



Alcona Tiger Jared Steiner heads toward the basket in last Wednesday's game against Hillman. For the story see page 9. Photo courtesy of Bill Pinson, Montmorency County Tribune.

Renovations underway in county building, district court to move

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

In an effort to offer safety for 81st District Court employees and the public it serves, renovations are underway in the lower level of the Alcona County Building.

The district courtroom and accompanying offices will eventually be relocated to where the county commissioners hold meetings and have offices. The building, housing and veterans departments will be moved into where district court has been located (next to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department) which should allow better ac-

cessibility for handicap patrons to conduct business with those departments.

Even though renovations are underway and relocation is imminent, it won't happen right away. "It will take a few months to complete the move. It didn't make sense to make these moves without painting walls and putting in new flooring while the rooms were vacated. Some of the rooms have asbestos in the old flooring, so specialists will be removing that," said Kevin Boyat Sr., chairman of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners.

The downside of shuffling

offices will be the inconvenience for people trying to access the various departments involved until the move is finished.

The departments affected will be doubling up with other departments. "One problem we are dealing with is phone numbers to reach certain departments will not be the same during the transition. When the phones were installed the number was assigned to the wall jack in that particular room, so when a department moves from one room to another, the phone number doesn't follow them. When the changes are complete we will have the numbers reassigned to their proper location," said William Thompson, District 2 commissioner.

He explained the end result will allow the district court more security and allow much needed space for the building and housing departments to grow.

The commissioners are asking the public to be patient during the process. Until all the moving is finished, people are asked to call the Alcona County Clerk's office at (989) 724-9410 to be transferred to the department needed. "The departments are all still here and working, we haven't left. It just might take someone a little longer to locate us," Thompson said.

Alcona County will be fiduciary for federal grant

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona County will be the fiduciary agent for a Homeland Security grant for Re-

gion 3, and will receive roughly \$80,000 from the grant.

The 14 Michigan counties that make up Region 3, as determined by Michigan's Homeland Security Planning Board, are: Alcona, Arenac, Bay, Genessee, Gladwin, Huron, Iosco, Lapeer, Midland, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Saginaw, Sanilac and Tuscola.

This grant covers the federal years of 2011 and 2012 and totals approximately \$2.2 million, which will help local governments update or replace outdated equipment and technology.

Securing the grant was a huge undertaking and contingent upon Region 3 counties getting grant funds -- one of the counties needed to be the fiduciary agent.

Saginaw County considered taking on the responsibility initially, but eventually decided not to be the fiduciary agent.

Knowing how much the grant funds were needed, County Commissioner Carolyn Brummund and Buffy Carr, Emergency Management Coordinator for Oscoda and Alcona counties, decided they couldn't let this opportunity slip through their fingers. "I would have been derelict of my duties to not help attain this funding," Brummund said.

"When Saginaw County declined the duty as fiduciary agent, some county had to step up. Some scoffed that it couldn't be done by such a small county as ours but the monies would have been given elsewhere if there was no fiduciary agent for the region. We couldn't let that happen," Brummund said.

Carr, who sits on the Region 3 board, explained when Saginaw County decided against being the fiduciary in December 2012, it put all of the counties in jeopardy of

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Harrisville library will see renovations

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

With a grant awarded through the Robert C. Reinhardt Library Fund the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library is planning on making some renovations.

The \$13,000 grant, plus existing fund equity and additional private donations will be used to enhance the library's accessibility and usefulness.

"The service needs of the community have changed since the library was first built, we need to update to fulfill those needs," said Carol Luck, Alcona County Library director.

Alyce Riemenscheider architect/director of interiors at Quinn Evans Architects has provided a few different blue prints for the library to consider. The designs include new automatic entry doors for handicap accessibility, moving the genealogy room to the computer lab and creating a comfortable teen room where the genealogy room now exists. Computers from the computer lab will be moved to quiet stations along the north wall of the library.

The renovations would be done in phases to allow patrons to utilize the library without too much inconvenience. "Each phase will be done during the slower periods of the year as funds are available," Luck said. "Summer is definitely not a time for remodeling at the library."

Plans also include a glass enclosed test area within the new genealogy room. Testing at the library has become more common due to re-



Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library director, Carol Luck, holds plans of renovations that could be made to the library. Photo by Mary Weber.

quests from colleges and trade schools wanting proctored test sites closer to where students reside.

Phase two of the renovations will include new lighting for the library. "The board thought improved lighting would be very important as our population (in Alcona County) is getting older. More light inside will make the library more comfortable for all of us to do whatever business activities we are attempting," Luck said. According to Luck the cost of new LED lighting for the library is estimated at around \$38,000, but she is hopeful the price will come down in the next year or two before making that renovation.

The library is also considering a study area in the main isle with the bookshelves

angled for staff to obtain better visuals down each aisle from the main desk and new flooring for heavy traffic areas. The final phase will be for the children's area to include child friendly shelving and seating with an inviting entryway.

The Harrisville branch receives 48,000 to 50,000 patron visits each year which is over 70 percent of the Alcona County Library system's visits. "The number of people visiting the library each year has grown since the newly constructed building opened in 1998," Luck said.

The library's next step will be to gather bids and consider costs for each phase. The library is also seeking volunteers to help move books and shelving as well as monetary donations for the proposed renovations.



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— Letters to the Editor —

— Obituaries —

Phyllis Fink

Phyllis Fink, of Ypsilanti, Mich. died on Wednesday, Feb. 6, 2013 at home.

She was born in Harrisville April 13, 1941 to Henry O. and Leila (Kingsley) Lincoln. The family moved to Ypsilanti, Mich. in 1942. In 1957 she graduated from Willow Run High School.

She married James Fink Jr. on April 30, 1960 in Ypsilanti, Mich.

Mrs. Fink worked at Kroger in Ypsilanti, Mich. for 30 years. She was an animal lover. She spent summers at the family homestead on McGregor Road and later at the cottage on Lake Huron.

Mrs. Fink is survived by one daughter, Amy Fink of Ypsilanti, Mich.; three grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one sister, Delores Packard of Ann Arbor, Mich.; and one brother, Robert Lincoln of Harrisville.

She was preceded in death by her husband, James, in 1996; and one daughter, Robin Woodall in 2011.

A memorial service will be held on July 4, 2013 at West Lawn Cemetery, Harrisville followed by a family gathering at the cottage on Lake Huron.

Michael L. Senical

Michael L. Senical, 73, of Charlotte, N.C., formerly of Harrisville, died on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013.

He was born July 23, 1938 in Ishpeming, Mich. to Clifton and Gertrude (Johnson) Senical.

A Vietnam veteran, he served in the U.S. Army from January 1958 to May 1979.

In 1985 he married Patricia Wrenn in Charlotte, N. C.

He was employed by the American Red Cross and Bowman Trucking Company.

Mr. Senical is survived by his wife, Patricia; three daughters, Monika Senical of Harrisville, Wendy (Glen) Kiser of Waxham, N. C. and Alecia (Tim) Conlon of Charlotte, N.C.; one son, Clifton Senical of Harrisville; four grandchildren, Austin Senical, Caneel and Rex Conlon and Zoe Kiser; five brothers, Derryl Senical of Pawcatuck, Conn., Roger Senical of Sneedville, Tenn., Jim (Mary Jane) Senical of Harrisville, Jon (Terry) Senical of Atlanta, Ga. and Jeff Senical of Berwyn, Ill.; and three sisters, Janet McCurdy of Owosso, Mich., Joanne (Tom) Pahman of Flushing, Mich. and Lisa (James) Stewart of Harrisville.

He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters, Judy Reiners and Jackie Burton.

A memorial service was held February 7 at McEwen Funeral Service, Mint Hill, North Carolina. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Fa. 32256.

Gerald L. Wells

Gerald Lee "Jerry" Wells, 71, of Harrisville, died on Saturday, Feb. 2, 2013 at Aleda E. Lutz VA Medical Center in Saginaw, Mich.

He was born June 11, 1941, to Charles and Bernice (Howell) Wells in Oxford, Mich. He was raised in Leonard, Mch.

He served in the United States Navy. Mr. Wells was a long-time resident of the Standish, Mich. area. He was a resident of Harrisville for 22 years.

He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 254, Mikado. He loved the out-of-doors and fishing, especially for salmon. He was an avid poker player and former race car driver.

Mr. Wells is survived by two daughters, DeLinda (Keith) Dhyne and Cherie Wells, both of Grand Rapids, Mich.; one son, David Wells of Grand Rapids, Mich.; six grandchildren; two brothers, Theodore (Pat) Wells of Grayling, Mich. and Floyd (Sharolyn) Wells of Imlay City, Mich.; and his dear friend, Sara Rempe of Harrisville.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

To the Editor,
Thanks to the mechanics at Alcona Motors for finding the reason my Oldsmobile windows would not roll down, when no one else could. Now it's driveable.

And be sure to put our

children first and vote yes, February 26. They've helped us raise children who are a boon to society. Now it's our time to return the favor.

Carol McGuire
Lincoln

To the Editor,
Regarding the pending AMA millage vote February 26 for three mills for 10 years.

If it passes: Hillman residents will break about even at 101 percent, or a slight surplus relative to taxes levied.

Alpena public schools will benefit the most, receiving much more (132 percent) than the citizens of that school district are taxed.

Atlanta and Alcona public schools will each garner only about 51 percent of their respective levy for the schools in their districts. The other

49 percent of Atlanta taxes and 49 percent of Alcona taxes collected will go to Alpena public schools.

Remember this when voting on this millage. I would support it if each school system was getting the full amount of the taxes levied in that particular district.

Alpena will get much more than they pay. Hillman would have a small surplus. Atlanta would only receive about half of the money taxed. And, Alcona would again only get about half of the taxes taken from their district.

Walter E. Bungard
Atlanta

To the Editor,

I am writing this letter to ask, what happened to upper level math and science classes? I hear a lot of talk about busses, cooks and janitors and also restoring band and music. I have not heard anything about restoring upper level math and science, two things kids need going on to college.

My wife and I are parents of two daughters that were in the top 10 in their classes and a son that was 11th of his class. Our daughters have

masters degrees in their fields, and our son is in his last semester in law school.

When filling out college exams, they were behind in math and science. I don't think farming our kids out to Alpena or the Internet classes are the answer.

Just for the record, 40 years ago (1973) when I graduated from Alcona, those classes were taught at our school. As for the millage, where will our school be in three years? If the proposed millage is passed, I will project, it will spend out just like it is today, with seven more years to pay on a millage, with half our tax dollars still going to Alpena schools.

A bad solution to our problems is still a bad solution. Where is the common sense? We need to educate our kids but not this way. If school funding needs to be changed in Lansing, then lets get it changed in Lansing.

We need to educate our children at a cost taxpayers can afford.

Louis Campbell
Harrisville

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— Police Report —

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department is asking for assistance from the public in regard to a break-in at a local business.

Sometime between December 15, 2012 and December 16, 2012 suspect(s) broke into and entered the Alcona Tool and Machine business in Lincoln. Several different types of metals were stolen from the business including carbide and copper tungsten. The owner is estimating the value to be between \$40,000 and \$50,000 in the stolen product.

Anyone with information regarding this crime is asked to call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-422-JAIL and a tip number will be provided. If after calling Crime Stoppers a caller wishes to provide further information, they may contact the Alcona County Sheriff's Department at (989) 724-6271. The information will remain confidential and a caller may remain anonymous. Crime Stoppers may pay up to a \$1,000 reward for information that assists in the arrest of those responsible for these crimes.

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Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Feb. 3	20	4	0.00	2.3	17	N
Feb. 4	21	6	0.00	1.3	13	N
Feb. 5	22	4	0.01	3.3	19	N
Feb. 6	25	7	0.00	3.0	20	N
Feb. 7	32	17	0.26	9.3	22	SSW
Feb. 8	30	19	0.12	12.2	35	NNE
Feb. 9	27	9	0.00	4.5	24	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			2012-2013	
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content	
Weekly Total	0.39	8.3	0.34	
February to Date	0.39	8.3	0.44	
Year/Season to Date	3.11	24.7	2.20	

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,

We, the taxpayers, are asked to consider a millage for the entire Educational Service District (ESD) for a 10 year period. Previous letters suggest this is too long.

Our first child entered kindergarten in 2003. Alcona had an excellent education program. We felt confident our family would be well-educated in this system. In the last decade we have wit-

nessed a continual erosion of funding in our district with a corresponding loss of programming and talented educators.

I do not feel as optimistic about the opportunities for our children who remain in school to receive anything beyond the most basic of skills. It's time to start rebuilding. It will take time. Yes, even a decade. Taxes from all four school districts

in the ESD will be distributed proportionately. We will give a portion and we will receive 52 percent of dollars paid by Alcona taxpayers as well as a portion paid by the other three districts.

I'm ready to see our schools moving forward. I'm supporting the millage. Please join me.

Jacqueline Fitzgerald
Harrisville

To the Editor,

I am writing in response to Marlene Abraham's letter referring that the voters are not the ones sending \$1.5 million to the AMA-ESD.

The majority of the \$1.5 million is coming from the voters. The voters here in Alcona County do not just pay the homestead taxes but also pay a large majority of the non-homestead taxes also. They are the local voters that

have hunting property not connected to their homestead, business owners and people that have rental property in the county.

To say that Alcona Schools getting back \$797,000 is a pretty good return on your investment is not true. If they only collected the homestead money of about \$665,000 and gave us the \$797,000 back I would agree, but you need to take into account all the

money that is collected.

Alpena is getting a great deal, paying \$3.1 million and getting back \$4.1 million back.

Watch what you read from Our Kids 1st, their only mission is to get as many votes in Alcona County as possible to override the no votes that will be coming from the two other counties.

Chad Spitznagel
Harrisville

To the Editor,

Please do not get me wrong I am for education, I have four children that graduated from Alcona High School, all attended college and received degrees.

Alpena letter to the editor, February 2, that people do not trust Lansing. I do not trust school boards that would support a millage of this magnitude, three mills for 10 years -- that's gold digging. I would think after this millage, win or lose, there will be a lot more interest in school board elections.

Yes, little Johnny needs a good education but dad needs a house for him to live in. One hundred dollars or \$300 is not much to some people, but to others it is "do I eat or pay the taxes?"

Citizens of Alcona County turned down the HUNT millage in November. One of the reasons was that approximately \$100,000 was being sent out of the county. This millage will send approximately \$750,000 out of the county.

As for experience on budgeting, I was a county com-

missioner for two terms (2005-2008). I know you live within your budget. You can only put so much on the taxpayer. There are 27 mills (at \$27 per \$1,000 taxable value) on every tax bill in the Alcona School District now. The board needs to work the budget, not the taxpayer.

This is why the Headlee Amendment was put in place, so you could afford to keep your home and not lose it to taxes. Vote no February 26.

Richard C. Simmons
Harrisville Township

To the Editor,

Regarding the upcoming schools' enhancement millage proposal -- as a nonresident taxpayer of Caledonia Township I would urge the resident taxpayers of Alcona County to ask themselves, when was the last time they attended a school board meeting to view first hand how "our" money is being spent, how those resources are distributed between academic instruction and cost of operating the district?

The per pupil basis of revenue has been a topic for political discussion across the state. Open accountability of the Michigan Lottery funds is

another issue for discussion. These are but two examples for state school finance reform.

Another source of revenue for a school district is a program called School of Choice. A program that allows a school district to enroll nonresident students and count them in their membership without having to obtain approval from the district of residence.

School districts can also participate in cooperative education programs with other local or intermediate school districts that permit them to enroll and count each other's resident students.

As a nonresident taxpayer I receive no homestead property tax exemptions and pay school taxes there like everyone else, yet I can not vote on any ballot proposal that could affect my property taxes nor for those elected to represent "our" local governing entity.

Again, to the actual resident voting public of Alcona County, when was the last time you attended a school board meeting, volunteered for your school(s) or attended a township board or planning commission meeting? Get involved, become educated and make a difference.

Jim Farrar
Milan, Mich.

To the Editor,

What do we value? A school millage is a vote about what we value. When someone celebrates teachers and states their support for them, but declare they are voting no on the millage, it is clear what they really value. The focus of most of these letters is on money. We appreciate all of these questions but make no mistake, there is no question kids need the money we will get from this millage, ask the teachers. Remember, those are the people everyone says they really value and admire.

Ask teachers what the impact of 10 years of cuts has had on learning, on the learn-

ing culture. Ask them what it means for kids to be placed in a split class of 33 elementary students with no aide (two grade levels and two curriculums.)

Remember, every grade level now has to prepare for a state generated, standardized test. Ask them the impact of four hours a day on a bus for a kindergarten through sixth grade level student. Ask them about the challenges of updating technology and classroom materials with very limited resources. Ask them about the loss of hands-on experiences, instrumental music, vocal music and a limited art program. Ask them

about the enormous challenge that high school students face in deciding their next step after graduation, without a guidance counselor, a position we have not had full time in years.

Saying teachers are important but then denying them the dollar resources they need to be great with kids, is clearly a value statement. We know what we value and we are saying, our kids need this, just ask the teachers.

Jim and Robyn Hart,
Lincoln
Bob and Connie
Petrovich,
Harrisville
Co-Chairpersons
Our Kids 1st

COMMUNITY FORUM

Will be held on February 21,
in the High School Auditorium at 7 p.m.
Please join in the discussion
about what we value and what the
Enhancement Millage
means for our community.

To Alcona County Voters,

Our Kids 1st is now trying to convince you that getting back all your Homestead dollars and just part of your Non-Homestead dollars is a good deal. **There is nothing farther from that truth.**

Our Kids 1st does not want to say that the voters here in Alcona County pay both Homestead and Non-Homestead taxes. Some voters have hunting property or rental homes that they pay Non-Homestead taxes on. Also many of our local business owners are residents of Alcona and pay Non-Homestead taxes on their businesses.

The business owners that do not live in the county will pay the Non-Homestead tax directly, but in the long run we will pay the taxes. **NO** business is going to absorb this tax; it will be passed on to the customer.

That also applies to renters; you do not directly pay the tax, but next time the lease comes up for renewal the taxes will be part of the increase in rent.

I will be attending the community forum that the school is hosting on February 21st and I am looking forward to the **School Board Members** informing the community why this tax is good for us.

I hope you will join me and vote **NO** on February 26th

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Letters to the Editor

NOTICE

The Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) and the Michigan Department of Transportation (MDOT) invite anyone interested in the transportation planning process for Northeast Michigan to attend a Public Participation Summit on Wednesday, February 27 at 4 p.m. at Alpena County Public Library in Alpena. The purpose of the summit will be to review MDOT's proposed projects and discuss transportation planning issues within the MDOT North Region. The focus will be on the North Region, Alpena Transportation Service Center coverage area of Alpena, Alcona, Iosco, Montmorency, Oscoda and Presque Isle Counties. Interested persons are invited to attend to provide public comment. If you require any special assistance please contact Nico Tucker, Transportation Planner, at NEMCOG, P.O. Box 457, Gaylord, MI 48734 or by phone at (989) 705-3732. 2/6 & 2/13

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To the Editor,
Does the AMA-ESD even care about the hundreds of people that have lost their homes, or property in the last five years to mortgage foreclosure? (Estimates say we have the same number to look forward to over the next five years.)
The hundreds of people losing their homes, or property to property tax foreclosure over the last five years? (Watch the local paper, over the next 60 days, to see this year's less fortunate.)
The many northeast Michigan residents working five to six days a week, eight to 10 hours a day and 52 weeks a year, just to break even (pay-

check to paycheck)?
The many seniors, living on a fixed income, who sometimes have to choose between food or medicine? The small business owners, who over the recent economic downturn, are barely keeping their heads above water? Our farmers who work tirelessly to attempt to make a profit? (These farmers have large parcels and will shoulder a huge burden with a three mill increase.)
None of the above mentioned people have the option of passing a millage to stay afloat. They must live within their means and make tough decisions. We all have chosen to live in northeast

Michigan and with that choice, comes sacrifice. Unfortunately, in my opinion, the lucrative education contracts and administration salaries do not exhibit this sacrifice. I'm just not convinced this additional millage is earmarked for our most valuable assets (our children.)
This is not the last millage request. With all of the state and municipal budgets being stretched you can be sure we will be looking at additional requests. Hopefully, more budget transparency will be available so we can make good, informed decisions. Vote no.
Anne Marie Richardson
Barton City

To the Editor,
The upcoming school millage has generated varied sides of the issue. The unstable, uncertain economy will have much influence on the voting public.
(If) the economy improves, taxpayers will pay more for the three mills, if it continues to decline, the millage will generate less dollars. Less taxes being paid, less money generated. If that should happen, maybe more property owners will be forfeiting property and the overall tax base will decrease. As the economy declines, goods and services will have to increase to sustain services. This is more hardship for the taxpayer.
Non property owners also vote on the issue, but they have little monetary invest-

ment. Non registered voters who live and vote elsewhere but own property in Alcona also will pay the millage. The more obvious and troublesome fact is that they will be getting only 50 to 70 percent return on this money to our district. The rest will stay in another district.
Student count is and has been declining, the school has empty classrooms. Home schooling and schools of choice are some factors affecting the count. Our 16 to 18-year-olds today will be paying the millage when they are 26 to 28 years old. Do we have the right to gift them

with this?
Alcona has many dedicated teachers -- local people who have an investment in the area. School will not close if the millage fails. Using students as pawns and heaping guilt on the already struggling taxpayer is not fair play.
What is Mr. Taxpayer (going) to choose between -- paying taxes or buying gas? What do you suppose his choice might be? Businesses are struggling to survive and have had to make hard choices also. Can they afford another hit? Think hard and vote your conscience.
Darlene Stone
Harrisville

To the Editor:
As the past elementary principal in Alcona Community Schools (retired), I have watched with dismay as the schools have made deeper and deeper cuts each year.
When I came to Alcona from Columbus, Ohio, 11 years ago, I was surprised at and impressed with the quality of education offered in Alcona schools. During my time in the district (and I am sure in the time since), the administration and the board of education worked hard to maintain the fiscal integrity of the district and to keep cuts from affecting students.
Each year, however, the fiscal situation worsened. With no "non-essentials" left to cut, cuts are now eroding the quality of the schools and directly impacting students. When the voters of our state and region supported Proposal A, they took away the district's ability to raise money by asking voters for a local millage -- all of which would return directly to the local schools.

The only option left to districts is to seek an enhancement millage in collaboration with other districts in the same educational service district. That is the option our schools are pursuing now to get critical funding to sustain what remains of our educational programs. Local administrators have pleaded our case in Lansing with little response.
To allow our schools to run as deficit districts is to allow our kids to receive a deficit education and our communities to operate as deficit centers unattractive to home owners, businesses and professionals. While it is uncomfortable to vote ourselves an increase in taxes, it will be far more uncomfortable to watch our schools continue to decline.
We need this millage for students in our schools today and for those who will follow them.
I will be supporting our schools with a yes vote on the enhancement millage.
Kathleen Eiler
Alpena

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
Look here for funds. As reported to the state of Michigan, we are paying the top eight administrators within AMA-ESD, Alpena public school and Alcona public school an excess of \$1.25 million each year. I'm sure if we had access to their books the number would increase.

Note these administrator's salaries and benefits: Alpena's superintendent \$178,000, Alpena's assistant superintendent \$159,000, Alpena operations superintendent \$147,000, Alcona superintendent \$172,000, Alcona business manager (information not available.)

AMA administrative salaries are available but benefit package is estimated at 30 percent, which is state average. AMA superintendent approximately \$156,000 sal-

ary plus estimated benefits equals approximately \$200,000; AMA assistant superintendent \$113,000 plus estimated benefits equals \$146,000; AMA special education director approximately \$115,000 plus estimated benefits equals approximately \$149,000. AMA general education director approximately \$100,000 plus estimated benefits equals \$130,000. If you would like specific facts and figures ask for a copy of their contracts under the Freedom of Information Act.

Through free publicity or propaganda spots (television, forums, newspaper articles) I have not seen or heard one word that the education of our kids is so important that the superintendents would take any kind of pay cut. Yet,

they want the taxpayer to vote themselves a 50 percent increase in school tax.

If those listed administrators would cut their contract package by 50 percent, we could save over \$650,000. When Wurtsmith Air Force Base closed the Oscoda schools took a direct hit, but they survived through diligent management and not an enhanced millage. At a recent Oscoda basketball game, they had a band and cheerleaders. Their board and superintendent must be doing something right.

Don't be misled by over-paid superintendents and inexperienced business managers who want more and more pay raises. Take a friend to the polls February 26 and vote no.

Ben Rice
Barton City

Local Notes

Learn Tai Chi

Learn the basics of the exercise form Tai Chi with instruction from KiAnn Kruttlin on Tuesday, Feb. 19 from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Attendees should wear comfortable clothing and will discover how to reduce stress and tension with this ancient art form. For more information on this free program for teenagers and adults, call (989) 724-6796.

Cue for Cure

The 16th annual Cue-for-Cure fundraiser is being held at the Mikado Tavern on Saturday, Feb. 23. Registration is at 11 a.m. with mixed-doubles tournament play starting at noon. Other events include a bake sale, food sale, Mexican desserts, mystery brown bags, Chinese and 50-50 raffles. A live auction will be held at approximately 3:30 p.m. All proceeds raised go to Muscular Dystrophy Association that serves north central Michigan. The public is welcome to attend. For more in-

formation, contact Yogi or Rita at (989) 736-8869.

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, Feb. 18—Ham, baked beans, Brussels sprouts, orange and pineapple and fruit.

- Tuesday, Feb. 19—Homemade chicken noodle soup, chef salad with lettuce, ham, turkey, egg, carrot, cheese, onion and tomato, and fruit.

- Wednesday, Feb. 20—Spaghetti with meat sauce, Prince Charles blend, pea salad and fresh fruit.

- Thursday, Feb. 21—Chicken in gravy over mashed potatoes, squash, tossed salad and fruit crisp.

- Friday, Feb. 22—Homemade vegetable beef soup, turkey and cheese sandwich, fruited Jell-O and fruit pie.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

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Bids to be opened at the March 12, 2013 Regular board meeting at the Greenbush Township Hall. The Greenbush Township Board reserves the right to accept or reject any and all bids, and rebid if necessary.

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Organization Notes



Niki Sandy, special education supervisor of the Alpena Montmorency Alcona Educational Service District (AMA ESD), accepts a check on behalf of Pied Piper School from David Powierski of the Knights of Columbus Alcona County Council 4235 from its annual Tootsie Roll drive. The Knights continuous support has helped fund extra learning opportunities for the students such as: Fall Fest, Winter Carnival, Field and Fun Day and various field trips. *Courtesy photo.*

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Calendar of Events

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Alcona County Commission
On Aging

Snowball Fundraiser

Saturday, February 16
4:30 to 11 p.m.
207 Church Street, Lincoln

DINNER

Swedish Meatballs with Gravy,
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(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, FEBRUARY 13

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 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.

A bobbin lace demonstration will be held at the Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bam-

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5-7 p.m.

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field Road, Glennie from 1 to 5 p.m. See what can be done with simple threads, try your hand at bobbin lace or view an exhibit of lace examples. For more information, call (989) 735-2601.

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

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

Foot clinic from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Cost is \$25. For an appointment, call (989) 736-8879.

Alcona woodcarvers meet from 2 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. New club beginners are welcome.

The 4-H Archery group meets at 7 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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 Street. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

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

A blood pressure clinic will be held from 3 to 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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, 312 Main Street. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

The Alcona Health Centers and Alcona County Li-

brary presents "Dining with the Docs" at noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. The topic for the meeting will be herbal medicine through the ages with Ki-Ann Kruttlin. Light lunch provided, no charge, must register by calling (989) 724-6796.

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

If you are interested in old tractors, classic or antique, join your neighbors and friends at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville Township Hall (on Poor Farm Road south of M-72), for coffee and talk about tractors. For more information, call Kevin Boyat (989) 335-0307, Jim Pyne (989) 724-6967 or Bill Thompson (989) 724-5077.

The Barton City Eagles Auxiliary 4141 will be having a barbecued chicken and ribs dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. at 671 Sanborn Road. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4 for ages six to 12, under six free. Carry out orders available by calling (989) 736-3050.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 16

Don McEwen Kids Ice Fishing Tournament will be held at Jewell Lake, Barton City. Registration is from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; fishing from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with adult fishermen available for assistance. Poles, bait, holes provided. Hot dogs, hot cocoa and warming area available.

Alcona Conservation District is hosting a free seminar from noon to 4 p.m. at Robert J. Parks Library, 6010 North Skeel Street, Oscoda. This event will provide informational presentations about programs and land use techniques private landowners can utilize to improve revenue and reduce costs associated with non-industrial private forestland. For more information call, (989) 724-5272 or e-mail John.St.-Pierre@macd.org.

Snowball fundraiser for the Alcona County Commission On Aging will be held from 4:30 to 11 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. This event includes dinner, dancing and a play presented by Alcona High School. Cost is \$20 single or \$35 couple. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Do you need to file a tax return this year?

Dear Savvy Senior,
My income dropped way off when I retired early last year, and I'm wondering if I fall into the so called "47 percent" of Americans who won't have to pay and income taxes this year. What can you tell me?

Curious Senior

Dear Curious,

The percentage of seniors, age 65 and older, who won't have to pay income taxes this year, is actually around 56 percent according to the Tax Policy Center. Here's a breakdown of the 2012 filing requirements along with a few other tax tips to help you determine if you need to file.

Whether or not you'll need to file a federal income tax return this year will depend on your filing status, your age, and your gross income. If your gross income falls below the IRS filing limits, you probably won't have to file. Gross income includes all the income you receive that is not exempt from tax, not in-

cluding Social Security benefits, unless you are married and filing separately.

You probably don't have to file this year if:

- You are single and your 2012 gross income was less than \$9,750 (\$11,200 if you're 65 or older).

- You are married filing jointly and your gross income was under \$19,500. If you or your spouse is 65 or older, the limit increases to \$20,650. And if you're both over 65, your income must be under \$21,800 to not file.

- You are head of household and your gross income was below \$12,500 (\$13,950 if age 65 or older).

- You are married filing separately and your income was less than \$3,800.

- You are a qualifying widow(er) with a dependent child and your gross income was less than \$15,700 (\$16,850 if age 65 or older).

Be aware that there are some special financial situations that require you to file a tax return, even if your

gross income falls below the IRS filing requirement. For example, if you had net earnings from self-employment in 2012 of \$400 or more, or if you owe any special taxes to the IRS such as alternative minimum tax or IRA tax penalties, you'll probably need to file.

To figure this out, the IRS offers a resource on their website called "Do I Need to File a Tax Return?" that asks a series of questions that will help you determine if you're required to file, or if you should file because you're due a refund. You can access this page at www.irs.gov/uac/Do-I-Need-to-File-a-Tax-Return%3F, or you can get help over the phone by calling the IRS helpline at (800) 829-1040.

Even if you're not required to file a federal tax return this year, it doesn't necessarily mean you're also excused from filing state income taxes. Check on that with your state tax agency before concluding you're en-

tirely in the clear. For links to state and local tax agencies see taxadmin.org - click on "Links."

If you do need to file a tax return this year, you can get help through the Tax Counseling for the Elderly (or TCE) program. Sponsored by the IRS, TEC provides free tax preparation and counseling to middle and low income taxpayers, age 60 and older. Call (800) 906-9887 to locate a service near you.

Also check with AARP, a participant in the TCE program that provides free tax

Savvy Senior

preparation at nearly 6,000 sites nationwide. To locate an AARP Tax-Aide site call (888) 227-7669 or visit aarp.org/findtaxhelp.

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

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losing the grant. "At first we didn't think a small county could perform the duty because we understood the fiduciary would have to up

front the money. Upon contacting the Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division (EMHSD), we found there were options

available for smaller counties to perform the duty of fiduciary," Carr said.

Of the \$2.2 million to be received across Region 3, over

\$80,000 will eventually go to Alcona County for fiscal year 2011. The amount granted for fiscal year 2012 is not known yet.

According to Carr the board of commissioners has decided projects for the 2011 fiscal year monies received include:

- A warning siren for Greenbush Township of which \$14,000 to \$15,000 will come from the Homeland Security grant. Total cost for the siren is approximately \$22,000.

- Quarter mile marker system along the Alcona portion of AuSable River to aid in rescue.

- A 800-megahertz antenna system for the Alcona County communication trailer.

- A mobile data terminal for sheriff patrol vehicles.

Brummund and Chairman of the Alcona County Board of Commissioners Kevin Boyat Sr., along with representatives of Region 3 Homeland Security Board from Genesee and Midland counties are in the process of reviewing applications for a chief solution area planner to manage the grant funds. Interviews with candidates will be held on Friday in Arenac County.

Anyone wanting more information about the Homeland Security grant or about emergency management in Oscoda and Alcona counties may contact Buffy Carr via e-mail at bcarr@alconacountymi.com. Carr also communicates emergency management situations via Facebook at NE MI Emergency Management, LLC.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION Tuesday, February 26, 2013

To the qualified electors of the ALPENA-MONTMORENCY-ALCONA EDUCATIONAL SERVICE DISTRICT, ALCONA COUNTY, MICHIGAN:

Notice is hereby given that a Special Election of the Intermediate School District will be held on Tuesday, February 26, 2013. The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT at the Special Election the following proposal will be submitted to the voters:

REGIONAL ENHANCEMENT MILLAGE PROPOSAL

Pursuant to state law, the revenue raised by the proposed millage will be collected by the intermediate school district and distributed to local public school districts based on pupil membership count.

Shall the limitation on the amount of taxes which may be assessed against all property in Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District, Michigan, be increased by 3 mills (\$3.00 on each

\$1,000 of taxable valuation) for a period of 10 years, 2013 to 2022, inclusive, to provide operating funds to enhance other state and local funding for local school district operating purposes; the estimate of the revenue the intermediate school district will collect if the millage is approved and levied in 2013 is approximately \$5,640,704?

TREASURER'S CERTIFICATION OF VOTED INCREASES FOR A UNIT

I, Cheryl Franks, Treasurer of Alcona County, hereby certify that as of January 31, 2013, the records of this office indicate that the total of all voted increases over and above the tax limitation established by the Constitution of Michigan, in any local units of government effecting the taxable property located in Alcona County are as follows:

County of Alcona	ACCOA	0.1250 mill	thru	2017
	ACCOA	0.3750 mill	thru	2015
	MSU-EXT	0.1400 mill	thru	2015
	Ambulance	1.0000 mill	thru	2013
Alcona Twp	Library	0.5000 mill	thru	2017
	Fire	0.5000 mill	thru	2013
	Roads	0.5000 mill	thru	2013
	Roads	1.0000 mill	thru	2015
Caledonia Twp	Fire	1.0000 mill	thru	2015
	Roads	1.0000 mill	thru	2015
	Roads	0.5000 mill	thru	2013
Gustin Twp	Fire	1.0000 mill	thru	2017
	Roads	1.9946 mill	thru	2015
	Fire	1.0000 mill	thru	2015
Hawes Twp	Roads	1.0000 mill	thru	2013
	Roads	0.9432 mill	thru	2015
	Fire	0.9432 mill	thru	2015
Haynes	Roads	1.0000 mill	thru	2016
	Roads	2.0000 mill	thru	2014
Mikado Twp	Fire	1.0000 mill	thru	2015
	Roads	1.0000 mill	thru	2013
Millen Twp	Roads	1.0000 mill	thru	2016
	Roads	1.0000 mill	thru	2016
	Fire	1.00 mill	thru	2016
City of Harrisville	Water	1.5000 mill	thru	2029
	Bond Imp	2.6000 mill	thru	2047
Alcona Comm. Schools	Non-Homestead	18.000 mill	thru	2015
	Bond	1.3500 mill	thru	2016
A-M-A ESD	Charter/Sp Ed	0.6425 mill	thru	N/A
	Special Ed	1.3318 mill	thru	2016

Cheryl Franks
Alcona County Treasurer

POLLING LOCATIONS:

Precinct 1 - Voting Place: Gustin Township Hall, 113 S. Second, Lincoln
Consists of all territory of the Intermediate School District located within the boundaries of: Gustin, Hawes, Haynes, Mikado and Millen Township

Precinct 2 - Voting Place: Caledonia Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Road, Spruce
Consists of all territory of the Intermediate School District located within the boundaries of: Caledonia and Alcona Township

Precinct 3 - Voting Place: Harrisville Township Hall, 114 S. Poor Farm Road, Harrisville
Consists of all territory of the Intermediate School District located within the boundaries of: Harrisville Township and the City of Harrisville

To obtain an absent voter ballot, contact the city or township clerk where you are registered.

This Notice is given as required by law (MCL 168.653a)
Patricia Truman
Alcona County Clerk

Putnam receives sentence

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The former commander of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) was sentenced in 88th District Court in Alpena County last week.

On February 4 Delmar M. Putnam Jr. was sentenced to 12 months of unsupervised probation, \$1,250 in restitution, \$1,125 in fines and court costs and 200 hours of community service for willful neglect of duty in regard to using funds that belonged to HUNT for personal use sometime during late 2011 and early 2012.

Pursuant to a plea agreement made in December 2012, Putnam had to plead guilty to the charge, resign from the Michigan State Po-

lice (at the time of his arrest he was a lieutenant), and surrender his Michigan Commission on Law Enforcement Standards (MCOLES) license/certificate and authorize MCOLES to permanently rescind his license/certificate to serve as a law enforcement officer in the state of Michigan.

Putnam, a native of Lansing, Mich. took over the command position of HUNT in July 2011. Putnam graduated from Everett High School in 1986. He has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from Ferris State University and more than 20 years of law enforcement experience, including 18 years with the Michigan State Police.

Help available for residential homes slated for foreclosure

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Alcona County has received confirmation from the state to implement the Step Forward Michigan program to assist Alcona County homeowners facing foreclosure.

The U.S. Department of Treasury established the Hardest Hit Fund in 2010 to provide targeted aid to families in states affected by the economic and housing market downturn.

Michigan received \$498.6 million in the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act or Troubled Asset Relief Program funds to operate the Hardest Hit program.

Cheryl Franks, Alcona County treasurer, explained time is of the essence and urged affected homeowners to apply. "Homeowners facing foreclosure due to unpaid taxes must qualify to guarantee approval. Approval must be obtained by April 1, which is the deadline date for foreclosure for unpaid taxes."

There are around 160 properties in Alcona County that are up for foreclosure, of those 28 properties are homesteaded. "We are very excited to be a participant of

this program and we are reaching out to families with homesteaded property slated for foreclosure on April 1 to apply immediately," Franks said.

The Michigan Homeowners Assistance Nonprofit Housing Corporation (MHA) has four programs to assist homeowner who have endured a financial hardship; Unemployment Mortgage Subsidy Program, Loan Rescue Program, Modification Plan Program and a Principal Curtailment Program. Michigan homeowners can obtain more information about the programs or apply online at www.stepforward-michigan.org.

Approved homeowners will be asked to sign a forgivable loan note and mortgage lien for the amount of assistance granted. The loan is provided at zero percent interest rate, requires no monthly payments, and will be forgiven at 20 percent each year as long as the property remains the homeowner's primary residence. Hardest Hit Funds are paid directly to the participating mortgage lender and/or county treasurer for application toward the amount owed.

Alcona boys basketball team defeats Rogers City Hurons, Hillman Tigers

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

Last week was supposed to be another three game week for the Alcona boys varsity basketball team. This was due to a Wednesday makeup game at Hillman following a Tuesday game at Rogers City and Friday league game with Whittemore-Prescott.

Well, guess what? The Friday game was cancelled because of the first real snowstorm of the year. So, the Tigers had only back-to-back road games last week. The good news is they won both and broke their short, two game losing streak.

The game at Rogers City was not much of a challenge as Alcona jumped out to a 26-2 lead after one quarter. With the starters watching from the bench, the Tigers only scored 22 points the rest of the game and won by a final score of 48-19. Coach Tim Somers gave his bench plenty of valuable experience that should benefit the team come tournament time.

Four players scored two points each in an 8-5 second quarter. Six players scored

two points each in a 12-8 third quarter. In the final period the Tigers did not have a field goal and scored only two points on free throws. They lost that quarter 4-2.

Trent LaVergne led Alcona with 16 points and four rebounds. Jared Steiner added nine points, five steals and four assists. Andy Cammack contributed six points and pulled down six rebounds.

The junior varsity team also had an easy time of it, breaking their two game losing streak, winning 57-39. Brandon Smigelski led the team with 10 points.

The victory at Hillman the following night was a different story that could be called the Trent LaVergne story. The sophomore forward carried the Tigers on his back all night, ending up with a career high of 37 points to go with seven rebounds and four steals. He hit for all 11 points in the first quarter, when the score was tied twice and ended with Hillman leading 13-11.

Turnovers by Alcona and aggressive rebounding by Hillman resulted in the Hill-

man Tigers still leading 23-22. Hillman could not keep up the pace in the third quarter. Behind another 11 points by LaVergne Alcona took a 46-39 lead into the final quarter. The score was tied twice and Alcona regained the lead at 31-30 and never gave it back.

Alcona held off Hillman in the fourth quarter, barely outscoring them 21-20 but it was enough to earn a hard earned 67-59 victory. LaVergne finished the night with 13 points in the final period.

Steiner scored nine points and had four steals. Carson Jamieson added eight points, grabbed six rebounds and four steals. Dawson Forsythe came off the bench and hit for seven points. Andy Cammack added four points while Aaron Ritchie scored two points and had four steals. Alcona's record stands at 9-3.

The JV team had an easier time of it, winning 60-42. Jason Steiner led with 12 points and Hunter Sullivan added 11 points. Their record also stands at 9-3.

Girls varsity basketball team secures two wins on home court

By Hope Smith
Basketball Writer

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team is heading in the right direction after picking up two more wins on their home court last week.

On Saturday, Feb. 9 the Tigers played host to the Hale Eagles for a rescheduled game that canceled due to bad weather. Alcona struck first with an early basket from Nikki Smith and held onto a 14-6 lead to end the first quarter. In the second period Hale stepped up the pressure defensively making

Alcona work for every basket. However, the Tigers maintained control going into halftime with the 27-16 lead.

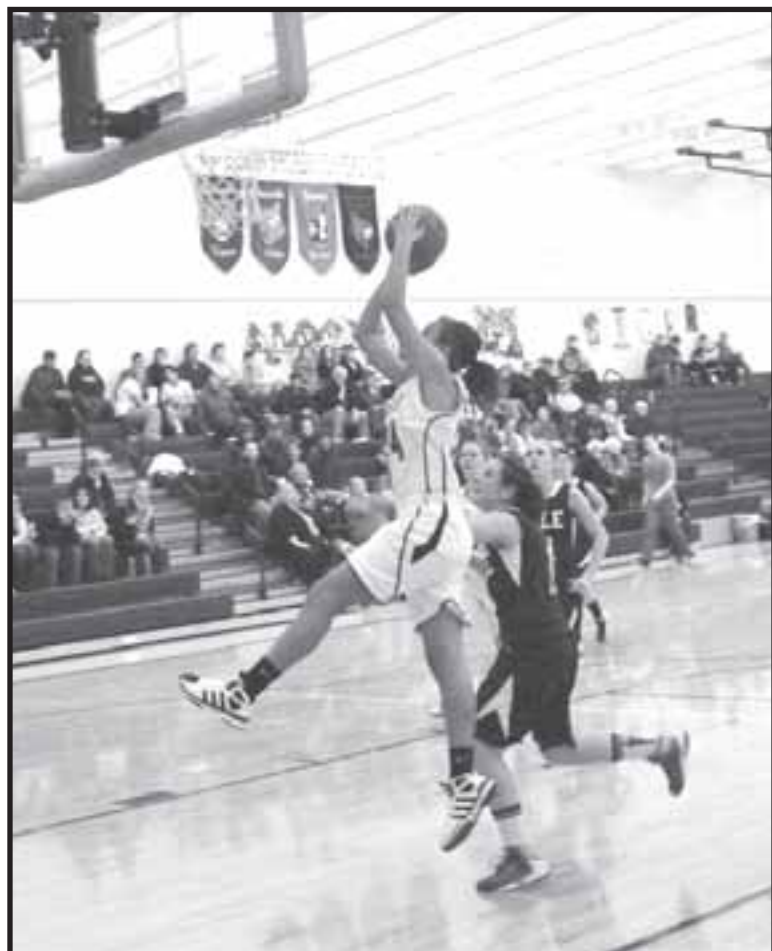
Alcona turned up the heat offensively and defensively in the third quarter pushing the ball up the floor and crashing the boards. The outscored the Eagles 26-0 to end the period 53-16. During the final quarter Alcona continued to apply pressure and finished the night with a 62-24 win over Hale.

"We got off to a slow start but we had a very good second half. Our entire team

contributed tonight," said Coach Brad Cole.

Karina Cole led the Tigers with 20 points and seven rebounds. Kendra Cole had another double-double night with 10 points and 14 rebounds. Smith scored six points and had four assists. Megan Quick had six points and six steals. Tylar Campbell scored five points, Sydney Pierce added four points and Turner Somers scored three points and grabbed five rebounds. Nicole Walen had two points and five steals. Lily Manning, Alissa Terpstra and Maddie Feldhiser each added two points. Cassie Carpenter pulled down six rebounds for the tigers.

The junior varsity team also defeated Hale 61-8. Leading scorers were Sam Schopher with 12 points, Katelyn Nelson with 11 points, Torie Harmon with



Alcona Tiger Sydney Pearce shoots in a recent game against the Hale Eagles. Photo by Pat Brussel.

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PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW FOR GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP HALL
5037 E. CAMPBELL RD., GREENBUSH, MI 48738

Monday, March 11
2 p.m. – 5 p.m. & 6 p.m. – 9 p.m.
Friday, March 15
9 a.m. – 12 noon & 1 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Protests may be filed in writing.

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 5, to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
AGRICULTURAL	49.24	1.01543
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INDUSTRIAL	48.39	1.03327
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Alcona Students Excel in



Yearbook staff members are (front row, from left) Hanna Canute, Sierra Forsythe, Advisor Brande Ellsworth, Tylar Campbell, (back row) Sydney Pierce, Zackery Faszczeski, Ellie Thomas and Shasta Rhodes. *Courtesy photo.*

The drama class will perform "Catering to Murder" on April 12 and 13 at the Alcona High School auditorium at 7 p.m. The public is welcome to attend the performance. Tickets are \$5 per person. Drama class members are (front row, from left) Morgan Dyer, Breanna Hutchinson, Jennifer Tait, Morgan Stewart, Bethany Hudgins, Ashley Shutes, Cheyenne Parkinson, Kendra Cole, (back row) Alex Paad, Kachina MacDermaid, Logan Friddle, Katelyn Sims, Vanessa Bowman, Billy Etherton, Basil Schuman, Brittney Watson, Megan Brungart, Sydney Jerome and Advisor Katie Boyer. Not pictured: Travis Pearce and Casey Ouillet. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*



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Extra Curricular Activities



The Alcona High School Student Council is putting the finishing touches on Winter Homecoming which will be held on Friday, Feb. 15. Student council members are (front row, from left) Freshmen — Lauren Yokom, president; Sara Blohm, vice president; Harlie LaFond, secretary; Sam Zerbst, member-at-large; (second row) sophomores — Kalie Zerbst, president; Cassidy Cooper, vice president; Victoria Burns, secretary; Kendra Cole, treasurer; juniors — Garrett Norling, president; Karina Cole, vice president; Rachel Schellie, treasurer; Megan Quick, secretary; Maddie Feldhiser, member-at-large; seniors — Cass McNeill, president, Marisa Hirschfelt, vice president; Tori Keerl, treasurer; and Zachary Stoner, member-at-large. Not pictured: Brittany Joyce, senior class secretary; Kaittlin Schellie, freshman class treasurer and Advisor Pattie Byce. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

The Knowledge Bowl Team has been competing with 12 other schools since late November 2012 and will conclude in March. Knowledge Bowl members are (front row, from left) Miranda Anker, Walker Kelly, Dustin Yokom, Ryley Mancine (back row) Victoria Burns, Deven Higgins, Jacob Stelmachowske and Cass McNeill. Not pictured: Chad Cole, Isaac Dubuque and Advisor Linda Mitchell. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*



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Of pennies and penmanship

By Kathryn F. Kniep
Columnist

While watching the weather coverage on television and checking reports from friends and family on the Internet this storm-filled weekend, I ran across three diverse small stories that have nothing to do with one another, and yet, in some odd way, do.

Two of them that relate to things that may be going the way of the dodo bird and one, at least here where we live, that is not.

The first piece had to do with the possible demise of the penny. This particular story comes around from time to time, when some senator or congressman gets het up about the cost of producing our smallest coin and begins a campaign to eliminate them. At present, the cost to make a one cent piece is two cents, which does seem somewhat counterintuitive.

The fact is, though, that there is tremendous sentiment about pennies across the country. A recent survey reported that 67 percent of people interviewed wanted to keep the penny, despite its 100 percent production cost. That affection for the cent isn't really surprising when you think about it. Pennies, after all, are the currency of childhood.

On days when there was "nothing to do" my mama paid me a penny for each fly I could knock down with her trusty swatter. One, and I could buy a piece of bubble gum, complete with cartoon and fortune. Five, and I had the price of a Hershey bar. If I saved them up to 100, I had a stake in my big brother's Friday night poker game.

Pennies were handy for other things, too. They could take the place of a checker or a game piece in Monopoly. They were handy when you needed to draw a small, per-

fect circle. One of my favorite things to do with small bored children is to show them how you can place a penny beneath a piece of paper, run a pencil or crayon over it and watch as Mr. Lincoln magically appears.

Pennies are the prettiest of our coins, with a shine and jingle that the others don't seem to have. Give the grandson those same hundred pennies and a days-of-the-week pill box and he'll happily count, sort and pile them, make circles and squares on the floor and generally occupy himself for 30 minutes or more.

I'd really hate to see them go, but apparently not everyone feels the same. In the article I read, a member of the U.S. Treasury Department said, "Any monetary unit that the customer leaves behind for other customers to use is no longer of value."

Apparently, Washington hasn't heard of random acts of kindness.

The second, televised, article had to do with penmanship, or more specifically, with cursive writing, which is apparently no longer taught in elementary schools. It simply takes too much time and, in an era of keyboarding, is not particularly necessary.

"Think about it," the reporter said, "When was the last time you actually sat down with pen and paper and wrote a paragraph by hand?" Actually, as a devoted note-maker, I do just that rather often. Not always in Palmer method, but usually legibly enough that I can decipher it later.

Growing up, we devoted what seemed like hours to penmanship - certainly a class period a day. While we laboriously copied the letters from the chart above the blackboard, our teacher walked around the room, reminding us to use our arm, not our hand and occasionally correcting how I held my pencil. (I still hold them funny). While my penmanship was never gold star material, it was one of my favorite classes. Sitting in the quiet classroom, practicing the swirls and dips was somehow the most soothing part of the day.

It seems a shame to replace that with Times Roman or Arial. My parents, even more schooled than we were in penmanship and possessed of that admirable tool, the fountain pen, had absolutely beautiful handwriting. My brothers and I, less so. And apparently, our grandchildren, none at all.

So you'll be glad to know that the last piece I ran across was somewhat more heartening. It had to do with the aforementioned random acts of kindness. This week, February 11 through the 17 is Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Week.

If you're not familiar, RAK consists of doing unexpected nice things for people - especially strangers - in the hopes that it will make them (and



you) happy for a moment or a day and maybe inspire them to do something nice for someone else. Many of the acts are simple and easily accomplished.

Curious, I clicked on the link "Ideas for RAK Week." Among the suggestions listed were holding the door open for someone, helping someone to find something, striking up a conversation with someone you don't know, letting someone go ahead of you in a line and returning your shopping cart.

Obviously, the people composing this list don't live up north. Well heck, I thought, we northern Michiganders sometimes do all of those things in one trip to the grocery store. In fact, there are times when a small traffic jam occurs as one shopper says, "Really, you just have those couple things" and the other demurs, "No, no. You were here first."

Not long ago, while in just such a grocery store, an older lady caught my attention. She was beautifully dressed, but she obviously suffered from cataracts and carried a cane. In her own way, she reminded me of our aging poodle, Bastian. Clutching her list close to her face and stepping carefully, she had knocked something off the display in front of her and stood, looking distressed, to where it had rolled beneath an adjacent counter.

Reflexively, I scooted over and knelt to recover what turned out to be a very large, very red, miraculously unbruised tomato. As I got to my feet and handed it to her, she placed it in her basket, then stopped to cup my face in one papery, soft hand. In a heavily accented voice, she said, "Thank you. It would be a sin to leave it there." At that moment, I felt as though I'd been blessed. Thinking of it, I still do.

So the good news is, while we may be losing some of the things that have always been part of our lives, and while we may find that disgruntling, we're fortunate to live in a place where people - as I frequently point out - are intrinsically kind. With that in mind, I wish you a happy RAK Week.

Here are a couple of suggestions the article didn't list, but that you might like to try this week; Give a little kid a handful of pennies and help him or her to count them - or to make Mr. Lincoln appear. Teach a slightly older child to write their name in the big, swoopy flourishes of the Palmer method. The way things are going, either of those things may become special memories for both of you.

Whether they do or not, I'm pretty sure just doing it will make you feel blessed.



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2013 Board of Review Meeting Schedule
Tuesday, March 5, 2013 at 5:30 p.m.
Organizational Meeting
No appeals will be taken at this meeting.
Wednesday, March 13; 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 15; 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2013 assessments.
By Board Resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 13, 2013. The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers provided by the Alcona Equalization Department for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

	Ratios	Multipliers
Agricultural	50.98	0.9808
Commercial	48.67	1.0273
Industrial	N/A	N/A
Residential	49.94	1.0012
Timber Cutover	N/A	N/A
Development	N/A	N/A
Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

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Message/Well Being Check	1	Miscellaneous	5
Dog/Animal	3	Traffic	12
Agency Assist	2	Trespassing	2
Alarm	3	Unlawful Driving Away	1
Domestic	2	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	1
Warrant Arrest	1	Civil	1
Breaking and Entering	1	Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Assault & Battery	1	Abandoned Vehicle	2
Larceny	3	Fraud	1
Suicidal Subject	1	Fire	1
Juvenile	1	Suspicious Events	2
Violation of Public Health Code	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	3	Caledonia	9	Curtis	1
Greenbush	7	Gustin	4	Harrisville	8
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Millen	3	Mitchell	2		
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High School Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Alcona High School Principal's List and Honor Roll for the second marking period.

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Honor Roll

Jewel Beveridge, Piet Botha, Amy Brandt, Thomas Budnick, Claire Feldhiser, Coda Gallagher, Brooke Harmon, Torie Harmon, Mitchel Havercroft, Noah Kenworthy, Harlie Lafond, Jeremy Lickey, Taylor Panzica, Austin Rayburn, Jeffery Schram, Hunter Sullivan, Nathaniel Swinson, Kyle Thum, Isaak VonFintel, Brett Wambold and Lauren Yokom.

Tenth Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Victoria Burns, Kayla Hampton, Alexis Higgins, George Hirschfelt IV, Trenton LaVergne, Maire MacMaster, Shannon Oliver, Kailey Pagels, Hannah Riggs, Samantha Schopfer, Morgan

Stewart, Nicole Walen and Kalie Zerbst.

Honor Roll

Mykala Basner, Alexis Bloomfield, Kendra Cole, Cassidy Cooper, Leigh Gibson, Martha Johnson, Skyla Krcmarik, Nicholas Lamantia, Sage McDermott, Katelyn Nelson, Kayla Norgan, Brandon Ritchie, Jesse Schram, Jason Steiner, Brandon Sweet, Seth Tulget-ske and Spencer Winning-ham.

Eleventh Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Karina Cole, Benjamin Dubuque, Madeline Feldhiser, Walker Kelly, Ryley Mancine, Garrette Norling, Turner Somers and Hannah Terpstra.

Honor Roll

Cassandra Carpenter, Kristen Curley, Dawson Forsythe, Cody Franklin, Kyle Good, Kyle Harmon, Joshua Mead, Alec Neumann, Cassie Pinder, Megan Quick, Lilly Rodgers-Manning, Rachel Schellie, Basil Schuman, Jacob Stelmachowske and Dustin Yokom.

Twelfth Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Miranda Ankner, Nicholas

Bouchard, Haley Gombos, Eric Hampton, Marisa Hirschfelt, Victoria Keerl and Taylor Orefice.

Honor Roll

Victoria Ankner, Keturah Ashford, Vanessa Bowman, Tylar Campbell, Natalie Goldstrom, Chad Haneckow, Deven Higgins, Joseph Hudgins, Sydney Jerome, Brittany Joyce, Lauren Karsen, Kaitlynn Keesler, Catherine McNeill, Hannah Mikazes, Caycee Ouillet, Nicole Pawloski, Megann Ridgewell, Aaron Ritchie, Cassidy Skurda, Zachary Stoner, Kelsey Sullivan, Jennifer Tait, Allen Vandenboom and Elizabeth Wheaton.

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Huron	
February 5	
Shotmakers	12.5 74.5
Gary Oil	23 73
Back Alley Bar	18 70
Robert's Floor.	7 61.5
Mancino's	12 57
Rob's Repair	23 51
B & D Sales	17.5 48
Harrisville Lum.	7 45
High game and series: Mike Baird, 279 and 712.	
High handicap game and series: Mike Baird, 314 and 817.	

Wednesday Nite Women's	
February 6	
Back Alley Bar	107.5 72.5
Alcona Abstract	105 75
Lincoln Precis.	98.5 81.5
Cole's Appl.	98 82
Alcona Tool	93.5 86.5
Stoney Acres	80.5 99.5
JB's Auto	75.5 104.5
Ark Plumbing	61.5 118.5
High game: Lynn Gibson, 225.	
High series: Patty Cook, 575.	
High handicap game: Lynn Gibson, 259.	
High handicap series: Patty Cook, 677.	

Minors	
February 9	
Pin Busters	10 5
Little Devils	8 7
SNCBBP1	7 8
Bumper Kids	5 10
Boy's high game and series: Brenden Hudgins, 138 and 276.	
Boy's high handicap game: Matthew Turpen, 240.	
Boy's high handicap series: Brenden Hudgins, 444.	
Girl's high game and series: Chloe Bunton, 71 and 138.	
Girl's high handicap game: Sammy Nordstrom, 206.	
Girl's high handicap series: Sofia Smith, 409.	

Majors	
February 9	
Team 6	55.5 34.5
Woodchucks	53.5 36.5
Pin Wizards	51.5 38.5
300 and one	47 43
Destroyers	45.5 44.5
Kingpins	17 73
Boy's high game and series: Stephen Turpen, 187 and 413.	
Boy's high handicap game: Stephen Turpen, 245.	
Boy's high handicap series: Brett Wambold, 677.	
Girl's high game and series: Raegan Eller, 165 and 454.	
Girl's high handicap game and series: Raegan Eller, 235 and 664.	

Early Bloomers	
February 5	
Tigerlilys	84 36
Violets	75.5 44.5
Marigolds	75.5 44.5
Rosebuds	57 63
Daffodils	50.5 69.5
Mums	50.5 69.5
Bluebells	50 70
Buttercups	33 87
High game and series: Carla Travis, 183 and 483.	
High team game and series: Tigerlilys, 450 and 1,290.	

Wins

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nine points, and Jessica Grove and Sierra Forsythe each added eight points.

The game on Monday, Feb. 4 proved to be a great battle between two Tiger teams when the Hillman Tigers came to town. Alcona took the early 19-15 lead in the first quarter, but Hillman didn't slow down and showed Alcona they came to play.

Alcona had difficulty stopping Hillman offensively and maintaining possession of the ball. The Hillman kept clawing back at Alcona matching them basket for basket eventually taking the 24-23 lead going into the halfway mark.

The second half proved to be more of the same as Alcona struggled to find its own offensive rhythm to distance themselves from the hungry Hillman Tigers. Alcona worked hard to maintain a narrow 37-36 lead to end the third period.

In the fourth quarter, after multiple ties throughout the evening, Hillman made another offensive run which tied the game 52-52 with just seconds left on the clock. The game ended with a beautiful three-point buzzer shot from Alcona Tiger Megan Quick to give Alcona the 55-52 win over Hillman.

"Hillman had our number tonight. We were fortunate to have the lead at the end of the game. We were outplayed in every aspect," Cole said.

Karina Cole led the Tigers with 20 points and five steals. Smith added 16 points and grabbed eight rebounds. Quick added nine points, Kendra Cole made six points and grabbed 11 rebounds. Somers and Walen each added two points. Alcona is 12-2 in regular season play and 3-0 in the Huron Shores Conference. The JV team also brought home a 30-22 win over Hillman. They are now 8-6 for the season.


On Thursday, Feb. 14 both the girls and boys JV teams will travel to Oscoda to take on the Oscoda Owls. The girls will play at 6 p.m. followed by the boys at 7:30 p.m. On Friday, Feb. 15 Alcona High School students will celebrate Winterfest with both girls and boys varsity teams playing at home. The girls will start things off at 6 p.m. followed by the boys at 7:30 p.m.

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 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816


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(on Poor Farm Rd. south of M-72)

Any Questions, call:

Kevin Boyat (335-0307)

Jim Pyne (724-6967 or 8169) See You

Bill Thompson (724-5077) There!



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Great Backyard Bird Count will be held beginning at noon at the Harrisville State Park. Meet at the pavilion parking lot and take a 45 minute walk on the trails to look for winter birds. For more information, visit www.harrisvillenatureclub.com.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18

White Pine Quilt Guild will meet at 6:30 p.m. at Hollyhock Quilt Shoppe, 301 E. Main Street, Harrisville. For more information, call C. Pizer (989) 724-6403.

All ladies are invited to play Bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is an easy game to learn, first-timers are always welcome.

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

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Weight loss support group will meet at the Lincoln United Methodist Church, 101 E. Main Street 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 Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 Main Street. The selection for February is "Destiny of the Republic" by Candice Millard. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Learn the basics of Tai-Chi with KiAnn Kruttlin from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

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WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 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.

American Red Cross blood drive will be held from 12 to 5:45 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 S. Church Street. Appointments preferred, to schedule call (800) RED CROSS or log onto redcrossblood.org, sponsor code: LincolnMI.

Soup and pie dinner will be held from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23), Harrisville. Free will offerings accepted. All proceeds will go toward a new church roof.

U.S. Representative Dan Benishek will be available to constituents from noon to 1 p.m. at Alcona County Office (Law Library), 106 5th Street, Harrisville. No appointment is needed to attend. For more information, call (877) 376-5613.

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Alcona woodcarvers meet from 2 to 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. New club beginners are welcome.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Public Accuracy Tests for the February 26, 2013 Special Election for the Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Educational Service District, Alcona County has been scheduled at the following precincts:

PRECINCT 1

Gustin Twp. Hall

113 S. Second

Lincoln, MI

Feb. 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.

PRECINCT 2

Caledonia Twp. Hall

6461 Gillard Road

Spruce, MI

Feb. 19, 2013 at 9 a.m.

PRECINCT 3

Harrisville Twp. Hall

114 S. Poor Farm Road

Harrisville, MI

Feb. 21, 2013 at 9 a.m.

The Public Accuracy Test is conducted to demonstrate that the computer program used to record and count the votes cast at the election meet the requirements of law.

Patricia Truman

Alcona County Clerk

Alcona Review Weather Report

Feb. 13, 2013

Seven Day Forecast



WEDNESDAY

Mostly Cloudy
High: 35 Low: 23



THURSDAY

Snow Possible
High: 34 Low: 23



FRIDAY

Mostly Cloudy
High: 27 Low: 13



SATURDAY

Mostly Cloudy
High: 21 Low: 10



SUNDAY

Mostly Cloudy
High: 20 Low: 11



MONDAY

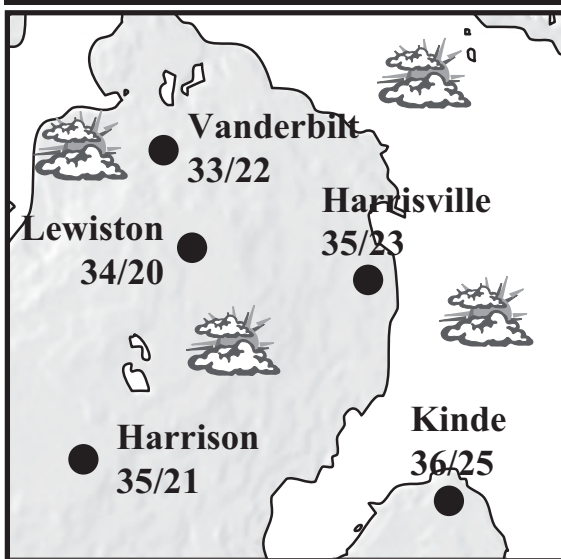
Mostly Cloudy
High: 28 Low: 14



TUESDAY

Partly Cloudy
High: 27 Low: 9

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 35°, humidity of 69%. Southwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 47° set in 1984. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 23°. Southwest wind 5 mph. The record low for tonight is -19° set in 1997.

*Last Week's Almanac

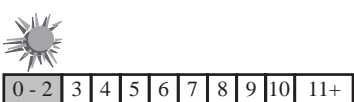
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	19	2	26/8	0.00"
Tuesday	22	-1	26/8	0.08"
Wednesday	24	-7	27/8	0.02"
Thursday	29	21	27/8	0.32"
Friday	25	5	27/8	0.03"
Saturday	28	-9	27/9	0.00"
Sunday	34	3	27/9	0.16"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Wednesday	7:36 a.m.	6:00 p.m.	8:54 a.m.	10:15 p.m.
Thursday	7:34 a.m.	6:01 p.m.	9:23 a.m.	11:18 p.m.
Friday	7:33 a.m.	6:02 p.m.	9:53 a.m.	Next Day
Saturday	7:31 a.m.	6:04 p.m.	10:26 a.m.	12:20 a.m.
Sunday	7:30 a.m.	6:05 p.m.	11:03 a.m.	1:19 a.m.
Monday	7:28 a.m.	6:07 p.m.	11:44 a.m.	2:15 a.m.
Tuesday	7:26 a.m.	6:08 p.m.	12:31 p.m.	3:06 a.m.

Local UV Index



UV Index

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

National Weather Summary This Week



The Northeast will see isolated rain and snow today, mostly clear skies Thursday, isolated snow Friday, with the highest temperature of 51° in Cincinnati, Ohio. The Southeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 84° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see scattered rain and snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 61° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 71° in Fullerton, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:17 a.m.	7:32 p.m.
Venus	7:16 a.m.	4:58 p.m.
Mars	8:15 a.m.	7:09 p.m.
Jupiter	11:45 a.m.	2:51 a.m.
Saturn	12:28 a.m.	10:48 a.m.
Uranus	9:11 a.m.	9:30 p.m.

Weather History

Feb. 13, 1889 - It was the coldest morning of record along the Gulf Coast. The temperature dipped to 7 above zero at New Orleans and Pensacola, Fla. and to -1 degree at Mobile, Alabama. The mercury hit -2 degrees at Tallahassee, the coldest recorded reading for the state of Florida.

Weather Trivia

Does weather affect arthritis?



Answer: Science has not proven this, but many people with arthritis swear it is true.

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Mercury's Week



Copernicus, the Polish astronomer who hypothesized that the Earth revolved around the sun, was said to have lamented on his deathbed (1543) that he had never seen Mercury. Copernicus lived at a latitude similar to northern Maine, and it was difficult for him to see the most elusive of the classical planets. Mercury always hugged the horizon, even in the best of times. I was an adult before I first glimpsed Mercury, but since then I have observed the Messenger God perhaps a 100 times and imaged it on dozens of evenings. I have, however, only seen Mercury twice through a telescope. This week is definitely Mercury's time. Through Feb. 20, Mercury hovers about 10 degrees above the WSW horizon, 30 minutes after sundown. That is a fist held at arm's length above a true horizon. Use binoculars to spot Mercury initially, since there will be plenty of light from a recently set sun. On Monday, look for a razor thin waxing crescent moon about a fist and a half (14 degrees) above the WSW horizon and about five degrees higher and to the right of Mercury. Binoculars should be able to capture the pair in the same field of view. As it gets darker, note the earthshine on the unlit portion of the moon, light from a nearly full Earth reflected back to us from Luna. The clearer the sky, the more conspicuous the earthshine will become. One hour after sunset, the moon will still be nearly 10 degrees high with its ashen light (from Earth) easy to perceive with the unaided eye and absolutely spectacular through binoculars. As it gets darker, turn your attention to the NE where a very familiar star pattern is rising, the Big Dipper. It is not a constellation, because it is only famous as a "dipper" to Americans. Its bowl will be ascending into the night sky followed by its handle, the last star, Alkaid, not quite visible. By 9 p.m. the Dipper stands prominently, mid-sky, in the NE, a beacon to the approaching spring. www.astronomy.org

TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY:** What country lies northwest of Colombia?
- 2. FOOD & DRINK:** What kind of food is fusilli?
- 3. POLITICS:** How many popular votes separated Richard Nixon and John F. Kennedy in the 1960 presidential election?
- 4. LITERATURE:** What 19th-century novel starts with the line, "There was no possibility of taking a walk that day"?
- 5. TELEVISION:** On "Bonanza," what was the name of the character played by Michael Landon?
- 6. GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What was the popular name of the Scottish outlaw Robert MacGregor?
- 7. MEDICINE:** What is the function of the chemical substance called heparin?
- 8. PERSONALITIES:** Who is the chef on the "Barefoot Contessa" cooking show?
- 9. BUSINESS:** Which merchant used the five-and-dime-store concept to create one of the largest retail chains in the world?
- 10. GAMES:** What is the standard weight of a shot put used by men in competition?

Answers: 1. Panama; 2. Pasta; 3. Just more than 100,000; 4. "Jane Eyre," by Charlotte Bronte; 5. Little Joe; 6. Rob Roy; 7. Prevents blood clotting; 8. Ina Garten; 9. F.W. Woolworth; 10. 16 pounds (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword **X-CHANGING**

- ACROSS**
- 1 Original texts: Abbr.
 - 4 Navy VIP
 - 11 Soda giant
 - 20 Kwik-E-Mart clerk
 - 21 In a very angry way
 - 22 "East of Eden" director
 - 23 Jagger and Fleetwood out in a blizzard?
 - 25 Stencil work
 - 26 Inflated self
 - 27 Pay to play
 - 28 Bags used by some opera stars?
 - 29 Faunae counterparts
 - 32 Top draft status
 - 34 Santa — wind
 - 35 Kit — bar
 - 36 King of Thebes gets into a crash?
 - 40 Job detail, briefly
 - 43 Triage areas, briefly
 - 44 Perform the duties of
 - 45 2.0 grades
 - 47 Tibetan city
 - 51 Shia's god
 - 52 Golf course on another planet?
 - 55 Concerning
 - 58 Massey of film
 - 60 Knight's mount
 - 61 "Take — from me ..."
 - 62 Fumigated hair?
 - 65 Pageant adornment
 - 67 Palindromic "before"
 - 68 Silk alternative
 - 69 Opposite of east, in Spanish
 - 72 Of a forearm bone
 - 74 Suffix with 26-Across
 - 75 Actress Teri
 - 79 Dixie rodeo horses?
 - 83 Former New York stadium
 - 85 Is lionlike
 - 88 Nosy one
 - 89 Impostor
 - 90 Hits from a loggerhead?
 - 93 Inserted bud
 - 95 — Gyra
 - 96 Delhi dress
 - 97 Came about
 - 98 Suffix with sheep or owl
 - 101 Just barely
 - 104 Nails for company use?
 - 107 Solicit
 - 110 Rocker Ocasek of the Cars
 - 112 Cellar, in real-estate ads
 - 113 Ump's shout
 - 114 Spanish boy grades test papers?
 - 118 Hurts
 - 121 Little hotel
 - 122 Obsessive zeal for a single thing
 - 123 Big trucks for company use?
 - 127 Have supper
 - 128 Like a hand with fingers spread
 - 129 180 hung by a motorist
 - 130 Most hazardously icy
 - 131 Rebuffed
 - 132 Tpk., e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 Animal throat
 - 2 Sales pitch deliverer
 - 3 Sol and Helios
 - 4 With 5-Down, hang on a clothesline
 - 5 See 4-Down
 - 6 Papa's other half
 - 7 "To put — a nutshell ..."
 - 8 Pastors
 - 9 Ethylene or propylene
 - 10 Fleur-de- —
 - 11 Soccer icon
 - 12 Kagan of the Supreme Court
 - 13 Rock climbers' spikes
 - 14 Petty tyrant
 - 15 Prez Eisenhower and singer Turner
 - 16 Irene of "Fame" fame
 - 17 Novelist Cynthia
 - 18 Sri —
 - 19 Teen turmoil
 - 24 TV actress Spelling
 - 28 Givers' opposites
 - 29 Rival
 - 30 "Be — and help me out!"
 - 31 Big name in ancient geometry
 - 33 Nero's "Lo!"
 - 37 Shower area
 - 38 Western cry
 - 39 Split-off group
 - 41 Pipe shape
 - 42 Potted "pet"
 - 46 Drags to court
 - 48 Rabbit ears
 - 49 Downhiller's accessory
 - 50 Attack with evil reports
 - 51 Golfer Isao —
 - 52 Create
 - 53 Irish actor Stephen
 - 54 QB's pickups
 - 55 Aids
 - 56 Bad traffic accident
 - 57 Walking shakily
 - 59 S.Sgt., e.g.
 - 63 He was attached to Chang
 - 64 Leaky tire sound
 - 66 "Ben- —" (1959)
 - 70 Exceeds
 - 71 Spain loc.
 - 73 Hay holder
 - 76 "Chances —"
 - 77 Pull an oar
 - 78 Fan noises
 - 80 Big striped cat, in Spain
 - 81 Grinders
 - 82 Saucy
 - 84 Razor name
 - 86 Broccoli —
 - 87 Surgeon's duds
 - 91 Filming area
 - 92 Lip smack
 - 94 Fancy party
 - 97 Fighting a common viral illness
 - 98 "Agreed"
 - 99 Kept from scoring any points
 - 100 Pres. after FDR
 - 102 Fashion giant Giorgio
 - 103 Senator Feinstein
 - 105 Devotee's declaration
 - 106 Song in an opera
 - 107 Pinnacles
 - 108 Tideland
 - 109 Kunta —
 - 111 Blubbers
 - 115 Body of laws
 - 116 Not include
 - 117 Go- —
 - 119 Bird's perch
 - 120 Natural wound cover
 - 123 Photo — (Kodak moments)
 - 124 Summer, in Lyons
 - 125 Sm.-lge. link
 - 126 The "S" of DOS: Abbr.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE
by Samantha Weaver

- It was British author Oscar Wilde who made the following sage observation: "Some cause happiness wherever they go; others whenever they go."
- Those who study such things say that if you drink 100 cups of coffee in a row, it's likely to kill you.
- You might have heard that George Washington's dentures were made of wood, but in fact, they were made of hippopotamus ivory.
- In 1900, a prairie dog colony was found in Texas. That's not surprising -- prairie dogs are fairly common out West -- but this colony was unique. Researchers say it was the largest colony ever discovered, providing a home to 400 million prairie dogs and stretching over 25,000 square miles.

- If you've read "Alice in Wonderland" or seen any of the numerous adaptations of it, you probably know about the Mad Hatter. But did you ever wonder why he was mad? It seems that haberdashers (those who make hats) at one time used mercury to cure the felt they needed for the hats. Long-term exposure to mercury causes madness, hence the phrase "mad as a hatter."

- Martin Van Buren was the first president to be born a citizen of the United States.

- To earn a world record, a woman named Sonya Thomas ate 65 hard-boiled eggs in 6 minutes, 40 seconds.

- The female long-tailed shrew gives birth to exactly one litter of pups in her lifetime -- and promptly dies.

- Our modern word "salary" comes from the Latin "salarium," or "salt money." Salarium was the monthly wages given to Roman soldiers in ancient times -- paid in salt.

Thought for the Day: "Politicians and diapers have one thing in common. They should both be changed regularly, and for the same reason." -- Jose Maria de E•a de Queiroz

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MOMENTS IN TIME
The History Channel

- On March 1, 1692, in Salem Village in the Massachusetts Bay Colony, three women are charged with the illegal practice of witchcraft after two young girls experienced fits and other mysterious maladies. During the next few months, area residents incriminated more than 150 women and men.

- On Feb. 27, 1864, the first Union inmates begin arriving at Andersonville prison in Georgia. Andersonville became synonymous with death as nearly a quarter of its inmates died in captivity. Confederate camp commander Henry Wirz was executed after the war for brutality and mistreatment under his command.

- On March 2, 1917, President Woodrow Wilson signs the Jones-Shafroth Act, under which Puerto Rico became a U.S. territory and Puerto Ricans were granted statutory citizenship. As citizens, Puerto Ricans could now join the U.S. Army, but few chose to do so. After Wilson signed a compulsory military service act two months later, however, 20,000 Puerto Ricans were drafted to serve during World War I.

- On Feb. 26, 1928, R&B legend Antoine "Fats" Domino is born in New Orleans. His most memorable hit was "Blueberry Hill" in 1956. After Hurricane Katrina, he was reported missing from his home in the Lower Ninth Ward, but luckily had been rescued early in the storm.

- On March 3, 1952, in a 6-3 decision, the U.S. Supreme Court upholds a New York state statute (the Feinberg Law) that prohibits communists from teaching in public schools. The law remained in force until another Supreme Court decision in 1967 declared most of its provisions unconstitutional.

- On Feb. 25, 1964, 22-year-old Cassius Clay dethrones heavyweight boxing champ Sonny Liston in a seventh-round technical knockout. Clay had predicted he would "float like a butterfly, sting like a bee" to defeat Liston, the 8-1 favorite.

- On Feb. 28, 1983, the celebrated sitcom "M*A*S*H" bows out after 11 seasons. Its title came from the initials for the "Mobile Army Surgical Hospital," an isolated forward compound that received wounded soldiers and was staffed by the show's cast of doctors and nurses.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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CALEDONIA TWP. ORDINANCE

Caledonia Township County of Alcona, Michigan Cemetery Ordinance No. 13-001

Definitions of Burial Plots and Burial Spaces

The cemetery is divided into three (3) sections. The original and first addition have burial spaces measuring eight feet by four feet and the second addition has burial spaces measuring 10 feet by four feet.

A. Each burial space shall cost one hundred fifty dollars (\$150).
 B. The township board may periodically alter the foregoing fees to accommodate increased costs.
Grave Opening Charges

A. The Township will not be responsible for the opening and closing of graves.

B. Grave opening charges shall be handled through funeral directors.

C. On gravesites containing an existing stone which cannot be moved by hand for burial, the additional cost to move and replace the existing stone shall be handled through the funeral director.

D. Damages to grave markers are not the responsibility of the township.

Markers or Memorials

A. All markers or memorials must be made of stone or other equally durable composition.
 B. Any large, upright monuments must be located upon a suitable solid foundation to maintain the same, in an erect position.

Internment Regulations

A. Only one (1) person may be buried in a burial space except for one (1) parent and infant, or two

(2) children buried at the same time, or the remains of two (2) cremated bodies. Only one (1) headstone may be used on each burial space.

B. The appropriate permit for the burial space involved, together with appropriate identification of the person to be buried therein, where necessary, shall be presented to the township clerk/cemetery sexton prior to interment. The funeral director shall furnish the township clerk/cemetery sexton with a death certificate and burial location.

C. All burial spaces shall be located in an orderly and neat appearing manner within the confines of the burial plot involved.
 D. A burial space owner may sell or gift a burial space to another individual after notifying the township clerk/cemetery sexton. The township clerk/cemetery sexton will then transfer the burial space to the new owner.

Ground Maintenance

A. No trees shall be planted. Flowers and small shrubs may be planted at owner's risk.

B. The township board reserves the right to remove or trim any tree, plant or shrub located within the cemetery in the interest of maintaining proper appearance and use of the cemetery.

C. The township board shall have the right and authority to remove and dispose of any and all growth, emblems, displays or containers, that through decay, deterioration, damage or otherwise become unsightly, a source of litter, or a maintenance problem.
 D. Mounds, which hinder the free

use of a lawn mower or other gardening apparatus, are prohibited.

E. All refuse of any kind including dried flowers, wreaths, papers, and flower containers, among others, must be removed and disposed of properly.

F. Artificial, cut or potted flowers, wreaths, and grave blankets are permissible. Grave blankets can be affixed after October 1 and removed by May 15.

G. Future permanent retaining walls are prohibited.

Records

The township clerk/cemetery sexton shall maintain records concerning all burials, and or burial permits, separate and apart from any records of the township, and the same shall be open to public inspection at all reasonable business hours.

Cemetery Hours

A. The cemetery shall be open to the general public during daylight hours. No person shall be permitted in the township cemetery at any other time without permission of the township board.

B. Access to the cemetery is seasonal — the roads are not plowed in the winter.

C. All unauthorized off-road vehicles are prohibited in the cemetery at all times.

This ordinance shall become effective 30 days after its publication as required by law.

Resolution to adopt was passed at the regular meeting February 6, 2013, of the Caledonia Township Board. Five ayes, zero nays.

Helen Timm

Caledonia Township Clerk

BOARD OF REVIEW

2013 Board of Review Notice Hawes Township VFW Post 8135, 2120 Trask Lake Road Barton City, MI 48705

The Hawes Township Board of Review for 2013 will be held at the VFW Post, 2120 Trask Lake Road, on the following dates:
 March 11, 2013 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 March 15, 2013 9 a.m.-12 p.m. & 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2013 at 7 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2013 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 11, 2013.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

Agricultural	49.92	1.00000
Commercial	49.57	1.00000
Industrial	49.52	1.00000
Residential	49.14	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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 2/13 thru 2/27

2013 Board of Review Notice Harrisville Township 114 S. Poor Farm Road Harrisville, MI 48740

The Harrisville Township Board of Review for 2013 will be held at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 S. Poor Farm Road, on the following dates:

March 12, 2013 9 a.m.- 3 p.m.
 March 14, 2013 3 p.m.- 9 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2013 at 8 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2013 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 12, 2013.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

Agricultural	49.78	1.00000
Commercial	49.90	1.00000
Industrial	49.36	1.00000
Residential	49.58	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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 2/13 thru 2/27

2013 Board of Review Notice City of Harrisville City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street Harrisville, MI 48740

The City of Harrisville Board of Review for 2013 will be held at the City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street, on the following dates:

March 12, 2013 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
 March 14, 2013 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2013 at 10:15 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2013 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 12, 2013.

Commercial	49.68	1.00000
Industrial	49.96	1.00000
Residential	49.98	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Ellen L. Miller, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to Wells Fargo Bank, NA, mortgagee, dated July 26, 2006, and recorded on September 25, 2006 in Liber 435 on page 612, and modified by affidavit or order executed on January 7, 2013 and recorded on January 7, 2013 in Liber 494 on page 707, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-eight thousand four hundred thirty-five and 12/100 dollars (\$68,435.12).

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 February 27, 2013.

Said premises are situated in City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and is described as follows:

Parts of Sections 11 and 12, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, more fully described as follows: Commencing at the southeast corner of said Section 11; thence north 01 degrees 54 minutes 12 seconds west, along the section line common to Section 11 and 12, 891.11 feet (previously recorded as north 01

degrees 21 minutes 16 seconds west), to a found 1/2 inch rerod; thence north 02 degrees 00 minutes 26 seconds west, along said section line, 199.89 feet, to a 1/2 inch rerod; thence north 79 degrees 30 minutes 16 seconds west, 21.00 feet (previously recorded as north 81 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds west), to a found 1/2 inch rerod; thence north 00 degrees 17 minutes 37 seconds west, 132.00 feet, (previously recorded as north 00 degrees 21 minutes 27 seconds east), to a found 1/2 inch rerod at the south line of Church Street; thence south 82 degrees 39 minutes 30 seconds east, along said Church Street, 82.73 feet, to a found 1/2 inch rerod; thence south 07 degrees 43 minutes 50 seconds west, parallel to Eighth Street, 329.23 feet; to a found 1/2 inch rerod at the south line of Lot 5 extended; thence north 82 degrees 42 minutes 29 seconds west, along said lot line extension, 9.51 feet, to the point of beginning. Contains 0.34 acres of land more or less.

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.

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Dated: January 30, 2013
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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by James A. Rowden, unmarried man, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated March 14, 2007 and recorded March 15, 2007 in Liber 440, page 379, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thirteen thousand two hundred thirty-four and 53/100 dollars (\$113,234.53) including interest at 4 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 February 27, 2013. Said premises are located in the town-

ship of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel 1 - That part of the south 15 acres of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of the above described parcel, thence south 150 feet along the centerline of Cruzen Road, thence west 280 feet, thence north 150 feet, thence east 280 feet to the point of beginning. And Parcel 2: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 8 East; thence south 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds west, along the east line of said section and centerline of Cruzen Road, 799.44 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 89 degrees 35 minutes 11 seconds west, 280.00 feet; thence south 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds west 30.00 feet; thence south 89 degrees 35 minutes 11 seconds east, along the north line of the south 15 acres of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of said section, 280.00 feet, thence north 00 degrees 01 minutes 12 seconds east, along the east line of said section and centerline, 30.00 feet to the point beginning. Said parcel being a part of the

northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 4, Town 25 North, Range 8 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. 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: January 30, 2013
Orlans Associates, PC.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 12-513484
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Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William Rudnik and Darlene Rudnik, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, mortgagee, dated May 11, 2009, and recorded on May 18, 2009 in Liber 461 on page 1,278, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is

claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thirty-eight thousand nine hundred thirty-two and 86/100 dollars (\$138,932.86).

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 March 6, 2013.

Said premises are situated in township of Mitchell, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The E 2/3rds of the E 1/2 of the SE 1/4 of Sec 36, T27N, R6E. 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: February 6, 2013
For more information, please call:
(248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
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Mortgage Sale

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

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Notice is hereby given that Default has occurred in the following mortgages: 1. Mortgage given by Brenda K. Bianchi, to the United States of America, acting through the Farmers Home Administration, United States Department of Agriculture dated September 30, 1991 and recorded on October 2, 1991 in Liber 244 on pages 112 to 115 of the Alcona County records; said mortgage was subsequently assumed by Joanne H. Higgins; and 2. Mortgage given by Joanne H. Higgins, to the United State of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture dated February 20, 1998 and was recorded on February 20, 1998 in Liber 315, on pages 441 through 446 of the Alcona County records (collectively referred to as the mortgages).

No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now eighty-six thousand three hundred thirty-five and 93/100 (\$86,335.93) dollars. The mortgages will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The sale will be held on March 13, 2013 at 10 a.m., local time, at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan which is the location of the Alcona County circuit court. The property will be sold to pay the amount then

due on the mortgages, including interest at the rate of 6.75 percent per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in Harrisville Township, Alcona County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the mortgages as: Lot 13 Klein's Green Hills, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 161-62, Alcona County records. The redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale unless the property is deemed to be abandon pursuant to MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period will expire thirty (30) days from the date of the sale or until the time to provide the notice required by MCL 600.3241a (c) expires, whichever is later. Please be advised that under MCL 600.3278, if the property is actually sold at a foreclosure sale pursuant to the procedures provided in MCL 600.3200 et. seq., as is currently anticipated by this notice of mortgage sale, then in such event, the borrower will be 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: January 30, 2013
United States of America,
Acting through the Rural Development Agency F/K/A the Rural Housing Service, of the United States Department of Agriculture
Prepared by: John R. Tucker, Esq. P-37348
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Notice to Creditors

In the matter of Donald O. Collier and Nancy J. Collier Trust u/a/d October 4, 1995

To all creditors:
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Donald O. Collier, who lived at 1961 Sunrise Drive, Greenbush, Michigan 48738, died January 23, 2013.

Creditors of the deceased settler of the Trust, Donald O. Collier, are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to the attorney for the trust, Philip J. Curtis, P.O. Box 766, Jackson, Michigan 49204, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: February 5, 2013
Philip J. Curtis P12412
P.O. Box 766
Jackson, Mich. 49204
(517) 787-9481
William V. Collier
3930 Forest Edge Dr.
Commerce Township, Mich. 48382
(248) 685-3016

BOARD OF REVIEW

2013 Board of Review Notice Mitchell Township 6849 W Tower Road, Curran, MI 48728

The Mitchell Township Board of Review for 2013 will be held at the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 Tower Road, on the following dates:

March 11, 2013 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. - 4 p.m.
March 13, 2013 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2013 at 1:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2013 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 11, 2013.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	49.55	1.00000
Industrial	49.52	1.00000
Residential	49.93	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact: Supervisor Gregory Murnock at (989) 848-5610.
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2013 Board of Review Notice Millen Township Barton City FOE 4141, 671 N Sanborn Road Barton City, MI 48705

The Millen Township Board of Review for 2013 will be held at the Barton City FOE, 671 N Sanborn Road on the following dates:

March 12, 2013 3 p.m. - 9 p.m.
March 16, 2013 9 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and p.m. - 4 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2013 at 4:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2013 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 12, 2013.

The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

Agricultural	49.76	1.00000
Commercial	49.30	1.00000
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Feb. 4 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those present included: President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Somers and Stutzman. Absent: Council member Kristin Lask. Also present were several guests and attorney Cook. The minutes of the January meeting were approved on a motion from Healy with support from Gauthier. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Gauthier with support from Stutzman.

Laurie Ames from Up North Prevention and Catholic Human Services addressed the council. She presented a proclamation for review that designates April as Social Host Awareness Month. Council will be able to look over and decide in the future if they would like to adopt the proclamation. She gave information about a project for disposal of drugs that will accept prescription drugs. The program is called the Big Red Barrel project and will be kept onsite at the Alcona Sheriff's Office. She shared a packet of informational papers that are being given to retailers that sell alcohol including bars and stores. The hope is to make it easier to recognize underage consumers and prevent sales of alcohol to minors.

Leroy Hall, fire chief, gave his report. He said the month has been relatively quiet. He has been working on fire contracts for the upcoming budget year. In public comment time Phil Phillips stated that he is hoping to get involved in working around the village. He and his wife, Vickie, recently moved into their new home on Brownlee Lake. He would like to see some new sand put down at the beach site in the spring. President Jordan stated that we need to rake the site good and have a major cleanup before getting more sand. Mary will look into seeing about getting the local Boy Scout troops involved in helping.

Richard Somers gave his sewer and street reports. Things are going well in both areas. He contacted the company to provide striping our roads in the spring. He will get them the figures for mileage so

that he can report back with figures. Dick stated there will be some patching done along Second Street in the spring. President Jordan asked Dick to order salt for the next winter in March each year. He stated that the road commission orders early and we need to get our order in on a timely basis.

President Jordan gave a presentation about the upcoming movie "Lincoln" that will be shown at Alcona High School on February 12. The doors will open at 5 p.m. with period music being presented by the Swollen Fingers Band. The movie is very well received and it is up for several awards. It is free and everyone is encouraged to attend. Following the movie a short discussion time will be held.

In old business, Stutzman asked about the status of the budget hearing. We will have our March 4 meeting start at 6:30 p.m. in order to review the proposed budget. Gauthier has received information regarding the possibility of funds coming from the Alcona Athletic Association and the Little League Association to help offset the cost of finishing the new ball field. Dick will be looking into another avenue for funds too. Healy gave an update on the Let's Move program in which she is a liaison. She will be attending her first meeting soon at the Harrisville library. She will give an update at the next meeting.

In new business, Somers had to have a new tire put on the loader this past week. Stutzman continues to check on the Flights of Imagination Playground and said things look good. President Jordan gave his report. He thanked David James for all his work on snow removal on the sidewalks in the village. David does not want to keep the job permanently so Leroy LaLonde will be taking over the duties. Thanks go to Kenny LaLonde for all his help and hard work on the village equipment recently. Jordan would like to see about getting another new tire for the loader so that we will have a matched set and a spare. Thanks to the road commission for its help in procuring new emergency lights at a decent price for our equipment.

The old red pickup was sold for \$2,000 earlier this month. Thanks to Ray Somers for all his help around the village over the past several years. Huron Community Bank manager K.C. Kevitch has approached president Jordan regarding helping with raising funds for the Little League ball field during the month of March. These funds will help raise money for the fencing project there. President Jordan gave an update on the facade grant. He said we have to create a Principal Shopping District along Traverse Bay State Road to make sure we qualify for all four businesses involved. Currently, our attorney David Cook will look over the paperwork and Denise Cline will look at whether we need to update our Master Plan.

A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Somers, to contract with Denise Cline to amend our Master Plan for the village to include a Principal Shopping District along Traverse Bay State Road from Lake Street to Barlow Road. Motion carried. Bonny Gauthier will take over for Phil while he is gone for next month's meetings. We need to look at charges and fees as part of the planning and zoning ordinances. These fees include charges for fires, et cetera. It has been brought to our attention that it is illegal to allow camping in Barlow Road Park. It is a violation unless changes are made. Those changes would have to be made to conform it to a regular campground. In its current condition it is not allowable.

A letter was received from Philip Naylor to apply for the open council position. Mr. Naylor had chosen not to run in the November election. He stated that he would like to come back on. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Healy, to appoint Philip Naylor to the open position of Village Council Member. Motion carried. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Gauthier with support from Healy. Motion carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman. Motion carried.

Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Ed Roddy called the board meeting to order on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Eight guests were present who joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Roddy, clerk David Dailey, treasurer Pat Dailey, trustee Sally Olin and trustee Gary Abraham. Motion to approve the agenda as submitted. All ayes, motion carried. Motion to change presentation of bills from treasurer Dailey to clerk Dailey and to approve the minutes as amended. All ayes, motion carried.

Financial report: \$55 received from ACCOA, \$75 from Neiman for restitution balance of \$31,849.24; financial report was read. Treasurer Dailey stated she will be in office February 14 and 28 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dog licenses will be accepted until the end of month then contact the county. Sixty-eight percent winter and 94 percent summer taxes have been collected. Fund balances presented. Motion Dailey/Olin: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. All ayes, motion carried.

Clerk Dailey presented checks 14,756 to 14,795 totaling \$19,926.65. Trustee Abraham questioned amounts for software, clerk Dailey explained yearly updates, assessing software, new payroll module from Pontem and fire department software are all necessary to keep current and to repair past problems. Motion Dailey/Olin: To approve the bills are presented. All ayes, motion carried. Miscellaneous reports: County Commissioner Brummund -- move still in progress, still working on township siren, grant moneys and funding discussed. Fire chief Franks -- nine first responder calls and one fire call; questions and discussion on social security versus pension plan for fire fighters; clerk Dailey explained pay issues will be discussed at another meeting with chief Franks, fire department officers and the board at a workshop. Zoning administrator Major -- turned in report, zero permits pulled, one complaint, four issues to attorney Cook. Hall rentals, no report. Assessor Schwickert will post board of review meeting in Alcona Review, township hall and clerk and treasurer's offices; addressed to board with procedures to follow for Industrial Development Tax Abatement. G.R.A.C. -- clerk inspected the seawall and will get bids out for repair this month. Planning commission, master plan questionnaires are being returned.

Correspondence: Supervisor --NEMCOG had letter to advise public of Michigan transportation planning and questions meeting in Alpena at 211 North 1st Street on February 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. Clerk -- phragmites info discussion will be put in the newsletter and more information at a later date, Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs February 13 meeting see clerk Dailey for more information. Miscellaneous -- Mark Parent introduced.

Pending Business: Industrial Development Tax Abatement: Resolution 2013-1 minutes of a regular meeting of the township board of the township of Greenbush, County of Alcona, Michigan, held at the Greenbush Township Hall on February 5, 2013 at 7 p.m., prevailing local time. Present: Members Ed Roddy, David Dailey, Sara Olin, Patricia Dailey and Gary Abraham, absent none. The following preamble and resolution were offered by member Patricia Dailey, supported by member David Dailey whereas, Public Act 198 of 1974 amended allows a governing body to establish an Industrial Development District. Whereas, a request to establish an Industrial Development District was made to this township board on August 2, 2011. Whereas, the public hearing was held on February 5, 2013. Township board resolution. Now, therefore, be it resolved that the township of Greenbush does hereby estab-

lish an Industrial Development District for the SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 31, Town 25 North Range 9 East. Motion Dailey/Dailey: To adopt the resolution as presented. All ayes, motion carried. Resolution declared adopted.

Much discussion about the advantages. Any questions from public can be discussed at the March 12 regular meeting. Update Greenbush Township board policies. Possible new board policies were available to be discussed policy changes tabled until March 12 meeting. To accept Campbell, Kusterer & Co., P.C. as our auditing firm. Much discussion about two year audits, Clerk Dailey was able to change the contract from five audit years to three audit years. Motion Dailey/Abraham: To have Campbell, Kusterer & Co., P.C. to do our next three audit year audits at a cost of \$2,600 for each audit year. All ayes, motion carried. Retain CPA to assist with back F65, 941 and IRS returns, and any other accounting type forms that are required by county, state or federal government.

Clerk Dailey informed many required county, state and federal items are behind and the information cannot be found, he was advised by attorney Cook to hire a CPA, much discussion. Motion Olin/Dailey: To retain CPA to assist with back F65, W3, 1028, 941, IRS returns and any other accounting type forms that are required by the county, state or the federal government with the cost not to exceed \$10,000. Roll call vote: Ayes -- clerk Dailey, Roddy, Olin, treasurer Dailey; nays -- Abraham. Motion carried. Pension plan requires administrator and two trustees. Clerk Dailey discussed need to update employee pension information. Motion Dailey/Abraham: For David W. Dailey, township clerk, to be administrator and David W. Dailey, township clerk, and Edward W. Roddy, township supervisor, be the trustees for the Greenbush Township pension plan. All ayes, motion carried.

New business: Supervisor Roddy discussed information from road commission meeting. From the floor: Commissioner Brummund questioned abatement inclusions, audit terms, auditor when forms were missing, total amount due. Assessor Schwickert asked about future meetings. Motion Dailey/Dailey: To move the township meetings to the second Tuesday of the month. All ayes, motion carried.

Trustee Abraham asked about street lights being replaced. Supervisor Roddy has turned in the ones that he knows, please call him with any street lights that are out so they can be fixed. Thank you for staying on top of the information from road commission. Treasurer Dailey next budget workshop meeting February 19 at 9 a.m. Assessor Schwickert reminded about the Truth in Taxation paperwork. Motion Abraham/Dailey: To adjourn at 9 p.m. All ayes, motion carried.

David W. Dailey
Greenbush Township Clerk
Published prior to board approval. Next regular scheduled meeting Tuesday, March 12 at 7 p.m. at the township hall.

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