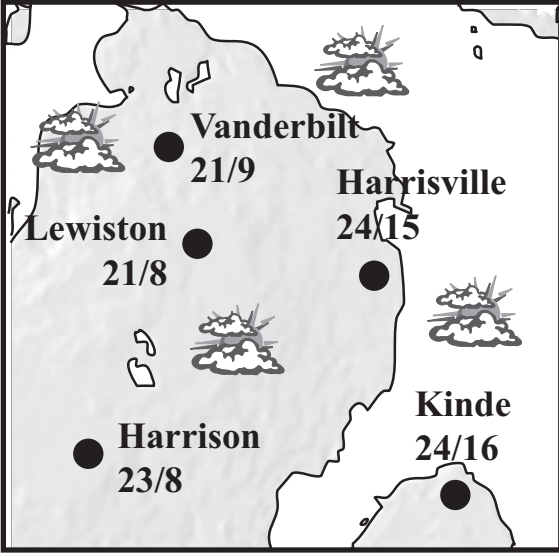
SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 22 Low: 13

SUNDAY
Mostly Sunny
High: 23 Low: 11

MONDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 28 Low: 14

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 25 Low: 14

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 24°, humidity of 79% and an overnight low of 15°. The record high temperature for today is 40° set in 1965. The record low is -16° set in 1996. Thursday, skies will remain mostly cloudy with a 40% chance of snow, high temperature of 21°, humidity of 79% and an overnight low of 10°.

***Last Week's Almanac**

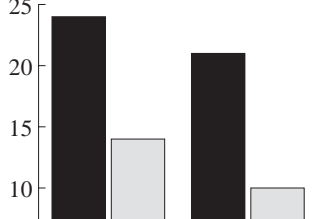
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	29	12	28/13	0.02"
Tuesday	23	9	28/13	0.00"
Wednesday	27	7	28/13	0.01"
Thursday	33	22	28/12	0.03"
Friday	23	9	27/12	0.01"
Saturday	6	-1	27/12	0.00"
Sunday	18	5	27/12	0.01"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	8:10 a.m.	5:09 p.m.	No Rise	11:15 a.m.
Thursday	8:09 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	12:54 a.m.	11:39 a.m.
Friday	8:09 a.m.	5:11 p.m.	2:05 a.m.	12:06 p.m.
Saturday	8:09 a.m.	5:12 p.m.	3:16 a.m.	12:37 p.m.
Sunday	8:08 a.m.	5:13 p.m.	4:23 a.m.	1:14 p.m.
Monday	8:08 a.m.	5:14 p.m.	5:26 a.m.	1:59 p.m.
Tuesday	8:08 a.m.	5:16 p.m.	6:21 a.m.	2:51 p.m.

Wind Chill Forecast



The chart shows the average wind chill temperature forecasted for Wednesday and Thursday. The black bar indicates the forecasted high temperature. The grey bar indicates the average wind chill temperature projected.

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 40° in Bridgeport, Conn. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies today, scattered rain and isolated snow Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 64° in Tamiami, Fla. The Northwest will see isolated rain and snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 60° in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 74° in Thermal, Calif.

Weather History

Jan. 6, 1989 - A blizzard ripped through south central and southeastern Idaho. Strong winds, gusting to 60 mph at the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, whipped the snow into drifts five feet high and produced wind chill readings as cold as 35 degrees below zero.

Weather Trivia

How many tropical storms develop in the Atlantic per year?

Answer: On average, ten.

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Good Observing for 2010!

It is the first StarWatch of the New Year and usually a time when I like to reflect upon the next upcoming 12 months. Astronomically, the year is probably above average. There are three highlights, two which are not visible from the US. A major ringed solar eclipse moves across Africa, India, and China on January 15, while a total solar eclipse sweeps across the South Pacific on July 11. Only the winter solstice total lunar eclipse of December 21 will be visible across the Americas. The bad news is that it does not start until 1:35 a.m. Mid-eclipse occurs at 3:20 a.m., and it's all over just after 5 a.m. I'm already shivering. What are the planets doing in 2010? Ruddy Mars, reaching opposition to the sun on January 29, dominates the winter sky. Saturn with its thin, nearly edge-on rings rules the spring months, and it is opposite to the sun on March 22. Venus is the brilliant summer goddess in the west, while Jupiter hovers low in the south during late summer, fall, and early winter. From June 6-11 Jove passes within a half degree of Uranus in the morning sky. Then Jupiter retrogrades (moves backwards) and brightens, passing within a half degree of Uranus again on September 22. Jove finally overtakes Uranus for a third time from January 3-6, 2011. Venus and Jupiter are snuggling, very low in the WSW on February 16, 2010. Two days later, asteroid Vesta is an easy bet through binoculars right next to Leo's bright star, Algiba. The WSW is again favored when Mars, Venus, and Saturn form a larger triangular grouping during the first two weeks in August. Four major meteor showers will dominate in 2010: the Lyrids (Apr. 22—8-day moon), the Perseids (Aug. 13—4-day moon), the Leonids (Nov. 17—11-day moon), and the Geminids (Dec. 14—8-day moon). Here's to clear skies and good observing for 2010! www.astronomy.org

Birding
BITS BY
Cindy Brook

Migration Mix
1 part thistle (nyjer)
1 part white millet
2 parts safflower seed
All bases are covered with this simple mix. Put in a tube feeder with a tray or toss on the ground for buntings, sparrows, finches and grosbeaks to enjoy.

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Scratch Pads
for sale
at the
Alcona County
Review

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

6	9	4	7	5	1	2	3	8
8	3	7	2	9	4	5	1	6
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TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

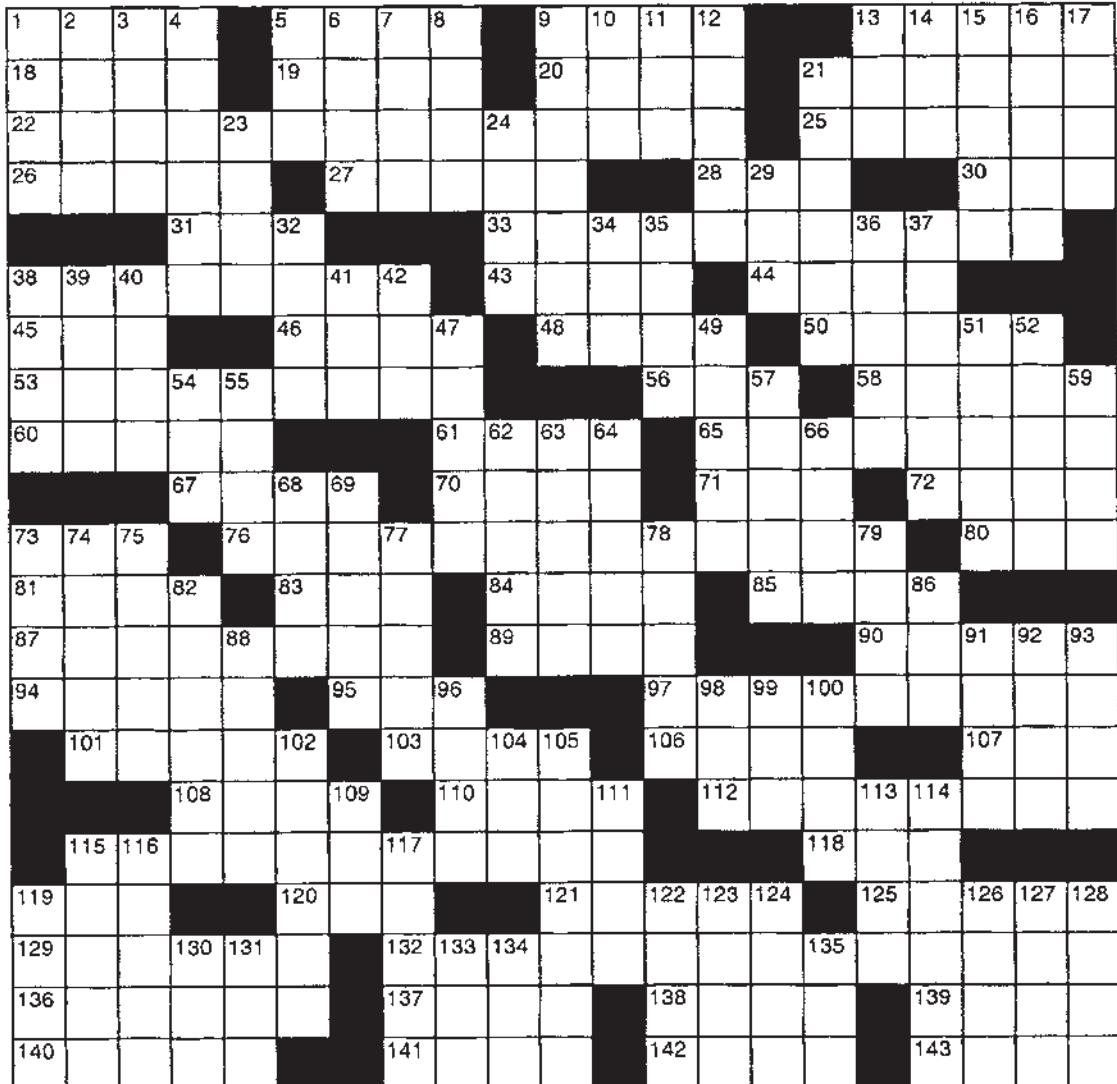
- U.S. STATES:** What state lies directly north of Wyoming?
- LITERATURE:** Who was Sherlock Holmes' archenemy?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the traditional birthstone for April?
- PSYCHOLOGY:** What is the fear represented by "monophobia"?
- MUSIC:** What 1990s rock band had a hit album titled "Nevermind"?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the longest suspension bridge in the United States?
- FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** Who once said, "You can observe a lot by just watching"?
- MOVIES:** Who won the Oscar for best actress in 1978?
- TELEVISION:** What was the name of Ross' monkey on the TV show "Friends"?
- SCIENCE:** What is the symbol for the element phosphorus?

Answers: 1. Montana; 2. Professor James Moriarty; 3. Diamond; 4. Fear of being alone; 5. Nirvana; 6. Verrazano-Narrows in New York (4,260 feet); 7. Yogi Berra; 8. Jane Fonda ("Coming Home"); 9. Marcel; 10. P. (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

THEY'RE DRIVEN

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|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|
| ACROSS | 61 "L'—, c'est moi" | 118 Be in debt | 9 Chekhov's "The Cherry —" | 49 Indira Gandhi's father | 96 Poet in the past |
| 1 Din from dynamite | 65 Longfellow subject | 119 "— Nidre" | 10 — juice | 51 Tall story? | 98 Rapper Tone — |
| 5 Iceberg kin | 67 "Carmina Burana" composer | 120 Pallid | 11 Springfield's st. | 52 Maestro Zubin | 99 Scrape by, with "out" |
| 9 Exclude | 70 Take the tube | 121 Victorian wit | 12 Caruso or Corelli | 54 Ike's domain | 100 Pianist Peter |
| 13 Platonic character | 71 "Kidnapped" monogram | 125 At attention | 13 Use a shuttle | 55 "Cheers" patron | 102 Regardless |
| 18 South Seas novel | 72 Prepares to dine | 129 Sheik spot | 14 Thwack | 57 Jazzman Davis | 104 — Cruces, NM |
| 19 Steber solo | 73 Part of EST | 132 Driven rock star? | 15 Monitor message | 59 Kind of file | 105 Dense |
| 20 Iago or Othello | 76 Driven actress? | 136 Real thing | 16 Contaminate | 62 — wave | 109 — Na Na |
| 21 Alligator relative | 80 Mushroom part | 137 Actress Skye | 17 Moffo of the Met | 63 Mr. Rochester's ward | 111 Oklahoma city |
| 22 Driven President? | 81 Meat cut | 138 — mater | 21 Afternoon refresher | 64 Electrical inventor | 113 Kind of pitcher |
| 25 Procure | 83 Thompson or Salonga | 139 King or Satie | 23 "Cactus Flower" star | 66 '68 US Open winner | 114 Lyricist Johnny |
| 26 "Rawhide" rope | 84 — breve | 140 Gibbons of "Entertainment Tonight" | 24 Christen | 68 Fedora fabric | 115 Mezzo Marilyn |
| 27 Muslim deity | 85 Barbecue | 141 Rocker Rundgren | 29 Basilica bench | 69 Cut loose | 116 Make one's day |
| 28 Select, with "for" | 87 Pangolin, for one | 142 Parent | 32 Richard of "Love Me Tender" | 73 Blow for a boulder | 117 Incompetent |
| 30 Pig — poke | 89 Slender | 143 Dressing gown | 34 Hwy. | 74 Pick-me-up | 119 Film critic Pauline |
| 31 Fluffy female | 90 Heel type | DOWN | 35 Beatles refrain | 75 "Same here!" | 122 Inventive sort? |
| 33 Driven novelist? | 94 Mideastern pockets | 1 Piglet's papa | 36 Cupid's missile | 77 Jeweler's weight | 123 Take-out order? |
| 38 Might | 95 Smidgen actor? | 2 Prefix meaning "both" | 37 Legendary Colt Johnny | 78 All legs | 124 Austen's Miss Woodhouse |
| 43 Art deco designer | 101 Terra — | 3 Author Ephron | 38 Have a ball at the mall | 79 Suburban obsession | 126 Continental currency |
| 44 Caution | 103 Lauder powder | 4 Mitch Miller's trademark | 39 Buster Brown's dog | 82 Tidy up | 127 Farm structure |
| 45 Rush | 106 Garment feature | 5 Remark from 31 | 40 Some wines | 86 Ring counter | 128 Little guy |
| 46 Son of Zeus | 107 Accomplished | 6 Role for Shirley | 41 Singing syllable | 88 Philanthropist Brooke | 130 Show — |
| 48 Big man on campus | 108 Time to evolve? | 7 "Show Boat" song | 42 "— a Rebel" ('62 hit) | 91 Extinct bird | 131 "Make — double!" |
| 50 Paris' pop | 110 Valuable | 8 It's often jumped | 47 Sociologist Hite | 92 Prepare to bear it | 133 Mitne creature |
| 53 Driven humorist? | 112 Rite | | | 93 Whirlpool | 135 Teacup part |
| 56 Shorten a skirt | 115 Driven explorer? | | | | |
| 58 Aquatic mammal | | | | | |
| 60 Trattoria treat | | | | | |



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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Jan. 18, 1778, English explorer Captain James Cook becomes the first European to discover the Hawaiian Islands when he sails past the island of Oahu. He named the island group the Sandwich Islands, in honor of John Montague, who the earl of Sandwich.

• On Jan. 21, 1789, "The Power of Sympathy: Or, the Triumph of Nature. Founded in Truth" is printed in Boston. The book was the first novel by an American writer to be published in America. The first editions of the book did not carry the author's name, but it was later attributed to William Hill Brown.

• On Jan. 24, 1927, young director Alfred Hitchcock's first film, "The Pleasure Garden," is released in England. While the film marked an impressive debut, Hitchcock considered his next film, "The Lodger" (known in the United States as "The Case of Jonathan Drew"), to be his first true accomplishment.

• On Jan. 19, 1940, the Three Stooges film "You Natzy Spy" is released. Anticipating Charlie Chaplin's "The Great Dictator" by nine months, Moe Howard played a Hitler-like dictator of a fictional country, "Moronica."

• On Jan. 23, 1957, machines at the Wham-O toy company roll out the first batch of its aerodynamic plastic discs — now known to millions of fans all over the world as Frisbees. The story of the Frisbee began in Bridgeport, Conn., in 1871. Students from nearby universities would throw the empty pie tins to each other, yelling "Frisbie!" as they let go.

• On Jan. 22, 1973, in a historic decision, the U.S. Supreme Court rules in Roe v. Wade that women, as part of their constitutional right to privacy, can terminate a pregnancy during its first two trimesters.

• On Jan. 20, 1981, minutes after Ronald Reagan's inauguration as the 40th president of the United States, the 52 U.S. captives held at the U.S. embassy in Teheran, Iran, are released, ending the 444-day Iran Hostage Crisis. The crisis began on Nov. 4, 1979, when militant Iranian students seized the embassy.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was American humorist Evan Esar who came up with the following definition: "Statistics: The only science that enables different experts using the same figures to draw different conclusions."

• The Emperor Charlemagne, who conquered much of Western and Central Europe during the first century, had an unusual relationship with his daughters. He refused to allow them to get married, but he evidently had no objections to their forming, shall we say, less formal relationships. He doted on his illegitimate grandchildren and even gave money and gifts to their fathers.

• If you look at a list of the names of the 50 states, you'll find every letter of the alphabet except Q.

• For reasons unknown, a law in New Jersey forbids the sale of cabbage on Sunday.

• You won't be surprised to learn that the most dangerous device that is common in the modern world is the automobile. You might be surprised to learn, though, that the second most dangerous is the stair step.

• You've probably never heard of Countess Rosa Branicka, but she accomplished an amazing feat. In the mid-19th century, at the age of 63, the wealthy Polish noblewoman became ill. The diagnosis given by experts in Germany was breast cancer, and immediate surgery was recommended. For reasons unknown, the countess declined the treatment, then set about purchasing her own surgical instruments. Once all the tools were assembled, Branicka checked into a hotel in Paris and removed the tumor herself. Reports indicate that she healed well and quickly, and lived to the ripe old age of 82.

• The only chemical element that is not a solid at a temperature of absolute zero is helium; it remains a liquid.

Thought for the Day: "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." — Thomas A. Edison

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★

★ Moderate ★ ★ Challenging
★ ★ ★ HOO BOY!

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Mortgage sale – Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert J. Kramer aka Robert L. Kramer and Mary Lou Kramer, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated March 10, 2004, and recorded on March 16, 2004, in Liber 398, on Page 147, and assigned by said mortgagee to the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association FKA

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Notice Pursuant to MCL 600.3205a(4)

Notice is hereby provided to Michael J. Seymour, Robyn R. Remnant-Seymour and Robyn R. Remnant-Seymour, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter borrower) regarding the property located at: 5872 Bennett Road, Hubbard Lake, MI 49747-9606.

The borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the mortgage servicer and/or mortgage holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440

Notice of Modification Opportunity

Borrower(s): Amanda Nordstrom and Corey Nordstrom
Property Address: 331 East Main Street, Lincoln, MI 48742-0000

Pursuant to MCLA 600.3205a please be advised of the following: You have a right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The name of the firm designated as the representative of the mortgage servicer is: Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. and designee can be contacted at the address and phone number below. You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Web site at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or by

State of Michigan County of Alcona Notice to Creditors

James F. Lesner Sr. Living Trust, dated November 25, 2009.
Name of settlor/trustor: James F. Lesner Sr.
Date of birth of settlor/trustor: February 17, 1938.
Present trustee: Victoria L. Lesner
To all creditors:

the Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. as trustee for RASC 2004KS6, as assigned, Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred forty-four thousand five hundred eighty-one dollars and eighty-five cents (\$144,581.85), including interest at 10.000 percent per annum.

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

successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated May 25, 2006, and recorded on June 22, 2006, in Liber 432, on page 87, Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-one thousand three hundred thirty-nine dollars and eighty-four cents (\$71,339.84), including interest at 8.750 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided,

Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1302.

The borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Web site or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or at (866) 946-7432.

If the borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from January 4, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after January 4, 2010. If the borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan,

calling 1-800-A-SHELTER, 24 hours a day, seven days a week, year-round.

If a meeting is requested with the designee shown above, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after the date the notice mailed to you on January 4, 2010. If an agreement is reached to modify your mortgage loan the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement.

You have the right to contact an attorney. The Web site for the Michigan State Bar Lawyer Referral Service is <http://www.michbar.org/programs/lawyerreferral.cfm> and the toll free number is (800) 968-0738. You may bring an action in circuit court if you are required by law to be served notice and foreclosure proceedings are commenced, without such notice having been served

The settlor/trustor, James F. Lesner Sr., who lived at 5149 E. Clark Road, Harrisville, MI 48740 died December 18, 2009.

No proceedings concerning the trust, the decedent, or his estate are pending in the Alcona County Probate Court or any other court. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust/estate will be forever barred unless presented to: Victoria L. Lesner, trustee, c/o McCririe & Cameron, 317 W. Main Street,

Michigan at 10 a.m. o'clock, on January 20, 2010.

Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: Situated in Hawes Township, Alcona County, state of Michigan, the northwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 in Section 24, Town 27 North, Range 8 East, subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes. Except: Commencing 362 feet south of the northwest section corner; thence north 362 feet; thence southwesterly 870 feet; thence northwest 606 feet to the point of beginning. Also: The north 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 27 North, Range 8 East, subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way

notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan at 10 a.m. o'clock, on February 3, 2010.

Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 28 James A. Potter Subdivision as recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 134, Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be

the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

The borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

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

Date: January 6, 2010
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.

Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200
Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525
File No. 302398F01

upon you.

If you have previously agreed to modify your mortgage loan within the past twelve (12) months under the terms of the above statute, you are not eligible to participate in this program unless you have complied with the terms of the mortgage loan, as modified. Notice given by: Randall S. Miller Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C.

43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180
Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302
(313) 583-3336

(Loan Modification Dept.)
loanmods@millerlaw.biz
Case No. 09MI02937-1
Dated: January 6, 2010
Please be advised that this office may be acting as a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

Brighton, Michigan 48116, or both the Alcona County Probate Court and the trustee within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: December 30, 2009
Attorney name:
Victoria L. Lesner P-46343
317 W. Main Street
Brighton, MI 48116
(810) 229-6167
Victoria L. Lesner, Trustee
966 Red Cedar Drive
Howell, MI 48843

purposes.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 18, 2009
The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association FKA the Bank of New York Trust Company N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. as Trustee for RASC 2004KS6

Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive,
Suite 300

Farmington Hills, MI 48335
12-23, 12-30, 1-6, 1-13

six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 30, 2009.

Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. ("MERS"), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, Mortgagee/Assignee
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Bingo - Every Wednesday in Mikado Civic Center. Early bird at 6:30 p.m., air conditioned. Mikado Area Development.

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A.C.C.O.A. Bingo - Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Senior Center. All paper games, Michigan Progressive, two jackpots, cookie jar. Non-smoking area provided. Proceeds to ACCOA senior programs. A239401C.

SCHOOLS OF CHOICE

Alcona Community Schools announces the following grade level openings for the 2nd Semester 2009/2010 school year for School of Choice student enrollment:

Grade	Openings
K	No availability
1	No availability
2	No availability
3	No availability
4	No availability
5	No availability
6	No availability
7	No availability
8	No availability
9	No availability
10	No availability
11	No availability
12	No availability

No applications will be taken at this time. For further information or an application, call or write the Alcona Community Schools' District Office 51 N. Barlow Road, P.O. Box 249 Lincoln, MI 48742 (989) 736-6212. 1-6

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