

Alpena state police post has new commander

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Moving into an administrative position after working as an investigator in narcotics was a significant change for the new Michigan State Police commander at the Alpena post. But, he is enjoying the challenge and working to ready the post for the new Regional Policing Plan that will eventually be implemented throughout the state.

Lt. Mike Hahn became the

post commander on January 8. "It was a big decision. I loved working in narcotics. Leaving that position meant leaving behind a lot of work in the field which is what I really liked. However, I felt it was time to move on to take on new challenges and responsibilities," Hahn said.

Hahn had been a detective sergeant with the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT). The previous post commander, Lt. Mike Caldwell, was promoted to the position of inspector of the Seventh District and is the assistant district commander at the Traverse City, Mich. post.

"My predecessor left me with some pretty big shoes to fill," Hahn said of Caldwell. "He also left me with a very organized office and a post that runs very smoothly."

Since his promotion to lieutenant and taking on the new position, Hahn has been busy learning the multifaceted role

of commander. "One of the things that influenced me to apply (for the command position) is the personnel that was already here," Hahn said. "I've had the pleasure to work with them and I've gotten to know them. They are excellent investigators. I think they are some of the best troopers and sergeants that I've ever worked with. The sergeants and post secretary really make things happen under this roof."

"I think the most important resource I have here is the sergeants and post secretary. My job is to make sure the troopers have everything they need - equipment, administrative support, et cetera to do their job and serve the public," Hahn said.

While new to the administrative side of the Michigan State Police, Hahn has been with the department for 22 years, 16 of which was spent in narcotics, and 12 specifically with HUNT. He started



Lt. Mike Hahn

as a trooper with the Flat Rock, Mich. post, was a uniform sergeant at the Detroit, Mich. Metro post, was on the Strike Team Investigation Narcotics Group (STING) team in West Branch, Mich. and came to Alpena from the multijurisdictional drug task

force team in Macomb County.

He was raised in St. Joseph, Mich. and graduated from the high school there in 1979. He received a bachelor's degree in behavioral science from Western Michigan University. After receiving his degree, Hahn worked as a substance abuse counselor in Indiana and Michigan and taught education programs for those convicted of operating a vehicle while under the influence.

"I was in the process of pursuing a military career when a friend suggested that I apply to the Michigan State Police," Hahn said.

One of the challenges Hahn will have is to guide the post into the new Regional Policing Program that is being implemented at a few posts already - as a pilot program. The concept is to have troopers and sergeants working out of their patrol vehicles, with less and less time spent at their posts. "They will be able to complete a lot of tasks that they only used to be able to do in the post via laptop computers in their patrol cars," he said.

"This plan is going to keep troopers out in the field more than they have been in the past and expand patrol coverage to communities. Everything is going to be digital - writing and filing reports, citations, et cetera," Hahn said. "This will save money as well."

While Hahn could not say when the Regional Policing

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Defendant faces eight charges at arraignment

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Editor

The Greenbush man facing multiple felony counts in connection to shooting a man and marijuana grow house was arraigned in 23rd Circuit Court on Tuesday.

Adam Christopher Guziewski, 26, stood mute in front of the Honorable William F. Myles and a plea of not guilty was entered on his behalf.

Guziewski was charged with assault with intent to maim, assault with intent to harm less than murder, assault with a weapon, controlled substance - delivery/manufacture five to 45 kilograms, controlled substance - delivery/manufacture marijuana, felony firearm possession, purchase a pistol without a license and armed robbery.

He has been lodged in the Alcona County Jail since his arrest on December 10, 2011 after allegedly shooting his alleged drug partner in the leg after a disagreement over money.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department at the time of his arrest, a search of Guziewski's house allegedly turned up two firearms - a 9mm handgun, which is believed to have been used in the shooting, and a 9mm rifle. Authorities also found an alleged marijuana grow operation in the house. Officers from the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) assisted in the recovery of 34-36 plants and several pounds of processed marijuana.

Guziewski will appear in court again on April 10 for a status conference. His bond has been set at \$1 million cash/surety 10 percent.



The Alpena varsity girls basketball program was awarded the 2010-11 sportsmanship award on February 9. The Alpena program was one of the top 100 programs in the state that exhibited good sportsmanship. Schools were rated by officials and judged by the team, fans, coaches and treatment by the school staff. Team members (from left) Ashley Smith, Amy Nowak, Emily Nowak, Nikki Smith, Lindsay Morang, Coach Dan O'Connor, Lexie Cook, Tylar Campbell, Megan Quick, Kayla Rasmussen, Karina Cole, Rachel Hefferon and Alleigh Sexton were on hand last week to accept the award from a representative of the Michigan National Guard.

Courtesy photo.

Alpena trooper receives lifesaving award

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The local Michigan State Police trooper who received a lifesaving award cites being close by and reacting automatically as to how he was able to pull a man from a burning car last year.

Trooper Alan Burke of the Alpena Michigan State Police post was given the MSP Lifesaving Award for "his quick actions" in saving the life of a man who, as it turned out, was suffering from a health issue last November.

According to Burke, he and his partner Trooper Steve Wallenius were finishing a late night shift when a call came in about a possible trespass just two miles from the post. When they got to the scene they found a vehicle that had driven off of the roadway well on to private property. It was in a "goofy position" with the driver's side door blocked by a pine tree. "It had been sitting there awhile with the engine running," Burke said. "It was kind of hung up and it was

very dry outside. The heat of the engine probably caused the pine needles on the ground to ignite. We showed up just as the pine needles caught fire."

As Wallenius retrieved a fire extinguisher from the patrol car, Burke reached through the open passenger side window and pulled the victim - a man in his 30s - from the car. "He was flailing around quite a bit and really wasn't coherent...we found

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Obituaries

Eileen F. Petrusch

Eileen F. Petrusch, 74, of Barton City, died on Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

She was born January 16, 1938 to Robert and Ilene Roberts in Canada.

She was a longtime resident of the Detroit, Mich. area, retiring to Barton City.

She was a member of the Barton City Eagles Auxiliary No. 4141 and the Ossineke Eagles Auxiliary No. 3762. She enjoyed playing bingo and going to the casino.

Mrs. Petrusch is survived by her husband, Edward; one son, David Petrusch; one daughter, Kelly Petrusch; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Cremation arrangements were made by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Alfred Mikazes

Alfred "Mike" Mikazes, 86, of Mikado, died on Wednesday, Feb. 1, 2012 at home.

He was born September 13, 1925 to John and Tillie (Morkvich) Mikazes in Fitchburg, Mass., where he was raised.

He served in U.S. Navy during World War II including the battle for Iwo Jima. He later joined the U.S. Air Force, retiring at the conclusion of his tour in Vietnam.

On June 21, 1962 he married Una Merkel. They have been longtime residents of Mikado.

After 20 years in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Air Force, Mr. Mikazes was employed for 20 years by the D & M Railroad where he worked as a relief agent.

He was a member of the Mikado Goodfellows and active in its reorganization and was a charter member of the Mikado American Legion Post No. 254.

Mr. Mikazes is survived by his wife, Una; one son, Joel (Dawn) Mikazes of Harrisville; and two grandchildren, Hannah and Antavius Mikazes.

He was preceded in death



by three brothers; and three sisters.

Visitation will be held Saturday, Feb. 11 from 10 a.m. until the Mass at 11 a.m. at St. Raphael Catholic Church in Mikado. The Rev. Lawrence Boks will officiate. His ashes will be interred at St. Raphael Cemetery.

Everyone is invited to a meal which will be served at the Mikado Civic Center following the Mass. Memorials may be made to Mikado Goodfellows.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Emily Begian

Emily Begian, 91, died on Saturday, Feb. 11, 2012, at her home in Turning Brook of Alpena.

She was born on August 30, 1920 to Daniel and Nancy (Alcock) Gibbs.

She graduated from Waltham High School in Massachusetts and Wayne State University.

She married Harry Begian on September 21, 1943.

Emily taught in Brownsville, Texas and in the Livonia public school system for a number of years until she devoted all of her time and energy to raising her family and becoming involved in community service.

Mrs. Begian is survived by two daughters, Carol Ann (John) McGuire and Mary Ann (Kenneth) Hubbard; one son, Daniel (Donnette) Begian; five grandchildren, Wendy (Daniel) Hubbard

Bull, Daniel (Kendra) Alpert, Thomas McGuire, Benjamin Lam-brechts and Bradley Lam-brechts; one great-grandson, Gavin Alpert; one sister, Patricia Russell; two brothers, Timothy (Judith) Gibbs, Daniel (Louise) Gibbs; one brother-in-law, James Begian; and several nieces, nephews and cousins.

Mrs. Begian was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, on July 26, 2010; one brother, Joseph Gibbs; three sisters, Yvonne Perrault, Nancy Gibbs and Sally Gibbs.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15 from 2 to 8 p.m. at Bannan Funeral Home, 222 S. Second Avenue, Alpena. A musical memorial by the WindSong Flute Quartet will be held at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Thursday, Feb. 16 at the Trinity Episcopal Church, 124 E. Washington Avenue, Alpena



from 10 a.m. until time of funeral service at 11 a.m. The Rev. Bruce Michaud will officiate.

Interment will be in Pleasant View Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Alcona Historical Society or the Harry and Emily Begian Endowment Fund at Blue Lake Fine Arts Camp.

Mary A. Schmidt

Mary Ann Schmidt, 94, of Oscoda died on Monday, Feb. 6, 2012 at Tawas Village in Tawas City, where she lived since October 2011.

She was born in Black River on November 1, 1917 the daughter of Benjamin and Donelda (Papin) LaVigne.

As a young girl, after her mother's death, she helped her father in the general store in Black River for seven years, along with taking care of her younger sisters.

In 1941, she married Bill LeClair and moved to Bay City, Mich., where she worked at Chevrolet. Four years later they moved back to Black River to work on the family farm. They built cabins and entertained hunting and fishing guests.

In 1955 they moved to Oscoda. In 1962 she took a job at Oscoda Area Schools in food services. In 1973 her husband, Bill, died.

In 1975 she opened the Country Cone Ice Cream

Shop in Harrisville, while still working for the schools. She sold her business in 1981 and retired from the schools in 1984.

She married George Schmidt in 1992. They enjoyed socializing at the Oscoda Yacht Club as well as playing cards, taking casino bus trips and traveling.

Mrs. Schmidt was active in the Sacred Heart Catholic Church in which she was a member of the altar society (C.C.W.) for 48 years. She also volunteered at St. Joseph Hospital in Tawas.

Mrs. Schmidt is survived by two sons, Gerald (Barb) LeClair and Michael (Yvonne Trout) LeClair; five grandchildren, Michael LeClair, Lilani Mask, Mindy McFarland, Brian LeClair and Cheryl LeClair; nine great-grandchildren; one sister, Ethel Rasche of Black River; and several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death



by her husband, George, in 2008.

A funeral Mass was held February 9 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Oscoda. Monsignor James Brucksch officiated. Interment was in the Calvary Cemetery in Black River, MI. Memorials may be directed to the Sacred Heart C.C.W.

Arrangements were handled by Buresh Kobs Funeral Home.

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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
Feb. 5	39	27	0.00	0.9	15	SSW
Feb. 6	45	28	0.00	2.4	23	WSW
Feb. 7	35	14	0.00	5.0	22	NNE
Feb. 8	38	12	0.00	1.0	14	W
Feb. 9	44	24	0.00	3.5	21	SW
Feb. 10	31	14	0.03	6.0	28	NNE
Feb. 11	21	8	0.00	5.0	31	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2011-2012

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
	Weekly Total	0.03	1.1
February to Date	0.03	1.1	0.52
Year/Season to Date	1.02	17.4	2.28

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.)

Obituaries

Mary Kelly

Mary Kelly, 71, of Lincoln died on Friday, Feb. 10, 2012 at the Lincoln Haven Healthcare and Rehabilitation Community in Lincoln.

She was born August 28, 1940 in Durand, Mich. to Seel Green and Florence (Welch) Rouse.

She enjoyed tap and ballet dancing when she was younger. She loved cats, baking, cooking and cake decorating.

She married Harold T. Martin in 1961 in Flint, Mich.

She was a cook and waitress for many years.

Ms. Kelly is survived by one daughter, Peggy Reiger of LaGrange, Ga.; one son, Darrel Martin of Flint, Mich.; and one stepson, Steve Martin of Lake Orion, Mich.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold, in 1984.

Visitation will be held at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln, Thursday, February 16 at noon. The funeral will follow at 3 p.m. The Rev. Kathy Sprowl will officiate.

Commander

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Program will be implemented locally, he is pleased with how the new concept has been received at the post. "Everyone has done an excellent job in making this transition - most people don't like change, but this has been embraced by troopers and sergeants and I'm very proud of the job they are doing," Hahn said.

In addition to the new concept, Hahn plans to hire two sergeants in the coming

weeks, and possibly one or two troopers in the future. Which will help in covering the five county - Alpena, Alcona, Presque Isle, Montmorency and Oscoda - territory under the Alpena posts' jurisdiction.

Ross/McClellan exchange vows

Sara Ross and Kenny McClellan were married on November 11, 2011.

The bride is the daughter of Mark and Ena Ross of St. Clair Shores, Mich. She attended Romeo County Day High School and is employed at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.

The groom is the son of Carol McClellan of Harrisville. He attended Alcona High School and is employed at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak, Mich.


The bride was attended by Danielle Smith, Lisa Keith, Stephanie Rekowski, Athena Foster and Sarah Van De Wiele. Junior bridesmaids were Sydney McClellan and Alexia Szydek.

The groom was attended by Scott McClellan, Zack Williams, Kiley Seldon, Mike Smith and Tim Ross.

The couple honeymooned on a seven day cruise in the Caribbean. They now reside in Warren, Mich.



Sara and Kenny McClellan



Gather a container, some soil, gravel and some small plants. If using a lid, use plants that like high humidity; an open terrarium can have plants that don't need as much moisture. Put gravel on bottom, then soil, then place plants as you want them to appear. Add water carefully, being careful not to flood the container.

Make a terrarium

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Award

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Trooper Alan Burke

out later that he was suffering from a diabetic reaction," Burke said.

Burke, a native of Alpena, enlisted with the state police in 1987. Before his assignment to the Alpena post in April of 1998, Burke served at the Iron River, Northville, Detroit and Gaylord posts. This is the second MSP Life-saving Award he's received during his career.

He will officially retire on Friday, Feb. 17 after 25 years of service. Burke is looking forward to spending more time with his family and will work as a substitute teacher at the middle school and high school in Alpena. He and his wife, Denise, have three children - one attends Grand Valley State University and two are students at Alpena High School. He also plans to fish and continue racing motorcycles.

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Haynes Township will hold its annual budget meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 7, 2012 at the Haynes Township Hall, 3939 E. McNeil Rd. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting.** Regular meeting to follow at 7 p.m.
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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive from noon to 6 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 S. Church St. For more information, call (800) 733-2767.

Two computers available for seniors over 60 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Foot clinic with Connie Cosbett R.N. from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Cost is \$25, appointment required, call (989) 736-8879.

Blood pressure and blood sugar readings at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

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.

MSU Extension is providing a journey to wellness, a series of free classes once a week with instructor Beth Noffze, from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. at District Health Department No. 2, 311 Lake St., Harrisville. This week's class is "Eating Light and Modifying Recipes". For more information, call Alpena MSU Ext. (989) 354-9879 or Alcona MSU Ext. (989) 724-6478.

Community walking club for everyone meets at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 8:30 a.m.

Two computers available for seniors over 60 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Come inside where it's warm and walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No charge. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

AARP income tax preparation from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior. Call, (989) 736-8879 for an appointment.

Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center. For more information, call (989)

736-8879.
 Information on the new veterans program regarding hospice care with Amanda Fleming at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. No appointment necessary.

Blood pressure and blood sugar readings at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Rd.

Cooking with Chef John Webster Jr. from Tait's Bill of Fare is back with a winter comfort lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Registration is required, call (989) 724-6796.

Bible study at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 745 N. US-23, Harrisville (corner of US-23 and Medor Rd.). For more information, call (989) 335-4054.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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.

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

Don McEwen Kids Ice Fishing Tournament on Jewell Lake, Barton City. For children and young adults age 15 and under, poles, bait and holes provided. Registration begins at 10 a.m. For more information, contact Jim Burger (989) 736-3401.

Barton City Eagles Aerie 4141, 671 Sanborn Rd., will be having a barbecued chicken and ribs dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Adults \$8, age six to 12 \$4, under six free. Carry out orders accepted, call (989) 736-3050.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

White Pine Quilt Guild meets at Hollyhock Quilt Shoppe, 310 E. Main St., Harrisville at 6:30 p.m. For information, call C. Pizer (989) 724-6403.

Two computers available for seniors over 60 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Come inside where it's warm and walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center from 9 a.m. to

2:30 p.m. No charge. Call (989) 736-8879 for more info.
 All ladies are invited to play Bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Rd. at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is an easy game to learn, first-timers are always welcome.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Knitting Klub and Crochet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All levels welcome. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The selection for February is "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

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A Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at St. Annes Catholic Church, Maria Hall in Harrisville. This is a free dinner and everyone is welcome to attend.

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

Blood pressure and blood sugar readings at the Curtis Township Hall, 5023 Battlefield Rd., Glennie at 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

The Alcona County Library board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch.

Two computers available for seniors over 60 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

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.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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Local Notes

Chorus Rehearsals Begin

Huron Shores Chorus has set rehearsal dates for its 2012 spring season. Rehearsals will begin Sunday, Feb. 19 from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Tawas Area Presbyterian Church in East Tawas (located on the corner of US-23 and Aulerich Road). Succeeding rehearsals will be held Sundays throughout the remainder of February, March, and April with the exception of Easter Sunday, April 8. Concert dates will be Friday, April 27 and Sunday, April 29. There are no auditions – all singers are welcome to attend. A \$10 membership fee is welcome but not required. Huron Shores Chorus is under the direction of Tracee Behnke-Lentz.

Update on Arts Retreat

Alcona Arts Retreat, the new music and art workshop project started at the 2011 Michigan State University Extension leadership program, is progressing rapidly. The dates have been set, the central location chosen, and instructors contacted. The retreat leaders will present an update at a public meeting on Thursday, Feb. 23 at 6 p.m. in the Alcona High School board conference room (come in through the middle school entrance).

The meeting is also designed to collect ideas on how to make this project a success for the whole county both this year and for years to come. There will be opportunities for volunteers to help to make it all happen smoothly.

The dates of the Arts Retreat will be September 7-9 – the weekend after Labor Day. Both music and art seminars will take participants to outdoor settings around the county to spark their creativity. Project leaders expect 75 to 100 participants who are being encouraged to bring along family. Lost Lake Woods Club will be used for lodging, breakfast and some workshop sites. Participants will have time at lunch and dinner to explore area restaurants and shops. For questions about the event, call or e-mail Will St. John at (989) 736-3000 or wjmstjohn@charter.net.

Dining with the Docs

Interested adults are invited to attend the next session of "Dining with the Doctors," held on Monday, Feb. 27 at noon the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Pharmacist Angeline Chang will discuss brand-name versus generic drugs and other pharmacy questions. The program is limited to 25 participants; call (989) 724-6796 to register or for more information. Free lunch included. This program is a cooperative effort through the Alcona Health Center and Alcona County Library to bring health information to Alcona citizens.

Walleye & Perch Tourney

A walleye and perch fishing tournament will be held on Hubbard Lake February 26 from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Registration is at the Side Door Bait & Tackle beginning at 6 a.m.. Registration will not be taken after 11 a.m. Cost is \$10 per person. Winners will be determined by the length of the largest walleye and the largest perch. Half of the registration money will go to the winner of each category. Measuring will take place at the south DNR boat launch at 2 p.m. Late arrivals will not be accepted. *(The tournament will be cancelled if there is not safe ice on the entire lake up until the start of the tournament at 7 a.m.)*

Coffee and Chocolate

Join the Love Your Library month finale with a celebration of coffee and chocolate by food connoisseur Teresa McCurdy on Tuesday, Feb. 28 at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. McCurdy will discuss how coffee and chocolate are grown, harvested, and turned into delectable goodies. Coffee varieties and chocolate desserts will be available to sample. Everyone is welcome. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Away at School

- Brian T. Parkham of Spruce was named to the dean's list for the 2011 fall semester at Lake Superior State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

- Michael E. Perkins of Glennie was named to the dean's list for the 2011 fall semester at Lake Superior State University. To achieve dean's list recognition, students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

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, Feb. 20—Ham, sweet potato puffs, stewed tomatoes, tossed salad, an apple and a cookie.
- Tuesday, Feb. 21—Chicken casserole with noodles, green beans, cranberry sauce and fruit.
- Wednesday, Feb. 22—Fish, baked potato, peas, orange pineapple fluff salad and fruit.
- Thursday, Feb. 23—Bourbon chicken, macaroni and cheese, peas and carrots, three bean salad and pineapple.
- Friday, Feb. 24—Pork roast, red potatoes, Brussels sprouts, fruited Jell-O salad and fruit. *(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

Cooking Classes

Michigan State University Extension is offering free classes on cooking and nutrition with instructors Chef Donald Humes and Nutritionist Beth Noffze. Classes will be held at the Old Place Inn in Harrisville on Monday, March 5 through April 16 from 10 a.m. to noon. Commitment to attending all classes is required. Space is limited and will be available on a first-come first-served basis. To sign up, contact Beth Noffze, MSU Extension-Alcona County, 320 S. State Street, Harrisville (989) 724-6478 or e-mail noffzeb@anr.msu.edu.

New Vice President

Jack Eling has been named vice president of lending at Northland Area Federal Credit Union. He brings to the position 21 years of experience in community banking and seven in nonprofit finance. "Jack's experience, leadership skills and commitment to building local communities make him a great fit for the position," said CEO Pete Dzuris, "We're pleased to have him join the



Jack Eling

Northland family." Eling is a strong advocate of community service. Past activities include coaching, family mentoring, service on a parks and recreation board and two years as the president of the Mesick Chamber of Commerce. He looks forward to continued service in his new role. "It's exciting to become a part of an organization that brings value to its members and invests so much into the success of local communities," said Eling. A Michigan native, Eling worked the majority of his career in the northwestern part of the state. He recently relocated to Oscoda with his wife, Amy. They have two adult sons and two grandchildren.

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to help elderly drivers limit or stop driving

Dear Savvy Senior,
I'm worried about my father's driving. At age 84, his driving skills have diminished significantly, but I know he's bound and determined to keep going as long as he's alive. What tips can you recommend that can help me help my dad stop driving?

Nervous Daughter

Dear Nervous,
For many families, telling an elderly parent it's time to give up the car keys is a very sensitive and difficult topic. While there's no one simple way to handle this issue, here are a number of tips and resources you can try to help ease your dad away from driving.

To get a clear picture of your dad's driving abilities, the first thing you need to do is take a ride with him watching for problem areas. For example: Does he drive too slow or too fast? Does he tailgate or drift between

lanes? Does he have difficulty seeing, backing up or changing lanes? Does he react slowly? Does he get distracted or confused easily?

Also, has your dad had any fender benders or tickets lately, or have you noticed any dents or scrapes on his vehicle? These, too, are red flags.

After your assessment, you need to have a talk with your dad about your concerns, but don't sound alarmed. If you begin with a dramatic outburst like "Dad, you're going to kill someone!" you're likely to trigger resistance. Start by gently expressing that you're worried about his safety.

For tips on how to talk to your dad about this touchy topic, the Hartford Financial Services Group and MIT AgeLab offers some guides titled "Family Conversations with Older Drivers" and "Family Conversations about Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia & Driving" that can help,

along with an online seminar called "We Need to Talk" that was produced by AARP. To access these free resources, visit safedriving-foralifetime.com.

Like many elderly seniors, your dad may not even realize his driving skills have slipped. If this is the case, consider signing him up for an older driver refresher course through AARP (aarp.org/drive, (888) 227-7669), your local AAA or a driving school.

By becoming aware of his driving limitations, your dad may be able to make some simple adjustments - like driving only in daylight or on familiar routes - that can help keep him safe and driving longer. Or, he may decide to hang up the keys on his own.

If, however, you believe your dad has reached the point that he can no longer drive safely, but he refuses to quit, you have several options. One possible solution

is to suggest a visit to his doctor who can give him a medical evaluation, and if warranted, "prescribe" that he stops driving.

Older people will often listen to their doctor before they will listen to their own family.

If that doesn't do it, ask him to get a comprehensive driving evaluation done by a driver rehabilitation specialist - this can cost several hundred dollars. A driving evaluation will test your dad's cognition, vision and motor skills, as well as his on-road driving abilities. To locate a specialist in your area, contact the Association of Driver Rehabilitation Specialists (driver-ed.org, (866) 672-9466) or the American Occupational Therapy Association (aota.org/older-driver).

If he still refuses to move to the passenger seat, call your local Department of Motor Vehicles to see if they can help. Or, call in an attorney to discuss with your dad

Savvy Senior

the potential financial and legal consequences of a crash or injury. If all else fails, you may just have to take away his keys.

Once your dad stops driving he's going to need other ways to get around, so help him create a list of names and phone numbers of family, friends and local transportation services that he can call on. To locate community transportation services call the Area Agency on Aging. Call (800) 677-1116 for contact information.

(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org.)



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Alcona Lady Tigers secure regular season championship

By Dan O'Connor
Special to the Review

It wasn't easy, but the Alcona varsity girls basketball team was able to survive a focused Tawas team to win their first Huron Shores Conference Regular Season Championship 48-44 at Alcona High School last Thursday.

The Lady Tigers started by racing out to an 11-4 lead sparked by Karina Cole, Amy Nowak, and Ashley Smith. Afterwards, they went cold from the field and got sloppy with the basketball missing out on a chance to put Tawas in a deep deficit. The Braves responded to cut the lead to 15-11 heading into the second quarter.

Alcona continued to struggle with an off shooting night and poor ball handling. They trailed 26-23 at the half. The Lady Tigers tied the game

in the third quarter at 36 behind solid free throw shooting (12-14 for the quarter).

The fourth quarter was a back and forth battle that put both teams in foul trouble -- there only four field goals combined between the teams.

Tawas held a two point lead with just over a minute to go before Karina Cole nailed a three-pointer to put the Lady Tigers ahead for good at 45-44. Cole added three free throws to seal the victory. She ended the game with 18 points. Amy Nowak added 10 points and 14 rebounds while Emily Nowak had four points and 10 rebounds. Ashley Smith chipped in six points while Megan Quick and Nikki Smith both contributed with five points (including a huge fourth quarter three-

pointer).

Alcona defeated Fairview earlier in the week 56-25. The Lady Tigers had big second and third quarter runs where they outscored the Eagles 35-6 to secure the win. Cole led again with 16 points. A. Smith had 13 points, while Nikki Smith, E. Nowak and A. Nowak added five points each. Tylar Campbell also scored four points.

The Lady Tigers will host Oscoda Thursday night in the Huron Shores Conference Tournament semifinals. This will be a junior varsity and varsity game with the junior varsity tipping at 6 p.m. Tawas will also host Whittemore-Prescott in the other semifinal.

On Friday, Feb. 17 there will be a varsity only consolation (6 p.m.) and championship game (7:30 p.m.) at Whittemore-Prescott.

Tigers bounce back after Posen loss to defeat Rogers City Hurons

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

Alcona boys varsity basketball coach Seth Coffing knew the game at Posen on February 6 was going to be a tough one. Posen had lost only two games all year and one of them was a hard fought game against Alcona back in December.

He wasn't wrong. Posen made three fast break baskets off of turnovers which put Alcona behind 6-0 and it was an uphill battle from there. The Tigers settled down and toughened up their defense but could not quite get over the hump and take the lead, except for a short lived 20-18 lead early in the second quarter.

At one point in the third quarter Alcona trailed by 12 points, but during most of the game Posen's lead was under 10 points.

Bryan Layton and Brock LaVergne scored back-to-back after Posen's opening 6-0 run but the Tigers could not tie the game trailing by as much as six points and 16-12 after the first quarter. Early in the second period shots by Trent LaVergne and Andrew Chamberlain tied the score at 16. Another basket by Chamberlain tied the score at 18. LaVergne then gave Alcona its only lead of the game, 20-18. The Vikings responded with a 10 point run and led 30-24 at halftime.

The physical game continued in the third quarter with Posen building a 12 point lead early. Alcona fought back with a 9-2 run making the score 40-35. The rest of the period was an exchange of baskets and Posen had a 45-41 lead heading into the final quarter. Posen built its lead back up to 10 points halfway through the fourth quarter and the Tigers could get no closer than the final score of 63-58.

Posen was patient on offense and Alcona was impa-

tient at times and that was the difference. Even though the Tigers were tough on defense the Vikings worked the ball until they found an open shot which was often a layup.

B. LaVergne led the Tigers with 16 points and 13 rebounds. Chamberlain had a career night with 12 points and seven rebounds off the bench. Jared Steiner added 12 points and dished out six assists. Layton added 10 points and six rebounds. Brandon Gibson added five points and T. LaVergne had four points.

The following night Alcona hosted the Rogers City Hurons on parents night. Rogers City was a fairly easy win for the Tigers when they played them on their court in December. This time the Hurons were an improved team and Alcona could not establish and hold a lead until midway through the second quarter.

The game was tied three times in the first quarter with the Tigers holding a 12-8 lead at the buzzer. The game was also tied three times in the second period. Then Layton was fouled on a three-point shot and he made all three free throws that gave Alcona a 21-18 lead that they never relinquished. They led 29-23 at halftime. The third quarter was a close fought battle and the Tigers increased their lead to 46-37 thanks to two free throws each by B. LaVergne and Aaron Ritchie right at the end.

The final quarter was an offensive fight with Alcona outscoring Rogers City 21-16 and winning 67-53. Seven Alcona players contributed to the scoring in the decisive final period. Layton was the leading scorer for the Tigers with 20 points. He also added four assists. B. LaVergne was also in double figures with 12 points and pulled down seven rebounds. Ritchie had a season high eight points

and Nick Garner again came off the bench to play well, hitting six points and grabbing five rebounds.

Little by little, during the course of the season, there has been an improvement in scoring for Alcona besides the main three scorers, B. LaVergne, Layton and Steiner. During the first half of the season these three were scoring 90 percent of the points.

The game at Tawas Friday, Feb. 10 -- the third game of the week for the Tigers -- showed how much others on the team have stepped up to the plate and scored points. The "big three" accounted for less than half of Alcona's points. The keys to this victory were freshman T. LaVergne who scored all 11 of his points in the fourth quarter, Chamberlain who hit for eight points

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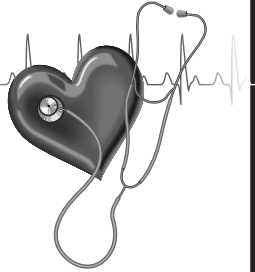
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and pulled down five rebounds and Gibson who scored seven points and played a smothering defense. The team's leading scorer, Layton, had a rough game and scored only three points -- all from the free throw line. He did contribute by pulling down 13 rebounds.

Alcona had a hard time getting going against the aggressive Tawas squad. The Tigers were behind after one quarter 15-9 and still trailed at halftime 23-20. The third quarter saw a total of 13 points combined by the two teams. After the first basket of the game by B. LaVergne the Tigers did not have a lead until halfway through the third quarter, and still trailed 28-27 heading into the fourth quarter.

Way too many turnovers and lack of patience prevented the Tigers from getting any offensive rhythm going. It's a good thing their defense continued to be strong. Finally, they started the fourth quarter with a 9-0 run to take a 36-28 lead. T. LaVerge and Chamberlain accounted for five of those points. After Tawas closed to four points, the Tigers went on an 8-0 run and the game was over. A 24-13 fourth quarter kept Alcona from a painful road loss. Alcona now has a 12-3 record.

The junior varsity team improved its record to 13-2 with easy wins over Posen, Rogers City and Tawas.



The winners of the Fourth Annual Alcona High School Boys Basketball Most Outstanding Player Competition for the varsity team is Trenton LaVergne (right) and for the junior varsity team is Carson Jamieson. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

Bowling

Huron
 February 7

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Carpet One	13	76.5
B & D Sales	15	70
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Back Alley	15	41

High game and series: Nate Barden, 246 and 675.
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 Girl's high handicap game: Emily Hoffman, 240.
 Girl's high handicap series: Sydney Dupuis, 665.

Wednesday Nite Women's
 February 8

Back Alley	127	83
Ark Plumb.	127	83
JB's Auto	124.5	85.5
Stoney Acres	111	99
Alcona Abstr.	109	101
Cole's Appl.	87	123
Other Team	84	126
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High game and series: Lynn Gibson, 216 and 544.
 High handicap game: Deanna Harrison, 275.
 High handicap series: Dava Abend, 684.

Minors
 February 11

Busters	13	2
Princesses	13	2
Breakers	12	3
Cobras	7	8
P & J	7	8
Crushers	5	10
Dew Drops	3	12
Deers	0	15

Boy's high game and series: Jay Nordstrom, 170 and 261.
 Boy's high handicap game: Jay Nordstrom, 254.
 Boy's high handicap series: Jake Tanner, 456.
 Girl's high game: Ava Brege, 89.
 Girl's high series: Hannah Brege, 154.
 Girl's high handicap game and series: Ava Brege, 247 and 453.

Sportsman
 February 9

Baymoor	22	102
Balls On Ya	12	92.5
Cole's Appl.	21	79.5
Morgan Elec.	21	77.5
Phil's Barber	9	71.5
Top O' Mich.	18	70
L.L.W. Club	9	59
Ghost Busters	8	48

High game: Jimmy Armstrong, 259.
 High series: Ray Medore, 692.
 High handicap game and series: Kevin Rice, 286 and 730.

Early Bloomers
 February 7

Violets	110	58
Marigolds	95	73
Daffodils	86	82
Tigerlilys	83	85
Rosebuds	82	86
Bluebells	79.5	88.5
Mums	72	96
Buttercups	64.5	103.5

High game and series: Anne Hogan, 199 and 488.
 High team game: Tigerlilys, 502.
 High team series: Daffodils, 1,300.

Majors
 February 11

Than You	58	32
Swags	58	32
Hunters	50	40
Kingpins	43.5	46.5
Trappers	41	49
Umph	19.5	70.5

Boy's high game and series: Leigh Gibson, 184 and 492.
 Boy's high handicap game and series: Jeremy Lickey, 274 and 737.

Pool League

Alcona Women's
 February 9

Mikado Legion	129
Mikado Tavern	103
Back Alley	92
Glennie Tavern	79
Oasis	77

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Doggedly determined

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

I peeked in from the kitchen the other day to see what the persistent scuffling noise coming from the living room might be. It turned out to be Bastie, my grandpoodle. He was standing with his front paws on top of the cat's scratching ring, doing what appeared to be a modified up-down squat and counting out loud to himself.

"Un, deux, trois, quatre!" he announced, puffing a bit from the exertion. "H'and again. Un, deux..."

"Bastie?" I inquired, causing him to jump and scramble down from his hind legs. "What are you doing?"

"Oh, Grandmuzzer," he gave me his most charming French smile, "I was just trying to get a bit of zee h'exercise," he told me. "Stretch out ze quadriceps and such, hew know."

"Well," I told him, "I'm sure that's good for you. But what brought this on?" I settled down on the couch and Bastie hopped up to snuggle in beside me.

"I 'ave been watching za morning news," he said, "You know, on ze television? And zee h'announcer, he said zat a report is coming out zis week zat says more zan 50 percent of ze dogs in the U.S.A., zey are h'overweight. Zey are becoming OBs, 'e said."

I thought about that for a minute. "I think he said they are becoming obese," I told Bastie. "Yes!" he nodded vigorously. "Zat is it."

"But Bastie," I pointed out, "You're not obese - or even overweight." I ran a finger down his skinny back, feeling it bounce on each of his vertebrae. "You're practically skin and bones."

"Zat is true," he nodded. "I h'am muscular and sleek." Then he lowered his voice a bit. "But I sought per'aps, if I set ze good example, I might get Lady and 'Enri - he nodded to the two larger dogs, napping on their mats, "to h'exercise, as well. Zat, I sink would be very good for zem."

Lady, our southern girl cocker spaniel opened one eye. "Bastie," she said, coming as close to a growl as I'd ever heard her use with him, "Ah have tol' you and ah have tol' you. Ah am not fat - Ah am fluffy! Fluffy, Bastie. Ah have naturally curly hay'er, and ah have big naturally curly hay'er." With that, she closed her eye again and snuggled down into her pillow a bit deeper. "Besades, she added, "workin' out makes me all hot and sticky."

"It is true," Bastie smiled ingratiatingly at Lady and went on undeterred, "zat you have a very good deal of ze beautiful auburn hair, my Lady love. But it is also true zat whenever Grandmuzzer, she is not looking, you eat up all zee cat crunshies."

As Lady feigned sleep, rolling to turn her back to us, and muttering "fluffy," Bastie raised a manicured French eyebrow and cast his gaze across the room to Henri, who was happily licking his paws on his doggie bed. "What?" Henri objected, sucking in

his tummy and puffing out his chest. "It is easy for you to talk, you Skinny-Fanny.. You have zee legs twice as long as your whole body. My legs, zey are only about three h'inches long - I am zee hunter, built close to ze ground. It makes me look mush wider than I am! And... and...and I have a lot of ze fur, too and ze really big, fluffy tail. My tail, she probably weighs a whole pound, just by her own self."

"Yes," Bastie agreed, smiling politely. "And h'it h'is undoubtedly your heavy tail zat makes h'it so hard for you to get your nezzer regions up onto ze couch."

"Hexactly," Henri nodded his head.

"And h'it is not, is h'it, zat you lick up ze last of Grandfazer's ice cream every night?" Henri looked hurt. "I 'ave an unusual need for ze calcium," he muttered. "And at leas' once hay day, I play wiz my toys. Zat, h'it is zee h'exercise."

"Well, zat is true," Bastie said. "But a few reps, zey would not hurt you, would zey Grandmuzzer?"

Lady rolled over and sat up and Henri turned his huge brown eyes my way, waiting for my answer. "Well," I was treading lightly here, "All of us could certainly use more exercise. But soon," I pointed out, "It will be spring and we can go for walks again."

"Oh," Henri sighed, "I do so love ze walks." "Oh," Bastie's eyes brightened, "I love spring and ze warm wezzer and ze end of ze 'orrible, 'orrible white stuff."

"Actually," Lady commented dryly, "It's been a mahld winter overall. If you weren't so skinny, Bastie," she added, "You wouldn't be so cold all the tahn."

"Zis is true," Bastie agreed, "and I am sorry, Lady, if I 'urt your feelings. I only wish for you and Enri to be 'ealthy and 'appy." "Ah know," Lady sighed, "Ah know you meant well. Now, will you please let me finish this nap?" Henri, constitutionally unable to be cross, smiled. "At's okay, lil Frere," he smiled, "And you can h'exercise wis my stuffed raccoon if you wish to".

It seemed like a good time to change the subject. "So," I told them enthusiastically, "tomorrow night begins the Westminster Dog Show. Shall we all plan on curling up in the big bed to watch it together?"

"Oh yes," Bastie said, "And will you say 'bring out ze poodles' and 'bring out ze spaniels' when it is time?"

"Of course I will," I told him. "An' 'Enri," Bastie pointed out, "You get two h'announcements. One for ze King Charles Spaniels and one for ze Bichon." Henri looked proud of his lineage. "Yes," he said happily, "I do, 'hindeed."

After a moment, Bastie had another question. "And will we have ze leetle snacks?" he asked. "Perhaps zee lovely leetle crackers and ze nice cheese?" Bastie was busy imagining this delightful repast, but I noted the pricked ears and slightly raised heads of two others in the room.

Puttin' On The Fritz

"A bit," I told him. "And perhaps a half stick of Pupperoni, too, for a special occasion." I smiled to myself. Then I couldn't resist adding, "But perhaps, given your weight loss program, we should skip that part?"

Bastie sat for a moment, his curly brow furrowed in thought. Then he brightened, looking up. As usual, I'd underestimated him. "Now leesen h'up," he addressed his canine companions. "Tonight, we well watsh zee dog show in Grandmuzzer's bed and have ze crackers and ze Pupperoni! Oh, what a glorious night it will be." And then his tone turned serious, once more. "Now listen to me," he pointed out, "H'in order to h'enjoy our treats wizout guilt, I want eash of you, tomorrow, to run hup and down ze stairs at least 10 times. Zat should more zen offset ze extra treats. H'and I find it goes mush faster if you pick a cat to shase."

"Bastie!" I interjected, but once again he had me. "Oh no, Grandmuzzer," he assured me. "Zat, too, h'it would be a good sing. You see, on ze news, zey said zat 50 percent of ze dogs, zey are overweight." Here, he paused, a smug smile forming on his muzzle. "But 55 percent - 55 percent, Grandmuzzer of zee cats, zey are obvious. He adopted his best pious look. "H'it is our moral duty to shase zem. H'after all, h'it is h'only for zer own good."

He turned his little skinny triangular face my way, innocent as could be as four golden feline eyes glared out at him from beneath the desk. "Do you know, is zere anywhere in zee house where I could find a wheestle?"

(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.)

NOTICE

The Village of Lincoln will hold its annual budget meeting at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, March 5, 2012 at the village hall at 337 W. Fiske Street, Lincoln MI. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support budget will be a subject of this meeting.** Copies of the proposed budget will be available for public inspection.
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An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	48.45	1.03199
COMMERCIAL	49.63	1.00746
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Wanted: Participants in Great Backyard Bird Count

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Spending a few minutes observing birds this weekend will help researchers mark bird locations and gauge the overall health of the environment.

The annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC), a four-day event, will take place between February 17 and February 20. Bird watchers of all ages can participate no matter what their level of bird expertise is.

Those participating in the Great Backyard Bird Count are asked to spend 15 minutes on any one of the four days. To have the results become part of the national count, bird counters must fill out an online data form at the GBBC website, www.bird-source.org to tally their findings. Anyone who does not have Internet access may be able to utilize their local library's Internet server and make copies of the data form for a nominal price and mail the form in. All bird information sent to Cornell must be completed on the GBBC data form.

The Great Backyard Bird Count is a joint project of Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology, the Audubon Society and Canadian Bird Studies. The statistics collected by bird enthusiasts are gathered so scientists can formulate an immense study of



Peggy Ridgway of the AuSable Valley Audubon explains the difference between a downy woodpecker and a hairy woodpecker, which are almost identical except for their size. Downys are much smaller than the hairy -- which she is holding. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

where birds are migrating, how the weather is influencing bird populations, if diseases are affecting birds in different regions and a number of other investigative questions.

"It's important to keep track of bird trends and populations and why they decline or grow in numbers. The bird counts are great indicators for our own environment," said Frank Apsey of the Harrisville Nature Club, a newly formed group of nature lovers in the Alcona area.

Scientists rely on observers from across the United States and Canada to look out into their backyards, neighborhoods, along rivers and lake shores, across meadows and fields as well as urban areas and report what birds were seen and where. The Great Backyard Bird Count is performed annually in February, a time just prior to spring migration.

"It's a very interesting and exciting study that provides a great snapshot of where the birds are," said Peggy Ridgway, of AuSable Valley Audubon to a group of birders that recently met at Robert J. Parks Library in Oscoda.

"It's fun to watch the website map over the four day period. Small red dots will appear on the GBBC map as the forms are turned in. The more forms, the more red dots. By the end of the fourth day, red dots almost completely cover the U.S. map," Ridgway added.

"Even if you don't know a lot about birding and can only identify a few birds, you can still participate in this important count," Ridgway said. "There aren't enough scientists to go out into the field and collect all this data so they are counting on us to count the birds."

Bird counting can be done anywhere. Anyone who feeds birds, can watch their feeder and tally up what birds visited and how many. Ridgway explained people should always count the highest number seen.

"Say you see two chickadees near the feeder, then five minutes later five chickadees are spotted, and five minutes after that you only see three, write the highest

number you saw at one time on the data form which would be five. It's just that simple," said Ridgway.

"Identifying the different birds can get a little more difficult," Ridgway said. A good bird field guide and a pair of binoculars can be a birder's best friend. However, some birds are hard to tell apart. Ridgway advised to only tally the birds that can be identified.

She also advised that if there is a strange or unusual sighting the taller should get a photograph of the bird for verification. "It's very difficult for the data processors to dispute a claim of a bird viewed if there is a photograph of it taken at the time and place observed the bird was observed," she said.


For a useful guide of what kinds of birds normally visiting the area a participant is watching this time of year, just provide a zip code on the GBBC website. Not only will the site give a list telling the bird's name, by clicking on the name, there is a complete description of the bird, photos of the bird and the calls and sounds the bird makes to help with identification.

"Listen for bird songs and chirps," Ridgway said. "Even if you can't see the bird, if you know what the bird sounds like and you know distinctly that only that bird makes that sound, you can add it to your list, even if you don't visually see the bird."

Avid birders are encouraged to participate as much or from a variety of locations on each day of the bird count as possible. "If you can only provide 15 minutes, that's fine, but if you can do more, that's even better," said Ridgway.

Apsey's group from the Harrisville Nature Club will be meeting at noon on Saturday, Feb. 18 at the pavilion parking lot of the Harrisville State Park, located just south of town off US-23. "Weather permitting we plan to hike the Cedar Lake Trail that overlooks Lake Huron for the count and we would encourage adults to bring their children. Wear appropriate footwear," Apsey said.

For more information about the Harrisville Nature Club, visit www.harrisvillenatureclub.com or contact Apsey at (989) 724-3056.



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Local non-profit organizations that need financial help with some extra funding, please submit requests for funding to Pamela Ashford, Secretary to the United Way Advisory Council, P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, MI 48740. Request should be submitted no later than February 23, 2012 and should provide the information as to the dollars being requested, the purpose and the number of individuals to be affected if awarded the dollars. Also, the not for profit or tax exempt identification number.

A local Advisory Committee composed of Pamela Ashford, Shawn Thornton, Donald Newport and Carolyn Brummund will make the awards and notify the recipients no later than March 31, 2012.

Planning and organization is under way on the 41st Alcona County Fair which will take place August 21-25.

The Alcona County Fair Board is again promising affordable family entertainment. "Without the generosity of fair sponsors we could not keep our gate prices as affordable as we have. So, thank you to all our sponsors big and small," said Doug Travis, Alcona County Fair Board president.

Returning to this year's fair will be D & R Shows midway with \$5 armbands all day on Tuesday for all ages, free kids rides from 2 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday compliments of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners, and \$5 armbands again on Thurs-

day and Friday from 2 to 7 p.m.

Travis said some of the venues returning for 2012 will be the draft horse pull which will offer bigger prizes to hopefully encourage more teams to participate. Royal Carriage will be returning to offer free rides courtesy of the fair board. "The Thumb Truck and Tractor Pull will return on Friday night with the super stock pickups, super farm tractors that make all the smoke and the V-8 hot rod tractors with the Dubie's from Lachine, Mich. who always put on a good show. Dirt Inc. will return with motocross and quad racing," Travis said.

New to this year's fair will be Cirque Amongus, an in-

teractive troupe of circus performers who unicycle, juggle and use balance and magic as part of their show. They will perform three shows daily on Wednesday through Saturday.

The Great Lakes Timber Show which has been featured on ABC's Wide World of Sports, ESPN and have performed locally at the Paul Bunyan Festival and LaFarge River Fest, will perform three shows daily Thursday and Friday and four shows on Saturday featuring chainsaw carving, axe throwing, cross-cut sawing, log rolling and more.

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A new feature to the Alcona County Fair is the Great Lakes Timber Show (above) which has lumberjack performances. *Courtesy photo.*

2012 Alcona County Tentative Equalization Ratios & Multipliers

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		101	201	301	401	CUT-OVER 501	MENTAL 601	
ALCONA	R	52.67%	51.15%	48.74%	52.01%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9493	0.9775	1.0259	0.9614	~	~	1.0000
CALEDONIA	R	49.50%	55.99%	52.90%	53.46%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0101	0.9930	0.9462	0.9353	~	~	1.0000
CURTIS	R	48.88%	50.60%	49.99%	51.25%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0229	0.9881	1.0001	0.9756	~	~	1.0000
GREENBUSH	R	48.45%	49.63%	59.05%	53.45%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0320	1.0075	0.8467	0.9355	~	~	1.0000
GUSTIN	R	49.90%	49.58%	49.67%	49.57%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	~	~	1.0000
HARRISVILLE	R	50.00%	49.93%	49.54%	50.00%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	~	~	1.0000
HAWES	R	50.00%	49.90%	49.95%	49.96%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	~	~	1.0000
HAYNES	R	49.87%	49.96%	None	49.84%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0000	1.0000	~	1.0000	~	~	1.0000
MIKADO	R	50.69%	53.08%	None	57.15%	None	None	50.00%
	M	0.9854	0.9420	~	0.8749	~	~	1.0000
MILLÉN	R	49.96%	49.89%	None	49.84%	None	None	50.00%
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MITCHELL	R	49.89%	49.66%	49.72%	49.99%	None	None	50.00%
	M	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	~	~	1.0000
City of HARRISVILLE	R	None	49.47%	49.98%	49.58%	None	None	50.00%
	M	~	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000	~	~	1.0000

R=Ratio: Average Ratio of Assessed Value to Market Value
 M=Multiplier: Multiplier (Equalization Factor) necessary to raise or lower Assessed Value to Equalized Value
 Equalized Value: Fifty percent (50%) of Market Value

BOARDS OF REVIEW: Dates, Time, & Location of March Meetings are to be published.

Prepared and published in accordance with Act. No. 165 of 1971 being Section 211.34a of Michigan General Property Tax Law

Publication of this report, with tentative multipliers, may not take into consideration any assessment changes made at the local level before the adoption of County Equalization in April

Troy M. Somers, Director
 Alcona County Equalization Department

Phipps/Reynolds plan nuptials

Sarah Phipps and Jordan Reynolds of Spruce announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Diana Phipps of Harrisville and Charles and Kathy Phipps of Presque Isle, Mich. She is a 2004 graduate of Alcona High School and a 2011 graduate of Alpena Community College with an associate's degree in applied science. She is also a certified medical assistant.

The future groom is the son of Christina and Don Kieliszewski of Lachine, Mich. and Robert Reynolds of Spruce. He is a 2002 graduate of Alpena High School and a 2005 graduate of Alpena Community College with an associate's degree in liberal arts. He is also a 2010 graduate of Spring Arbor University with a bachelor's degree in history.

A July 21, 2012 wedding is planned at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Alpena.

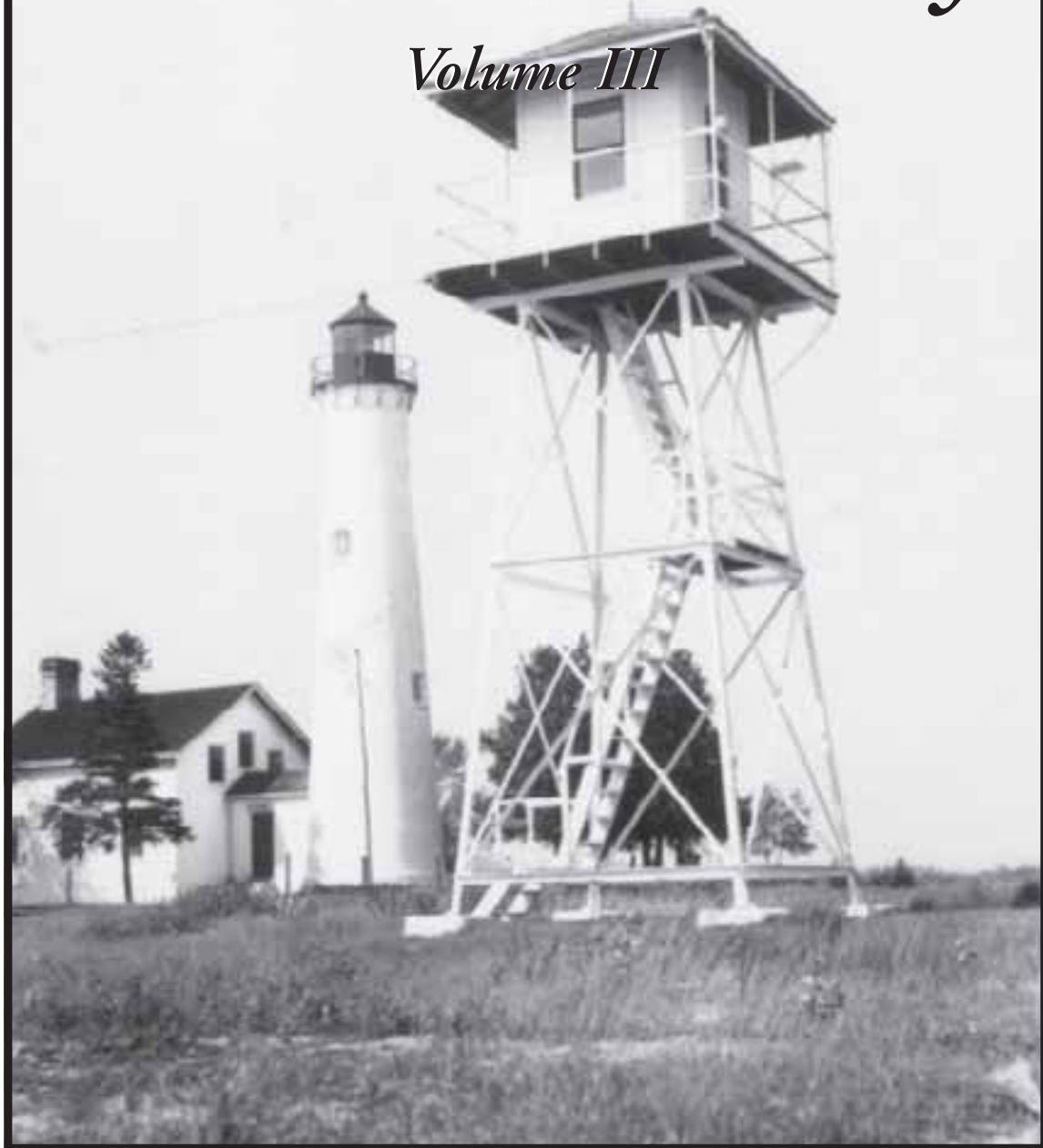


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NOTICE

The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing** during its regularly scheduled meeting on **March 5, 2012, at 7 p.m.**, Caledonia Township Hall, Gillard Road, Spruce, MI, regarding the **deletion** of the following sub-point 3, Section 302, Accessory Buildings, in the Zoning Ordinance:

An accessory structure for storage purposes only may be constructed on a vacant parcel adjacent to, across from, or within three-hundred (300) feet of a parcel containing a principal structure under common ownership. This requirement is applicable in Residential (R), Residential/Lakeshore (RL), Lakeshore Development (LS) and Residential/Commercial (R) Districts.

The public is welcome and invited to attend. Call the chairman, Kathleen E. Vichunas, at (989) 727-2300, if more information is needed or send written comments to 6024 Cedar Drive, Hubbard Lake, MI 49747. The Caledonia Township Hall is handicap accessible. If additional accommodations are required, please contact the chairman at least two (2) days prior to the Public Hearing.

**2012 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE
MIKADO TOWNSHIP**

Mikado Civic Center
2291 S. F-41
Mikado, MI 48745

2012 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE
Tuesday, March 6, 2012 at 7 p.m. Organizational Meeting
No appeals will be taken at this meeting.

Wednesday, March 14, 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 16, 1:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2012 assessments. By Board Resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2012. The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers provided by the Alcona Equalization Department for each class of real property and personal property for 2012 are as follows:

	Ratios	Multipliers
Agricultural	50.69	0.98639
Commercial	53.08	0.94197
Industrial	N/A	N/A
Residential	57.15	0.87489
Timber Cutover	N/A	N/A
Development	N/A	N/A
Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon 7-days notice. Contact Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas or Rita D. Sands at 2268 Hamilton or call (989) 736-7721.

Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas
Mikado Township Supervisor

2/15 thru 2/29

Organization Notes



Marlene Abraham, president of Hubbard Lake Extension Club (HLEC), awards proceeds from the Fall Fashion Show to Les Thomas, 4-H program instructor, for the scholarship program. (From left) Mary Kline, treasurer HLEC, Les Thomas and Marlene Abraham. *Courtesy photo.*



On January 14, Lincoln Chapter No. 184 Order of the Eastern Star hosted a soup and dessert luncheon in conjunction with My Brother's Hope at the United Methodist Church in Harrisville. On hand to help serve the meal were (front row, from left) Beverly Harmon, associate conductress; Mary Hilderbrand, secretary; Pat Wheaton; Anne Reames, auxiliary officer; and Linda Batchelor, associate matron; (back row) Dick Bailey, auxiliary officer; Bob Hilderbrand, marshal; Kathi Olah, worthy matron and Joe Olah, worthy patron. Absent contributors: Rita Sands, Joyce Forgo, Marilyn Brown, Donna Malone, Barb Bastion, George McIntyre and Don and Audrey Cowser. *Courtesy photo.*

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Just Like Cats & Dogs

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Livestock and dog owners gain ability to protect animals

Management authority over wolves in Michigan has been officially returned to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), putting the state's Wolf Management Plan into effect.

According to the DNR, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's decision to remove wolves in the western Great Lakes region from the federal endangered species list became official last. The Great Lakes region includes Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota. Wolves remain a protected, nongame species in Michigan, but state management will afford more options when dealing with wolves preying on livestock or dogs.

"Delisting is a victory for the state and for Michigan citizens who have been affected by this issue," said DNR Director Rodney Stokes. "The state's healthy wolf population is a reminder that Michigan still has places where wild animals such as wolves can live and thrive. Fully implementing the state's Wolf Management Plan will allow us to more effectively respond to problem

wolves, while maintaining a self-sustaining wolf population and increasing social acceptance of the species as a whole."

The DNR will continue to recommend nonlethal methods of control as the first option for residents. However, in cases where nonlethal methods are not working or are not feasible, state officials will now have greater flexibility to use lethal means to remove problem wolves when appropriate. In addition, Michigan residents will be able to legally protect their livestock and dogs if an animal is being attacked by a wolf.

The Michigan Legislature passed laws in 2008 to allow livestock or dog owners, or their designated agents, to remove, capture, or, if deemed necessary, use lethal means to destroy a wolf that is "in the act of preying

upon" (attempting to kill or injure) the owner's livestock or dog(s). These state laws took effect January 27, 2012.

Livestock or dog owners who use lethal means to destroy a wolf must observe the following guidelines:

- Report the lethal take of a wolf by calling the Report All Poaching (RAP) hotline at (800) 292-7800 no later than 12 hours after the lethal take.

- Retain possession of the wolf until a DNR official is available to take possession. A DNR official will respond to the scene within 12 hours of notification.

- Do not move or disturb the dead wolf. The only exception to this rule is if a wolf has been killed in the act of preying upon livestock and leaving the wolf in place would impede normal farming practices. In that case the wolf may be moved to a secure location once photographs

are taken of the wolf and the area where lethal means were used.

"Although lethal control methods are now legal in certain circumstances, wolves remain a protected species in Michigan and no hunting or trapping season is in place," said DNR Law Enforcement Division Chief Gary Hagler. "The DNR will investigate and continue prosecution of any wolf poaching cases."

Illegally killing a wolf is punishable by up to 90 days in jail, a \$1,000 fine, or both, and the cost of prosecution. Suspected poaching violations may be reported 24 hours a day, seven days a week to the DNR's RAP hotline at (800) 292-7800.

There are an estimated 687 wolves in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. For more information on Michigan's wolf population, greater detail about the two laws governing

wolf depredation, and to see the state's Wolf Management Plan, visit www.michigan.gov/wolves.



Owl ID

Did you say tiny? That was my question to Don in Orlando, Fla., who wrote asking me to identify a tiny owl sleeping in a palm tree. At about 9 inches in length, eastern screech owls are common throughout the U.S. Their trilling song is mesmerizing and can lull anyone to sleep.

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1. Food Network Magazine
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3. Elle Decor
4. Wired
5. GQ
6. People Style Watch
7. Cosmopolitan
8. Rolling Stone
9. Businessweek
10. Vanity Fair

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Super Crossword

Answers

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THEIR	INDUKE	MONA	SIRE	
SENSE	REB	DIAMOND	HEAD	
AIDAGLO	PGA	NAY		
IDEA	CASE	SCIT	TIM	
DIANE	BRUNO	ALLEGORY		
TIN	PAINAL	FLA	ONIT	
RACE	TRES	SILVER	FISIT	
LIRA	FILE	FALLA	GOO	
MYSTIC	ACADEMY	GOR	LOT	
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THE	GOLD	BUG	PIPE	ELSE
HALE	POP	LEAD	BALLOON	
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WON	ONE	HOPE	SHE'S	
STE	WES	ARTIST		
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ARIA	TODD	EMERALD	CITY	
SCAR	INGE	LIGEIA	HERA	
SAFE	AGED	MOSAIC	SAN	

Area Church Directory

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
 Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.,
 Harrisville • 724-5160
 Bible Study every Thursday 3 p.m.
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE

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

New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,
 ¼ mile south of White Pine National Golf Course
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

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

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

Our Savior Lutheran Church
 3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan
 Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 Rev. Carlo Sgambelluri, Pastor

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 St. Anne, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.
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 Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.
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 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & *Youth Programs (Grades K-6th)
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Pastor Tracy Brooks (989) 724-3033 (h)
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Come as you are – everyone is welcome!

Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of February 6-12, 2012

54 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 4 Arrests; 1 Operating While Intoxicated; 3 Driving While License Suspended.

Complaint Statistics

Traffic	3	Car/Deer Accidents	6
Property Damage	4	General Assistance	1
False Alarm	3	Burglary	1
Domestic	3	Animal/Dog	8
Operate While Intoxicated	1	911 Hang Up	1
Larceny	1	Drive While License Suspended	3
Personal Injury	1	Well Being Check	1
Found Property	1	Miscellaneous	4
Suspicious Events	2	Patrol Check	1
Trespassing	2	Noise Complaint	1
Entry Without Permission	1	Unwanted Individual	1
Threats/Harassment	1	Medical	3

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	3	Caledonia	3	Curtis	4
Greenbush	5	Gustin	3	Harrisville	17
Hawes	3	Haynes	5	Mikado	4
Millen	1	Mitchell	0		
Harrisville City	3	Village of Lincoln	3		

Few veterans apply for health benefits

Year after year many veterans go without health benefits because they either don't think they qualify, or don't know how to apply.

Jason Allen, the senior deputy director of Michigan's Veterans Affairs Directorate, is encouraging all veterans to apply for benefits by filling out form 10-10EZ. "Your service to our country was invaluable; please use the benefits you have earned," Allen said.

Only about 18 percent of Michigan's veterans who are qualified are enrolled in this health benefits program. "This number could increase just by ensuring that veterans receive this information and know that there is a place they can go to receive assistance in applying for health benefits," Allen said.

Applying for veteran health care has never been easier or more important and can be

done by filling out form 10-10EZ. This user-friendly document can qualify veterans to receive medical services from the VA. This form can be found by going to <https://www.1010ez.med.va.gov/sec/vha/1010ez/> or by calling (877) 222-VETS. A copy of the veteran's DD214 may be needed and veterans can contact (517) 335-1623 to receive a copy.

Visit the Michigan Department of Military and Veterans Affairs website at <http://www.michigan.gov/veterans> for more information on veteran benefits.

Cue for Cure Pool Tournament

Pool players, supporters of Muscular Dystrophy and anyone looking for fun in the middle of winter is invited to be part of the 15th Annual Cue for a Cure event in northeastern Michigan.

Participating and/or being involved in the various pool tournaments will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. All proceeds will go to support patients from the area who are affected by a neuromuscular disease.

Winners and runners up in Cue for a Cure will advance to represent their team in the playoffs. Players earn prizes and there are drawings and auctions for everyone to join in on. All are welcome for a day of entertainment, fun and food.

Dates of events are listed below. Pool players are asked to choose a place and a date that works for them, register at that bar and join in "shooting for a cure" or just come out for a fun afternoon.

Cue for Cure Calendar

- Saturday, Feb. 25: Mikado Tavern.
- Saturday, March 3: North Swamp Bar, Lincoln.
- Sunday, March 18: Oscoda Eagles.
- Saturday, March 24: Chiefs Bar & Grill and Dry Dock in Alpena; Edelweiss Tavern in Oscoda and Glenie Tavern.

Playoffs are Saturday, March 31 at the Glennie Tavern at 11 a.m. where all of the winners, runners up, top fund raisers and totals raised will be announced. More information is available at the above listed locations.

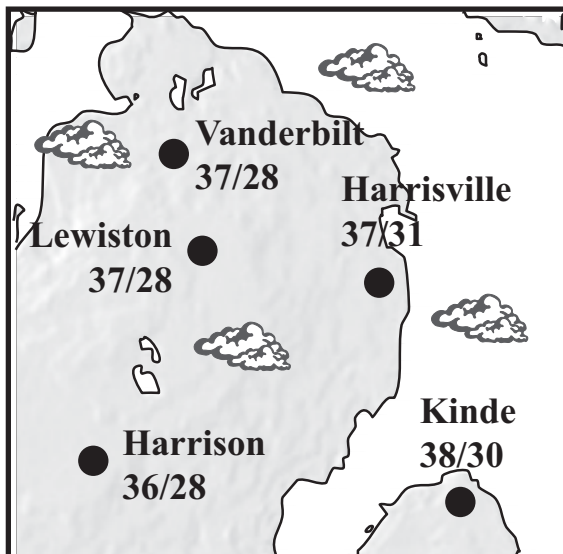
Alcona Review Weather Report

Feb. 15, 2012

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Cloudy High: 37 Low: 31
	THURSDAY Snow Likely High: 34 Low: 28
	FRIDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 35 Low: 23
	SATURDAY Partly Cloudy High: 31 Low: 20
	SUNDAY Partly Cloudy High: 30 Low: 14
	MONDAY Partly Cloudy High: 29 Low: 15
	TUESDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 27 Low: 11

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a high temperature of 37°, humidity of 70%. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 52° set in 1954. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of snow, overnight low of 31°. South wind 5 mph. The record low for tonight is -21° set in 1987.

*Last Week's Almanac

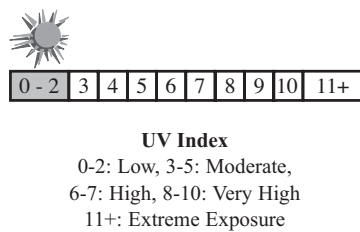
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	41	29	27/8	0.00"
Tuesday	34	14	27/8	0.00"
Wednesday	36	11	27/8	0.00"
Thursday	41	22	27/9	0.00"
Friday	29	10	27/9	0.02"
Saturday	20	5	27/9	0.01"
Sunday	31	18	27/9	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 2/21	Wednesday	7:34 a.m.	6:01 p.m.	2:34 a.m.	11:48 a.m.	Full 3/8
	Thursday	7:32 a.m.	6:03 p.m.	3:36 a.m.	12:45 p.m.	
	Friday	7:31 a.m.	6:04 p.m.	4:29 a.m.	1:49 p.m.	
	Saturday	7:29 a.m.	6:06 p.m.	5:15 a.m.	2:56 p.m.	
	Sunday	7:28 a.m.	6:07 p.m.	5:52 a.m.	4:04 p.m.	
First 2/29	Monday	7:26 a.m.	6:08 p.m.	6:24 a.m.	5:12 p.m.	Last 3/14
	Tuesday	7:24 a.m.	6:10 p.m.	6:52 a.m.	6:18 p.m.	

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 53° in Georgetown, Del. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 83° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 57° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today, isolated showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 76° in Artesia, N.M.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:00 a.m.	6:32 p.m.
Venus	9:08 a.m.	9:43 p.m.
Mars	7:45 p.m.	8:57 a.m.
Jupiter	10:12 a.m.	11:54 p.m.
Saturn	11:16 p.m.	10:14 a.m.
Uranus	8:59 a.m.	9:06 p.m.

Weather History

Feb. 15, 1982 - An intense cyclone off the Atlantic Coast capsized a drilling rig, killing 84 people. The storm also sank a Soviet freighter, resulting in 33 more deaths. The cyclone produced 80 mph winds that whipped the water into waves 50 feet high.

Weather Trivia

What is a column of hail that falls from a single thunderstorm cell called? ?

Answer: Hailshaft.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Promise Her the Stars and Deliver

This is my favorite time of the winter. Yesterday (Monday, Feb. 6) was one of the clearest days that I can remember in recent history. The afternoon temperature popped into the mid-fifties, and I almost thought that I heard the tulip bulbs pushing through the warm, moist soil of my garden. Yes, spring was truly in the air, and I can say that it brought great joy to my heart. Yet at sundown, as I was assembling my astronomical gear at the edge of a local farmer's field to photograph Venus bathed in a moonlit landscape, the sky darkened to reveal the winter constellations. The fact that these familiar star patterns, such as Orion the Hunter, Taurus the Bull, Canis Major/Minor the Big Dog/Little Dog, Gemini the Twins, and Auriga the Charioteer were still to the east of south, the rising side of their journey across the sky, told me that at least astronomically, winter was far from over. This week, the moon rises later in the evening so it does not disrupt the splendor of these great wintertime figures. If you and your sweetheart are outside at 8 p.m. on Valentine's Day, Alnilam, the center star in the belt of Orion, will literally be due south. That for me is the focal point of the astronomical winter. Use the belt to slide downward to the coolest dog in the sky, Canis Major, which boasts the brightest star of the night, Sirius. Above and to the left of Sirius is Procyon, the alpha star of Canis Minor, and above it are the twin stars of Gemini, Castor and Pollux. Pollux is the brighter of the pair. Near the zenith, and well above Orion, will be Auriga's Capella, the fourth brightest star of the night. Down and right from Capella is Aldebaran, the brightest star of the small V-shaped head of the shaggy bull, Taurus. Following Orion's belt upwards leads you back to Aldebaran as a check. A kiss from your sweetheart is in order. After all, you've just given her the stars. The moon and sun come along later. www.astronomy.org

We know cats are good for us but did you know that having a cat is proven to lower blood pressure and stress, reduce strokes and heart attacks, and ease depression?

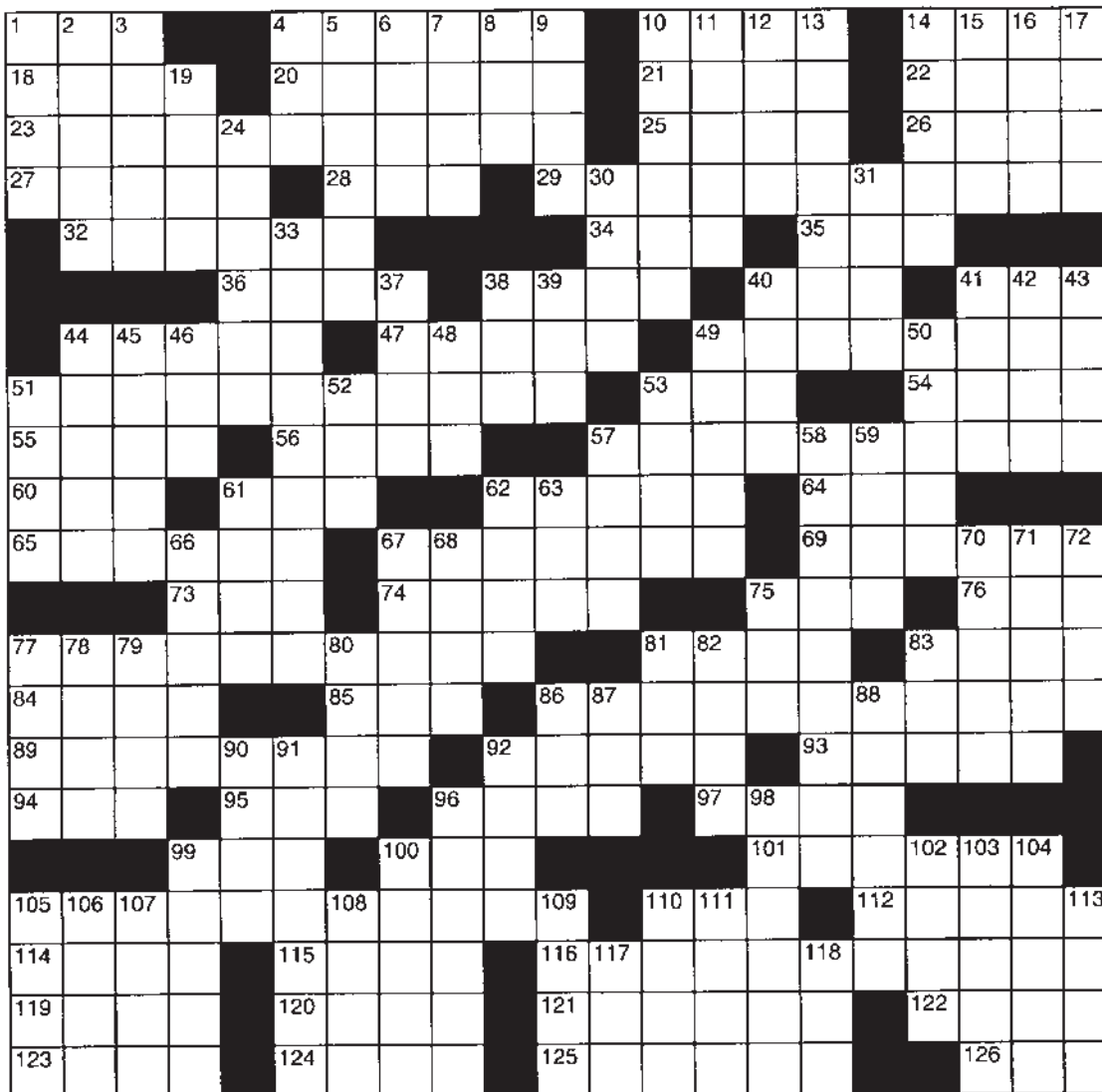
TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. ANCIENT WORLD:** Where was the first Roman aqueduct, the Aqua Appia, built?
- 2. MYTHOLOGY:** What kind of creature was the Scylla?
- 3. THEATER:** Thornton Wilder's play, "The Matchmaker," was later made into what famous musical?
- 4. LANGUAGE:** The present, past and past participle of draw, drew and drawn are examples of what kind of verb?
- 5. MUSIC:** Which musical artist had a single hit with "Rebel Rebel"?
- 6. HISTORY:** Where was American outlaw Billy the Kid born?
- 7. MOVIES:** What movie featured the fictional land of Florin?
- 8. GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Comoros Islands?
- 9. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What kind of animal was said to have raised the infants Romulus and Remus, twin founders of Rome?
- 10. RELIGION:** How are members of The Religious Society of Friends more popularly known?

Answers: 1. Rome; 2. A six-headed sea monster; 3. "Hello, Dolly!"; 4. Irregular; 5. David Bowie; 6. New York City; 7. "The Princess Bride"; 8. Off the east coast of Mozambique, Africa; 9. A female wolf; 10. Quakers. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword ALL MINE

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| ACROSS | 51 Music center | 93 Raptor feature | DOWN | 41 Author Morrison | 78 Heavenly headgear |
| 1 Start to cry? | 53 Southern st. | 94 Triumphed | 1 Drill accessories | 42 Spring bloom | 79 Dash |
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STRANGE BUT TRUE
by Samantha Weaver

• It was noted American wit and columnist Franklin P. Adams who made the following sage observation: "Elections are won by men and women chiefly because most people vote against somebody rather than for somebody." It's certainly something to keep in mind during this strife-ridden election season.

• Americans make more collect phone calls on Father's Day than on any other day of the year.

• It was a German company, Interstuhl Manufactur, that made the world's most expensive office chair. With a price tag of \$65,500, you shouldn't be surprised that the chair is plated in gold and comes with a matching ottoman.

• Have you ever wondered where we got the phrase "the dog days of summer"? According to tradition, the dog days start in July — and not just because it's usually pretty hot then. At one time, that was when Sirius, also known as the dog star, rose at sunrise. The Romans associated Sirius (called the dog star because it is the brightest star in the constellation Canis Major, or "large dog") with hot weather, and at the beginning of the dog days they would sacrifice a dog in the hope of ameliorating the sultry weather.

• If you were to take the entire world's water supply and compress it into one single gallon, freshwater would make up just 4 ounces, and freshwater that is easily accessible would be just two drops.

• Considering the fact that it's home to much of the American film industry, it's probably not surprising that the sprawling city of Los Angeles has the world's third-largest GMP, or gross metropolitan product.

Thought for the Day: "An intellectual is a man who takes more words than necessary to tell more than he knows." — Dwight D. Eisenhower

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MOMENTS IN TIME
The History Channel

• On Feb. 27, 1860, Abraham Lincoln poses for the first of several portraits by noted Civil War-era photographer Mathew Brady. A relatively new art form, the photograph (or daguerreotype) showed a beardless Lincoln just moments before the future president's historic speech at Cooper Union in New York City.

• On March 3, 1887, Anne Sullivan begins teaching 6-year-old Helen Keller, who lost her sight and hearing after a severe illness at age 19 months. Under Sullivan's tutelage, Keller flourished, eventually graduating from college and becoming an international lecturer and activist.

• On March 2, 1904, Theodor Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, the author and illustrator of children's books, is born in Springfield, Mass. Geisel's first book, "And to Think That I Saw It On Mulberry Street" (1937), was rejected by dozens of publishers.

• On March 1, 1932, Charles Lindbergh III, the 20-month-old son of aviation hero Charles Lindbergh, is kidnapped from the family's new mansion in Hopewell, N.J. Days later, the baby's body was discovered near the Lindbergh home.

• On Feb. 28, 1940, Mario Andretti, whose name will become synonymous with American auto racing, is born in Montona, Italy. He officially retired from racing in 1994 as the only driver to ever win the Indianapolis 500, Daytona 500 and a Formula One championship.

• On March 4, 1966, a John Lennon quotation that was ignored in England set off a media frenzy in America: "We're more popular than Jesus now." Bible Belt disc jockeys declared Lennon's remarks blasphemous and vowed an eternal ban on all Beatles music.

• On Feb. 29, 1980, the iconic glasses worn by rock 'n' roll pioneer Buddy Holly, lost since his death in a plane crash in 1959, are found in Mason City, Iowa. The plane wreckage was strewn across snow-covered cornfields, and the glasses weren't found until the snow melted in the spring. They were given to the Cerro Gordo County Sheriff's office, where they sat filed away for the next 21 years in a sealed envelope.

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by Linda Thistle

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included: President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers, deputy clerk/treasurer Stutzman and council members Gauthier, Lask, Somers and Stutzman. Council members Healy and Naylor were absent as well as attorney Cook.

The minutes of the January meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Somers. Jordan noted that one of the tanks referenced in the minutes is not repairable. He also noted that he believes the curb/sidewalk issue has been resolved, he doesn't believe the individuals are driving over the curbing any more. The treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Stutzman. Treasurer Kossa stated that we have paid the \$40,000 commitment to the DDA for the streetscape project. She has stated she has paid the DDA for tax funds that we normally pay in April. In doing so we have paid everything that is owed and it has helped to put the DDA in a better position to pay its bills for the streetscape project.

The fire department report was given by chief Leroy Hall. He stated that the brush rig is being readied for installation of the water tank and pump. The ice rescue training took place last week on Brownlee Lake. He stated that approximately 15 people participated. Training for fire fighters challenge is being held weekly in Mikado. He stated the Duracell Company sent packages to several area fire departments containing approximately 1,000 batteries (AA and AAA).

Connie Stutzman, planning chairperson, stated that the combined meeting with Gustin Township on January 12 went very well. We will continue to hold these meetings bi-monthly to work on redoing our planning and zoning ordinances. Jordan thanked Connie for her continued work in the office, sorting and filing paperwork.

Deb Shaneour stated that the beautification committee is look-

ing at putting up banners on 30 of the light poles at a cost of \$1,500. Both the village and the DDA are interested in working together to purchase the banners. She stated that there are 17 benches ready to be picked up and put together when spring arrives. She asked about use of salt on the streets and sidewalks. Jordan stated that business owners are advised to use salt as necessary on the sidewalks and workers are being cautious with their use of salt on the roadways also. They are doing their best to keep salt off the new trees.

Ted Shaneour presented the council with a variance request for his property on N. Sleeper Drive. President Jordan turned the matter over to planning chairperson Connie Stutzman. New area residents Jesse and Patricia Scott were introduced and both stated they are eager to join with village residents in the ongoing groups such as the beautification committee.

In old business, Stutzman stated that he was not pleased with the removal of snow on the sidewalks. He asked about having something different done for next year. Jordan stated the DDA is looking into purchasing a machine to take care of it. Somers stated that he went over the equipment and has put together a list of repairs that are needed. He stated that the windshield wipers on the John Deere as well as the starter need to be fixed. The pickup needs extensive repairs—axles, 4-wheel drive and front end. The dump truck needs work done on the salter as well as a new fuel tank. Somers stated the priorities are for light bars for the top of both vehicles. Jordan stated that it is possible we will be purchasing a new or slightly used truck soon. Somers gave dimensions for the ball field and what is needed to complete it. Gauthier stated that she has been putting together information to apply for a grant to help pay for the ball field. She will work with coaches and try to get everything ready to turn the grant in for the April 1 deadline.

Lask stated that she has been asked about the horseback riders in the village leaving their "messes" behind. It is asked that

they be mindful about the matter and to take care of things. President Jordan gave his report. He received a letter from Hawes Township asking for some language changes to the fire contract. He stated two meters were taken out near the ball fields and will be rerouted in the spring. He stated the poles are still in place because Consumers Energy wants a lot of money to remove them.

All the new streetlights have been reprogrammed and it should mean a huge savings in the future. Joe and Dave James helped Phil do the programming last week. The lights are at full power for the early evening hours and then go down over two more cycles. Over all it is still possible to be safe while saving money. President Jordan stated that we need to make plans to install our own well near the fields. He stated that we have been using water provided by Brad Cole and he feels that is unfair for the village to continue using it. Jordan stated that he is looking forward to taking each council member to lunch and talking about their plans for the future. He said the façade grant is still outstanding and no decisions have been made regarding funding at this time. The governor is now beginning to release funds that were previously tied up and president Jordan stated he believes we will be in good standing to receive more funds. He said four businesses stand to profit if the funds are released under the façade grant. He presented the paintings done by grade school students from Alcona Elementary approximately 30 years ago. The paintings have been in a hallway at the schools and treasurer Kossa is responsible for getting things going to secure it. Thanks Mary for your help and school superintendent Shawn Thornton for allowing us to have these paintings. They will be hung in the village hall.

Gauthier made a motion to pay the bills as presented. Stutzman offered support. Motion carried. A motion was made by Stutzman, with support from Gauthier, to adjourn. Motion carried.

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting on February 8 was called to order by supervisor Brown with the pledge to the flag. Present on board: Brown, Thornton, Timm, Ott and Scott. Also present zoning administrator Nancy Beck and seven citizens. Motion to approve agenda with additions. Motion to approve the minutes of January 11.

Correspondence: Bass Tournament at Northend Park, June 3, PI Hearing, Stephenson, Gracik contract and Basic Fund Balance Policy. Motion to pay the bills. Motion to place treasurer's report on file.

Planning Commission report: Jane Waldeck would like to take an online course for ZBA training, Gary Grove would like to receive MTNews. Zoning Administrator report: Thunder Bay Power has put up a 10 foot fence, Nancy had pictures for us to look at. Brian Harger, our attorney, has all the information on this case and we have been told to stay out of it at

this time. Nancy notified some businesses that are closed to remove their signs in the township. She gave a warning to Burke to do some clean up, and she notified VFW hall owner that he will be given a citation if it isn't cleaned up by February 17.

Ron Young from the road commission retiring in March introduced us to Jessie Campbell. Ron reported possible federal aid in 2012 for Hubbard Lake Road between Spruce and Bennett roads and again in 2013 from Bennett Road to Hubert Road. County road Commission has no money towards costs of materials and supplies, so townships will be paying 100 percent of the costs. County will be able to supply equipment and labor. There will be a township/road commission forum, February 29, at 7 p.m. at the EMS building.

Park report: Public meeting, March 1 at Hubbard Lake Community Center for any one interested in hearing about the Phase

II plans for the Northend Park. Permit has been submitted to DEQ to begin work on the boat ramp. Citizen comments: Hubbard Lake Fire Department ordered the new fire truck and will bring a schedule for payment in March to the board.

Motion to put Basic Fund Balance Policy into effect for the township. Motion to reimburse Dean MacKinnon for BOR training fee. Motion to pay for J. Waldeck online ZBA training. Motion to place fire millage for renewal on the August ballot. Motion to contract with Stephenson, Gracik for audit in June 2012. Motion to allow ZBA to have an organizational meeting. Motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m.

All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. The next meeting is March 14. Planning commission meets March 5. Website is Caledoniatwp.net.

Helen Timm, Clerk

HELP WANTED

Harrisville State Park is looking for employees for the summer season! Duties can include permit sales, general maintenance, mowing, landscaping and janitorial work. Please contact the park at (989) 724-5126 or stop by the headquarters between 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Monday-Friday for an application. Scheduled interviews will begin after the first of April. Please apply early!

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Foreclosure

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. If you are in active military service please contact our office at the number below.

Attention potential purchasers at foreclosure sale: In the case of resolution prior to or simultaneously with the aforementioned foreclosure sale, U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1994-1, by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents may rescind this sale at any time prior to the end of the redemption period.

In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited to the return of your bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest. Default having occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michael Rasche, a single man, (debtors) to Green Tree Servicing LLC (f/k/a Green Tree Acceptance, Inc.), dated January 6, 1994, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Alcona in the state of Michigan on January 7, 1994, in Liber 268, page(s) 720, et. seq., said mortgage being last assigned to U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1994-1, by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents (Green Tree), by mortgage assignment dated November 28, 2011, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for the county of Alcona in the State of Michigan on December 7, 2011, in Liber 483, page(s) 1183, et. seq., on which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of the date of this notice the sum of \$36,938.04, which amount may or may not be the entire indebtedness owed by debtors to Green Tree together with interest at 8.50 percent per annum. Now therefore, notice is hereby given

that the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative and that pursuant to that power of sale and MCL 600.3201 et. seq., on February 29, 2012 at 10 a.m., at the west entrance to the Alcona County building in Harrisville, Mich., that being the place for holding the circuit court and/or for conducting such foreclosure sales for the county of Alcona, there will be offered at public sale, the premises, or some part thereof, described in said mortgage as follows, to-wit: Land situated in the village of Black River, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, is described as follows: Lot 19 of the assessor's plat of the village of Black River, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 3 of plats, pages 1, 2, 3 and 4, Alcona County records. Which also includes any interest Green Tree may have in the 1993 Patriot Mobile Home, Serial Number 4131AB.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of sale unless the property is established to be abandoned pursuant to MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be the later of thirty (30) days from the date of sale or fifteen (15) days from the date the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(b) was posted and mailed.

Dated: January 20, 2012
U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee for Manufactured Housing Contract Senior/Subordinate Pass-Through Certificate Trust 1994-1, by Green Tree Servicing LLC, as servicer with delegated authority under the transaction documents

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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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est at 6.750 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan at 10 a.m. o'clock, on February 22, 2012. Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: A part of the east 1/2 of the southeast 1/4, Section 18, Town 25 North, Range 5 East, described as commencing at the east 1/4 corner of said Section 18, thence south 88 degrees 44 minutes 19 seconds west along the east-west 1/4 line 1,168.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing south 88 degrees 44 minutes 19 seconds west 33.0 feet; thence south 0 degrees 54 minutes 11

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Now, therefore, by virtue of the 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, the 7th day of March, 2012, at 10 a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich., Alcona County,

Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Caledonia, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the township of Caledonia, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: Commencing at the east quarter corner of Section 11, Township 28 North, Range 7 East, Michigan Meridian; thence south 03 degrees 40 minutes 08 seconds west, 600.00 feet along the east line of Section 11 and Bennett Road to the point of beginning; thence continuing south 03 degrees 40 minutes 08 seconds west, 264.22 feet along the east line of Section 11 and Bennett Road; thence north 86 degrees 20 minutes 49 seconds west 468.21 feet; thence north 03 degrees 40 minutes 08 seconds east, 264.22 feet; thence south 85 degrees 20 minutes 49 seconds east, 468.21 feet to the point of beginning. Being a part of the northeast quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 11, Township 28 North, range 7 east. Commonly known as: 6187 Bennett. Tax Parcel No.: 021-011-400-014-00.

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

Dated: February 8, 2012
By: Foreclosing Attorneys Attorney for Plaintiff Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive
Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48084
WWR No. 10082955
2-8, 2-15, 2-11, 2-29

GREENBUSH TWP. MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Ed Roddy called the Greenbush Township Board meeting to order on Tuesday, Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. There were two guests present who joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Ed Roddy, deputy treasurer Cristy Meredith and trustees Gary Abraham and Sally Olin. Absent: Clerk Art Winter and treasurer Pat Dailey.

Motion Abraham/Olin: To approve the agenda as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion Olin/Abraham: To accept the January minutes as written. Motion carried. Motion Abraham/Olin: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Motion carried.

Motion Olin/Abraham: To pay January bills as presented - check numbers 14,353-14,377 - Grand total \$12,083.93; with \$1,182.61 for fire. Roll call vote. All ayes. Carried.

Public comment: None. Miscellaneous reports: Carolyn Brummund, county commissioner, brought the board up to date on what is happening at the county. She talked about the activities of the 211 call system. Fire chief Franks reported a quiet month and the company that supplies air tanks has gone out of business, which presents a possible problem. Zoning administrator reported there were no complaints filed and no permits requested. Hall rental - no rentals have been booked in the near future. Assessor Schwicker was absent - no report. Supervisor Roddy had correspondence that he shared with the board. Pending business: Roads: The new road commission manager was introduced. He talked with board about projects in our township. New business: Trustee Sally Olin gave praise and thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Gauthier for voluntarily picking up trash at the township park. Greenbush Township residents: With a desire to keep the township running smoothly. We (Greenbush Township)

are in need of people to serve on the zoning board of appeals, planning commission and GRAC. If interested, please contact Art Winter, clerk at (989) 724-6771 or send a letter of intent to: Greenbush Township, c/o Art Winter, 2779 S. US Hwy. 23, Greenbush, MI 48738; or any member of the Greenbush Township Board.

Motion by Abraham/Olin: To adjourn the meeting at 8 p.m. Carried.

Ed Roddy
Acting Secretary

Note: Published prior to board approval. Next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. The next regular planning commission meeting is Thursday, May 3 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township hall.

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN DDA

Village of Lincoln Downtown Development Authority Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2012

Balance as of December 31, 2011	\$79,713.96
Revenue	\$20,005.56
	\$99,719.52
Disbursements:	
DDA Consultant	\$ 2,000.00
Administrative	\$ 56.35
Audit	\$ 1,985.00
Legal Fee	\$ 500.00
Energy Grant	\$25,000.00
Streetscape	\$ 16.55
	\$29,557.90
Balance as of January 31, 2012	\$70,161.62

Just Like Cats & Dogs by Dave T. Phipps



Kids Count findings show increase in abuse, neglect with poor economy

Child abuse and neglect in Alcona County jumped 22 percent over the past decade while more than half of Alcona County children now qualify for free and reduced price lunches, the latest Kids Count in Michigan Data Book concludes.

Michigan's long economic struggle is reflected in the new Kids Count findings. Children qualify for school-based meals if their family income is 185 percent of poverty or less. Studies confirm that families need income of about 200 percent of poverty—at least \$44,226 for a family of four—to cover basic needs without assistance. Poverty also drives up neglect cases.

"The findings show that kids in Alcona County and across Michigan are still suffering the fallout from our long recession," said Jane Zehnder-Merrell, the Kids Count in Michigan director at the Michigan League for Human Services. "Poverty in Michigan is as big a threat to our children today as polio was to a previous generation. Fortunately, we can do something about

this. We know that public policy can improve children's socioeconomic environment."

This year's report, Health Matters, focuses on child health and the role that the social and economic factors in children's lives play in good health.

The annual Data Book is released by the Kids Count in Michigan project. It is a collaboration between the Michigan League for Human Services, which researches and writes the report, and Michigan's Children. "The best public policies must address the whole child from cradle to career, and this data can help guide these policies."

The report ranks counties on 16 indicators of child well-being (with No. 2 being the best), though data is not available to rank smaller counties on all 16. Trends over time are available for 15 indicators, with nine indicators improving and six worsening.

Alcona County's best ranking was 14th among the counties for the eighth-grade MEAP tests with only 15 percent of Alcona eighth-graders consid-

ered not proficient in math, compared with 22 percent of eighth-graders statewide.

The county's worst ranking was No. 78 of 81 counties for low-birth weight babies (born weighing less than 5.5 pounds) with nearly 10 percent of Alcona babies being born too small compared with 8.5 percent statewide.

Statewide, the biggest improvements were in the area of education with fewer students considered not proficient in math and among adolescents with fewer births to teens, fewer teen deaths and fewer high school dropouts.

Michigan saw a small improvement in infant mortality from 2000-2009, although African American infants have triple the risk of mortality than that of white infants. There was also a 25 percent improvement in the rate of child deaths over the decade with 318 children (ages 1-14) dying in 2009, down from 471 in 2000.

Worsening trends included the rate of children confirmed as victims of abuse and neglect, which rose 34 percent

statewide over the decade. In 2010, 32,500 Michigan children were confirmed victims with four out of every five suffering from neglect.

In 2010, almost half of K-12 public school students (46.5 percent) qualified for free or reduced price lunch, jumping from 36.2 percent in 2006.

The percent of children living in poverty jumped from 14 percent to 23 percent between 2000 and 2009. Even more startling is the rate of children living in extreme poverty—roughly less than \$11,000 a year for a family of four—jumped from five percent of children to 11 percent. That means that more than one in every 10 kids in Michigan is living in extremely desperate circumstances, living at half the poverty level.

Children growing up in poverty face lifelong consequences. They are less likely to graduate and more likely to suffer from heart disease, obesity and high blood pressure as adults.

"The impact of high unemployment and declining wages is leaving its mark on a gen-

eration of children," Zehnder-Merrell said. "Unfortunately, policymakers have cut family supports aimed at blunting the impact of the economic downturn on kids."

Recent policy decisions that negatively impact kids include: Cutting the Michigan Earned Income Tax Credit from 20 percent of the federal credit to six percent. The credit has been responsible for pushing 14,000 Michigan kids out of poverty.

Placing stricter time limits on cash assistance for 12,000 families living in poverty, including nearly 30,000 children.

Putting asset limits on food assistance that will impact the newly unemployed and divert needed federal aid from Michigan.

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