

Forester can help landowners in Alcona and Iosco counties

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona and Iosco Conservation Districts have a new forester on staff to help the communities they serve.

John St. Pierre, a graduate from Michigan Technological University, has been hired through a grant provided by the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development. The grant provides funding for St. Pierre to work full time between the two counties from October 15 of this year to October 15, 2013.

St. Pierre's primary task as a forester is to help the nonindustrial private forest landowners to better understand the potential productivity of their forest resource and opportunities for technical and financial assistance for forest planning and management.

He grew up with a love of the outdoors in Williamston, Mich. "It's still a very rural community there -- a lot of farming. My dad leases out farm land but he still has one acre that he gardens and another 60 acres for nature. My mother loves bird watching and wildlife. I grew up with nature which is one of the reasons I was drawn to forestry," St. Pierre said.

"I've job shadowed a couple of consulting foresters while in high school and my parents always had their woods managed, so I've been exposed to a lot of forestry practices for much of my life. This is something I always thought would be a cool thing to do," he said.

A forester's primary task is, according to St. Pierre, to sustainably manage forest resources which are heavily based on scientific principals,

but there is also something else involved in the process. "You have to have a hand on what the future of a forest will be like, not only does science play a part on how it's going to evolve, but it's also the eye of the natural resource professional to question what it's going to look like in the future, so there is art involved as well," he said.

St. Pierre is available to do walk and talk with landowners on their property and answer questions regarding timber harvesting, improving wildlife habitats, invasive species issues or whatever questions they may have about their woods.

"A lot of people have forest health concerns. Dead trees are a concern because they may fall on someone walking underneath them or they may fall on a house... Those en-



John St. Pierre

dangering life need to be removed. From a wildlife standpoint they are fairly valuable because the wildlife can use those for cavity nesting," he said.

St. Pierre looks at the for-

est resources from a wide variety of economic, human and wildlife aspects. The information he gathers from a walk and talk is up to the land owner. "I want to under-

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Black River resident lives the good life close to home

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Keeping things simple, focusing on family and staying close to home is the way of life for the oldest living citizen of Black River.

Ethel Rasche recently celebrated her 90th birthday surrounded by family and friends. The surprise party was held at the Mountain Inn, the same local tavern Ethel walked to every week as a teenager to go dancing with her girl friends.

Ethel is so busy laughing and enjoying life she barely has time to notice another year has come and gone. Her days are filled in a variety of ways -- playing cards, going to bingo, watching her beloved Detroit Tiger baseball games and NASCAR races. She also loves taking bus trips to casinos.

She is visited every day from one or all of her four children who live in the area. Ethel has nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, with two more on the way. She also belongs to her church altar society and takes



Black River resident Ethel Rasche stands next to a photo of her parents Ben and Minnie LaVigne. Photo by Mary Weber.

care of all the church linens. Ethel has literally kept close to home -- she has lived her entire life in the same house she grew up in.

"I thought about moving out of town when I was 24 and married Virgil (Rasche), but Virgil wanted to stay here and buy my parents store," Ethel said.

Ethel was born in 1922, to Ben and Denelda "Minnie" LaVigne. The LaVignes owned and operated a general store in Black River. Ethel remembered how her parents struggled through the Great Depression, but always made sure she and her sisters had enough to eat.

Quite often the LaVignes would let market patrons' bills slide for a while until they were able to catch up on

what they owed. "For years people would come up to me and thank me for what my family did to help get them through the Depression," Ethel said.

Virgil Rasche was also born and raised in Black River just around the corner from Ethel. He was the mail carrier in Black River until he got a better job. He passed the mail carrier job on to Ethel when she was just 16 or so.

Part of her job was to retrieve the bags of mail delivered by the train. However, the train didn't stop in Black River. As the train passed through Black River, train personnel threw the mail bag on the ground and grab the outgoing mail which was hanging on a hook.

It was Ethel's job to get the

mail bags off the ground and hook the outgoing mail. "Sometimes I had to go looking for the bag (they threw off the train)... I'd find it way down the tracks deep in the snow and then I'd have to deliver it. Everything went by mail, people would order stuff and it all came by mail, nobody went to Alpena to buy stuff. It was some job," Ethel said sighing.

Virgil joined the service to fight during World War II. He and Ethel corresponded by mail while he was away. While Virgil was at war he decided to marry Ethel when he returned home. He wrote to his sister, Helen, and sent money to her so she could buy Ethel an engagement ring in his place. Helen was happy that Virgil wanted to marry Ethel, but wrote back to her brother that he didn't send enough money. Virgil sent the money needed and had Helen propose to Ethel for him. Ethel still wears the diamond ring that her sister-in-law selected.

"We didn't have much money; we didn't even own a car when we got married. I wore my sister's wedding gown and borrowed my sister-in-law's veil," Ethel said. "We were married at St. Gabriel Church, the same church I go to now, and had a big reception at the township hall. Someone let us borrow their car to go on our honeymoon. We went to Detroit. I didn't think I would ever see Detroit. It was a big deal to go that far. We went to a Tiger ball game and we took the boat ride to Boblo Island."

After the honeymoon dust settled Ethel started running the store and Virgil worked construction jobs. The couple raised their four children,

Diana, Sandra, Marilyn and Kevin in the house she grew up in.

A few days after the birthday celebration, two of Ethel's daughters sat in her cheery country kitchen around the same table they ate at as children to spend time with their mom and reminisce about the past. "We are always amazed how mom worked all day in the store, still had three meals on the table and took care of four kids every day. Dad had to work out of town, so Mom did a lot," Diana said.

Marilyn agreed, "We were never hungry, and the food was always good. The food was the best around town. Mom and Dad were always there for us whenever we needed help with anything. Dad taught us about the value of a dollar, but Mom taught us how important family was."

Virgil and Ethel kept the same policies her father had at the store. "People would put their food on account and pay them when they could," Marilyn said. "We had two gas pumps in front of the store and we used to go out and pump the gas for people. No one pumped their own gas."

Ethel ground hamburger and cut pork chops to sell at the store. Quite often, before the store would open, Ethel would go to the lake behind her house at 6 a.m. to fish for trout. "I'd scale the fish myself, we ate well. We had a beautiful store, we really had everything," Ethel said.

The Rasche's kept the store going for over 40 years.

Not only did the small house attached to the store keep the Rasche family of six happy, but Diana, Sandra

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Obituaries

Wanda I. Greentree

Wanda I. Greentree, 79, of Spruce, died on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012 at The Country House Adult Foster Care Home in Ossineke.

She was born August 10, 1933 to Wille and Sarah (Brewster) Smith in Vincennes, Ind. where she was a long-time resident. Later, she moved to Illinois and then to Spruce where she had lived for several years.

Mrs. Greentree enjoyed playing hymns on the organ at Hubbard Lake Bible Church. She was a homemaker and enjoyed sewing clothes. She also loved animals.

Mrs. Greentree is survived by one daughter, Pamela (Marshall) Giles of Santee, Calif.; one son, Timothy (DeLynn) Greentree of Spruce; six grandchildren, Krystal (Jesse) Samuel, Amber (Chris) Paulk, Brooke Greentree, Eddy (Deanna) Scott and Michelle Huddleston; and nine great grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Loren Greentree, in 1994; and several brothers and sisters.

The funeral was held Sunday, Nov. 18 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Burial was in Memorial Park Cemetery, Vincennes, Ind.

Robert M. Huffine

Robert M. Huffine, 82, of Harrisville, died on Friday, Nov. 16, 2012 at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

He was born November 12, 1930 to Charles and Faye (Reynolds) Huffine in Indianapolis, Ind., where he was raised. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War.

On May 26, 1956, he married Patricia Grandpre in Dearborn, Mich. They were residents of Oscoda before moving to Harrisville in 1963.

Mr. Huffine worked as an over the road trucker with R and W Service System. He enjoyed golfing and working in his garden and yard and was proud of his apple orchard.

He attended the Solid Rock Church of God in Harrisville.

Mr. Huffine is survived by his wife, Patricia; one daughter, Diana (Michael) Tennes of Charlotte, Mich.; two sons, Douglas (Jeanne) Huffine of Summerville, S.C. and David (Sherrie) Huffine of Perry, Mich.; eight grandchildren, Michael and Mark Huffine and Rebecca, Katelynn, Elizabeth, Ryan, Anna and John Tennes; several great-grandchildren; three sisters, Charlene Roach of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Janet Pitcock of Plainfield, Ind., and Marilyn Landon of Nakomis, Fla.; one brother, Richard Huffine of Indianapolis, Ind.; and his faithful feline friend, Callie.

There will be a memorial service Saturday, Dec. 1 at the Solid Rock Church of God in Harrisville at 11 a.m. The Rev. Edward Morrison will officiate.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. Memorials may be made to Solid rock Church of God outreach ministry (Barlow Road).

Sheila J. Cook-Glover

Sheila J. Cook-Glover, 56, of Glennie died on Saturday, Nov. 10, 2012 at home.

She was born July 24, 1956 in Hillsdale, Mich., the daughter of Robert and Jean Luella (Kipp) Cook.

She married David Glover on June 18, 2004 in Flint, Mich.

She worked for Oakland Psychological Clinic for 30 years. She was a member of the Glennie Seventh Day Adventist Church and an active member of the Hale Eagles. She is a former member of the Oasis Pool League.

She enjoyed the out-of-doors, her flower garden and spending time out with "the girls."

Mrs. Cook-Glover is survived by her husband, David; one step-son, Blake Glover;

one brother, Randy R. (Susan) Cook; two sisters, Kay Cook and Pamela (Gerald) Foye; one brother-in-law, Robert (Barb) Glover. Nieces and Nephews; Nathan (Courtney) Cook, Matthew (Jessica) Cook, Michelle Ryan, Andrew Douglas, Bryan Douglas, Dawn Glover and Shea Glover; five great-nieces; one great-nephew; and family pets, Brooke and Lucy.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert Lee and Jean Luella Cook; and two sisters, Laurie Richmand and Carolyn Cook.

There will be two memorial services for which the family has requested casual dress. The first will be held at 1 p.m. November 28 at the Hale Chapel of the Buresh Funeral



Home (121 S. Washington, Hale). The second memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. December 8 at Swartz Funeral Home (1225 W. Hill Road, Flint, Mich.) Memorial contributions may be made to Alcona Humane Society or the Barbara Ann Karmanos Cancer.

Chester A. Sipsock Jr.

Chester Arthur Sipsock Jr., 68, of Harrisville died at his home on Sunday, Nov. 4 2012.

He was born July 30, 1944, in Staten Island, N.Y. to Chester A. and Anne (Dowhy) Sipsock.

He lived in the Detroit, Mich. area before moving to Medina, Ohio in 1980. He attended Sacred Heart Seminary in Detroit, Mich. before leaving to attend St. Anthony High School where he graduated in 1962.

He married Janice Blood on Jun 11, 1966 in Marquette, Mich.

He graduated from Northern Michigan University in 1966 and received a masters degree from Central Michigan University in 1968. He was employed for 23 years as a manager with the U.S. General Accounting Office in direct support of various congressional committees and sub-committees. In April 1990, he was appointed director of the NASA office of inspector general at the Lewis Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio. He retired from the federal government in

September 2004.

He was also a part owner of JMT Group, freight specialists, and of Jacor LLC, a staffing company, both headquartered in Medina, Mich. He served as the chief financial officer to the companies which had five corporations and 2 human resource divisions.

Mr. Sipsock is survived by his wife, Janice (Blood); two daughters, Vicki Grimmett of North Ridgeville, Ohio and Laura Sipsock of Mount Clemens, Mich.; three sons, Keven (Jennifer) Sipsock of Medina, Ohio, Eric (Lisa) Sipsock of Medina, Ohio and Brandon Sipsock of Boiling Springs, S.C.; nine grandchildren, Kisston and Matthew Hules of North Ridgeville, Ohio, Brittany Grimmett of North Ridgeville, Ohio, Aryana Rowlings of North Ridgeville, Ohio, Haley and Skylar Sipsock of Medina, Ohio, Pearle Sipsock of Mount Clemens, Michigan and Olivia and Jady Sipsock of Medina, Ohio.; one great-grandson, Logan Hules; two brothers, Stephen (Valerie) Sipsock of Sterling Heights,



Mich. and Charles Sipsock of Clarkston, Mich.; two sisters, Nola (Jim) Saltzman of Venice, Fla. and Paula (Larry) Stewart of Sterling, Mich.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and one brother, Michael Sipsock.

Visitation will be from noon to 2 p.m. and there will be a prayer service at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Father Robert Bissot will officiate. A reception will be held immediately thereafter at Mariah Hall in Harrisville.

Cremation has taken place. Burial will be in Mount Joy Cemetery in Harrisville.

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Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Nov. 11	62		47	0.00	10.6
Nov. 12	59	30	0.21	5.9	30	W
Nov. 13	40	25	0.00	2.1	19	WSW
Nov. 14	40	24	0.01	4.2	24	WSW
Nov. 15	43	30	0.00	4.5	23	SW
Nov. 16	47	30	0.00	3.4	17	NNE
Nov. 17	44	31	0.00	3.1	14	SSW

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	2012	2011	Normal
Weekly Total	0.22	0.30	0.49
November to Date	0.27	1.52	1.19
Year/Season to Date	24.20	32.32	25.73

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.)

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
I want people to be aware of the fact that there are two Bob Kennedys residing in Harrisville with opposing views on the election and proposals of this county. I would very much appreciate that you print this in the paper, as I have received numerous phone calls of confused people concerning this matter. Thank you.

Bob Kennedy
(Harrisville Marine)

To the Editor,
Why, Alcona citizens? I ask you that question because that is why our HUNT renewable millage failed. We had a much better turn out for election of the president than in the primary election. There were 5,903 that voted and yes, you can put it on the ballot two times in one year that's the law. As you know, that many did not vote in the primary election.

To repeat a quote I heard, "If you don't put a stop to it now, you will pay the consequences of it later." Alcona County has been a peaceful and safe county to raise our children in. Our sheriff department has more qualified deputies on it today than it had 43 years ago when we moved up here.

Mr. Peterson was wrong in saying the HUNT money didn't go in the sheriff's budget, because it did. It helped to pay for two deputies and trained one for HUNT. So, Mr. Peterson, please check your facts out before you write a letter as I have done for many letters that I have written to the editor to state my opinion.

Everyone has a right to say how they feel on a subject. I do not judge you or others, but make sure you check out the facts first. Our sheriff, prosecutor, judge and the deputies work with this -- the drug problem -- everyday in their job. We elect them to office and should put our faith in them that they will do the job they qualified for in the interest of Alcona County.

The one thing Alcona citizens should learn by this, is not to believe everything you see or hear, but to check out the facts.

Velma Myers
Barton City

Obituaries

Lois Yoder



Lois Yoder, 75, of Glennie, formerly of Belleville, Mich. died on Thursday, Nov. 15, 2012 at Tendercare in Tawas City.

She was born March 15, 1937 in Detroit, Mich. to Robert and May E. Schultz.

She enjoyed sewing, making crafts and sharing time and stories with her grandchildren.

Mrs. Yoder is survived by her husband, Norman; four sons, Rick (Lynne) Yoder, Michael (Brenda) Yoder, Stephen Yoder and David (Judy) Yoder; two daughters, Deborah (Craig) Skoney and Leslie (David) Ramsey; 12 grandchildren, Nick Rich, Trinette Grandstaff, Stacy Yoder, Sarina Yoder, Sam Bertosian, Sarah Marlow, Drew Asel, Katelyn Yoder, Matthew Yoder, Morgan Giles, Nathan Jaeger and Eric Dupuis; seven great-grandchildren; three sisters, Ellen Moore, Phyllis (Richard) Fitzgerald and Lynda (Chuck)

Pate; two sister-in-laws, Joanne Noe and Joan Yoder; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Carol Yoder; and three brother-in-laws, Louis Moore, Charles Yoder and Claude Noe. No services will be held. Arrangements were handled by Buresh Funeral Homes, Oscoda.

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stand their goals and objectives. Based on what I see on their property, I try to make recommendations of different options they can do with regards to a possible timber harvest, installing food plots or implementing a management plan written for their property to lay a foundation for the homeowner to follow," St. Pierre said.

If the landowner agrees, basic information gathered is entered into a referral system of natural resource professionals such as consulting foresters and procurement foresters that work in the area. No names are used on the website and no contact numbers are provided. The process is, according to St. Pierre, unbiased and is to gage if any of the professionals are interested in working with the landowner.

Once the forester attains interested professionals he then offers that information to the landowner and it is up to the landowner to make the next contact.

In addition to helping local landowners individually, St. Pierre is also planning on having outreach programs with informative seminars open to the community on a variety of different topics including invasive species identification and different management strategies to have landowners make the most of their property.

For more information or to set an appointment to meet with St. Pierre, call the Alcona Conservation District (989) 724-5272 or contact John St. Pierre directly by calling (989) 335-1056.

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WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Spruce Lutheran Emergency Food Pantry, 1246 E. Spruce Rd., will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Clients must be present to receive food and bring identification. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

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

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

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

The Alcona woodcarvers will meet in the upstairs hall of the Lincoln Senior Center at 2:30 p.m. Beginners, intermediate and master carvers welcome, class taught by Bill Hastings. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 22

The American Legion Post 254 will serve Thanksgiving dinner from 1 to 4 p.m. at 2205 Alger St., Mikado. The public is invited and donations will be accepted. For more information, call (989) 736-9526.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 24

Spruce Lutheran Emergency Food Pantry, 1246 E.

Spruce Rd., will be open from 1 to 3 p.m. Clients must be present to receive food and bring identification. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

Family portraits or pet pictures with Santa from noon to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall, Poor Farm Rd. south of M-72. Soup and sub luncheon will be available. All proceeds to benefit the Alcona Humane Society. For more information, call (989) 736-7387.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26

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

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

Weight Loss Support group will meet at the Lincoln United Methodist Church, 101 E. Main St. at 4 p.m. Visitors are welcome and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

The Sunrise Gardening Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 1 p.m. For more information, call Becky at (989) 724-6569.

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The Alcona County Commission On Aging board of directors will meet at 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. This meeting is open to the public.

Knitting Klub and Crochet will meet from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St. All levels welcome, call (89) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

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

The Alcona woodcarvers will meet in the upstairs hall of the Lincoln Senior Center at 2:30 p.m. Beginners, intermediate

and master carvers welcome, class taught by Bill Hastings. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The Alcona County Library board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch, 312 W. Main St.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

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

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 736-6045.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main St. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Make and take a fresh balsam wreath at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St. There will be three sessions at 10 a.m., 12 p.m. and 2 p.m. Call ((89) 724-6796 to register for this class. All supplies included for a non-refundable fee of \$5.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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

Popcorn and a movie at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St., at 2 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Storytime and craft for children at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main St., from 10:15 to 11 a.m. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

My Brother's Hope Potluck Café-Take 2 will serve a free meal and offer free haircuts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 2531 E. F-30, Mikado. For more information, call Susan Armstrong (989) 724-6365.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 1

Family portraits or pet pictures with Santa from noon to 4 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall, Poor Farm Rd. south of M-72. Soup and sub luncheon will be available. All proceeds to benefit the Alcona Humane Society. For more information, call (989) 736-7387.

A benefit spaghetti dinner for Linton Fowler, Sr. will be held at 4 p.m. at the Mikado

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Local Notes

Library Design Presentation

Alcona County Library Board of Trustees has contracted with Quinn Evans Architect, a firm with extensive experience in design and repurposing of library facilities, who will propose efficiency changes at the Harrisville branch. The presentation of the possible changes and redesign of how library services are carried out will be Wednesday, Nov. 28 at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch. This is a result of Alcona County Library Strategic Planning that has been progressing since the June planning sessions. Everyone is invited to attend and ask questions. The remodel/repurposing could be scheduled as early as February of 2013. The regularly scheduled board meeting will be that same day at 2 p.m. All library board meetings are open to the public.

Christmas in the Village

Harrisville's annual holiday celebration Christmas in the Village will be held Saturday, Dec. 1. It includes children's activities from noon to 2 p.m. and a visit with Santa at the Alcona County Library, 312 W. Main Street; a holiday bazaar will be held at Maria Hall adjacent to St. Anne Catholic Church from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with vendors offering hand-crafted items, baked goods and more. There will be a hayride through Harrisville (pick-up and drop-off at the Arts Councils building on Third Street); Westminster Presbyterian Church on Second Street will have its annual cookie walk from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and the United Methodist Church on the corner of US-23 and Church Street will offer crafts, baked goods and lunch. For more information, call (989) 724-5107.

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 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

• Monday, Nov. 26—Hamburger stroganoff, peas, three bean salad and fruit.

• Tuesday, Nov. 27—Barbecued chicken, potato salad, broccoli, marinated carrots, cake and ice cream.

• Wednesday, Nov. 28—Boiled dinner with smoked sausage, cabbage, baby carrots and red potatoes; fruited Jell-O and fruit.

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

• Friday, Nov. 30—Fish, wild rice, peas and carrots, coleslaw and fruit.

In the Service

Pfc. O'Bryant Ashley graduated with honors as high shooter from the U.S. Marine Corps in San Diego, Calif. on November 2. He is the son of Tammy Somers

and Earl Ashley of New Mexico and the grandson of Ann McCoy and Dennis Somers of Lincoln. His company, Golf Company 2nd Recruit Training Battalion, Platoon 2141, was the first company in many years to earn its eagle, globe and anchor minutes after reaching the top of the reaper. The 12 mile reaper hike is the event at the end of the crucible, which is a 54 hour field training exercise that forces recruits to complete tasks and missions with very little food or sleep. Earning the eagle, globe and anchor symbolizes the transforming from recruit to Marine.



O'Bryant Ashley

Christmas Charlie

Adults are invited to assemble "Christmas Charlie," a holiday elf, at the monthly adult "Get Crafty" session held on Monday, Dec. 3 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Instructor B.J. Paxton will supply all materials for \$3/person; sample on display at the library. Call to register at (989) 724-6796. January's craft will be a scarf/vest sewing project.

Festival of Lights

Festival of Lights celebration in Lincoln begins at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 7 with carnival games, Christmas carols lead by Donna Roussin and Santa Claus will arrive at 6:30 p.m. There will be a bonfire and hayrides throughout the village. Hot dogs, coffee and hot chocolate will be available at the Lincoln Fire Hall and the Lincoln Depot. Residential lighting displays will be judged and prizes awarded for first through fourth place, plus a traveling plaque will be awarded for the best commercial display. Areas to be viewed for display are Miller Road north, west to McConnell Road, south to Dewar Road and east to Coville Road. Lightings displays will be judged on the evenings of December 4, 5 and 6. Participants should have their lights on by 6 p.m.

Church Babysitting Service

Grace Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church is offering a free "Black Friday Drop-n-Shop Babysitting Service" on Friday, Nov. 26 from 9 a.m. to noon. Chil-

dren will be treated to a live Christian performance by God's Most Valuable Puppets. The church will provide a variety of Christ-centered crafts, games, and fun. This is a free Christian service to Alcona and Iosco County residences allowing parent's child-free time to go Christmas shopping. Grace Presbyterian Church is located at 6012 Skeel Avenue, next to the library, on the former Wurtsmith Air Force Base. For further information about this ministry call the church at (989) 739-3424 or Pastor Dale Robertson at (985) 226-2825. For more information about Grace Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church visit the website at <http://www.grace-epc.org/> or e-mail: pastor-dalerobertson@yahoo.com. Sunday worship is at 10:45 a.m. with children and adult Sunday school at 9:30 a.m.

Gifts in a Jar

Adults are invited to assemble two "Gifts in a Jar," suitable for holiday giving on Tuesday, Dec. 11 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All materials, except for jars, are included for \$5/person. Bring one pint (regular) canning jar and one (wide mouth) quart jar. Limited enrollment; call to register at (989) 724-6796.

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I have heard the mermaids singing

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

Some Thanksgivings, it's harder to get into the spirit than others. This one feels that way to me. Or at least it did, until we found the mermaids.

Let me explain that kind of odd sentence.

Regular readers know that over the last year, a very dear friend of mine has been fighting a particularly aggressive form of cancer. We'd always been close, but this year I'd spent almost every day with her. In fact, I reported not too awfully long ago on what great progress she was making.

The doctors had told her, almost exactly a year ago, that her time would probably not be long. She told me, several times, that what she really wanted was one more summer. Through a combination of medicine and faith, she got it. A good summer, with lots of things to do and lots of good things to eat, in which she felt well and we laughed a lot.

Then, as the page turned to November, the disease she'd held at bay pounced with a vengeance. In five days, she was gone. Leaving me stunned and sad and feeling not at all thankful.

Chere and I had been friends for more than 30 years. People often asked if we were sisters, which we found funny since we don't particularly look alike. "People see two old, gray gals," Chere used to joke, "and we

look alike to them." But we were sisters in the best of ways - we'd become.

One of the reasons we'd become was because over those 30 years we discovered that we had a great many things in common. One of them was a deep love of Lake Huron. Another was motherhood. There were so many, we discovered.

And one was mermaids. Yes, mermaids.

I've talked before in this space about my fondness for mermaids. They're voluptuous, which is a lovely word meaning chubby. They're troublemakers, which Chere and I certainly were. They live in the water, which is and always has been my element. Chere's, too.

Chere was the one who pointed out one day that maybe I love mermaids because like me, they have issues with walking. I'd never thought of it, but I supposed it could be true. It certainly would explain why they've appealed to me from a very early age.

At any rate, mermaids figure heavily in my art and my crafting. Mermaid paintings and drawings and dolls. When I first started making the mermaid dolls - sewn figures covered with sparkle and jewels and chiffon and net with flowing hair and dramatic eyes -- Chere was really excited about them.

She loved seeing the newest creation and picking out their names or making suggestions for new characters. Cher, for example, was her idea - a dark-haired sexy mermaid doll who reminded me somewhat of a certain good friend of mine.

I'd assembled about a dozen of the fanciful creatures, and sold several. After one Labor Day show, I came home, packed them carefully in a plastic storage tub and put them into the basement to wait for the following summer. As sometimes happens (at least in my house) over the course of the winter, someone needed a storage tub. They apparently transferred the dolls into something else and put it somewhere.

That fact was not discovered by me until the following spring, as I pulled out my craft items and discovered, despite a thorough search, that I couldn't find the mermaids. I looked, Art looked. They weren't anywhere. We checked the attic, the basement, under beds and in the back of closets. During the winter, it seemed, my mermaids had taken off to deeper waters.

Chere was considerably more upset about it than I was. The mermaids were special to me. They'd taken many hours of work and I'd often said that each one sort of developed her character on her own as I was sewing. But I'm a pragmatist at heart. I was working on the assumption that whatever container they'd been transferred into had been accidentally thrown out along the way, and that was that.

Chere, however, held out hope. So that any time I men-

Puttin' On The Fritz

tioned doing a major project in the house, she'd say "Maybe you'll find the mermaids."

Even when she was going through chemo, losing her hair and feeling less than wonderful, when I was trying to entertain her with stories of the Princess' incredibly chaotic summer project of cleaning out the basement, she expressed hope. "Maybe she'll find the mermaids," she suggested. I didn't think so, but I didn't say. "Maybe," I told her.

Just a couple of weeks before she became ill again, she asked me if, in pulling out some winter clothing, I'd found the mermaids. No, I told her.

I'd always viewed Chere's faith as an amazing thing. She believed, absolutely, that a higher power was guiding her in every aspect of her life. When she'd first told me of her diagnosis and the treatments that lay before her, I asked her "Are you scared?" She said, "No. I'm not. I probably should be. But I'm not."

It was, in retrospect, exactly the answer I would have expected from her. She believed that things happened for a reason. She believed in the very goodness of people - all people, even the ones that others had written off. She believed, just as firmly, that somewhere in my house - which grew messier by the moment as I spent the summer on things I deemed more important - there were mermaids.

Then suddenly, like the mermaids themselves - she was gone, leaving me stunned and sad and not very thankful. She died on my birthday at about 7:30 in the evening. She'd been unresponsive for the last three days. The last time we spoke to one another was while we waited for the ambulance the Friday before.

Oh, I talked to her during those three days. I talked to her and sometimes I just sat and held her hand. I didn't tell her she'd get better. I didn't tell her she'd fight the beast back into submission one more time. I thought instead of what she'd said to me, as we sat on her bed, holding hands, waiting for the ambulance.

She leaned on my shoulder, and she said, "Oh Kay, I hate this." It was the first time I ever, in all that time, heard her say anything less than positive. I knew what she meant. "It's okay," I told her. "I hate it, too."

On the night she swam away, as I unhooked her oxygen tube and washed her face and folded her hands, I talked to her. I went through all the things I'd promised her, over this past year. I assured her I'd do what she'd wanted. I told her how much I loved her and what an honor it was to be her friend.

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The advantage of choosing a longevity annuity over an immediate annuity is that

the payouts are much higher. For example, a 65-year-old man who puts \$30,000 into a longevity policy could expect to receive around \$1,600 per month (that comes to \$19,200 per year) starting at age 85. Buying a \$30,000 immediate annuity at age 85, he'd get only around \$370 per month.

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Another great benefit with a longevity annuity is it gives you the freedom to spend down your nest egg, knowing you've locked up an income stream for your later years.

But as tantalizing as those big payouts may be, longev-

ity annuities have their drawbacks. For starters, a basic longevity policy offers no escape hatch for you to retrieve your money during the 20 years or so you're waiting for benefits to start. And your heirs won't get death benefits if you die before you begin to collect.

If that bothers you, you may want to consider a longevity policy that offers flexible features like a death benefit to be paid to your heirs, early payment options, inflation protection and more. The downside, however, is that every extra feature you add will reduce your monthly benefit.

You can use the Brandes Retirement Simulator (see www.brandes.com/institute) to figure out if you should consider a policy. Plug in your current and projected income, expenses and investment strategies. It will show you the possible impact of a longevity product on retire-

ment spending and on your income after age 85. Brandes does not sell longevity insurance.

Most people purchase a longevity annuity at or just prior to the time they retire. To estimate how much coverage you should get, figure out how much of your essential expenses you can cover with Social Security, pensions, and other forms of guaranteed income, and buy longevity coverage for the rest. But don't overdue it. Experts recommend you use no more than 10 to 15 percent of your assets to purchase a policy, and leave the rest in your portfolio to provide income until it kicks in.

Also, when choosing a product, remember that you're buying income that will not kick in for 20 years or more. So be sure to go with a company with a good reputation and solid financials which you can check online for free at ambest.com,

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and Marilyn slept in the same bedroom with Ethel's mother-in-law. "It was small and we didn't have much room, but it was fun, we liked sleeping in the same room with our Grandma. It was just fine, because you don't know if you don't have anything different, you just think that's normal that everyone is in the same bedroom," Diana said.

Agreeing with her sister Marilyn said, "We really had the best time growing up here and playing in the store. We used to play stagecoach on the beer cases and played on the beach. Every weekend there was horseshoe games

played across the street."

Birthdays and anniversaries, the girls explained, were like a national holiday. "Every Thanksgiving and Christmas was spent here at the house until after Dad passed shortly after their 50th wedding anniversary in 1997," Diana said, "Marilyn lived in New Orleans for a while and she would drive up with her family to spend Christmas here. We would all be here no matter what."

"We would get together and have good times," Ethel said. Ethel's sisters also lived well into their 90s except for one who passed away in her late 80s. "I'm the only one left. I guess I was pretty strong. I don't follow any diet. I eat whatever I want. I like going out to eat. I like chopped sirloin and shrimp. I drink coffee and tea and have a

beer every once in awhile, not much, just when I go out sometimes," she said. And added that she only takes one pill a day for her thyroid.

At 90 Ethel doesn't have any immediate plans to take any trips too far from her home. "She'd probably like to go to St. Ignace again to go to the casino," Marilyn said. "Mom likes to sit on her deck in the summer and enjoy the air and watch all the birds. That's what we like to do too when we come over, it's very peaceful."

"My kids are good to me," Ethel said, "they help me all the time and they take me places and are always doing things for me. That surprise party was wonderful. Everybody had such a good time and said it was the best party. I'm very lucky to have lived a blessed life."

Puttin'

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I've tried to have her firm and abiding faith. I'm not as good at it as Chere was, that's for certain. What I wanted to do, most of all was kick something really hard. But something changed, just a bit this week.

Chere had been gone almost a week. Art was putting away the last of the summer things in the basement. When he came upstairs, he was carrying a large, flat box. "You'll never guess what I found," he said.

Tell me I can avoid being thankful, with a friend like that. The kind that finds a way to let you know she's doing okay and sends you a gift with the message. Anyone can be thankful when it's a wonderful world. It's more important, Chere would tell me, to be thankful when it's hardest. And I will try. I will try.

That's what I wish for you this Thanksgiving, dear readers. Love and faith and perhaps for the mermaids you've been missing to swim their way back to you. Have a happy holiday.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 30 years. She has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville. The couple has one daughter, Katrina - "the Princess," two dogs, Lady and Henry, and granddog, Bastian, all of whom are frequent victims of her column.)

Lady Tigers begin season next week

By Hope Smith
Basketball Writer

This year the Alcona girls varsity basketball team will have a new but familiar face leading them.

Brad Cole, coach of the boys junior varsity team, will take over coaching the girls' varsity basketball team. He is taking the reins after previous coach, Dan O'Connor, was promoted to assistant principal and the athletic director positions at Alcona Community Schools earlier this year.

At first, Cole said he was reluctant to coach the girls basketball team simply because he just wanted to be able to enjoy watching his two daughters Karina (junior) and Kendra (sophomore) play instead of coaching them.

Although this will be Cole's first year coaching the girl's team he comes into his new role with confidence, a big smile and most importantly, goals for the players and his new team. "Whether at practice, playing a game or in life you need to work hard and push yourself to get better," Cole said.

He explained this will be a rebuilding year for the team but that's not going to slow down his goal to speed up the game, teach a new style and peak at playoff time. "It's a privilege to coach these girls and for them to play," Cole said.

This year Alcona's team is made up of 13 athletes including four returning varsity players from last year -- seniors Nikki Smith and Tyler Campbell and juniors Karina Cole and Megan Quick. The remaining lineup for the Lady Tigers include juniors, Turner Somers, Cassie Carpenter, Hannah Terpstra, Maddie Feldheiser and Lilly Manning; sophomores, Kendra Cole and Nicole Walen; and freshmen, Sydney Pierce and Allisa Terpstra.

The Lady Tigers are working hard under Cole's direction to get back where they left off last year when Alcona won 20 straight games and captured the Huron Shores Conference title. The team finished 20-1 for the season last year.

Cole brings a wide range of experience of game, not only from a coaching perspective, but also as a player, referee and parent/spectator. He encourages players to always push themselves, work hard and leave nothing on the floor. Communication and leadership will be another important factor as Alcona looks for success this year. "The win loss record doesn't necessarily measure success," Cole said.

One of Alcona's biggest strengths this year will be in its speed; it is a fast team that can cover the floor quickly for the fast break. Cole plans to expand on O'Connor's goals of being aggressive on defense and out hustling the other teams.

Offensively, Karina Cole will be one Alcona player to watch as the leading scorer. Megan Quick will take the lead handling the ball as point guard. Nikki Smith will also be another key utility player for Alcona as she steps into multiple rolls where needed to help strengthen the young team.

The Lady Tigers started its season traveling to Standish Sterling on Tuesday, Nov. 20 for a scrimmage. Alcona's first regular season game will be Monday, Nov. 26 at Posen.

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Bonnie Dunn, of Harrisville, shot a nine point in the morning on November 15 in the Harrisville area. *Review photo.*

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of November 12-18, 2012

77 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 10 Arrests; 4 Warrants; 5 Operating While Intoxicated; 1 Drug Crime.

Complaint Statistic

Car-Deer Accident	16	Property Damage Accident	3
Message/Well Being Check	2	Miscellaneous	11
Dog/Animal	3	Traffic	6
Mal. Destruction of Property	2	Alarm	1
Agency Assist	2	Drug Crime	1
Domestic	1	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	3
Patrol Check	1	Operate While Intoxicated	5
Warrant Arrest	4	Civil	1
Breaking & Entering	2	Medical	1
Larceny	2	Fraud	5
Juvenile	1	Suspicious Events	1
Missing Person/Unable to Locate	1	Conservation	1

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	4	Caledonia	8	Curtis	9
Greenbush	8	Gustin	7	Harrisville	8
Hawes	9	Haynes	2	Mikado	5
Millen	7	Mitchell	4		
Harrisville City	5	Village of Lincoln	1		



Tim Hutchinson, of Lincoln, shot both eight points opening morning in the Harrisville area. Review photo.



John Sharboneau, 11, of Lincoln, shot his first buck – an eight point – in the morning of November 15 in the Lincoln area. Review photo.

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Bluebells	117.5	146.5
Rosebuds	88	176

High game and series: Gina Broadwood, 179 and 503.
High team game: Violets, 495.
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November 13

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Shotmakers	20.5	57
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Carpet One	15	36.5
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High game: Rod Travis, 268.
High series: Jon Klukowski, 631.
High handicap game and series: Rod Travis, 321 and 788.

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November 14

Alcona Abstr.	60.5	29.5
Alcona Tool	51.5	38.5
Stoney Acres	49.5	40.5
Back Alley	44	46
Cole's Appl.	43	47
Lincoln Prec.	39.5	50.5
Ark Plumb.	37	53
JB's Auto	35	55

High game and series: Sue Weichel, 219 and 561.
High handicap game: Sue Weichel and Janet Parrott, 252.
High handicap series: Sue Weichel, 660.

Minors

November 17

Little Devils	8	7
Pin Busters	7.5	7.5
Bumber Kids	2	13

Boy's high game and series: Brenden Hudgins, 119 211.
Boy's high handicap game and series: Blayne Smith, 230 and 436.
Girl's high game and series: Chloe Bunton, 89 and 145.
Girl's high handicap game: Chloe Bunton, 220.
Girl's high handicap series: Sofia Smith, 410.

Majors

November 17

Team 6	62.5	27.5
Kingpins	48.5	41.5
Woodchucks	45	45
Pin Wizards	42.5	47.5
300 and one	39.5	50.5
Destroyers	32	55

Boy's high game and series: Stephen Turpen, 182 and 523.
Boy's high handicap game: Robert Levesque, 263.
Boy's high handicap series: Stephen Turpen, 709.
Girl's high game: Emily Hoffman, 141.
Girl's high series: Raegan Eller, 326.
Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hoffman, 256 and 664.

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Smoking fewer cigarettes each day is preferable to continuing to smoke more. Keep in mind, though, that smoking even a few cigarettes a day is enough to change the chemistry of blood vessels. Some of the damage that smoking causes occurs the minute a smoker lights up—the blood thickens and the arteries stiffen. The most effective way to lower the health risk and eliminate smoking-related risks completely over time is to quit smoking.

Alpena Regional Medical Center (ARMC) is hosting a smoking cessation classes in the ARMC Theater. The program includes:

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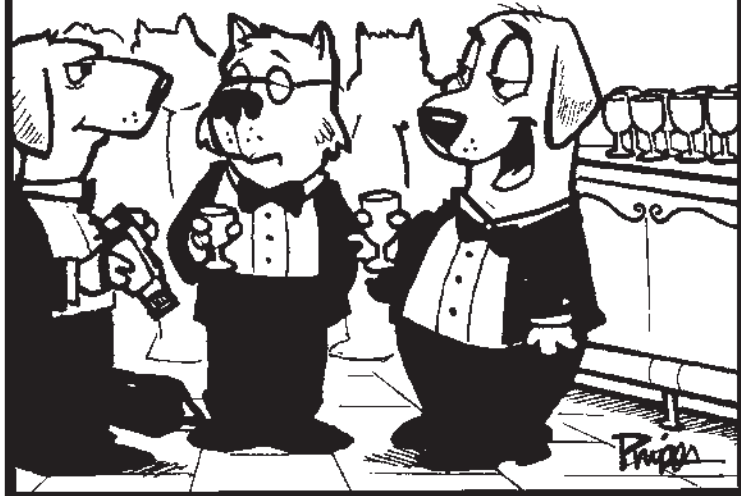
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Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

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Alcona volleyball players compete statewide

By Hope Smith
Volleyball Writer

On November 18, three Alcona varsity volleyball players -- Katelyn Nelson, Nikki Smith and Ashley Shutes -- traveled to Lansing, Mich. to compete in the USA Junior National Michigan All-State High School Volleyball competition at the Aim High Sports Complex.

The girls were recognized by the USA Junior Nationals Volleyball program as outstanding high school volleyball players in the region.

Three teams will be formed from the Lansing, Mich. event to represent Michigan in the USA International Sports Festival July 17 - 21, 2013 in Columbus, Ohio.

The USA Junior Nationals is considered the top amateur high school volleyball program in the United States. Letters will be mailed to the girls in the next couple of weeks letting them know if they were selected for one of the teams to compete in July.

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 Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org

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TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

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

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

Super Crossword

OHIO-STYLE

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| ACROSS | 48 Hip-hop "Dr." To — (precisely) | 97 Gene Kelly classic, Ohio-style? | 4 With 131-Across, "L.A. Law" actress | 45 Valhalla god | 85 Mystery novelist — Stanley Gardner |
| 1 Lyrical verses | 50 "En —!" (fencer's cry) | 101 Snobbish | 5 Pepsi, e.g. | 46 Army division | 87 Leeway |
| 5 Tree with long, beanlike seedpods | 51 Larva of a parasite | 105 Poetic night | 6 Settled down | 47 Yearn deeply | 88 "Essays of —" |
| 12 Fraternity letters | 53 Track star Jesse | 106 God, in Dijon | 7 It may fly by | 52 Rolodex no. | 90 Twain's Huck |
| 15 Tolkien villains | 57 "The View" co-host | 107 Boggy land | 8 Call at sea | 54 John of rock | 92 Stimulant in 36-Down |
| 19 German wife | 59 Invented, as a phrase | 108 Golden agers, Ohio-style? | 9 Eye coverer | 55 Like a well-pitched game | 93 Fresca, e.g. |
| 20 Actor Laurence | 62 Cut (off) | 112 Hair cluster | 10 "— -wee's Playhouse" | 56 — Gyra (jazz group) | 94 "Your \$\$\$\$" channel |
| 21 Pick, with "for" | 63 Dull photo finish | 114 Bygone | 11 Pooch's bark | 58 Hoagie | 96 Broke loose |
| 22 Blood vessel | 66 ESP, Ohio-style? | 115 Jordan native, e.g. | 12 Cash | 59 Long for with envy | 98 Pince- — |
| 23 Initial protective action, Ohio-style? | 70 On the ship, e.g. | 116 Good flavor | 13 Unsettles | 60 Using speech | 99 "Goodness!" |
| 26 Sicily's erupter | 72 ESP cells | 121 Twin brother of Jacob | 14 Olympian's no-no | 61 — Plaines | 100 Protruding bellybutton |
| 27 Divides up | 73 — -faire | 122 Many an Arctic area, Ohio-style? | 15 Got too thick with weeds | 62 Hanks and Cruise | 101 Authority |
| 28 Swerve off course | 74 Beatles hit, Ohio-style? | 126 Rip to pieces | 16 Rip anew | 63 Big parrot | 102 Tenant, e.g. |
| 29 Really smell | 81 Made a beeline for | 127 Byrnes or Roush | 17 Film theater | 64 Make ashamed | 103 Ludicrous |
| 30 Trig topic | 82 Pose the question | 128 One taken in by another | 18 Serpents | 65 Big name in toy trucks | 104 Major rant |
| 31 TV show with eligible bachelors, Ohio-style? | 83 Pick up and haul in | 129 "— Love Her" | 24 Eternal City fountain | 66 Average golf scores | 109 Unpunctual |
| 36 Shoe tip | 84 Most foul | 130 Birch or larch | 25 Perón played by Madonna | 67 2009 Best Picture nominee | 110 1981 PC introducer |
| 37 Calf meat | 86 Dolphin kin | 131 See 4-Down | 32 Scout outing | 71 Genetic helix | 111 Discontinues |
| 41 Suffix with project | 89 Pantry invader | 132 Frees for a price | 33 — Lilly (Prozac producer) | 75 Lingerie item | 113 Poker champ Stu |
| 42 Western U.S. range | 90 Sickness symptom | 133 Use a scythe | 34 Crime solver: Abbr. | 76 Caterers' dispensers | 117 Re |
| 43 Casey Stengel quote, Ohio-style? | 91 Adaptable, electrically | DOWN | 35 Fiery fiddler? | 77 Legendary snow humanoid | 118 Cherry discard |
| | 95 Beer, in Bath | 1 Sign- — (farewells) | 36 Healthful quaff | 78 Baker's need | 119 Very, in Nice |
| | | 2 Recovers after a downpour | 38 Cutting part | 79 Striking | 120 Use scissors |
| | | 3 Hearing aid part | 39 Firehouse sound | 80 Kate Nelligan title role | 123 River of Bern |
| | | | 40 Mr. Moto player Peter | | 124 Pill-approving org. |
| | | | 44 Anne Rice title vampire | | 125 "Silkwood" actor Silver |

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STRANGE BUT TRUE
by Samantha Weaver

• It was revered civil-rights leader Mohandas Gandhi who made the following sage observation: "Freedom is not worth having if it does not connote freedom to err."
• If you're afraid of rats and mice, you might not want to read the following tidbit: Those who study such things say that 60 percent of all the mammals on earth are rodents.

• Athletes playing baseball on steroids have frequently been in the news in recent years, but drugs are nothing new in America's national sport. During the late 1960s and throughout almost all of the '70s, Dock Ellis was a valued pitcher who played for several teams, including the Pittsburgh Pirates. On June 12, 1970, Ellis took LSD, under the mistaken belief that it was an off day for his team. By the time he realized that the Pirates were scheduled to play against the San Diego Padres that evening, it was too late. The drug proved to have no ill effect on Ellis; in fact, he pitched a no-hitter. When he recounted the event to a reporter 12 years later, he said he remembered only bits and pieces of the game, though he felt euphoric. Many years later, after being treated for addiction, Ellis became a coordinator for an anti-drug program in California.

• It's been reported that Albert Einstein did not like to wear socks.

• George W. Church, the founder of Church's Fried Chicken, didn't actually enter the restaurant business until after he retired. In his first career, Church ran a chicken hatchery and sold incubators.

• Historians say that Russia's Peter the Great was nearly 7 feet tall.

Thought for the Day: "Sometimes I wonder if men and women really suit each other. Perhaps they should live next door and just visit now and then." — Katharine Hepburn

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MOMENTS IN TIME
The History Channel

• On Dec. 4, 1872, a British ship spots the Mary Celeste, a 100-foot American brig, sailing erratically but at full sail near the Azores Islands with not a soul on board. The last entry in the captain's log was dated 11 days earlier, showing that the Mary Celeste had been drifting since then with no one at the wheel. The fate of the crew remains a mystery to this day.

• On Dec. 6, 1884, in Washington, D.C., workers place a 9-inch aluminum pyramid atop a tower of white marble, completing construction of a monument to the city's namesake and the nation's first president, George Washington.

• On Dec. 5, 1933, the 21st Amendment is ratified, repealing the 18th Amendment and bringing an end to the era of national prohibition of alcohol in America. Utah became the 36th state to ratify the amendment, achieving the requisite three-fourths majority of states' approval.

• On Dec. 3, 1947, Marlon Brando's famous cry of "STELLA!" first booms across a Broadway stage, electrifying the audience at the Ethel Barrymore Theatre during the first-ever performance of Tennessee Williams' play "A Streetcar Named Desire."

• On Dec. 9, 1950, Harry Gold — who had confessed to serving as a courier of top-secret information on the atomic bomb — is sentenced to 30 years in jail for his crime. Gold implicated his brother-in-law and sister, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, who were later convicted and executed for espionage.

• On Dec. 5, 1964, the first Medal of Honor awarded for action in Vietnam is presented to Army Special Forces Capt. Roger Donlon of New York for his heroic action at Nam Dong. Donlon was shot in the stomach during an attack by hordes of Viet Cong. He stuffed a handkerchief into the wound, cinched up his belt and kept fighting.

• On Dec. 8, 1982, "Sophie's Choice," starring actress Meryl Streep as a Holocaust survivor, opens in theaters. The Sophie's Choice in the film's title refers to a terrible decision Streep's character is forced to make, about which of her two children will live or die while in a concentration camp.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The regular meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held November 12 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. by Mayor Dobis and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor Dobis, clerk Pierce, treasurer Keerl, council members Tartaglia, Sanderson, Kaiser, Crick, Baird and Lemere and city attorney Cook. Motion by Sanderson, support by Crick, to approve the October 8, minutes. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Lemere, support by Kaiser, to pay the bills in the amount of \$20, 957.76. Motion carried 6-0. A thank you was read by Mayor Dobis from city resident S. Goetz acknowledging the city maintenance workers for their unsolicited help in gathering debris placed at the curb. It was greatly appreciated. A Harbor Emergency Grant was requested by the Harrisville Harbor Commission to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for the immediate repair of several of the docks. The DNR denied the request stating that the needed repairs did not appear to be an emergency. Harbormaster Steve Bakus and Harrisville Harbor Commission Chairperson Arthur Laatz presented a very informative and comprehensive report of the need to have emergency measures taken at this time to keep the primary docks ser-

vicable and in a safe condition. The harbor commission asked the city to help pay for the repair of the primary docks and offered several payment options. Mayor Dobis and treasurer Keerl discussed what monetary amount was available through the city's savings that could be used toward the repairs. A motion by Tartaglia, support by Sanderson, to allocate up to \$24, 999.00 from the fund balance, as a grant to the harbor, for an immediate fix for the repair of the docks. Roll call vote: Yeas: Crick, Baird, Sanderson and Tartaglia. Nays: Lemere and Kaiser. Motion carried 4-2. Motion by Crick, support by Baird, to waive monthly harbor loan payment to the city through March 2013. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Dobis has set the employee holiday hours according to the employee contracts. These hours will be: Thanksgiving break: November 22 and 23 — office closed/response to emergencies only. Christmas break: December 24 and 25 — office closed/response to emergencies only. New Year's break: December 31 and January 2, 2013 — office closed/response to emergencies only. Emergency numbers will be posted on front door. Budget review comments: Treasurer and finance chairman reviewed second quarter General

Fund and third quarter Water and Sewer Fund. No adjustments needed. Mayor advised to set a Water/Sewer Budget Hearing for December 10 at 7:30 p.m. at City Hall. Dobis informed city council of a request by the Harrisville Arts Council asking for a partnership with the city as manager and consultant for an "Our Town" beautification grant proposal. There is no cost to the city and the arts council will pursue the grant process. Clerk Pierce reported the General Election held on Tuesday, Nov. 6 had a turnout of 259 registered voters including 78 absentee ballots. There are 377 registered voters in the city. Michael Baird, planning commission, reported commission will meet in December. Airport manager Terry Boucher reported possibility of hanger rental. Council member Crick reported on "Let's Move" initiative is in full swing and looking to add the Village of Lincoln and the county board of commissioners to the list of supporters. Harbor representative Tartaglia reported the harbor commission needs to appoint a new member because of the pending resignation of member Laatz. Lemere moved the meeting be adjourned. Meeting adjourned at 8:53 p.m.

Barbara Pierce, Clerk

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Ed Roddy called meeting to order on Wednesday, Nov. 7 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Four guests were present who joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Roddy, clerk Art Winter, treasurer Pat Dailey, trustee Sally Olin and trustee Gary Abraham. Motion Olin/Abraham: To accept agenda as written. All ayes, motion carried. Motion Dailey/Olin: To accept the October minutes as written. All ayes, motion carried. Motion Winter/Olin: To accept the financial report and place on file for audit. Motion carried. Motion Olin/Dailey: To pay October bills as presented — check numbers 14,664-14,697 — grand total: \$17,439.72; fire - \$3,024.50; remainder - \$14,415.22 being general fund. Roll call vote: All ayes, carried. Miscellaneous reports: Carolyn Brummund, county commissioner, brought board up to speed on what is happening at county level and further items of interest at county level. Fire chief Franks stated five first responder calls and one fire call for the month of October. Some discussion. Zon-

ing Administrator Major absent at this meeting. Clerk read a written report by Z.A. Major. Hall rentals — Supervisor Roddy stated no rentals coming up this month. Assessor Schwickert gave a report and stated that December board of review will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 12 starting at 9 a.m. This board of review is held to correct any clerical errors, qualified errors, corrections, missed homesteads, etc. Consumer price index for 2013 is 2.4 percent. Some discussion. G.R.A.C. stated everything is going good at this time. Everything closed for the season. Looking at a new seawall for the Cedar Lake Park next spring. G.R.A.C. committee's next meeting in the spring. Planning commission has had its last meeting until spring. Some discussion. Supervisor Roddy had various correspondences he shared with the board from Consumers Energy. Clerk Winter had correspondence that he shared with the board. The treasurer shared a letter she received from the county pertaining to some land that is being given back to the township, county or state for taxes. After much discussion — motion Dailey/

Roddy: To send notice to Alcona County Treasurer that we (Greenbush Township) does not want the parcels of land that are being offered to us for taxes. Roll call vote: All ayes. Pending business: The township and county road commission will make a survey of our township this fall for road work in the future. Jesse Campbell came with a road proposal for the coming year that would cover quite a few roads. With board approval: Motion Winter/Dailey: To authorize the road commission to go forward with the repairs and upgrades that Jesse Campbell presented to Greenbush Township Board in the amount of \$110,000. Roll call vote: All ayes. Motion Abraham/Dailey: To adjourn at 7:56 p.m. Motion carried.

Art Winter
 Greenbush Township Clerk
 Note: Published prior to board approval. Next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. Next regular scheduled planning commission meeting is Thursday, May 2, 2013 at 7 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall.

HARRISVILLE TWP. MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held October 9 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. The full board and 12 guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Managing director Jesse Campbell from the Alcona County Road Commission gave an informative update and answered a lot of questions from those in attendance. County commissioner Thompson gave his report on the county happenings. Alcona Humane Society representatives were given permission to use the township hall for two nights. Clerk's minutes approved as read. Treasurer's report accepted and reconciled with the clerk. The board was informed that the hoop house will be removed from

the HTRA site. There also appears to be an underground water leak at the HTRA site. The schedule of fees tax collecting contract with the county was put off until the next meeting. Stone/Pyne: To pay the bills with the readjustment to the clerk's office. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m. Roger D. Jamieson, Township Clerk
 Published prior to board approval.

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held November 13 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Four board members and five guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Trustee Pyne was absent. County

commissioner Thompson gave and update and answered questions about HUNT and other topics from the floor. Zoning administration had nine land use permits issued, also to look into a possible sign violation on M-72. Clerk's minutes approved as read. Treasurer's report accepted and reconciled with clerk's office. Jamieson/Stone: To sign the schedule of fees tax collecting contract with the county. Motion carried. Young/Johnston: To pay the bills. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m. Roger D. Jamieson, Township Clerk
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Alcona County Central Dispatch is looking for part time dispatchers. Must be able to communicate well, have basic computer knowledge, be able to work weekends and midnights and pass a drug screen. Pick up applications at the Alcona County Sheriff's office.

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The Alcona County Equalization Department has a job opening. Applicants should be computer literate, familiar with legal descriptions, and able to interact with the public. It is preferred that applicant is a Michigan Certified Assessing Officer (MCAO). Please contact the Alcona County Equalization office at P.O. Box 322, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 or call, (989) 724-9430 for further information or for a copy of the job description, list of qualifications and an application. Applications and resumes must be submitted to the equalization department by Friday, December 7, 2012.

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sum of fifty-two thousand one hundred sixty-three and 78/100 dollars (\$52,163.78). 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 November 28, 2012. Said premises are situated in township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the NW 1/4 of the NE 1/4 of Section 1, T25N, R8E, described as: Commencing at the north 1/4 corner of said Section 1; thence south 89 degrees 42 minutes 12 seconds east along the north line of said Section 327.27 feet; thence south 0 degrees 29 minutes 27 seconds east 370 feet; thence north 89 degrees 42 minutes 13 seconds west 329.71 feet; thence north 0 degrees 6 minutes 43 seconds west along the north-south 1/4

line 370 feet to the point of beginning. Subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes. 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: October 31, 2012 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1301 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 412085F01 10-31, 11-7, 11-14, 11-21

Foreclosure Notice

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. may be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. If you are a military servicemember on active duty nor or in the prior nine months, please contact our office. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Becky K. Gibson, a single woman to United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture, mortgagee, dated August 27, 2001, and recorded on August 28, 2001, in Liber 353, page 1,101, Alcona County records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-nine thousand forty-three and 98/100 (\$79,043.98) including interest at the rate of 6.87500 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public

venue, at the place of holding the circuit court in said Alcona County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 10 a.m. on December 12, 2012. Said premises are situated in the township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 763 feet east of the northwest corner of the northwest quarter of the southeast quarter of Section 18, Town 25 North, Range 6 East, thence south 229 feet; thence east 132 feet; thence north 229 feet; thence west 132 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as: 5675 Bamfield Road. If the property is eventually sold at foreclosure sale, the redemption period will be six months from the date of sale unless the property is abandoned or used for agricultural purposes. If the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 and/or 600.3241a, the redemption period will be 30 days from the date of sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. If the property is presumed to be used for agricultural purposes prior to

the date of the foreclosure sale pursuant to MCL 600.3240, the redemption period is one year. Pursuant to MCL 600.3278, if the property is sold at a foreclosure sale, the borrower(s) will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages are, if any, limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: November 14, 2012 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for United States of America acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Case No. 12MI03624-1 11-14, 11-21, 11-28, 12-5

ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's November 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. Motion to pay bills, to reappoint board of review members, to award Morgan Electric and Stouts Lawn Care snow plow bids, to allow the fire department to sponsor an ice rescue training class, to allow fire department to purchase some used ice rescue equipment. All motions passed. Voter turn-out was 75 percent with 348 voting absent voters. Tammy Hurt-Mendyk worked the election for 11.5 hours and donated her time. The board thanked her for her service. Dawn LaLonde, Clerk This synopsis published prior to board approval.

MITCHELL TWP. MINUTES

The Mitchell Township Board met November 12. Reporting official: Clerk Warren Cross Action items: Approved draft minutes of the October 8 regular meeting. Approved the October financial reports. Accepted a resignation from the planning commission and made two appointments. Accepted the zoning administrator's report as filed. Voted to approve the attendance of up to two individuals to a newly elected official workshop. Board members present: Supervisor Greg Murnock, clerk Warren Cross, treasurer Kevin Small, and trustees Linda Lay and Vito Soranno. Fire Chief Mike Lay and five members of the public also present. The next meeting is December 10 at 7 p.m. For the full board minutes or for more information: contact clerk Warren Cross at (989) 848-7395.

Notice of Mortgage Sale

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Meghan M. Hirnick, a single woman, to Alcona County Habitat for Humanity, formerly of 2395 E. Trask Lake Road, P.O. Box 429, Lincoln, Mich. 48742 (which is now known as Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan) with an address at 1600 W. Chisholm Street, Alpena, Mich. 49707. The mortgage is dated November 13, 2009 and recorded on November 13, 2009 at Liber 466, page 1061, 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 \$61,857.32 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 fore-

closed by a sale of the property described below at public auction to the highest bidder at the Alcona County courthouse at 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 on Friday, Dec. 28, 2012 at 11 a.m. The property will be sold to pay the amount due on the mortgage, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays on or before the date of sale. The property subject to the mortgage and subject to sale is as follows: Lot 14 and 15 of Block 6, village of Greenbush, a recorded plat as found in Alcona County records, Section 2, T25N, R9E. The period of redemption will be six months from the date of sale, unless abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the

mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period. Dated: November 7, 2012 Habitat For Humanity Northeast Michigan, Mortgagee Matthew J. Wojda Attorney for Mortgagee 313 North Second Avenue Alpena, Mich. 49707 (989) 354-4104 11-14, 11-21, 11-28, 12-5, 12-12

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 12-5112 DE

Estate of Lois I. Blessing Date of birth: October 9, 1924 To all creditors: Notice to creditors: The decedent, Lois I. Blessing, who lived at 2919 N. Lake Street, Curran, Mich. 48728 died October 7, 2012. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Robert Blessing, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: November 15, 2012 David H. Cook P40560 5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585 Harrisville, Mich. 48740 (989) 724-5155 Robert Blessing 9932 E. Kolarik Road Suttons Bay, Mich. 49682

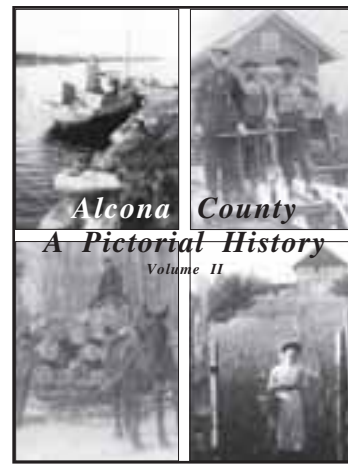
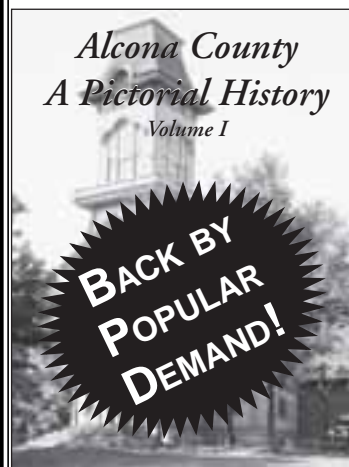
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Balance as of September 30, 2012

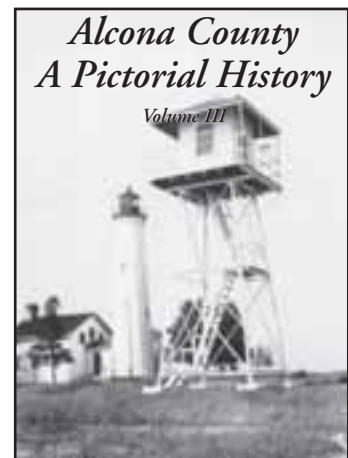
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Revenue	\$ 622.74
Total	\$49,324.47
Disbursements:	
DDA Consultant	\$ 2,000.00
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Civic Center, 2291 Barlow Rd. Cost is \$5 per person, children age five and under free. For donations or questions, call Kathy (989) 736-6752 or Ann (989) 736-3287.

New Life Lutheran Church will hold their annual Christmas Bazaar from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at 25 Kirche in the Woods, located just south of White Pine Golf Course. A luncheon will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-7816.

Harrisville's annual holiday celebration "Christmas in the Village" includes children's activities from noon to 2 p.m. and visit with Santa at the Alcona County Library; a holiday bazaar will be held at Maria Hall adjacent to St. Anne Catholic Church from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with vendors offering hand-crafted items and baked goods. There will be hayride through Harrisville pick-up and drop-off at the Arts Councils building on Third Street; Westminster Presbyterian Church will have its annual cookie walk from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and the United Methodist Church will offer crafts, baked goods and lunch. For more information, call (989) 724-5107.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 3
Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church St. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 4
Alcona Ladies Home Extension Club will meet at Lost Lake Woods Club from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Cost to attend is \$12.50 per person and includes lunch. Seating is limited, registration is required. For more information or to register, call Robin Linde (989) 736-8742.

The Harrisville Lady Lions will have their holiday dinner at Rosa's, 6808 US-23, Spruce at 5:30 p.m. For reservations, call Fran Barber (989) 739-8735 or e-mail fbarber@charter.net.

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

MEA-Retired 14A will meet at 11 a.m. at the Alpena County Library, 211 N. First Ave. Bring a dish to pass for a potluck lunch and a quality item for the scholarship fundraiser. For more information, call (989) 354-8540.