

## Quick acting youth saves friend from drowning

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

An afternoon of playing outside after school turned treacherous in an instant when a young boy fell into cold, rushing water.

The quick thinking and reflexive actions of his friend kept it from becoming a tragic situation.

"Jonathon Gusa is my hero," Rochelle Boboltz said as she pointed to the brown-haired boy walking with her son, Dustin. "He saved Dustin's life."

She retold the story on a sunny afternoon in the backyard of her mother and stepfather, Sue and Gerald Bushey of Black River, where the incident happened. Jonathon, Dustin and Dustin's younger brother, Corey, were playing along the creek that runs through the Bushey backyard and feeds into the Black River, less than 30 yards away.

The creek, Boboltz said, was back to its normal level, but was very swollen on March 9 with run off from melting snow. "It was up over the banks and had a fast current," she said.

Dustin, Corey and Jonathon were heading across a small bridge to play in the wooded area on the other side that fateful day when Dustin,

who stopped to pull on his boot, lost his balance and fell into the high-running creek. He was wearing a winter coat and winter boots and was immediately weighted down as the cold water soaked into the heavy clothing.

Unable to stand up against the running water, Dustin was in trouble. For just a minute until Jonathon, who had dropped to his stomach on the bridge reached down and pulled him to the opposite bank and then up onto the bridge. "Go get your mom," Jonathon said Corey as he went into action.

He did and Boboltz helped Dustin into the house to dry off and warm up. "I was really shook up for a while," she said. "It happened so fast. Dustin knows how to swim. He swims in lakes, rivers and pools. His clothes were just so heavy... There is always adult supervision when the boys play outside. I had just ducked inside for a second...It's that one second..."

"Jonathon is my best friend now," Dustin said as he stood on the bridge next to Jonathon, who said Dustin was his best friend too. Both admitted they were scared when it happened, but seemed unaffected two weeks later. "After I got him

dried off and warmed up he wanted to go back outside and play," Boboltz said. "I was like 'really?'"

Jonathon is the son of Shannon Bosley and Steve Gusa, who moved to Black River from Cass City, Mich. in December 2011. They live in the neighborhood of the Busheys.

Dustin is the son of Rochelle and Mark Boboltz of Alpena. The Boboltzs bring Dustin to Black River each morning so he can attend Alcona Elementary. He and Jonathon ride the bus together to school and play together outside with other youth in the neighborhood since the weather has turned warmer.

Jonathon is in third grade at Alcona Elementary where he likes math and gym. He likes riding his bike, target practice and collecting "stuff." When thinking about what he wants to do in the future he said, "My favorite thing is the military. I hope to go into the armed forces one day."

Dustin is in second grade and likes recess and gym. He also likes riding his bike and swimming.

As she watched the boys play near the creek, Boboltz said. "I hadn't met Jonathon until that day."



Best friends Jonathon Gusa (left) and Dustin Boboltz stand on the bridge where the incident happened. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

## Vukovich is area's newest centenarian

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

One hundred years ago the tallest structure in the world was the Eiffel Tower, the telephone was still in its infancy, it cost two cents to mail a letter and the Titanic was readying to make its fateful maiden voyage.

Something else happened a hundred years ago that may have gone unnoticed to much of the world -- Rose Vukovich was born.

Rose celebrated her birth date, March 13, 1912, adorned with a gemmed tiara and a rose corsage surrounded by generations of family in the commons area of Jamieson's Nursing Home in Harrisville. Photos of Rose's life adorned the room while fellow residents, caretakers, friends and family sang, "Happy Birthday" to the centenarian while she blew out the numeric candles on her cake.

Rose was born in Kansas,

but lived more than 90 years in Alcona County, mostly in Barton City. "If she is anything, she is a survivor," said her nephew, Glen Kaun. Two of her brothers died of botulism from eating bad sardines when they were young. Rose, who didn't like the taste of sardines, never ate them. She also survived being thrown from a snowmobile and was in an automobile accident which propelled her through the windshield of a car.

One hundred years ago the average life expectancy for a female was around 51.5 years.

"For most of her life she lived very independently, she took in hunters during deer season to bring in a little extra money," said her sister, Anna Vukovich, 92.

Family members explained that a few years ago Rose fell trying to change a light bulb while standing on her bed and ended up at Jamieson's. "She sure looks great," Anna said.

Family members remembered Rose's beautiful flower gardens, especially her gladiolas -- and her love of children. Which was still evident as Rose spent much of the party smiling and holding the hands of her great-great-nephews who came from Grand Rapids, Mich. to celebrate her day.

Many things have changed over the last 100 years, but the one thing that has remained consistent is Rose's love for family and friends.



Rose Vukovich (sitting) and her sisters Julia Kaun (left) and Anna Vukovich. Photo by Mary Weber.

## Finding a home and purpose in Alcona County

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

For much of her life, Mary Peterson was an adventurous loner.

Fortunately for Alcona County, she has become the complete opposite of her younger years as a solitary big city wanderer. She is settled and excited about living life to its fullest in a small town.

Mary spent a lifetime moving -- 34 addresses to her claim. She traveled throughout the states, moving many times as a child and continued traveling as an adult, mostly on a motorcycle. She's been overseas several times. She's seen the Swiss Alps, sat in the room where Mozart composed and gazed at the stars over the Grand Canyon.

She has held many jobs throughout her life as well. She's been a nurse's aid in a psychiatric unit, worked as a first responder and answered phones at a crisis help line. She also spent 25 years working for families taking care of their children. Mary never felt the need to have her own children. Thoughtfully recalling the dear little ones she cared for, she said, "Those were my kids I guess. I taught them everything I could."

Mary married late in life. She and her husband, John, had retirement almost in hand. They purchased property on a remote beach in British Columbia and plans to build were underway. They dreamed of becoming recluses, far away from people, tucked



away with nature. Those dreams were shattered when John died from lung cancer at 53.

"It was a miserable time," Mary said softly while stroking the back of one of her five cats. "My mom was diagnosed with Alzheimer's and died shortly after... Things change, you just play the cards life gives you. I sold the property in British Columbia and made

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## Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

I was puzzled recently by a piece on the front page of the Alcona County Review (March 7) talking about state representative Peter Pettalia.

At first I thought it was an article in which the Review was reporting news but when I got to statements such as "Pettalia worked hard for his community," and Pettalia "works hard to represent the people of northeastern lower Michigan," I knew it wasn't reporting because these statements are not news, they are opinion.

My next thought was, "It must be an editorial." But I looked and found nothing saying "Editorial" and there was no editorial signature at the end of the piece.

So, it was not news, it was not an editorial. About all that is left is a paid, anonymous political ad which, unfortunately for democracy, the federal courts' Citizens United decisions allows. Either that or the Review is editorializing and not telling us about it.

Michael Johnson  
Harrisville



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## Obituaries

### Eleanor D'Augustino

Eleanor D'Augustino, 93, of Harrisville died on Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at her daughter's home in Fenton, Mich.

She was born February 23, 1919 in Stacey, Minn. to John and Katherine (Pomtomeier) Marshall.

On November 28, 1942 she married Loris "Lotts" D'Augustino in Ohio.

Mrs. D'Augustino was a member of St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. She enjoyed gardening, swimming in Lake Huron, walking, picking strawberries, raspberries, blackberries and making jams and jellies.

Mrs. D'Augustino is survived by three daughters, Jan (Larry) Birkett, Andrea (Dennis) Moreton and Karen D'Augustino; one son Michael (Sagouane) D'Augustino; nine grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loris; seven sisters, Elsie Marshall, Agnes Walsh, Elizabeth Bensinger, Cecilia Hylla, Irene O'Rourke,



Dorothy Labram and Helen Eglinton; five brothers, Bernard, Henry, Frank, John and Fred Marshall.

A funeral service was held Saturday, March 17 at Guardian Angels Church, Clawson, Mich. Interment will be in St. Anne Cemetery in Harrisville.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of Michigan or St. Anne's Altar Society, Harrisville. Arrangements were handled by A. J. Desmond Funeral Home.

### Raymond Rickel

Raymond Rickel, 88, died on Friday, March 9, 2012 in Miami, Ohio.

He was born November 19, 1923 in Glennie, Mich. to Clyde and Marjorie (Kimberin) Rickel.

He served in the U.S. Army in the medical corp. from 1943-1948. He was awarded with medals of merit, a bronze and a gold star and a Purple Heart in battles of Normandy, northern France, Rhineland and central Europe.

He graduated from Oscoda High School upon his return in 1947.

In 1948 he married Bernadine Sutton; she preceded him in death in 1964.

He married Jean M. Shoup in 1965.

Mr. Rickel was educated in structural engineering and surveying. He worked as a highway construction inspector for the state of Michigan for 31 years retiring in 1981.

He retired to Mountain Home, Ark. in 1983 until moving to live with family in Centerville, Ohio in 2007. He was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Mountain Home, Ark.

Mr. Rickel is survived by his wife, Jean; two sons, Samuel E. (Karen) Rickel of Howell, Mich. and Roger L. (Sherry) Rickel of Centerville, Ohio; three grandchildren, Marc Rickel, Chris (Elizabeth) Rickel and Kim Rickel; three great-grandchildren, Amanda, Brandon and Cameron Rickel; three sisters, Laura Busch, Marcene (Richard) Busch and Irene (Victor) Kindell; and three brothers, Claude Rickel, Kenneth (Fran) Rickel and Wilbur (Christine) Rickel.

A graveside service was held on March 16 at Oak Hill Cemetery, Holly, Mich. Arrangements were handled by Dryer Funeral Home, Holly, Mich.

### Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2000/2010

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	March 11	69		37	0.00	3.3
March 12	47	35	0.99	2.8	15	SW
March 13	60	33	0.00	2.7	25	WSW
March 14	50	29	0.00	2.9	13	SSW
March 15	55	39	0.00	2.6	19	SW
March 16	50	36	0.00	1.3	10	S
March 17	62	40	0.00	6.3	24	SSW

#### Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2011-2012

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
	Weekly Total	0.99	0.00
March to Date	2.32	1.2	1.11
Year/Season to Date	4.51	31.7	4.27

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

# Calendar of Events

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21**

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

Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No charge. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

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

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

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

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

**THURSDAY, MARCH 22**

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

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

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

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Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No charge. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

AARP tax preparation from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Alcona County Ama-

teur Radio Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building, 2600 E. M-7. Anyone interested in emergency and public service communications is invited to attend. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Stan Darmofal (989) 724-5550.

Soup and pie supper at Harrisville United Methodist Church from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. donations only.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 23**

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

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

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

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

My Brother's Hope Potluck Cafe-Take 2 will serve a free meal and do free haircuts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, Mikado.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 24**

Benefit spaghetti dinner for Mike Glore at the Mikado Civic Center beginning at 4 p.m. Dinner will include spaghetti, salad bar and deserts. Cost is \$5 per person, children five and under free. For more information, call Lori (989) 736-6521, Nicki (989) 965-2449 or Kathy (989) 724-6160.

Alcona FFA Chapter's 4th annual Maple Syrup Celebration Day at Alcona Community School's Sugar Shack from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Free pancake and sausage breakfast, games for children and adults, wagon rides, maple syrup samples and tours of the Sugar Shack.

**MONDAY, MARCH 26**

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

Walk in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center from 9 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. No charge. Call, (989) 736-8879 for more information.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 27**

Game day from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Kids are invited to play games on the library's Wii. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

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

ACCOA board meeting will be held at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center.

Thunder Bay Island Preservation Society's monthly meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Alpena Yacht Club, 250 Prentiss St. For more information, visit their website at [thunderbayislandlight.org](http://thunderbayislandlight.org).

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28**

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- Black River Ball Park and Black River Harbor/Beach area
- Alcona Township Hall

A person can bid on one or all three jobs, but each job should be priced separately. For more information contact Supervisor Roger Carlin at 471-5606. Must provide proof of insurance. Sealed bids must be marked "BID" on the outside envelope. Bids will be received until April 9, 2012. Mail bids to Clerk Dawn LaLonde, 4892 LaVergne Rd., Black River, MI 48721. The Alcona Township Board has the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

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### Correction

The Spruce Lutheran Food Pantry is open the first and third Wednesday of each month from 1-3 p.m. and the last Saturday of each month from 1-3 p.m. The Review apologizes for this error and any inconveniences it may have caused.

### Clarification

The e-mail address for the Service with a Smile -- upcoming customer service seminar is zeimendi@anr.msu.edu.

### Meeting Cancelled

The Alcona Community Schools Board of Education meeting scheduled for March 26 has been cancelled due to spring break.

### Maple Syrup Celebration

Alcona FFA Chapter's 4th annual Maple Syrup Celebration day is Saturday, March 24 at Alcona Community Schools' Sugar Shack from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The day will include a pancake and sausage breakfast, games for children and adults, wagon rides, maple syrup samples and tours of the Sugar Shack. This is a free day of fun, food and entertainment.

### Easter Egg Hunt

Grab an Easter basket and hop on over to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 11 a.m. on Saturday, March 31 for an Easter egg hunt. Kids ages 12 and under are invited to hunt for eggs on the library grounds. Park in north parking lot of Maria Hall. This event is co-sponsored by the Harrisville Lions and Lady Lions. In case of extreme weather, call (989) 724-6796 for updates.



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### Mock Rock Event

Alpena, Montmorency and Alcona counties' Great Start Parent Coalition and collaborative board — along with Child and Family Services is hosting a "Star Power Mock Rock" event on May 12. This event is in search of acts that would like to sing and/or mock a favorite song. Spaces are limited so reserve a spot now by contacting Angela at (989) 884-4276 or forsythea@cfsnemi.org.

### Game Day

Kids of all ages are invited to drop-in to play games on the library's Wii system on Tuesday, March 27 from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information.

### Art Collage

Create an artistic collage suitable for framing with instruction from Alpena artist Ellen LaCross at the monthly adult "Get Crafty" activity on Monday, April 2 from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All supplies and light lunch included for \$5; call (989) 724-6796 to register. This activity supported by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Kirtland Community Foundation.

### 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, March 26—

Meatloaf, mashed potatoes with gravy, broccoli, tossed salad and fruit.

- Tuesday, March 27— Smoked sausage, macaroni and cheese, mixed vegetables, fruited Jell-O and fruit.

- Wednesday, March 28— Pollock almondine, red parsley potatoes, cauliflower, tropical fruit salad, fruit and cookies.

- Thursday, March 29— Meat and cheese pizza, tossed salad, raw vegetables with dip and fruit.

- Friday, March 30— Smothered chicken breast, buttered noodles, squash, tossed salad and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

### Doctor's Day Celebration

St. Joseph Health System invites the community to join in the celebration of National Doctor's Day on Friday, March 30 by sending a personal greeting to a St. Joseph doctor. For ease in sending a thank you message, visit the St. Joseph website at www.sjhsys.org. The main page offers a Doctor's Day banner to click and send a greeting.

The first Doctor's Day was first observed on March 30, 1933 in Winder, Ga. Eudora Brown Almond, wife of Dr. Charles B. Almond, decided to create a day to honor physicians. Activities for the first observance included the mailing of greeting cards and the placing of flowers on graves of deceased doctors. On March 30, 1958, the United States House of Representatives adopted a resolution Commemorating Doctor's Day. For more information on the Doctor's Day celebration, call St. Joseph's Communication & Outreach Department at (989) 362-9404.

## League of Women Voters to register young voters

The League of Women Voters (LWV) of Alpena County has received a grant to register young voters in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties.

Beginning in April, LWV members will visit high schools in all four counties, ACES Academy and Alpena Community College, presenting programs on the importance of voting and registering youth who will be of voting age by the November election.

Administrators at the participating schools have been both helpful and welcoming regarding the proposed project, explained Judi Stillion, coordinator for the

registration drive. "League members are excited about the prospect of doing work they feel passionately about," she said.

This four-county project has been made possible, in part, by a \$900 grant from the National League of Women Voters Education Fund. The money will be used to cover costs of the events and informational material on registering to vote and on voting in general. All programs and materials produced by LWV are nonpartisan.

The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization that encourages informed and active participation in government through education and advocacy. It does not endorse or oppose candidates or parties. Membership is open to all interested citizens, male and female. For further information or to join the League of Women Voters, visit the website at lwvalpenacounty.org or call Marie Gilmet-Dully at (989) 356-4953.



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new plans.”

Mary’s decision was quite different from anything she had originally planned with her husband. After giving it a few years of thought, she decided to make Harrisville her home.

She had no family in Harrisville and not many friends. “I guess moving around so much made me quite shy. I’ve come into my own since moving here,” she said.

Mary began coming to Harrisville to visit a friend. “I did have one really good friend. I went to high school in Jackson with Connie Sysak -- her husband Kent grew up here. Connie wanted me to come see them and where they lived.”

Mary enjoyed the visits so much she decided to make Alcona County her permanent home.

Pointing to a cardinal chirping at one of her many bird feeders Mary said, “To me this area is just as beautiful as any I’ve seen. I love the peaceful quiet, the lake and all the nature around me.

“My first summer here I saw something scurry across my backyard and I didn’t know what it was. It turned out to be a porcupine. I don’t think I’d ever seen one before. I thought it was terrific.

“Shortly after that, I was gardening in my yard and a man and his daughter went by on horseback and I thought, wow, this is great. I live in a city where I can walk to the grocery and bank and people stroll by my house on horses. I’m in the city, but if I walk just a half mile up Swamp Creek Road I’m surrounded by country.”

When she lived and worked in Ann Arbor, Mich. Mary volunteered for Washtenaw Literacy. She wanted to volunteer once she retired, so that’s exactly what she did.

Mary sits on three boards, the Alcona Humane Society, Recycle Alcona and My Brother’s Hope -- and is an active volunteer for all three. “I do that because they are such very important causes, I want them to continue here for a long time. We need these services.”

She is also a Lady Lion, enjoys helping with spring clean up with Friends of Sprinkler Lake and has just recently joined the Friends of Negwegon. Mary helps the Alcona Historical Society by welcoming visitors at Bailey School in the summer and has been seen helping the Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce at the Sunrise Side Wine and Food Festival, Antique and Collectibles Show and Christmas in the Village.

Mary enjoys living with her feline family — who came from the Alcona Humane Society. As she stroked the ears of a long haired black cat she said, “Larry here had been shot with buckshot, he still has a tilted head because of his wounds, but I think he’s just the greatest cat. They all are.”

Mary admits to an eclectic taste in many different subjects and surrounds each day with things that complement her varied interests — exercise, nature, photography,



Mary Peterson, with one of her feline housemates Larry, enjoys a life filled with happiness in Harrisville. Photo by Mary Weber.

gardening, opera music and reading.

“I just love the library here,” Mary said. “They always have something interesting going on at our library member. For a small town it’s very impressive.” She is a Friend of the Library and volunteers her time sorting through donated and culled library books for book sales. “I also try to find good homes for the books that don’t sell,” Mary said “I’ve taken them everywhere, the jail, Jami-son’s Nursing Home, Lincoln Haven, St. Vincent de Paul and The Salvation Army.

Mary was celebrated as the Alcona County Library’s volunteer of the year in 2009 -- just a year after moving here.

A self-proclaimed “recycling fanatic,” Mary said Alcona County has one of the best programs, which continues to get better. “That recycling group is a fun bunch. These people are out there no matter what the weather, rain, sleet, or snow. We just keep our sense of humor in bad weather.”

One volunteer activity Mary finds most interesting is her involvement with the Harrisville Institute for Cultural Learning. It was during a fall bus tour of the area she took shortly after moving to Harrisville in which Mary found herself touring Dr. Constantine’s vastly unique collections. It was mentioned during the tour if anyone wanted to help catalog books, they would be welcomed.

“It’s like Christmas when I go there, all these rare and wonderful books,” she said. “Dr. Constantine had thousands of books and he read every one. He had a card file with each book which included where he kept the books throughout his home and clinic. After his death, many of his books were boxed up and the institute is now busy going through each book, logging the card file on computer and replacing the book to its original (location on the shelves).

“The conversation among this intellectual group is very interesting, but they don’t seem to care about my lack of education, they are just happy I’m there. People up here are so friendly and willing to share their knowledge,” she said.

Marys has a philosophy about living and volunteer-

ing in Alcona County — “I just want to enjoy feeling that I’m a contributing member of such a terrific community; that I can be counted on to help in any way I can.

“Maybe that sounds a bit hokey, but since I’ve achieved my retirement goal of having time to do volunteer work, I really have no further lofty goals. I’m just enjoying life as it is up north. I enjoy my volunteer work, my many new friends, my house, yard, wildlife and all the wonderful new experiences I’m having.”

*(Editor’s Note: The Review would like to recognize other community volunteers like Mary Peterson who are leaving a legacy in our community. Suggestions, complete with a short list of volunteer involvement, can be submitted to P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich.)*



**Yellow-throated Warbler**  
Primarily a gray bird with black-and-white markings, these birds are easy to identify by their bright-yellow throat. Yellow-throats eat a variety of insects, but can be lured into your yard with sunflower heart chips in a tube feeder with a tray. I had one the other day.

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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## Exercises that can help ease arthritis pain

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Can exercise help seniors with arthritis? I have osteoarthritis and have read that certain exercises can help ease the pain, but I don't know where to start, and I certainly don't want to make it any worse than it already is. What can you tell me?  
Sedentary Sally

Dear Sally,  
Lots of seniors who have arthritis believe that exercise will worsen their condition, but that's not true. Study after study has shown that exercise is actually one of the best treatments for osteoarthritis.

Proper and careful exercises can help reduce joint pain and stiffness, strengthen muscles around the joints and increase flexibility. It also helps manage other chronic conditions that are common among seniors with arthritis, such as diabetes, heart disease and obesity.

Determining exactly which types of exercises are best for

you, depends on the form and severity of your arthritis, and which joints are involved. It's best to work with your doctor or a physical therapist to help develop an exercise program that works for you. The different types of exercises that are most often recommended to seniors with arthritis include:

- **Range-of-motion exercises:** These are gentle stretching exercises that can relieve stiffness as well as improve your ability to move your joints through their normal range of motion. These exercises should be done daily.

- **Strengthening exercise:** Calisthenics, weight training and working with resistance bands are recommended (two or more days a week) to maintain and improve your muscle strength, which helps support and protect your joints.

- **Aerobic exercises:** Low-impact activities like walking, cycling, swimming or water aerobics are all recommended three to five times

per week to help improve cardiovascular health, control weight, and improve your overall function.

It's also important to keep in mind that when you first start exercising, you need to go slow to give your body time to adjust. If you push yourself too hard you can aggravate your joint pain, however, some muscle soreness or joint achiness in the beginning is normal.

To help manage your pain start by warming up with some simple stretches or range of motion exercises for five to 10 minutes before you move on to strengthening or aerobic exercises. Another tip is to apply heat to the joints you'll be working before you exercise, and use cold packs after exercising to reduce inflammation.

If you're experiencing a lot of pain while you exercise, you may need to modify the frequency, duration, or intensity of your exercises until the pain improves. Or you may need to try a different

activity - for example switching from walking to water aerobics. But if you're having severe, sharp or constant pain, or large increases in swelling or your joints feel hot or red, you need to stop and see your doctor.

To help you exercise at home, there are a number arthritis exercise DVDs you can purchase to guide you through a wide variety of activities. Collage Video ([collagevideo.com](http://collagevideo.com), (800) 819-7111) sells several at prices ranging between \$10 and \$25, as does the Arthritis Foundation Store at [afstore.org](http://afstore.org) or (800) 283-7800.

Also see [go4life.niapublications.org](http://go4life.niapublications.org), a resource created by the National Institute on Aging that offers a free exercise DVD and book that provides illustrated examples of exercises you can do to improve your condition. You can order your free copies online or by calling (800) 222-2225.

If you need some motivation or don't like exercising alone, ask your doctor about

Savvy Senior

exercise programs in your area for people with arthritis. Hospitals and clinics sometimes offer special programs, as do local health clubs and senior centers. The Arthritis Foundation also conducts exercise and aquatic programs for people with arthritis in many communities throughout the U.S. Contact your local branch (see [arthritis.org/chapter-map.php](http://arthritis.org/chapter-map.php), or call (800) 283-7800 for contact information) to find out what may be available near you.

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



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## Organization Notes

### East Shore Art Guild

The East Shore Art Guild's March 13 meeting began at 1:05 p.m. A total of seven members were present. President Bernie Blaszak welcomed everyone and began

the meeting thanking Judy St. John for the print making workshop she gave that morning at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

Minutes were approved as read in the Alcona County Review. First and seconded and passed. Judy St. John gave treasurer's report; first and seconded and passed.

Membership is at 43 members. Terry Lipscomb gave a report on the Kids I.C.E. Program. If anyone is interested in helping on Thursdays from 3 to 5:30 p.m., call Bernie Blaszak at (989) 820-1829.

Calendar of events:

- April 1- Sunrise Side Wine & Food Festival posters are due.

### VFW Post No. 6754 Ladies Auxiliary

The March 2012 meeting was held with 11 members present. Sharon Jack served as conductress in Sheri Buchler's absence. Emma Liske read the minutes. Sandy Light read the January treasurer's report and Mary Ann Seymour read the fourth quarter audit report for 2011. Membership stands at 83.

Frances Ziesman recommended keeping a box of greeting cards at the Knights of Columbus Hall so that the members could sign cards for ill members and also advised that she took a supply of packaged treats to the Alpena VA Clinic. Norma Alstrom was in the hospital with pneumonia and Emma Liske was celebrating her 87th birthday. The members were asked to remember our sick and lonely people and to vote.

The next meeting will be held on April 3.

- May 1 -- ESAG Art displayed at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All members who plan to show their art through the month of May must e-mail their bio to Lynn at lynn@alcona.lib.-mi.us.

- June 4 -8 -- Sharon Griffes Tarr workshop. Subject: Composition and color; \$50 deposit required. The cost of the class will depend on the number attending. A total for the class will be given by May.

Meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

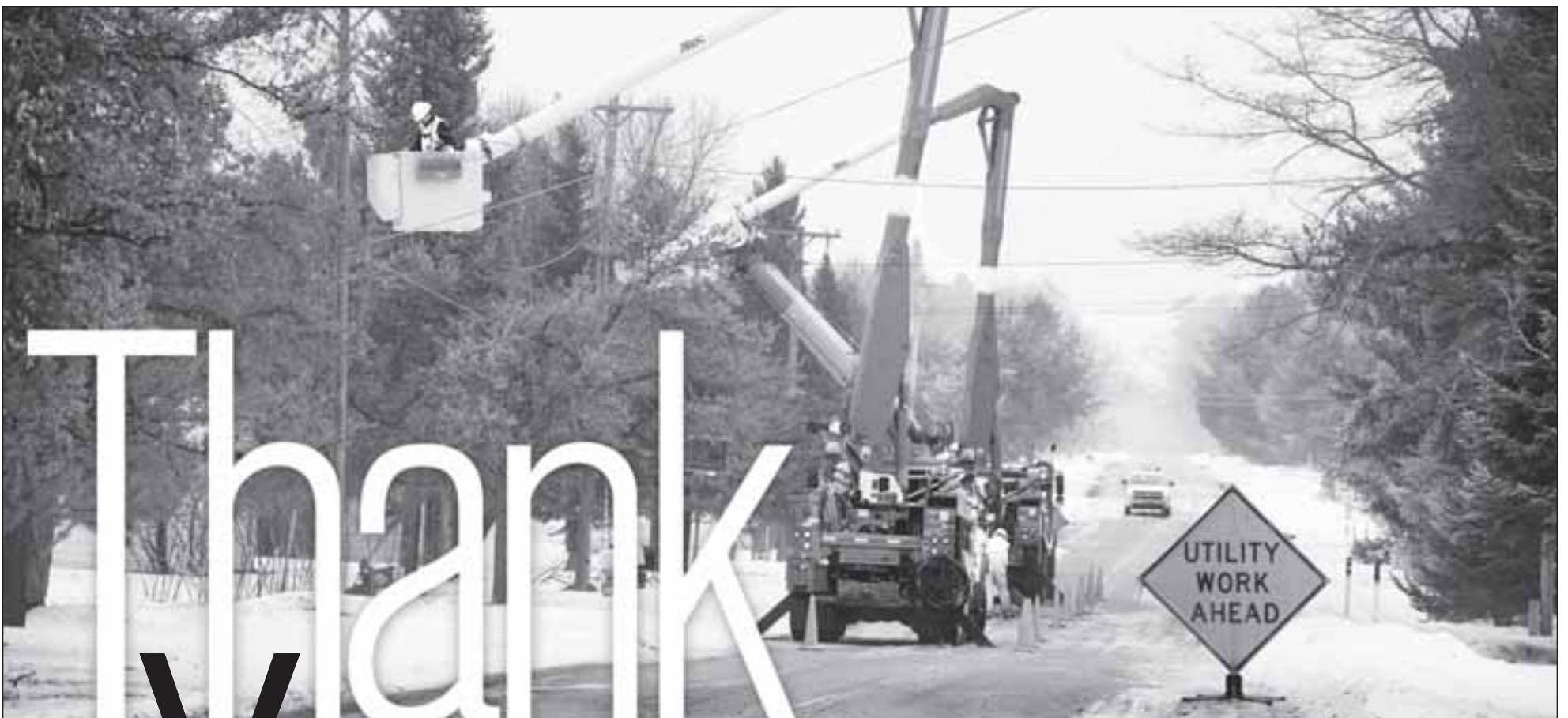


Brian Matchett (middle) accepts an award for Farm Bureau Educator of the Year 2012 from Dave Tolan, president of the Huron Shores Farm Bureau (which includes Alcona and Alpena counties). Matchett is the agriscience teacher and FFA advisor at Alcona High School. He began his teaching career 10 years ago downstate and is finishing his ninth year at Alcona High School. According to Stephenye Boyat (left) Farm Bureau of Michigan selects one teacher for this distinction each year. Nominations are accepted in the spring and an official presentation will be made in Lansing in November. Matchett was pleased and surprised about the award and is looking forward to several spring activities with students including Maple Syrup Celebration Day Saturday at the Alcona Community School's Sugar Shack from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. (Located behind Alcona Elementary on Barlow Road in Lincoln.) *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

## Pool League

### Alcona Women's March 8

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<p style="text-align: center;"><b>He's &amp; She's</b> <i>March 9</i></p> <p>Two and Too 121.5 58.5 Gamblers 103.5 76.5 Comets 101 79 An Attitude 93 87 Bowler Up 81.5 98.5 Ballbangers 78.5 101.5 Handicapped 78 102 Team Joey's 63 117</p> <p>Men's high game and series: Eric Weichel, 267 and 661. Men's high handicap game: Eric Weichel, 267. Men's high handicap series: Paul Somers, 694. Women's high game and series: Jeannie Berney, 234 and 612. Women's high handicap game and series: Jeannie Berney, 278 and 744.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Majors</b> <i>March 10</i></p> <p>Hunters 143.5 66.5 Than You 112.5 97.5 Swags 112.5 97.5 Kingpins 107.5 102.5 Trappers 91 112 Umph 63 147</p> <p>Boy's high game and series: Leigh Gibson, 156 and 418. Boy's high handicap game: Robert Levesque, 245. Boy's high handicap series: Jeremy Lickey, 657. Girl's high game and series: Raegan Eller, 144 and 408. Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hoffman, 260 and 682.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>March 17</i></p> <p>Breakers 28 12 Busters 27 13 Crushers 22 18 Princesses 22 18 Cobras 20 20 Dew Drops 20 20 P &amp; J 17 23 Deers 4 36</p> <p>Boy's high game and series: Kyle Haeger, 161 and 293. Boy's high handicap game and series: Kyle Haeger, 245 and 461. Girl's high game and series: Taylor Sobeck, 126 and 241. Girl's high handicap game: Emily Hanson, 234. Girl's high handicap series: Hannah Brege, 438.</p>
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<p style="text-align: center;"><i>March 17</i></p> <p>Hunters 162.5 77.5 Kingpins 135.5 104.5 Than You 124.5 115.5 Swags 114.5 125.5 Trappers 102 138 Umph 81 159</p> <p>Boy's high game and series: Leigh Gibson, 185 and 485. Boy's high handicap game and series: Jeremy Lickey, 246 and 711. Girl's high game and series: Megan Griffith, 198 and 558. Girl's high handicap game: Raegan Eller, 240. Girl's high handicap series: Megan Griffith, 657.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Huron</b> <i>March 13</i></p> <p>Carpet One 17 41.5 Big Joe's 14 39 Gary Oil 16 35 Rob's Repair 28 33 Mancino's 13 30.5 Shotmakers 16.5 29 B &amp; D Sales 13.5 19 Back Alley 2 13</p> <p>High game and series: Jim Armstrong, 258 and 701. High handicap game: Nate Barden, 286. High handicap series: Lon Crampton, 707.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Minors</b> <i>March 10</i></p> <p>Breakers 25 10 Busters 24 11 Crushers 19 16 Princesses 19 16 Cobras 18 17 Dew Drops 18 17 P &amp; J 15 20 Deers 2 33</p> <p>Boy's high game and series: Kyle Haeger, 146 and 283. Boy's high handicap game and series: Alex Harmon, 234 and 460. Girl's high game: Emma Baird, 130. Girl's high series: Taylor Sobeck, 221. Girl's high handicap game: Emma Baird, 252. Girl's high handicap series: Olivia Baird, 465.</p>
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All photos submitted will be posted on the Review's Web site: [alconareview.com](http://alconareview.com). People can vote to select the "People's Choice" winner. The People's Choice winner will receive \$50.

One of the photographs entered will be selected for the cover of the 2012 Alcona County Visitor's Guide.




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Ron Young, former engineer and manager of the Alcona County Road Commission, (middle) accepts an award from State Rep. Peter Pettalia for 27 years of public service to Alcona County. Young and his wife, Gail (right), and family attended a retirement party at Eagle Ridge Golf Course in Glennie last Friday. Young began his career at the road commission in 1984. He plans on staying in the area to enjoy retirement. He is planning a trip to Kentucky next week and several fishing trips. He has mixed feelings about retiring. "Public service is a pretty honorable profession. We do the best we can," Young said. "We can't always do exactly what we'd like to do, but the public depends on us...The townships have been great to work with. We've had our ups and downs, but worked it out. We've worked well together on cooperative projects. The staff I've had has been excellent...it's not so much what I've done, but what we've been able to do together. It's tough to be leaving, but it's time." *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE ALCONA HEALTH CENTER CARE TEAM.



They are the recipients of the 2011 Michigan Primary Care Association Distinguished Service Award for their efforts in promoting, developing and implementing the AHC Child Maltreatment Assessment Center. Their efforts have not only greatly benefitted our community, but they have been the inspiration to other communities who are now attempting to replicate the facility we have in Lincoln. Dr. Fitzgerald, Kellie Sefernack, Amy Page, Lisa Lenard and Kristen Benghauser were honored by the AHC Board of Directors at their meeting on February 9, 2012. They received their plaques and were given a standing ovation. Their work is truly unique and a fine example of how communities can accomplish great things when they unite behind a worthy cause. Please let them know how proud we are to have them a part of the AHC family!

Thanks and recognition should also be given to the Ossineke Eagles, Knights of Columbus, NEMCSA and countless other individuals who worked and donated to make the center a reality. We are truly blessed to have such a caring community.

## Wildfire season returns to Michigan

Wildfire season has returned to areas of Michigan where winter snow has melted. A recent handful of warm, windy days has contributed to wildfires in southern and central portions of the state.

Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) officials urge residents and visitors to use extreme caution before engaging in outdoor activities with the potential for wildfire.

"Several winter storms have created a tremendous cleanup task in many areas," said Bill O'Neill, the DNR's acting Forest Resources Division chief and state forester. "We are urging people to consider fire-safe alternatives, such as chipping instead of burning the debris. Chipping eliminates the risk of wildfire altogether and it reduces exposure to unhealthy smoke. An added bonus, the wood chips can be used as mulch for landscaping around your home."

For those who do expect to burn yard waste, the DNR asked resident to plan carefully and follow the following fire-safe tips:

- Check first with local fire officials to be certain burning is not prohibited. The DNR Field Office in Lincoln provides burn notice updates, call (989) 736-8336.
- Choose a day that is cool

and damp to conduct a burn. The likelihood an ember will escape from a burn pile and ignite a wildfire drastically increases on warm, windy days.

- Arrange small mounds of debris in spots cleared of flammable vegetation or adjacent to any remaining snow, which will further reduce the chances of a wildfire igniting.

"Springtime is Michigan's busiest time of year for wildfires. With a little planning and careful attention to outdoor surroundings, residents can play a huge role in helping us reduce the number of wildfires," said O'Neill. "It's all about keeping our people, property and natural resources safe from fire's devastating effects."

Burn permits are required anytime the ground is not snow-covered. In the northern Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula, residents can obtain a free burn permit online at [www.michigan.gov/burnpermit](http://www.michigan.gov/burnpermit). Persons without Internet access may call toll-free at (866) 922-2876.

In southern Michigan, burn permits and information on burning can be obtained from local fire departments and township offices.

For more information on wildfire safety, open burning, home preparedness and

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# Just another hillbilly love song

By Mary Weber  
Columnist

Country music was never something I listened to when I was living a busy professional life in the city. Lyrics of tractors, trucks and hillbilly tales with words like "hey y'all" and "John Deere Green" were quaint and cute, but totally un-relatable to the uptown business suit life I encountered daily.

That was until I met my husband, Wil -- a definite life changing experience. Now I live in array of country music lyrics like keeping Christmas lights on our trailer all year long.

Truth be known, I wouldn't want it any other way. Wil was always a country boy stuck in suburbia. A hard-working factory man for over 40 years, he sweated through long days working the docks, loading and unloading automotive parts to earn a living for his family.

He began every tedious day listening to his favorite country tunes on his way to work and then again on his way home. He couldn't wait for retirement when he could live the life country music artists sang so much about.

Country tunes about living a tough life with guts and glory came natural to Wil. He was born in the back seat of an old Dodge in March of 1946. Wil's parents and grandparents were traveling from western Canada to eastern Canada in search of jobs and a better life. Wil's untimely arrival had them stopping at a North Dakota hospital just after his birth. North Dakota was a darn cold place to be in March and cars back then didn't exactly have seat warmers like they do today. I'm sure it was a brisk and harsh way to enter the world.

For most of his life Wil grew up in a small town in

Goderich, Ontario. Goderich is on the Canadian sunset side of Lake Huron. It has a busy port and boasts of having the largest underground salt mine in the world. Still in the 1950s and '60s it was fairly small as far as big cities go. Even though Wil's family lived in the heart of town, country life sprawled for thousands of acres not more than a mile from his home.

The oldest of four children, Wil had his fair share of chores to do while growing up. His daddy had him driving a small tractor when he was 12. By the time Wil was barely 14, he was driving the tractor through town every chance he could to make a buck or two for the family by plowing and cultivating gardens. (Goderich also boasts of being the prettiest town in Canada.)



Willy's beloved tractor after the Zamboni incident. Photo by Mary Weber.

Even then, 14 was a fairly young age to be riding a tractor through town. He was a cautious and careful driver with only one exception.

The story, according to family lore, is told this way - an elderly customer on the outskirts of town had a bold and brazen squirrel visiting her house that was extremely annoying. The squirrel was not afraid of people in the least and was a complete nuisance to the aging senior gardener.

Willy, being the helpful boy citizen he was, offered to take the squirrel across town to the city park where he'd release it far enough away to never bother the lady again.

Instead of placing the animal in a cage or a box, Wil, being the age he was, thought it would be just fine to drive the squirrel to his new home on the tractor with the squirrel riding on his shoulder.

I'm sure the bumpy tractor travel was a first for the squirrel. It nervously jumped about from shoulder to shoulder, across his back to the top of his head, diving down into his shirt, out one arm and then down the other. Willy tried earnestly to keep the tractor at a slow and steady pace along the shoulder of the road, but this activity attracted some attention.

I'm sure the officer had a difficult time to keep from laughing as he turned on his siren and pulled Wil over. A lecture ensued that made an impression on the young teenager.

Willy did learn from the experience. He learned it was unlawful to drive a tractor on Goderich city streets without



a farm license or a valid driver's license... and squirrels have fleas.

Even though the event left its mark on his memory, it never deterred Wil's love of tractors.

Riding on a green machine was upper most in his mind the minute we purchased our up-north oasis. He even sold his beloved Harley motorcycle to acquire the green and yellow delight. He became obsessed with plowing over and under anything and everything in his way. For a time, I think I became a little jealous

of the green mistress that consumed his days, but watching him out there having so much fun just made Wil all that more endearing to me.

I hoped that when winter arrived the Deere would be tucked undercover until spring thaw. I should have known that Wil would be utilizing the machine during all seasons. Even in the dead of winter on the coldest and snowiest of days, Willy was out plowing snow with his beloved tractor.

For most of the time, I must admit, my husband is a sensible man and a very sensible driver. He can drive just about any kind of machine there is. However, since he is also a bit of an innovator, there are times when his imaginative ingenuity is simply just short of genius. Then, occasionally, just occasionally, I sometimes think maybe there's a squirrel driving his wheels.

A perfect example of Willy's wayward wizardry occurred last year. Being the hockey fan he is, he figured he could easily turn the tractor into a Zamboni and clean off the pond. The end result is now referred to in the Weber household as "The great green sinking of 2011."

Wil defends his efforts by simply stating that he was able to get the sunken tractor out of the water with the help of just one friend and only the tires got wet.

I tried not to say much about the "sinking" and hadn't really uttered a word about it except for a minor casual mention in our annual Christmas letter.

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The Egg Hunt starts at 11 a.m., participants may not start after 12 noon due to scheduling, at the Lincoln Fire Department.

We will give every child a bag and list of businesses that are participating in the Egg Hunt. When everyone is done collecting their eggs, come back to the fire hall where we will prepare hot dogs, chips and punch for the children and their families. We will then hold a raffle for the children, and give away some very nice prizes.

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# Organization Notes

## DAR - River Aux Sable Chapter

On March 10 the River Aux Sables Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution met at Northwoods Steakhouse in East Tawas for its annual Good Citizens luncheon.

Thirteen area schools responded with 10 candidates participating in the essay contest for awards and recognition. The winning essay presented by Ashli Maser of AuGres-Sims High School

High School, Zachary Beavers of Tawas Area High School, Allura Malcomb of Standish-Sterling High School, Kassondra Gildner of Whittemore-Prescott High School, Meggan Muhle of Hale High School, Elliott Meiser of Ogemaw Heights High School, Toni Wood of Oscoda High School, Tabitha Breagh of Mio AuSable High School and Amanda Swinson of Alcona High School.

the virtue of perseverance by presenting a bill to Parliament to abolish slavery in England every year for 40 years and, finally, saw it passed as he lay dying.

Lincoln faced extreme difficulties during a terrible time in our history, yet advocated the virtue of forgiveness and reconciliation to "bind the wounds" that would have kept our nation divided.

The next meeting will be at



(Front row, from left) Elliot Meiser; Amanda Swinson; Kassondra Gildner, chapter essay finalist Ashli Maser; (back row) Toni Wood; Ricki LaBounty, regent; State Sen. John Moolenaar; Maggie Couturier, Good Citizens chairman; Zachary Beavers; and Allura Malcolm. Not pictured: Jacob Lockwood; Meggan Muhle and Tabitha Breagh. *Courtesy photo.*

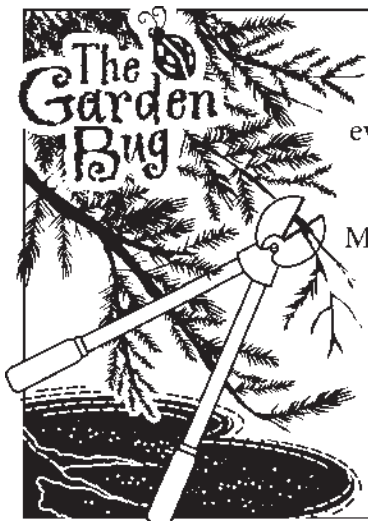
was submitted to Michigan State DAR for judging against candidates from all participating state DAR chapters.

In turn, the winner of the state contest goes to regional competition where nine regional winners are selected. These nine are judged against each other and the winner will be presented with a \$3,000 scholarship from the national DAR.

Candidates in the Aux Sable Good Citizen contest were recognized at the meeting. They are: Jacob Lockwood of Arenac-Eastern

It was our pleasure to have Sen. John Moolenaar of the 36th District speak to the students and their families about honoring virtue and heritage. He cited his favorite examples -- George Washington, William Wilberforce and Abraham Lincoln. Washington represented patriotism by refusing to be made king of the United States after the Revolutionary War. Instead he fostered the Constitution, which limited the power of the legislature. Wilberforce, an English Parliamentarian, represented

the AuSable Inn, Oscoda on April 14. Any woman over 18 who would like information about joining DAR may contact, <http://www.river-ausables.michdar.net>.



### Evergreen care

The best times to prune evergreens like juniper, cypress or conifer is before growth resumes in March, April or May. Remove all dead, diseased and undesirable branches. Evergreens benefit from lightly spreading a high-nitrogen fertilizer around their bases.

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Notice is hereby given that the last day to register to vote in the May 8, 2012 Special Election is Monday, April 9, 2012

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Patricia Truman  
Alcona County Clerk

# Eighth-graders have unusual encounter with black bears

Prior to last week, neither Meagan Wander nor Josh Lauinger had so much as seen a bear in Michigan. Now, both have held wild black bears under their coats and gotten a first-hand look at the work of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

The pair of Lake Orion eighth-graders won the opportunity (through an essay contest) to accompany a DNR Wildlife Division crew on a winter bear den check. When the crew arrived on location in the northeast Lower Peninsula and sedated the mama bear, they found she'd given

birth to three cubs in the preceding weeks.

Both Wander and Lauinger were pressed into duty keeping the cubs warm while a team of DNR personnel gave the adult female a physical. That meant the students held the cubs under their coats while the DNR staffers did their jobs.

"Amazing," is how Wander summed up the experience. "He's so fuzzy - I want to keep him! Oh my gosh, this was so worth getting up at 5 a.m."

Both Wander and Lauinger are students in Jon Gray's eighth-grade science class-

room. Gray, who is a well-known conservation educator, had incorporated bears into his curriculum this year.

A teacher at Waldon Middle School, Gray has been at the forefront of the Michigan Wild Turkey patch contest in recent years. Gray encourages his students to enter artwork into the annual contest that chooses a design for the Wild Turkey Management Cooperator patch, which is available to turkey hunters from the Michigan Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Several of Gray's students have designed the win-



Meagan Wander poses with a bear cub. Photos courtesy of Dave Kenyon, Michigan DNR.



A mother bear is returned to her den with her cubs after being handled by DNR personnel.

ing patch in the last five years.

Last year, Gray became intrigued with the den-check program after hearing a DNR presentation on the subject at a Safari Club event. The wheels started turning in his head. He contacted DNR biologist Adam Bump, the Wildlife Division's bear specialist, and suggested bringing a student along on a den check. Between the pair, they came up with an idea: Gray's students could write essays about bears in Michigan and the winning essayist would be invited to participate in a DNR den check.

Problem was, Gray couldn't pick just one winner. When Gray suggested that both Wander's and Lauinger's essays were deserving of the prize, Bump decided that Gray could invite both students.

DNR wildlife biologists

have been checking wintering bears in their dens for more than two decades. Their research has given the department a better understanding of reproduction, habitat usage and the travel patterns of Michigan black bears.

The bear the DNR checked in on this February day had been located four winters ago and outfitted with a radio collar so biologists could track her. They've visited her den every winter since to see how she was doing, document her reproductive success, and conduct routine maintenance on her collar.

"The collar is everything to us," said biologist Mark Boersen, the DNR management biologist for the area in which this bear lives.

Boersen said this bear is

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15 years old, something determined from a tooth sample taken the first time the DNR checked her. She weighed 166 pounds this year, which is "the most she's ever weighed in the four years we've followed her," Boersen said.

When DNR staffers check a bear den, they locate the den, slip up on it quietly and anesthetize the bear. Once the drug takes effect, the DNR personnel work quickly, removing the bear from the den, taking a variety of measurements (temperature, heart rate, respirations, et cetera.) and weighing the bear. They perform any necessary maintenance on the radio collar and return the bear to the den.

The cubs are given a quick once-over, weighed and returned to the den with the mother. The three cubs in this den, two females and a male, all weighed around five pounds and appeared to be healthy, Boersen said.

Besides gathering informa-

tion about the bears, the den-check program often bears additional fruit. These bears provide invaluable opportunities to both educate the public about Michigan's black bears and provide training opportunities for DNR field staff. These opportunities ensure Wildlife Division staff is prepared to assist in research efforts as well as handle any problem bear situations in a safe and effective manner.

For his part, Lauinger described the day as "awesome." He also departed with some souvenirs; while under his coat, one of the cubs scratched Lauinger lightly on the neck.

Lauinger said he hopes the scratches leave a permanent scar. "I'll tell people I got it from a bear attack," he joked.

The DNR's Bump said that because this first student/den check went so well, he hopes to expand the program to more classrooms around the state. Science teachers who'd like to investigate the

opportunity to incorporate Michigan bears into their curricula can learn more about the subject at the DNR website [www.michigan.gov/](http://www.michigan.gov/)

bear or call Adam Bump at (517)373-1263.

*(Editor's Note: This feature story was provided by the Michigan Department of Natu-*

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DNR wildlife biologist Mark Boersen tucks a bear cub into Josh Lauinger's sweatshirt.



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Larceny	3	Drive While License Suspended	3
Personal Injury Accident	1	VIN Check	2
Well Being Check	1	Juvenile	1
Medicine Disposal	1	Miscellaneous	4
Suspicious Events	4	Littering	2
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Spring is the season for wildlife to give birth and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources reminds Michigan residents to resist the instinct to try to help baby animals that may appear to be abandoned because in nearly every case a parent is nearby and the baby animal is not abandoned

"The truth is, the animal doesn't need help - for example, even if a fawn appears to be abandoned, its mother is almost always nearby," said DNR wildlife ecologist Sherry MacKinnon. "We appreciate the good intentions of those who want to help, but the animals are better off left alone than removed from the wild."

MacKinnon said it's not uncommon for does to leave their young unattended for up to eight hours at a time; an anti-predator strategy that minimizes scent left around the newborn animals. "The same holds true for rabbits, ground-dwelling birds and other wildlife," she said. "Even avian parents will continue to care for hatchlings that have fallen from a nest."

The DNR advises that: Many baby animals will die if removed from their natural environment, and some have diseases or parasites that can be passed on to humans or pets.

Some "rescued" animals that do survive become habituated to people and are unable to revert back to life

in the wild. It is illegal to possess a wild deer or any other wild animals in Michigan, and every day a deer spends with humans makes it that much less likely to be able to survive in the wild.

Eventually, habituated animals pose additional problems as they mature and develop adult animal behaviors. Habituated deer, especially bucks, can become aggressive as they mature, and raccoons are well-known for this as well.

"If you come across a deer or other animal that you are certain has been orphaned early in the year -- for example, if a doe is dead nearby -- please call your local DNR office. They can refer you to a licensed rehabilitator," said MacKinnon. "Licensed rehabilitators are trained to handle wild animals and know how to release them so that they can survive in the wild." Michigan licensed rehabilitators are also listed on the DNR website at <http://www.michigandnr.com/dlr/>.

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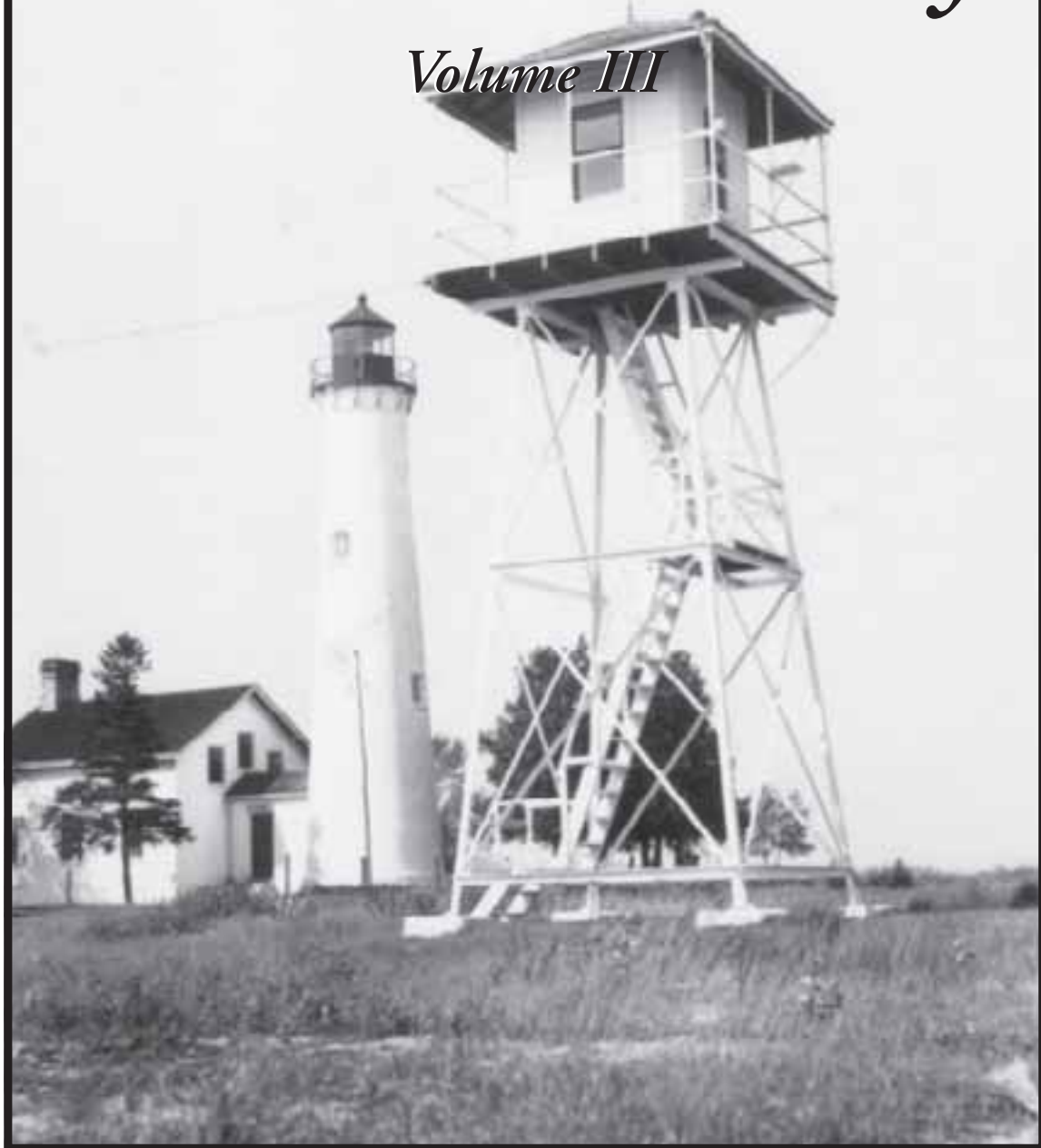
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# NASCAR REPORT

## Biffle's destiny

**NASCAR THIS WEEK**

**By Monte Dutton**

If Greg Biffle keeps doing what he's doing, he will win the Sprint Cup championship.

Don't get carried away. Biffle isn't going to finish third in 36 consecutive races. It's pretty amazing that he's done so in the three races held so far.

Biffle, 42, failed to make the Chase last year after finishing seventh or better in each of the three previous years. His best showing to date was a runner-up finish in 2005.

He's actually a little sheepish about failing to win yet.

"We're super-excited about it (three straight thirds), but there again, we want to win like (Tony Stewart, at Las Vegas Motor Speedway), so we're going to keep our heads down and keep working hard," Biffle said.

Biffle, from Vancouver, Wash., has been successful in each of NASCAR's three national touring series. He was the top rookie in Trucks in 1998 and champion in 2000. He earned rookie honors in (now) Nationwide in 2001 and the title in 2002.

Six of Biffle's 16 Cup victo-

ries occurred in 2005, when he finished second (by tie-breaker with teammate Carl Edwards) to Tony Stewart in the title race. Like Edwards, Biffle has spent his entire career at Roush Fenway Racing.

Someone asked Biffle recently about how the sport has changed since he first competed at the Cup level in 2002.

"The most significant (change) was this car, the car we have now, and no testing," he said. "That changed our entire sport. It changed it completely, and it will never be the same. Before, we weren't spending all the time back at the shop with the engineers and seven-post machine and all the engineering-based models. It was more go to the race track and figure out what sway bar was the best, what spring, what shock, and we had data on the cars. We'd go home and look at the data, and look at what we learned and what the driver said about it, and we would go to the next place."

"That's how this sport used to be, and it's not like that anymore."

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Greg Biffle (right) has constantly been a force in all three touring series. The Roush Fenway driver is evolving in a brand-new NASCAR world. (John Clark/NASCAR This Week photo)

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**FRIDAY, MARCH 30**

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

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

**SATURDAY, MARCH 31**

Easter egg hunt for children ages 12 and under at 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This event is co-sponsored by the Harrisville Lions and Lady Lions. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

Thunder Bay Arts Council will present the University of Michigan Symphony Band at the Alpena High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m., cost is \$10 for adults and students are free. Tickets can be purchased at Neiman's Family Market, LeFave Pharmacy or Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union and at the door.

Hubbard Lake Bible Church, 13508 Hubbard Lake Rd., will present two showings of the movie "Courageous" at 6 and 8:30 p.m. This is a free event. Child care will be provided for children age three and over. For more information, contact the church at (989) 727-3443.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 1**

Palm Sunday service at 9:30 a.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, US-23 north of Harrisville.

# Area Church Directory

## St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



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

## Haynes Community Church

4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740  
Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.  
989-724-6665 • 989-724-6578  
Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org

## Family Heritage Baptist Church

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

## BREAK THE CHAINS OF ADDICTION



Reformers Unanimous International  
A Christ centered addictions program.  
Meeting at Family Heritage Baptist Church  
Every Friday Night at 7 p.m.  
Including Nursery and Children's Programs  
For more information call 724-6019 or visit www.reformu.com

## New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)



Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Hubbard Lake Rd.,  
¾ mile south of White Pine National Golf Course  
Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

## First Baptist Church of Lincoln



Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.  
Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.  
AWANA Program Monday at 3:30 p.m.  
Pastor Dr. Rev. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796

## Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)



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

## CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH



2902 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745 • (989) 736-8345  
Pastor Tim Steiner, Pastor Emeritus Larry Richmond  
Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.  
Monday: 6:30 p.m. \*Teen Program (Grades 7-12)  
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & \*Youth Programs (Grades K-6\*)  
\*Fall-Spring programs • Website: www.cbcmikado.com

## ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH



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

## Spruce Presbyterian Church



Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids  
6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464  
Worship 9 a.m.  
Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor Wednesday office hours 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

## Our Savior Lutheran Church



3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan  
Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. Worship Service

### Rev. Carlo Sgambelluri, Pastor LENTEN SERVICES

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 at  
Living Waters Lutheran Church in Mio at 7:30 p.m.  
Midweek Lenten Services,  
March 1, March 15 and March 29 at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glennie at 7:30 p.m. (Thursdays)  
Midweek Lenten Services, March 8, March 22 and April 5 at Living Waters Lutheran Church in Mio at 7:30 p.m. (Thursdays)  
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE at  
Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glennie at 7:30 p.m.  
EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE at  
Our Savior Lutheran Church in Glennie at 10:30 a.m.  
**Everyone Welcome!**

## SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF GOD

158 N. Barlow Road., Harrisville • (989) 736-6350  
Pastor Edward Morrison • Full Gospel  
Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.  
Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday

## Open Hearts, Open Minds, Open Doors

The people of the United Methodist Church serving Alcona County



With worship at these locations:  
Glennie at 8:30 am (5094 Bamfield Rd.)  
Lincoln at 9:45 am (101 E. Main St.)  
Harrisville at 11:30 am (217 N. State St.)

All sanctuaries are wheelchair accessible and all sites offer Sunday School for children during the worship hour.

Pastor Tracy Brooks (989) 724-3033 (h)  
PastorTracy@Charter.net (989) 335-3576 (c)

**Come as you are – everyone is welcome!**

## ALCONA COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES

St. Anne, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.  
St. Raphael, Mikado, Saturday 4:30 p.m.  
St. Gabriel, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.  
Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713

## Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.



201 N. Second at Jefferson, Harrisville  
Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids  
9:45 a.m. Adult Class • Worship & Sunday School ~ 11 a.m.  
Tuesday office hours 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.  
Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor ~ 724-6734

## Spruce Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Sunday Worship Service 9 a.m.  
1246 E. Spruce Road, Spruce • 471-5013  
(3 miles west of F-41 & US-23) • Handicap Assesible



State Rep. Peter Pettalia welcomed Mike Wurtsmith, Nancy Spencer and Dr. Tom Marshall to the state Capitol on Feb. 28 during the trio's Lansing trip with the Michigan Primary Care Association. Spencer and Marshall are with Alcona Health Center, and Mike Wurtsmith is board chairman of the Thunder Bay Community Health Service. "It's great to have the chance to introduce and recognize people from Northeast Michigan to the state House lawmakers," said Pettalia, R-Presque Isle. "I enjoy very much having a one-on-one conversation with residents from back home when they are in Lansing, and for them to see session and experience the legislative process first-hand."

## Hillbilly Continued from page 10

Recently, however, another incident with the tractor has sent me to the computer to accurately document the experience.

On our wedding anniversary on March 1, I was most pleased when Wil phoned me at work and suggested we meet at one of our local favorites for a dinner date.

"He really is so romantic," I heard myself say as I sighed with happiness and hung up the phone.

Normally when we are dining out, Wil sits across from me; we eat facing each other and discuss the day's events. This evening was different however; he sat right by my side. I entertained the thought that he was being overly sweet until I realized that we were sitting facing two large televisions -- both covering sports stories.

Still, he didn't seem to be interested in anything on TV. He clearly had other things

on his mind. After the waitress took our order, my wonderful husband lovingly leaned in close and whispered in my ear, "Honey, I sorta had a little slip of an accident on the tractor today, but I want you to know that once I got the duct tape warmed up, it stuck really good to the vinyl siding and did a great job of covering the gaping hole I put in the front of our house today."








Surely, there must be a country song with those same romantic words out there somewhere... Oh, how I just keep lovin' that man of mine!

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

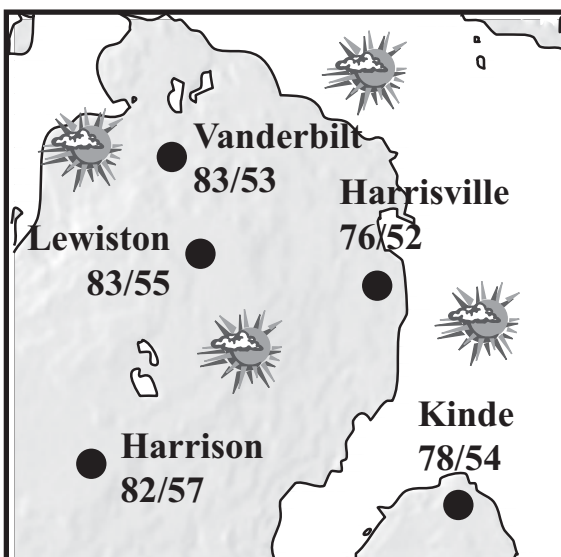
## Alcona Review Weather Report

March 21, 2012

### Seven Day Forecast

-  **WEDNESDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 76 Low: 52
-  **THURSDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 62 Low: 46
-  **FRIDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 53 Low: 42
-  **SATURDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 49 Low: 38
-  **SUNDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 51 Low: 35
-  **MONDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 45 Low: 30
-  **TUESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 42 Low: 28

### Today's Regional Map



### In-Depth Local Forecast



Today we will see mostly sunny skies with possibly a record high temperature of 76°, humidity of 60%. South wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 58° set in 1949. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 52°. South wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is -5° set in 1988.

### \*Last Week's Almanac

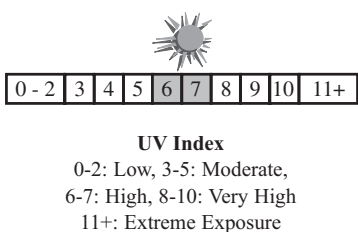
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	57	34	36/17	0.47"
Tuesday	54	32	36/18	0.00"
Wednesday	60	24	36/18	0.00"
Thursday	68	36	37/18	0.00"
Friday	61	30	37/19	0.00"
Saturday	81	38	38/19	0.00"
Sunday	75	44	38/19	0.00"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
New 3/22	Wednesday	7:33 a.m.	7:48 p.m.	6:45 a.m.	7:15 p.m.	 Full 4/6
	Thursday	7:31 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	7:09 a.m.	8:17 p.m.	
	Friday	7:29 a.m.	7:50 p.m.	7:34 a.m.	9:18 p.m.	
	Saturday	7:28 a.m.	7:52 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:19 p.m.	
	Sunday	7:26 a.m.	7:53 p.m.	8:29 a.m.	11:18 p.m.	
First 3/30	Monday	7:24 a.m.	7:54 p.m.	9:02 a.m.	Next Day	 Last 4/13
	Tuesday	7:22 a.m.	7:55 p.m.	9:40 a.m.	12:16 a.m.	

### Local UV Index



### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 84° in Danville, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 87° in Tampa, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with scattered showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 71° in Miles City, Mont. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 82° in Palm Springs, Calif.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:19 a.m.	7:51 p.m.
Venus	9:05 a.m.	11:58 p.m.
Mars	5:22 p.m.	7:10 a.m.
Jupiter	9:09 a.m.	11:11 p.m.
Saturn	9:51 p.m.	8:54 a.m.
Uranus	7:45 a.m.	7:58 p.m.

### Weather History

**March 21, 1932** - A tornado swarm occurred in the Deep South. Between late afternoon and early the next morning, severe thunderstorms spawned 31 tornadoes in Alabama, Mississippi, Georgia and Tennessee. The tornadoes killed 334 people and injured 1,784.

### Weather Trivia

Can you be allergic to cold weather? ?

**Answer:** Some people get a rash after experiencing a sudden drop in temperature.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Round Two for the Moon and Planets

I have derived a great deal of pleasure watching Venus and Jupiter during the past month. On the last weekend in February, Oscar weekend, in fact, the crescent moon played among the pair, first below as the thinnest of crescents in the evening haze, then among Venus and Jupiter for two nights, and finally, up—up and away from the pair. During this time period, Venus was narrowing her distance from Jupiter. The Goddess of Beauty "snuck" up to within three degrees of the King of the Gods on the evening of March 13. Since the 13th, Venus has taken the lead, moving ahead of Jupiter. If you missed the first act last month, there is a smashing sequel starting late this week, as the moon emerges in the west to start its newest cycle of phases. Sunday, at dusk, finds Venus standing just over five degrees above and to the right of Jupiter. Still higher, by some 15 degrees, are the bluish Pleiades, the brightest and best open cluster of the heavens. It was a place of stellar birth 115 million years ago. Check them out with binoculars, and you will see a tiny dipper-like grouping of stars among the many fainter cluster members. The unaided eye will see the Pleiades as a fuzzy glow. In just a fortnight, Venus will graze the southern boundary of the Pleiades during the early evening hours of April 2-3. During the week, watch as Venus increases her distance from Jupiter. Then on Friday, March 23, a razor thin, two percent lit crescent moon reappears in the west. Catch it before it sets by 8:40 p.m. Two nights later, the moon has grown to a 10 percent lit crescent just to the right of Jupiter. The next evening, a slightly brighter horned moon is the same distance from Venus, only this time to the left. By April 3 the bright, waxing gibbous moon passes Mars and reaches Saturn by April 6. It's a repeat of last month's traveling moon story, and it will happen again in late April. Good observing! [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

## American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser  
U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

I like birds, and poems about birds, and several years ago I co-edited an anthology of bird poems called *The Poets Guide to the Birds*. I wish Judith Harris had written this lovely description of a mockingbird in time for us to include it, but it's brand new. Harris lives in Washington, D.C.

### Mockingbird

I can hear him,  
now, even in  
darkness,  
a trickster under  
the moon,  
bristling his  
feathers,  
sounding as merry  
as a man whistling  
in a straw hat,  
or a squeaky gate  
to the playground,  
left ajar  
or the jingling of  
a star,  
having wandered  
too far  
from the pasture.

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**TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez**

- LANGUAGE:** What is the meaning of the Latin phrase "novus ordo seclorum," located on the Great Seal on a U.S. \$1 bill?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the name for a seashell collector or expert?
- ART:** What Mexican muralist was married to Mexican painter Frida Kahlo?
- COMICS:** What was the name of Casper the Friendly Ghost's horse?
- SPORTS:** Where did the sport of jai alai originate?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Where is Death Valley located?
- TELEVISION:** Which PBS documentary series featured the song "Ashokan Farewell" as its theme music?
- MEDICINE:** What is the brand name for the sedative diazepam?
- LITERATURE:** Who was the first to receive the Nobel Prize in Literature (1901)?
- ENTERTAINERS:** What was the stage name of the actor who was born "Laszlo Lowenstein"?

**Answers:** 1. A new order of the ages; 2. Conchologist; 3. Diego Rivera; 4. Nightmare; 5. Spain's Basque region; 6. Southern California; 7. "The Civil War" by Ken Burns; 8. Valium; 9. French poet Sully Prudhomme; 10. Peter Lorre. (c) 2012 King Features Synd., Inc.

**Super Crossword** **SELF-POSSESSED**

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                     | 51 College growth                   | 92 Chimney part                | 4 Beer barrel                     | 39 Born                        | 82 Hogan or Hindemith      |
| 1 Myron Floren's boss             | 52 Before, to Byron                 | 93 Duel tool                   | 5 Baseball's Derek                | 40 You'll get a kick out of it | 83 Perfect                 |
| 5 Malcolm — Warner                | 53 Mendicant monk                   | 94 Part 4 of remark            | 6 Shaft                           | 41 Texas landmark              | 86 Word with baby or snake |
| 10 Priam's kingdom                | 54 Utter                            | 97 Domino or Waller            | 7 Freshen a fuchsia               | 42 Symbol                      | 87 Horner's fruit          |
| 14 Daddy duck                     | 56 See 90                           | 98 Herriot title start         | 8 Cover girl Carol                | 43 Buttercream, e.g.           | 90 Sensed                  |
| 19 Adams or Sedgwick              | 59 Dispute                          | 99 "Excuse me"                 | 9 Kapaa keepsake                  | 44 Laramie or Sumter           | 91 New Jersey town         |
| 20 Napoleon's fate                | 61 Pigment                          | 100 Western st.                | 10 Auto transaction               | 45 Devour                      | 92 Adversary               |
| 21 Something to skip?             | 62 Hibachi residue                  | 101 Mugabe of Zimbabwe         | 11 Actress Schneider              | 50 — carte                     | 95 One who no's best?      |
| 22 De Valera of Ireland           | 63 Oaf                              | 105 Whetstone                  | 12 Fall birthstone                | 53 "Fee, Fi, Fo, — . . ."      | 96 "What a relief!"        |
| 23 Start of a remark by Dan Post  | 65 "Love — the Ruins" ('75 film)    | 107 Out of control             | 13 Craving                        | 55 Leading man?                | 97 Charlatan               |
| 26 Rectify                        | 66 Part 3 of remark                 | 109 She's a sheep date         | 14 Lack                           | 56 Container                   | 100 Uncool                 |
| 27 Sprinted                       | 69 "I Got a Name" singer            | 112 Venerate                   | 15 "— Lama Ding Dong" ('61 tune)  | 57 Arm bones                   | 101 Hard to find           |
| 28 Part of a suit                 | 73 Add info                         | 113 End of remark              | 16 Prayer finale                  | 58 Annie of "Designing Women"  | 102 Miasma                 |
| 29 Pastoral poem                  | 74 Mil. group                       | 117 "The Kiss" sculptor        | 17 Hong —                         | 60 Jets and Sharks             | 103 Portend                |
| 30 Sherbet flavor                 | 76 Genesis vessel                   | 118 One of the Waughs          | 18 "The NeverEnding Story" author | 63 Opening                     | 104 Rohmer or Carmen       |
| 31 Norm                           | 79 "Little —" ('64 hit)             | 119 "East of Eden" director    | 24 — Office                       | 64 UK honor                    | 105 Sign of sanctity       |
| 32 Rib —                          | 81 "Be my guest!"                   | 120 Imminent                   | 25 Regret audibly                 | 67 Delayed                     | 106 "Glad All —" ('64 hit) |
| 34 One of "Them!"                 | 82 God with a trident               | 121 Upright                    | 30 In the know                    | 68 Worn down                   | 107 Carpenter's tool       |
| 35 Dirty                          | 84 Storms                           | 122 Michael of "Cabaret"       | 31 Nero's instrument              | 69 Cugat consort               | 108 Knight's quaff         |
| 37 Part 2 of remark               | 85 — Dinh Diem                      | 123 Unkempt                    | 32 Duplicate                      | 70 Mississippi or Missouri     | 109 Kind of pitcher        |
| 45 Colleague of Dolly and Loretta | 87 Paw part                         | 124 "Vissi d'—" ("Tosca" aria) | 33 Savored the seitan             | 71 New York city               | 110 "Huh?"                 |
| 46 Mature                         | 88 Jergens or Astaire               | <b>DOWN</b>                    | 34 Fall flower                    | 72 Bk. offerings               | 111 Bronte heroine         |
| 47 Peachy-keen                    | 89 Field of knowledge               | 1 Sport                        | 35 David of "Dark Shadows"        | 75 It's in the bag             | 113 Horse hash             |
| 48 Plumb crazy                    | 90 With 56 Across, common appetizer | 2 O'Brien or Skinner           | 36 Too tubby                      | 76 Skilled                     | 114 Endorses               |
| 49 "Maria —" ('41 song)           |                                     | 3 Mortgage, e.g.               | 37 Twist and turn                 | 77 Romeo and Juliet            | 115 Duncan's denial        |
|                                   |                                     |                                | 38 Bee flat?                      | 78 Banjo locale                | 116 "Jurassic Park" stuff  |
|                                   |                                     |                                |                                   | 79 Grouch                      |                            |
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**STRANGE BUT TRUE**  
by Samantha Weaver

- It was Irish playwright George Bernard Shaw who made the following sage observation: "A government that robs Peter to pay Paul can always depend on the support of Paul."
- We're all familiar with the act of CPR — we often see a film or television character come to the rescue and save a life using the technique. And on TV, according to a recent study, CPR is shown as being successful 75 percent of the time. The reality is not quite so rosy, though. A study conducted in 2010 found that when CPR is used in real life, only about 8 percent of the patients were still alive after one month. Of those who did survive that long, 97 percent couldn't live a normal life.
- Do you suffer from astrophobia? If so, I hope you don't live in Florida. Those who are afraid of lightning would be terrified in the Sunshine State, especially in Tampa, known as the lightning capital of the world.
- Researchers in the United Kingdom have invented a robot that eats slugs and is powered by the gas from the decaying creatures. They have dubbed their creation the SlugBot.
- For six generations, many members of the Fugate family of the Appalachian region of Kentucky have suffered from a rare blood disorder called methemoglobinemia. The disorder seems to have no adverse health effects, but it's not at all difficult to diagnose it at a glance: Sufferers have blue skin. Not just a slight tinge, either; various family members have been described as "blue as Lake Louise," "the bluest woman I ever saw" and "almost purple."

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**Thought for the Day:** "A stockbroker urged me to buy a stock that would triple its value every year. I told him, 'At my age, I don't even buy green bananas.'" — Claude Pepper

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**MOMENTS IN TIME**  
**The History Channel**

- On April 4, 1812, President James Madison fires an economic salvo at the British government and enacts a 90-day embargo on trade with England. The embargo did little to forestall war: The British refused to cease harassing American ships, prompting Madison to lead America into the War of 1812.
- On April 3, 1860, the first Pony Express mail simultaneously leaves St. Joseph, Mo., heading west, and Sacramento, Calif., heading east on a 1,800-mile journey. On April 13, the westbound packet arrived in Sacramento, beating the eastbound packet by two days.
- On April 7, 1891, American showman Phineas Taylor Barnum dies in Bridgeport, Conn. The 81-year-old showman's sense of humor never deserted him. He requested that a New York newspaper run his obituary before he died so he could enjoy reading it, and the paper obliged.
- On April 2, 1902, the first American theater devoted solely to movies opens in Los Angeles. Housed in a circus tent, the venue was dubbed "The Electric Theater." Admission cost 10 cents for a one-hour show.
- On April 5, 1931, Fox Film Corp. drops John Wayne from its roster of actors. Wayne had played bit parts but failed to impress the studio. In 1939, Wayne finally had his breakthrough in "Stagecoach." He went on to play in dozens of movies, including "True Grit," for which he won an Oscar in 1969.
- On April 6, 1970, Sam Sheppard, a doctor convicted of murdering his pregnant wife in a trial that caused a media frenzy in the 1950s, dies of liver failure. After a decade in prison, Sheppard was found Önot guiltyÖ in a second trial in 1966. "The Fugitive" television series and movie were rumored to have been loosely inspired by the story.
- On April 8, 1990, director David Lynch's surreal series, "Twin Peaks," premieres. The show, with its bizarre characters and baffling story line, became an instant cult hit. Kyle MacLachlan starred as Dale Cooper, an FBI agent assigned to visit a small town in the Pacific Northwest to try to unravel the mystery of the murder of resident Laura Palmer.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★**

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jennifer Martinico, an unmarried woman, to Independent Mortgage Co., mortgagee, dated June 7, 2006, and recorded on June 8, 2006, in Liber 431, on page 929, and assigned by said mortgagee to Michigan State Housing Development Authority, as assigned, Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-four thousand five hundred fifty-four dollars and forty-nine cents (\$64,554.49), including interest at 5.875 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan at 10 a.m. o'clock, on April 18, 2012. Said premises are located in Al-

cona County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 19 and the west 49 feet of Lot 20 and part of the southeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4, Section 12, Town 26 North, Range 9 East described as commencing at the north-west corner of Lot 19, block 7, thence east 8 rods, thence north 2 rods, thence west to State Street, thence south to the point of beginning, except commencing at the northwest corner of Lot 19, Block 7, of the map of Harrisville as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 1, Alcona County records, thence south 80 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds east along the north line of said Lot 19, 6.11 feet; thence along the easterly right of way of US-23 highway 61.31 feet along the arc of a 2477.76 foot radius circular curve concave easterly through a central angle of 01 degrees 25 minutes 04 seconds having a chord which bears south 14 degrees 27 minutes 36 seconds west, 61.31 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 80 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds east, 131.93 feet, thence south 09 degrees 50 minutes 00 seconds west, 103.90 feet; thence north 80 degrees 14 minutes 00 seconds west along the south line of lots 19 and 20 of said plat

136.86 feet; thence along the easterly right of way of US-23 highway 104.03 feet along the arc of a 2,477.76 feet radius circular curve concave easterly through a central angle of 02 degrees 24 minutes 20 seconds having a chord which bears north 12 degrees 33 minutes 16 seconds east, 104.02 feet to the point of beginning. Said exception being part of Lots 19 and 20 of said Block 7.

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.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under 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 period. Michigan State Housing Development Authority Mortgagee/Assignee  
 Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300  
 Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
 USBW.001443  
 3-21, 3-28, 4- 4 4-11

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### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dennis J. Augustine, a single man, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., mortgagee, dated February 22, 2001, and recorded on February 28, 2001 in Liber 347 on page 256, and assigned by said mortgagee to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. fka

Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ninety-one thousand four hundred eight and 88/100 dollars (\$91,408.88), including interest at 8.625 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on April 18, 2012. Said premises are situated in township of Millen, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The north 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 2, Township 26 North,

Range 7 East. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. 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 period. Dated: March 21, 2012 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 378124F02 3-21, 3-28, 4- 4 4-11

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Edward Petrusch and Eileen Petrusch, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to JPMorgan Chase Bank, NA, mortgagee, dated January 16, 2007, and recorded on February 2, 2007 in Liber 439 on page 1, and assigned by said mortgagee to Chase Home Finance LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thirteen thousand six hundred fifty-seven and 81/100 dollars (\$113,657.81), including

interest at 4.25 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on April 18, 2012. Said premises are situated in township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1: Lot 101 of Stuve Ranch Subdivision, Hawes Township, Alcona County, Michigan, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 191, Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### Mortgage Sale

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Default has been made in the condition of a mortgage made by Sandra L. Dubie, a single woman, whose address is believed to be 2785 East M-72, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture now known as United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development. The mortgage is dated June 22, 1989 and recorded June 22, 1989 in the Alcona County Register

of Deeds at Liber 226; pages 915-918 and in which mortgage there is claimed to be due as of March 6, 2012 the sum of ninety-one thousand seven hundred ninety-four and 15/100 (\$91,794.15) dollars including interest at 9-3/4 percent per annum. Interest is \$6.81 per day.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged property, or some part thereof, at public vendue, at Alcona County clerk's office in Harrisville, Michigan at 10 a.m. on April 11, 2012.

Said premises are situated in the township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan and are described as follows: Commencing at the southwest corner of the southeast quarter (SE-1/4) of Section 12, T26N, R8E, thence east 308 feet to the

POB: thence continuing east 100 feet; thence north 433 feet; thence west 100 feet; thence south 433 feet to the POB. Together with an easement for ingress and egress over a parcel described as commencing at the said SW corner of the W-1/2 of W-1/2 of SE-1/4, Section 12, T26N, R8E, thence east 408 feet to the POB, thence continuing east 26 feet, thence north 433 feet, thence west 26 feet, thence south 433 feet to the POB; said easement to be for the mutual use of the John R. & Christel E. Kensa (grantors) and Sandra L. Dubie (grantee) to be used for ingress and egress and utility purposes only by the parties hereto.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale or abandonment, if abandonment occurs after sale.

Dated: March 6, 2012.  
3-14, 3-21, 3-28, 4-4

If you are currently in bankruptcy or have received a discharge in bankruptcy as to this obligation, this communication is intended for informational purposes only and is not an attempt to collect a debt in violation of the automatic stay or the discharge injunction. In such case, please disregard any part of this communication which is inconsistent with the foregoing.

Otherwise, federal law requires us to advise you that communication from our office could be interpreted as an attempt to collect a debt and that any information obtained may be used for that purpose. If you are now on active military duty or have been in the prior nine months, please contact our office as you may be entitled to the benefits of the Servicemembers' Civil Relief Act.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jamie M. Williams, a married woman, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated February 16, 2005 and recorded February 18, 2005 in Liber 413, page 273, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association, successor by merger to Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-nine thousand five hundred sixty-two and 66/100 dollars (\$69,562.66) including interest at 6.25 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 west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville in Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on March 28, 2012.

Said premises are located in the town-

ship of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 36 rods west of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 8 East, thence south 8 rods; thence east 8 rods; thence north 8 rods; thence west 8 rods to the point of beginning.

And Lots 1 and 2, Block 36, of the Village of West Harrisville, now known as the Village of Lincoln, according to the recorded Plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 17, Alcona County records. Except commencing at the northwest corner of Lot 2, Block 36, thence south 264 feet, thence east 6 feet, thence north 264 feet, thence west 6 feet to the point of beginning.

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

To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, 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 damage to the property during the redemption period.

If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: February 29, 2012  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
File No. 310.9622  
2-29, 3-7, 3-14, 3-21

Schneiderman & Sherman P.C. is attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at (248) 539-7400 if you are in active military duty.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James E. Richardson, a single man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated November 26, 2007, and recorded on December 12, 2007, in Document No. 200700004141, Liber 448, on page 885, and assigned by said mortgagee to GMAC Mortgage, LLC. successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation, as assigned, Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thirty-four thousand

one hundred five dollars and twenty-two cents (\$134,105.22), including interest at 6.625 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, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan at 10 a.m. o'clock, on April 11, 2012.

Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: Commencing at the southwest corner of southeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, thence north 20 rods, thence east 16 rods, thence south 20 rods, thence west 16 rods, along the centerline of Vandercook Road to the point of beginning, Alcona County records.

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. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under 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 period.

GMAC Mortgage, LLC successor by merger to GMAC Mortgage Corporation Mortgagee/Assignee  
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
GMAC.007941  
3-14, 3-21, 3-28, 4-4

#### Notice of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Milton Manney, a single man, of 1370 South McGregor Road, Mikado, Mich. 48745 to First Federal of Northern Michigan, 100 South Second Ave., Alpena, Mich. 49707, dated December 26, 2007 and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona, and state of Michigan, on January 3, 2008 in Liber 449, page 63, on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$87,293.38.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the state of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 18<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2012 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the county building in the City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Situated in the township of Harrisville, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, described as:  
Parcel B of certificate of survey by Miller

Land Surveys, Job No. 120-96-99, dated April 30, 1999 and recorded January 28, 2005 in Liber 412 of surveys, page 711-712, described as: That part of the east 1/2 of the east 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Section 29, T26N, R9E, described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 29; thence due north along the east section line being the centerline of McGregor Road 661.00 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing due north 661.00 feet; thence N89°11'22"W 659.89 feet; thence S00°00'20"E along the west line of said east 1/2 of the east 1/2 661.00 feet; thence S89°11'21"E 665.83 feet (deeded) (659.83 feet as shown on certificate of survey) to the point of beginning. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes.

If the property described in this notice is sold at the foreclosure sale referred to above, 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 period as provided by MCL 600.3278 or otherwise by law.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a. Bodman PLC  
Dated: March 14, 2012

By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)  
Debt Collector for First Federal of Northern Michigan  
229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405  
Cheboygan, MI 49721  
(231) 627-8000  
3-14, 3-21, 3-28, 4-4, 4-11

#### Notice of Mortgage Sale

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Jeffrey C. Berryman and Colleen E. Berryman and Roberta J. New to H.P.C. Credit Union, whose address is 1234 West Chisholm Street, Alpena, Mich. 49707.

The mortgage is dated August 8, 2007 and recorded on August 13, 2007 at Liber 444, page 989, 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 two hundred two thousand one hundred ninety-seven and 92/100 dollars (\$202,197.92) and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt secured thereby. The power of sale contained in the mortgage has now become operative.

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 de-

scribed below at public auction to the highest bidder at the Alcona County Courthouse located at 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 at 10 a.m. The property will be sold to pay the amount due on the mortgage with 5.75 percent interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays on or before the date of sale.

The property described in the mortgage and subject to sale is as follows: Parcel 23-A of certificate of survey of D.R. MacNeill & Associates, W.O. No. 17-286-4500-486306, dated March 13, 2005 and recorded March 20, 2005 in Liber 428, pages 1,343-1,345, described as; part of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 and all that part of the northwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 17, Town 28 North, Range 6 East, described as: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of said Section 17; thence North 89° 51' 10" west 675.31 feet along the east-west 1/4 line to the point of beginning; thence continuing north 89° 51' 10" west 796.94

feet along said east-west 1/4 line; thence south 00° 53' 16" west 250.00 feet parallel to the east north-south 1/8 line; thence south 89° 51' 10" east 150.00 feet parallel to the east-west 1/4 line to the east north-south 1/8 line; thence south 00° 53' 16": west 1,062.79 feet along said east north-south 1/8 line to the south east-west 1/4 line; thence north 89° 47' 52" east 642.40 feet along said south east-west 1/8 line; thence north 01° 05' 20" east 1,308.94 feet parallel to the east section line to the point of beginning. Located in the township of Caledonia, county of Alcona, state of Michigan.

The period of redemption will be one year 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.

Dated: March 6, 2012  
H.P.C. Credit Union, Mortgagee  
3-14, 3-21, 3-28, 4-4, 4-11

#### Public Hearing Notice Alcona Township Zoning Ordinance Revision

The Alcona Township Board of Trustees has scheduled a public hearing at 6:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012 at the Alcona Township Hall, 5576 US-23. The purpose of the public hearing is to revise the maximum allowable percentage of lot coverage by structures in the R-1 Residential District to 35 percent coverage from the currently permitted 50 percent coverage.

A draft copy of the ordinance revision is available for inspection by contacting Dawn LaLonde, Alcona Township Clerk, at (989) 471-2948 or by e-mail at kuffertd@yahoo.com. The current zoning ordinance is available for review online on the township website: www.alconatownship.com or by contacting the township clerk.

Doug Kuffert,  
Planning Commission Chairman  
(989) 727-2790

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### GREENBUSH TWP. MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Ed Roddy brought the budget hearing and the Truth in Taxation meeting to order at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6. The meeting was short – there were no attendees other than four board members. Motion Olin/Dailey: To close the budget hearing at 6:15 p.m. Roll call vote: Motion carried.

Supervisor Roddy called the regular board meeting to order on Tuesday, March 6 at 7 p.m., at the township hall. Five guests were present who joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Ed Roddy, clerk Art Winter, treasurer Pat Dailey and trustee Sally Olin. Absent: Trustee Gary Abraham.

Motion Dailey/Olin: To approve the agenda as amended. All ayes, motion carried. Motion Winter/Olin: To accept the February minutes as written. Motion carried. Motion Winter/Olin: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Motion carried. Motion Olin/Dailey: To adopt, as presented, budget amendment 2011-2012.2. Roll call vote: All Ayes: Abraham absent. Motion Olin/Roddy: To pay February bills as presented – check no. 14,378-14,408 – grand total: \$17,678.09; fire - \$928.43; remainder - \$16,749.66 being general fund. Roll call vote: all ayes. Carried.

Miscellaneous reports: Carolyn Brummond, county commissioner, brought the board up to speed on what is happening at the county level. Some discussion. Fire chief Franks stated four first responder calls for the month of February and no fire calls. He stated that he has changed to two fire meetings a month for the winter months and has three new members on the fire department. Some discussion.

Zoning Administrator Major stated no permits and no complaints for the month of February. The problem with tarps as a fence has surfaced again in the township

and will be turned over to the township attorney. Some discussion. Hall rentals: Supervisor Roddy stated one rental this month. Assessor Schwickerdt not present at this meeting. Supervisor Roddy had correspondence that he shared with the board. Some discussion. Clerk had notice from Consumers Energy that they are changing meters on houses.

Pending business: New road supervisor at the road commission. Motion Olin/Dailey: To approve the 2012-2013 budget. Roll call vote: All ayes. Abraham absent. Carried. Treasurer Pat Dailey, being new on the township board, questioned how bids for the township were requested and how much were the amounts we went out for bids. Supervisor Roddy answered her questions. Much discussion.

Public comments: Greenbush chamber president Nebbie Kushmaul stated the condition of our flag at the hall. Clerk Winter stated he would get a new one. Some discussion.

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

Motion Abraham/Dailey: To adjourn at 7:50 p.m.

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

### HARRISVILLE TWP. MINUTES

Harrisville Township's 2012-2013 proposed budget hearing was held Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall. The full board and three guests were present. The supervisor went through the budget page by page, followed by comments from the floor and discussion by the board. The hearing was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson  
Township Clerk

Treasurer's report accepted and reconciled with the clerk. Jamieson/Pyne: To adopt by Resolution No. 31312, a fund balance policy, as required by GASB 54. Roll call vote: Five ayes, zero nays, motion carried.

Pyne/Johnston: By Resolution No. 31312-A to adopt the 2012-2013 proposed township budget as presented at the 6:30 p.m., March 13 public hearing. Roll call vote: Five ayes, zero nays, motion carried. Pyne/Johnston: To approve the supervisor writing the language to be put on the August 7 primary ballot for a hall renovation millage request. Motion carried. Young/Pyne: To pay the bills, motion carried. Meeting adjourned 7:52 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson  
Township Clerk

Harrisville Township's monthly board meeting was held Tuesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The full board and three guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Clerk's minutes approved as read.

### MITCHELL TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Mitchell Township Board meeting was called to order on Monday, March 12 at 7 p.m. by supervisor Murnock. Members present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, clerk Warren Cross, treasurer Kevin Small, trustees Linda Lay and Vito Soranno. Others present: Fire chief Mike Lay and Wilbur Wildfong. The minutes of February 13 were approved as presented. The special meeting minutes of February 22 were approved as presented. The February financial reports were approved as presented. Treasurer Small presented a summary of tax information for the summer and winter tax collections of 2011. No public comments.

The board of review met for the first time today with five protests being presented.

Three of those protests were by mail. Fire chief Lay reported three medical runs for the month of February. The dryer equipment has arrived but is not yet assembled. The next meeting for the planning commission will be March 14. The zoning administrator's February report was accepted as filed.

A brief discussion on rental rates and deposit requirements for the hall was held. It was the consensus of the board to enforce the \$50 deposit amount for single, weekly or annual contracts and to include same in the rental contract. Murnock/Lay: To cancel the water softener agreement with McCardel Water Conditioning and to purchase a water softener and supplies for the township hall. Motion carried.

Clerk Cross reported the presidential primary election on February 28 went smoothly. There were 80 Republican and seven Democratic votes cast. Reimbursement for the election will be made through the Secretary of State office. Clerk Cross shared various communications.

In new business, Lay/Cross: To proclaim March 2012 as Social Host Liability Awareness Month. Motion carried. There being no further business to come before the board Supervisor Murnock called for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m. The next regular meeting is April 9 at 7 p.m.

Gregory C. Murnock Sr.,  
Supervisor  
Warren Cross, Clerk

The special called meeting of the Mitchell Township Board was called to order on Monday, March 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Mitchell Township Hall. Members present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, clerk Warren Cross, treasurer Kevin Small and trustee Linda Lay. Trustee Vito Soranno was absent. No public presence. Also present fire chief Mike Lay. The proposed annual budget was available for public review. There were no public comments.

Murnock/Small: To adopt Resolution 2012-2 General Appropriations Act which included the following: General Fund Revenues - \$102,700, General Fund Expenditures - \$118,500, Surplus (Deficit) - (\$15,800) and Fire Department Revenues - \$54,700, Fire Department Expenditures - \$53,500, Surplus (Deficit) - \$1,200. Upon roll call vote, the

following voted yes: Murnock, Cross, Lay and Small. No votes: None. Absent: Soranno. Motion carried.

Cross/Small: To establish the incumbent supervisor's salary at \$6,000 annually and the newly elected Supervisor's salary at \$4,800 annually. Upon roll call vote the following voted yes: Murnock, Cross, Lay and Small. No votes: None. Absent: Soranno. Motion carried. Murnock/Lay: To establish the incumbent clerk's salary at \$12,000 annually and the newly elected clerk's salary at \$9,600 annually. Upon roll call vote the following voted yes: Murnock, Cross, Lay and Small. No votes: None. Absent: Soranno. Motion carried. Lay/Murnock: To establish the incumbent treasurer's salary at \$12,000 annually and the newly elected clerk's salary at \$9,600 annually. Upon roll call vote the

following voted yes: Murnock, Cross, Lay and Small. No votes: None. Absent: Soranno. Motion carried. Murnock/Lay: To establish the trustee compensation at \$100 per township board meeting. Upon roll call vote the following voted yes: Murnock, Cross, Lay and Small. No votes: None. Absent: Soranno. Motion carried.

A copy of the General Appropriations Act is available by contacting the Clerk at (989) 848-7395 or e-mailing wcross@mitchelltownship.org. There being no further business to come before the board, supervisor Murnock called for adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Warren Cross, Clerk  
Gregory C. Murnock Sr.,  
Supervisor

### CALEDONIA TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Brown with pledge to the flag at 7 p.m. Present on the board: Brown, Thornton, Timm, Ott and Scott. Also present: Nancy Beck, zoning administrator and five citizens. Opened with budget hearing. Reviewed budget. No citizen comments. Closed budget hearing. 7:15 p.m.

Motion to accept the agenda with additions. Motion to approve minutes of February 8 with two corrections. Correspondence: PIE&G rate change, poverty exemption and Catholic Human Services proclamation. Motion to pay the bills. Motion to place treasurer's report on file.

The planning commission held a public hearing March 5 for Section 302 Accessory Building sub point 3. No public comment for or against. Planning commission recommends the deletion as proposed and requesting three more study sessions.

Zoning administrator reported she filed U.S. census paper for township, there

were three land use permits and sent citation to VFW owner. Ron Young's retirement party, March 16, Eagle Ridge Golf Course, Glennie, from 2-4 p.m.

Motion by resolution to adopt Caledonia Township general, road and fire funds budgets for the fiscal year 2012-13 as detailed in the budget package presented. Motion by resolution to establish salaries for 2012-13 for Caledonia Township employees, leaving them the same as the last four years. Motion by resolution that the township of Caledonia will levy the maximum authorized millage rate allowed by law for the tax year 2012.

Motion that we sign contracts with Hubbard Lake Community Association (\$49,231) and Sanborn Township (\$2,800 for fire protection during 2012-2013. Motion to support Alcona County Humane Society (\$600) for animal control within the township.

Motion by resolution to support Northend Park Phase II grant with maximum \$300,000 grant and township paying 25 percent up to \$75,000 match. Motion that township board grants the

planning commission three more study sessions to complete the ordinance revisions. Motion by resolution to adopt revised Poverty Exemption for 2012, one (Homestead) parcel of land not to exceed \$30,000 assessed value or market value \$60,000, and other assets not to exceed \$30,000.

Motion by resolution that Caledonia Township does hereby proclaim that May 2012 is Social Host Liability Awareness Month. We also call upon all citizens, homeowners and property owners to host gatherings responsibly and take measures to eliminate access of alcohol to persons under the age of 21. Motion to adjourn at 8:07 p.m. All motions at the meeting passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Next meeting is April 11. Planning commission meets April 2. Website: Caledoniatwp.net.

Helen Timm, Clerk

### ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's March board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carlin at 7 p.m. with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: Carlin, LaLonde, Gauthier, Mead and MacNeill. Clerk's minutes and treasurer's report were filed.

Motions to pay bills; to close regular meeting and open budget hearing; to approve budget; to approve the Truth in Taxation; to close budget hearing and open regular meeting; to allow supervisor to create special assessment tax roll for Island View Subdivision; to proclaim May 2012 as Social Host Liability Awareness Month; to hold a public hearing to correct a clerical error in the zoning ordinance; to increase planning chairman's pay; to enter into a three year maintenance contract for air packs; to allow the purchase of a printer for station one and three; to purchase two portable radios and three wildland coveralls; and to place a road millage and fire millage proposal on the ballot. All motions passed.

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk  
This synopsis published prior to board approval.

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# Planning for your financial future? Don't overlook your credit

(ARA) - You probably already know you need to have some savings and a plan for retirement, even if you're just starting out in your professional life. Whether retirement is two years away or 20, your financial future won't just take care of itself.

You need to take action to ensure monetary security, and credit plays a key role in securing your financial future.

If you have no immediate plans to buy a car or a house, you may think good credit is not that important to you. But the impact of credit goes far beyond your purchasing power.

Many companies and organizations you'll encounter in life now consider credit history when deciding whether to do business with you. Not only will a credit card company check your credit report before approving you for an account, your utility company likely will too.

So will landlords and, often, potential employers. Even cable and cell phone providers may ask to see your credit report before agreeing to provide you with service.

So what's the difference between "good" and not-so-good credit? Good credit is made up of two things - a good credit score and a clean credit report.

A clean credit report shows a solid history of on-time payments, a good balance of types of credit, length of credit history and more credit available than used. Your credit score takes into account all those factors, with payment history carrying the most weight.

Generally, if your credit score is around 700, creditors will view you as a decent credit risk. Scores can range from 300 to 850. If your score is below 550, you'll likely have trouble getting credit at favorable rates. Consumers with scores that top 750 often qualify for preferred rates from lenders.

How can you achieve good credit?

• First, keep tabs on your credit report and score. Websites like CreditReport.com have tools that can help members understand their credit, an important factor in managing credit and planning for the

financial future. Credit-Report.com makes it easier to understand your credit and how your spending and savings habits might affect it.

• You also need to establish a budget. Gather all your bills for the month so that you'll have a picture of how much you need to allot for necessities like rent or a mortgage, utilities, gas, food and savings. Create a budget based on your income and expenses and then stick to it.

• Use credit wisely. If you don't have a credit card, apply for one. If you already have a card with a balance, pay off the debt quickly. Going forward, reserve credit card use for big ticket items (like appliances) rather than consumables (such as gas or groceries), and always pay off the balance as quickly as possible. Avoid charging items that you won't be able to pay off quickly, because they'll cost you far more in the long run if you have to pay months of interest on the purchase.

• Pay all your monthly bills on time. If you have trouble remembering when bills are

due, set up an online payment schedule through your bank's

website; most now offer automatic payments with online banking.

## Top 10 questions for your veterinarian

(ARA) - Being a veterinarian is a tough job. After all, veterinarians have to treat patients who can't explain where it hurts or follow health instructions more complex than "sit" or "stay."

That's why communication between pet owners and veterinarians is so important. Sharing information about how your pet is behaving -- including eating, drinking, sleeping, urinating and/or passing stools -- could help make a lifesaving diagnosis.

Once you have selected a veterinarian, the American Veterinary Medicine Association (AVMA) suggests this list of the top 10 things you should talk about with your veterinarian during a visit:

• Ask about parasite prevention and control for heartworms, fleas, ticks, and intestinal parasites such as roundworms, hookworms and tapeworms that's appropriate for your region of the country.

• Ask about proper behavior training and socialization. Many shelters report that improper training and socialization -- and the behavioral issues that can come with them -- are some of the most common reasons people give up their pets. Your veterinarian can assist in evaluating your animal's disposition and provide advice and tips on how to appropriately train and socialize your pet.

• Ask about emergency care. When your pet has acute health issues in the middle of the night, you'll need to know where to call or go. Ask where you should go when things go wrong, and make sure you figure out how to get there before an emergency - you certainly don't want to be driving around asking for directions in an emergency situation.

• Ask about nutrition. What type of food should you feed your pet? What serving size is appropriate? And does their age impact what you should be feeding them?

• Ask if your pet is overweight and, if it is, how you can get your pet back to a healthy weight. As in humans, weight control for pets is essential for good health.

• Ask about vaccinations. Vaccinations are essential to your pet's health and should be tailored to your pet's lifestyle. A pampered high-rise dweller that never sets foot outside won't need the same vaccines as a mud hound forever exploring outdoors.

• If you have a pet older than seven years of age, ask about senior care. Older pets are more prone to conditions such as arthritis, heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes, thyroid conditions and other problems. Prevention and early detection of problems are key to helping your pet live a longer, healthier life.

• Ask about any lumps and bumps your pet has developed. Although many of the lumps and bumps are not problems, some of them are cause for concern. It's best to have all of them checked out, just to make sure.

• Ask about any changes you've noticed in your pet's diet, energy level, water intake, output and behavior. Any of these might be important health clues.

• Ask about the results of your veterinarian's physical examination of your pet, including an oral health evaluation. Dental disease is one of the most common health problems that pets experience and it can lead to serious problems.

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