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Middle school students give back by performing at fund raising event

By Mary Weber
Special to the Review

A musical surprise greeted guests of the annual Alcona Humane Society's Pet Pictures with Santa this year when Kalley Yates of Oscoda and Emily Lockenour of Greenbush in full elf costume came to play their flutes and sing Christmas carols with patrons and volunteers.

Both 11-year-old girls attend Richardson Middle School. They both love animals and have an assortment of cats, dogs, horses and hamsters. "We wanted to do something special for the animals" said Kalley Yates. "This summer we started a lemonade stand and sold lemonade to give money to the Alcona Humane Society." Emily's mom stated the girls raised \$780 in lemonade sales. When they gave their money to the shelter they found out that Pet Pictures with Santa would be in Harrisville Township and the girls wanted to be there to help.

Six weeks ago they rented costumes and picked up flutes for the very first time



Kalley Yates (left), and Emily Lockenour (right) perform for Santa (and Blossom) and the people and pets who attended Pet Pictures with Santa last weekend in Harrisville Township. Both young ladies played flute and sang Christmas carols for the crowd. They also operate a lemonade stand in the summer with proceeds going to the Alcona Humane Society. This summer they raised \$780. *Courtesy photo.*

and started practicing. The patrons and volunteers were impressed with how well they played making the hall and

pet picture event very festive with carol after carol.

Emily Lockenour even changed the lyrics for Jolly

Old St. Nicholas to go along with the animal shelter:

"Jolly old St. Nicholas lean your ear this way, don't you

tell a single soul what I'm going to say. Christmas Eve is coming soon now you dear old man, whisper what you'll bring to me tell us if you can. When you hear the clock strike 12, the animals are fast asleep, down the chimney broad and black with your pack you'll creep.

"All the puppies you will find sitting in a row bring to me the cutest one you'll be sure to know. The kitties want a brand new bed, the puppies want a bone and with Christmas time coming soon they all now need new homes.

"Alcona shelter is standing by with Jennifer at the helm, adopt today, neuter and spay and give them all a home. In return you will find lots of licks and hugs, black, brown, big or small you will love them all.

"Now Jolly Old St. Nicholas, I will leave to you, find them all loving homes they need Christmas too. Merry Christmas."

Santa commented that when the girls sang and played their flutes, the entire room became extremely quiet, which for a room full of barking dogs and mewing kitties says a lot. Music does really soothe thy savage beast.

The girls also brought with them two very large bundles of much needed items to give comfort to the dogs and cats at the shelter such as collars, treats, animal toys and animal shampoo. There are many other items that the shelter still needs for daily operation, such as bleach, soaps, paper towels and office supplies.

For a complete list of items the shelter needs and uses every day, check their website: alconahumanesociety.org or call the shelter at (989) 736-7387.

Local dancers perform holiday program

Northeast Academy of Dance directors Scott Heinrich and Giuseppe Canale have set about to create an evening of dance that includes the second act from the ballet "Swan Lake" and "Iphigenia in Tauris," a dance, theater, comedy based on the Greek writer Euripides' tragic play by the same name.

The Northeast Academy of Dance will present "At Water's Edge-Two Tales" featuring Act II from "Swan Lake" and "Iphigenia in Tauris" on Saturday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 11 at 3 p.m. at the Oscoda High School auditorium and on Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012 at 3 p.m. at the Standish-Sterling Central High School auditorium.

"Swan Lake" is a timeless ballet fable that centers on a

prince who must find a bride. Feeling no love for the princesses at a party his mother, the queen, throws for him, he ventures out into the woods by a lake with his new bow and arrow. There he meets the Swan Princess, Odette, who has been put under a spell by the evil magician Von Rothbart. The prince falls madly in love with her, and a good thing too, because the only way her spell can be broken, is with true love. But Von Rothbart tricks the prince with his daughter, Odile, who is the black swan, making him think she is the same princess.

Originally performed in 1877, the ballet was later re-choreographed by Marius Petipa and Lev Ivanov with music by the legendary Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky, into the four act version we know today.

Heading up the cast for this part of the program is Haley Gombos of Harrisville as the Swan Princess, a junior attending Alcona High School. Also in the cast are Kula Batangan of Ann Arbor, Mich. as the Prince, and Cathy Kappius and Margaret Rush, both of Oscoda as the Queen and the Prince's Grandmother. The Corps of White Swans are Cassidy Cooper of Harrisville, Savannah Decker of Standish, Mich., Amanda Denney of Tawas, Emily Freel of Tawas, Grace French (also the Black Swan) of Okemos, Mich., Tahlia Heidt of Tawas, Jessica Holmes of Lansing, Mich., Ginger Neslund of Ann Arbor, Mich., Kali Skodack of

Oscoda and Esmeralda Zamorano of Oscoda.

The second part of the program is the dance theater work "Iphigenia in Tauris." Written sometime between 414-412 B.C. by the Greek writer Euripides, this tragic play picks up after the Trojan War. Using as the main music score, Christoph W. Gluck's opera by the same name, dancers and actors revolve around the two main characters, Iphigenia and Orestes, and their journey to an eventual happy end.

As each character laments his or her personal misery, actors Mike Denney and Diane Ray, both of Tawas, narrate the story's complexities, commenting on how the gods love to interfere with and manipulate the lives of humans. Keeping everyone in check, however, is a feisty and dramatic Greek chorus played by Jessica Cummings of Oscoda, Mackenzie Decker of Standish, Mich., Emily Lockenour of Oscoda, Samantha Miller of Oscoda and Megan Pintar of Tawas.

Heading up the cast are Kali Skodack as Iphigenia and Kula Batangan as Orestes. His sidekick, Py-lades, is performed by Heinrich and the evil king of the Scythians (Thoas) is performed by Charles Shuart of Tawas.

Iphigenia's priestesses are Cassidy Cooper, Amanda Denney, Savannah Decker, Haley Gombos, Emily Freel, Grace French, Tahlia Heidt, Jessica Holmes, Ginger Neslund and Esmeralda Zamorano. Greek and Scythian armies will be played

by Benjamin Beren-kowski of Oscoda, Kaitlyn Indreica of Tawas, Haley Lingo of Oscoda, Sydney Lopez of Oscoda, Sarah Morton of Tawas, Charleson and Chelewynne Shuart of Tawas and Danielle Velasco of Oscoda.

Admission for the Oscoda performances is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students; admission for the Standish performance is \$10 for adults and seniors

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This photograph of a piebald deer was taken on November 18 at 9:25 a.m. in Millen Township by Hank Johnson who was hunting with Frank Batschke at the Pine Crest Hunting Camp. The deer appeared to be a yearling as it came in with a large doe.

Obituaries

Ted Treckiak

Ted Treckiak, 90, of Lincoln, died on Wednesday, Nov. 30, 2011 at Lincoln Haven Nursing Home.

He was born August 6, 1921 to Stephen and Mary (Wacyznski) Trezeciak in Buffalo, N.Y.

He married Eleanor Drabik in 1942.

Mr. Treckiak is survived by one daughter, Sue Treckiak of Greenbush; and one brother, Henry Treckiak of Warren, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Eleanor.

A funeral service was held Monday, Dec. 5 at St. Sylvester Church, Warren, Mich. Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery, Warren, Mich.

Helen M. Eglinton

Helen Margaret Eglinton, 90, of Shelby Township, Mich. died on Tuesday, Nov. 29, 2011.

She was born June 11, 1921 to John and Katherine (Tomeier) Marshall in Harrisville. She graduated from Walled Lake High School.

Ms. Eglinton is survived by one sister, Eleanor M. D'Agostino of Harrisville; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by six sisters, Elsie Marshall, Agnes Walsh, Betty Bensinger, Cecilia Hylla, Irene O'Rourke, Dorothy LaBram; and five brothers, Bernard, Frank, Henry, John and Fred Marshall.

A funeral service was held December 7 at Guardian Angels Church, Clawson, Mich. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery, Milford, Mich. Arrangements were handled by Price Funeral Home, Troy, Mich.

Robert M. Sancho

Robert M. Sancho, 82, of Mikado died on Saturday, Nov. 26, 2011 at home.

He was born in Taylor, Mich. on December 17, 1928 to George and Catherine (Karcason) Sancho.

He served on the USS Mississippi in the U.S. Navy during World War II for three years.

Mr. Sancho worked in the automobile industry and was employed by Walt Lazar Chevy for 30 years. He had many interests and hobbies including hunting and fishing.

He was a member of the American Legion Post 254, the Oscoda Indian Mission and the United Methodist Church.

Mr. Sancho is survived by his wife, Suzanne E. (Abrams) Sancho of Mikado; two sons, Dennis (Patty) Sancho of Canton, Mich. and Edward (Paulette) Sancho of Taylor, Mich.; three daughters, Patricia Mobley of Fairview, Annette Bailey of Roscommon, Mich., and Susan Adkins of Petersburg, Mich.; one sister, Annabell Grey of Southgate, Mich.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, George and James Sancho; one son, Robert T. Sancho; and one daughter, Brenda Emery. A memorial will take place at a later date.

Edward Barker

Edward Barker, 88, of Harrisville died Monday, Nov. 28, 2011 at the Lincoln Haven Nursing Home.

He was born October 26, 1923 in Lexington, Tenn. to Robert and Maude (Russell) Barker.

In 1950 he moved to Utica, Mich. He lived in Pontiac, Mich., Lake Orion, Mich. and Mio before moving to Harrisville in 1990.

He was a longtime employee of General Motors.

Mr. Barker is survived by three daughters, Stella (Chuck) Silverest of Forsythe, Mo., Mae Ann Barker of Auburn Hills, Mich. and Barbara Singer of Flint, Mich.; two sons, Larry (Geraldine) Barker of Mio and Jerry (Betty) Barker of Lake Orion, Mich.; 16 grandchildren; 25 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and two stepsons, Herbert



LeGrow of Burton, Mich. and Gordon LeGrow of Lennon, Mich.

He was married to Delphine Barker for 30 years; she preceded him in death on August 1, 2003.

The funeral services were held Friday, Dec. 2 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial was in Twin Lakes Cemetery, Lincoln.

Albert Detloff

Albert Detloff, 64, of Spruce died on Sunday, Nov. 27, 2011 at his home.

He was born to Albert and Beatrice (Arczynski) Detloff on February 20, 1947 in Detroit, Mich. He was raised in the suburbs surrounding the Detroit area.

On November 19, 1977 he married to Barbara J. Suchy at the United Methodist Church in Sterling Heights, Mich. They moved to Ossineke to raise their family.

Mr. Detloff was an avid outdoorsman who enjoying hunting, fishing and trapping. He loved to travel across the United States with his family.

He enjoyed music with a good beat and could name a song, its artist and sing it as well. In his spare time he played pool on a pool table that he had inherited from his father.

Mr. Detloff is survived by one son, David (Jackie) Detloff of Pittsburgh, Pa.; one daughter, Stephanie (Michael) Walker of Harrisville; one grandson, Travis Walker; his mother, Beatrice Detloff of Mt. Clemens; one sister, Lorraine Curtis; his former wife, Barbara Detloff of Harrisville; one sister-in-law, Della Detloff and his faithful companion, Frenchy.

He was preceded in death by his father, Albert; and his brother, Chris Detloff.

A memorial service was held December 4 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. The Rev. Arie Van Brenk officiated.

Robert F. Dickinson

Robert F. Dickinson, 91, of Lincoln (Lost Lake Woods) died on Tuesday, Nov. 29 at Lincoln Haven Nursing Home.

He was born to Ernest and Emma (Faist) Dickinson on July 15, 1920 in Jackson, Mich.

He graduated from Stockbridge High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Alma College and master's degree from the University of Michigan.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Mr. Dickinson was employed by GMC and Ford Motor Company before owning and operating a Gambles store in Saline, Mich.

He retired and moved to Lost Lake Woods in 1973. While residing at Lost Lake, he taught business classes at Alpena Community College and was awarded professor emeritus status upon retirement.

Mr. Dickinson is survived by one son, Robert (Ruth) Dickinson of Cheboygan, Mich.; two daughters, Diane (Larry) Klumpp of Lake Havasu City, Ariz. and Barbara (Larry) Lieb of Lake Orion, Mich.; four grandchildren, Kelly (Kenneth) Mershon, Matthew Klumpp, Jennifer Lieb and Steven Lieb; and two great-grandchildren Morgan and Erin Mershon.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jeanette (English) Dickinson.

Cremation arrangements were made by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

There will be a spring 2012 memorial service at Spruce Presbyterian Church.

Memorials may be made to the general fund of Spruce Presbyterian, P.O. Box 37, Spruce, Mich. 48762.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2000/2010

| Date | Temperature (F°) | | Precipitation Inches | Miles Per Hour | | |
|---------|------------------|-----|----------------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|
| | High | Low | | Av. Wind Speed | High Speed | Dominant Direction |
| | Nov. 27 | 53 | | 32 | 0.23 | 2.6 |
| Nov. 28 | 38 | 30 | 0.00 | 1.0 | 12 | ENE |
| Nov. 29 | 39 | 31 | 0.00 | 15.7 | 45 | NNE |
| Nov. 30 | 42 | 29 | 0.00 | 3.2 | 28 | N |
| Dec. 1 | 42 | 31 | 0.00 | 0.4 | 11 | WNW |
| Dec. 2 | 33 | 25 | 0.00 | 1.4 | 12 | N |
| Dec. 3 | 42 | 28 | 0.00 | 7.2 | 32 | SW |

| Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2011-2012 | | | |
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| | Water Content | Snow Fall | Normal Water Content |
| Weekly Total | 0.23 | T | 0.44 |
| Month of November | 1.79 | T | 2.08 |
| December to Date | 00.0 | 00.0 | 0.18 |
| Year/Season to Date | 32.60 | T | 26.75 |

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, DECEMBER 7

Spruce Lutheran Church will offer an emergency food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. No qualifying ID required. Volunteers needed at the pantry, call Donna at (989) 727-2521.

Sewing with Jennie Anderson from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Rd. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will meet at 11 a.m. at the V.F.W. Hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena. For more information call, (989) 356-4959.

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

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

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m., meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. Call, (989) 739-4483 or (989) 278-9674 for more information.

Advent quiet day from 2 to 4 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, on the corner of US-23 and Medor Rd., Harrisville. For more information, call (989) 335-4054.

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

There will be a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children and free for five and under. Everyone is welcome.

Video exercising at 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Popcorn and a movie at 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

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

ARA Farm Market, where everything is locally grown, created and produced in Alcona County is open rain, snow or shine from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Campbell Building at the ARA site on Barlow Rd. in Lincoln. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

The Northeast Academy of Dance will present "At Water's Edge-Two Tales" featuring Act II from Swan Lake and Iphigenia in Tauris at 7 p.m. at the Oscoda High School auditorium. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, call (989) 739-7955.

My Brother's Hope at the Harrisville United Methodist Church will be open from 10 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

Mikado Goodfellows annual children's Christmas party from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Mikado Civic Center, 2291 S. F-41. See Santa and receive a gift and candy. All children age 12 and under are welcome. Punch and cookies will be served. For more information, call Kay at (989) 464-7103.

The Northeast Academy of Dance will present "At Water's Edge-Two Tales" featuring Act II from Swan Lake and Iphigenia in Tauris at 3 p.m. at the Oscoda High School auditorium. Admission is \$12 for adults, \$10 for seniors and \$5 for students. Tickets will be available at the door. For more information, call (989) 739-7955.

The Barton City Eagles Auxiliary, 671 Sanborn Rd., will have a Christmas party for the kids at 2 p.m. Bring your camera to get pictures with Santa. There will be gifts, candy and lunch for the kids. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

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.

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

The Harrisville Lady Lions

will be having their annual Christmas party at 5:30 p.m. at the Old Place Inn in Harrisville. Call (989) 724-5124 to make a reservation.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

Sewing with Jennie Anderson from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Rd. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

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

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FRISK FRY

Friday, Dec 9

5-7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus
St. Anne

\$8 adults \$4 children

5 and under Free

Take Out Available

APPLICANTS WANTED

Caledonia Township is seeking applicants for a position on the Planning Commission. Interested township citizens please send a letter of interest by Friday, December 9th with background information to:

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Local Notes

Lights Contest Winners

The winners for the Festival of Lights awards in Lincoln are: Linda Durfee – first place residential; Scott and Sarah Kroon – second place residential; Larry and Linda Somers – third place residential; and Anna McCoy – fourth place residential. The traveling trophy for best decorated business was awarded to Yesterday's Village Restaurant.

Art Contest

One weekend 50 years ago four men who sang four part harmony decided to camp in Harrisville. That was the beginning of a long love affair between Barbershop harmony and Harrisville. This love affair has grown into Harmony Weekend in Harrisville — an event with world class groups performing every Labor Day weekend.

To commemorate the 50th anniversary in 2012, the Harrisville Arts Council is looking for artwork that depicts this celebration. The contest is open to all age groups and has no residency requirement. There is no entry fee for this contest. This artwork must promote the feeling and celebration of this event. Artists submitting entries for the contest must keep in mind that this artwork needs to fit all promotional materials from posters, fliers and shirts. A cash prize of \$200 will be awarded to the artwork chosen. Go to harrisvilleartscouncil.com for an official application or e-mail harrisvilleartscouncil@gmail.com. Deadline for entries to be received is February 14, 2012.

Oil and Gas Contracts

Property owners are encouraged to attend a seminar on Oil, Gas and Mineral Rights Contracts on Wednesday, Dec. 14 at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Discussion will include technology in the oil and gas industry, legal issues in oil, gas and mineral contracts, negotiating tactics and other important items to consider before signing contracts. This free program is sponsored by Huron and Iosco County Farm Bureaus, Curtis Talley Jr. from Michigan State University Extension, Peter J. Zirnhelt from Zirnhelt, Bowron & Wiggins, P.L.C., and the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

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 or (989) 735-5191 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.


- Monday, Dec. 12—Bourbon pork chops, scalloped potatoes, wax beans, carrot raisin salad and fruit.
- Tuesday, Dec. 13—Barbecued chicken on a bun, potato salad, broccoli with dip, coleslaw and fruit.
- Wednesday, Dec. 14—Ham, au gratin potatoes, green bean casserole, fluff salad, fruit and cheesecake.
- Thursday, Dec. 15—Sweet and sour chicken over rice, sugar snap peas, tossed salad and fruit.

• Friday, Dec. 16—Lasagna, Prince Charles blend vegetables, tossed salad and fruit. (*Friday meals served in Lincoln only.*)

Alcona Farm Market

On Saturday, Dec. 10 the market will be open from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Campbell Building at the ARA site across from Kris Mart in Lincoln for the final market of the year. Items available are: Chocolate-dipped spoons for hot chocolate or coffee, dried beans, gift baskets, gift packs, grave blankets, wreaths and other evergreen decorations, all cuts of grass-fed and grain-fed beef, beef sticks, summer sausage, hot German food, eggs, garlic, various homemade breads, cookies including German lebkuchen, muffins, chocolate and white chocolate pretzels, sesame candy, sugar-free muffins, regular jams and jellies, less-sugar jams and jellies, hot pepper and jalapeño jams, sugar-free jams, flours, soup mixes, salsa mixes, whole wheat brownie and cookie mixes, bread and pancake mixes, dried herbs, salt-free dips, dressing mixes and seasonings, dried fruit, fragrant handmade soaps, homemade laundry detergent, felted bomber hats, rag and potholder rugs, catnip toys, and wooden items including original decorative items, Adirondack chairs, benches, gun cabinets, and more. Many vendors will take orders for gifts. Stop by the information booth for free coffee, hot chocolate, hot tea and doughnuts. There may be other produce and products not listed. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Besser Male Chorus
presents their annual
Christmas Concert
Wednesday, Dec. 14 ~ 7:30 p.m.
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Calendar of Events

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The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 9 p.m. at the Harrisville branch.

Oil and gas lease seminar at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Discussion will include technology, legal issues and other important items to consider before signing a contract. This is a free program. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

General Motors Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees of northeast Michigan will hold their luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1000 US-23 North, Alpena. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Griffin, (989) 727-3350, Frank Baranski, (989) 595-2789 or Don Cantleberry (989) 354-5504.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15
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metic advice with hands-on instruction on makeup, skin care and wig, turban and scarf usage. This program is free. Call (800) 227-2345 to register two weeks prior to the class.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m., meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Call, (989) 739-4483 or (989) 278-9674 for more information.

Alcona retirees meet for lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Bible study at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, on the corner of US-23 and Medor Rd. north of Harrisville. For more information, call (989) 335-4054.

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

Holiday cooking event with John Webster Jr., at 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Cost is \$5 per person. Call, (989) 724-6796 to register.



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Lady Tigers prevail over Posen, Rogers City to begin season

By Dan O'Connor
Sports Writer

The Alcona varsity girls basketball team was energized by two lengthy scoring runs in each of their contests this week to help propel them to wins over Posen (60-44) and Rogers City (45-27).

The Lady Tigers faced a tough Posen squad in their first game of the season and roared out of the gates jumping to a 16-6 lead after one quarter.

Alcona held off several Posen runs through the game before putting the game out of reach with a 22 point third quarter. Alcona was led by Amy Nowak and Karina Cole with 18 points each while Ashley Smith chipped in 10 and Alleigh Sexton added eight points and 11 rebounds.

On Friday, Dec. 2 the Lady Tigers struggled out of the gates trailing by three points after one quarter, but battling back for a slim 19-6 lead at the half.

In the third quarter the Lady Tigers defense made the difference creating many opportunities for easy baskets and pushing the lead to 33-20 heading into the fourth quarter. There Alcona would close out the game. The Lady Tigers put seven scorers in the books with Cole again leading the way with 16 points and Nowak chipping in nine. Kayla Rasmussen added seven.

Alcona (2-0) will travel to Montabella on December 17. The junior varsity team will tip off at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity game will follow.

Dance

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and \$5 for students. Tickets will be available at the door. Duration is approximately two hours and 15 minutes with two short intermissions.

Pool League

Alcona Women's
December 1

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| Mikado Legion | 56 |
| Mikado Tavern | 45 |
| Back Alley | 41 |
| Oasis | 37 |
| Glennie Tavern | 31 |

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of November 28 - December 4, 2011

61 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 2 Arrests; 2 Warrants.

| Complaint Statistics | | | |
|------------------------------|----|---------------------|---|
| Malicious Destr. of Property | 1 | Traffic | 5 |
| Car/Deer Accidents | 13 | Property Damage | 6 |
| False Alarm | 3 | Domestic | 3 |
| Dog/Animal Bite | 6 | 911 Hang Up | 3 |
| Larceny | 3 | Well Being Check | 2 |
| Miscellaneous | 4 | Suspicious Events | 1 |
| Medical | 1 | Patrol Check | 3 |
| VIN Check | 1 | Threats/Harrassment | 2 |
| Warrants | 2 | Assault & Battery | 1 |
| Civil Assist | 1 | | |

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

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|------------------|---|--------------------|---|-------------|---|
| Alcona | 2 | Caledonia | 9 | Curtis | 3 |
| Greenbush | 7 | Gustin | 6 | Harrisville | 3 |
| Hawes | 7 | Haynes | 6 | Mikado | 4 |
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November 29

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| Rob's Repair | 27 | 103 |
| Mancino's | 19 | 92 |
| Gary Oil | 21 | 89 |
| Shotmakers | 9 | 85 |
| Back Alley | 20 | 72 |
| Carpet One | 3 | 63 |
| Big Joe's | 11 | 53 |
| B & D Sales | 10 | 43 |

High game: John Wilson, 268.

High series: Rich Blaszak, 671.

High handicap game: John Wilson, 299.

High handicap series: Rich Blaszak, 728.

Early Bloomers

November 29

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| Marigolds | 200 | 112 |
| Rosebuds | 175.5 | 136.5 |
| Mums | 161 | 151 |

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| Buttercups | 156.5 | 155.5 | High game and series: Jimmy Armstrong, 279 and 824. |
| Bluebells | 154.5 | 157.5 | High handicap game and series: Jimmy Armstrong, 279 and 824. |
| Tigerlilys | 153 | 159 | |
| Daffodils | 137.5 | 174.5 | |
| Violets | 126 | 186 | |

High game: Annette Kane, 187.

High series: Tammy Hurt Mendyka, 508.

High team game and series: Tigerlilys, 461 and 1,318.

Sportsman

December 1

| | | |
|---------------|----|------|
| L.L.W. Club | 20 | 74.5 |
| Morgan Elec. | 26 | 74 |
| Baymoor | 18 | 68.5 |
| Balls on Ya | 22 | 61 |
| Top O' Mich. | 12 | 59 |
| Phil's Barber | 10 | 51 |
| Ghost Busters | 8 | 48 |
| Cole's Appl. | 4 | 44 |

Wednesday Nite Women's

November 30

| | | |
|---|------|------|
| Back Alley Bar | 90 | 60 |
| Alcona Abstract | 78 | 72 |
| Other Team | 77.5 | 72.5 |
| Ark Plumbing | 76.5 | 73.5 |
| Alcona Tool | 75.5 | 74.5 |
| Stoney Acres | 73.5 | 76.5 |
| Cole's Appl. | 66.5 | 83.5 |
| JB's Auto | 62.5 | 87.5 |
| High game and series: Mary Jackson, 236 and 611. | | |
| High handicap game and series: Mary Jackson, 255 and 668. | | |

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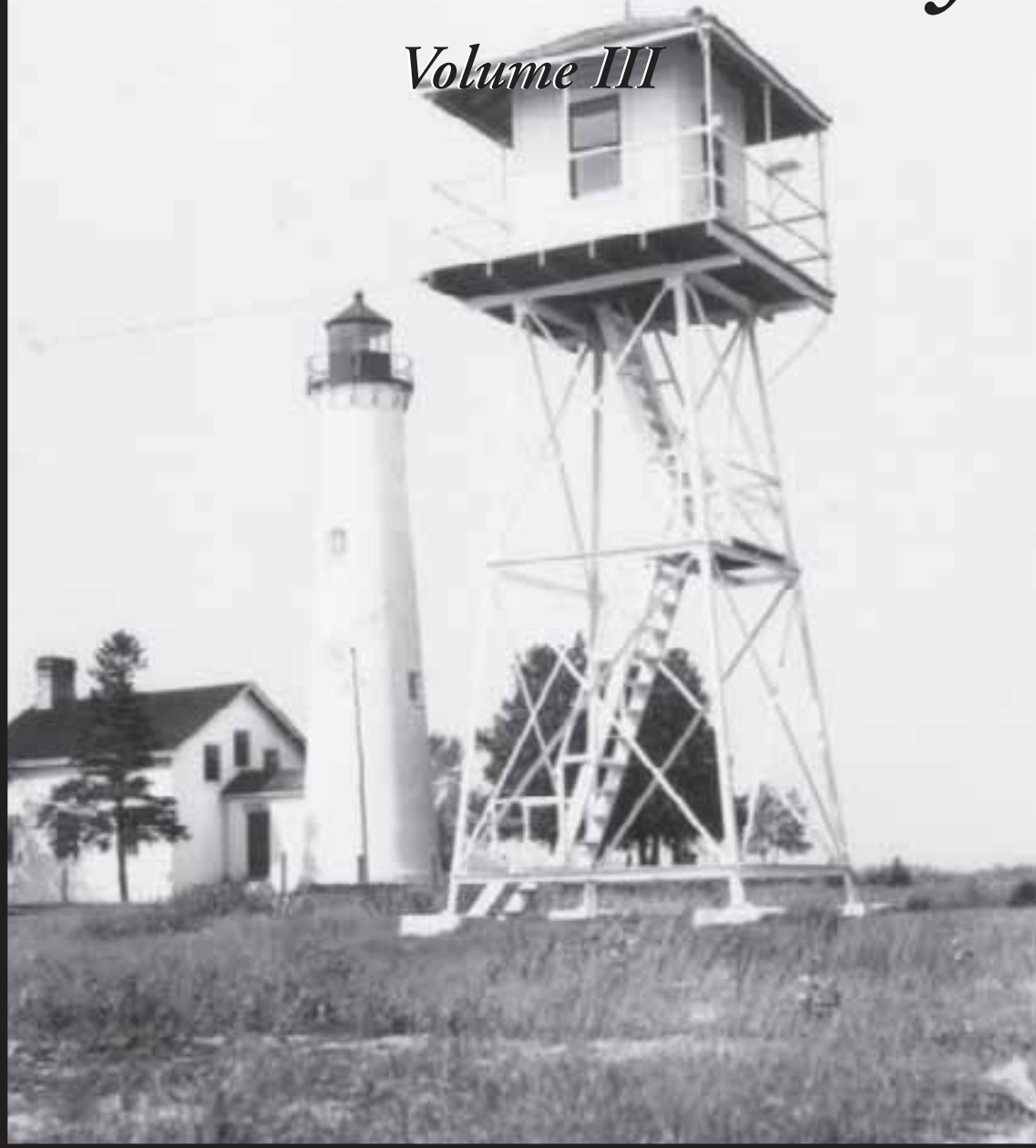
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The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact relating to the assessing of taxes as described in General Property Tax Act Section 211.53b, as amended, and to hear exemption appeals only. For Principal Residence Exemption appeals the owner of property that is a "Principal Residence" on May 1, 2011 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the three immediately preceding tax years pursuant to section 7cc as amended. For Qualified Agricultural Exemption appeals the owner of property that is "Qualified Agricultural" but not classified agricultural on May 1, 2011 may appeal to the July Board of Review for the current year and the immediately succeeding tax year pursuant to section 7ee. The Board of Review will address all other exemption appeals over which they have jurisdiction. A person in poverty may appeal to the July Board of Review for a Hardship Exemption from Taxation for the current year for property that is their "Principal Residence" on May 1, 2011 pursuant to section 7u as amended. A Hardship Exemption Application and the required documentation must be submitted to the Township Supervisor by 4:00 p.m. Monday December 12, 2011. No other appeals may be considered at this meeting.

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Please change the pony to priorities

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist
Dear Santa,

I'm not sure you'll remember me. It's been a very long time since I've written you a letter. When I did, I used to use that big, wide-lined paper with flecks of wood in it and a pencil. And I used to sign them Katy (usually with the "y" backwards).

Maybe it will help you remember to say that I'm the one who bugged you so many times about the pony. Don't worry though - that's not what this letter is about. For a little while in the 1970s, I actually had a pony. He turned out to be a rather mean-spirited, chubby little beast with no shock absorbers who bit me, hoovered down hay at a fearsome and expensive rate and required a remarkable amount of shoveling in his wake. So I'm pretty much over the whole pony thing.

You might remember that I also begged and pleaded for three long years before you finally brought me a puppy. It took a long time, but I'm here to tell you that Santa dogs are the very best. Beauregard, the cocker spaniel you brought me when I was five, lived 14 years - almost my entire childhood - and was the best friend any girl ever had. These days I have three dogs who let me live with them - each of them the best friend any girl ever had in one way or another - so I really don't need a dog, this year, either.

For a long time, we had a regular (if only once a year) correspondence, Santa, and I'm sorry I let it kind of fall off for a couple decades there. For a while I was a teenager and then a young adult and in those days I didn't much believe in anybody. Not even me. So don't feel bad.

Then for the next 20 years or so I was a mom and Christmas was such a busy time. What with getting everything together and figuring out how to pay for it and getting it wrapped or cooked or baked or mailed or arranged under the tree, I barely had time to help the Princess get a letter out to you. But I always added my love, even when I didn't have time to scribble it down. I was positively blown away by the awesomeness of your tasks, given what it took in

just one household. And at our house, it was me who put the cookies and milk out each year, and the carrots for the reindeer.

It's funny, Santa. When I was a kid, by Thanksgiving night every year, I could tell you exactly what I wanted, right down to the color it should be. I lay awake for weeks before Christmas, imagining how wonderful life would be when I just had those things. For the most part, being a very lucky child (since you and I know I wasn't necessarily a particularly good one) I got them.

But like I said, it's funny Santa. Because these days, when my husband and my daughter ask me what I want for Christmas (and ask me again, the next week and the next) it's hard for me to think of anything I want or need. We have so much - from each other to two cats and three dogs and the best friends any girl ever had and a TV in our bedroom - there isn't much I dream about getting these days. At least, not much in terms of material things.

The things I do want, Santa, tend to fall in the category of miracles, or at least require some practical magic. There are some things I'd really like, and I think it might take you, and God and Mother Nature all together to make them happen. And that is why I'm writing to you this year.

First of all, Santa, I'm so saddened by the state our country is in. We seem to be spending so much time arguing with one another and so little working to solve the problems. There are people who are unemployed, children who are hungry or sick or homeless and old people who are frightened or alone and that seems to be less and less important to the people who make the big decisions. It breaks my heart and I bet it breaks yours, too.

I suppose you might be able to solve all of those problems in one night, but I think it would be a tremendous task. It seems like it might be simpler if you could just lay a magic candy cane on each of our hearts in the wee hours of Christmas Eve and remind us of our priorities. Especially in the greater Washington D.C. area, Santa. We need lots of those magic

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candy canes there. And maybe, here and there among those larger, fancier chimneys, a lump of coal or two.

And this year, Santa, I have two dear friends who are bravely fighting life-threatening illnesses. I know you don't do medical stuff as a general rule and I know that if word got out you, you'd be inundated. So I'm not asking for miracles here. If you can, just give my friends each a couple of days of comfort and joy, Santa. For them and for the family members who are taking care of them, who sometimes hurt more than the patients do. Just some moments of feeling well enough to be merry and bright, enough to enjoy the taste of the roast and the cookies and to feel the wonder of midnight stars and candlelight, Santa.

The things I want for me, Santa - well, they're the same things you've given me year after year after year. Three stockings hung on my mantle, three smiling faces around my Christmas tree. My precious family, who somehow understands that a handmade gift means more than any Micro-Super Salad Shooter with Built-In Chia Plant ever could. Three dogs and two cats who get their own packages of Christmas treats. The realization that we are blessed with enough and enough to share.

A moment, each year, to stop at the foot of Main Street and admire my favorite Christmas decorations - going on 50 years old now, some of them, and still shining true every December. Another moment at midnight on Christmas Eve when I step out my front door and listen to the beautiful silence as the world stops turning for just a second and you can hear the angels sing. A visit to the creche on the corner, which is what it's all supposed to be about.

That, an orange and a box of chocolates, Santa, and I'll be a happy kid on Christmas morning. Love - that's what Christmas is. All the rest is tinsel.

As always, I'll leave some milk and cookies out - I assume you must like snickerdoodles or you wouldn't have munched them up all these years - and some carrots for your reindeer. Pat their noses for me.

Love to you and Mrs. Claus,

Merry Christmas - Katy
(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 27 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, and grand-dog, Bastian, all of whom are frequent victims of her column.)

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NOTICE

The Harrisville Township Planning Commission at their normally scheduled meeting on Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 7 p.m. will review a site plan submitted by Ken Manning on parcel # 060-018-200-015-06 located at the SE corner of M72 and Barlow Road. The site plan review is for a Commercial Landscape Business. This parcel is zoned General Commercial. The meeting will be held at the Harrisville Township Hall. The public is welcome to attend and/or comments can be sent to the Harrisville Township Zoning Administrator.

11/23 thru 12/7

PUBLIC HEARING

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the proposed County budget for fiscal year 2012 on Wednesday, December 14, 2011 at 10:00 a.m., in the commissioners' meeting room on the lower level of the Alcona County Building, Harrisville. The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the Alcona County Clerk's Office.

Alcona County Board of Commissioners
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Organization's Notes

Friends of the Lincoln Depot

The Lincoln Depot group of the Alcona Historical Society volunteers celebrated the 2011 annual quilt raffle drawing on December 2 at 6 p.m. This year's ticket sales netted nearly \$1,200. The first place winner of the hand quilted quilt was Dianne Coffman of East Tawas. Second prize winner of the hand made doily was Bev Niedermiller of Greenbush. Angela Farley was the winner of the third prize, a toy train transformer.

In addition to raising the funds for the maintenance of the depot, volunteers open the Depot Museum for visitors during the summer months and most Tuesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. during the winter months.

On December 2 volunteers hosted Santa at the depot. Many youngsters visited Santa, viewed the exhibits at the museum and enjoyed popcorn and cookies. The Lincoln Depot volunteers were proud to participate in Lincoln's Festival of Lights. The depot has windows wrapped in evergreen garland; a blue spruce decorated with large colorful bulbs and bright colorful lights.



Marshall Stevens of Spruce shot a six point on November 29 in the Spruce area. It weighed 160 pounds and had a 15 inch inside spread. *Courtesy photo.*

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The purpose of this meeting is to correct clerical errors or mutual mistakes of fact relating to the assessing of taxes as described in General Property Tax Act Section 211.53b, as amended, and to hear exemption appeals only.

For Principal Residence Exemption appeals the owner of property that is a "Principal Residence" on May 1, 2011 may appeal to the December Board of Review for the current year and the three immediately preceding tax years pursuant to section 7cc as amended.

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A person in poverty may appeal to the July Board of Review for a Hardship Exemption from Taxation for the current year for property that is their "Principal Residence" on May 1, 2011 pursuant to section 7u as amended. A Hardship Exemption Application and the required documentation must be submitted to the Township Supervisor by 4:00 p.m. Monday December 12, 2011.

No other appeals may be considered at this meeting.

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Snowy owls irrupt to lower 48 states

During the past few weeks numerous sightings of this arctic dweller have been reported in Michigan and all along the northern tier states of the U.S.

The most recent sighting in the area was at Tawas Point on December 2. Peggy Allen took a photograph of a snowy owl in the early morning at the point when she spotted the bird perched in the top of a pine tree.

Often when food sources are scarce, or there is unusual competition for meals, these birds will migrate south enabling them to find additional food habitat. This is known as an "irruption."

"There are almost two times as many observed this year already," said Roger Eriksson, a photographer who lives in Iosco County. "I missed the one at the AuSable rivermouth last week by seconds," he said. "I was driving away in my car and was unable to hear the birder next to me pointing it out as it crossed the river and headed north....talk about frustrating moments."

Several other "irruptive" species have also been reported by birders. These include pine siskins, snow buntings and red crossbills.

"I think we're in for a severe winter, as these birds are often indicators of what the weather holds in store for the coming months," said Peggy Ridgway, member of the AuSable Valley Audubon. "Many of these species were



This snowy owl was photographed at Tawas Point on December 2. *Courtesy photo.*

observed unusually early in the season this year and birders are keeping a close eye on the numbers. Our upcoming

annual Christmas Bird Counts may reveal more surprises, we'll see," Ridgway said.

Sturgeon River strain brown trout show promise

Recent Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Fisheries Division electro-fishing surveys below Hodenpyl Dam on the Manistee River and on the AuSable River below the dam at Mio produced vastly different results, though they did have a couple of common characteristics.

Fisheries crews turned up more than 800 trout during a half-day survey with two shocking boats on the AuSable, in a stretch that has come to be dubbed "the trophy water" because of the large trout there.

On the Manistee, two shocking crews turned up just over 100 trout.

But the crews did find some unusually large brown trout in both river stretches and they found something else they were looking for - good survival of Sturgeon River strain brown trout, something biologists hope bodes well for the future of brown trout fisheries in Michigan.

Fisheries Division, discouraged by relatively low return rates from stockings of brown trout in recent years, began stocking a different strain of browns - the Sturgeon River strain - in 2010. The Sturgeon River strain brood stock was collected from wild trout out of the Sturgeon River in the northern Lower Peninsula whereas other strains are raised from brood stock maintained in hatcheries.

Michigan had been using several other strains of brown trout for its stocking programs over the years - most notably wild rose and seeforellen - but the DNR has seen relatively poor recruitment into the fishery in its Great Lakes and inland-lake stocking programs. Biologists wondered if going to a different strain would help. Research biologist Todd

Wills said Fisheries Division identified the Sturgeon River strain as a potential replacement for the seeforellens in both the Great Lakes and inland lakes. But when fisheries biologist Steve Sendek - who works out of Grayling and is responsible for the AuSable River - heard about the idea, he suggested that Fisheries Division stock the new strain (along with equal numbers of wild rose browns) in the tailwater fishery below Mio, too.

Fisheries biologist Mark Tonello, who is responsible for the Manistee River, seconded the motion. So Fisheries Division stocked both strains in the river stretches, marking them with different fin clips.

In the Manistee River, the marked brown trout collected by electro-fishing during the recent survey were all the same strain.

"We only found Sturgeon River fish," Wills said. "We did not see any wild rose fish - not a one."

"The overall catch of trout was very low," he continued. "It's encouraging to see the Sturgeon River browns - and it leads us to believe that they did better than the wild rose browns - but with the catch as low as it was, it's difficult to make any firm conclusions."

That the catch was low was not entirely surprising as the Manistee River below Hodenpyl is marginal trout water and during the summer of 2011, the area suffered through the hottest July on record. Under those adverse conditions, a low survival rate of stocked trout is not unusual.

Although the catch was much better below Mio, the marked Sturgeon River fish recovered by the shocking

Research biologist Todd

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The AuSable River below Mio has been nicknamed "The Trophy Water" because it produces large trout, like these, netted by a DNR Fisheries Division crew. Photos by David Kenyon, Michigan DNR.

crew far outnumbered the wild rose strain.

"There's no question that below Mio, the Sturgeon River brown trout are doing better than the wild rose strain," Sendek said. "We found about five times as many Sturgeon Rivers as wild roses and not just young-of-the-year fish; it looks like the Sturgeon River fish carry over from year to year better than the wild rose, too."

Sendek said he is encouraged by what he's seen so far.

"Since the Sturgeon River fish are a wild strain, they're a little harder to work with than the wild rose, which is a domesticated strain," Sendek said. "They come out of the hatchery smaller than the wild rose fingerlings, but they catch up."

"I'm looking for the fishery below Mio to not only keep going, but get better," he continued. "With year-round fishing now and new regulations, this could be a win-win situation. This fishery is very special. And we can't count on natural reproduction to

sustain that fishery because of the influences of the dam. Stocking is going to be an important part of maintaining that fishery.

"I'm very optimistic about the future with the early results. I'm hoping this will revitalize all of our brown trout fisheries - we just have to learn how to utilize this new tool."

Wills said that the AuSable probably has better ground water resources than the Manistee and therefore would probably provide more cold-water sanctuary areas for trout during a hot summer.

"In addition to warming caused by the dam, the Hodenpyl stretch of the Manistee has a lot of clay soils and that's not good for groundwater movement," he said.

And although the survey results are not complete, "it appears from the data we have now that the Sturgeon River strain browns are doing better in the tailwater fisheries - the AuSable and the

Manistee - than the wild rose," Wills said.

As for the lake portion of the study, it's too soon to tell, he said.

"We are not seeing a large return from any of the marked fish in the inland lakes we've stocked," Wills said. "To date we've seen more wild rose fish, so the wild rose strain seems to be doing better. However, some of the lakes that we stock are difficult to sample with our survey gear, so we're working with local fisheries managers to obtain reports from anglers to supplement information we collect in the field."

"We've also stocked Sturgeon River and wild rose strain fish in Lake Michigan, but our creel clerks haven't seen any returns so far. Brown trout returns in Lake Michigan have been pretty low in general, and these fish may still be a little smaller than those typically harvested and reported by anglers," Wills said. "We'll see what happens."



Brown trout are collected during a river survey so the DNR can identify which strain is performing best.

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Assistance dogs can make life easier for seniors in need

Dear Savvy Senior,
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Dog Loving Linda

Dear Linda,
For people with disabilities and certain medical conditions, assistant dogs can be fantastic help, not to mention they provide great companionship and an invaluable sense of security.

While most people are familiar with guide dogs that help people who are blind or visually impaired, there are also a variety of assistance dogs trained to help people with physical disabilities, hearing loss and various medical conditions.

Unlike most pets, assistance dogs are highly trained canine specialists - usually golden and Labrador retrievers, and German shepherds - that know approximately 40 to 50 commands, and are amazingly well-behaved and calm. Here's a breakdown of the different types of assistance dogs and what they can help with.

• **Service dogs:** These dogs are specially trained to help people with physical disabilities due to multiple sclerosis,

spinal cord injuries, Parkinson's disease, chronic arthritis and many other disabling conditions. They help by performing tasks their owner cannot do or has trouble doing, like carrying or retrieving items, picking up dropped items, opening and closing doors, turning lights on and off, assisting with dressing and undressing, helping with balance, household chores and more.

• **Hearing dogs:** For those who are deaf or hearing impaired, hearing dogs can alert their owner to specific sounds such as ringing telephones, doorbells, alarm clocks, microwave or oven timers, smoke alarms, approaching sirens, crying babies or when someone calls out their name.

• **Seizure alert and response dogs:** For people with epilepsy or other seizure disorders, these dogs can recognize the signs that their owner is going to have a seizure, and provide them with advance warning, so he or she can get to a safe place or take medication to prevent the seizure or lessen its severity. They are also trained to retrieve medications and use a pre-programmed phone to call for help. These dogs can also be trained to help people with diabetes, panic attacks and various other conditions.

If you're interested in get-

Savvy Senior

ting your mom a service dog, contact some assistance dog training agencies. To find them, Assistance Dogs International provides a listing of around 75 U.S. training agencies on their website that you can access at assistance-dogsinternational.org. After you locate a few, you'll need to either visit their website or call them to find out the types of training dogs they offer, the areas they serve, if they have a waiting list, and what upfront costs will be involved. Many agencies offer dogs for free, and others may charge several thousand dollars.

To get an assistance dog, your mom will need to show proof of her disability which her physician can provide, and she'll have to complete an application and go through an interview process. She will also need to go and stay at the training facility for a week or two so she can get familiar with her dog and get training on how to handle it.

It's also important to un-

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Senior discounts available to you

Senior News Line
By Matilda Charles

The holiday season can be quiet for some of us. While it's a great time to sit back and enjoy the books we received and some of the holiday shows on television, we also need to get out! It only takes a little planning to join up with friends to enjoy some meals out. The bonus is that many restaurants give a senior discount.

Here's a list of a few places you'll find discounts, broken down by age. Most give a 10 percent discount or offer a free drink.

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Chick-Fil-A, Dunkin Donuts, Jack in the Box (20 percent off), Arby's, Dairy Queen, Popeye's, Fuddruckers, Country Kitchen, Wendy's, Denny's (usually 10 percent off, but certain days and times it's 20 percent), IHOP, Chili's.

For those age 60 and above:

Sizzler, Bob's Big Boy, Golden Corral, Applebees (15 percent discount), Roy Rogers, Burger King, Sonic, Friendly's, Ben and Jerrys.

Be sure to call in advance to make sure there aren't any restrictions, such as days of the week or times of

the day. Not all locations offer a discount. For those in the 55-plus category, call to be sure they haven't increased the age to 60.

Don't forget AARP if you're looking for a discount. The website (www.aarp.org) has a list that changes. Click Member Benefits, then Discounts.

Many of us don't want to ask for a discount in restaurants or anywhere else - but we should! We've earned it! Here's a challenge for you for 2012: Ask for your senior discount everywhere you go, and keep track of how much you save through the year. You might be pleasantly surprised. Carry your AARP card at all times!

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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Jenna Peterson, 14, of Hubbard Lake shot her first buck, a nine-point, on November 18 in the Hubbard Lake area. *Courtesy photo.*


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Organization's Notes

River Aux Sables Chapter of DAR

In keeping with veterans and soldiers month in November, the River Aux Sables Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution has donated two quilts to wounded warriors project through "Citizen Sam" and over 120 filled "Thank You" stockings to the "Yellow Ribbon Guard" for the annual Christmas boxes which are filled at the Bay City National Guard Armory. They were sent out last week to Michigan soldiers who are deployed overseas. If your Michigan soldier did not receive one, please let the armory know. Stockings were made by Carlie Klumpp of Pinconning, Mich. and Jaye Martz of Gladwin, Mich.

These are annual projects of the River Aux Sables chapter that we are proud to be contributing to. We also contribute annually to the National Great Lakes Cemetery fund for providing refreshments to the honor guard which stands watch 24 hours a day, seven days a week over our fallen soldiers at Great Lakes.

For more information about these projects or for membership information in the DAR, access our website at www.riverauxsables.mich-dar.net.

Check out the Alcona Review Web Site
www.alconareview.com
 For events, government & organization information & much more!

Organization Notes

Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce

The general membership meeting of the Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce was held November 9 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County library. It was called to order by the president at 6 p.m. and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Judie Labadie, president; Jeanne Meskus, secretary; Treasurer Ed Foster (and guest Dee Foster), Lake Huron Rentals; Trustee Jim Pyne, Pyne Enterprises; Trustee Trudy Bohlenger, Craftmakers' Cabin; Trustee Steve Ashford, Springport Golf Club; Judy Pyne, Harrisville Arts Council; Paul Labadie, Coming Attractions; Fran Whitney, Michigan Works!; Christy Holmes and KC Kevitch, Huron Community Bank.

Correspondence and printed materials regarding a home-based business was shared. Jim Pyne and Fran Whitney asked to be added to "other." The minutes of the October 12 general meeting were read and corrected (2012 Officer election: The term of KC Kevitch for vice president was changed from three-year to two-year). Motion to accept as corrected: Ed/KC; carried.

The minutes of the November 2 executive board meeting was read and corrected (Added under events: Reimbursement made to Art Laatz in the amount of \$37.50 for music sheets for the Community Tree Lighting. Deleted: The paragraph regarding the appointment of Ed Foster as parliamentarian). Motion to accept as corrected: Ed/Judy P.; carried.

Treasurer Ed Foster gave his report. Motion to accept the treasurer's report as of November 1, as presented: Trudy/Steve.; carried. Ed reported we have a total of 43 paid members for the 2012 year.

Christmas in the Village: The hall is rented. Due to the substantial increase in the amount of the rent we must pay St. Anne Church, the table rental amount was increased. The hayride is secured. Santa and Mrs. Claus will be with us once again. A total of 42 tables have been reserved. We now have a waiting list. St. Anne's youth group will be using the kitchen and making lunch.

2012 Officer Election: Ballots were provided for all attendees. The slate for the 2012 year is as follows: President (one-year term), Judie Labadie; vice president, KC Kevitch (two-year term); treasurer, Christy Holmes (two-year term); secretary (one-year term), Jeanne Meskus; trustee (three-year term), Ed Toombs. Motion: Ed/Jim to close the nominations, and for the chairman to propose the rules be set aside and a unanimous ballot be cast for the nominees. Carried.

Other comments: Judie Labadie announced that the EDC and Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce are partnering to sponsor (in Suite No. 4 of the Harbortown

Marketplace) a collection site for Shelter, Inc., My Brother's Hope, Goodfellows, and possibly the Alcona Food Pantry, for the holiday season. An article will be submitted to the Alcona County Review. Lists of needs will be available. Monetary donations must be in check form, no cash can be accepted. It should be noted that for every \$1 donated, the Alcona Food Pantry can purchase \$14 in food.

Jim has secured a contract with the tent company

for next year's events. A deposit check needs to be sent, and the contract must be signed by the president. Fran Whitney talked about the leadership teams, and is excited about their progress. The final wrap-up meeting will be held on November 22 at the middle school, 7 p.m. Fran told us her assignment has been changed. She is no longer working in Alpena; she is now responsible for Alcona, Oscoda and Crawford counties.

Judie is working with Ron

Rademacher to update our website so that our members can improve and update their pages on our website. New member vote: motion: Judy P./Paul to accept Lexi's on Main as a new member; carried. Motion to adjourn: Ed/Judy P.; carried. The next general meeting will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2012 at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

Note: 2012 dues (\$100) are owed no later than December 31.

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Alcona Review Weather Report

Dec. 7, 2011

Seven Day Forecast

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| | WEDNESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 35 Low: 26 |
| | THURSDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 32 Low: 24 |
| | FRIDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 29 Low: 21 |
| | SATURDAY Mostly Sunny High: 29 Low: 18 |
| | SUNDAY Partly Cloudy High: 36 Low: 22 |
| | MONDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 37 Low: 25 |
| | TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 35 Low: 21 |

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 35°, humidity of 64%. West wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 55° set in 1951. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 26°. West wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is -6° set in 1972.

| *Last Week's Almanac | | | | |
|----------------------|----|----|---------|--------|
| Date | Hi | Lo | Normals | Precip |
| Monday | 39 | 25 | 37/23 | 0.00" |
| Tuesday | 37 | 28 | 37/23 | 0.00" |
| Wednesday | 43 | 27 | 36/22 | 0.00" |
| Thursday | 39 | 28 | 36/22 | 0.02" |
| Friday | 33 | 22 | 35/22 | 0.00" |
| Saturday | 41 | 23 | 35/21 | 0.13" |
| Sunday | 51 | 35 | 35/21 | 0.07" |

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local UV Index

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

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Wednesday | 7:56 a.m. | 4:53 p.m. | 2:55 p.m. | 5:08 a.m. |
| Thursday | 7:57 a.m. | 4:53 p.m. | 3:32 p.m. | 6:07 a.m. |
| Friday | 7:58 a.m. | 4:53 p.m. | 4:15 p.m. | 7:05 a.m. |
| Saturday | 7:59 a.m. | 4:53 p.m. | 5:05 p.m. | 7:59 a.m. |
| Sunday | 7:59 a.m. | 4:53 p.m. | 6:02 p.m. | 8:48 a.m. |
| Monday | 8:00 a.m. | 4:53 p.m. | 7:05 p.m. | 9:31 a.m. |
| Tuesday | 8:01 a.m. | 4:53 p.m. | 8:11 p.m. | 10:08 a.m. |

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered rain and snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated snow Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 59° in Salisbury, Md. The Southeast will see scattered showers today, mostly clear skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 83° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see isolated snow today, mostly clear skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 62° in Colville, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 70° in Chino, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

| | Rise | Set |
|---------|------------|-----------|
| Mercury | 7:13 a.m. | 4:34 p.m. |
| Venus | 10:12 a.m. | 6:48 p.m. |
| Mars | 11:45 p.m. | 1:06 p.m. |
| Jupiter | 2:40 p.m. | 4:13 a.m. |
| Saturn | 3:40 a.m. | 2:41 p.m. |
| Uranus | 1:30 p.m. | 1:35 a.m. |

Weather History

Dec. 7, 1935 - Severe flooding hit parts of the Houston area. Eight people were killed as 100 city blocks were inundated. Satsuma reported 16.49 inches of rain. The Buffalo and White Oak Bayous crested on Dec. 9.

Weather Trivia

What is the longest a rainbow has ever lasted?

Answer: August 14, 1979, a rainbow lasted for 3 hours over North Wales.

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Dark Days of Winter

Let me get this off my chest. I HATE WINTER! It's not so much the wind and the cold or the fact that I keep my study cooler to save a little on energy. It's all of that darkness, the long winter nights that drive me bonkers. As a positivist who tries to view the glass half full, there is a faint glimmer of hope in the air. The earliest sunset will be occurring this week is on the 8th to be precise. For my earthly location, sundown will be happening at 4:34 p.m. After that date, the sun goes down later, not much later at first, but then picking up speed so that by mid-January people start noticing the effect. This does not mean that December 8 is the shortest day of the year. That happens two weeks later on the 22nd when the time between sunrise and sunset is at its shortest. This is known as the winter solstice. The latest sunrise happens on January 5 when coincidentally the Earth is closest to the sun. The reason why earliest sunsets and latest sunrises do not take place on the shortest day of the year is because timekeepers follow the motion of a fictitious or mean sun which moves uniformly over Earth's equator. The eastward motion of the real or apparent sun varies from day to day because Earth revolves in an oval shaped orbit. This makes the sun change its position fastest in the winter and slowest during the summertime. In addition, the Earth's axial tilt causes the sun to move northward after the winter solstice and southward beyond the summer solstice. This slows the eastward motion of the sun against the stars which is created by the orbiting Earth. The result is that the real sun gets ahead of or behind the mean sun which is the time kept by the government and our house clocks. Currently, the real sun reaches noontime seven minutes ahead of the mean sun, causing sunsets to occur earlier than expected, with the earliest sunset occurring on Thursday. www.astronomy.org

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

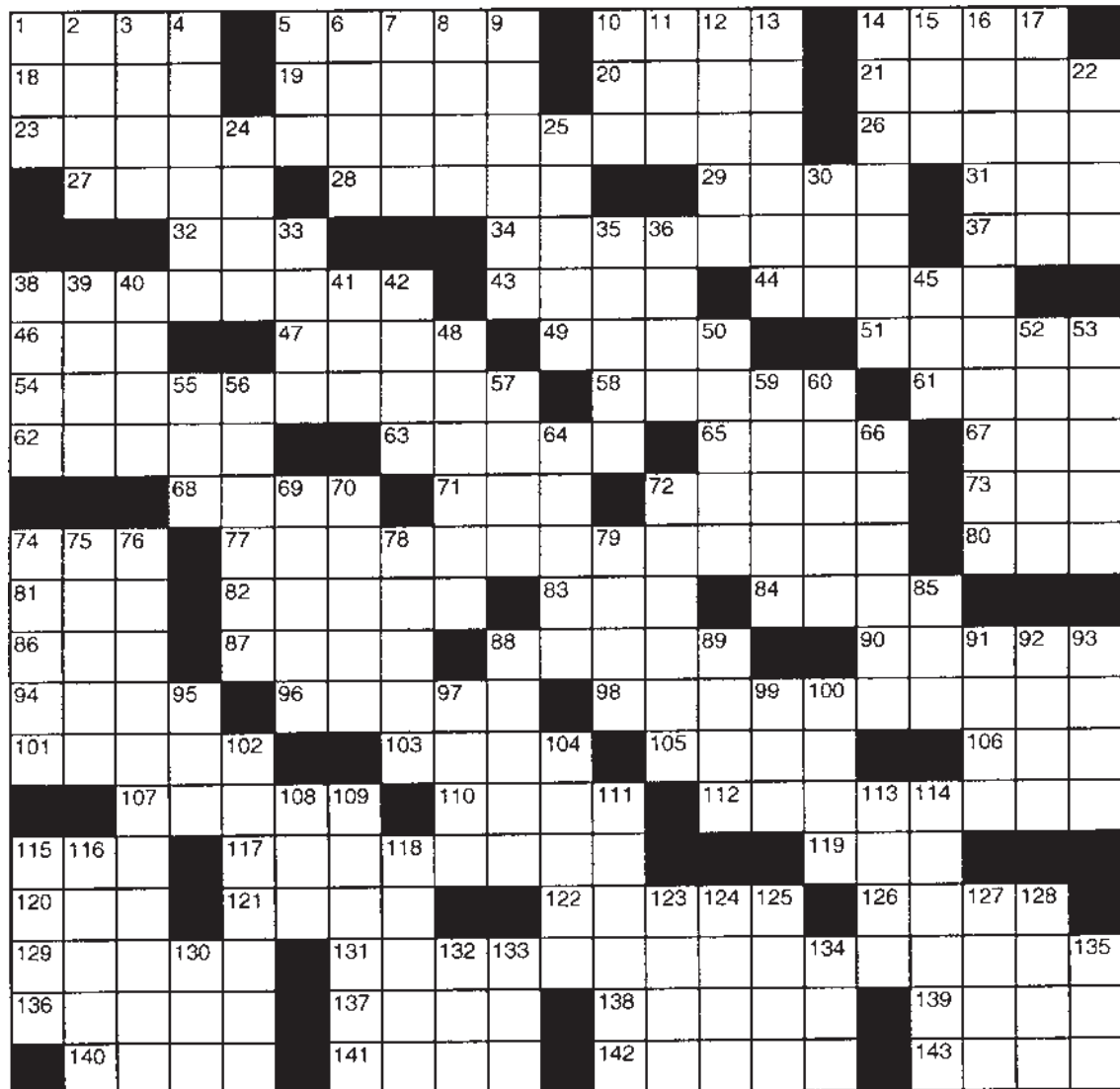
TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE:** Ollivanders is the name of a shop prominently featured in which series of novels?
- PSYCHOLOGY:** What unnatural fear is represented in disorder oneirophobia?
- MOVIES:** Which Alfred Hitchcock movie features a main character who is confined to a wheelchair?
- MUSIC:** Which rock-and-roll group had a hit with the song "Got to Get You into My Life"?
- TELEVISION:** What is the setting for the TV soap "Another World"?
- ANCIENT WORLD:** Who was one of the chief founders of the philosophy of Cynicism?
- POETRY:** Who wrote the words, "God's in his heaven/ All's right with the world"?
- ART:** For what type of work was the 16th-century artist Titian best known?
- MYTHOLOGY:** Who is the Greek goddess of love?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the deepest lake in the world?

Answers: 1. The "Harry Potter" books; 2. Fear of dreams; 3. "Rear Window"; 4. The Beatles; 5. Bay City; 6. Diogenes; 7. Robert Browning; 8. Painting; 9. Aphrodite; 10. Lake Baikal in Siberia, Russia (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword ROSE GARDEN

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| ACROSS | 54 Rose Nylund's portrayer | 98 "The Name of the Rose" author | DOWN | 42 Goes downhill fast? | 92 Summer-time treats |
| 1 — it the truth?" | 58 Okfenokee, for one | 101 Send the money | 1 Pitches | 45 Stephen of "Interview with the Vampire" | 93 Lamebrain |
| 5 Restrain | 61 Skin problem | 103 Salt serving | 2 Where the tall corn grows | 48 Loses a lap | 95 Russian space station |
| 10 Conduit fittings | 62 Irwin of "The Crocodile Hunter" | 105 — Alto, CA | 3 Gallagher of Oasis | 50 Phi Beta — | 97 Tranquil |
| 14 Active volcano | 63 '78 Peace Nobel | 106 Dover's st. | 4 Aftershock | 52 79 Down's homeland | 99 Lilly of pharmaceuticals |
| 18 "The Green —" ('56 hit) | 65 Pestiferous person | 107 Fight site | 5 New Deal agcy. | 53 Passover meal | 100 Morning wear |
| 19 Victorian ornament | 67 Unmatched | 110 Temporary wealth? | 6 "Very funny!" | 55 Watching machines? | 102 4 p.m. vehicle? |
| 20 Rachel's sister | 68 Went like hotcakes | 112 Butcher's offering | 7 Runner | 56 Petty officer | 104 Muslim dietary term |
| 21 TV's "The Wonder —" | 71 Apprehend | 115 "The — and I" ('47 film) | 8 Room without a view? | 57 Dairy-case purchase | 108 Sgt. or cpl. |
| 23 Guns n' Roses hit | 72 Cumin or coriander | 117 "Fait —" | 9 Alaskan bear | 59 "Upstairs, Downstairs" extras | 109 Like lemons |
| 26 — nous | 73 Stretch the truth | 119 Ending for "auction" | 10 Shady character? | 60 Ornamental loop | 111 WWII admiral |
| 27 Soprano Gluck | 74 Health concern | 120 Sought office | 11 Wahine's wreath | 64 Gulf | 113 Shorten a sail |
| 28 — a day's work" | 77 Billy Rose song | 121 Penny or peseta | 12 Joe of "Dr. Quinn" | 66 Most revolutionary | 114 Threat words |
| 29 Sleuth Nancy | 80 Organ of equilibrium | 122 Wrong | 13 '62 Four Seasons hit | 69 Divulge | 115 Desire deified |
| 31 Herriman's "Krazy —" | 81 Poetic pot | 126 Architect | 14 Glasses | 70 — Lama | 116 Looked longingly |
| 32 Mythical monster | 82 Reference volume | 129 Conductor Seiji | 15 Dress size | 72 Cocktail ingredient | 118 — a customer |
| 34 In flight | 83 Patriotic org. | 131 Rose McGowan movie | 16 "Ramblin' Rose" singer | 74 It makes candy dandy | 123 Concerning |
| 37 Adjective suffix | 84 Prepare prunes | 136 Murcia mister | 17 Stage backdrop | 75 Austen title start | 124 Lightweight gun |
| 38 One of "The Three Tenors" | 86 Bar supply | 137 Take — the chin | 22 Clockmaker | 76 "The Rose Tattoo" actress | 125 Large herring |
| 43 Rock's — & the Gang | 87 Linguist | 138 Spring for | 24 Grocer's measure | 78 Christened | 127 Whirl today |
| 44 Pine | 88 Scope | 139 Actress Ward | 25 Tearjerker? | 79 "Elephant Boy" star | 128 Christiania, today |
| 46 Kimono cummerbund | 90 Unbroken | 140 Live on lettuce | 30 Vane letters | 85 Wine and dine | 130 Affliction |
| 47 Interrogates | 94 "Divine Comedy" figure | 141 Bean on the bean | 33 Gullet | 88 Moral man? | 132 Wolfram — Eschenbach |
| 49 Cranny's companion | 96 Caroline, to Ted | 142 Hope's "The Prisoner of —" | 35 Perch | 89 Stowe sight | 133 Squid's squirt |
| 51 Toomey or Philbin | | 143 North Carolina campus | 36 Run through | 91 A swan was her swain | 134 "Wings" abbr. |
| | | | 38 Male swans | | 135 Solo of "Star Wars" |
| | | | 39 Help a hood | | |
| | | | 40 Formal ceremony | | |
| | | | 41 — blond | | |



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MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On Dec. 23, 1888, Dutch painter Vincent van Gogh, suffering from severe depression, cuts off the lower part of his left ear with a razor while staying in Arles, France. He later documented the event in a painting titled "Self-Portrait With Bandaged Ear." During his lifetime, van Gogh sold only one painting.

• On Dec. 22, 1900, the first car to be produced under the "Mercedes" name is delivered to its buyer, Emil Jellinek, an Austrian car racer and auto dealer to the rich and famous. In exchange for buying 36 of the cars, the auto company agreed to name its new machine after Jellinek's 11-year-old daughter, Mercedes.

• On Dec. 24, 1923, President Calvin Coolidge touches a button and lights the first national Christmas tree to grace the White House grounds. The tree was the first to be decorated with electric lights — a strand of 2,500 red, white and green bulbs.

• On Dec. 20, 1957, rock 'n' roll star Elvis Presley receives his draft notice for the United States Army. He served in Company D, 32nd Tank Battalion, 3rd Armor Corps in Friedberg, Germany, where he attained the rank of sergeant.

• On Dec. 25, 1962, "To Kill a Mockingbird," a film based on the 1960 Pulitzer Prize-winning novel of the same name by Harper Lee, opens in theaters. The Great Depression-era story of racial injustice and the loss of childhood innocence is told from the perspective of a young Alabama girl named Scout Finch.

• On Dec. 21, 1975, in Vienna, Austria, Carlos the Jackal leads a raid on a meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC), killing three people and taking 63 hostage. Carlos managed to evade international authorities until 1994, when French agents captured him hiding in the Sudan.

• On Dec. 19, 1986, Michael Sergio, who parachuted into Game Six of the 1986 World Series at New York's Shea Stadium, is fined \$500 and sentenced to 100 hours of community service. Sergio had landed on the infield with a "Let's Go Mets" banner in the first inning of the sixth game between the Mets and the Boston Red Sox.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

• It was megalomaniacal French Emperor Napoleon Bonaparte who made the following sage observation: "Four hostile newspapers are more to be feared than a thousand bayonets."

• Orchids are lovely flowers, and many people dedicate years to growing them and finding rare specimens. If you're like most people, though, you probably don't realize that the word orchid comes from the Greek word "orchis," which means "testicle."

• Records show that the town of Helena, Montana, had more millionaires per capita than any other city in the world — way back in 1888.

• In the early 1970s, a British plumber named John Hancock replaced an antique toilet in the home of John Lennon, then kept the old toilet for the rest of his life. In 2010, after Hancock's death, his heirs put it up for auction. Even the auction house was surprised when the former Beatle's throne fetched a whopping \$14,740.

• When you're in an unpopulated area and gaze up at the night sky, it's easy to be overwhelmed by the profusion of stars. But what's truly overwhelming is this: All the stars that are visible from Earth represent only 0.0000000000000001 percent of all the stars in the known universe.

• You may not be aware of this, but there is a new fad that is catching on among some groups across the country: tall biking. Hobbyists construct bicycles with normal-sized front and rear wheels, but with frames and seats that extend anywhere from 6 to 10 feet off the ground. Some riders actually use these bikes to joust, using lances made out of PVC pipe and foam rubber. It's unclear, however, exactly how the riders mount their steeds.

Thought for the Day: "If you wish to be loved, show more of your faults than your virtues." — Edward Bulwer-Lytton

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Fine-tune finances before year's end

Dollars And Sense
By David Uffington

The quiet week at the end of the year is a good time to review finances and make any needed changes before the New Year.

Tax deductions: The trick is to balance payroll deductions with the taxes you'll owe in April so that you come out with nothing due and no refund. If too much money is taken out, you're essentially giving the government an interest-free loan. Instead make the changes to your W-9 form and put that extra money from each paycheck into a savings account.

The biggest event that should make you review your deductions is buying a house. You'll get a mortgage interest statement (Form 1098) for the interest you paid, which can become a deduction on the Schedule A of your tax forms if you itemize. (You'll also be able to claim the property taxes you've paid.)

If you can, make a 13th mortgage payment in December to add to the amount of the mortgage interest.

Better savings interest rate: If your emergency fund is safely in place, likely in a savings account, considering putting further savings into a CD or money market account. You'll get a bit more interest, and the money is still easily accessible in case of an emergency.

Health Savings Account: If have a high deductible on your medical insurance, investigate putting money into a Health Savings Ac-

count. The money you put into an HSA is tax-preferred, which means that it's not taxable when earned. Balances roll over from year to year, and the only stipulation is that it be used to pay medical expenses. "High deductible" is defined as \$1,200 for yourself or \$2,400 for family coverage for 2011. Go online to irs.gov and look for IRS Publication 969 for more details about how much you can contribute.

If you're self-employed, stock up on the consumables you normally use. Those become a business expense that you can deduct. If you'll likely need a new computer soon, or telephones, consider buying those before the end of the year.

If you've planned to make charitable donations, do it now. It's a deduction on the Schedule A if you itemize.

Invest in an early copy of the 2011 tax software and run the numbers. This will help you fine tune your year-end strategy.

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Write to him 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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Make it easy on your survivors

Veterans Post
By Freddy Groves

Do you keep your service files organized? Most of us don't, unless pushed. But here's something to consider: Can your family easily find what it needs to handle your affairs if something happens to you?

Here are a few documents your family will need to lay their hands on quickly:

—Your DD214 or service equivalent. If you don't have your discharge papers, send for them.

—A list that includes Social security number, branch of service, dates of service, date and place of birth. Include all the places you were stationed, and dates.

—Immunization record, birth certificate and will. (You do have one, right? And it's updated, not one you wrote 20 years ago?) Add your government life-insurance policy, copy of all marriage certificates and divorce decrees and copy of children's birth certificates.

Download online (or send away for) the following blank forms, to be kept in the file: Application for United States Flag for Burial Purposes; Claim for One Sum Payment Government Life Insurance; Claim for Monthly Payments National Service Life Insurance; Application for Standard Government Headstone or Marker.

If you have an ongoing claim with the Department of Veterans Affairs, put all related documents in a separate file, newest at the top. Keep several sheets of blank paper in the file so you can note the date, time and whom you spoke with whenever you call the VA so the information is always current.

Go online to www.vba.va.gov, click Veteran Services, then Survivors. Scroll down and look for any additional information that might apply to you. Send for the appropriate forms. Print out the VA Benefits for Survivors pamphlet and put it in the file, or call the VA (1-800-827-1000) and have one sent to you.

You only need to do this once. When you've assembled and organized your information, you just need to keep it updated.

Write to Freddy Groves in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to [column-reply@gmail.com](mailto:columnreply@gmail.com).

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Unexpected Guests

Even though the bird life is a bit slow right now, I never know when a migrating visitor might drop in, so I make a special seed blend that will appeal to any bird. It has sunflower heart chips, peanuts and safflower seed. I used a tube feeder with a tray. Everyone's happy!

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BOARD OF REVIEW

Alcona Township December Board of Review meeting, December 13 at 2 p.m. December board of reviews has the authority over clerical errors, mutual mistakes of fact. Appeals for assessed value can only go to the March board of review. Also an owner of property that is homestead property on May: may appeal to the December board of review for the current year and the three previous years, if the exemption was not on the tax roll. 211.7cc (13) and 211.7ee (6). The board can also review qualified agricultural exemptions and poverty exemptions. The meeting will be held at Alcona Township Hall on US-23 in Black River.

CLASSES

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CHRISTMAS TREES

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AUCTIONS

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to west section line; thence north 198 feet; thence east to the point of beginning. And the following described premises situated in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, state of Michigan: All that part of the east 1/2 of the east 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, described as follows: Commencing at the southeast section corner of said Section 11, thence north 01 degrees 21 minutes 16 seconds west 1092.13 feet along the east section line of said Section 11 to the point of beginning, thence continuing north 01 degrees 21 minutes 16 seconds west 132.59 feet along said east section line to the southerly 33 foot right of way line of Church Street, thence north 81 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds west 17 feet along said right of way line, thence south 00 degrees 21 minutes 27 minutes west 132 feet, thence south 81 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds east 21 feet parallel to Church Street to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 23, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 387511F01 11-23, 11-30, 12-7, 12-14

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parcel of land situated in the township of Caledonia, county of Alcona and state of Michigan, being known and designated as follows: Part of the southeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the west right of way of R-171 (NKA F-41), a county road, on the south section line of said Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 8 East, thence west to the east 1/8 post on the south section line; thence north 385.8 feet; thence north 87 degrees 6 minutes east. 369.9 feet; thence south 66.9 feet; thence north 87 degrees 6 minutes east to the west right of way of R-171 (NKA F-41); thence southeast along west right of way of R-171 Highway (NKA F-41) to the point of beginning. Also, the south 385.8 feet of the east 100 feet of the southwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 8 East. Less and except that parcel of land as described in Liber 434, page 908, recorded August 31, 2006 in Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 23, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 382134F01 11-23, 11-30, 12-7, 12-14

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mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of two hundred ninety-four thousand two hundred ninety-eight and 61/100 dollars (\$294,298.61), including interest at 5.75 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on December 21, 2011. Said premises are situated in township

of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, less the south 31 feet of Lot 2 of Decker's Park, a subdivision recorded in liber 1 of plats, page 53, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 23, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 379526F01 11-23, 11-30, 12-7, 12-14

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and assigned by said Mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of twenty-eight thousand five hundred fifty-seven and 69/100 dollars (\$28,557.69), including interest at 6.375 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on December 14, 2011. Said premises are situated in township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michi-

gan, and are described as: Lot 27 of Huron Pines, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 187, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 16, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1311 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 375078F01 11-16, 11-23, 11-30, 12-7

Foreclosure Notice

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to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-seven thousand five hundred seventy-eight and 83/100 (\$57,578.83) including interest at the rate of 11.35000 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court in said Alcona County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 12 p.m. on December 28, 2011. Said premises are situated in the township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Supervisor's Plat of Neville's North Lake Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page(s) 87 of Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 2810 North Lake Drive.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: November 30, 2011 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for the Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, pursuant to the terms of that certain Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of March 1, 2000, related to Metropolitan Mortgage Funding, Inc., mortgage pass-through certificates, Series 2000-A. 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Case No. 110MI00708-1 11-30, 12-7, 12-14, 12-21

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closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on December 28, 2011. Said premises are situated in township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Town 28 North, Range 7 East, township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Government Lot 4; thence north 87 degrees 31 minutes west 33 feet along the county road; thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east 383.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 87 degrees 31 minutes west 150 feet to the centerline of said channel; thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east 75 feet along the centerline; thence south 87 degrees 31 minutes east 150.0 feet to the west 33 foot right of way line of county road; thence north 1 degree 46 minutes west 75.0 feet along said right of way to the point of beginning. Also, part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Town 28 North, Range 7 East, described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Government Lot 4;

thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east along the east line of said Government Lot 4; thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east along the east line of said Government Lot 4, 283.0 feet; thence north 87 degrees 30 minutes west 33.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 87 degrees 30 minutes west 125 feet; thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east 100 feet; thence south 87 degrees 30 minutes east 125 feet; thence north 1 degree 46 minutes west 100 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 30, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 387920F01 11-30, 12-7, 12-14, 12-21

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said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on January 4, 2012.

Said premises are situated in township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, Block 9 and the north 132 feet of Block 16 of the village of Killmaster, a subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 13, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 7, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302
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Said premises are situated in township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The south 1/2 of the north 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Township 25 North, Range 8 East. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 7, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1311
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Said premises are situated in City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6, of Block 1 of the City of Harrisville, formerly village, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 1, Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 30, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1304
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Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-eight thousand nine hundred twelve and 76/100 dollars (\$88,912.76), including interest at 6.875 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on January 4, 2012.

Said premises are situated in township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the southeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 26 North, Range 8 East, lying southerly of Traverse Bay State Road (Trask Lake Road), described as follows: Parcel A - commencing at the east 1/4 corner of Section 2, Town 26 North, Range 8 East; thence north 02 degrees 31 minutes 51 seconds east along the east line of said section and a portion of the centerline of F-41 Highway, 453.00 feet; thence north 84 degrees 35 minutes 17 seconds west along an existing

Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 10 a.m., on the front steps of the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, that being the place for holding circuit court for the county of Alcona where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 5.99 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the township of Harrisville, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: Par-

gagee to Flagstar Bank, FSB as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thirteen thousand three hundred forty-six and 67/100 dollars (\$113,346.67), including interest at 6.875 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on December 14, 2011.

Said premises are situated in township of Alcona, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 19 and 20 of Block

fence line 285.80 feet; thence south 87 degrees 57 minutes 25 seconds west 459.43 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing south 87 degrees 57 minutes 25 seconds west 617.38 feet; thence north 02 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds west along the east 1/8 line of said Section 926.00 feet; thence south 81 degrees 44 minutes 19 seconds east along the centerline of Trask Lake Road 627.73 feet; thence south 02 degrees 10 minutes 00 seconds east 813.79 feet to the point of beginning; except county road.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: December 7, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1304
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cel 1: That part of the northwest 1/4 of Section 31, T26N, R9E, described as commencing at the northwest corner of said northwest 1/4, thence south 8 rods, thence east 10 rods, thence north 8 rods, thence west 10 rods to the point of beginning. Parcel 2: Commencing at the northwest corner of the northwest 1/4 of Section 31, T26N, R9E, thence East 165 feet to point of beginning, thence east 55 feet; thence south 396 feet; thence west 220 feet; thence north 264 feet; thence east 165 feet; thence north 132 feet to point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 11, 2011 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
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16 of Lost Lake Woods Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 59, 61 and 63, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 16, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1311

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Rob Boden of Harrisville shot an eight-point at 5:10 p.m. on November 30 north of Lincoln. *Courtesy photo.*



Tyler Peterson, 17, of Hubbard Lake shot a seven-point on Thanksgiving morning in the Hubbard Lake area. *Courtesy photo.*

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derstand that assistance dogs are not for everybody. They require time, money and care that your mom or some other friend or family member must be able and willing to provide.

Savvy Tip: For more information on assistance dogs visit workinglikedogs.com, an educational website for people who are interested in getting an assistance dog. They also offer "Working Like

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