



Free family event offers food, entertainment and resources

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Where can kids and parents go together to have fun and share a meal -- for free? To the next Alcona County Family Fun Night on Thursday, March 14 at the Alcona High School.

The program, hosted by the Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention for Alcona County

(CANPAC) council, is designed for Alcona County parents and children in sixth grade and under to unite for an evening of togetherness, food, and entertainment.

Children will be greeted by the Cat in the Hat who will be handing out bookmarks. A dinner of grilled chicken sandwiches, salad and fruit will start at 5:30 p.m. Food

will be served on a first come first served basis, until supply or time runs out. No reservations necessary.

Between dinner and the entertainment portion of the evening, an assortment of service organizations will provide an array of parenting and well being resources.

The main entertainment for the evening features magician Mike Maturen who will perform in the auditorium beginning at 6:15 p.m. In addition to the magical entertainment, speakers, Clint Bohlen, Cori Upper and dietician, Judy MacNeill, will share their knowledge with parents regarding children's health and welfare through short, informative speeches.

The fun will continue with a surprise performance for children, free book giveaways and board game door prizes will be given away to help encourage family togetherness time at home.

Tamara Quick, coordinator of the Family Fun Night and CANPAC council member said, "It's just a really great evening for the whole family to enjoy. Last year we served 211 meals, with many more in attendance for the entertainment portion of the evening. We expect nearly every child attending to receive a free book.

She said there will be about 10 agencies attending the event to share resources that families may find helpful. Some of the agencies include the Michigan Department of Human Services, Alcona Health Center - Tiger Health Extension and dental clinic and the Great Start Collaborative.

Quick explained many resources donated funds, equipment or volunteers to pull off the annual event including Alcona Community Schools, the Alcona County Library, NEMCSA Head-Start/Early Head Start, Lincoln Lions, Knights of Columbus, St. Anne Catholic

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Alcona firefighter receives recognition from peers

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Becoming a firefighter wasn't something Cathy Dettling aspired to, but once she was given the opportunity to help her community she has become a dedicated member of the Alcona Township Fire Department who has been recognized by her peers for her determination, leadership and willingness to serve and educate.

On Saturday, Feb. 16 Dettling was awarded Firefighter of the Year 2012 by the Thunder Bay Firefighter's Association at its annual dinner meeting in Alpena. In addition to being recognized by her peers, Dettling also received a plaque, \$500 from Top of Michigan Insurance of Alpena for her department to be used at her discretion and also \$75 from Top O' Michigan of Alpena for her personal use. Dettling selected the Alcona County Dive/Rescue Team as the recipient of the \$500 donation.

Dettling has been a member of the Alcona Township Fire Department (ATFD) for 23 years. She holds the rank of captain at ATFD Station 1 (located on US-23 in Black River) and is the department medical officer who is responsible for all medical operations, supplies, policies and standard operating guidelines. She is a member of the Alcona County Dive Team and teaches Medical First Responder and Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) certification.

Her involvement with the fire department began after seeing an advertisement in the local newspaper. Dettling was raised in Ann Arbor, Mich. She graduated from Manchester High School in 1980 and when her parents retired to Alcona County, she followed them.

She was doing odd jobs - cleaning, lawn work - and looking for a full time job when she saw the ad looking for volunteers. Little did she know then, that answering that ad to volunteer she would find her life's calling and, eventually, a full time job - as a volunteer and as an employee of the Alcona County EMS (ambulance service).

Dettling applied to and was

hired by the Alcona Township Fire Department (a volunteer department) in June 1990. She officially joined the department two months later as a trainee and completed her Firefighter I training in 1992 and Firefighter 2 training in 1993. From the start, Dettling was hooked. "It was exciting... something new... something different," she said.

It was also challenging both mentally and physically. "Because of my height and stature, some of the revolutions - training aspects - were hard for me," Dettling said of learning to handle ladders, hoses and simulated rescues during certification training. "But, we work as a team and we were able to work things through."

In 1993 Dettling also trained and was certified as a Medical First Responder. In 1994 she began working at the Harrisville station of the Alcona County EMS.

Dettling appreciated the support and family-like atmosphere that comes with being involved with the firefighting community. "It's a good group of people. They are very supportive. It's like a whole other family and we look out for each other. I'm lucky. I have two families - my fire department family and my Medical First Responder family."



Cathy Dettling, captain of the Alcona Township Fire Department Station 1, is the Thunder Bay Fire Fighter Association's Fire Fighter of the Year. She has been a member of the Alcona Township Fire Department for 23 years. This photograph was taken in 2006 when she was a lieutenant. *Courtesy photo.*

In 1996 Dettling trained for and became certified as an Emergency Medical Technician (EMT) in June and in September became certified as an EMT specialist. In 2006 she earned the certification as an instructor/coordinator

so she can educate others as Medical First Responders and EMTs. "I got into this because it was needed. I found something I liked and enjoyed. I liked helping people," Dettling said.

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Alcona fans watch quietly, for the moment, as the Tigers take on an out-of-town opponent. For how the basketball season played out for both the girls and boys teams, see pages 10 and 11. *Photo by Pat Brussel.*

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Death Notice

Jerome Sanborn

Jerome Sanborn, 96, of Barton City, died Monday, March 4, 2013 at his son's home in Mesquite, Texas.

Visitation will be at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln, on Monday, March 11 from 4 until 8 p.m. Visitation will continue at Calvary Baptist Church in Mikado on Tuesday, March 12 from 10 until the funeral service at 11 a.m. Rev. Tim Steiner will officiate.

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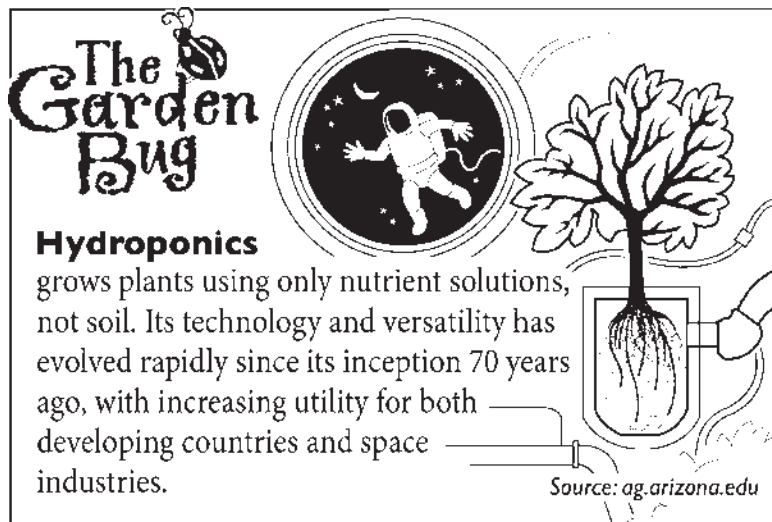
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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
I'm sure my opinion will offend many, but I am offended by much of the recent local politics so here it goes.

I think it is really sad that so few voters supported the school enhancement millage, but what is even sadder to me is this American attitude that educating our future citizens is not that important.

Fortunately, most of us

won't be around long enough to realize the damage we are doing. You don't get instant gratification from long term investment. It seems, anymore, it is every man for himself. Let's be honest, we have truly become a greedy nation. The future of public schooling is at stake and if we don't invest in educating our youth now, we will be

supporting them later in prison, and that is the brutal reality.

The very vocal squeaky wheels who expressed their opinion at the informational school forum on February 21 got their grease, but stay tuned because our local school deficit situation will resurface soon enough.

Tammy Ranger
Harrisville

To the Editor,

I am purposely sending this letter after the millage vote has been decided as I think the citizens of Alcona should make these important decisions. However, I want to make sure I understand Alcona's school situation: 1.) State funding has been reduced from \$7,359 to \$6,966 over eight years (five percent). I believe school employees have had to pay a portion of their pension and

insurance that they never had to pay before. Does the co-pay offset the funding reduction?

2.) Student count is down from 1,048 to 779—(26 percent). Cost reductions have been made but have they achieved a 26 percent savings? What is the projected enrollment in 10 years? What revenue enhancements are contemplated -- shared programs/expenses with other districts, alternate use

of space, et cetera?

3.) Proposed enhancement millage will cost Alcona taxpayers \$1,529,056 and will return \$796,917 to Alcona schools.

It seems like the school's efforts have to be directed at point two above if they are to be effective. Please correct any mistaken assumptions I have.

Mike Fritz
Naples, Fla. and
Harrisville

To the Editor,

Seventy-five percent of voters said no. The school communities are disappointed. The AMA-ESD superintendent states that it will be up to each school district to solve its own problems. Alpena paints a dismal picture of the glass half-empty with a large leak, and possibly the only saviors are charter schools. Atlanta is painting a picture of the glass half-full, kids using new iPads, the sun coming up and the robins headed north. Atlanta has gone from \$368,000 deficit in May 2012 to a \$132,000 balance. Atlanta and Hillman would love to have additional funding, but they are operat-

ing within their means.

If you are looking for a real eye opener go online to Mackinac Center and review contracts. Read the fine print and if you don't understand, ask the school board. An example is Alcona School Board agreed to pay the superintendent an additional \$2,500 for each union contract negotiated.

Funding or lack of, is only part of the education process. We need new eyes, new thoughts and new leadership. If the boards, administrators, unions, private contractors, and individuals are not willing to look at and evaluate all options then they need to resign, retire, or get

out of the way.

Let's really put Our Kids 1st. Those who wrote letters to editors stressing it was our obligation, our moral responsibility, money could not be an issue, and et cetera to include "Man-Up" and do the right thing. You are encouraged to go ahead and send your donation to the school of your choice. It is tax deductible.

Let's organize a group of area professionals and look at all aspects of funding and make recommendations to the school districts and Lansing with the end result being quality education at affordable prices for all.

Ken Short
Harrisville

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2012-2013

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Feb. 24	38	21	0.00	0.6	13	N
Feb. 25	33	30	0.00	0.6	9	SSW
Feb. 26	36	30	0.01	12.1	30	ENE
Feb. 27	34	33	0.15	16.0	28	ENE
Feb. 28	34	26	0.15	10.5	31	NNE
March 1	27	22	0.00	8.6	29	NNE
March 2	25	16	0.00	5.1	24	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)		20012-2013	
Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content	
Weekly Total	0.31	1.1	0.37
Month of February	1.28	15.9	1.35
March to Date	0.00	0.00	0.12
Year/Season to Date	4.00	32.3	3.23

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

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

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.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena Council will hold its membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena, at the corner of Brooke and Connon near Diamonds Pointe. Lunch will be served. Bring a can of food for the needy. For reservations, call (989) 356-4959 or (989) 727-4080.

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 info., call (989) 736-8879.

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

Sing-a-long at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road, Greenbush. For more information, 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.

Join John Webster from Tait's Bill of Fare for a cooking demonstration at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 East Main Street at noon. Cost is \$5 per person. Call (989) 724-6796 to register.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7

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.

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

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 info., call (989) 724-6796.

FRIDAY, MARCH 8

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

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SATURDAY, MARCH 9

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

My Brother's Hope will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). Lunch will be served. For more info, call Susan Armstrong (989) 724-6365.

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Get Crafty for Adults from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 East Main Street. The project for March is basic oil painting, part one, with Kathleen Baker. There is a \$5 charge. Call, (989) 724-6796 to register.

TUESDAY, MARCH 12

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.

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The Alcona Democrats will hold an informal breakfast meeting at the Iron Skillet Restaurant in Lincoln. Members and nonmembers are welcome, for good food and pleasant conversation.

Sing-a-long at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

The AuSable Valley Audubon will meet at 7 p.m. at Tawas High School library, 255 M-55. Bob and Em Kemnitz will present a program on bluebirds in preparation for the Spring arrival in April. Everyone is welcome.

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Bank Helps Baby Pantry

The Huron Community Bank branches of Harrisville and Lincoln partnered with Alcona County Baby Pantry to raise funds and community awareness during the month of January. KC Kevitch, branch manager in Harrisville and Lincoln, recently presented \$684 to Brenda Forsythe of the Alcona County Baby Pantry. The employees of Huron Community Bank dedicate a Friday to "Casual for the Cause" making individual contributions and inviting customers to join in raising funds and awareness for the community.

— Weekly SUDOKU —

Answer

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— Super Crossword —

Answers

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	DENNISE	EXERTS	FORCE	
BUTANE	DOER	ASTAR		
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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, March 11—Pork tips with gravy, white rice, squash, tossed salad and fruit.
- Tuesday, March 12—Baked fish, spudsters, Prince Charles blend vegetables, pickled beets and fruit.
- Wednesday, March 13—Boiled dinner with corned beef, cabbage, red potatoes and carrots; tossed salad and fruit.
- Thursday, March 14—Baked chicken, au gratin potatoes, stewed tomatoes, fruited Jell-O and fruit pie.
- Friday, March 15—Fish almandine, potato Lyonnais, green beans, tossed salad and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only. Greenbush closed on March 11.)

Scholarship Available

Lincoln United Methodist Church is accepting applications for Raymond Oliver Scholarships. This scholarship is in memory of Raymond Oliver and is intended for graduating seniors who will be entering college in the fall of 2013. Affiliation with the Lincoln United Methodist Church is not a requirement to submit an application or receive an award. All students, including students of home schooling or other alternative schooling are eligible to apply. Applications will be judged on academics, extra-curricular accomplishments, future goals, civic involvement and completeness of application. Not all applicants will receive scholarships. All college aspirants are encouraged to apply and let the scholarship committee make the evaluation. Scholarship application forms are available online at alconaschools.net (under the column headed parents, click the word scholarships. All available scholarships are listed there along with the application.)

To be eligible, the applicant must: Be a resident of Alcona County; be applying

for first year continued education at an accredited college, university, trades or vocational school. To apply, the applicant must: Complete a scholarship application along with all required support material described in the application; completed application and all support material must be submitted no later than March 22, 2013. Applications may also be mailed to Shirley Tennant, Lincoln United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 204, Lincoln, Mich. 48742 and post-marked no later than March 23, 2013.

Questions can be directed to Shirley Tennant, Raymond Oliver Scholarship chairperson at (989) 736-3387.

Health Care Scholarships

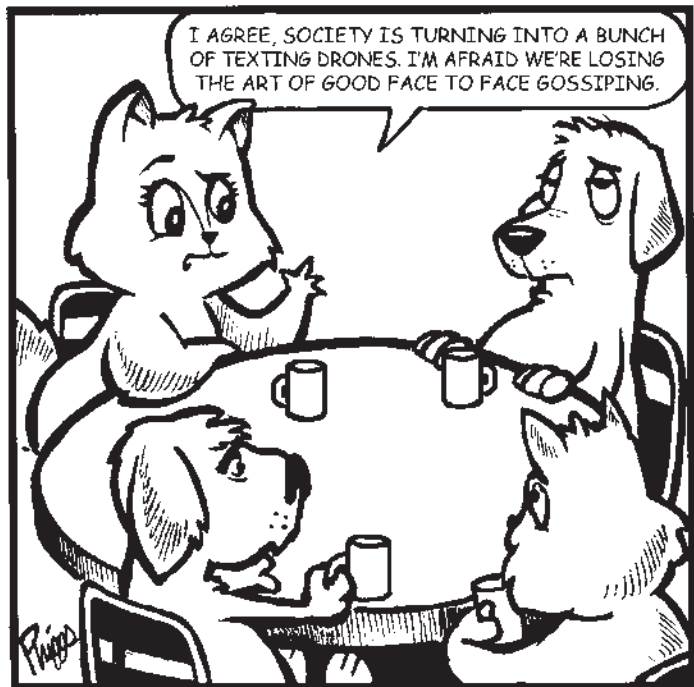
St. Joseph Health System (SJHS) Foundation is offering two \$500 community scholarships this year to high school seniors or graduates from Alcona, Arenac-Eastern, Au Gres, Hale, Oscoda, Tawas or Whittemore-Prescott who will pursue a career in an allied human studies health care related field. Eligibility guidelines are: Must be a high school senior or college student pursuing continuing education in a clinical or allied human studies health care profession or healthcare management field in a one to four year undergraduate degree program, must have a 2.0 GPA, be involved in extracurricular activities and enrolled as a full-time student (12 credit hours).

The foundation also awards scholarships in the amount of \$250 to high school senior dependents of SJHS associates and volunteers who are pursuing continuing education in a field of their choice through college, trade school or a certification program.

The Dr. Patrick and Kathleen Murtha President's Scholarship Fund will award \$1,000 to a full-time associate at SJHS with a minimum of three years employment history.

Eligibility guidelines and scholarship applications are available through the high school counseling offices, by calling the Foundation at (989) 362-0113 or visiting www.sjhsysfoundation.org. Applications must be received by April 16, 2013.

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Church, Spruce Presbyterian Church women's association, Northeast Michigan Children's Behavioral Health Initiative, AHC Tiger Health Extension, Alcona High School National Honor Society and many community volunteers and entertainers.

CANPAC's mission is to prevent child abuse and neglect by promoting the following factors to strengthen families: Nurturing and attachment, knowledge of parenting and of child and youth development, parental resilience, social connections,

and concrete supports for parents. CANPAC also supports programs that prevent child abuse and neglect such as the Alcona Baby Pantry and participates in Project Connect.

CANPAC was formed in 2007 and since September 2009, CANPAC has attended open houses at Alcona Community Schools providing free parent education information and parenting sessions, updated the Family Guide to Community Resources in northeast Michigan covering Alcona County, conducted a

survey of 187 residents regarding use of community resources, as well as hosting three successful Family Fun Nights.

The CANPAC Council encourages everyone to help prevent child abuse and neglect in Alcona County. Meetings are the fourth Tuesday of each month (except July and December) at 10 a.m. at Alcona High School, Room 448. Anyone who has questions or would like to attend a council meeting, contact Tamara at (989) 724-5617, or Ruth at (800) 354-2880.

Firefighter Continued from page 1

In 2009 Dettling decided to become involved in a new area that was being developed. She joined the newly formed Alcona County Dive/Rescue Team. She is certified as an advanced diver with concentration in open water and is working toward certification as a rescue diver.

Dettling's supervisors on the fire department nominated her for the firefighter of the year award in December 2012 - she was not aware of the nomination.

The application submitted to the Thunder Bay Firefighter's Association for Dettling's consideration for the award said, "Over the past 22 years, Cathy has given freely of her time, talent and skill to support the Alcona Township Fire Department, her fellow department members and other EMT and firefighters throughout northeast Michigan. She is a shining example of what a firefighter/EMT should be regardless of whether that person is full time, paid on call or volunteer.

"Cathy is respected by her peers, her chain of command and by her brothers and sisters in neighboring departments. Cathy is active in the department and community. Cathy can be counted on not only to do whatever is asked of her, but to see things that need to be done and do them without calling attention to herself. In short, when there is a call, Cathy is there, pre-

pared and leading the other responders safely and effectively.

"Cathy's knowledge, experience, ability to lead others and ability to calmly size up and react to an emergency situation/scene (fire, rescue and/or medical) have made her an extremely effective asset for this department and our community. Based on her extraordinary level of commitment, her active participation and leadership and her can-do attitude, I recommend Cathy Dettling be awarded the honor of Firefighter of the Year for 2012." The form was officially signed by Ralph Klotz, chief of Alcona Township Fire Department.

When Dettling was told she would receive the award, her first thought was, "Why me? There are other people more deserving than me." After she read the application submitted by her supervisors, Dettling was surprised. "I didn't realize how the department felt, that they realized that I do this to help people... I'm not a person who has to have a pat on the back. I just do what needs to be done.

"I want to thank both the Alcona Township Fire Department - who got me started in this direction and Alcona County EMS for letting me do this line of work... It's a very big honor that my peers think I'm deserving of this recognition."

When she has some time

off from fighting fires, making ambulance runs, training or teaching, Dettling enjoys spending time at home with her longtime partner, Pam Wilson, in the Black River home they share with Shelby, a Lab-shepherd mix. She enjoys kayaking, riding her motorcycle, being outdoors, traveling and camping in their fifth-wheel camper. Dettling's most favorite place, however, is in her workshop "tinkering."

She has taken time off from work - from both Alcona County EMS and Alcona Township Fire Department - recently because she has been diagnosed with "a very fast growing, very aggressive form of cancer," Wilson said. The diagnosis came in early February and she's receiving treatment at Alpena Regional Medical Center. "Cathy truly thrives on going to work. She loves her job and (not working) is hurting her," Wilson said.

Despite the diagnosis, Dettling is determined to beat the odds and is keeping a positive attitude like she's done for 23 years on the fire department and 19 years with the ambulance service.



United Way of Northeast Michigan helps Alcona County food pantries with donations. United Way representative Mike Nunneley (second from left) hands Shelly Dunn (left) and Barb Potter (far right) of the Harrisville United Methodist Church and Leo Marciniak from St. Vincent DePaul Society in Mikado checks for \$750 each to help with purchasing food items for the respective food pantries. Additional funds were raised after the allocation process was completed in April 2012. Nunneley and Donna Jaskolski were the campaign leadership for the 2011-2012 United Way of Northeast Michigan campaign. Donations were also made to food pantries in Montmorency and Alpena counties. *Courtesy photo.*

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Marijuana stands hidden in state's forests

Drug traffickers have been conducting business deep within the lush canopy of Michigan's forests since at least 2008. But after five years of eradication efforts, law enforcement agencies say the problem is showing no signs of going away.

The Hiawatha National Forest website flashes a brief message in the corner of the screen: "Keep safe: Marijuana grow sites. Be observant." There's a short description of trafficking campsites, and a request that forest users report suspicious activity.

Hiawatha National Forest Supervisor Jo Reyer said that "while it's unlikely visitors will come across this kind of activity, we also want to make sure that hunters, hikers, campers and other recreationists know how to stay safe."

Detective Lt. David Peltomaa, who oversaw the Michigan State Police marijuana eradication program for 10 years before being reassigned to his current post in Ann Arbor, Mich., said he suspects that less than half of the operations are discovered.

In 2008, one of the biggest outdoor grow years for Michigan, more than 50,000 plants were seized by law enforcement agencies. More than 45,000 were seized in 2011. And last year the figure was just under 40,000 plants, according to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA).

The statistics do not break down seizures by federal,

state, local and private land ownership.

The number of eradicated plants often fluctuates by several thousand from year to year, but that number has spiked substantially since the early 2000s, and held relatively steady since 2008, according to public information officer Rich Isaacson for the DEA's Detroit division.

"Every year there's hundreds of outdoor plots — marijuana plots — that are located across the state. And sometimes those are going to be very small amounts, or some will be larger amounts," he said. "It's definitely not waning."

Prior to 2005, marijuana grown on public land was seldom heard of in Michigan. Southwestern states like California always had many more busts. Some law enforcement officials say it's a problem that's here to stay.

"I think it's a trend because it's not really something that we've seen before the last few years," said Michigan State Police Detective Lt. Ken Mills, who works on a multi-jurisdictional drug trafficking prevention team.

His Northern Michigan team — Straits Area Narcotics Enforcement (SANE) — investigates drug activity in Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Emmet, Mackinac and Otsego counties.

With forests sprawling for millions of acres, law enforcement agencies have trouble finding and busting hard-to-spot pot production sites.

Helicopters are minimally effective unless pilots already know where to look. The plants naturally blend in with surrounding foliage, often to be discovered by recreational forest users.

Nearly all of the grow sites in Michigan were discovered by hikers and hunters rather than law enforcement, and experts like Peltomaa say they're worried that unsuspecting citizens could be harmed by traffickers, though

that hasn't happened yet.

The problem started to proliferate after the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, said Creig Grey with the Department of Natural Resources, which manages the state's forests, parks and recreation areas.

It became increasingly difficult to transport large loads of marijuana across the U.S. border, so cartels from Mexico changed their business plan, Grey said, moving production closer to their distribution centers. Experts say that's only one factor among many.

But the cartels typically only grow large-scale plots. Many of the plants recorded in DEA data also came from smaller plots scattered across the state.

Heather Luebs, the Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team's administrative assistant with the Michigan State Police, said much marijuana is grown in Michigan, but not in the U.P., which borders Wisconsin.

Wisconsin has had more problems than Michigan with drug cartels growing on public land, though authorities say they don't know why.

A recent 8,000-plant bust in Wisconsin's Chequamegon-Nicolet National Forest was the latest big one, with \$8 million worth of marijuana seized.

Authorities say Wisconsin's cartel troubles are more substantive than Michigan's, though it is still a pressing issue here.

Investigators like Peltomaa say they think a combination of drug education and harsher punishments might help discourage growers from picking Michigan as their farm site. "You'll never stop them, but maybe we can make them go elsewhere," he said.

(This article was provided by <http://news.jrn.msu.edu/capitalnewsservice/2013/02/01/pot-woes-well-hidden-in-states-forests/>.)

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- Brian Jeremiah Bishop, 32, of Harrisville was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,030 for possession of a firearm while under the influence.

- Rachael Elaine Lozano, 23, of Alpena was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation, victim restitution of \$3,000 (joint and several) and fines and court costs of \$1,845 for larceny less than \$200 more than \$1,000.

- Richard Fredrick Laatz, 36, of Curran was sentenced to 120 hours of community service in lieu of 15 days in jail, \$500 in victim restitution and fines and court costs of \$475 for abandon/cruelty to animals.

- Kristopher Harold Dykes, 32, of Greenbush was sentenced to 15 days in jail, 80 hours of community service, two years of probation and fines and court costs of \$2,130 for attempted use of a controlled substance — narcotic/cocaine.

- Forrest Michael Luttrell, 26, of Oscoda was sentenced to five days in jail, \$180 for victim restitution and fines and court costs of \$475 for attempted check — no account.

- Lawrence Robert Hahn, 38, of Oscoda was sentenced to two days in jail, six months of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,290 for operating while visibly impaired.

- Raymond Dean Sundberg, 23, of South Branch was sentenced to 10 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and court costs of \$1,990 for operating while intoxicated.

- Kurt Frederick Hepting, 48, of Imlay City, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and court costs of \$365 for no valid license in possession.

SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Simplified smartphones for boomers and seniors

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Dear Semi-Smart,
There are actually several manufacturers who are now making simplified smartphones with features designed primarily for older users who have limited experience with modern gadgetry.

Here's a rundown of what's currently and soon-to-be available.

• **Pantech Flex:** One of the best and most affordable age-friendly smartphones on the market today is the Pantech Flex (see pantechusa.com/phones/flex), sold through AT&T for only \$1 with a two-year contract.

This Android-powered touch screen phone has a bright 4.3-inch screen, with a fast 1.5GHz dual-core pro-

cessor and 8 megapixel camera. But what makes this phone ideal for seniors is its Easy Experience mode which provides a simple, clean home screen with large fonts, clearly marked icons, and quick access to the phone's most essential features – your phone, camera, messages, menu, Web, contacts, along with shortcuts to your favorite apps.

It also offers convenient features like voice dialing and voice commands, and SwiftKey technology that predict the next word you want to type to make texting faster and easier.

Individual monthly service plans for AT&T start at \$30 for 200 minutes of talk time (for customers 65 and older), \$20 for unlimited text messaging, and \$20 for 300 MB of data.

• **Jitterbug Touch:** Offered by GreatCall Wireless – the same company that makes the Jitterbug big-button cell phone – the Touch is actually a Kyocera Milano smart-

phone that's been rebranded and loaded with GreatCall's simplified user interface software.

It offers a 3-inch touch screen, and a full slide-out keyboard with raised, backlit buttons that makes it easier to type messages. And when you turn the phone on, you get a simple menu list with large fonts that let you access often-used features like the phone, camera, messages and pictures, along with your contacts and apps.

This Android phone also offers voice dialing, a 3.2 megapixel camera, and optional features like medication reminders, 5Star personal security service, a live nurse service to answer your health questions, and more.

Available at greatcall.com or (800) 733-6632, the Touch sells for \$149 with a one-time \$35 activation fee, no-contract, and calling plans that cost \$15 per month for 50 minutes, up to \$80 per month for unlimited minutes, text messages, operator as-

sistance, and voicemail. And their data plans run between \$2.50 per month for 10 MB up to \$25/month for 500 MB.

• **Samsung Galaxy Note II:** If a bigger screen is the most desired feature, the Samsung Galaxy Note II (samsung.com/galaxynoteII) has a huge 5.5-inch touch screen display and can be used with a stylus, which makes it easy to see and maneuver. It also offers an Easy mode feature which simplifies the home screen providing access only to key functions like the phone, messaging, Internet, contacts and your favorite apps.

Available through AT&T, Sprint, Verizon, T-Mobile and U.S. Cellular for \$300 to \$370 with a two-year contract, the monthly service plans for talk, text and data start at around \$80.

• **Doro PhoneEasy 740:** If you don't mind waiting, the Doro PhoneEasy 740 (doro-usa.us/experience) is another excellent option, but it

Savvy Senior

won't be available in the U.S. until later this year.

This Android slider phone has a 3.2-inch touch screen and a numerical slide-out keypad with raised buttons for easy operation. It also offers a large-text, clearly labeled menu to frequently used features like the phone, e-mail, messages, Internet, photos, games and apps.

Expected to cost around \$99, other age-friendly features include a 5 megapixel camera which can double as a magnifying glass, and an emergency call button that will dial and text five preprogrammed numbers when pressed.

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Spring hopes eternal



By Kathryn F. Kniep

Columnist

*"I'm as restless as a willow in a windstorm,
I'm as jumpy as a puppet on a string,
I'd say that I had spring fever,
But I know it isn't spring..."*
Rogers and Hammerstein

Last Friday was March 1st. Last Monday was one of my favorite dates, March 4th (March fourth – which I always think should be some kind of holiday) and March is one of my favorite months. That's because despite all evidence to the contrary, my psyche, my soul and even my reluctant body consider March to be spring. That's also despite living in Northern Michigan lo, these many years and knowing that the first day of spring (March 20th, this year) is very rarely even remotely spring-like.

I always hesitate to write about the weather, because it seems to have the ability to change usually for the worse. But checking with climatezone.com I find that in the month of March in Alpena, Mich. (the closest data location I could find) the average temperature is 28 degrees, the average minimum temperature is 18 and the average snowfall is 13 inches.

Doesn't matter. As far as my heart is concerned, spring arrives in March.

It's kind of like being in love with someone who lives far, far away. No matter what's going on outside my window – blowing snow, freezing rain – I can go about my days humming happily to myself, knowing that somewhere out there, it's out there. Almost in sight.

As far as I can figure out, this lifelong belief on my part is based on a lot of little, tiny, infinitesimal things. Take the house plants, for example, who have been sitting dispiritedly in their pots in the dining room since about mid-November. Ever so subtly, their greens have brightened. Barely noticeably, their leaves are stretched a tiny bit toward the windows, as opposed to huddling down close to their stems. They aren't anywhere close to budding or bursting yet, but if you talk to them as often as

I do, you can sense that they're thinking about it.

With that in mind, I spend some time daydreaming about the crocus, transitioning into that lighter sleep that comes just before waking under the soil that's under the snow in the front garden.

It was only a few years ago that I realized that no matter how dreadful our spring might be, nature – who I'd always viewed as somewhat capricious – just kept stolidly doing her job, moving the bulbs from sleep to wake, stretching out their roots, beginning to send their shoots upward. So that, again, no matter how miserable spring might have been in a given year, the purple flowers make their debut in sunshine or snow about the same time each early May.

It is also spring because, for the first time since shortly after New Year's Day, my ability to see dust has returned. For most of January and February's gray, sunless days, I've thought my house was reasonably clean. Now, with the spring sap pumping slowly up into my arteries, I begin to notice the cobwebs in the corners, the dull finish on the furniture and the doggie nose prints decorating the windows.

Returning from errands, I note that the house smells slightly closed-up and musty, that the front door needs a good wipe down and the rug by the entry is fraying around the edges. It will be more than a month before I actually reach a sap-level where I'm driven to do much about it beyond slapping ineffectively at the cobwebs, but I'm definitely opening my eyes to the signs of winter neglect.

Beyond that, I recently realized that the dog's themselves have become inordinately furry. They looked perfectly normal to me last week, but now I realize that I am the proud mom of three large, fluffy, static-laden balls of doggie hair surrounding their little faces like big, puffy, hooded parkas.

To meet my dogs this time of year is to assume that they are each about 20 pounds overweight. Sink your hand into the fuzz and you'll discover that it isn't the case – it's a long way to dog in there. Again, it will be April before I do much but whack off the absolutely unruliest of their locks – they will still need their warm coats for a while. But I'm definitely noticing it.

And I'll notice it more as March progresses and nature begins to throw large clumps of said fur off the dogs and onto the floors, the furniture and my black slacks.

And then there is the sunrise. As any card-carrying insomniac can tell you, in addition to coming up earlier and earlier, the hints of pink and orange are returning. Where a month ago, all was pewter and steel, the morning premier now bears a blush that will, come June, ripen into reds, golds, and

oranges.

I've never given much thought, overall, to what convinced me at a very early age that spring came in March. Maybe, as a lifelong northern Michigander, just the pure fact of surviving February was enough to spur the thought that there was a light at the end of the proverbial tunnel.

Or just possibly, it's a case of hyperinventive wishful thinking on my part. It has to be spring, because I simply cannot bear for it to be winter one more moment.

All I know is that in slightly less than a month it will be Easter (a holiday which, like Halloween, requires a new costume but also requires you to obscure it with a warm coat). In just more than a month, it will be opening day at Comerica Park. In a month and a half, according to the good people at Burpee Seeds, we should see our last frost.

By then, I'll be busy, busy, succumbing to spring fever in a whirl of window washing, cobweb sweeping, seed starting and doggie trimming.

So for now, I plan to just enjoy these first, inordinately sweet if ephemeral days of my personal spring. Sitting on my couch in the early mornings, reveling in an almost true sunrise, watching for the hint of buds on the pussy willows, sipping my coffee and thinking that I should probably start getting my toes in shape for the return of flip flop season. Giving in to an overwhelming urge to read poetry and paint in watercolor. Treating myself to the tender if pricey first asparagus appearing in the market and egg salad for lunch. Sketching out the garden I may not plant and will certainly not tend.

Even if writing about the weather performs its evil alchemy and it snows every single day of the month, I'll be inside, humming softly to myself while I await the arrival of my long-gone favorite season of the year.

And even if it's all just a figment of my imagination, I'll believe in my personal spring. People believe in stranger things, after all – groundhogs and UFOs among them.

And besides, the calendar says it's March. So, to me at least, it might as well be spring.

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

NOTICE

Hawes Township will hold its Annual Budget Meeting for the 2013-14 fiscal year at the Barton City VFW at 2120 Trask Lake Rd, Barton City on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 6:45 p.m.. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be subject to this hearing.** The regular Township Board meeting will follow at 7 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection at the clerk's office. Please call (989)736-6919.

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Mums	77.5	114.5
Buttercups	64.5	127.5
High game: Carla Travis,	192.	
High series: Sharon O'Callaghan,	491.	
High team game and series: Daf-fodils,	483 and 1,337.	

Wednesday Nite Women's

February 27

Alcona Abstract	27.5	2.5
Back Alley Bar	27	3
Lincoln Prec.	26	4
Alcona Tool	21	9
JB's Auto	9	21
Ark Plumbing	4	26
Cole's Appl.	3	27
Stoney Acres	2.5	27.5
High game: Beth Travis,	224.	
High series: Carla James,	562.	
High handicap game and se-ries:	Beth Travis, 280 and 697.	

Minors

March 2

Little Devils	21	9
Bumper Kids	16	14
SNCBBP1	12	18
Pin Busters	11	19
Boy's high game and series:	Brenden Hudgins, 122 and 227.	
Boy's high handicap game: Mat-thew Turpen,	226.	
Boy's high handicap series: T. J. Hanson,	429.	
Girl's high game and series:	Chloe Bunton, 80 and 152.	
Girl's high handicap game and series:	Chloe Bunton, 212 and 416.	

Majors

March 2

Team 6	105	75
Woodchucks	99	81
300 and one	97	83
Destroyers	92.5	87.5
Pin Wizards	81.5	98.5
Kingpins	65	115
Boy's high game and series:	Austin Rayburn, 155 and 396.	
Boy's high handicap game and series:	Austin Rayburn, 250 and 681.	
Girl's high game and series:	Raegan Eller, 143 and 407.	
Girl's high handicap game and series:	Sadie Johnson, 237 and 637.	

Huron

February 26

Gary Oil	20	137
Shotmakers	16	122
Rob's Repair	26	121.5
Robert's Floor.	4	99.5
Mancino's	26	97.5
Back Alley Bar	14	94
Harrisville Lum.	10	88.5
B & D Sales	4	80
High game and series: Ray Trottier,	268 and 696.	
High handicap game and se-ries:	Ray Trottier, 310 and 822.	

Pool League

Alcona Women's

February 28

Mikado Legion	128
Mikado Tavern	114
Glennie Tavern	97
Mikado Also	69



A team of five bantam aged (13-14 year-old) hockey players (from left) Rhett McDonald, A.J. Nowak, Nick Esch, Brendan Nelson and Cam Cosbitt competed in the Frozen 4-on-4 Pond Hockey Championships in St. Ignace, Mich. on February 24. The team went into the championship game undefeated. In the championship game the score was 16-16 after 40 minutes of play causing a sudden death overtime. After five minutes of overtime, the game winning goal was scored by Brendan Nelson assisted by Nick Esch. All five of the players scored many goals throughout the weekend and have been friends for the past seven years. *Courtesy photo.*

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Hawes Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on March 21, 2013, at 7 PM at the South Shore Fire Hall, at the South end of Hubbard Lake on Mt. Mariah Road, to hear public comments regarding the following addition to Section 9.03 E Variance Standards

9.03 E Variance Standards 2. No variance shall be granted conditionally unless the applicant is required to perform on those conditions before a permit is issued. The Hawes Township Zoning Administrator shall only issue a permit if an applicant for a variance has fulfilled the conditions specified in the variance.

The public is welcome to attend and comment upon this proposed change. Written comments may be sent to Richard VanDam, 3200 N. Hilltop Pkwy, Spruce, MI 48762

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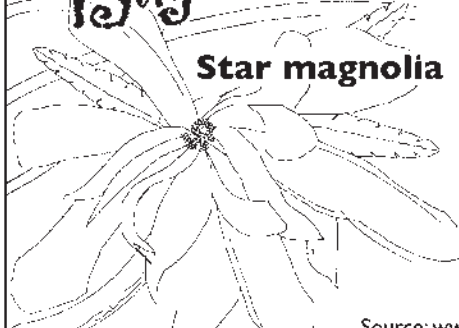


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Cole sets new school record

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

To say Karina Cole lives and breathes basketball might be a bit of an overstatement, but then again, maybe not.

Cole, a junior at Alcona High School, spends as much time playing basketball as she can. Playing basketball is her "favorite thing to do" and "it's pretty much my whole life," she said last week.

That's probably why, as a freshman, she played on the varsity team. It's also why she's set a new school record for most points scored in a game - 42.

Cole broke the previous girls varsity basketball record of 39 points on February 18 in a game against Whittemore-Prescott. Former Tiger player Michelle Unkovich set the record in 1997 when she exceeded the 38 point record set by Collette Inda in 1987.

Mark Feldhiser, assistant coach of the team, said he was more aware of how close Cole was to breaking the record that evening than she was. He was coaching the



Karina Cole watches a game tape of the Johannesburg-Lewiston team with (from left) girls varsity assistant coach Mark Feldhiser, coach Brad Cole and student assistant coaches Alex Cole and Walker Kelly. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

team (head coach Brad Cole wasn't able to coach the game) and realized Cole could break the record that night. Cole was "hot" - hitting just about every basket she tried and her teammates kept feeding her the ball.

Five days later, Cole made a personal record of 1,000

points (during her high school varsity career) on February 23 in a game against Posen. She made the first basket of the game to hit that goal, but would have rather seen the Tigers walk away with a win.

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LIBRARY DIRECTOR POSTION AVAILABLE
The Curtis Township Library in Glennie, MI is seeking applications for Library Director. Alcona County resident preferred. This is a part-time position without benefits - 23 hours / 4 days per week. Must have excellent communication skills, be creative, willing to work as part of a team, and a good problem solver. Resumes will be accepted during March. Please mail resume and a list of 3 references to: Curtis Township Library, 4884 Bamfield Road, Glennie, MI 48737.

NOTICE
Caledonia Township will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2013 on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, during the regular meeting, starting at 7:00 pm., located at Caledonia Township Hall, 6461 Gillard Rd., Spruce, MI. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting.** A copy of the budget is available for public inspection by contacting the clerk, at 1435 E Spruce Rd., Spruce, MI. or calling 989 471-2390. Helen Timm
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League championship eludes boys team

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

After defeating the Oscoda Owls fairly easily, 64-39 on Tuesday, the Alcona boys varsity basketball team had set itself up for a showdown with the Tawas Braves for the Huron Shores Conference (HSC) championship.

They also wanted to avenge a loss to Tawas in an earlier game at Tawas. The Tigers were playing on their home court and it was parents' night. The whole scenario favored the Tigers. Unfortunately, Tawas had other plans.

In a game where offense was "offensive," the Braves jumped out to a 16-6 lead in the first quarter and that was enough for them to take home

them a seven point lead. LaVergne followed with a jumper but missed two free throws that would have cut the lead to three.

Carson Jamieson did sink a jumper to make it a one possession game at 40-37. Alcona stopped Tawas with 11.7 seconds to go and called a time out to set up a potential tying three-point shot. However, Tawas stole the inbounds pass, made two free throws and the game was over.

Alcona could not buy a basket most of the game. Part of that was caused by the Braves' aggressive defense and rebounding.

LaVergne led Alcona with 11 points. Jamieson added 10 points and six rebounds.

the second quarter and were ahead 26-17 at halftime. The Owls cut that lead to 28-24 early in the third quarter. The Tigers came back with eight consecutive points to lead 36-24 and held on to a 38-30 lead heading into the final quarter.

The final period was all Alcona as they outcored Oscoda 26-9. They closed out the game with a 16-2 run.

Steiner led Alcona with 24 points, nine assists, and five steals. LaVergne added 19 points, grabbed five rebounds and had four steals. Jamieson chipped in with eight points and seven rebounds. Aaron Ritchie, the hardest worker on the team, had seven points and six rebounds. Andy Cammack



It's a Tiger attack! The Tigers press the Brave offense during Huron Shores Conference championship game last week. Photo by Pat Brussel.

a 41-37 victory and the league championship. Alcona out-scored Tawas in every other quarter but it was not enough to overcome that 10 point lead.

The Tigers won the second quarter 11-9, the third quarter 8-6, and the final period 12-11. After a three point shot by Trent LaVergne Alcona trailed 35-33 halfway through the fourth period. Tawas turned around and scored five straight to give

Jared Steiner had seven points and six assists. Dawson Forsythe scored four points, Cody Franklin had three, and Andy Cammack had two points.

The junior varsity team also lost to Tawas for the second time 48-32 with Jeff Schram scoring 10 points.

In the Oscoda game earlier in the week, the Tigers jumped out to a 13-8 lead after one quarter. They added four points to their lead in

added four points and Dawson Forsythe scored two points.

The JV team pounded Oscoda 49-29 with Jesse Schram scoring 10 points.

Both the vasily team and the junior varsity team ended the regular season with 12-5 records. Seniors Eric Hampton, Steiner, Cammack and Ritchie are graduating and will need replacing by players from this year's JV team.

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Winning season closes for girls basketball team

By Hope Smith
Basketball Writer

On Friday, March 1 the Alcona girls varsity basketball team traveled to Johannesburg-Lewiston to take on the Cardinals for the Class C District Championship. This highly anticipated game proved to be a showcase of local players' talent, but the last six minutes made all the difference in who would bring home the trophy.

The game began with dominating defensive pressure from both teams, which gave the game a slow offensive start. Alcona trailed 8-4 at the end of the first quarter. The Tigers grabbed an early 10-8 lead a minute into the second quarter with baskets from Nikki Smith and Karina Cole, but from there on the score went back and forth with the lead changing hands seven times throughout the night.

Megan Quick put up her first of four three-point baskets giving Alcona a brief 17-14 lead with two minutes left in the first half. The Cardinals answered right back with buckets of their own, taking the 22-21 lead over Alcona going into halftime.

In the second half the Tigers came out strong offensively and defensively with back-to-back three-pointers from Quick to give Alcona its largest lead of the night. Alcona kept up strong defensive pressure holding Jo-Burg scoreless for the next two and half minutes.

Then the tables turned on Alcona when Jo-Burg went on its own scoring streak and recaptured the lead. Alcona went on an offensive dry spell remaining scoreless for five minutes in the third period. The Tigers bounced back into the 31-30 lead with baskets from Cassie Carpenter and Sydney Pierce.

In the fourth quarter Alcona was able to keep up the defensive pressure but struggled to find the basket when they needed it the most. Jo-Burg outscored Alcona 23-11 in the final period to capture the 53-42 district win over the Tigers.

"We just couldn't put the ball in the basket the last six minutes of the game. Every other part of the game we played exactly as planned. Jo-burg is a very quality team," said coach Brad Cole.

The Tigers were led by Quick (captain) with 15 points and Cole (captain) with eight points and nine assists. Kendra Cole scored seven points and pulled down an impressive 18 rebounds. Smith (captain) put up four points and grabbed four rebounds. Nicole Walen scored four points, Carpenter made two points and grabbed four rebounds and Turner Somers grabbed four rebounds.

The Tigers traveled to Oscoda on February 27 for Class C District semifinals action. The Tigers had an early 24-11 lead in the first quarter thanks to the hot hands of Quick who put up two three-pointers just minutes into the game.

Oscoda struggled offensively under the constant

pressure of the Alcona defense. Alcona capitalized on the Owl's misfortune by converting their missed shots into Alcona rebounds and quick points at the other end.

In the second quarter, the Tigers remained in control offensively as they pushed the ball up the floor distributing to the open players. The Tigers went into halftime with a 37-15 lead.

In the second half, Oscoda turned up the heat defensively making Alcona work harder to maintain possession of the ball. However, the Tigers had a 49-28 lead over the Owls to finish the third period.

Oscoda did a good job defensively putting pressure on the ball and forcing the Tigers to rush plays which caused multiple turnovers. In the final period, Alcona had to fight off a last minute 12-3 Owl run, but was able to hold on and extend their lead and take home the 65-44 victory.

Leading scorers for Alcona were Smith, with her best game of the season, with a double-double -- 13 points, 10 rebounds and five assists. Karina Cole scored 13 points, grabbed nine rebounds, six steals and had five assists. Kendra Cole had a double-double -- 12 points and 10 rebounds. Somers put up 10 points and grabbed five rebounds, Quick added eight points, six steals and had four assists. Carpenter put up three points and grabbed six rebounds. Alissa Terpstra scored three points, Maddie Feldhiser had two points and Sydney Pierce had one point.

"It was great to get this District win with this young team. Our senior Nikki Smith stepped up with her best game of the year. It was a great team effort and we played well," said coach Brad Cole.

The Tigers finished the regular season 14-4 and tied for first place with Tawas in the Huron Shores Conference.



Tiger Nikki Smith (2) grabs a rebound and looks to score against Johannesburg-Lewiston during the Class C District Championship game. Photo courtesy of Bill Pinson, Montmorency County Tribune.

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"It's always been a goal in the back of my mind," Cole said. "I was more determined to beat Posen because we had lost to them earlier in the season... I was glad to get it out of the way. I play the game, with my teammates, to win... I really appreciate the help from my teammates — I couldn't do it without them." Despite Cole's 42 points, the Tigers lost to Posen that evening.

The next goal Cole has, in the back of her mind, is to exceed the personal point record of 1,267 set by former Tiger Chelsey MacNeill during her varsity basketball career.

In addition to crediting current teammates, Cole is also appreciative of past teammates who have graduated. She learned from them and they have also helped her during her time on the varsity team.

"This whole season will be successful if we win the district game Friday night (against Johannesburg-Lewiston)," said girls varsity basketball coach Brad Cole. "We don't focus on individual records. We are all focused on winning basketball games. Karina will be the first to tell you she'd give up any individual record to have district title wins."

Cole, the daughter of Brad and Lucy Cole of Lincoln, enjoys math and has a 4.0 grade point average. When the winter basketball season ends, she will be running long distance events on the varsity track team. During the spring and summer months, she plays on the traveling basketball team — the Michigan Elite Team (one of three in the state) comprising the region of Ohio, Michigan and Indiana. During this season she and fellow teammates play around 80 games. In the fall she plans to play on the varsity volleyball team again.

Great Backyard Bird Count goes world wide

The 2013 Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) went world wide for the first time with over 103 countries participating around the globe.

New records were set with over 25.5 million birds observed from over 120,000 checklists submitted by participants. Nearly one third of the world's total species were counted which amounted to 3,144 species.

On the local level, Iosco

County again ranked in the top 10 Michigan counties with the most species numbering 61. An unusual number of redheaded woodpeckers was recorded in Iosco County. Six were sighted in the Sand Lake area, while three were sighted off Bissonette Road near Lorenz, and one in Lakewood Shores.

"Usually this species heads south and does not remain in the northern regions," said Peggy Ridgway, Audubon Society ambassador for the count. "However, we've noticed an increase of numbers over the past few years and state researchers are now aware of their presence here during the winter months." She explained people often confuse the red-bellied and red-headed woodpeckers as they both appear to have an all red head. However, the red-headed woodpecker has only black and white wings and a flash of white appears as they fly off.

Many checklists in Iosco County included the larger crow sized pileated woodpecker. Woodpeckers will often move in during a tree insect infestation. "In this

case, it was the emerald ash borer that brought the pileated as they feasted on the insect at various stages of its life," Ridgway said.


Other rather uncommon sightings included one horned lark, snow buntings, dark-eyed juncos, a brown thrasher, and a belted kingfisher. Numerous waterfowl were also observed such as longtailed ducks, goldeneyes, bufflehead, mergansers and redheads.

"Very cold temperatures set in prior to the count and many of the waterways froze quickly. A week before there were over 178 trumpeter swans along the AuSable River corridor, but following the freeze, many moved to secluded places along the river where open areas provided food. Thus, we were only able to locate 36 during the count period and that was a bummer for all of us who keep tabs on that particular population," Ridgway said.

The annual GBBC is sponsored by the Audubon Society, Cornell Lab of Ornithology and Bird Studies Canada. Next year's count is slated for February 14-17.

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of February 25 - March 3, 2013

59 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 6 Arrests; 4 Warrants; 1 Driving While License Suspended; 1 Parole Violation.

Complaint Statistic			
Car-Deer Accident	5	Property Damage Accident	7
Miscellaneous	8	Agency Assist	1
Dog/Animal	1	Traffic	11
Malicious Destruction of Property	1	Trespassing	1
Alarm	4	Drugs	1
Domestic	1	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	1
Patrol Check	1	Warrant Arrest	4
Overdose	1	Breaking & Entering	1
Personal Injury Accident	2	Drive While License Suspended	1
Abandoned Vehicle	1	Fraud	1
Suicidal Subject	1	Animal Neglect/Cruelty	1
Juvenile	1	Suspicious Events	1
Parole Violation	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village			
Alcona	1	Caledonia	5
Greenbush	5	Gustin	3
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Millen	2	Mitchell	5
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Snowmobile safety is key a fun winter ride

Speed is one of the biggest factors in snowmobile fatalities in Michigan, so Michigan Department of Natural Resources Law Enforcement officials are urging snowmobilers to take one simple precaution this season: Slow down.

Other significant factors in snowmobile accidents include alcohol use and operating on roadways.

Many fatal accidents will have more than one of these factors as a major or contributing cause. Each user should take the time and effort to diminish the chance of being involved in these dangerous events.

Snowmobilers are reminded that they must get ready for the season, making sure their gear is prepped and that they are, too — snowmobiling is a physical sport; participants must make sure they are ready for the trails ahead.

With more than 200,000 snowmobile riders and more than 6,200 miles of designated snowmobile trails located throughout state and federal forests and many acres of privately owned lands, Michigan is one of the top snowmobiling destinations in the world.

The worst season on record for fatalities was 1995-96, when 47 occurred. Since then, fatalities have been reduced to about 24 per year. During the last snowmobile season 26 people died participating in the sport.

Those numbers are still too high.

“One person killed while snowmobiling is tragic,” stated Lt. Creig Grey of the DNR’s Law Enforcement Division. “I can not imagine how this affects families and friends of the victims, all while enjoying a sport most users are truly passionate about.”

For the 2010-11 snowmobiling season, Michigan has experienced a few fatalities so far, indicating there is still much work to be done to provide a safe and enjoyable experience for sledders in Michigan.

The DNR partners with county sheriffs, the Michigan Snowmobile Association, numerous snowmobiling clubs and thousands of volunteer instructors in a joint effort to make snowmobiling in Michigan as safe and fun as possible.

The main focus for the partners in this effort is education. In Michigan, Snowmobile Safety Education training is required for youths



Michigan Department of Natural Resources conservation officers are serious about enforcing snowmobile safety rules.

between the ages of 12 to 17, and highly recommended for all others.

Training courses are typically about six hours long. The cost of these courses varies depending upon which group is instructing the course.

Modern snowmobiles are capable of high rates of speeds over snow and ice. Because of the countless hazards associated with operating a snowmobile, training is a crucial factor in safe and responsible snowmobile operation.

The DNR, in cooperation with schools, organizations and associations, takes an active role in assuring that all of Michigan’s citizens are given the opportunity to take a snowmobile safety course. The course emphasizes safe and responsible snowmobile operation.

If you are interested in finding a course check go online to www.michigan.gov/dnre click on Education & Outreach and then select Hunter Education & Recreational Safety Classes.

Because operating on roadways is one of the biggest factors contributing to fatalities, youths under the age of 12 may not cross a highway or street. Youths who are between 12 and 17 may not cross a highway or street unless they have a valid snowmobile safety certificate.

Michigan has an excellent trail system and the DNRE encourages people to use it. The state spends about \$2.5 million every year from registration fees and trail permits for trail grooming and maintenance.

Michigan is known by snowmobilers nationwide for its unique combination of abundant and dependable snow, exciting terrain and extensive trail network. Michigan is one of only three

states that offers a large system of interconnected snowmobile trails. Approximately 50 percent of the snowmobile trail system is located on private lands, 25 percent on state land, 20 percent federal land and five percent other public lands.

More than 150 grooming tractors are used by more than 65 grant-program sponsors to groom the 6,200-mile trail system.

The DNR urges snowmobilers to, “slow down, don’t drink until the sleds are put away, and stay on designated trails,” said Grey. Speed is a contributing factor in nearly all fatal accidents and alcohol impairs judgment and slows reaction time.

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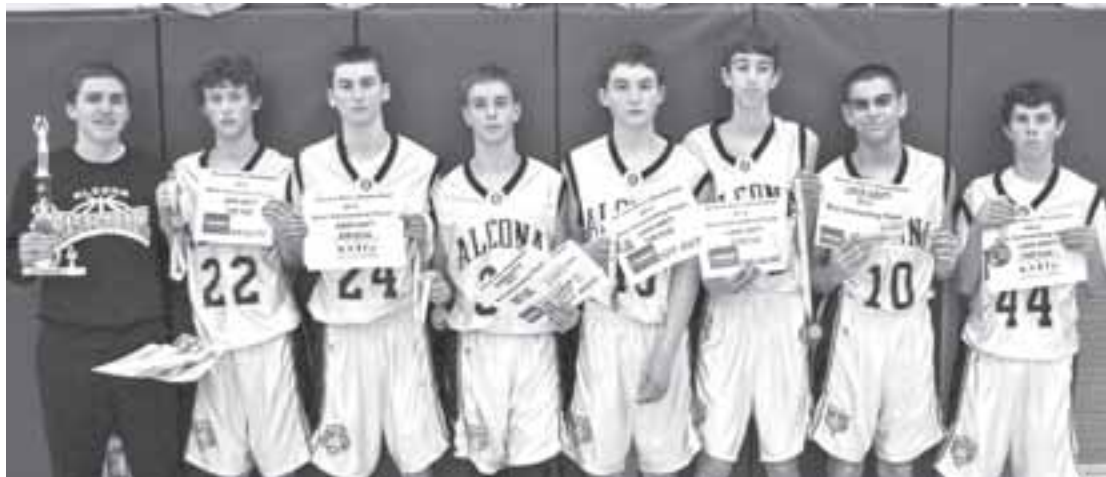
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Most Outstanding Performer Competition Results



Left to right: Carson Jamieson- 3rd plc. Free Throw, Cody Franklin-2nd Plc. Skills Challenge, Jared Steiner-2nd Plc. Shoot Out, 3rd Plc. Skills Challenge, 2nd Plc. 3 pt. comp., Trenton Lavergne-2013 Most Outstanding Performer, 1st Plc. Shootout, 1st Plc. Free Throw, 1st Plc. Skills Challenge, 1st Plc. 3 pt. comp., Andy Cammack-2nd Plc. Free Throw and Dustin Yokom-3rd Plc. Shootout, 3rd Plc. 3 pt comp. Thank you to all who sponsored the competitors.



Left to right: Jason Steiner-2013 Most Outstanding Performer, 2nd Plc. Shootout, 1st Plc. Free Throw, 1st Plc. Skills Challenge, 2nd Plc. 3 pt. Comp., Nate Swinson-3rd Plc. Free Throw, Brandon Ritchie-2nd Plc. Skills Challenge, 1st Plc. 3 pt. Comp., Jeff Schram-1st Plc. Shootout, Isaac Dubuque-3rd Plc. Shootout, Ryan Shultz-2nd Plc. Free Throw, Brandon Smigelski-3rd Plc. 3 pt. Comp., and Jesse Collins-3rd Plc. Skills Challenge. Thank you to all who sponsored the competitors.



The DNR recommends snowmobilers keep their headlights on at all times while riding. Photos courtesy of Michigan DNR.

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Organization Notes

East Shore Art Guild

The East Shore Art Guild held its general monthly meeting on February 12. Everyone was welcomed and the meeting began at 1:05 p.m. with nine members present. Rose Blaszak was not present for the meeting. A motion to not read the minutes from the October 2012 meeting was made and passed. Judy St. John gave the verbal treasurers report, voted on and approved. The financial budget report for 2013, was given by Bernie Blaszak to show members what comes in and goes out for the year.

Membership as of now 31 paid members. Our sympathy goes out to Sharon Rimatzki on the death of her husband.

Gary McKinney's reception after the meeting. Gary also has painting classes on Fridays at the Tawas Art Gallery. The Dragonfly Art Gallery has a few spaces available. If there are artists interested in joining the gallery call Joan Shively or Kathryn Cubalo.

In March and April we are planning an I.C.E. Program for Kids from the elementary school, after school at the EMS Building on M-72 on Thursdays -- March 7, 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18 and 25 from 4:30-6 p.m. Anyone wishing to help with this program let Bernie Blaszak know.

March 3 - 6 from 2 to 7 p.m. Tawas Village Art Prize: Deadline to enter is February 24.

EASG art display at the Harrisville Library: Wednesday, May 1 to Wednesday, May 29. Setup at 10 a.m. to

12 noon; three pieces of art work. Our reception will be on Tuesday, May 21 at 1 p.m. We need help putting up the gallery display and I.C.E. art work for May and August.

April 1 the Sunrise Side Wine and Food Festival posters art work is due. Bring to The Harrisville Art Council Building. Check their website for application and more information.

Alcona Art Retreat is September 5-8. Check website info@insporational.org for more information. Classes will be made available by April 1. Call Will St. John at

(989) 736-3000 or website. Sponsorship is \$100. ESAG made a motion to sponsor the retreat. Motion carried. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, more music (flute, banjo, dulcimer, all for beginners); Sunday cookout, art, watercolor, pastel, fiber art. Early bird amount \$225 through the end of June, ESAG discount.

Sharon Griffes Tarr: June classes, first week in June, Monday through Friday. More information to come.

Next meeting is April 9 at Harrisville library at 1 p.m. At 2 p.m. NEMAG reception. Check out website: info@esagg.org .

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Harrisville Township will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for the year 2013-2014 at the township hall, Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** A copy of the proposed budget will be available by calling the supervisor at (989) 724-6872.

Thomas Stone
 Harrisville Township Supervisor

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Safety

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- Always keep your machine in top mechanical condition.
- Always wear insulated boots and protective clothing including a helmet, gloves and eye protection.
- Never ride alone.
- Avoid, when possible, crossing frozen bodies of water.
- Never operate in a single file when crossing frozen bodies of water.
- Always be alert to avoid fences and low strung wires.
- Never operate on a street or highway.
- Always look for depressions in the snow.
- Keep headlights and tail lights on at all times.
- When approaching an intersection, come to a complete stop, raise off the seat and look for traffic.
- Always check the weather conditions before you depart.

To learn more about Michigan's snowmobile program and view snowmobile trail maps, go online to www.michigan.gov/snowmobiling.

(Editor's Note: This feature story was provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources as an aspect of "Showcasing the DNR" program, which promotes the importance of conservation in

Organization Notes

Alcona County Chamber of Commerce

The general meeting of the Alcona County Chamber of Commerce was held February 13 at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Member Judy Labadie called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. All joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance."

Present: Christy Holmes, treasurer; Ed Toombs and Jim Pyne, trustees; Karen

Sanderson, secretary; Joan Crick, Alcona County Historical Society; Judy Pyne, Harrisville Arts Council; Pat Bushey, Alcona Coffee Co.; and Paul and Judie Labadie, Coming Attractions. Absent: Jeanne Meskus, Trustee

Guests: Tammy Ranger, Tamara Quick and Elie Button, Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention for Alcona County

(CANPAC); Bob and Connie Petrovich, Our Kids 1st; and Betsy Lehndorff, Alpena News. The goal of CANPAC is the prevention of child abuse and neglect in Alcona County. This group falls under the purview of the state of Michigan's Children's Trust Fund. CANPAC has two activities for the families of Alcona -- in the fall is a Parenting Program and in the spring (March 14,) Family Fun Night. Funding is an issue and presently the group is selling kid's pins in the local businesses. It is primarily a volunteer organization.

The Petrovich's involvement in Our Kids 1st is to inform, answer questions, urge voters to cast ballots and to promote the passage of the millage February 26. He gave a brief overview and then opened the floor to ques-

tions. There will be a Community Forum February 21, at 7 p.m. at the Alcona High School Auditorium. Some topics discussed tonight were: Large class size; length of time on buses; millage not going to AMAESD; maintenance of basic class offerings. The value to our community of an excellent school system

Motion by Holmes, support by Crick, to approve agenda. Motion carried. Motion by Holmes, support by Toombs, to approve January 16 general meeting minutes. Motion carried. Motion by Holmes, support by Jim Pyne, to approve February 6 executive board meeting minutes. Motion carried. Treasurers report -- Christy reported that although some funds appear to have significant balances most are allo-

cated for operating expenses and funding down payments on the tent, advertising, etc. The fireworks fund is lower than it has been and she said fundraising efforts might need to be addressed. Motion by Sanderson, support by Toombs, to approve treasurers' report. Motion carried.

Calendar of Events is a work in progress and remainder of the deadline--February 28. All information must be in Judie Labadie's hands or else it will not be included. Fireworks -- Judie Labadie will contact and work with Richard from the pharmacy. Rex Manning will be at the pavilion providing music for the event. Texas Hold'em -- paperwork to send into the state is almost completed, need a principal officer signature. Wine and Food Festival -- next meeting will be in April. Entrance to event will be changed. Fence still in the conversation.

A \$100 sponsorship will be sent to the Alcona County Fair committee from the chamber. This contribution allows the chamber advertising space at the fair grounds. Motion by Toombs, support by Jim Pyne, to send \$100 to the Alcona County Library, Harrisville branch for its use. Motion carried. We use the conference room twice a month for our meetings. Bushey offered motion to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.










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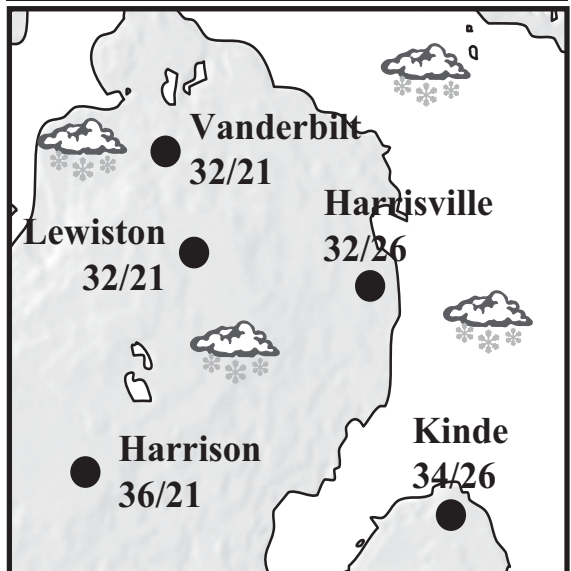
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Seven Day Forecast

-  **WEDNESDAY**
Snow Possible
High: 32 Low: 26
-  **THURSDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 31 Low: 22
-  **FRIDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 35 Low: 25
-  **SATURDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 38 Low: 28
-  **SUNDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 36 Low: 24
-  **MONDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 32 Low: 21
-  **TUESDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 31 Low: 15

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 40% chance of snow, high temperature of 32°, humidity of 70%. Northeast wind 10 to 15 mph. The record high temperature for today is 61° set in 1974. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 50% chance of snow, overnight low of 26°. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is -8° set in 1960.

*Last Week's Almanac

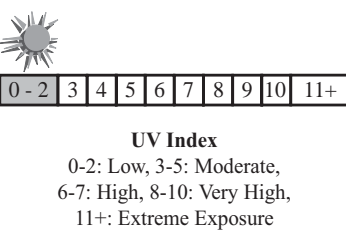
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Wednesday	33	32	31/13	0.30"
Thursday	33	23	32/13	0.12"
Friday	25	19	32/13	0.00"
Saturday	21	15	32/14	0.00"
Sunday	19	6	32/14	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
New 3/11	Wednesday 7:01 a.m.	6:28 p.m.	3:20 a.m.	12:58 p.m.
Thursday 6:59 a.m.	6:30 p.m.	4:07 a.m.	2:08 p.m.	
Friday 6:58 a.m.	6:31 p.m.	4:48 a.m.	3:19 p.m.	
Saturday 6:56 a.m.	6:32 p.m.	5:24 a.m.	4:30 p.m.	
First 3/19	Sunday 7:54 a.m.	7:33 p.m.	6:55 a.m.	6:40 p.m.
Monday 7:52 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	7:25 a.m.	7:49 p.m.	
Tuesday 7:50 a.m.	7:36 p.m.	7:53 a.m.	8:56 p.m.	

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered rain today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 46° in Annapolis, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 81° in Tamiami, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain today and Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 53° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today, scattered showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 81° in Gila Bend, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:36 a.m.	6:08 p.m.
Venus	6:58 a.m.	5:55 p.m.
Mars	7:27 a.m.	7:14 p.m.
Jupiter	10:28 a.m.	1:37 a.m.
Saturn	11:00 p.m.	9:26 a.m.
Uranus	7:51 a.m.	8:13 p.m.

Weather History

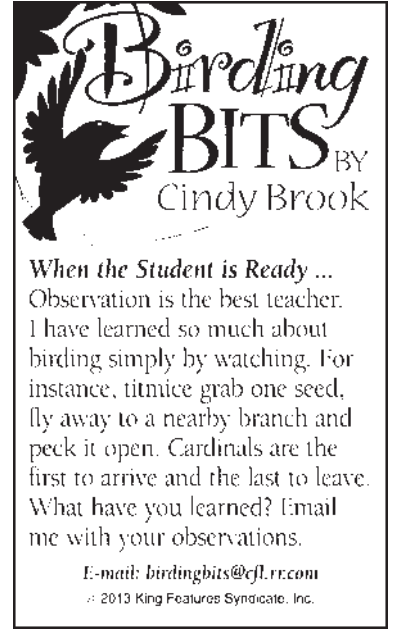
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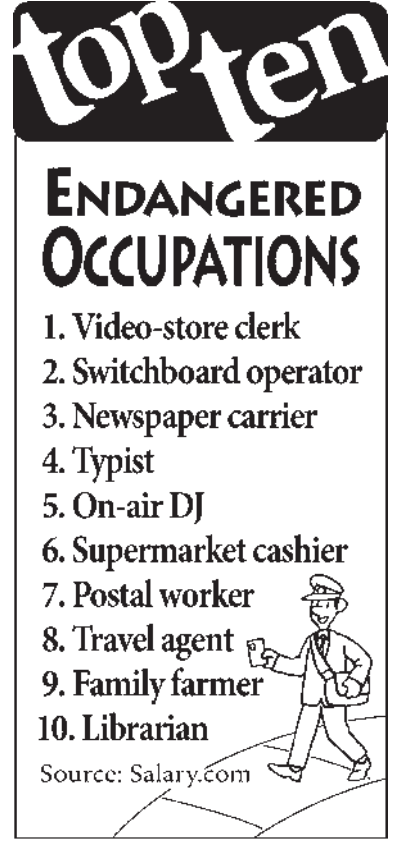
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StarWatch By Gary Becker -Drinking Gourd on the Rise

If you go outside about 8 p.m. and look towards the NE, you'll notice the familiar pattern of the Big Dipper, beginning its springtime ascent, handle down—cup up, rising above the tree line of your local neighborhood. The bright moon may hamper seeing its seven stars at the beginning of the week, but by week's end, Luna will be gone from the early evening sky. The Dipper is purely American, not even a constellation, possibly originating from the Drinking Gourd song taught to slaves by itinerant carpenter and abolitionist, Peg Leg Joe. Its lyrics gave slaves in Mississippi and Alabama, where Joe worked, a coded message to follow the Tombigbee and Tennessee rivers to the Ohio River, and across it to Illinois and their freedom. The song began with, "When the sun comes back, and the first quail calls" which signified mating season and starting the journey during the spring. It told slaves, "The riverbank will make a mighty good road, /the dead trees show you the way" with markings of Joe's "left foot, peg foot," indicating that they were on the correct route. Every verse ended with "Follow the Drinking Gourd," which always kept people in a general northbound direction. At the headwaters of the Tombigbee, "between two hills, /There's another river on the other side," the Tennessee. So "Follow the Drinking Gourd." And "When the great big river (Ohio) meets the little river (Tennessee), /Follow the Drinking Gourd." The dangerous trip along the hundreds of miles of snaking riverbanks, took escapees about a year to traverse, bringing them to the Ohio, hopefully, when it was frozen and easier to cross. Newer interpretations of the Drinking Gourd song say that it is all folklore, but even in a tale there is usually an element of truth. For "the old man is awaiting for to carry you to freedom, /If you follow the Drinking Gourd." That was written 80 years after the Civil War's end. www.astronomy.org



Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook
When the Student is Ready ... Observation is the best teacher. I have learned so much about birding simply by watching. For instance, titmice grab one seed, fly away to a nearby branch and peck it open. Cardinals are the first to arrive and the last to leave. What have you learned? Email me with your observations.
E-mail: birdingbits@cflrr.com
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top ten
ENDANGERED OCCUPATIONS

1. Video-store clerk
2. Switchboard operator
3. Newspaper carrier
4. Typist
5. On-air DJ
6. Supermarket cashier
7. Postal worker
8. Travel agent
9. Family farmer
10. Librarian

Source: Salary.com

TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY:** Where are the Cape Verde islands?
- 2. U.S. PRESIDENTS:** How many presidents have won Nobel Peace Prize?
- 3. ANATOMY:** Where is the sacrum in the human body?
- 4. LANGUAGE:** What is meant by the term "fifth column"?
- 5. HISTORY:** In what year did the American Federation of Labor and the Congress of Industrial Organizations merge into the AFL-CIO?
- 6. MILITARY:** What is the moral code of the Japanese samurai?
- 7. GAMES:** What kind of game is "Millipede"?
- 8. FOOD & DRINK:** What is arrowroot powder used for?
- 9. MUSIC:** What were the first names of the Allman Brothers?
- 10. THEATER:** Who wrote the play "The Iceman Cometh"?

Answers: 1. Off the coast of West Africa; 2. Four -- Theodore Roosevelt, Woodrow Wilson, Jimmy Carter and Barack Obama; 3. At the base of the spine; 4. Enemy sympathizers who might give aid to an invader; 5. 1955; 6. Bushido; 7. Arcade game; 8. A thickening agent; 9. Duane and Gregg; 10. Eugene O'Neill. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

ALPHABETICAL ACTS A-TO-A Super Crossword

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| ACROSS | 60 Big name in sportswear | 112 Key near Alt | 14 Mother with a Nobel | 56 Henrik who wrote "Peer Gynt" | 83 School lobby gp. |
| 1 Wise to | 64 Like Smurfs | 116 Directed light rays at | 15 — Lanka | 57 — -mo (replay choice) | 88 Dumb — ox |
| 8 Raven calls | 65 Justices' org. | 118 Brynner divides a site into districts? | 16 Sweeping views | 58 End-of-word add-on: Abbr. | 89 Attract |
| 12 Salve target | 66 Astor feeds her infant? | 122 Slum digs | 17 Against lawbreaking | 59 Voiced | 90 Free TV ad |
| 15 Vacation facilities | 73 Lyric-writing Gershwin | 123 Its cap. is 97-Down | 18 Embezzled | 61 Actor La Salle | 92 Church seat |
| 19 Sticky stuff on a bat | 74 Ending for billion | 124 Accustoming (to) | 22 Scuba spots | 62 Pancake pour-on | 94 Tullius' 2,020 |
| 20 Andy's radio sidekick | 75 Duncan of dance | 125 USMC NCO | 24 Moral lapse | 63 Sluggish sort | 95 180, slangily |
| 21 Abnormal | 77 Shriver gets off her soapbox? | 126 "— gratias" | 28 — mortal | 67 Jamaican with dreadlocks, often | 96 Right angle |
| 23 Curry does a patisserie job? | 84 Tattered cloth | 127 Defendant's answer | 30 Morse bits | 68 "Yes, —!" | 97 City northwest of Tucson |
| 25 Ripped open | 85 — -Wan | 128 Some photocopies | 31 Space chimp of 1961 | 69 Time chunk | 99 Stupid, clumsy sort |
| 26 Olds antiques | 86 City map | DOWN | 32 Nearly an eternity | 70 Contract need: Abbr. | 100 Wore away |
| 27 Gains a lap? | 87 Suffix with krypton | 1 On — (equal in value) | 33 Deletes, with "out" | 71 "Nick and — Infinite Playlist" | 103 Bodices, e.g. |
| 28 Big scuffle | 88 Llama's kin | 2 Chablis, e.g. | 34 Platte River tribe | 72 Brings honor to | 104 Norwegian currency |
| 29 Petroleum | 91 Ostentatious display | 3 — Domini (in the year of the Lord) | 35 "Stop panicking!" | 76 Gel for a petri dish | 105 Brazil's Espirito — |
| 30 Hopper lifts weights? | 93 Alito gets an arena worker's attention? | 4 Graycoats | 36 Old 7UP nickname, with "the" | 77 Explode | 106 Colonel North, briefly |
| 35 Lighter fuel | 98 Lord of a manor | 5 Greek letter | 37 No-frills shirt | 78 Eradicates | 107 Cheesy pie gp. |
| 38 Atop, to poets | 101 Tillis of song | 6 Sturdy wood (spotlight component) | 40 Chess, e.g. "— dare?" | 79 Aping | 112 Italian "dear" |
| 39 "Swinging on —" (1944 hit song) | 102 Really annoy | 7 — lens | 41 "— dare?" | 80 Prof's aides | 113 Cereal that's "for kids" |
| 40 Wilder picks up a bug? | 103 Damone plays a percussion instrument? | 8 Prickly desert plants | 42 Total amount | 81 Shop — you drop | 114 Lacoste of tennis |
| 46 Forget to mention | 109 Alaskan lang. | 9 Garner | 43 Rankle | 82 Addams family cousin | 115 Fails to keep up |
| 48 Gain entry to | 110 Dr. Seuss title creature | 10 Asian pan | 44 Western actor Lee Van — | 83 Addams family cousin | 117 Bottom line |
| 49 — Lady of Fatima | 111 Sour fruit | 11 Tampa-to-Ft. Myers dir. | 45 Lean- (hovels) | 84 Addams family cousin | 118 Sharp bark |
| 50 Setback | | 12 Provide food | 47 "— a pity ..." | 85 Addams family cousin | 119 Online address |
| 53 "— right?" | | 13 Letter-shaped iron bar | 48 "— a pity ..." | 86 Addams family cousin | 120 Ending for phenyl |
| 54 "Little Red Book" writer | | | 49 "— a pity ..." | 87 Addams family cousin | 121 Prefix with tax |
| 55 Carrey is amorous with gals? | | | 50 "— a pity ..." | 88 Addams family cousin | |

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Average time of solution: 64 minutes.

STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

• President Harry Truman was once told there were ghosts in the White House. His response? "I'm sure they're here, and I'm not half so alarmed at meeting up with any of them as I am at having to meet the live nuts I have to see every day."

• Pet food is the third most profitable item for supermarkets, following meat and fresh produce.

• The warmest parts of your body are your eyes and nose, while the coldest parts (unsurprisingly) are your fingers and toes.

• In the African country of Zaire, more than 200 different languages are spoken.

• It was more than 30 years ago, in 1982, that a man in suburban Los Angeles tied 24 weather balloons to his lawn chair in an attempt to fly. A pretty successful attempt, too -- he made it to 16,000 feet, alarming air traffic controllers and pilots in the process.

• Those who study such things say that the rate of divorce increases during the winter months.

• The Baltimore Orioles had a pretty bad season in 1988. After the team lost its first 10 games, Bob Rivers, a deejay at Baltimore radio station WIYY, announced that he would stay on the air until the home team won a game. He kept his word, sleeping only between songs, for 10 days. When the Orioles finally defeated the Chicago White Sox, Rivers played "I'm Free" by The Who, and finally left.

• Queen termites can live for up to 100 years.

• When respondents to a survey are guaranteed that the results will be anonymous, fully 40 percent of the people admit to cheating on their taxes.

Thought for the Day: "When two men in business always agree, one of them is unnecessary." -- William Wrigley, Jr.

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MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On March 24, 1603, after 44 years of rule, Queen Elizabeth I of England dies, and King James VI of Scotland ascends to the throne, uniting England and Scotland under a single British monarch. Queen Elizabeth I passed into history as one of England's greatest monarchs.

• On March 23, 1839, the initials "O.K." are first published in The Boston Morning Post. Meant as an abbreviation for "oll correct," a popular slang misspelling of "all correct" at the time, OK steadily made its way into the everyday speech of Americans.

• On March 22, 1908, Louis L'Amour, the author of scores of bestselling Western novels, is born in Jamestown, N.D. After returning from World War II, L'Amour began writing short stories and novels. His big break came when a novel he wrote at the age of 46 became the basis for the popular John Wayne movie "Hondo."

• On March 19, 1916, the First Aero Squadron flies a support mission for the 7,000 U.S. troops who had invaded Mexico on President Woodrow Wilson's orders to capture Mexican revolutionary Pancho Villa dead or alive.

• On March 18, 1937, nearly 300 students in Texas are killed by an explosion of natural gas at their school. Eleven oil and natural-gas derricks stood in the schoolyard as a means of saving the school money. The blast killed most victims instantly and was felt 40 miles away.

• On March 20, 1965, President Lyndon Johnson sends a telegram to Gov. George Wallace of Alabama in which he agrees to send federal troops to supervise a planned civil-rights march in Wallace's home state. Earlier that month, civil-rights activist Martin Luther King Jr. had led two attempts to march to Montgomery.

• On March 21, 1980, President Jimmy Carter informs a group of U.S. athletes that, in response to the December 1979 Soviet incursion into Afghanistan, the United States would boycott the 1980 Olympics in Moscow. It marked the first and only time that the United States has boycotted the Olympics.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

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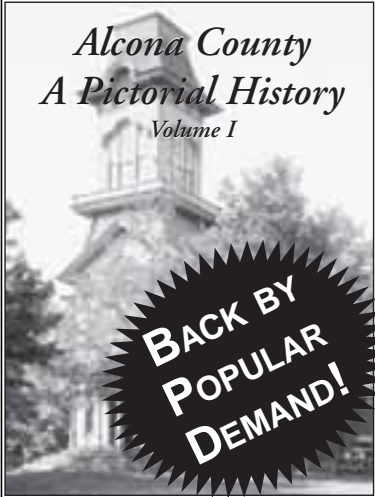
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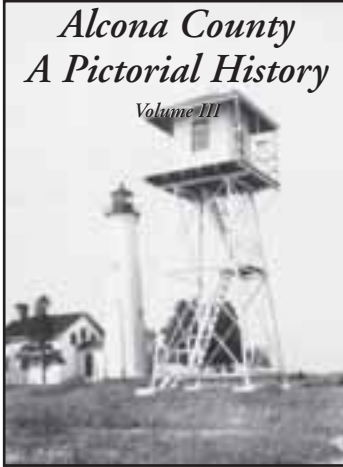
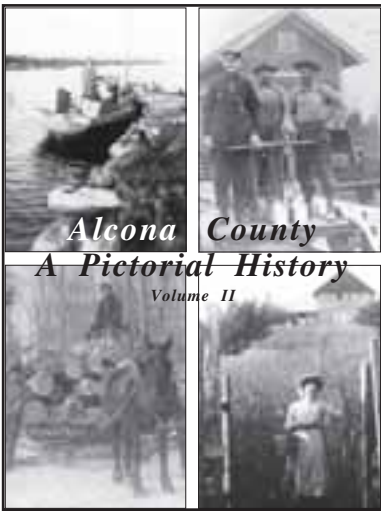
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P & G Farms is now accepting applications. Must be 18 years old or older. Some horse experience is helpful. Applications can be picked up Monday - Friday 9 a.m. to noon, 1120 South Everett Road, Harrisville, (989) 724-6029.

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Call Rich Gillies in Lincoln 736-8195

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ANNOUNCEMENT

The Looking Glass Salon welcomes Elin Loyer! We are now offering nails, pedicures and facials. Walk-ins or appointments Tuesday-Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. or Saturday 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Mondays by appointment only. We're located behind Chippewa Point in Spruce. Call, (989) 471-8050.

The Looking Glass Salon & Spa March specials **\$5.00** haircuts for men and children and **Spa Day** (manicure, pedicure, facial) for just \$30.00. Call Elin at 471-8050.

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One bedroom, one block from downtown Harrisville. All utilities paid, covered parking and on-site laundry, call (989) 362-4400 daytime.

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Downtown Harrisville on the lake one bedroom, den, sitting room with efficiency kitchen including new stove and refrigerator. Unfurnished \$300 per month plus utilities. Must have first and last month's rent plus security. One year lease, credit check. For appointment to view, call (313) 882-8145 and (989) 724-6970.

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

Bingo - Every Wednesday in Mikado Civic Center. Early bird at 6:30 p.m., air conditioned. Mikado Area Development.
 A.C.C.O.A. Bingo - Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Senior Center. All paper games, Michigan Progressive, two jackpots, cookie jar. Non-smoking area provided. New players are always welcome. Proceeds to ACCOA senior programs. A239401C.

Bingo-Every Saturday at the Barton City Eagles from 5:30 to 11 p.m.

BOARD OF REVIEW

Public Notice
March Board of Review
Haynes Township

Township Hall, 3939 E. McNeil Rd., Lincoln, MI 48742

Monday, March 11, 2013, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.
 Tuesday, March 12, 2013, 3-9 p.m.

An organization meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 5, 2013 to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. By board resolution, 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:

	Ratios	Multipliers
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	n/a	n/a
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Timber cutover	n/a	n/a
Development	n/a	n/a
Personal property	50.00	1.00000

American with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the board of review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact Dennis Gehres, 1681 N. Gehres Rd., Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

2-20 thru 3-6

Public Notice
March Board of Review
Alcona Township
Alcona Township Hall,
5576 US-23,
Black River, MI 48721

March 11, 2013; 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m. and March 12, 2013 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. By board resolution residents and non-residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received by March 12, 2013 before closing of BOR. Letters can be mailed to Alcona Township Board of Review, 5576 US-23 South, Black River, MI 48721. American with Disabilities (ADA) notice. The township will provide necessary reasonable services to individual with disabilities at the board of review meeting upon seven days notice. Appearing below are the recommended tentative equalization ratios and estimated multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	Rate	Multipliers
Agriculture	49.62	1.0000
Commercial	49.39	1.0000
Industrial	49.97	1.0000
Residential	49.08	1.0000
Timber cut over	50.00	1.0000
Developmental	50.00	1.0000

2-27 & 3-6

2013 Board of Review Notice
Gustin Township
113 S. Second St.
Lincoln, MI 48742

The Gustin Township Board of Review for 2013 will be held at the Gustin Township Hall, 113 S. Second St., on the following dates: March 12, 2013; 3:30 - 9:30 p.m., March 14, 2013; 3:30 - 9:30 p.m. An organizational meeting will be held March 5, 2013 at 6 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review will 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 the letter is received on or before March 11, 2013. The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2013 are as follows:

Residential	49.78	1.00000
Agriculture	49.74	1.00000
Commercial	49.88	1.00000
Industrial	49.62	1.00000

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LEGAL NOTICE

Foreclosure Notice

In the event this property is claimed as a principal residence exempt from tax under section 7cc of the general property tax act, 1893 PA 206, MCL .7cc please contact our office at (248) 844-5123.

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the military, please contact our office at the number listed below. Mortgage Sale—Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Richard Yezbick, a married man and Cynthia Yezbick, a married woman, joint tenants with rights of survivorship to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for North Pointe Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated July 30, 2003 and recorded September 12, 2003 in Liber 389 page 1, 105 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Homeward Residential, Inc. fka American Home Mortgage Servicing, Inc., by assignment dated August 17, 2012 and recorded October 29, 2012 in Liber 492, page 1, 097, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of two hundred sixty-two thousand seven hundred forty-one dollars and sixty cents (\$262,741.60) including interest 5 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, circuit court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on March 27, 2013. Said premises are situated in City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The south 100 feet of a parcel described as beginning at the southeast intersection of Wash-

ington Street and Lake Street in Section 12, Township 26 North, Range 9 East, thence south 8 degrees 31 minutes 20 seconds west along the east line of Lake Street 182.27 feet, thence South 81 degrees 26 minutes 40 seconds east 466.54 feet to a point on the west shore of Lake Huron, thence North 1 degree 55 minutes 50 seconds west along said shore, 184.90 feet, thence north 81 degrees 23 minutes west 433.0 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel to extend to the waters edge of Lake Huron. Commonly known as 524 Lake Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later; or unless MCL 600.3240(17) applies. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: February 27, 2013
Homeward Residential, Inc.
fka American Home Mortgage Servicing, Inc.

Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:
Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, Mich. 48307
(248) 844-5123
File No: 13-77880
2-27, 3-6, 3-13, 3-20

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.

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by Jerris S. Baker as mortgagor, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated October 10, 2006, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on October 27, 2006, in Liber 436 at pages 585-599, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$93,880.51, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, April 24, 2013, at 10 a.m., on the front steps of the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, that being the place for holding circuit court for the county of Alcona where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the

amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 9.25 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises. The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the township of Haynes, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: West half (1/2) of the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of Section 18, Township 27 North, Range 9 East.

Please be advised that you and any other person liable on the mortgage is liable to the purchaser at the sale, or the mortgagee, payee, or other holder of the obligation secured by the mortgage if the mortgagee, payee, or other holder takes or has taken title to the property at sale either directly or indirectly, for any physical injury to the property beyond wear and tear resulting from the normal use of the property if the physical injury is caused by or at the direction of you or other person liable on the mortgage.

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

Dated: February 19, 2013
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511

Notice of Mortgage Sale

Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bill DeSmet and Sheri DeSmet to Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, whose address is 1100 South Bagley Street, Alpena, Mich. 49707.

The mortgage is dated November 4, 2004 and recorded on November 12, 2004 at Liber 409, pages 566-568, Alcona County records. The mortgage was modified three times by the following modification agreements dated as follows: September 2, 2010 recorded on October 6, 2010 at Liber 473, pages 1,044-1,045, Alcona County records; November 19, 2010 and recorded on December 6, 2010 at Liber 475, pages 425-427, Alcona County records, May 11, 2011 and recorded on May 13, 2011 at Liber 478, pages 1,286-1,287, Alcona County records.

There is claimed to be due on the mortgage at the date of this notice, for principal, interest, and other items paid as allowed by the mortgage, the sum of \$107,537.01 and no proceedings have been instituted to recover the debt se-

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 Erin M. Holberton and Corey L. Holberton, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Huron Community Bank, mortgagee, dated May 18, 2009, and recorded on May 26, 2009 in Liber 462 on page 98, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-nine thousand five hundred nineteen and 11/100 dollars (\$59,519.11).

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 fore-

closed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on March 20, 2013.

Said premises are situated in township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel J - commencing at the northwest corner of fractional Section 2, Town 26 North, Range 8 East; thence south 01 degrees 54 minutes 09 seconds east along the west line of said section, 966.53 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 89 degrees 34 minutes 06 seconds east, 264.00 feet; thence south 01 degrees 54 minutes 09 seconds east 166.85 feet; thence south 89 degrees 38 minutes 14 seconds west, 264.01 feet; thence north 01 degrees 54 minutes 09 seconds west along the west line of said section, 166.53 feet to the point of beginning. Except McConnell Road right of way. Said parcel being a part of the northwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of said fractional Section 2. Description taken from survey dated September 26, 2005. Also to include a 1995 Mansion manufactured home with serial number M0267212.

cured thereby. The power of sale contained in the mortgage has now become operative.

Notice is hereby given that, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage and pursuant to the applicable foreclosure statute, the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the property described below at public auction to the highest bidder at the Alcona County courthouse at 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 on Wednesday, April 3, 2013 at 10 a.m. The property will be sold to pay the amount due on the mortgage with 7.50 percent interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes and insurance that the mortgagee pays on or before the date of sale. The property subject to the mortgage and subject to sale is as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the southeast quarter, Section 10, Town 26 North, Range 9 East; thence west 33 feet to the point of beginning; thence west 175 feet; thence south 200 feet; thence east 175 feet; thence north 200 feet to the point of beginning. Situated in the township of Harrisville, county

of Alcona, state of Michigan. The period of redemption will be six months from the date of sale, unless abandoned as defined by MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of sale. Should the mortgagor provide proof that the property is agricultural, the redemption period shall be one year from the date of sale unless abandoned. 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 19, 2013
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Mortgagee
Daniel W. White
Attorney for Mortgagee
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Affidavit of affixture of manufactured home recorded in Liber 430, page 895, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 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 20, 2013
For more information, please call:
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above described parcel being a part of the east 1/2 of the west 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of said Section 34. Being subject to the rights of the public over the south 33.00 feet thereof.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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HARRISVILLE TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Harrisville Township Board held a special meeting and workshop February 27 at 2 p.m. at the township hall. The pre-announced meeting workshop was called by the board and was attended by the full board and one guest. After some discussion, Pyne/Jamieson: To approve the Annual Resolution No. 11012 "Poverty Exemption Income Guidelines and Asset Test" for board of review. Motion carried unanimously. Johnston/Pyne: To renew the three year contract with the

Alcona School for the summer tax collection. Motion carried.

A lengthy discussion followed about our fire contracts with Lincoln, Haynes Township and the City of Harrisville. Then went over the proposed 2013-2014 budget to be presented at the March 12, 6:30 p.m. public hearing. Meeting adjourned at 3:51 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson,
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Self taught organist celebrates devotion through music

By Mary Weber

Staff Writer

"Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies."

Proverbs 31:10

The First Baptist Church of Lincoln recently celebrated such a virtuous woman for her dedication to Christ through her love of hymnal music and masterful organ playing of over 50 years.

Dorothy (Apsey) Cole of Lincoln has lived her life in Alcona County for all but a few of her 82 years. She learned to play the piano while going to Sunday school at the church as a child. The youngest of 10 children in the Apsey household, Dorothy wanted to play and took piano lessons from the Methodist minister's wife, Mrs. Mellor, for two years.

Dorothy spoke joyfully, while the soft light of a gray snowy day sifted through a large stained glass window, tinting the alter of the First Baptist Church in subtle hues of color. "My mother

(Inez Walker Apsey) could play the piano by ear; maybe I had some of that gift as well," she said.

Dorothy became a member of the church when she was 10 and accepted the lord as her savior. She continued to play the piano for several years in school and then later played the piano during church services. When the church's organist, Gerta Scott, was no longer able to play for the service, Dorothy was asked to play the organ instead of the piano.

Dorothy had never touched an organ or had any lessons. The first service she played was a nerve racking experience. As Dorothy adjusted her red choral robe to drape perfectly across her lap, she said, "I was shaking so badly that Nora Apsey saw me shake and told me later she began praying for me."

She continued playing the organ. "My theory was if you can play the piano with your hands, your feet will know what to do because you know



Dorothy Cole sits at the organ she has played for many years for the congregation of the First Baptist Church in Lincoln. Photo by Mary Weber.

what chord goes with whatever you're playing."

During her organist years at the church, Dorothy had the pleasure of playing on three different organs. The current organ was donated to the church in memory of Violet Schram. The church also has a baby grand piano which is played by Linda

Somers to accompany the organ.

Dorothy is also the custodian at the church. She smiled brightly while talking about her custodial duties, "People tell me I shouldn't be cleaning the church, but I really enjoy it and look forward to it. I think of it as

cleaning God's house. I even get on my hands and knees and clean the floors where there's linoleum."

Dorothy has been married to her husband, Jack, for 61 years. Jack is 83 and Dorothy states he is in great health. He is a marathon runner and in his most recent marathon, he finished third from last, despite being the oldest runner there.

The Cole's have seven children; three have passed away including their first child, a girl named Beth Ann, who only lived seven months. Dorothy went on to have two sons, Kenneth and Daryl and thought maybe God was giving her boys so it wouldn't remind her of losing their daughter. Then along came Kathleen, Kevin, Donald and Bradley. Donald only lived five days and Daryl passed away in 1982 when he was 25.

Dorothy and Jack owned a gas and appliance business, where Dorothy did the book-keeping for 30 years while raising her children. Their son, Bradley, owns Cole's Appliance. All of the Cole children still reside in Alcona County except for Kenneth, who lives in Perry, Mich.

The couple has nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. Dorothy and Jack spend much of their free time watching their grandchildren play sports, especially basketball, where two of her granddaughters are excelling. "We attend all the games we can. I'm not sure what we're going to do with our time when those girls graduate," Dorothy said.

Dorothy has a chord organ at home and plays hymnal music for Lincoln Haven two times a month. She still cleans her large home herself, does her own cooking and enjoys baking. She enjoys sharing recipes and said the most requested recipe is her Hawaiian wedding cake.

Of the 10 siblings Dorothy grew up with only one is left - Hazel, 94, of Alpena. Dorothy describes her sister as a truly beautiful person. Hazel still attends the First Baptist Church in Lincoln every Sunday with her son.

Dorothy retired from the full time position as organist earlier this year. She still plans on playing periodically, but felt it was time to enjoy the Sunday morning service with her family and listen to Margaret Hardy, who now has the full time responsibility of organist.

"All I can say is my mother and dad were wonderful parents and I thank them for leading me to the church. The lord called me to honor and praise him through music."

First Baptist Church pastor, Arie VanBrenk, said, "I've known Dorothy for several years now. Her commitment to Christ is an example to her family and to the younger women of the church. When, centuries ago, Proverbs 31 was written, it was written with her in mind. Her faithfulness to the church is something we could do to emulate."





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