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Judge declares mistrial rape

By Cheryl Peterson Editor

After three days of witness testimony and 13 hours of jury deliberations, no verdict was rendered in the rape trial for Nicholas Dibattista-Costello on Tuesday.

Dibattista-Costello, 22, of Harrisville was arrested January 16 and charged with four counts of criminal sexual conduct (CSC), first degree. He has been lodged in the Alcona County Jail since his arrest.

The trial began in 23rd Circuit Court in Harrisville on Tuesday, June 26 after a seven-woman and six-man jury was seated (including an alternate juror). Witnesses gave testimony and evidence was entered into the court record Tuesday afternoon through noon on Friday, June 29 when the jury went into deliberations. After not reaching a verdict by 7 p.m. Friday,

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Curtis Township Fire Chief John and Kay Roberts were the grand marshalls in the Glennie Fourth of July parade Wednesday. Photos by Cheryl Peterson.



Roy Champagne was the grand marshall in the Barton City Fourth of July Parade Wednesday. For more photos, see pages 12 and 13.

Art retreat planned to increase tourism

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

What began as an assignment during an Michigan State University Extension Leadership class has evolved into an art and music retreat to bring tourism to Alcona County this summer and for years to come.

Laura Frawley, a student in the leadership class, explained the class was based on Dave Ivan's "Pillars of a

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Thriving Community." The class was divided into two teams. "Our team was tasked with creating a pillar called 'Enhancing the Quality of Place.' We talked as a group about what Alcona County has to offer and what makes us unique," Frawley said.

Ivan's Pillars describes thriving communities as having a definite sense of who they are, a definite uniqueness and they have an individuality about them that draws people to their area which keeps it solvent, even during bad economic times.

Each student put together a project and pitched it to their respective group. They then decided on what project they wanted to go forward with.

Judy MacNeill, who was also in the class said, "Our area is unique, because of its natural beauty. Almost anywhere you go is a picture que spot and has something that can inspire people. It's because of all our natural beauty we have a large number of artists, both visual and musical, that have chosen to live here."

The group decided they could capitalize on enhancing the quality of place by bringing new interests to the community. They agreed to do this by inviting other musicians and artists to visit the area to learn, work and become inspired through a series of retreat workshops.

Thus, with a lot of discussion, planning and work, Inspiration Alcona, Inc. was formed last winter and plans for Alcona Arts Retreat began immediately for fall 2012.

'We are starting small with just one retreat scheduled for September 6 through September 9, Frawley said. The group has more long term visions planned for the future with multiple year 'round workshops around the county. It hopes to develop a reputation for Alcona County to be a destination place for artists and musicians to study and become inspired.

Their hope is for Alcona County to be a community that embraces creativity and innovation so in the long term will draw entrepreneurs to the area.

"We want to celebrate what

we already have here naturally," MacNeill said. "We are not trying to become another Traverse City."

'That was key in our planning. Our history plays an important part in Alcona County of who we are. We want to enhance the economic base without losing the nature of who we are, Frawley said.

In an effort to explain the project in detail, a meeting will be held for merchants and business owners of the area on Thursday, Aug. 2 at 7 p.m. (a location will be announced later).

"We hope the community not only understands what our project is about, but embraces it to the point where they talk to their friends and customers and really get everyone on board and excited. We want to make sure the community welcomes participants and instructors with open arms and makes our guests feel very comfortable.

"If we do that, these folks may want to come back again and visit more, and they may

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Watkins announces candidacy for sheriff position

Carl Watkins, of Harrisville, is running on the Republican ballot for the position of Alcona County

He is challenging the incumbent sheriff in the August 7 primary election.

Watkins has had over 40 years of law enforcement experience -- 38 of which have been in command positions. They include: Commander of the Detroit Police Department, chief of police in Eaton Rapids, Mich. and chief of police in Northfield Township, Mich.

Watkins has degrees in police administration and public law.



Carl Watkins

Watkins and his wife, Barbara, have always enjoyed the Alcona County area where they often vacationed before purchasing a home in Harrisville.

Watkins said he strongly believes in public service, and after having volunteered in numerous service clubs elsewhere, is now a member of the Harrisville Lions Club and is the chaplain of the American Legion, Mikado Post.

In 2000, Watkins received the Michigan Department American Legion Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Award for his many public service efforts.

Watkins said he has always had a friendly and approachable manner when dealing with the public. He believes that the sheriff should be available and responsive to the public concerns, no matter how small, professing a hands-on approach.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

Has Jim Gagnier left town? If so, what a shame. His articles were articulate, thought-provoking and humorous. It was refreshing to read something written with an understanding of subjects other than what appeals to "red ribbon" Main Street.

I am certain Gagnier has seen some of the world other than the cozy nest of Harrisville. Some of your readers enjoy a little deeper insight

versus the drivel offered by our resident opinionated weekly contributor.

Let's get Jim back and get a breath of fresh air.

> Bea Jay Paxton Harrisville

(Editor's Note: Jim Gagnier is a free-lance columnist. As such his columns are considered for publication when he submits them to the Review. He has not sent in an article in several months.)

To The Editor,

Republicans confuse me. A long, long time ago I took and passed an American government class at Alcona High School.

At that time I was taught that our government was made up of three equal branches: 1. Executive (president elected by the people); 2. Legislative (House and Senate elected by the people); and 3. Judicial (Supreme Court nominated by the president and confirmed by the senate).

This is where I am confused. Our government recently passed an affordable care act. It was passed by the Senate and House (legislative), signed by the president (executive) and confirmed by the Judicial (Supreme Court). I thought that was all that was required according to our Constitution, but the Republicans want to change it because some of them don't like

Apparently now our American government is made up of four branches: 1. Executive; 2. Legislative; 3. Judicial; and 4. Republican.

My how times have changed. I sure hope I don't have to go back to Alcona High School and take a refresher course in American

> Don Franklin Harrisville

government.

Police Report

Mark Austin Ames, 27, of Spruce was arrested June 25 on charges of home invasion, second degree and safe breaking, according to a press release from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department. His arrest came approximately one year after the investigation began into the incident which occurred at a residence outside of Lincoln on July 14, 2011. According to the sheriff's department, approximately \$36,488 in damages and stolen property was reported in the alleged breaking and

DNA evidence was collected from the scene and submitted to the Michigan State Police Crime Lab in Grayling, Mich. for possible identification. Ames was arrested following the recent receipt of the DNA results, according to Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison. Ames was arraigned in 81st District Court on June 26 where bond was denied. He is lodged in the Alcona County Jail.

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Obituaries

William M. Williams

William "Bill" M. Williams. 86, of Harrisville died on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at the Alpena Regional Medical

He was born July 11, 1925 to Roy and Linna (Freer) Williams in Standish, Mich. He moved to Lincoln at age 17, and has been a resident of Alcona County for most of his life.

He served in the United States Coast Guard during World War II.

On September 29, 1945, he married Norma Ranger in Harrisville.

Mr. Williams worked for the Alcona County Road Commission, retiring as a foreman after 38 years.

He was a member of the American Legion Mikado Post No. 254 and was a founding member of the Friends of the Lincoln Depot. He was an avid hunter and fisherman and enjoyed watching the Detroit Tigers play.

Mr. Williams is survived by his wife, Norma; two sons, William "Nick" (Sandy) Williams of Spruce and Dennis Williams of Harrisville; four grandchildren; five greatgrandchildren; two sisters, Linna Meese of Lansing, Mich. and Nellie (Karen) Valley of Alpena; four brothers,

Joe Williams of Lake, Mich.. Jack (Leora) Williams of Kentucky, Leonard "Bud" (Sheila) Williams of Midland, Mich. and Dick (Peggy)Williams of Spruce.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, David Williams; and three brothers, Harvey, Ray and Roy Will-

A graveside service was held June 30, 2012 at St. Anne Catholic Cemetery, Harrisville. The Rev. Bob Bissot officiated.

Arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Hazen James Hamather

Hazen James "Jim" Hamather, 76, of Harrisville and Mikado, died at home on Tuesday, July 3, 2012, after a two and a half year bout with cancer.

He was born April 22, 1936 in Saginaw, Mich. to Hazen Roy and Clyta (Kerr) Hamather. He was raised in Saginaw, Mich. and Point Lookout, Mich. He graduated from Arthur Hill High School in 1955.

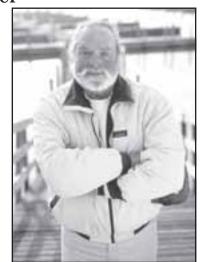
He enlisted in the U.S. Army, served at Fort Knox, Ky. and Okinawa, Japan before returning home to study accounting at Saginaw Business Institute. He was employed in wholesale forest products - wood treating trade throughout Michigan, Indiana and the South for 29

He married Mary Ann Forster, May 19, 1959 at St.

Andrew Catholic Church in Saginaw, Mich.

They moved to Harrisville in 1987. The following year he was hired by the City of Harrisville as harbor master, a job he loved and served well for 21 years.

Mr. Hamather is survived by his wife, Mary; four sons, Michael (Amy Vescio) Hamather of Zionsville, Ind., Patrick (Kim) Hamather of Carmel, Ind., Gregory (Jeanie) Hamather of Indianapolis, Ind. and Conrad (Raphael) Hamather of Chicago, Ill.; one daughter, Jamie (John) Carter of Lewisville, Ill.; nine grandchildren; one brother, Malcolm "Mac" Hamather of Saginaw, Mich.; one sister, Helen Hamather Kanaly of Saginaw, Mich.; three sisters-in-law, Jane Forster Gnotek (Mary's twin) and Joan Gregson, both of Sagi-



naw, Mich. and Janet Forster of Bellefontain, Ohio; and his springer spaniel, Miss Molly.

No funeral is planned. The family and close friends will gather in late summer to share memories.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2011-2012

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	Temperat	ure (F°)	Precipitation	Av. Wind	High	Dominant	
<u>Date</u>	<u>High</u>	Low	<u>Inches</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Speed</u>	<u>Direction</u>	
June 24	68	59	0.07	1.8	13	SW	
June 25	70	56	0.00	6.8	24	NNE	
June 26	82	56	0.00	2.6	20	N	
June 27	77	56	0.00	3.6	20	SSW	
June 28	82	63	0.00	2.1	18	SSW	
June 29	91	63	0.00	1.8	21	WNW	
June 30	90	64	0.00	2.5	18	W	

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	<u>2012</u>	<u>2011</u>	<u>Normal</u>
Weekly Total	0.07	0.19	0.63
June to Date	2.83	4.44	2.53
Year/Season to Date	12.15	17.70	12.74

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.)

THURSDAY, JULY 5

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) 736-8022 for more information.

Two computers and WIFI will be available for seniors over 60 for use at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. at noon. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

A free Zumba dance class will be held in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., at noon. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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

Storytime for children with Mary Beth McCormack from 12 to 12:30 p.m. at the Caledonia branch of the Alcona County Library. For more information, call (989) 727-3105.

Storytime and craft for children from 1 to 2 p.m. at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library. For more information, call (989) 736-3388.

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.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

Blue Water Ramblers from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at Lumberman's Monument: Banjo-Jim, Bear and Tom sing of the shanty boys and the sailors that carried Michigan lumber to market. The Blue Water Ramblers' repertoire comes right out of our Michigan life experiences and the history of the Great Lakes region. It includes lake shanties, lumberman ballads, and Michigan humor. These combine into a versatile collection to the delight and entertainment of their audiences.

Lumberman's Monument is located in the Huron-Manistee National Forest, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Rd., at the junction with Monument Rd. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

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Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Popcorn and a movie at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., at 2 p.m. 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.

There will be a fish fry at the Mikado American Legion Post, 254 Alger St., from 5 to 7 p.m. Menu includes, Pollock, steak fries, veggies, coleslaw, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children age six to 12, five and under eat for free.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

The ARA Farm Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the fairgrounds in Lincoln (across from Kris Mart). For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Harrisville celebrates the Fourth of July all day starting with the 36th annual Children's Parade at 1 p.m. through downtown Harrisville and north on Lake Street. Children dress up, decorate their bikes and pets in patriotic style. Lineup starts at 12:30 p.m. at Richard's Pharmacy (Main Street). Participants will end up at the Harrisville VFW Post No. 6466 where members will provide refreshments.

Flying Aces Professional Frisbee Dog Show at the Harrisville Harbor at 2 p.m. Brian Hayes, founder of the Flying Aces will take the audience through the history of Frisbees, an overview of dog training, followed by a Frisbee contest for kids with autographed Flying Aces Frisbees for the winners.

The Harrisville Lions Club Annual Duck Race begins at 4 p.m.. Plastic numbered ducks are raced down Mill Creek to the Harrisville Harbor. Owners of the first ducks across the finish line win prizes.

Local DJ Rex Manning will play patriotic music at the harbor starting at 7 p.m. and fireworks will begin at dusk over the Harrisville Harbor. (In case of inclement weather, the fireworks will be on Sunday, July 8.)

Sixty crafters will have booths at the annual Craftmakers' Cabin Craft Show. The cabin is located at the intersection of US-23 and M-72 in Harrisville. Contact Trudy Bohlinger (989) 739-9059 or Mary Solderholm (231) 450-0901 for more information.

Blue Water Ramblers Encore Presentation from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at Lumberman's Monument: Banjo-Jim, Bear and Tom sing of the shanty boys and the sailors that carried Michigan lumber to market. Lumberman's Monument is located in the Huron-Manistee National Forest, 15 miles west of Oscoda on River Rd., at the junction with Monument Rd. For more information, call (989) 362-8961

Mill River Days at Brush Creek Mill, 121 State St., Hillman. There will be an arts and craft show from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., a bridge walk at noon and a free concert from 7 to 11 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs, refreshments will be available. For more information, call (989) 742-2527.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

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Harrisville Lions Club Community Barbeque Dinner Wednesday, July 18th 4-7 p.m.

Featuring a barbecued pork dinner, ice cream social and art show Children's Meal Available (12 & Under) \$2.50

Sunrise Side Mine & Food Festival

Saturday, July 21 Noon to 6 p.m.

Sample Michigan's finest wines and delectable cuisine prepared by local chefs.

A little music and an Art Show round out the day.

More information, please visit alconacountycc.com.

All Events At The Harbor In Harrisville, Michigan

NOTICE

The Greenbush Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall.

Patrica McNeely Soechtig is requesting a variance on renting property zoned R-1.

Pamela Milwrick

Greenbush Township ZBA







Correction

Last week's August primary election story incorrectly stated that Betty Bonner and Angela Sweet were running for Curtis Township trustee positions. They are running for the Curtis Township treasurer position. The Review apologizes for this error and any inconveniences it may have caused.

Items Needed

My Brother's Hope is in need of men's clothing and clothes and diapers (all sizes) for children and babies. There is a continuing need for personal care items and cleaning products. Donations may be taken anytime to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All donations are greatly needed and appreciated.

Acting Up Theatre

All ages will enjoy this year's Acting Up Theatre production, "Dream, Big Bear....Read!" on Monday, July 9 at 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This highenergy, original, comedic show has colorful characters, lively songs, and audience participation and stresses the importance of reading and friendship. For more information, call (989) 724-6796. This activity is supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Region 19 — Kirtland Community College Foundation.

Yoga with Laura Matchett

Harrisville yoga instructor Laura Matchett will lead a class in yoga poses and techniques at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Tuesday, July 10 from 7 to 8 p.m. All ages and fitness levels welcome. Wear comfortable clothing and bring a mat or towel (bare feet preferred). No registration necessary; call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

See the Tigers Play

Join Alcona County Michigan State University Extension 4-H Program Instructor Les Thomas, for the 13th annual Detroit Daytrip on Wednesday, July 18. The day will begin with a three-

hour visit to the historic Henry Ford Museum where participants can explore an interactive history of the United States. From there the bus will travel to Comerica Park where they can watch from the mezzanine as the Tigers take on the Los Angeles Angels. Bring a camera and a pen in order to get photos or autographs of the players before the game.

All youths must be accompanied by an adult. The cost is \$30 for youths and \$40 for adults, and registration ends July 9. Space is limited. Contact MSU Extension at (989) 724-6478, or e-mail zeimendi@anr.-msu.edu for more information. Participants do not need to be 4-H members to attend.

Spaces Available

The Harrisville Arts Council is offering a limited number of spaces for non-profit groups in the 2012 Arts and Crafts Festival. This is open to groups that sell raffle tickets, provide information or have a product they would like to promote or sell. All requests must be in by July 31. Spaces will be filled on a first come basis. Call (989) 724-7197 and leave a message or e-mail to harrisvilleartscouncil@gmail.com.

New Arrival

Sophia Mae Rice is the new daughter of Erika Smith and Kiel Rice of Grand Rapids, Mich. She was born on Monday, June 25, 2012 at Spectrum Hospital, Grand Rapids, Mich. She weighed five pounds, 10.7 ounces and was 18.5 inches long. She is the granddaughter of Chuck and Krisha Smith and Kim Rice and Jill Rice, all of Harrisville.

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, July 9—Cabbage rolls, red parsley potatoes, peas, orange pineapple

• Tuesday, July 10—Barbecued pork on a bun, baked beans, was beans, coleslaw and fruit.

• Wednesday, July 11— Turkey and stuffing, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, cranberry sauce and fruited pie.

• Thursday, July 12—Country steak with gravy, mashed potatoes, sugar snap peas, tossed salad and fruit.

• Friday, July 13—Chicken and dumplings, carrots, three bean salad and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

ARA Farm Market

The ARA Farm Market, where everything is locally grown, locally created, and locally produced in Alcona County, will be open Saturday, June 30 from 10 a.m. 1 p.m. in the Campbell Building at the ARA site across from Kris Mart in Lincoln. Available this week: Potatoes, garlic, onions, sugar snap peas, cucumbers, zucchini, tomatoes, garlic scapes, kale, spinach, Swiss chard, cilantro, arugula, romaine and leaf lettuces, eggs, herb plants and herb gardens, assorted baked goods, grassfed and grain-fed beef, assorted jams and jellies, soup and salsa mixes, baked goods and pancake mixes, dried herbs, dip and dressing mixes and seasonings, dried fruit, handmade soaps, homemade laundry detergent, rag rugs, tatted jewelry, lace, doilies and bookmarks, handmade bags and greeting cards, perennial and annual flowers, patio pots, cleome plants, wooden items and live chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys, rabbits and pet birds. For more information, call (989) 724-5077.

Mikado Days Celebration

Mikado Days will be held on Saturday, July 14. The 5-K walk or run for melanoma will start at 7 a.m. at the Mikado Civic Center. The parade line-up will start at 10 a.m. at Tait Road. The parade will begin at 11 a.m. At noon there will be a Car Cruze by Bob and Jackie Reed, food sales by Lincoln Chapter No. 184 OES, the Masonic Lodge from Lincoln will be doing child identifications, children's races, a spacewalk bouncie and games, Wilderness Jim Miller and the dunk tank. The horse shoe tournament starts at 1 p.m. (Registration will be at the pavilion located east of the Mikado Civic Center). At 2 p.m. the 1860 era baseball game between the Mikado **Clubbers and Midland River** Hogs will start. There will be two bleachers placed at the ball field. After the ball game there will be a Jaws-of-Life demonstration and at 4 p.m. the drawing for the raffle.

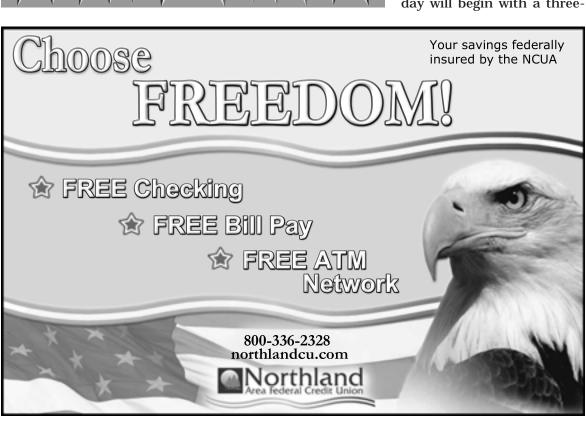
All times are approximate and subject to change and inclement weather will change the schedule. Individuals and/or groups participating in the parade are asked to be considerate to the elderly, children and animals with loud noise equipment. Adults and children with bicycles are welcome to join the parade. Crafters and flea marketers can start setting up at 8 a.m. and can register by calling, (989) 736-7721. For any information or to volunteer to help call, (989) 736-7721.

Fifty Years in Harmony

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

To commemorate this golden anniversary, the Harrisville Arts Council is inviting the public to join in it

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Circuit Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 23rd Circuit Court by the Honorable Ronald M. Bergeron, the Honorable William F. Myles and the Honorable Laura A. Frawley.

February

- Kathy Jo Martin, 50, of Oscoda was sentenced to a one year delay of sentence, 15 days in jail (to be served at the court's discretion) restitution of \$55 and fines and court costs of \$598 for controlled substance - marijuana, deliver/manufacture.
- Stephanie Kay Byce, 55, of Barton City was sentenced to a one year delay of sentence and court costs and fines of \$598 for controlled substance - marijuana, deliver/manufacture.
- James Raymond Herbin, 29, of Flint, Mich. was sentenced to a one year delay of sentence, court costs and fines of \$1,198 and restitu-

controlled substance - schedule 1,2,3, deliver.

- Patricia Ellen Herbin, 35, of Spruce was sentenced to a one year delay of sentence and fines and court costs of \$598 for controlled substance schedule 1, 2, 3, deliver.
- Tadottie Jo Mason, 31, of Port Huron, Mich. was sentenced to 90 days in jail, two years of probation, restitution of \$434 and court costs and fines of \$1,598 for larceny of a building.
- Jason Michael Cooper, 41, of Fort Myers, Fla. was sentenced to a one year delay of sentence and court costs and fines of \$1,098 for failure to pay child support.

March

 Tammy Sue Sundberg, 49, of South Branch was sentenced to 15 days in jail, two years of probation, restitution of \$25 and fines and court costs of \$1,498 for controlled substance - marition of \$100 for attempted juana, deliver/manufacture. Her driver's license was suspended for six months.

- Mark Austin Ames, 27, of Spruce was sentenced to 300 days in jail, two years of probation, restitution of \$75 and fines and court costs of \$2,498 for home invasion, second degree. Terms of his sentence include the stipulation that he must participate in and successfully complete the Alcona County Sobriety Drug Court.
- Gregory Allen Alstrom, 46, of Ossineke was sentenced to seven months in jail (held in abeyance), three years of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,848 for operating while intoxicated, third offense. His driver's license was suspended for six months. He must participate in and successfully complete Alpena County Sobriety Drug Court.

April

 James Monroe Norris, 27, of Oscoda was sentenced to 150 days in jail, two years of probation, restitution of \$10,645 and fines and court costs of \$1,698 for larceny of a vehicle more than \$1,000 less than \$20,000.

May

- Shelly Lane Fettes, 43, of Greenbush was sentenced to two years of probation, restitution of \$867.76 and fines and court costs of \$1,598 for check - no account.
- Kimberly Shawn Collins, 39, of Houston, Texas was sentenced to five years of probation, restitution of \$1,247.80 and fines and court costs of \$1,598 for failure to pay child support.
- Timothy Patrick Lee, 45, of Mikado was sentenced to one year in jail, three years of probation, \$6,949 in restitution and \$1,398 in court costs and fines for arson of a dwelling/house.
- Scott Allen Burkhart, 28, of Harrisville was sentenced to six months in jail, five years of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,598 for attempted accosting of a child for immoral purposes. He must register with the Michigan Sex Offender Registry.

 David Wayne Cruson, 49, of Greenbush was sentenced to 30 days in jail, two years of probation, and fines and court costs of \$1,698 for controlled substance - marijuana, deliver/manufacture. His driver's license was suspended for six months.

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even bring more family or friends with them when they do," MacNeill said.

It is believed that 16 million people of the baby boomer era will be retiring in the very near future, Frawley explained. These are people that have had their careers, they've raised their kids and now they are ready to tap into the creative part of themselves.

"These are the people we will be targeting to attend the retreats. They have the most expendable income of any age group. We hope they come here not just to take part in the workshops, but they will be eating in local restaurants, shopping at local stores and lodging here," Frawley said.

Members of Inspiration Alcona, Inc. hope to draw 90 people to the workshops. Participants, members think, will most likely bring family members with them.

All retreat participants will receive welcome packets with lists of where to eat and shop. The group is encouraging area businesses to provide coupons or other incentives to be included in the packets in order draw retreat participants to their location.

ommittee is seeking sponsors for the retreat. "We are not 501c3 tax deductible yet. We are incorporated and will have our 501c3 next year, so this year we are looking for founding sponsors," Mac-Neill said.

She explained a founding gold sponsor who makes a \$300 plus donation, will have recognition with their name on T-shirts, the website, in welcome packets, on signs and will be included every year on those items for as long as the retreats exist.

A founding silver sponsor, who makes a \$200 to \$299 donation, will have recognition with their name on the website, in welcome packets and signs. A founding bronze sponsor, who makes a \$100 to \$199 donation, will have recognition on the website

and in welcome packets. A Friends of Inspiration Alcona sponsor who makes a \$5 to \$99 donation will have recognition with their name on the website.

Lost Lake Woods Club will be the center of activity for the retreat this year, but the workshops will also visit other spots around the county such as Sprinkler Lake, Harrisville Harbor, Seaver Country House and the Sugar Shack at the high school. Workshops will be spread around, Frawley explained, to get participants out into the community to show them what Alcona County looks like.

"Our plan is to move it around every year; it's not just a Lost Lake Woods event. We want the visitors to see all parts of Alcona County. We want them to be able to say to friends 'Hey, we went to Hubbard Lake or Glennie or Barton City or Harrisville and had a great time. The people there are friendly and warm. Frawley said.

The September retreat will include instruction in oil painting, watercolors, photography, quilting, folk singing, guitar, banjo and song writing. Each instructor sub-In addition, the retreat mitted proposals to the committee. "We wanted a variety of instructors who had experience teaching. The instructors are very excited about coming to the area and the program," MacNeill said.

After the workshop ends there will be a concert performed by workshop musicians at Lost Lake Woods on September 9. It will be free and open to the public.

"It's been pretty exciting to see this small kernel of an idea develop into a great retreat with top notch instructors," Frawley said.

"Everything is just falling into place like it was meant to be," MacNeill said.

For more information about the Alcona Arts Retreat, visit www.inspirationalcona.org. Watch for the location of the public meeting on August 2 there as well.

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With dry conditions, wildfires are a concern this holiday weekend

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is asking residents to use caution with fires this summer, especially during the July 4 holiday week and following weekend, as some regions of the state face dangerously dry conditions.

'Warm temperatures and a lack of moisture across Michigan, in particular in southern Michigan, have created elevated fire danger," said Don Johnson of the DNR's Forest Resources Division. "Vegetation is extremely dry due to the high temperatures and lack of rainfall. Over the past 30 days we have received less than 50 percent of our normal precipitation."

This holiday, people will take advantage of warm summer weather with campfires, barbecues - and fireworks. Each year numerous fires are started when people ignite fireworks. Concern is especially high this year because of a state law passed last vear that allows for aerial fireworks.

Be sure to follow these guidelines this Fourth of July and throughout the summer:

- Use fireworks responsibly by not igniting them near dry, combustible vegetation.
- Be sure there is proper adult supervision whenever shooting off consumer fireworks.
- Remember that it is illegal to use fireworks on any

public property without proper authorization.

- Keep all campfires small and never leave any fire unattended, even for a moment.
- Always be sure ashes and barbecue coals are completely extinguished before leaving. Improperly extinguished fires are the leading causes of wildfires.
- Have water available in case a fire begins to escape, and drown coals thoroughly before leaving a campfire.

"There is no reason people can't be safe and have fun at the same time," said Johnson. "We urge people to responsibly enjoy the holiday and their time in Michigan's great outdoors."

State police crackdown on drunk driving

Summer is heating up and so is a statewide drunk driving crackdown. The Alpena Michigan State Police is joining law enforcement agencies across the state for a July Fourth Drunk Driving-Over the Limit-Under Arrest. crackdown.

Motorists will see increased federally funded patrols July 1-8 in Alpena and its surrounding counties. Local law enforcement will take to the streets working to prevent drunk driving injuries and deaths by arresting impaired

During the 2011 July Fourth holiday time period, eight people were killed in traffic crashes. Three of those deaths were alcohol-related.

Drunk driving is simply not worth the risk," said Lt. Michael Hahn of the Michi-

gan State Police Alpena Post. "Law enforcement officers will be out on the road and we will be watching. If we see you driving drunk we will stop and arrest you. No questions asked. No second chances."

In Michigan, a motorist can be arrested for drunk driving with a .08 blood alcohol content or higher, a drunk driving conviction comes with assorted penalties including fines, legal fees, driver responsibility fees, court costs and higher insurance rates.

Motorists arrested for

drunk driving with a . 17 blood alcohol content face increased penalties including the possible installation of an ignition interlock device preventing the car from starting if the driver has been drinking.

In 2011, 319 people died in Michigan as a result of alcohol and/or drug involved traffic crashes, a 10.6 percent decrease from 2010, according to the Michigan State Police, Criminal Justice Information Center

Carriveaus celebrate 50th anniversary

Gerald and Renate Carriveau of Lincoln celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with family and friends with a party given by their daughter Brigitte (Mike) Hawley at their restaurant in Flint, Mich.

They were married May 25, 1962 in Idar-Oberstein, Germany. They have two grandchildren, Jennifer (Quinton) Riggs and Arron Hawley; and one great-grandchild, Sommer

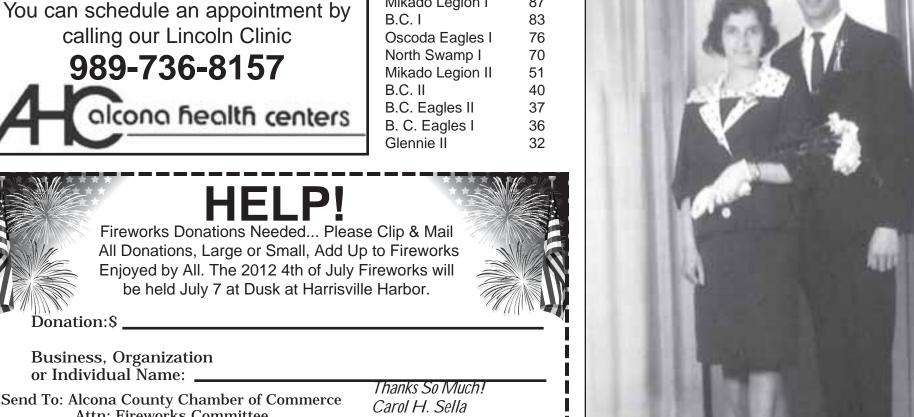
A long-time resident of Alcona County, Gerald is a truck driver throughout the mid West and formally worked at Lincoln Industries. Renate worked at Chippewa Point Restaurant and cleaned private homes.

They enjoy spending time at home and with their grand-

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Voluntourism: A growing alternative travel option among retirees

Dear Savvy Senior,

Can you write a column on volunteer vacations? My husband and I are both in our 60s and are interested in taking a service-oriented "altruistic" vacation this summer but could use some help.

Retired Travelers

Dear Retired,

If you're looking to do more on your vacation than relax in the sun or go sight seeing, volunteer service vacations also known as voluntourism are a great alternative and a growing trend among retirees.

Nowadays, you don't need to join the Peace Corps to travel to exotic destinations and serve others. Many organizations offer short-term volunteer projects overseas and in the U.S., lasting anywhere from a few days to a few months.

Common program themes include teaching English, working with children and teens, building and repairing homes and schools, and assisting with community or environmental projects. In addition, volunteer vacations also give travelers the opportunity to experience the culture more fully and connect with the local people - much different than your run-of-the-mill sight seeing vacation.

Most volunteer vacation groups accept singles, couples and families and you don't need to speak a foreign language. Costs typically range from around \$700 to \$1,500 a week, not including transportation to the country your site is in. Fees typically cover pretrip orientation information, room and board, on-site training, ground transportation once you get there, the services of a project leader, and a contribution to the local community that covers material and services related to the project.

And, if the organization running your trip is a nonprofit, the cost of your trip, including airfare, is probably tax deductible.

While there are dozens of organizations that offer volunteer vacations, here are some good ones that attract a

lot of retirees.

- Earthwatch Institute (earthwatch.org, (800) 776-0188): A global nonprofit that offers one and two-week expeditions that focus on environmental conservation and field research projects all over the
- · Globe Aware (globeaware.org, (877) 588-4562): Offers one-week volunteer vacations in 15 different coun-
- Global Volunteers (globalvolunteers.org, (800) 487-1074): Offers a wide variety of two and three-week service programs in 18 countries, including the U.S.
- Road Scholar (roadscholar.org, (800) 454-5768): Formally known as Elder-hostel, they offer a wide variety of volunteer service programs both in the U.S. and abroad usually to the 50-plus trav-
- Habitat for Humanity (habitat.org, (800) 422-4828): Offers a variety of house-building trips through its Global Village Program and RV Care-A-Vanners program.

With so many different volunteer vacations to choose from, selecting one can be difficult. To help you decide, you need to think specifically about what you want. Ask yourself: Where you want to go and for how long? What types of work are you interested in doing? What kind of living situation and accommodations do you want? Do you want to volunteer alone or with a group? Do you want a rural or urban placement? Also consider your age and health. Are you up to the task, or do you have any special needs that will need to be met?

Once you figure out what you want and spot a few volunteer vacations that interest you, ask the organization to send you information that describes the accommodations, the fees and what they cover including their refund policy, the work schedule and work details, and anything else you have questions about.

Also, get a list of previous volunteers and call them. Don't sign up with a group

Savvy Senior

that won't supply you with this information.

If you're volunteering outside the U.S. find out if any vaccinations and/or preventative medications are recommended or required at cdc.gov/travel. Also, check to see if your health insurer provides coverage outside the U.S. Many health policies (including Medicare) don't pay for medical expenses outside the border. If you're not covered, you should consider purchasing a policy (see quotewright.com or insuremytrip.com) that includes emergency evacuation cover-

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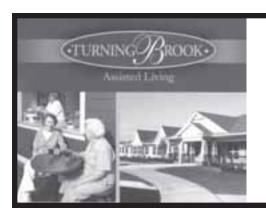
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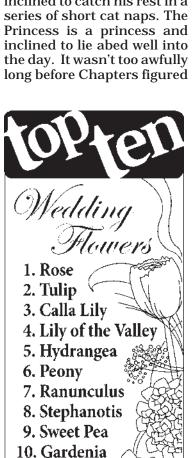
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One cat short of crazy

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep Columnist

When we first met Chapters, he was a tiny ball of orange fur, emerging from the cat carrier in which he'd just taken his first car ride. Given that his first car ride had begun in South Florida and ended in Harrisville three days later, he was feeling just a tad overwhelmed.

In addition, Chapters was a feral kitten, scooped up by the Princess after a brother and sister were attacked by a neighbor dog and carried, kicking and hissing, to the relative safety of her apartment bathroom. By the time they arrived, he'd been with her for about a month and, with regular doses of affection and kitty chow, they'd bonded somewhat.

He was not prepared at the moment to bond with us, nor with the two extremely curious enormous black noses attached to the extremely curious, tail-wagging dogs determined to greet him at the cat carrier gate. All things considered, he decided he'd just stay in it, thank you.

That was then.

Being a cat, however, Chapters is nocturnal and inclined to catch his rest in a

out that the shorter, rounder lady was the one who got up before sunrise without the two dogs that accompanied her the rest of the time. And if she was short, well she looked tall enough to reach the cat food.

He began appearing at the top of the stairs about 5 a.m., staring down at me with round stoplight- amber eyes. I began pouring out some kitty crunchies and putting them where he had to come slightly closer to eat them. Beyond that and filling the water bowl, I firmly ignored

Slowly, over a period of time, he inched closer, finally deciding that he liked to lie on my end table, strategically sprawled across my drawing pad, TV remote, and anything else I might need to access. Silently, we worked out a series of morning guidelines. I could pet him - no more than twice, on spots he specifically liked to have petted - for example, and he would try to keep his tail out of my coffee.

Eventually he moved to lying on the couch about a foot away and then, as winter progressed he designed to stretch out pressed up along the length of my hip. One particularly star-studded morning, he climbed into my lap and went to sleep. He extended my petting guideline to several times a morning while I extended his to not drinking my coffee.

Somewhere along the way I'd begun talk softly to him and if he didn't answer, he appeared to listen. And so Chapters and I became friends. The entire time, as his ration of kitty crunchies escalated, Chapters was growing.

As of this, his second birthday, the cat who is ninetenths mine weighs 18 pounds or almost five times as much as Bastie, the Wonder Poodle. He's not the slightest bit overweight, either. He's muscular and sleek. Just of a size that suggests that he may not really be a feral kitty, but a Florida panther.

He is, I tell him regularly, a lunk. And not just a lunk, but a lunk who seems to believe he is still a kitten. He abides by my silly rule that he can't get on the counters. Except for early each morning, when I go to the kitchen to start the coffee, when he is sitting next to the Mr. Coffee, waiting for me. I've been trying to teach him to push the "on" button.

The problems tend to arise when we move to the living room. As far as I can tell, Chapters believes he is weightless. He is surprised every time to discover that he cannot lean his considerable bulk on a glass of water or a box of colored pencils without tipping them over. He's always sorry, as I go about cleaning up the results. He's just surprised. He's come to view the end table as his.

Along with the rest of the house. Stretched out to his full length, Chapters takes up about one-and a-third couch cushions. Sprawled

Puttin' On The Fritz

across my lap for his morning massage (he has further extended the guideline to "as long as possible") he hangs off on either side. Purring like an outboard motor, he occasionally rolls onto his back and stretches a front leg dramatically across his eyes to signal he'd like me to shut off my reading lamp, please.

He prefers his water from the sink tap, no matter how many bowls I fill for him, and will stand in the sink and complain until I turn the tap to the right speed and force. A little later in the morning, he likes a game of Galloping Kitties with his sidekick Braveheart (The Princess, it seems has a penchant for rescuing strays) which can and has - resulted in tipped lamps, scattered scatter rugs and on at least one occasion, an up-ended recliner. All things considered, we think he's happy here.

By and large, he remains silent, except when he loses track of one of us in which case he pads from room to room calling what sounds like "Mom? Mom?" (He calls everyone Mom). His buddy Braveheart is much more vocal, to a point where we suspect he has some Siamese genes. When BH gets into a yowling jag, Chapters has been known to pad down the stairs and place a paw firmly on the back of the smaller cat's neck to hush him up.

He spends his kitty day perched in the upstairs window bird watching and sprawled on his kitty pillow for a series of cat naps. He holds the honors of being the only cat I've ever known who a.) knows and comes to his name and b.) recognizes the word no. He's a good kitty, if a lunky one.

So when the Princess began discussing the possibility of a move to the city recently, I told her "Chapters said he doesn't want to go. He wants to stay here with Grandma."

"What about Braveheart?" she countered. "They're always together." And to my amazement, in a house with three dogs, I heard myself say, "That's okay."

He doesn't want to go though - he told me the other morning, licking my coffee from his whiskers. "Where else," he said, "will they know that I like it with a splash of half and half and one spoon of sugar?"

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 30 years. 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.)

Alcona County Chamber of Commerce (formerly Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce)

The general meeting of the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce was held June 13 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. with the "Pledge of Allegiance."

The following members were present: Judie Labadie, president, Coming Attractions; Christy Holmes, treasurer, Huron Community Bank; Jeanne Meskus, secretary, Friends of the Alcona County Library and HFH-NEMI; Ed Foster, trustee, Lake Huron Rentals; Fran Whitney, MichiganWorks!; George and Marcy Redlawsk, Seaver Country House B & B; Judy Pyne, Harrisville Arts Council; Michelle Marcouiller, Dragonfly Art Gallery; Karen Sanderson, City of Harrisville; Rich Gillies, Gillies Funeral Home; Paul Labadie, Country Cone; Venita and Mark Larson, Modern Craft Tasting Room; Tim McCoy, Northland Area Federal Credit Union; John and Judy Seabase, Moosetales. A quorum is established.

Absent: K.C. Kevwitch, vice president, Huron Community Bank; James H. Pyne, trustee, Pyne Enterprises; Ed Toombs, trustee, Ed's Antiques. Guest speaker: Ron Rademacher. Guest: Ilona Breitmeyer, John and Judy Seabase.

The agenda was reviewed and one item was added: Fran Whitney. May's general meeting minutes - motion to accept as printed: Holmes/ Pyne. Carried. June's executive board meeting minutes motion to accept as presented: Foster/Holmes. Carried. Treasurer Holmes gave her report. Motion to accept: Foster/Pyne. Carried. Christy has not completed her work on the office budget. Membership status: There are currently 81 members.

Motion to approve Eagle Ridge Golf Club of Glennie as new members: Holmes/G. Redlawsk. Carried. Motion to approve Boyat Farms as a new member: Pynes/Holmes. Carried. Motion to approve Harrisville United Methodist Church as new members: Holmes/M. Larson. Carried. Motion to approve St. Andrew's Episcopal Church as new members: Holmes/V. Larson. Carried. Motion to Roads/Terrific Towns/seven

approve New Life Lutheran Church as new members: Holmes/M. Redlawsk. Carried. Motion to approve Lead Glass Art/Patrick LeBlanc as a new member: Holmes/M. Redlawsk. Carried.

2013 Nominating Committee - The resignation of K.C. Kevwitch was read and accepted with regret. The membership was advised of Trustee Trudy Bohlenger's death.

These two announcements, added to the three positions, bring to five the number of positions that will need to be replaced on January 1, 2013: President, vice president, secretary and two trustee positions. Fran Whitney offered to work on the Nominating Committee; Judie Labadie offered to chair the committee. Volunteers would be most appreciated. The nominating process will need to begin by September, in order to present a slate in October and vote in Novem-

Jeanne Meskus spoke on the importance of voting in favor of this Michigan State University Extension millage, in light of all of the benefits our community receives from their programs.

Open discussion:

- Concerts in the Park --The brochures have been printed and are available at the chamber office and various businesses throughout the city. The chamber is responsible for collecting donations during the third song on July 25. Mark Larson, Judie Labadie, Jeanne Meskus volunteered.
- The Alpena Shipwreck Tour is available for groups. Christy Holmes will look into
- Fran Whitney spoke about the Work Experience Program. She also suggested we place a classified ad for a volunteer to work in the chamber office. It was suggested that this work experience could be put on a resume, as well as placing oneself in a position to gain experience and a letter of recommendation.
- Judie noted that the Wine and Food Festival Committee is looking for volunteers.

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The meeting adjourned by call of the president: 7:20 p.m. The next meeting is August 8 at 6 p.m. in the Alcona Library in Harrisville.



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the Honorable Ronald M. Bergeron instructed members of the jury to return at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, July 3.

After six hours of deliberations on Tuesday, the jury foreman told the judge they had not reached a unanimous verdict on any one of the four counts. They had three options on each count - not guilty, guilty of CSC, first degree or guilty of CSC, third degree (an option presented before they went into deliberations).

"Do you think that by coming back Thursday (July 5) there is a reasonable expectation to reach a unanimous verdict on one or more of the counts?" Bergeron asked the jury foreman. The answer was "no.'

"The court is granting a mistrial in this case," Bergeron said Tuesday afternoon.

Despite a request by Dibattista-Costello's attorney, Steven A. Freeman, the judge denied a reduction in bond that was set at the time of his arrest -\$500,000 with a 10 percent cash surety.

"I'm not changing the bond," Bergeron said. "He's on probation for criminal sexual conduct in regard to the pregnancy of a young lady who was 13 - it is clear he bought the alcohol (in regard to the incident in which he was tried) and the evidence is uncontroversial, in my opinion, there was some sort of violence at the time of this case...We will reschedule this trial as soon as we can."

Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas J. Weichel declined to comment on the outcome of the trial because it is still an ongoing case. "Jurors do what they do. I don't question their decision," Weichel said.

"I think it is clear we planted the seed of reasonable doubt in at least some of the members of the jury," Freeman said outside the courtroom Tuesday afternoon. "I think this case is not what it first appeared to be... If Mr. Weichel decides to retry the case, Mr. Dibattista will look forward to testifying again."

The trial began the week before with opening statements by each attorney. The 17-year-old alleged female victim was the prosecution's first witness.

The alleged victim testified that she and a male friend, Michael Inman, went to a party at the residence of Dibattista-Costello and Sara Inman in Harrisville Township the night of January 7. That was the first time she'd met the defendant. After several hours of partying, Dibattista-Costello's girlfriend, Sara Inman, and a roommate of the couple's went to their respective bedrooms to sleep. The alleged victim, Michael Inman and Dibattista-Costello went outside to "see the horses" in the barn located on the property - at the defendant's suggestion.

The alleged victim and Dibattista-Costello ended up in the barn alone, where she testified that he raped her on bales of hay. He pushed her down, pulled down her pants and put her legs on his shoulders as he raped her. On the way back to the house, the alleged victim said Dibattista-Costello raped her again in a garage located next to the house. He pushed her down, pulled down her pants and put her legs on his shoulders as he raped her.

Upon entering the house, the alleged victim said Dibattista-Costello raped her two more times - in a spare bedroom-same scenario and then again in the kitchen, but with more violence.

In cross examination of the alleged victim, Freeman asked her why, after being allegedly raped in the barn she didn't run away, but went into the garage with the defendant. She said she was scared of him and that she thought Michael might be in the garage. "He pushed me into the garage ...I was pushed onto the bed" (box spring and mattress that had

been in the house previously, was moved into the garage).

When they got into the house, the alleged victim testified that she needed to urinate and when she went toward the bathroom, the defendant pulled her into the spare room, where she said "he wanted to have oral sex." After positioning her on a recliner in the room, he then pushed her to the floor and raped her. "I said 'please stop...let me go to bed."

"In the kitchen I was pushed against the wall...he started kissing my face and neck... he pulled me down to the floor...pulled down my pants and panties...he held my arms. I was on my back and he was on top of me. I said, 'stop, please stop.'

Freeman asked if she woke anyone up to tell them what had happened...her friend, Michael Inman, was asleep on a couch in the living room. The alleged victim said she didn't attempt to wake any-

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Two hundred years later, War of 1812 offers lessons on sacrifice, freedom

The stories and events surrounding the War of 1812 may seem far removed from most Michiganians' lives. In truth, it was a critical time in our state's history – with outcomes that influenced the realities of everything from Michigan's geographic boundaries to the opportunities available to those who wished to build a home and find their livelihood here.

This year, as Michigan commemorates the bicentennial of the War of 1812, there are plenty of ways for residents and visitors to learn about the rich history of the early 19th century and immerse themselves in the sights, sounds and significance of an important chapter in the story of how Michigan came to be.

By many accounts, it's a story well worth telling, and one with facts that will likely surprise most listeners. "The United States has been involved in many wars, in many places during its long history," said Phil Porter, executive director of Mackinac State Historic Parks. "But only once did U.S. soldiers see combat on Michigan lands, and that was during the War of 1812."

Porter, who also serves as the chairman of the Michigan Commission on the Commemoration of the Bicentennial of the War of 1812, explained that at the beginning of the war Michigan was essentially "captured" by the British – beginning with the victory at Fort Mackinac on July 17, 1812, and concluding with the capture of Fort Detroit on August 16 that same year.

"The attack at Mackinac was the first military encounter on U.S. soil," Porter said. "While Detroit was later retaken by American troops, Mackinac remained in British hands throughout the war. Had the Treaty of Ghent (December 24, 1814) not returned Mackinac to the United States, the border between Michigan and Canada might well begin at the Straits of Mackinac rather than Sault Ste. Marie."

While thoughts of a Michigan without "Yoopers" or the magnificent natural spaces of the Upper Peninsula may seem impossible to grasp, at the time there were far graver consequences to consider.



William Dashwood, Michilimackinac on Lake Huron, ca 1820. Oil painting in the Mackinac State Historic Parks collection.

When the British captured Mackinac Island on July 17, 1812, they required civilians living on the island to sign an oath of allegiance to King George III. Three civilians, including Ambrose Davenport, boldly refused and were sent to Detroit on parole with the American soldiers.

"In rejecting the offer to sign and stay on Mackinac Island, Davenport, a former U.S. soldier who was stationed at Fort Mackinac from 1796-1802, stated, 'I was born an American and am determined, at all costs, to live and die an American," Porter said.

Davenport left behind a wife and six children. After the war, he returned to his family and lived the rest of his life on Mackinac Island.

One small story out of countless others, but it accurately reflects the fierce determination of many of Michigan's early residents as well as the age-old belief that freedom isn't free. "Freedom is bought and paid for by the sacrifice of those who are willing to defend the freedoms that we all enjoy," Porter said.

"By putting together a pretty amazing collection of entertaining and educational events surrounding this piece of our history, we hope people will have fun while learning about the Michigan Territory's role as a key battle-ground in the War of 1812," Porter said. "The U.S. was fighting to protect the right of American citizens to settle in the territory and pursue their livelihoods, most especially farming and the fur trade."

Jim McConnell agreed.



Two Ottawa Chiefs from Michilimackinac by Sir Josiah Jebb, 1814. Peabody Museum, Harvard University.

McConnell, special projects coordinator and news editor of the Michigan Council for History Education – as well as a War of 1812 commission member – said the summer months are full of opportunities for people to take part in the War of 1812 commemoration, "from Monroe to Mackinac and everywhere in between."

"No matter where you live in the state, chances are there's a War of 1812 event happening nearby," McConnell said. "This was a pivotal time in Michigan history and we are proud to offer so many ways for people of all ages to recognize their connections to times long gone but still very much a part of how we live today."

Highlights include:

• "Americans Surrender to the British and Native Americans" Tuesday, July 17, at 7 p.m., Mackinac Island, Mich. See a reenactment that draws out the drama and history of a fateful day. Details at www.mackinacparks.com

• "Friends Good Will" War of 1812 Cruise on Lake Michigan on Saturday, Aug. 4, 10 a.m., South Haven, Mich. Take part in a lake journey that includes narratives on "The War of 1812 on the Great Lakes" and "The Story of Friends Good Will; enjoy an exhibit tour at the Michigan Maritime Museum and more. Details at www.michiganmaritimemuseum.org

• War of 1812 Muster in Greenfield Village on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 18-19, Dearborn, Mich. The Porches and Parlors Historic District of Greenfield Village will come alive with citizen soldiers, craftsmen, merchants and a host of ladies and gentlemen all representing the War of 1812 era. Details at www.-thehenryford.org

"This is just a sample of all you can see, do and experience as part of this War of 1812 commemorative year," McConnell said. "Michigan has long been known for its natural and recreational resources. This year, we're especially proud to also shine a light on the historic and cultural resources that set Michigan apart."

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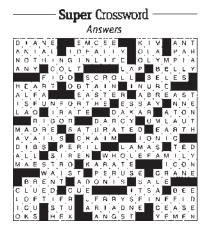
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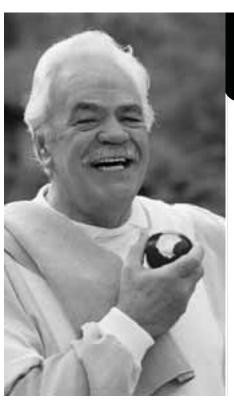


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NASCAR REPORT

Kurt turns some heads

NASCAR This Week By Monte Dutton

SONOMA, Calif. — Kurt Busch, who has been a frequent source of controversy, could not have been more graceful than he was following an impressive third-place finish in the Toyota/Save Mart 350.

A year after winning at Sonoma, Busch dueled fiercely with race winner Clint Bowyer but ended up yielding second place to Tony Stewart.

When Busch won at the 1.99-mile road course, he was driving a Dodge for Roger Penske. His misbehavior cost him that prestigious ride, and now he competes in the underfunded — and often unsponsored—Chevyfielded by James Finch's Phoenix Racing.

"I thought the race would play into our hands," Busch

said. "Our car was a little better on long runs than Bowyer, but he did a great job. Ĭ just kept thinking: He's a dirt-track racer from the Midwest. There's no way he's going to be able to run the road course.'

"But he did. He did great. That car and our car, I think we separated ourselves from the pack."

Busch served a one-race suspension for a post-race verbal altercation at Dover. The comeback performance at Sonoma left him sentimental and moved.

When you show up and you're on a third of the budget, and you almost bring it to victory lane, you can't say that one guy did it out there. It takes a full team effort," he said. "I really wanted to deliver for my guys, and being that close ... it's a tough game. That's why it's Sprint Cup.'

At the end, Busch's red Chevy had been crippled by clipping the wall in pursuit of Bowyer.

"To have a wounded car, I had to yield to Tony (Stewart)," Busch said. "I didn't want to get up in the loose gravel and lose a bunch of spots.

"It was still a great day for Phoenix Racing and James Finch, who gave me this opportunity. They bring out the best in me. This is a no-nonsense group. ... This way this program feels, we are a bunch of Boy Scouts where we have to support each other and teach each other things. Everybody has three jobs on this team."

(Monte Dutton covers motorsports for The Gaston (N.C.) Gazette. E-mail Monte at nascarthisweek@yahoo.-

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Kurt Busch overcame some recent controversy and a oneweek suspension for a respectable third-place finish at Sonoma. (John Clark/NASCAR This Week photo)



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one up. He asked her why she didn't call anyone for help. She said Dibattista-Costello had taken her cell phone earlier in the evening. He asked why she didn't drive away in Inman's truck. She said she didn't have a driver's license.

Freeman asked if there was a land line telephone in the house. She did not know if there was one. He asked where Michael's cell phone was. She didn't know where it might have been. When he asked her what she did do, the alleged victim said she "wedged myself between the back of the couch and Michael" (while he was asleep). "I was scared of what he might do," she said.

"What did you think he would do?" Freeman asked.
"I didn't know what he would do...he'd raped me. I didn't know what else he would do," the alleged victim said

He asked if she'd received counseling as a result of the alleged attacks. The victim said she had not. He asked how her grades where following the alleged incident (she was a student at Northwestern College). "Pretty good," she said. However, she left school in March. "I didn't feel comfortable...It was really difficult...Everything is kind of a blur and hard to think about. I was scared all of the time. I carry pepper spray with me everywhere...'

In follow up questions, Weichel asked the alleged victim why she didn't run away. "Where would I go?" she responded. "I was scared...scared that he would hurt me."

"Did you know what to do?" Weichel asked. "No," she said.

The second witness for the prosecution was Michael Inman, 20, who testified that he had asked Dibattista-Costello to purchase alcohol for himself and the alleged victim prior to coming to the house for the party. He had been to the residence numerous times. His cousin, Sara Inman, was Dibattista-Costello's girlfriend. He had been friends with Dibattista-Costello for about eight months prior to the January 7 party.

He testified that once everyone was at the residence — Dibattista-Costello, Sara Inman, their roommate, himself and the alleged victim—they started playing drinking games. Two other people showed up at one point. After several hours, Sara Inman and the roommate went to bed and the two other people left.

And, at one point in the evening, he saw Dibattista-Costello with the alleged victim's cell phone. "Nick had it at the couch and it looked like he was going through it," Inman said.

Inman testified that he went outside with the alleged victim and Dibattista-Costello to see the horses, but partway to the barn he had to urinate, so he went back into the house. While in the bathroom he vomited, then went out on the couch and went to sleep. He didn't

hear anything else until he was awakened by the alleged victim's mother some time later.

"I remember waking up and (the alleged victim's) mom was banging on the door and saying she had been raped and wanted an explanation," Inman said.

He testified that Dibattista-Costello was on another couch in the living room when he woke up. He heard the defendant talking to the alleged victim's mother saying "nothing happened," and then apologizing for any confusion. He said "after she woke up she looked scared and threatened."

After the alleged victim's mother left, he and the alleged victim went out to the driveway. She got into her mother's car and he followed them to Kris Mart in order to find out what was going on. He got into their car. He said the alleged victim was "scared, shocked, crying and describing what happened to her to her mother and I... she was in tears as she described it."

In cross examination by Freeman, Inman said he and the alleged victim planned on partying at Dibattista-Costello's residence and "crashing there" for the night. He testified that he was drinking Captain Morgan (liquor), the alleged victim was drinking Bud Light and the defendant was drinking Budweiser. When asked if he found it difficult to testify when he was friends with both the alleged victim and the defendant he said, "No, not really."

"Do you think your memory was impaired with the amount of alcohol you consumed that night?" Freeman asked. "It would be unrealistic to say it wasn't," Inman said.

In follow up questioning by Weichel, Inman said, "She was scared and really wanted out of the house. She was as serious as I've ever seen her."

The prosecution's fourth witness was Alcona County Sheriff Deputy Nathanael Leeseberg who collected evidence at Alpena Regional Medical Center after the alleged victim was examined around 10 a.m. on January 8. He collected her clothing and a rape kit and took photographs of her injuries. Seven of the photos he took were admitted into evidence - they depicted bruising on her neck and left side, scratches on a finger on her right hand and arm and of her lower back which showed swelling and redness. Leeseberg also testified that he collected DNA from Dibattista-Costello at a later date.

Dr. Maureen Mead, an emergency room physician at Alpena Regional Medical Center, testified that she conducted the physical examination of the alleged victim, including gathering evidence for the rape kit. In the pelvic examination of the alleged victim, Dr. Mead found "redness and swelling in the vaginal area and white discharge in the vaginal vault." She also saw bruising on one hip and

said the alleged victim complained of pain in the cervix. She also complained of pain along the spine from the rib cage to the hips.

Dr. Mead said that her findings of "erythema, which is redness and swelling, caused by irritation, infection or trauma," is consistent with what the alleged victim said happened to her. She also said that people who experience trauma might not remember every detail about the incident. "Trauma can affect memory. Traumatized people can block out parts and they can fixate on certain parts."

"My objective medical findings were consistent with someone who was raped four times," Dr. Mead testified. When asked by Freeman if her examination showed that the alleged victim was penetrated four separate times, Dr. Mead said, "No. No exam could show that unless one was conducted after each penetration."

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After Dr. Mead's testimony, two witnesses from the Michigan State Police (MSP) crime laboratories testified mid-day on Wednesday. Fran D'Angelo, a forensic scientist in the biology unit of the MSP lab in Grayling, Mich., said she examined the alleged

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victim's clothing and the rape kit. With chemical testing she found seminal fluid in the vaginal swabs taken from the alleged victim. She also found the "presence of a semen stain on the crotch of the panties," and seminal fluid in two locations on the pair of pants the alleged victim was wearing. A trace evidence inspection showed animal hairs, but no vegetation.

When asked by Freeman if there was any evidence of damage to the clothing, D'Angelo said there was a small hole in the crotch of the panties.

D'Angelo said once she completed her tests, the evidence was sent to the MSP crime lab in Grand Rapids, Mich.

David Hayhurst, a DNA analyst with the MSP crime lab in Grand Rapids, Mich., testified regarding his findings which included confirming the seminal fluid and semen found in the alleged victim and her clothing was a match to the DNA collected from Dibattista-Costello.

After the DNA witness' testimony, two women who were raped by Dibattista-Costello also testified. Judge Bergeron allowed their testimony, which had been discussed in length in legal arguments filed by each attorney prior to the beginning of the trial.

Weichel's argument sited MCLA 768.27a and/or MRE 404b and stated in part, "The following common characteristics of the prior offense with the current offense are noted: No dating relationship, recent contact with victims, isolates victims from others, nonconsensual intercourse, has intercourse by placing the victim's legs over his shoulders and forcibly entering them and all three victims of the defendant were minors.

The first victim who testified was 13 years old in June of 2008 when she was sexually assaulted. The second victim who testified was 16 in January 2007 when she was sexually assaulted. Both had been living in Oscoda when they were assaulted. Both testified that when the defendant sexually assaulted them, he placed their legs on his shoulders.

The last witness to testify on Wednesday afternoon was the alleged victim's mother. She testified that she'd "been in a lot of trouble," including serving prison time, because of an addiction to pain medications and "did just about everything under the sun in regard to (her) addictions." She is now recovering and a certified support specialist and is studying to be a substance abuse counselor.

The alleged victim's mother said she received a call from her daughter at 7:22 a.m. on January 8. "I was panicked. I received the worst phone call I've ever received ... she said she was raped and "come get me. I'm at a yellow house on Barlow Road.'

The alleged victim's mother

said she drove from Alpena into Alcona County looking for a yellow house and finally found one on M-72 with Mike's black truck parked in front. She pulled into the driveway and when she knocked on the door - after a time — Dibattista-Costello let her into the house.

"I started yelling my daughter's name, but she didn't respond right away...She looked terrified, I didn't know what to do." She said the defendant kept telling her nothing happened and was apologizing. "He was pretty frantic, persistent and anxious - I was too," she said. "I tried getting them (the alleged victim and Mike Inman)

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up and getting them to go home...they weren't responding; like they were shocked. I didn't know what to do, what to think, I had to assess it...'

The alleged victim's mother said she decided to leave because she wasn't getting a response from her daughter. "As soon as I left, she called me and said 'come back don't leave." Once the alleged victim was in her mother's car and they were parked at Kris Mart, "she fell apart...screaming and crying. She was hurt, scared, cold. I'd never seen her like that...she was a complete wreck - anxious, afraid, con-

After listening, the alleged victim's mother decided to drive to the alleged victim's father's home. Once there, the police were called. From there the alleged victim and her family went to the hospital in Alpena.

When asked by Freeman if she had spoken to her daughter about the incident prior to her testimony, the alleged victim's mother said, "No. She refuses to talk about it at all. She wants it all to go away. She won't talk about it."

The first witness on Thursday was Sara Inman, Dibattista-Costello's former

girlfriend. She testified that she woke up two times after going to bed - she heard someone puking in the bathroom. I assumed it was Michael because he was intoxicated" and the second time she heard voices in the kitchen - "Nick and (the alleged victim) talking.

The next time she woke up was around 8:30 a.m. when Nick woke her up because Alcona County Sheriff Deputy Robert Moore was at the door.

Deputy Moore was the next witness called to testify. He said his involvement in the case began when a call came into the sheriff's department.

He went to the alleged victim's father's home and "spoke briefly to (the alleged victim) who was crying and upset, her mother and Mike Inman. He did not interview the alleged victim at that time. He then went to Dibattista-Costello's home to talk to him.

Moore said he wanted to interview Dibattista-Costello alone, but the defendant wanted his girlfriend to stay. He asked Dibattista-Costello if he had had consensual sexual intercourse with the alleged victim. "He said, 'no.' Moore said he asked the defendant "several" times if he'd had consensual sexual intercourse with the alleged victim. Each time he said "no."

Moore testified that when he told Dibattista-Costello the alleged victim was at the hospital and "we would find out if he did. His response changed...he hung his head and said he had sex with (the alleged victim)." Moore testified that Dibattista-Costello said he and the alleged victim had consensual sex in the barn (which was later determined to be the garage next to the house).

Moore testified that Dibattista-Costello told him

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that he and the alleged victim were walking back from the barn and talking about why she didn't want to be more than friends with Mike Inman...because he was timid and shy and she liked more confident people. She made a comment about sex... "I could pull you down on the bed and you wouldn't say no."

"Nick told me that (the alleged victim) grabbed him by the shirt and tried to pull him down and he allowed it," Moore said. "He said they lay on the bed side by side kissing and then she pulled off her pants - one leg and kicked off one shoe. He pulled his pants down... (the alleged victim) got on top of him and they had sex for a matter of minutes. Then they stopped, got up, he helped her untangle her pants and get dressed."

Moore said Dibattista-Costello told him that after they were back in the house, they had a discussion at the table where the alleged victim got upset about what happened in the garage. He told her to be quiet because she might wake people up. She then went over and lay on the couch. "Nick said he stayed up and cleaned up the house...then went to bed. A couple of hours later he got up to see what all of the noise was - a woman had shown up - (the alleged victim's mother) was in the kitchen area," Moore testified.

Moore said he asked Dibattista-Costello to write out a statement and then they went outside to see where the consensual sex had occurred. He took several photos of the garage then went back to the office. He interviewed the alleged victim at the sheriff's department on January 9 and got a written statement from her. He also interviewed Dibattista-Costello and Sara

Inman separately on January 10 at the sheriff's department.

In testimony detailing his investigation, Moore said it led to the discovery of a rape case Dibattista-Costello had been involved in in Iosco County. He interviewed those victims "to see if there was a pattern – age, position of the legs and location...the reports seemed incomplete, so I decided to interview the girls."

Moore testified that he did not go back to the house on M-72 until April 1. He took photos then. But no other evidence was collected from that location. When asked why, he explained that after a discussion with his sergeant, they determined there was "no value in going back because Nick cleaned up."

The last witness for the prosecution was David Cook, 35, a former cell mate of Dibattista-Costello. They were jailed together in the Alcona County Jail during the last two months of April, according to the witness.

Cook said he'd had several conversations with Dibattista-Costello about his innocence in the case while they were cell mates, however, one late night the defendant became "increasingly anxious" and when Cook offered to pray with him as a form of comfort, Dibattista-Costello said, "I did it. I'm not innocent. I'm scared to death."

Cook said he told his girlfriend to contact the prosecutor. "I have seven-yearold and 16-year-old daughters and an 11 year-old sister that I feel I need to protect... to keep someone like that off the streets.

Cook said he was not promised anything for his testimony. He was in jail at the time for driving on a license, but had been in and out of jail and had spent time in

prison on "theft offenses" relating to a 20-year struggle with drug addiction.

When Freeman asked Cook how many people were in the cell with them, Cook said "five or six." And that no one else had heard the conversation he'd had with Dibattista-Costello.

Cook was the last witness for the prosecution. Then it was time for the defense to call witnesses. One witness insisted on testifying – against his attorney's advice — Dibattista-Costello.

"It is typically not in the best interest of a (defendant) to testify," Freeman told the court Friday morning explaining the defendant's desire to testify. "I have told him this... he has decided to testify on his own behalf."

Dibattista-Costello testified that it was Mike Inman's idea to go see the horses in the early morning hours of January 8. "We had not even made it to the garage when Mike said he was going back into the house. I asked (the alleged victim) if she wanted to go back inside with him. She said, 'no."

He said they pet several horses inside the coral and then went into the barn to see one inside. He turned lights on. They were inside for about 5-10 minutes. He said they talked about why she and Mike were just friends while they were in the barn. As they were walking toward the house they talked about "sex" and that he could please her sexually.

When asked if he received a negative reaction from that conversation, Dibattista-Costello said "no." "What was your reaction?" Freeman asked. "It made me smile," Dibattista-Costello said.

Dibattista-Costello testified that she went into the garage on her own. And the conversation about "sex" continued. He testified that he told the alleged victim, "If I wasn't with Sara I would show her..." They started "kissing and touching each other, then we engaged in sexual relations."

He said when they took off their pants – his down around his ankles and she took one leg out of hers and took off one shoe — he was sitting on the edge of the bed with his feet on the floor. She then got on top of him, with her hands on his shoulders and they had sexual intercourse. He said he ejaculated after they stopped and after she had moved off of him.

"Did she express that she didn't want to participate?" Freeman asked. "No," Dibattista-Costello said.

He said he did not have sex with her in the barn, in the spare room of the house or in the kitchen. He said he did not pull her pants and underwear down and did not push her down.

Dibattista-Costello said the only time he had the alleged victim's cell phone was before they went to the barn. "Mike puked in the bathroom – before we went outside. (The alleged victim) asked me to get the phone out of his it."

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pocket. Then we sat down with it looking at photos." He said she had her phone afterwards.

After they came back into the house, Dibattista-Costello said Mike was feeling better and they were going to watch a movie. Then Mike had dry heaves, the alleged victim got him some water and moved a trash can close to him as he lay on the couch.

Dibattista-Costello said he told the alleged victim that he didn't want Sara to find out what had happened in the garage. Their conversation grew heated and the alleged victim raised her voice. Despite giving her assurances that he wouldn't tell anyone, she got more upset.

"I wanted her to quiet down and calm down. She didn't...she continued to be loud and started to get mad," Dibattista-Costello said. "I told her she wasn't worth losing Sara over or bragging about." He called her several vulgar names and swore at her "because she pissed me off...I said that if anyone did wake up I would tell them what we had done."

Dibattista-Costello said they continued to exchange angry words with each other - swearing at each other calling each other names — "back and forth, back and forth." After a time the alleged victim lay down on the couch with Mike Inman - "on the other end with her feet behind him." He then "cleaned up" in the kitchen and living room area and went into his bedroom and got into bed with Sara. He got up a few minutes later when he thought he heard the door open and close. Not finding anything and after asking (the alleged victim) if she'd gone outside (she said no), he went back to bed.

He testified that he woke up to someone banging on the front door...the alleged victim's mother who he let in and walked into the living room with her. When the alleged victim's mother started questioning the situation, the alleged victim "put a blanket over her head and shushed her mom."

Dibattista-Costello said the alleged victim's mother "appeared as a concerned parent, but started to get irritated when she tried to get her daughter up and get her to leave with her...I told her I was sorry for the confusion. We gave each other a hug and she left. She seemed a little calmer."

The defendant said after the alleged victim's mother left, Mike and the alleged victim got up and put on their coats. Dibattista-Costello said he confronted them about why she was there. "I was angry because she (the alleged victim) had apparently made allegations of rape and she must have accused me of it."

When deputy Moore arrived at the house Dibattista-Costello said he didn't admit to having sex with the alleged victim because Sara Inman was sitting there. "After Sara left I told him everything –

that I did have sex and where... I was nervous and upset...I had nothing else on my mind at the time of writing out the statement, except that I didn't want to lose Sara," he said.

Dibattista-Costello said he offered Moore his clothes, but was told that wasn't necessary. When asked if he intended to cause physical harm or emotional harm he said "no." When asked if he threatened the alleged victim in any way, he said "no." When asked how he would characterize the incident he said "a one-night stand."

In cross examination by Weichel, Dibattista-Costello said he didn't know why they went into the garage. Weichel questioned Dibattista-Costello's initial description to Moore and his written statement – both given on the morning of January 8 and his later interview on January 10 – none of which said he'd ejaculated. That fact hadn't been brought up until his testimony in court.

Weichel asked if the reason Dibattista-Costello got angry with the alleged victim is because she wouldn't be quiet and he was afraid that she would wake people up and that Sara would find out. He said, "Yes." He also asked why he hadn't said anything to Moore about the argument. Dibattista-Costello said "because I wasn't concerned about it."

"Is it your testimony today that most of what you've testified today you didn't tell deputy Moore?" Weichel asked. "Yes" Dibattista-Costello said.

Dibattista-Costello denied having sex with the 16-year-old victim in the Iosco County case. And, when he did have sex with the 13 year-old victim he stopped when she asked him to. "I did stop," Dibattista-Costello said. "But you started again," Weichel said. "Yes," Dibattista-Costello said. "And again until you finished?" Weichel said. "Yes," Dibattista-Costello said.

The trial ended with Weichel calling Deputy Moore as a rebuttal witness. Moore testified that Dibattista-Costello had not told him most of what he testified to. "Did you express how serious the allegations were," Weichel asked. "Yes I did," Moore said. "He told me he did not finish," Moore said.

"Did he offer his clothing to you at any time?" Weichel asked. "No he did not," Moore said

(Editor's Note: The Review does not publish the names of victims or alleged victims in sexual assault cases or court proceedings. Therefore, the names of the victims or alleged victims in this trial and the names of two other victims identified by the prosecution regarding separate instances are not going to be published. Additionally, the Review will not publish the names of immediate family members of a victim or alleged victim who testify in a trial in order to further protect the identity of the victim.)



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Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Music and sing-a-long at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., at 4 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Drop in craft and Wii for children from 10:30 a.m. to noon at the Hubbard Lake Community Center. This is a free program sponsored by the Alcona County Library. For more information, call (989) 727-3105.

There will be a free yoga class for everyone with instructor Laura Matchett at 7

p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. No registration required, bring a mat and wear comfortable clothing. For more information, call (989) 724-

Free beginning computer class for mature adults over 60 years of age at 3 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. If you have a laptop or iPad feel free to bring to class with you, several laptops will be available for use. For more information or to register, call (989) 736-8879.

The Barton City Improvement Association will hold their monthly meeting at the VFW Hall on Trask Lake Rd. at 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Campfire Program-Leave No Trace: Do you know how to select the best location to pitch a tent? What to do with

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your trash or how to build a campfire that is safe? Meet with Ranger Pine at 6 p.m. at Round Lake Campground, 2180 Latham Rd., National City, to learn to leave no trace. For more information, call (989) 362-8961.

The Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold a membership meeting at the VFW hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena at 11 a.m. Bring a can of food for the needy. Lunch will be served. For reservations, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-3553.

Two computers and WIFI will be available for seniors over 60 for use at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Music and sing-a-long at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., at 4 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Sewing with Jennie Anderson at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. from 2 to 4 p.m. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Alcona County needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., from 2 to 4 p.m. All items will be donated to local organizations. Bring your knitting needles, looms, yarn and patterns. Beginning crafters are welcome. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Digital download instruction for laptop or desktop from 9:15 to 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a place.

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

Drop in craft and Wii for children from 2:30 to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

The Alpena City Band will perform at the Fine Arts Bandshell at Bay View Park in Alpena at 7:30 p.m. The concert will last approximately one hour. For more information, call (765) 631-1167.

A free Zumba dance class will be held in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., at noon. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

There will be a guest speaker on investment fraud from the Michigan Attorney General's office at 4:15 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more info, call (989) 736-8879.

Alcona Review Weather Report

Seven Day Forecast

WEDNESDAY

Mostly Sunny High: 82 Low: 65



THURSDAY Sunny High: 84 Low: 69



FRIDAY

Mostly Sunny High: 86 Low: 68



SATURDAY Mostly Sunny High: 81 Low: 64



SUNDAY Mostly Sunny High: 74 Low: 55



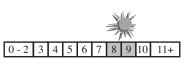
MONDAY

Mostly Sunny High: 76 Low: 54



TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 79 Low: 58

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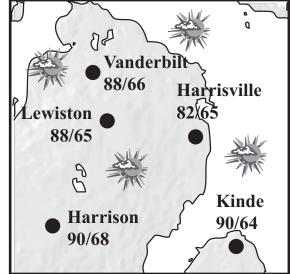
0-2: Low, 3-5: Moderate, 6-7: High, 8-10: Very High 11+: Extreme Exposure

UV Index

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	<u>Set</u>
Mercury	8:07 a.m.	10:39 p.m.
Venus	3:56 a.m.	6:25 p.m.
Mars	12:40 p.m.	12:49 a.m.
Jupiter	3:25 a.m.	6:23 p.m.
Saturn	2:31 p.m.	1:48 a.m.
Uranus	1:01 a.m.	1:27 p.m.

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 82°, humidity of 62%. North wind 5 mph. The record high temperature for today is 98° set in 1955. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 65°. Light winds. The record low for tonight is 39° set in 1961. Thursday, skies will be sunny with a high temperature of 84°.

*Last Week's Almanac											
<u>Date</u>	<u>Hi</u>	<u>Lo</u>	Normals	Precip							
Monday	72	52	76/51	0.00"							
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Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

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		Tuesday	5:58 a.m.	9:19 p.m.	12:14 a.m.	1:45 p.m.	ت

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 99° in Carbondale, Ill. The Southeast will see scattered thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 100° in Dyersburg, Tenn. The Northwest will see mostly clear

skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 96° in Torrington, Wyo. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 103° in Lamar, Colo.

Weather History

July 4, 1776 - Thomas Jefferson paid for his first thermometer and signed the Declaration of Independence. According to his weather memorandum book, at 2 p.m. it was cloudy and the temperature was 76 degrees.

Weather Trivia

What was the greatest amount of snowfall in one day?

Answer: 75.8 inches in Silver Lake, Colorado on April 14-15, 1921.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Hot Summer, Distant Sun

Astronomy and alcohol, there has got to be an affiliation. I'm joking, of course, but when giving a constellation program, it almost seems natural to consider that the ancients must have been under the influence of an herb or a brew when they charted some of the weird arrangement of stars that create our 88 modern constellations. And that's not considering the dozens of patterns in the southern sky that were "forged" from the technological minds of early European explorers. So when Jesse Leayman and I ventured into Aztec, NM last month to pick up supplies while exploring the ruins of Chaco Culture, Jesse thought it appropriate to test this theory by picking up a bottle of Dewar's to comfort us under the stars of our campsite. Jesse noted that a good scotch should be sipped

slowly over ice from fine crystal glasses. Obviously, we had none of that at Chaco, but we did have the Dewar's, two confiscated plastic cups from a Holiday Inn Express, and a sturdy wood-like picnic table which faced southward over North Mesa to some of the more obscure spring constellations. It was good enough for the experiment. Jesse poured. We sipped unhurriedly in the cooling night air, imagining the Dewar's cut by cubes of glistening ice. Pleasantly the Dewar's sky emerged plainly in front of us. There was the long sinuous body of Hydra the Water Serpent, the largest constellation of them all. On his back was balanced Crater the Cup which held the clear spring waters from Apollo's favorite lake, and to Crater's left, Corvus, the crow who defied the Sun God and was forever banished to the Snake's back. To Hydra's left were the difficult to understand patterns of Centaurus the Centaur and Lupus the Wolf, but to their left rose the magnificent Scorpion along with the Milky Way. Honestly, the Dewar's didn't help a bit, but it sure provided us with a pleasant night's rest and some sweet, sweet dreams. astronomy.org

TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

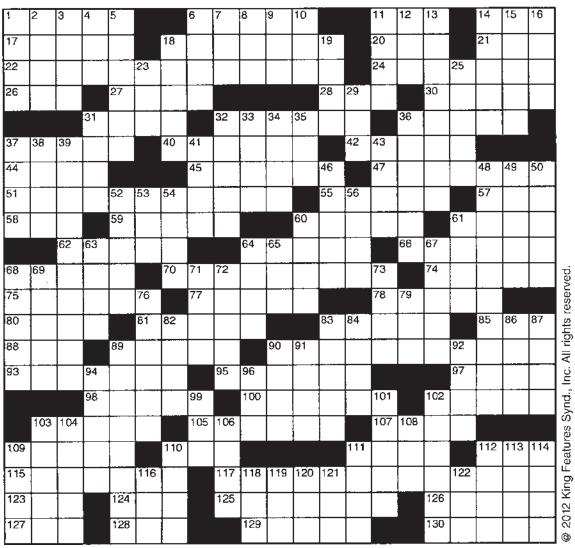
- 1. INVENTIONS: Who invented Lincoln Logs building blocks in 1916?
- **2. SCIENCE:** What is the symbol for the chemical element tungsten?
- **3. MOVIES:** How many von Trapp children were represented in "The Sound of Music"?
- 4. COMICS: Which comic strip features a character named Jon Arbuckle?
- **5. MEDICAL:** What is the more common name for the involuntary spasms know medically as singultus?
- **6. U.S. STATES:** A resident nicknamed a "sooner" would live in which U.S. state?
- 7. GEOGRAPHY: What state capital is located near the Kennebec River?
- **8. AD SLOGANS:** What car company features advertisements that say "Drivers Wanted"?
- 9. GAMES: In what country did the modern game of badminton originate?
 10. LITERATURE: What was the name of the caretaker's cat in the "Harry Potter" book series?

Answers:1. John Lloyd Wright, son of architect Frank Lloyd Wright; 2. W; 3. Seven; 4. "Garfield," the cat's owner; 5. Hiccups; 6. Oklahoma; 7. Augusta, Maine; 8. Volkswagen; 9. India; 10. Mrs. Norris. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

• It was beloved cowboy humorist Will Rogers who made the following sage observation: "Nobody wants to be called common people, especially common people."

• Do you think you could eat 80 pounds of chicken? If you're like the average American, that's how much you will consume this year.

- You've probably heard or even used the term "fly off the handle" to describe someone losing their temper. You probably don't realize, though, that the handle referred to was originally an axe handle. Sometimes the blade of such a tool would be improperly fastened to the handle, and would therefore be sent flying when the axe was being used.
- The composer who wrote the famous song "Que Sera, Sera" also wrote the theme song to the 1960s TV show "Mr. Ed."
- Those who study such things say that England's Elizabeth I owned 3,000 dresses
- If you make a trip to Venice to see the famous canals, keep an eye out for any gondola not painted black. If you see one, you can be sure that it belongs to a high official in the government; they are the only ones permitted by law to have gondolas in any other color.

• The world's single largest consumer of fossil fuels is the United States military.

• You might be surprised to learn that, according to the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, half of all American children suffer at least one dog bite before the age of 12. The ASPCA also says that most of those bites aren't from strange animals; rather, it's the family pet or a friend or neighbor's dog that does the biting.

Thought for the Day: "Where we have strong emotions, we're liable to fool ourselves." — Carl Sagan (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

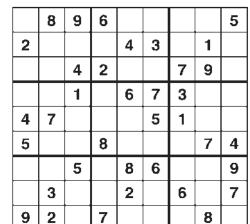
MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

- On July 22, 1598, William Shakespeare's play "The Merchant of Venice" is entered on the Stationers' Register. By decree of Queen Elizabeth, the Stationers' Register licensed printed works, giving the Crown tight control over all published material.
- On July 19, 1799, during Napoleon Bonaparte's Egyptian campaign, a French soldier discovers a black basalt slab inscribed with ancient writing near the town of Rosetta, about 35 miles north of Alexandria. Called the Rosetta Stone, the artifact held the key to solving the riddle of hieroglyphics, a written language that had been "dead" for nearly 2,000 years.
- On July 18, 1925, Volume One of Adolf Hitler's philosophical autobiography, "Mein Kampf," is published. It was a blueprint of his agenda for a Third Reich and a clear exposition of the nightmare that will envelope Europe from 1939 to 1945.
- On July 16, 1935, the world's first parking meter, known as Park-O-Meter No. 1, is installed on the southeast corner of what was then First Street and Robinson Avenue in Oklahoma City, Okla. Parking cost a nickel an hour. By the early 1940s, there were more than 140,000 parking meters operating in the United States.
- On July 17, 1955, Disneyland Walt Disney's metropolis of nostalgia, fantasy and futurism opens. The \$17 million theme park was built on 160 acres of former orange groves in Anaheim, Calif. Today, Disneyland hosts more than 14 million visitors a year, who spend close to \$3 billion.
- On July 20, 1969, at 10:56 p.m. EDT, American astronaut Neil Armstrong, 240,000 miles from Earth, speaks these words to more than a billion people listening at home: "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind." Stepping off the lunar landing module Eagle, Armstrong became the first human to walk on the surface of the moon.
- On July 21, 1973, "Soul Makossa" is the first disco record to make the Top 40. It is now best remembered as the source of the rhythmic chant that appears in Michael Jackson's "Wanna Be Startin' Somethin" in 1982.

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by Linda Thistle



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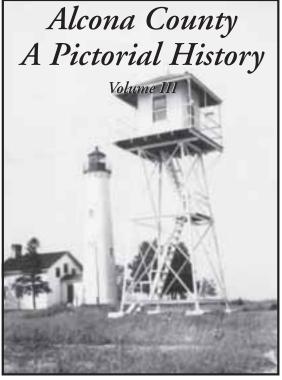
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Huge moving sale, July 5-8, 8 a.m. to ? daily, 5055 N. F-41, one mile north of Lost Lake Woods Club. Washer, dryer, home décor, refrigerator, generator, chains, men's stuff, too much to

Garage sale, baby items and more, 5130 E. Springport Rd., Friday and Saturday, July 6 and 7; 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Lost Lake Woods Club annual rummage sale on F-41. Lincoln: Thursday and Friday, July 12 and 13, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturday, July 14, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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> July 6, 7, 8, 9 a.m. til ? 7959 Loud Dr.,

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Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. Winner take all game and cookie jar. All proceeds to charity.

Bingo - Every Wednesday in Mikado Civic Center. Early bird at 6:30 p.m., air conditioned. Mikado Area Development.

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

Bingo-Every Saturday at the Barton City Eagles from 5:30 to

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Notice of Mortgage Sale

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Michael Stanbury and Colette M. Stanbury f/k/a Collette M. Inda, husband and wife, to Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, whose address is 1100 South Bagley Street, Alpena, Mich. 49707.

The mortgage is dated September 23, 2005 and recorded on September 30, 2005, at Liber 423, pages 1,023-1,025, Alcona County records. The mortgage is subject to a Mortgage Modification Agreement dated October 6, 2010 and recorded on October 18, 2010 at Liber 473, pages 1,404-1,406, Alcona County records. There is claimed to be due on the mortgage at the date of this notice, for principal, interest, and other items paid as allowed by the mortgage, the sum of \$66,962.65 and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured thereby. The power of sale contained in the mortgage has now become

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the applicable foreclosure statute, the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below at public auction to the highest bidder at the Alcona County Courthouse at 214 West Main Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2012 at 10 a.m. The property will be sold to pay the amount due on the mortgage with 4.250 percent interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays on or before the date of sale.

The property subject to the mortgage and subject to sale is as follows: Situated in Alcona Township, Alcona County, state of Michigan. Part of Government Lot 2 of Section 24, Town 28 North, Range 7 East, described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 221 of "Scott Park Subdivision," thence south 83° 58' east 330.00 feet; thence north 3° 30' east 47.90 feet; thence south 84° 15' east 148.96 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 5° 17' east 100.00 feet; thence south 84° 15' east 160.00 feet; thence south 5° 17' west 100.00 feet; thence north 84° 15' west 160.00 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for

months from the date of sale, unless abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption pe-

Dated: June 12, 2012 Mortgagee Daniel W. White Attorney for Mortgagee 313 North Second Avenue Alpena, MI 49707 (989) 354-4104 6-20, 6-27, 7-4, 7-11, 7-18

State of Michigan In the Circuit Court for the County of losco

Independent Bank, a Michigan banking corporation, Plaintiff. Case No. 04-1229- CK

Norwood Products Co., a Michigan corporation, a/k/a Norwood Products, Inc. and a/k/a Norwood Products Company; Melford L. Wassmann; and Rorbert L. Wassmann, jointly and severally,

Defendants Smith, Martin, Powers & Knier, P.C. By: Henry L. Knier Jr. (P46393) Attorney for Plaintiff 900 Washington Ave., P.O. Box 219 Bay City, Mich. 48707 (989) 892-4574

James A. Bacarella (P46198) Attorney for Melford Wassmann 1228 F. US-23 East Tawas, Mich. 48730 (989) 362-1364

Gary S. Price (P29414) Attorney for the Estate of Robert Wassmann

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Notice of Sale of **Real Estate Under**

road right-of-way purposes. The period of redemption will be six

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union,

Order to Seize Property

The Iosco County Circuit Court has issued an Order to Seize Property in favor of Independent Bank and against the property of Melford Wassmann, a/k/a Melford Wassman.

Accordingly, on March 3, 2009, I levied the Order to Seize Property and took all rights, title, and interests of Melford Wassmann, a/k/a Melford Wassman, in the following described real property: The N half of the SW 1/4 of Section 22, T25N, R6E, Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan.

The Notice of Levy of Real Estate is recorded March 5, 2009, at Liber 459, page 513 of the records of the Alcona County Register of Deeds. This levv of execution is made pursuant to MCL 600.6051 et seq. Possessory rights and redemption rights are as set forth by Michigan statutes, including MCL 600,6062 and MCL 600,6063.

I will auction this property as the law directs on August 24, 2012, at 10 a.m., at 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan, this being the location of the circuit court for the county in which the property is located.

More information regarding this sale may be obtained by contacting Edward Van't Hof Jr., at (989) 329-4443, or contacting the attorney for Independent Bank, Henry L. Knier Jr., at (989) 892-4574. Dated: June 27, 2012

Edward Van't Hof Jr., Iosco County Deputy Sheriff 7-4, 7-11, 7-18, 7-25, 8-1, 8-8, 8-15

Notice of Judicial Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office if you are a borrower on active military duty.

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the circuit court at the request of the plaintiff. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, as determined by the court. Alcona County Circuit Court Case No. 11-1692-CH Notice of Judicial Sale: Judicial sale in pursuance and by virtue of a Stipulated Judgment of Foreclosure in the Circuit Court for the county of Alcona, state of Michigan, made and entered on the 2nd day of February, 2012, in a certain cause therein pending, wherein HSBC Bank USA, National Association, As Trustee for WFHM 2007-M09 was the plaintiff and Kenneth R. Boisvert and Veronica J. Boisvert were the defendants.

The aforementioned court established a debt owing to plaintiff in the amount of \$242,038.17, plus post-judgment interest at an annual rate of 5.125 percent and other amounts recoverable pursuant to said judgment or order.

Notice is hereby given that in order to satisfy said judgment or order, in whole or in part, the property described below shall be sold at public auction, by an authorized sheriff or deputy sheriff, to the highest bidder, at the circuit court for the county of Alcona, located at 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Michigan (that being the building in which the circuit court for that county is held) on August 1, 2012 at 10 a.m., local time.

On said day at said time, the following property shall be sold: property located in the township of Hawes, county of Alcona, state of Michigan and particularly described as part of the southwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 27 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 24: thence north 87 degrees 11 minutes 35 seconds west along the south line of said section 1,317.20 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 87 degrees 11 minutes 35 seconds west 218.26 feet: thence north 03 degrees 32 minutes 43 seconds east 223.28 feet; thence south 71 degrees 47 minutes 26 seconds east 416.11 feet; thence north 20 degrees 04 minutes 02 seconds west 708.18 feet; thence south 87 degrees 12 minutes 53 seconds east 883.91 feet; thence south 02 degrees 19 minutes 14 seconds west along the east 1/8 line of said section 986.62 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utility purposes over the real property described as follows: The north 30 feet of the southeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 24, Town 27 North, Range 8 East, and further granting an easement to use an existing roadway running southerly on or near the east line of the southwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/ 4 of Section 24, Town 27 North, Range 8 East, with the express purpose of granting ingress, egress and utility purposes to the property described above. Tax Parcel ID: 071-024-400-020-03. More commonly known as: 2021 Bobick Trail. Redemption period is six months. For more information, please call (248) 642-

Trott & Trott, P.C. By: Bree Stocker Attorneys for Plaintiff 31440 Northwestern Hwy.,

Ste. 200 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48334 T# 316384L02 Douglas Atchison, Alcona County Sheriff 6-13, 6-20, 6-27, 7-4, 7-11, 7-18

Foreclosure Notice

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. may be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. If you are a military servicemember on active duty now or in the prior nine months, please contact our office.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Katrina Pirkola, a single woman, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Fremont Investment & Loan, mortgagee, dated February 4, 2005, and recorded on February 9, 2005, in Liber 412, page 1,368, Alcona County records, said mortgage was assigned to HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-B, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-B by an assignment of mortgage which has been submitted to the Alcona County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of two hundred thousand three hundred sixty-three and 96/100 (\$200,363.96) including interest at the rate of 7.75000 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said

mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court in said Alcona County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 12 p.m. on July 18, 2012. Said premises are situated in the township of Alcona, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 31 of Hardwood Point Subdivision, being a part of Government Lots 1, 2 and 3 of Section 21, Township 28 North, Range 7 East, township of Alcona, county of Alcona, Michigan. Commonly known as: 5352 Mt. Maria Road. If the property is eventually sold at fore-

closure sale, the redemption period will be six months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to

the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is one year.

Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: June 20, 2012 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for HSBC Bank USA, National Association, as Trustee for Fremont Home Loan Trust 2005-B, Mortgage-Backed Certificates, Series 2005-B

Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Case No. 120MI00614-1 6-20, 6-27, 7-4, 7-11

As a debt collector we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active

Mortgage sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a aka Laura J. Charpie, unmarried individual of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor to PNC Bank, NA, successor by merger to National City Bank dated the 5th day of July, 2006, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 24th day of July, 2006, in Liber 433, page 208 of Alcona records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$25,648.56 (twenty-five thousand six hundred forty-eight and 56/100) plus accrued interest at 7.59 percent (seven point five four) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statue of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 25th day of July, 2012, at 10 a.m. said foreclosed by public auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan, 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 Mikado, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the township of Mikado, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: A part of the west 1/2 of the southeast 1/ 4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 5. Township 25 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the southeast corner thereof, thence west along 1/ 4 line a distance of 462.0 feet to the point

of beginning, thence north on line parallel with the west line of said parcel, a distance of 660.0 feet, thence west on a line parallel with the south line of said parcel a distance of 132.0 feet, thence south 660.0 feet, thence east along the south side of said parcel a distance of Commonly known as: 645 E. F-30. Tax Parcel No.: 091-005-200-060-00

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: June 27, 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. 10096279 6-27, 7-4, 7-11, 7-18



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