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Keep homes safe by locking doors, using common sense

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Feeling safe in your own home is normally a given – especially in northeast Michigan. However, with the difficult economic times and the increasingly prevalent misuse of prescription medications, your home can be vulnerable to determined thieves.

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department has just concluded a case where a woman entered the home of a Harrisville couple, while they were away for a few hours, in order to obtain their prescription medications.

In this case, the suspect was apprehended after the couple came home. But, according to Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison, the theft of prescription meds can go unnoticed for long periods or is never reported because family or friends are involved.

"It's all about supply and demand," Atchison said. "I think doctors are tightening down on prescribing the kinds of medications that are wanted – pain killers like OxyCotin, Vicodin, et cetera. When this happens 'doc-

tor shopping' isn't as easy so they look to other avenues where they can obtain the drugs."

Alcona County Sgt. Scott Stephenson explained that individuals trying to obtain pain killers will do just about anything to get them – from faking injuries to get prescriptions, going to several doctors or "doctor shopping" to get prescriptions for the same condition, to stealing prescription tablets, to stealing them from friends and family members.

"One of the reasons it is so prevalent," Stephenson said, "is because people think it is a legal form of abuse – because it's prescribed it isn't illegal...but it's still an addiction. The 'need' for the drugs fuels people to get the drugs by any means – just like those who use cocaine or heroin – this is just as bad or worse."

Stephenson cited eight burglary cases in 2011 in Greenbush Township (along the Cedar Lake Drive/Cedar Lake Road corridor) where thieves took only prescription medications – leaving money, alcohol and guns. "Oscoda has had as many



Keeping prescription medications for pain killers out of view on counters, kitchen tables, nightstands and in easily accessible areas will cut down on the prevalence of in-home thefts. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

cases similar in nature," Stephenson said.

Stephenson explained some thieves are bold enough to attempt the thefts while people are home. "We've had instances where a woman will knock on the door and ask to use the rest room. Because it's a woman and because people in this area are friendly, they let her in. It isn't until

much later that they realize medications have been stolen," Stephenson said.

Some cases the department has handled in the last several years include the after-hours break-ins at local pharmacies in Lincoln and Harrisville. "These are cases where only prescription drugs were taken – no cash or merchandise," Stephenson said. He

also cited the armed robbery of a pharmacy in Alpena last spring when the gunman demanded 80 mg. doses of OxyCotin – nothing else.

"He was very specific in what he wanted – passing up cash and merchandise... from a law enforcement standpoint these are major cases because they are burglary and armed robbery," Stephenson said.

Since many thefts of prescription medications from homes go unnoticed or unreported, law enforcement officials have little means of apprehending offenders, however, they are finding different ways to identify individuals who are abusing pain medications. "To combat this form of drug abuse we are using Advanced Roadside Sobriety Testing," Stephenson said. "Most of our department is trained in this form of testing now. This pretty well determines what kind of drugs they are on. Drinking and driving has always been a focus for us and now, this is picking up drug abuse in drivers. We are making more operating under the influence of drug (OUID) arrests because this is being recognized now."

According to Atchison and Stephenson, residents can safeguard themselves against being victims of in-home thefts by being cautious and using common sense.

"Most of us who grew up in northeast Michigan during a different time when doors and windows were never locked and most of the time the keys to the family vehicle were left in the ignition. But due to difficult economic times and ever increasing prescription drug abuse you need to keep your home secure, along with your valuables and prescription drugs within your home," Atchison said.

He explained the majority of home burglaries occur during the daytime

Tigers begin New Year with two wins

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

Alcona varsity boys basketball coach Seth Coffing said the two games that worry him the most are the first game of the year and the first game after the Christmas holiday break.

Teams are usually not ready for the first game of the season because of lack of practice time and playing in game situations. That was evident in the only loss for Alcona this season -- a road loss to Hillman on December 5, 2011. Alcona extracted a bit of revenge for that loss in the first game after the holidays by defeating Hillman 46-40 on Tuesday, Jan. 3.

It was not a pretty game offensively but it never is against Hillman. There is nothing especially outstanding about a Hillman basketball team. They just win by executing the fundamentals of basketball well. They rebound, make their free throws and play aggressive defense.

Hillman put five points on the board before Alcona could score. A three-pointer and two free throws did the trick. With the score 5-2 Alcona went on an eight point run to take a 10-7 lead. A last second bucket by Hillman made the score 10-9 in Alcona's favor after one quarter. Then the Tigers went cold. They scored only four points, all by Andrew Chamberlain, while Hillman put up 12 points and took a 21-14 lead at halftime.

The locker room at halftime must have been a wake-up session for Alcona because they came out more aggressive, rebounded better and scored on several text book fast breaks. Seven straight points by Brock LaVergne tied the game at 23.

After Hillman went ahead with a field goal, Alcona scored five more consecutive points to take a 28-25 lead. Three free throws by Hillman tied the game again at 28. A three-pointer by Jared Steiner gave the lead back to Alcona but Hillman closed out the quarter with four points, including two free throws, to lead 32-31 after three periods.

The final quarter was another battle. With the game tied at 37, Chamberlain hit one of two free throws that gave Alcona the lead for good. They led by as much as eight points and held off Hillman by sinking seven of 10 free throws down the stretch.

Chamberlain was a key factor in the win, coming off the bench to score five points and pulling a team leading 13 rebounds.

LaVergne led Alcona with 15 points and nine rebounds. Bryan Layton added 11 points and 11 rebounds.

The junior varsity team felt the affects of the holiday break as well, but still managed to stay undefeated, winning a close game 72-69. Trent LaVergne led with 18 points, Carson Jamieson had 13 and Dawson Forsythe scored 10 points.

The Tigers traveled to Whittemore-Prescott on Friday, Jan. 6 for its first Huron

Shores League game. This one turned out to be a real nail
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Lady Tigers improve season record to 6-0

By Dan O'Connor
Special to the Review

The Alcona Lady Tigers earned a hard fought 40-38 win over the Montabella Mustangs on December 17.

Alcona led 20-18 at the half but found themselves trailing by two points with 30 seconds to go. Nikki Smith was able to knock down two free throws to tie the game at 37 with 20 seconds to go.

Montabella was fouled and made one of two free throws which set the stage for a dramatic Lady Tiger win.

The ball was inbounded to Karina Cole who dribbled the length of the floor and drilled a three-pointer in the corner off an Amy Nowak screen for the win as time expired.

Alcona was led by Cole with 21 points and Kayla Rasmussen with 11 points and 17 rebounds.

The Lady Tigers improved their record to 6-0 for the season with wins over the Hale Eagles and Whittemore Prescott Cardinals last week.

They traveled to Hale on January 3 and found themselves in a battle with a feisty Hale team midway through

the second quarter. Alcona only led by two points with four minutes to go. The Lady Tigers responded by closing the quarter on a 12-2 run and followed that up with a 26-5 third quarter. Alcona won by a final of 72-29.

Cole led all scorers with 17 points. Ashley Smith added 16; Megan Quick, Rasmussen and Alleigh Sexton added 8 points each.

In the conference opener on January 5, Alcona stormed out of the gates to a 20-1 lead and didn't look back. They actually held the Whittemore-Prescott Cardinals without a field goal until midway through the third quarter. Alcona settled for a 53-27 victory.

Cole again led the scoring with 22 points and 17 rebounds while Amy Nowak added 10 points and Rasmussen chipped in seven points and eight rebounds.

Alcona will host rival Oscoda on Thursday, Jan. 12 before beginning a seven game road stretch beginning with a tough Mio squad on January 16, Fairview on January 23 and conference rival Tawas on January 25.

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Obituaries

Mary J. Ashford

Mary Jean Ashford, 94, of Harrisville died on Friday, Jan. 6, 2012 at her son's home. She was born March 21, 1917 in Lansing, Mich. to Duncan and Ada (Greenfield) McRae.

She graduated from Royal Oak High School in 1937. Following graduation she attended Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. where she majored in art and fashion design. Upon returning to Michigan from St. Louis, Mo. she worked in Detroit, Mich. at Hudson's in the bridal department.

She married Jack D. Ashford on October 30, 1948 in Greenbush. They made their home in Greenbush and later in Harrisville.

Mrs. Ashford is survived by three sons, Stephen (Ann) Ashford, John (Dawn) Ashford, David (Pame) Ashford, all of Harrisville; one daughter, Marilyn (Patrick) Gauthier of Rochester Hills, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Jack, on January 6, 2011; one brother, Duncan Ashford; and one sister, Elizabeth Ann McMullen.

A private funeral service was held Monday, Jan. 9. Interment was in Springport Cemetery, Harrisville. Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan northeastern unit. Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
The Lincoln branch of Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to our members for their generosity and support with our fundraising efforts in 2011.

We were able to raise \$3,319.93 and several pounds of food were collected.

Each quarter we raise funds for a different nonprofit organization. This year we donated to the Alcona Food Pantry, Project Connect, Zonta's Breast Cancer Awareness Walk and six needy families of Alcona County. We are very grateful for the continued support of our members, without them this would not have been possible.

Lorna Dellar and
Lincoln Branch Staff
Alpena Alcona Area
Credit Union

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when most people are at work, and evening time when they are away. When a burglary is committed they are usually looking for items that are small, expensive and can easily be converted into cash. Favorite items are cash, jewelry, guns, watches, laptop computers and other small electronic devices.

"A burglar's preference is to gain easy access into your home through open doors or windows. The first step is to make your home more difficult to enter," he said. "Lock your doors and windows. If you do not feel the existing locks are adequate have them replaced or supplemented with higher quality locks. Entry through sliding-glass doors can be made more difficult by inserting a wooden dowel into the track thus preventing or limiting movement."

Atchison explained lighting inside and outside of a residence is also important. "Interior lighting is necessary to show signs of life and activity inside a residence at night. A darkened home night after night sends a message

to burglars that you are away," he said. "Another important area to be well-lit is the perimeter especially at the entryway.

"Even in the garage burglars know to look inside your vehicle for keys to your home and other valuables, keep your vehicle locked too. One of the things that still works today is having good neighbors. Good neighbors should look out for each other. Good neighbors will watch out for your home when you are away and can report suspicious activities to the sheriff's department. Be a good neighbor," Atchison said.

"All too often, prescription drugs that end up on our streets are stolen from friends and family, but entering a stranger's home is not out of the realm of reality. Prescription pill bottles are usually left on the kitchen table, countertop, or nightstand — easily accessible to anyone. Jewelry, watches, purses and wallets are left lying around the home or thrown in the top of the dresser. Put them away, out of sight, out of mind.

"These and the following guidelines are some small, simple practices that may help prevent you from being a victim," Atchison said.

- Don't tell people what prescription pain medications you are taking.
- Don't leave prescription meds in your purse, car or sitting out on the kitchen counter or table — any place that is easily seen by individuals entering your home.
- Don't let people you don't know well into your home for any reason. "There are enough restaurants, gas stations in the area for people to use public rest rooms," Stephenson said.
- Keep track of your medications. Know how many pills are in the bottle, so you know if any are taken.
- Lock your doors — even when you are home and especially when you are away for any period of time — even during the day.
- Report any theft of prescription medications to law enforcement authorities.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2000/2010

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Jan. 1	39	31	0.10	5.7	30	SSW
Jan. 2	31	14	0.01	3.2	28	N
Jan. 3	22	7	0.00	1.7	22	N
Jan. 4	32	19	0.00	1.3	18	SW
Jan. 5	37	27	0.00	1.1	18	SW
Jan. 6	40	31	0.00	0.4	12	SW
Jan. 7	39	27	0.00	0.5	19	NW

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2011-2012			
	Water	Snow	Normal
	Content	Fall	Water Content
Weekly Total	0.11	0.2	0.42
January to Date	0.11	0.2	0.42
Year/Season to Date	0.11	2.9	0.42

Climatological Observations taken by Stanley L. Darmofal at the Harrisville National Weather Service Coop Station located 1.8 miles NNE of Harrisville Post Office. Observations for each day are from midnight through 11:59 p.m. T=Trace (less than 0.005" Water Content.)

Calendar of Events

(Editor's Note: Entries for Calendar are always welcome. They will be published in chronological order as space allows. Entries should be turned in at least two weeks prior to the date of the event. Events sponsored by businesses or individuals to make a profit or governmental units for meeting notification are not eligible for this free public service. Sorry, "bingo," "garage sales" or "raffle ticket sales" information is also not eligible.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 11

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

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

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.

Barton City Improvement Association monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Trask Lake Rd., in Barton City. All residents are invited to attend.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

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

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

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 "Introduction to My Plate". For more information, call Alpena MSU Ext. (989) 354-9879 or Alcona MSU Ext. (989) 724-6478.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 13

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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. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

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

SATURDAY, JANUARY 14

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

Dragonfly Art Gallery, 116 W. Main St., Harrisville, will host a reception from 4 to 7 p.m. for Venita Larson, its artist of the month. All are welcome to attend, light refreshments will be served.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 N. State St. Lunch will be served.

A free community program will be held from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Alpena Regional Medical Center's theater. Discussion will include diagnosis and treatments of essential tremors, including DBS therapy. To register, call ARMC (989) 356-8124.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

Dr. Greg Adamus will moderate a panel of current college students in a discussion of diversity in high school and after high school at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 727 S. Second St., Alpena from 2 to 4 p.m. A chili supper to benefit the Wash Your Coat project will follow. Tickets will be available at the door, \$8 for adults, \$4 for students and children under 12.

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

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.

Foot clinic with Connie Cosbett R.N. at the Lincoln Senior Center from 1 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$25. Call for an appointment at (989) 736-8879.

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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.

Martin Luther King Jr. film and discussion at Alpena Community College, CTR 104 from 2 to 4 p.m.

Dr. Greg Adamus will present pictures from his recent trip to the new Martin Luther King Jr. memorial in Washington D.C. at 7 p.m. at the Alpena Community College BTC 122.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

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

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Alcona County Road Commission

The Alcona County Road Commission will hold a public hearing Wednesday, January 11, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. at the Road Commission office at 301 N. Lake Street, Lincoln, Mich. The purpose of the hearing is to consider, confirm, or modify, road improvement and transit projects eligible for federal funds anticipated to be available to the county of Alcona for the years 2012 through 2015 from the Surface Transportation Program of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) and from Category "D" of the Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF-D). Members of the public are encouraged to attend this meeting to participate and comment on road project selections. Written comments will also be considered and should be submitted to the Alcona County Road Commission at P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, MI 48742 or by e-mail at roads@alconacrc.com prior to the hearing on January 11, 2012.

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Local Notes

Dining with the Docs

Interested adults are invited to attend the next session of "Dining with the Doctors," held on Monday, Jan. 23 at 5:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Dr. James Richards will present "Spirituality and Medicine." Free meal will be served. The program is limited to 25 participants; please call (989) 724-6796 to register or for more information. This program is a cooperative effort through the Alcona Health Center and Alcona County Library to bring health information to Alcona citizens.

Turn in Event Dates

The Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce is in the process of creating the 2012 Calendar of Events brochure and is looking for organizational event input for the calendar, no meeting informa-

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

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tion, just events. Forms are available in the chamber office located in the Harbortown Mall, 410 E. Main Street, Harrisville. These forms must be returned to the chamber no later than Monday, Feb. 20.

Small Farm Conference

The 13th Annual Northern Michigan Small Farm Conference will be held Saturday, Jan. 28 at Grayling High School in Grayling, Mich. The theme is Growing a Food and Farming Legacy. Keynote will be a tribute presentation of Chris Bedford's last film "Getting Real about Food and the Future" with commentary by Stephanie Mills. Bedford was a documentary film maker, advocate of organic food, supporter of local foods in schools and co-founder of Sweetwater Local Foods Market in Muskegon, Mich. For more information go to www.smallfarm-conference.com, northmich-smallfarmconf@gmail.com or call (231) 838-8093.

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, Jan. 16—Pork roast with sauerkraut, scalloped potatoes, broccoli, pickled beets and fruit.
 - Tuesday, Jan. 17—Chicken Parmesan over spaghetti, pea, tossed salad and fruit.
 - Wednesday, Jan. 18—Beef enchilada, carrots with dip, Santa Fe salad, fruit and rice pudding.
 - Thursday, Jan. 19—Pork chop bake, mixed vegetables, 3 C salad and fruit.
 - Friday, Jan. 20—Swiss steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, cauliflower, tossed salad and fruit.
- (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Journey to Wellness

Michigan State University Extension is providing a journey to wellness, a series of free classes once a week with instructor Beth Noffze at District Health Department No. 2, 311 Lake Street, Harrisville. Each class will be held from 1:15 to 2:15 p.m. and will be held on the following dates: January 12 — Introduction to my plate; January 19 — Food safety; January 26 — Eating more fruits and vegetables; February 2 — Make half your grains whole grains; February 9 — Shopping and menu planning; February 16 — Eating light, modifying recipes; February 23 — Food labels, portion sizes; March 1 — Protein, dairy, meat, beans, meatless meals; March 8 — Stretching your food dollars; March 15 — Nutrition and physical activity. For more information, call Alpena MSU Extension (989) 354-9879 or Alcona MSU Extension (989) 724-6478.

Grant Applications Due

The Community Foundation for Northeast Michigan (CFNEM) is accepting grant applications for the second quarter of its 2012 fiscal year. The application deadline for common grants and for Youth Advisory Council grants is February 1. All 501(c)(3) non-profit agencies and organizations in the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle are invited to apply. For more information, call Julie Wiesen at (989) 354-6881, (toll free) (877) 354-6881, or stop by the CFNEM office at 111 Water Street in downtown Alpena. Fillable application forms are available online at www.cfnem.org

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

Winter Crop Program

Michigan State University (MSU) Extension is hosting a winter field crop program for area producers. It will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Hillman Free Methodist Church, 331 W. 3rd Street in downtown Hillman. The program will provide farmers with the latest research results and recommendations for weed, insect, disease control and crop fertilization in preparation for the 2012 growing season.

Featured speakers include: Dr. George Bird, Dr. Martin Chilvers, Dr. Kurt Steinke, Dr. Christy Sprague, Dr. Chris DiFonzo and additional MSU Extension educators. Producers will earn RUP and CCA credits. The cost for the program is \$40 which includes a home-cooked lunch and the 2012 Weed Control Guide. The registration deadline is January 24. For a program brochure or to register contact Paul Gross, Isabella County MSUE, (989) 772-0911 ext. 302 or Mary Dunckel, Alpena County MSUE, (989) 354-9870.

Discovery Weekend

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is offering a "Winter Discovery Weekend" designed to give women an opportunity to try a variety of outdoor skills in a fun, safe and non-competitive environment on January 27-29 at the Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center in Roscommon, Mich. The event is part of the DNR's Becoming an Outdoors-Woman (BOW) program, and classes are geared toward beginners, with no skill level required.

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classes from among several topics offered, including ice fishing, self-defense basics, wilderness first aid, snowshoeing, hiking, turkey and duck hunting and basic pistol shooting. Guests should plan to arrive Friday evening between 4 and 9 p.m. On Saturday, guests participate in morning and afternoon classes (three hours each) with breakfast, lunch and dinner provided as part of the paid package. All sessions are taught by experienced volunteer instructors who enjoy the outdoors and have a true desire to share it with others.

The Ralph A. MacMullan Conference Center is located on the north shore of Higgins Lake at 104 Conservation Drive in Roscommon, Mich. The registration fee is \$225

and includes two nights of lodging, four meals, all instruction and materials. Registration deadline is January 12. For registration forms and information on this and other BOW programs, visit www.michigan.gov/bow, call (517) 241-2225 or e-mail dnr-outdoors-woman@michigan.gov. BOW is a noncompetitive program in which each individual is encouraged to learn at her own pace. The emphasis is on the enjoyment, fun and camaraderie of outdoor activities, and sharing in the success of one another.

Poster Contest

To draw attention to the need for being prepared in the event of severe weather, the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness is sponsoring a Severe

Weather Awareness Poster Contest, open to all students currently enrolled in fourth or fifth grades. The deadline to enter is February 15. Posters must illustrate what individuals and families should do to prepare for Michigan severe weather, such as tornadoes, floods, snow storms, severe cold, lightning and thunderstorms, according to contest sponsors.

Posters must be approximately 15 inches by 20 inches and submitted on quality poster or illustration board. The work must be original

and may be in any media with the exception of pencil, chalk, charcoal or glitter. All posters will become the property of the sponsoring organization. The artist's name, grade and telephone number, along with the name, address and telephone number of the student's school, and art instructor (if any), must be on the back of the poster. Entries must be postmarked no later than midnight on February 15.

The first place winner will receive a \$200 U.S. savings bond; second place will be awarded a \$100 U.S. savings

bond; third place will receive a \$75 U.S. Savings Bond; and honorable mention will be awarded a \$50 U.S. savings bond. To enter, send posters wrapped flat to National Weather Service, 9200 White Lake Road, White Lake, Mich. 48386. For further information, contact Lori Conarton at the Insurance Institute of Michigan (517) 371-2880 or Rich Pollman (248) 625-3309, ext. 726. To download a copy of the poster contest flyer, visit the Michigan Committee for Severe Weather Awareness website, www.mcswa.com.

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biter with the Tigers eeking out a 69-67 win. Whittemore was a talented, athletic team and gave Alcona all they could handle.

Alcona jumped out to a 15-9 lead after one quarter thanks to seven points by Layton. The second quarter was an offensive battle with the Cardinals coming out on top 18-16 but the Tigers still held a 31-27 lead at halftime.

With the score 39-32 in Alcona's favor at the start of the third quarter, Whittemore went on a 10-0 run to take the lead 42-39. The Tigers came back with a 7-0 run of their own to take over the lead 46-42. But the Cardinals would not quit and scored the final five points of the period to lead 47-46 heading into the final quarter.

This is where the battle really heated up. The Cardinals led 57-50 when the Tigers went on a 9-0 run to retake the lead 59-57.

With Whittemore ahead by two points, Steiner made a nifty back court steal, made an easy basket and then hit a floating jump shot to help the Tigers retake the two point lead. The two teams traded baskets until the score was

tied at 62 with about two minutes left in the game. A jump shot by Layton and two free throws each by Layton and Steiner gave Alcona a six point lead which they would not relinquish.

A last second three-pointer by the Cardinals made the final score 69-67. For the second game in a row Alcona was able to hold off their opponents by shooting well from the free throw line. This time they hit six of seven free throws to hold off the Cardinals.

Steiner and Layton had monstrous games with Steiner scoring a game high 27 points pulling down five rebounds and dishing out three assists, while Layton hit for 26 points with eight rebounds. LaVergne added 12 points and pulled down 10 rebounds. The combination of Steiner, Layton and LaVergne scored all but four of Alcona's points. Nick Garner and Brandon Gibson added two points each. The Tigers' record stands at 5-1.

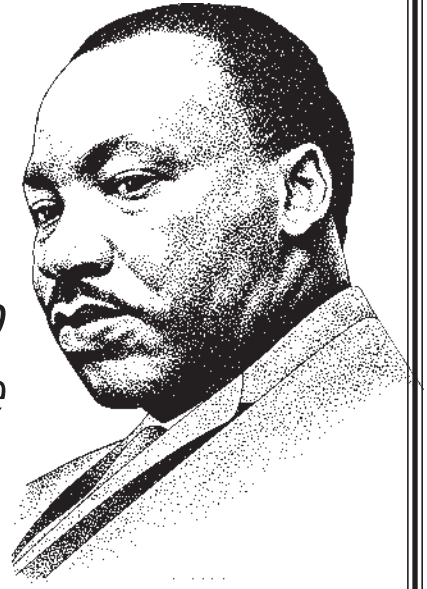
The junior Tigers had a much easier time of it, winning their sixth consecutive game 60-32. LaVergne led with 16 points.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How to get your affairs in order

Dear Savvy Senior,
I would like to get my personal and financial information organized so my kids will know what's going on when I die. Any tips would be appreciated.

Overwhelmed Senior

Dear Overwhelmed,
Organizing your important papers and personal information is a smart move and a great gift to your loved ones. Here are some tips to help you get started.

The first step in getting your affairs in order is to gather up all your important personal, financial and legal information so you can arrange it in a format that will benefit you now, and your loved ones later. Then you'll need to sit down and create various lists of important information and instructions of how you want certain things handled when you die or if you become incapacitated.

Here's a checklist of areas you need to focus on.

- **Contacts:** Make a master list of names and phone numbers of close friends, family, clergy, doctors, and professional advisers such as your lawyer, accountant, broker and insurance agent.
- **Personal documents:** Include such items as your birth certificate, Social Security card, marriage license, military discharge papers, et cetera.
- **Secured places:** List all the places you keep under

lock and key or protected by password, such as safe deposit boxes, safe combination, security alarms, et cetera.

- **Service providers:** Provide contact information of the companies or people who provide you regular services such as utility companies, lawn service, et cetera.

- **Pets:** If you have a pet, give instructions for the care of the animal.

- **End of life:** Indicate your wishes for organ, tissue or body donation including documentation (see donate-life.net), and write out your funeral instructions. If you've made prearrangements with a funeral home include a copy of agreement, their contact information and whether you've prepaid or not.

- **Will:** Include the original copy of your will and other estate planning documents you've made.

- **Power of attorney:** This names someone you trust to handle money matters if you're incapacitated. If you don't have a will or power of attorney, do-it-yourself resources like legalzoom.com can help you create them for a few dollars.

- **Advance directives:** These documents - a living will and medical power of attorney - spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment when you can no longer make decisions for yourself. For free advanced directive forms visit caring-info.org or call (800) 658-



8898.

- **Income and debt:** Make a list of all income sources such as pensions, Social Security, IRAs, 401Ks, interest, investments, et cetera. And do the same for any debt you may have - mortgage, credit cards, medical bills, car payment.

- **Financial accounts:** List all bank and brokerage accounts (checking, savings, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, IRAs, et cetera.) and their contact information. And keep current statements from each institution in your files.

- **Company benefits:** List any retirement plans, pensions or benefits from your current or former employer including the contact information of the benefits administrator.

- **Insurance:** List the insurance policies you have (life, long-term care, home, auto, Medicare, Medigap, prescription drug, et cetera.) including the policy numbers, insurance agents and phone numbers.

- **Credit cards:** List all credit and charge cards, including the card numbers and contact information.

- **Property:** List real estate,

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Avoiding hospital readmissions

Senior News Line
By Matilda Charles

Question: What's worse than being admitted to the hospital? Answer: Being readmitted quickly after being released. Far too often, just when we're out of the hospital, something happens and we're right back where we started.

It's expensive, and those who study these things have looked at the reasons for frequent hospital readmissions.

Here are some of the statistics from the Center for Studying Health System Change:

- About 8 percent of adults go back into the hospital within a month, and one-third within a year.

- One-third of us don't see a doctor, nurse or anyone else within a month of being released from the hospital. After 90 days, 17 percent of us still haven't seen a doctor.

- Those of us who don't see a doctor are at a higher risk for going back into the hospital, especially those who also have other medical conditions. The sicker the patient, the higher the rate of return.

It doesn't matter what kind of insurance we have.

Researchers say new ways must be found to

bridge the gap between the doctors and hospitals. At this point, even where there are programs and coordinators to manage the discharge process, it hasn't changed the rate of readmissions.

There's one additional, potentially serious glitch: One-third of doctors did not have the final hospital report on patients who did come in. And if they did have them, the reports were incomplete, and new medications might not be listed.

Here's a suggestion to keep from being readmitted: When you leave the hospital, make a nurse write down your prescriptions and instructions for after-care. The minute you get home, call your doctor. Make the earliest appointment possible, and take your instructions.

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

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Car/Deer Accidents	7	Property Damage	1
General Assistance	3	False Alarm	1
Domestic	3	Dog/Animal	7
Operate While Intoxicated	1	911 Hang Up	1
Larceny	2	Drive While License Susp.	1
Personal Injury	1	Found Property	1
Miscellaneous	10	Suspicious Events	1
Fraud	2	Threats/Harrasment	2
Assault & Battery	2	Civil Assist	1
Noise Complaint	2		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village			
Alcona	3	Caledonia	1
Greenbush	14	Gustin	10
Hawes	2	Haynes	1
Millen	1	Mitchell	0
Harrisville City	3	Village of Lincoln	0
		Curtis	6
		Harrisville	6
		Mikado	5

District Court

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

- Ronald Eugene Greene, 62, of Harrisville was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$485 for unlicensed residential builder.
- Ryan Dean Mackinnon, 19, of Spruce was sentenced to six months of probation, 40 hours of community service and fines and court costs of \$1,245 for person under 21 with blood alcohol content.
- Samuel Wade Eaves, 53, of Harrisville was sentenced to one year of probation and court costs and fines of \$1,395 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Victor Kenneth-John Goodson, 25, of Oscoda was sentenced to two days in jail, six months of probation, two days of community service and court costs and fines of \$480 for malicious use of telecommunications service.
- Jeffrey Leo Campbell, 23, of Capac, Mich. was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$690 for nonsufficient funds check under \$100.
- Daniel Arnold Hale, 22, of Lincoln was sentenced to five days in jail, one year of probation and court costs and fines of \$880 for attempted indecent exposure.
- Gregory Scott Nelson, 41, of Ossineke was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$550 for no valid license in possession.
- David Joseph Woytalewicz, 30, of Greenbush was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$730 for attempted interfering with electronic communication.
- Nikki Nikole Pressler, 21, of Greenbush was sentenced to seven days in jail, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,170 for attempted operating while driver's license suspended/revoked.
- Andrew William Kilbourn, 25, of Sanford, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail, three months of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,170 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Shawn Andrew Anderson, 35, of Harrisville was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$395 for no valid license in possession.
- Corey John Colberg, 22, of Oscoda was sentenced to five days in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$655 for sell, furnish alcohol to a minor.
- Harvey Allen Huntinghouse, 23, of Greenbush was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,695 for operating while visibly impaired.

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Bowling

Huron
December 27

Carpet One	23	23
Mancino's	21.5	21.5
Gary Oil	20	20
Big Joe's	16	16
Rob's Repair	14	14
Back Alley	10	10
Hart Tire	8.5	8.5
B & D	7	7

High game and series: Roger Klukowski Jr., 280 and 681.
High handicap game: Roger Klukowski Jr., 288.
High handicap series: Ed Schmitz, 727.

High handicap game: Bob Brueggeman, 282.
High handicap series: Will Drzinski, 728.

Early Bloomers
December 27

Rosebuds	22	2
Daffodils	16	8
Buttercups	15	9
Violets	15	9
Tigerlilys	9	15
Bluebells	9	15
Marigolds	8	16
Mums	2	22

High game and series: Annette Kane, 199 and 487.
High team game and series: Tigerlilys, 483 and 1,306.

High game and series: Gina Broadwood, 231 and 557.
High team game and series: Violets, 487 and 1,329.

He's & She's
December 30

Gamblers	26	4
Two and Too	25.5	4.5
Bowler Up	19	11
Comets	16	14
Handicapped	14	16
Team Joey's	11	19
Ballbangers	4.5	25.5
An Attitude	4	26

Men's high game: Edward Hart, 288.
Men's high series: Tommy Morgan, 698.
Men's high handicap game: Edward Hart, 300.
Men's high handicap series: Tommy Morgan, 767.

Wednesday Nite Women's
December 28

Other Team	24	6
Cole's Appl.	20	10
Ark Plumbing	20	10
Back Alley	18	12
Alcona Abstract	12	18
Stoney Acres	10	20
JB's Auto	10	20
Alcona Tool	6	24

High game and series: Sue Weichel, 255 and 621.
High handicap game and series: Sue Weichel, 280 and 696.

Sportsman
December 29

Balls On Ya	26	158
Baymoor	27	145
Morgan Elec.	4	140.5
Top O' Mich.	14.5	113.5
L.L.W. Club	3	112.5
Phil's Barber	15.5	108.5
Cole's Appl.	26	104
Ghost Busters	4	78

High game: Jerry Blaszk, 268.
High series: Larry Bowers, 660.
High handicap game and series: Jerry Blaszk, 298 and 733.

Huron
January 3

Gary Oil	26	46
Mancino's	21	42.5
Rob's Repair	24	38
B & D Sales	24	32
Carpet One	9	31
Big Joe's	4	20
Back Alley	6	16
Hart Tire	6	14.5

High game: Matt Cleary, 268.
High series: Harley Robinson, 699.

Early Bloomers
January 3

Violets	36	12
Marigolds	30	18
Bluebells	26	22
Rosebuds	25	23
Tigerlilys	24	24
Daffodils	23	25
Buttercups	17	31
Mums	11	37

Women's high game and series: Lynn Gibson, 224 and 629.
Women's high handicap game and series: Lynn Gibson, 256 and 725.

Wednesday Nite Women's
January 4

Back Alley	45	15
Ark Plumbing	38	22
Alcona Abstract	36	24
JB's Auto	33.5	26.5
Cole's Appl.	32	28
Other Team	27	33
Stoney Acres	16.5	43.5
Alcona Tool	12	48

High game and series: Flora Yingling, 223 and 612.
High handicap game and series: Flora Yingling, 253 and 702.

Sportsman
January 5

Morgan Elec.	20	20
Ghost Busters	20	20
Baymoor	19.5	19.5
Phil's Barber	15.5	15.5
Top O' Mich.	14.5	14.5
Balls On Ya	10.5	10.5
L.L.W. Club	10	10
Cole's Appl.	10	10

High game: Tom Sharboneau, 246.
High series: Tommy Morgan, 654.

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Turns out it's not on the record

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
 Columnist

As the New Year sidles in, I can't help but reflect that one of the more amazing things I've learned in my time on this planet (and it took me half a century before I discovered it) is this: There is no permanent record.

That's right. There is no permanent record, squirreled away in some cobwebbed drawer somewhere, just bursting with information to inform the world of your more noteworthy or colorful transgressions. Maintained by a series of blue haired, prissy-mouthed ladies in lavender dresses who keep very careful records -- in blue or black ink.

I've always envisioned it as a very formal file. Heavy manila cardstock. No pink, green or baby blue for these files. The kind with serious metal couplings extending through two tidily punched holes at the top, a metal bar securing a file of typewritten or carefully handwritten notes, dated and initialed, punched in equally precise style. This, after all, is The Permanent Record.

As a member of the Boomer generation, I was somewhat disappointed to discover that -- like the unicorn and the "Paul is dead" message on Abbey Road -- the permanent record is a myth. If you grew up when I did, you were regularly threatened with having one issue or another entered on your permanent record. My favorite memory of that particular issue came in my freshman year of college when, on a whim, I swiped a potted palm (one, plastic, green).

Our college food service building was often rented out for community events. In this case, it was a weight loss group's annual banquet -- the humor of which was not lost on a group of effortlessly slim-hipped college kids. Since the dieting ladies couldn't indulge in mashed potatoes and cheesecake, they'd gone all out on the decorations.

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Including some rather striking potted palms.

At the time -- not having heard of the concept of "rental palms" -- it seemed like it would be fun to liberate this palm tree to grace my dorm room. Where, being new at petty theft, I arranged it nicely in the window. A day or so later, I was summoned to the office of the Dean In Charge of Unimportant Things.

That wasn't what it said on his door, of course, but in retrospect, he was either riding out the last years before retirement, or he'd done something to cause him to have to deal with inept petty thieves and their potted palm trees. The interrogation, cleverly held at eight in the morning when I was certainly not at my best, was grueling.

Him: "Did you take the palm tree?"

Me: "Yes."

I thought it was odd that he didn't ask why. Now that I'm far closer to his age, I realize that he knew then, as I do now, that there wasn't any explanation that could possibly make any difference.

Sentencing was swift, too.

Him: "Will you give it back?"

Me: "Yes."

I hastily assured him that if he just wouldn't send me home in disgrace or telephone my parents, I'd carry it right back to the food service center as soon as I got back to my dorm, yes, I would, sir. As I thanked him for his mercy and bolted for the hallway, he snapped back into Dean-mode and added, "But, Miss Fritz, you should know, this will go on your permanent record."

So ended the Case of the Purloined Palm. And I always rather liked the idea that potential employers, as I sat before them in my mouse grey suit and matching pumps, had checked with the Office of Permanent Files, and were thinking that I might look mild-mannered, but in truth I was a former potted palm thief.

So, I was extremely disappointed a few years back when a school official told me they only keep student records for a few years beyond graduation. "So what about all the things that go into your permanent record?" I asked. He smiled. "It's a secret," he told me. "But to be honest -- there is no permanent record."

What does all that have to do with the New Year? Well, it seems to me there's a direct link between the absence of a permanent record and the concept of New Year's resolutions.

Over the years, like pretty much everyone else, I suspect, I've made pretty much the same resolutions over and over with minor variations. Live healthier. Eat better. Exercise more. Save more. Lose weight. Quit smoking. Get taller.

Except for that last one, I've made small inroads on each of those. For the first few months of the year, anyway. But to be perfectly honest...overall, year after year, I've failed to keep them.

Puttin' On The Fritz

And I've always felt a little bad, knowing that somewhere in my Permanent Record, it read, "2011 NYR: Once again this year, Ms. Kniep had good intentions. Unfortunately, once again, they pave her road to hell."

The fact that there is no permanent record grants us all a great deal of freedom. Knowing that no one is jotting them down for posterity means we don't have to even strive to make admirable resolutions. We can resolve to do anything we want -- even if it's to eat more chocolate.

The absence of a permanent record, combined with the things I've learned about the health issues I sometimes struggle with, has led me to a totally different take on resolutions this year.

In 2012, I'm not going to resolve to do the things the media and the world at large tells me I ought to be doing. I'm resolving, instead, to do something my doctors, family and friends suggest: Take some time and make some effort to take care of me.

Like sleeping when I need to and putting my legs up one hour for every four my feet are on the floor. Like eating when I want to and what I want to and skipping it entirely if I'm not hungry. Extending my quiet morning time to devote to the peaceful pursuit of art and words and knowledge and increased spirituality and generally "filling my well."

More importantly, I'm going to resolve to be kinder and gentler. Not just to the people I like -- that's too easy. To the people and organizations that make me itch and twitch. To listen more and speak less. To look for common ground in every situation. And especially, to remember that the people I need to be most civil and caring to are my own family, who often get the brunt of fatigue and stress.

I guess I'm resolving to recognize what I've really known for a good long time now. Even if a Permanent Record did exist, in a heavy manila folder, emblazoned Kniep, Kathryn (Fritz) in bold red letters, filled with official seals and stamps and maintained by a gray lady with impeccable penmanship, it wouldn't matter.

The only permanent record that really matters is what we've done with the time we've been given, and how well and wisely we've used that incredible gift. Ever so much more incredible than a plastic potted palm.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 27 years. She has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville.)

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Statewide program aims to help families claim refunds, credits

With many Michigan residents struggling to make ends meet, a little extra cash can make a big difference. That is why credit unions have once again joined forces to promote Just file it! We'll Help. Free State and Federal Tax Preparation Resources Provided by Credit Unions, a web-based program that allows families and individuals to file for state and federal tax credits that might otherwise be overlooked.

More than 100 Michigan credit unions, including Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union (AAACU), are promoting Just file it! to their membership. The Just file it! program returned over \$13.8 million to individuals and families last year.

"The need for a program like Just file it! is greater than ever," said President and CEO Donald J. Mills, "Which is why AAACU is proud to

join the network of credit unions and other nonprofits offering Just file it! to help families put food on the table, move into better housing, invest in education or save for the future."

All that is required to use the Just file it! program is a computer, Internet access, a web browser and a printer. The program uses a free, web-based software program, posing questions to users and offering assistance via online chats. It is offered in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

A link to Just file it! can be accessed by visiting AAACU's website at www.aaacu.com.

The technology backbone of the program was developed by the Legal Aid Society of Orange County, California. The Michigan Credit Union League & Affiliates, a statewide credit union trade association underwrote the cost of developing the state income tax software in conjunction with the Legal Aid Society of Orange County, California, and the Michigan Poverty Law Center.

The Michigan Poverty Law Center is a joint project of Legal Services of South Central Michigan (LSSCM) and the University of Michigan Law School (UMLS). MPLP is funded in part by the Michigan State Bar Foundation (MSBF).

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January 9, February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 10, October 1, November 5, December 3.

Meetings begin at 7:00 p.m. at the Caledonia Township Hall, Spruce, MI.

Any change in date or time, or any special meetings, will be advertised or posted separately.

Boprie-Coan plan wedding

Jessica Boprie and Kenneth Coan III of Rochester Hills, Mich. announce their engagement.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Sherry Ritchie-Schmid of Harrisville and Jerry and Liz Boprie of Waterford, Mich.

She is a 2002 graduate of Alcona High School and a 2010 graduate of Baker College with a degree in applied science and healthcare administration. She is employed with McLaren Health System.

The future groom is the son of Deanne and Kenneth Coan, Jr. of Gladwin, Mich.

He is a 2004 graduate of Gladwin High School and a 2010 graduate of Central Michigan University with a degree in marketing. He is employed at AT&T.

A June 2012 wedding is planned in Rochester Hills, Mich.



Jessica Boprie and Kenneth Coan.

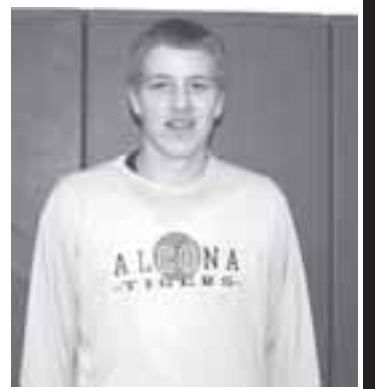
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Lake Sturgeon rehabilitation strategy available for public review

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has made the Draft Lake Sturgeon Rehabilitation Strategy for public comment.

Lake sturgeon are an important part of Michigan's biodiversity, as they are the largest and longest-living fish that swim in state waters.

Populations were decimated near the turn of the 20th century due to overfishing, water pollution and habitat loss. Although management actions taken in recent decades have resulted in the recovery of some populations, the species is protected and listed as threatened on the State of Michigan's Endangered Species List.

The Draft Lake Sturgeon Rehabilitation Strategy outlines the management goals, objectives and actions that can be taken to help recover

this species. The document is not intended to be a briefing of current knowledge about the species or a specific management plan which includes prescriptions about how each population can be enhanced.

Rather, this document includes a more holistic view of lake sturgeon management in Michigan and provides the guiding principles Fisheries Division will use in cooperation with its partners to recover this important species.

"Public review and comment are key steps to adopting a statewide rehabilitation strategy for lake sturgeon," said acting DNR Fisheries Division Chief Jim Dexter. "The comments we receive will be incorporated into the final document, which will ultimately guide our decision-making regarding manage-

ment activities associated with the continued recovery of this species."

The Draft Lake Sturgeon Rehabilitation Strategy is posted online at www.michigan.gov/fishpublicinput. Public comments will be received until January 23, 2012.

Written comments can be submitted through e-mail to DNR-FISH-Sturgeon@michigan.gov or through mail to: Sturgeon Rehabilitation Strategy Comments, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, 96 Grant Street, Charlevoix, Mich. 49720.

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Bowling Scores

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High handicap game: James Mead, 266.
 High handicap series: Frank Beliola, 705.

**Majors
January 7**

Hunters	147	93
Trappers	143.5	96.5
Than You	134	106
Umph	112.5	127.5
Kingpins	102.5	137.5
Swags	80.5	159.5

Boy's high game and series: Stephen Turpen, 200 and 514.
 Boy's high handicap game and series: Stephen Turpen, 256 and 682.
 Girl's high game and series: Megan Griffith, 201 and 492.
 Girl's high handicap game and series: Raegan Eller, 289 and 700.

**Minors
January 7**

Princesses	32	8
Busters	27.5	12.5
Deers	25.5	14.5
Crushers	21	19
Team 3	18.5	21.5
Breakers	14.5	25.5
Dew Drops	12	28
Vacant	9	31

Boy's high game and series: Jay Nordstrom, 161 and 299.
 Boy's high handicap game: Jay Nordstrom, 257.
 Boy's high handicap series: Jacob Tanner, 492.
 Girl's high game and series: Taylor Soback, 107 and 202.
 Girl's high handicap game and series: Hannah Tanner, 243 and 466.

Calendar of Events

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 2:30 p.m. No charge. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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The Alcona Book Club will meet from 12 to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Review. The selection for January is "The Lost Painting" by Jonathan Harr. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

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.

Digital download to your Kindle instruction from 9:15 to 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call, (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

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

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

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

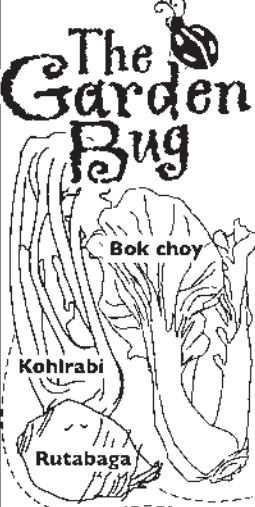
Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catho-

lic 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 "Food Safety". For more information, call Alpena MSU Ext. (989) 354-9879 or Alcona MSU Ext. (989) 724-6478.



A resolution good for all

Vegetables are full of vitamins, minerals and fiber, all crucial for healthy eating. In the coming year, resolve to add more to your diet by growing them in pots or your garden, or by patronizing local farmers' markets or buying co-ops. Find new recipes featuring veggies, and share and swap with friends and family.

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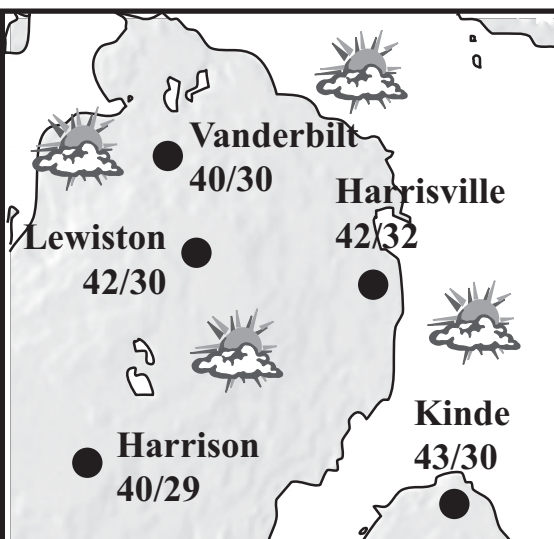
Alcona Review Weather Report

Jan. 11, 2012

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 42 Low: 32
	THURSDAY Snow Possible High: 33 Low: 21
	FRIDAY Cloudy High: 25 Low: 16
	SATURDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 26 Low: 20
	SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 27 Low: 18
	MONDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 25 Low: 13
	TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 26 Low: 10

Today's Regional Map




In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 42°, humidity of 81%. South wind 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 48° set in 1975. Expect cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 32°. South wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is -20° set in 1984. Thursday, skies will be cloudy with a 50% chance of snow.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	28	12	27/12	0.07"
Tuesday	18	2	27/12	0.06"
Wednesday	31	19	27/11	0.00"
Thursday	35	28	27/11	0.00"
Friday	51	28	27/11	0.00"
Saturday	34	25	26/11	0.01"
Sunday	35	21	26/11	0.00"


*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local UV Index



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

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 59° in Stockton, Md. The Southeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 81° in Hollywood, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 62° in Colville, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 70° in Thermal, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:12 a.m.	3:54 p.m.
Venus	10:04 a.m.	8:16 p.m.
Mars	10:18 p.m.	11:15 a.m.
Jupiter	12:21 p.m.	1:55 a.m.
Saturn	1:35 a.m.	12:30 p.m.
Uranus	11:14 a.m.	11:16 p.m.

Weather History

Jan. 11, 1972 - Downslope winds hit the eastern slopes of the Rockies in northern Colorado and southeastern Wyoming. Boulder, Colo. reported wind gusts to 143 mph and 25 million dollars in property damage.

Weather Trivia


What is vorticity?

?

Answer: The rate of spin of a parcel of air.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - 2012: A Big Year Ahead



The lineup of astronomical events for 2012 is about as good as it gets. Early in the year, January through March, Comet Garradd, C/2009 P1, may attain naked eye visibility from rural locales. Currently visible in the morning sky during January, by mid-February, Garradd will be observable all night, but best seen after midnight. One month later the comet will be well-placed throughout the night in the north between the cup of the Big Dipper and the North Star. Currently peak brightness is predicted for March, but binoculars will still be needed to spot Garradd from the suburbs. Mars is bright during March in the constellation of Leo the Lion, and on March 13, look for Venus and Jupiter to be only three degrees apart after sundown. The moon plays among these planets on February 25-26 and March 25-26. Venus passes through the Pleiades star cluster on April 3, and Saturn is bright in the spring sky during April and May. A sunset ringed solar eclipse passes from Crescent City, CA through mid-Texas on the evening of May 20. Dead center along its path is the Grand Canyon and Albuquerque, NM. Bryce Canyon, UT and Chaco Canyon, NM are also good locations. Not to be outdone is the transit of Venus across the sun's disk on June 5. Miss this one and you will have to hang around until 2117 or 2125. Yes, that is over 100 years. Meteor showers are also exceptional for 2012. The Lyrids (April 22), the Perseids (August 13), the Orionids (October 21), the Leonids (November 17), and the biggest display of them all, the Geminids (December 13) all fall on dates with minimal interference from the moon. It just does not get any better than 2012. All of these events are visible from the United States over your house if the skies are clear and you live in a suburban location, with the exception of the solar eclipse. If you have ever wanted to get involved in astronomy, 2012 is the year. www.astronomy.org

TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

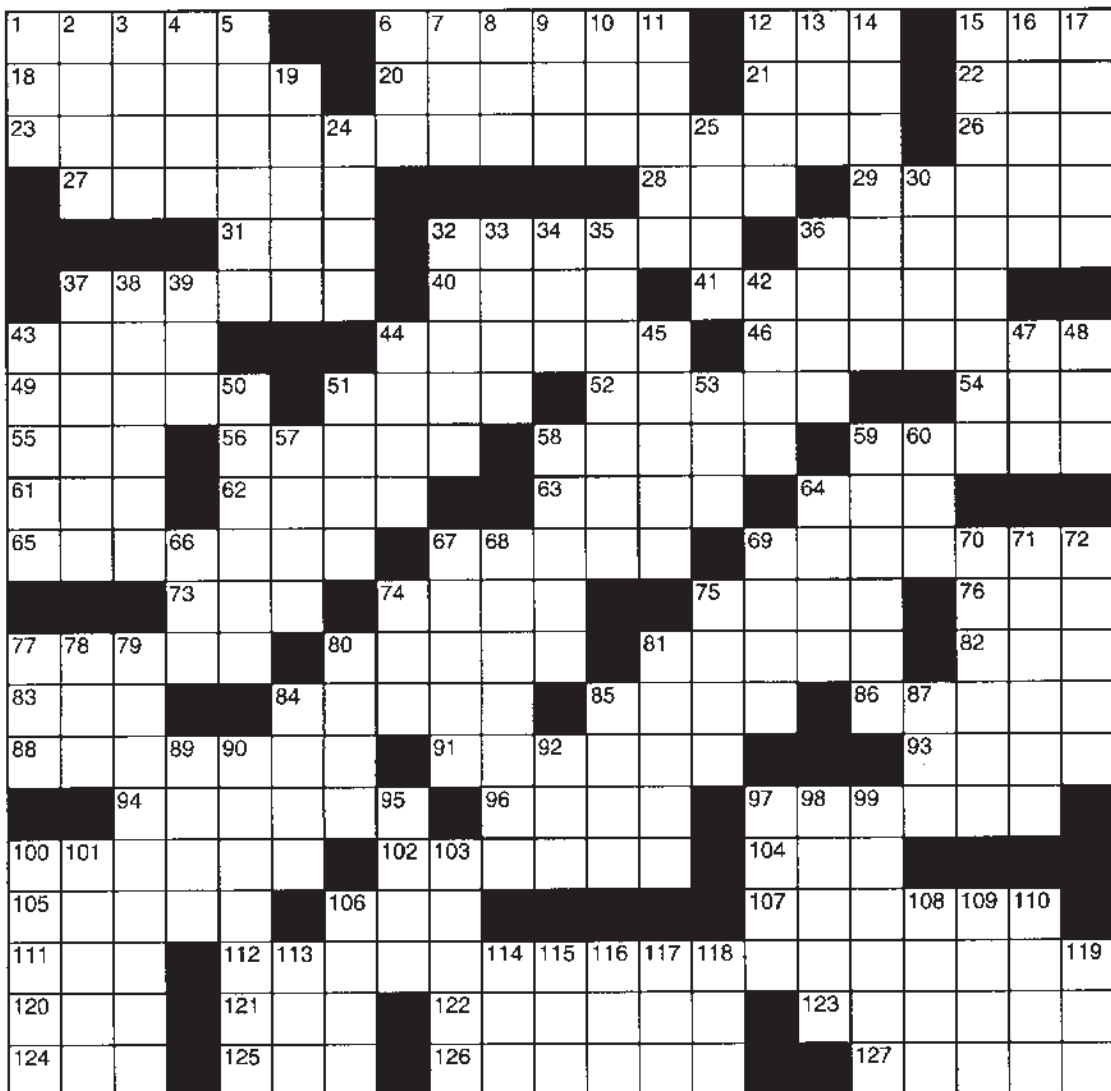
- 1. ENTERTAINERS:** Which actor's birth name was Ramon Estevez?
- 2. MUSIC:** What was the name of Smokey Robinson's group?
- 3. INVENTIONS:** Who is credited with inventing bifocal lenses?
- 4. PSYCHOLOGY:** What irrational fear is manifested in peniaphobia?
- 5. LITERATURE:** In which of Shakespeare's plays does the character Shylock appear?
- 6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** During which war did Harry Truman fire Gen. Douglas MacArthur?
- 7. HISTORY:** When did Australia become a commonwealth nation, largely gaining independence from Britain?
- 8. ANATOMY:** About how long are the intestines in an adult male?
- 9. FAMOUS QUOTES:** What American psychologist/philosopher once said: "Act as if what you do makes a difference. It does.?"
- 10. MEASUREMENTS:** Which month is named for the Roman festival of ritual purification?

Answers: 1. Martin Sheen; 2. The Miracles; 3. Ben Franklin; 4. A fear of poverty; 5. "The Merchant of Venice"; 6. Korean; 7. 1901; 8. About 28 feet; 9. William James; 10. February (Februa) (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

BRIEFLY STATED

Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 55 Animated Olive | 91 Wilbert Harrison hit | 3 To — (perfectly) | 42 Sacred image | 79 Johnny Horton hit |
| 1 Roofing material | 56 Proofreader's mark | 93 Doesn't come clean | 4 Petite pooches | 43 That's the spirit | 80 WWII unit |
| 6 Litigates | 58 Word with tea or pepper | 94 Daze | 5 Builds | 44 Make tea | 81 Dock of the bay |
| 12 Director Peckinpah | 59 Get more magazines | 96 — Haven, CT | 6 Paid player | 45 Worth or Papas | 84 Put the whammy on |
| 15 Bull's babe | 61 Jack of "Flower Drum Song" | 97 Exhausted | 7 Actor Ayres | 47 Prior to, to Prior | 85 Galileo's birthplace |
| 18 Florida eleven | 62 Be — unto oneself | 100 Enigmatic sort | 8 Musical sensitivity | 48 Damp and chilly | 87 Heidi's hangout |
| 20 40th president | 63 Tear to bits | 102 Lost | 9 Past | 49 Cleaned a carp | 89 Racer Luyendyk |
| 21 Baudelaire's buddy | 64 Marry | 104 Essen exclamation | 10 Wagner's "—" | 51 Schwarzenegger's birthplace | 90 Nocturnal visitor |
| 22 Nabokov novel | 65 Patti Page hit | 105 Couldn't stand | 11 Look like Hook? | 53 Cabernet color | 92 Subway unit |
| 23 Mitch Miller hit | 67 Scold | 106 First zoo? | 12 Cash stash | 57 Voice type | 95 Merit |
| 26 "Agnus —" | 69 Andrews Sisters hit | 107 Concerto — | 13 Qty. | 58 It's run of the mill? | 97 It's a long story |
| 27 Throw a line to | 73 Tenor Slezak | 111 Bachelor's last words | 14 Blend | 59 Nullify | 98 Caustic |
| 28 She's a sheep date | 74 Corporate VIP | 112 Gladys Knight hit | 15 Mamas & Papas hit | 60 Tokyo, once | 99 Conversation pieces? |
| 29 Bakery display | 75 Burlap fiber | 120 New Deal agcy. | 16 "Golden Boy" dramatist | 64 Power unit | 100 Gleam |
| 31 — Aviv | 76 Word on a pump | 121 — later date | 17 Dress part | 66 Wayfarer's whistle | 101 Clerical title |
| 32 Blazing | 77 Supped in style | 122 Used a ewer | 19 Turns about | 67 Stream | 103 Excludes |
| 36 Most mammoth | 80 Pasta ingredient | 123 Through the nose | 24 Portrait painter Peter | 68 Earphones | 106 Smith or Sandler |
| 37 Elegant | 81 Government group | 124 Cartoon cry | 25 Is in debt | 69 Propel with a pole | 108 ER exclamation |
| 40 Pebbles' papa | 82 Winter hazard | 125 — de guerre | 30 Taj town | 70 Entertainer Kazan | 109 Painful |
| 41 — Leone | 83 TV's "Scooby- —" | 126 Beethoven's "Moonlight —" | 32 G-sharp's keymate | 71 Played soccer | 110 Eye appreciatively |
| 43 Black and white | 84 Too experienced | 127 Dutch artist Jan | 33 Chow | 72 Zones | 113 Robert of "Quincy, M.E." |
| 44 Bing Crosby hit | 85 Flip | DOWN | 34 Creepy Christopher | 73 Third degree? | 114 Sticky stuff |
| 46 Service member? | 86 Sri — | 1 Cpl.'s superior | 35 Stuck fast | 74 Panel of peers | 115 Savage sort |
| 49 Tilden's opponent | 88 Land mass | 2 Bolger/Haley co-star | 36 Munich mister | 75 SHAEF commander | 116 La-la lead-in |
| 51 Seize | | | 37 Kindergarten item | 77 Letters of credit? | 117 Asian holiday |
| 52 Slip of the tongue | | | 38 Defeat | | 118 Nutritional abbr. |
| 54 Tax shelter | | | 39 Affirmative vote | | 119 Writer Rand |



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STRANGE BUT TRUE
by Samantha Weaver

• During this election season, it might be good to keep in mind the following sage observation, made beloved humorist Will Rogers: "The American people are generous and will forgive almost any weakness with the exception of stupidity."

• Mountain goats aren't actually goats; they're antelopes.

• Those who study such things say that a mosquito flaps its wings 1,000 times every second.

• If you've ever been to London — or if you've seen a movie that was set there — you might remember the iconic black taxicabs that are ubiquitous in that city; the high roofs set them apart from other vehicles on the streets. The headroom offered did once serve a purpose. When the cars were originally designed, top hats were still de rigueur for a properly dressed gentleman, and the high roofs allowed a man so attired to enter and leave the vehicle without knocking off his hat.

• You might be surprised to learn that some ants can live more than 15 years.

• Yes, there's a name for it. The next time you're opening a bottle of wine, take a moment to consider the spiral part that is inserted into the cork: It's known as a worm.

• Washington is the only U.S. state named for a president.

• Celebrated 19th-century French poet Arthur Rimbaud wrote for only a few short years in his late teens. Despite critical success, he gave up writing when he was 20 years old and spent the rest of his life as a soldier and a merchant.

• In medieval Japan, dentists removed patients' teeth with their bare hands.

Thought for the Day: "Television news is like a lightning flash. It makes a loud noise, lights up everything around it, leaves everything else in darkness and then is suddenly gone." — Hodding Carter

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MOMENTS IN TIME
The History Channel

• On Jan. 28, 1855, the Panama Railway, which carried thousands of unruly miners to California via the dense jungles of Central America, dispatches its first train across the Isthmus of Panama. The track went through Panamanian jungle roughly along the route followed by the present-day canal.

• On Jan. 24, 1908, the Boy Scouts movement begins in England with the publication of the first installment of Robert Baden-Powell's Scouting for Boys. In September 1909, 10,000 Scouts showed up at the first national Boy Scout meeting in London.

• On Jan. 27, 1926, John Logie Baird, a Scottish inventor, gives the first public demonstration of a true television system in London. The "televisor" used mechanical rotating disks to scan moving images into electronic impulses, which were transmitted by cable to a screen.

• On Jan. 29, 1936, the U.S. Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., elects its first members: Ty Cobb, Babe Ruth, Honus Wagner, Christy Matthewson and Walter Johnson. The Hall of Fame has elected 296 individuals in all.

• On Jan. 23, 1968, the U.S. intelligence-gathering ship Pueblo is seized by the North Korean navy and charged with spying and violating territorial waters. Negotiations to free the 83-man crew of the U.S. ship took nearly a year. The crewmen reported horrific treatment at the hands of the North Koreans.

• On Jan. 26, 1979, "The Dukes of Hazard," a television comedy about two good-old boys in the rural South and their souped-up 1969 Dodge Charger known as General Lee, debuts on CBS. The show was known for its car chases, stunts and General Lee, which had an orange paint job and a Confederate flag across its roof.

• On Jan. 25, 1980, on arrival at Tokyo's Narita International Airport, Beatle Paul McCartney is found to be carrying nearly half a pound of marijuana in his baggage — an amount he assured Japanese authorities was intended solely for his personal use. Facing a seven-year prison sentence, McCartney was instead released and quickly deported from Japan.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Tuesday, Jan. 3 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, Healy, Lask, Naylor, Somers and Stutzman. Attorney Cook was absent.

The minutes of the December 2011 meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Somers. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy. Treasurer Kossa stated that she feels we finished the year in good shape. She stated that she sent a registered letter to the Alcona County Treasurer regarding a decision to turn down the offer for turning the old grainery property over to the village. Following discussion at the December meeting, council members decided they do not want to be responsible for the property reverting back to the village.

Fire chief Leroy Hall gave an update on the fire department. He stated that things have been busy within regular fire and first responder runs but otherwise things have been quiet. President Jordan asked for completed reports regarding the number of runs for the department and also for purposes of sending out fire contracts to the townships. He stated that they are currently working on a small grant and they will work with treasurer Kossa to purchase items.

In public comment time Connie Stutzman stated that the next planning and zoning meeting will take place on January 12 with

Gustin Township joining our group.

One bid was received for removal of snow on the sidewalks along both sides of Second Street and Traverse Bay State Road. The bid was from Stout's Lawn Service of Barton City. He proposed \$500 for up to six inches of snowfall and \$80 for each additional inch (this is for each event/snowfall). A discussion was held on what can be used for snowmelt. Ron Stout stated that he would be happy to spread calcium chloride to aid in the process if necessary. Dick expressed concern about nicking the curb while attempting to plow snow that was pushed onto the street from the sidewalks. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Healy, to accept the bid from Stout's Lawn Service for cleaning the sidewalks. Motion carried. President Jordan stated that Dick and Ron will have to work together and fine tune the process. Council members agreed that this is a new situation and we do not know what to expect.

In old business, Somers stated that he has been working on the fuel tanks for the dump truck. He stated that he needs a part for the dump truck however, he is not sure if he can find a replacement given the fact that it is so old. The heater in the pickup is not working properly, he will see about getting it fixed. Healy stated that she has a coupon for 25 percent off lights from Bronners that is good through February. She will bring information to the budget meeting next week. Gauthier offered to work with Healy on finding more lights for next season. In new business Gauthier asked about people driving over the curbs and she is concerned about

breaking down the new concrete. Jordan will talk with the persons involved and try to resolve the issue. Somers stated that there are a lot of people using the roadway to park personal vehicles and it is impeding his attempts to remove snow. Although there is an old ordinance on the books that prohibits such parking, signs would need to be posted in order for it to be enforced stated current planning chairperson Connie Stutzman. President Jordan stated that he is against banning parking on village streets for that purpose and believes more can be accomplished if he and Somers speak to the individuals involved. (Somers asked to be excused from the meeting at 8 p.m.)

President Jordan gave his report. He stated that the Christmas lights on the poles have been turned off. However, the lights on the pear trees will remain on until at least the spring, possibly longer. Dave and Joe James have been working to resolve the issue with dimming of the street lights that was to have occurred when the new lights were installed. He would like to purchase mulch to pack around the new trees per a recommendation from Huron View Tree Farms owners - from where the pear trees were purchased. A motion was made by Lask, with support from Gauthier, to purchase the mulch. Motion carried.

A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Gauthier with support from Lask. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman. Carried.

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

LEGAL NOTICES

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by Laura M. Kern-Vasquez and Benjamin Vasquez as mortgagors, to Wanigas Credit Union (f/k/a Wanigas Federal

Credit Union) as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated August 24, 2007, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on August 31, 2007, in Liber 445 at pages 716-727, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$55,110.57, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the Statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012, at 10

a.m., on the front steps of the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the County of Alcona where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 9.125 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

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The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: January 2, 2012 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662) Attorney for Mortgagee 903 N. Jackson Street Bay City, MI 48708 (989) 893-9511 1-11, 1-18, 1-25, 2-1

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Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by James S. Duetsch and Betty J. Duetsch as mortgagors, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated April 24, 2007, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on May 21, 2007, in Liber 441 at pages 1,472-1,491, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$65,780, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, Feb. 29, 2012 at 10 a.m., on the front steps of the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street in the City of

Harrisville, county of Alcona, that being the place for holding circuit court for the county of Alcona where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 5.750 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the township of Mitchell, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: T28N, R5E, Section 33, W 720 feet of N 700 feet of the NE 1/4.

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

Dated: December 19, 2011
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)

Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511
1-4, 1-11, 1-18, 1-25

Order for Service By Publication Posting and Notice of Action

State of Michigan,
Judicial District,
23 Judicial Circuit
James Scott, individually, and James Scott, as next friend of, Mariah Scott, a minor v. Shain Karsen, Aaron Lee Fowler, Wade Oliver, Haley Oliver, QBE Insurance Company, The Assigned Claims Facility, Property and Casualty Insurance Company of Hartford

Case No. 11-1795 NO
Skupin & Lucas, P.C.
Attorney for Plaintiffs
By: Charles G. Skupin (29282)
155 W. Congress, Ste. 350
Detroit, MI 48226
(313) 961-0425

TO: Shain Karsen
Plaintiff, James Scott, individually, and James Scott, as next friend of, Mariah Scott, a minor in this court, to recover for personal injuries arising out of an auto accident occurring on October 24, 2010. Upon consideration of the verified motion of plaintiff, and the affidavit in support thereof attesting to the fact that the defendant in this action cannot be personally served with a summons and a copy of the complaint herein, and it ap-

pearing that defendant, Shain Karsen has a last known address is 1288 N. McConnell Road, Lincoln, MI 48742, and plaintiff having attempted service; and it appearing that personal service of the summons and complaint in this action cannot be made in a manner reasonable calculated to give defendant notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard:

It is hereby ordered that a true copy of the summons and complaint and order of substituted service at defendant's last known address, or by personally serving a person of suitable age at the last known address and discretion informing that person of the nature of the process served.

It is further ordered that a copy of this order, summons and complaint be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and also regular first-class United States mail and by posting a copy of the above pleadings at defendant's usual place of abode or business address and/or 1288 N. McConnell Road, Lincoln, MI 48742. It is further ordered that notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper in Alcona County once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.

Date: December 28, 2011
Judge: /s/ Ronald M. Bergeron
12-28, 1-4, 1-11

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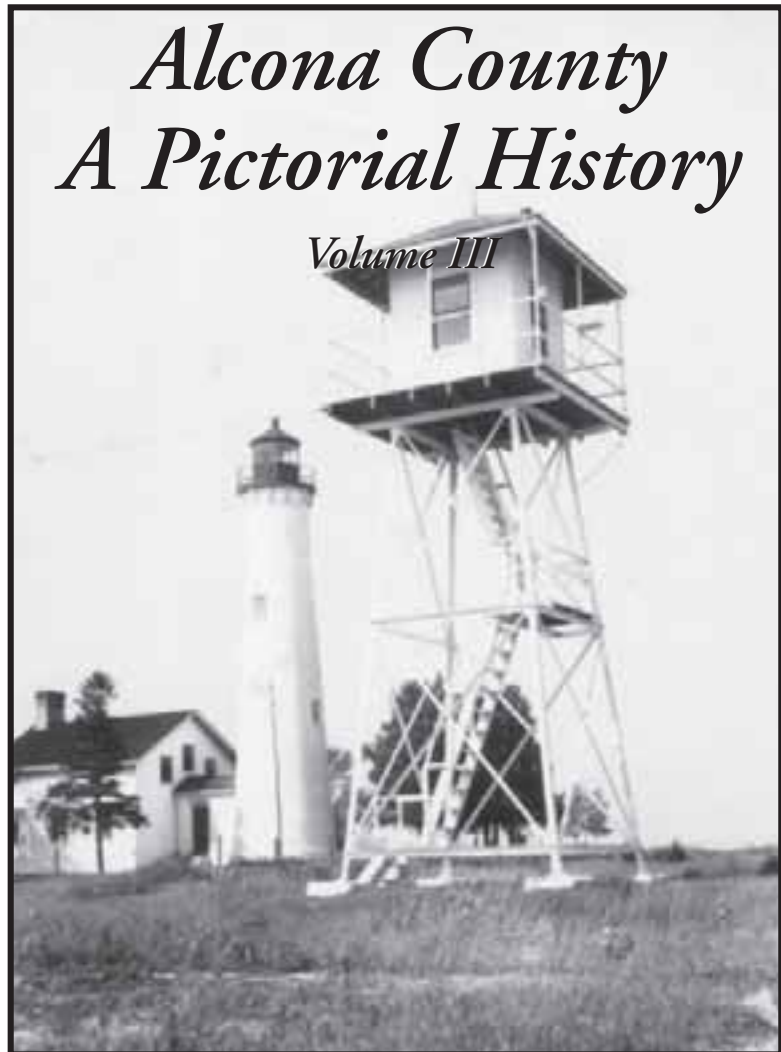
To: Aaron Lee Fowler
Plaintiff, James Scott Individually and James Scott as next friend of Mariah Scott, a minor in this court, to recover for personal injuries arising out of an auto accident occurring on October 24, 2010. Upon consideration of the verified mo-

tion of plaintiff, and the affidavit in support thereof attesting to the fact that the defendant in this action cannot be personally served with a summons and a copy of the complaint herein, and it appearing that defendant, Aaron Lee Fowler has a last known address is 808 S. McConnell Road, Harrisville, MI 48740, and plaintiff having attempted service; and it appearing that personal service of the summons and complaint in this action cannot be made in a manner reasonable calculated to give defendant notice of the proceedings and an opportunity to be heard:

It is hereby ordered that a copy of this order, summons and complaint be sent by first-class United States mail and by posting a copy of the above pleadings at defendant's usual place of abode or business address and/or 808 S. McConnell Road, Harrisville, MI 48740.

It is further ordered that notice of this action shall be published in a newspaper in Alcona County once a week for three (3) consecutive weeks.
Date: December 28, 2011
Judge: /s/ Ronald M. Bergeron
12-26, 1-4, 1-11

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