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Santa Claus visits Alcona County over the weekend making appearances at the Village of Lincoln Festival of Lights Celebration (above) on Friday evening and at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library (bottom) on Saturday. He also handed out gifts in Mikado on Sunday with the Mikado Goodfellows. *Photos by Cheryl Peterson.*



Ice forms early on Great Lakes

By Cameron Vredeveld
Capital News Service

Ice is forming on the Great Lakes faster this year than most others.

Areas of Lake Superior were freezing on November 15, according to Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory data. That's the earliest in more than 40 years.

"Early ice formations this year are a product of years past," said Jia Wang, who forecasts ice-climate for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

During the past harsh winter, ice overtook Lake Superior from November until June. With only five months without ice, Superior — along with the other Great Lakes — remained unusually cold.

Coastal forecasting done by the agency shows Superior's water is two degrees below average for this time of year. "It all works as a part of a chain reaction," said Drew Gronewold, a hydrologist at the Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory in Ann Arbor, Mich.

Lingering ice meant less

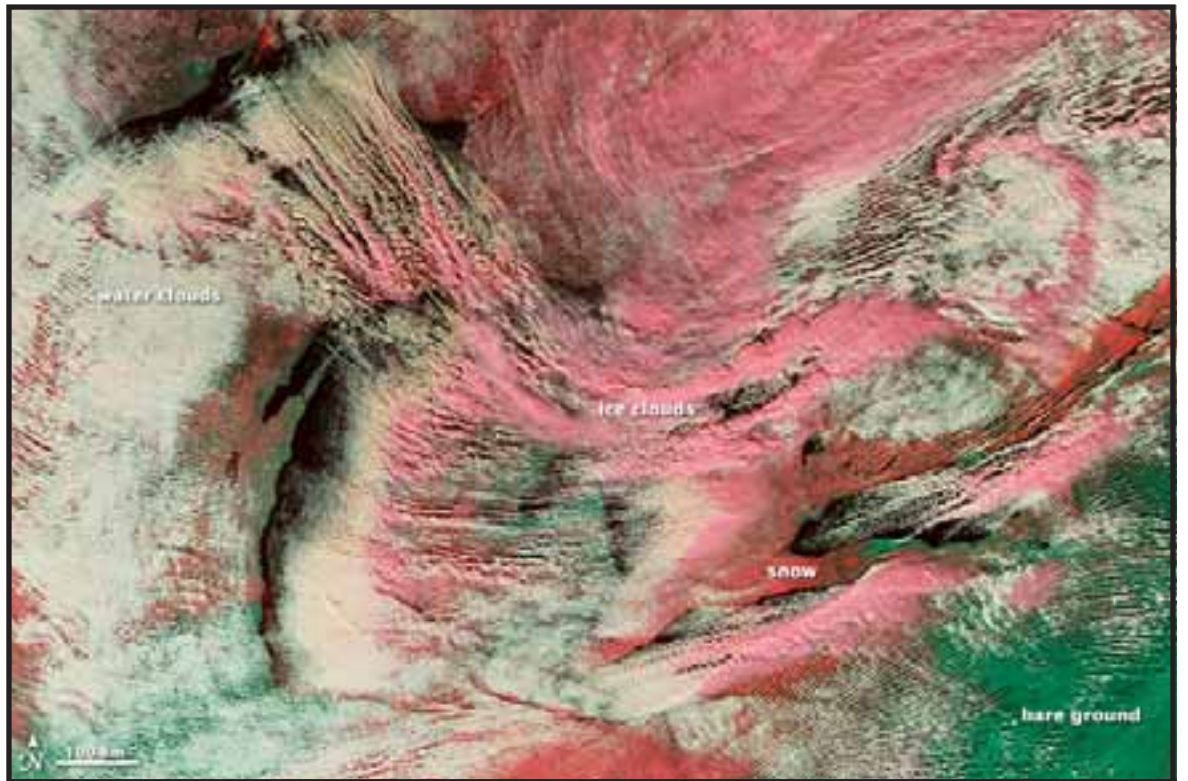
time for seasonal evaporation, keeping water levels unusually high and cold, Gronewold said.

NOAA physical scientist Anne Clites said, "At a time in the year when we expect to see lake levels dropping, the 'big three' are rising."

The "big three" are lakes Michigan, Huron and Superior.

Lakes Michigan and Huron water levels normally drop five inches by this point, Clites said. Instead, the lake

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As dry, cool air rushed over the Great Lakes on November 18, it picked up moisture from the warmer water, creating long cloud lines known as cloud streets. In this false-color image, snow on the ground is dark pink, ice clouds are light pink and water clouds are white. Bare ground is green. *Photo courtesy of NASA.*

For the love of the game

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

A ceremony which took place in Flint, Mich. recently marked the final chapter for a coach who grew up loving the game of football.

Al LaBrecque of Hubbard Lake stood with the 1977 Holy Rosary varsity football team of Flint, Mich., as they were inducted into the 2014 Greater Flint Area Sports Hall of Fame.

LaBrecque was a defensive coach for the team during its state championship games the year it finally defeated Forest Park High School from Crystal Falls, Mich. They won with a score 21-20.

He explained the team was coached by the late Bill Herrmann. LaBrecque was the junior varsity coach, and when the varsity team of only 23 players entered the state

championships, many of the junior varsity sophomores were elevated to varsity level. "Coach Herrmann assigned the defense to me as I had a plan on how we could stop, or at least slow, Crystal Falls Forest Park's powerful running game. And it worked," LaBrecque said.

LaBrecque had two sons on the 1977 team -- Paul, a senior that year, was an all-conference linebacker, running back, backup quarterback, holder on place kicks and captain of the team for the state finals; and Eric, who was a junior, was a center and defensive lineman. (Eric became an all-conference center in 1978 -- the year LaBrecque became head varsity coach for Holy Rosary, a position he held for nine years.)

LaBrecque was excited to see the entire team again,

despite suffering one of the worst losses a parent can face -- LaBrecque's daughter, Lisa Lamrock, succumbed to bone cancer just a few weeks ago.

"It is bitter sweet. A lot of the team and coaching fraternity had heard about Lisa's death and sent us e-mails. It was nice. Those connections made in the past never quit giving," LaBrecque said.

Although he is heartbroken at the loss of his daughter LaBrecque said he was glad to have the ceremony to give him something to look forward to and keep his mind busy.

LaBrecque talked about other notable nominees who were inducted at this year's ceremony including Brian Carpenter who played for the Washington Redskins in the 1983 Superbowl win over

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Obituaries

Paul W. Dudler

Paul William Dudler, 66, of Monroe, Mich. died Friday, Nov. 28, 2014 at home.

He was born February 22, 1948 to Michael and Virginia S. (McKay) Dudler in Alpena.

He married Linda A. Grisham on April 8, 1978 in Royal Oak, Mich.

Mr. Dudler was employed as a truck driver for Jones Motor, Twin Pane Glass and Yellow Freight. He retired in 2005. He was a member of the Teamsters Local No. 299.

He served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

Mr. Dudler is survived by his wife, Linda, of Monroe, Mich.; four sisters, Judy (Larry) Sullivan of Satellite Beach, Fla., Caroline (George) Wentzel of Troy, Mich., Beverly (Herb) Acord of Glennie and Pam Reid of Erie, Mich.; three brothers, Michael T. Dudler of Lincoln, David Dudler of Satellite Beach, Fla. and Greg Dudler of Lincoln; two uncles, Theron Franklin of Waterford, Mich. and Don Franklin of Lincoln; one aunt, Elaine Medor of Lincoln; 10 nieces and nephews; and several great nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Cremation has taken place and interment will take place at Roselawn Memorial Park in LaSalle, Mich. at a later date. Memorials may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were handled by Rupp Funeral Home, Monroe, Mich.

Louis F. Held

Louis Frederick Held, 95, of Hudson, Ohio died on Sunday, Nov. 16, 2014 at Laurel Lake Retirement Community in Hudson, Ohio.

He was born in Indianapolis, Ind. to Frank and Caroline (Ressler) Held. He attended the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, Mich. and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering in 1942.

He married Frances Elizabeth Hutchenreuther on September 4, 1943 in Bay City, Mich.

During World War II he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps laboratories working on fuel systems for fighter planes. He joined the Euclid Road Machinery Company in 1945 and developed heavy duty earthmoving equipment. His career with Euclid, later bought by General Motors and renamed Terex, spanned more than 30 years.

In 1963 the Helds purchased property on South Lake Huron Shore Road and built a cottage where their family still visits.

After his retirement, Mr. Held worked as a management consultant in Monterey, Mexico; led a clutch-plate

manufacturing effort near Cleveland, Ohio and worked for the Akron Regional Development Board.

He was very active in the Lyndhurst Community Presbyterian Church of Lyndhurst, Ohio, and later in the First Congregational Church of Hudson, Ohio. He enjoyed playing tennis, golf and bowling. After moving into Laurel Lake Retirement Community in 2001, he participated in the Laurel Lake community as a TLC Caregivers member and always had a welcoming smile ready.

Mr. Held is survived by one daughter, Marilyn (Roger) Spence; two sons, Karl (Fran Paver) Held and John (Denise) Held; six grandchildren Elizabeth Held, Natalie Held, Andrew Held, Bridget Held, Philip (Liz) Held and Tommy Held;



one great-grandson Andrew Snelling; one brother, Robert (Norma) Held; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Frances, in 2004.

Memorials may be made to First Congregational Church, 47 Aurora Street, Hudson, Ohio 44236, or to the Laurel Lake Foundation, 200 Laurel Lake Dr., Hudson, Ohio 44236.

Writing Letters to the Editor

The Alcona County Review welcomes Letters to the Editor so readers can express their opinion or draw attention to issues.

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Letters must address the editor -- not government, the community, organizations or the authors of previously published letters.

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This forum is not intended as a thank you section for groups and organizations. Thank yous are considered personal messages and therefore advertising.

Drop off letters to the Alcona County Review office at 111 Lake Street, Harrisville; mail to P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; or e-mail using plain text format to editor@alconareview.com.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,

Recently my wife and I had the distinct honor and privilege to attend the 15th Annual Project Blue Light in Alpena. It was the first time I had heard of this event. Its purpose is to honor, remember and support the men and women in law enforcement and the firemen who protect and serve our communities with a special emphasis on those who have given their lives in the line of duty.

The master of ceremony was Lt. Mike Hahn of the Michigan State Police. The "Pledge of Allegiance" was led by Trooper Jamie Bullis of the Michigan State Police.

The irony of this evening was not lost on me in light of the recent events in Ferguson, Mo. There were no dignitaries sent to represent the president. The DOJ sent no one to investigate why so many service people were slain in the line of duty. There was no cursing by family members

of our fallen heroes demanding that the place be burned down. There was no rioting. There was not much media there with cameras to capture the tears and pain in the families, friends and co-workers of those who had buried their dead.

Lt. Hahn did not call out for justice or a more vigorous prosecution of criminals. He called out for better training for officers, stricter adherence to safety procedures and closer attention to proven procedures. He asked us to place a red and blue light in our front yards.

I live in Harrisville and we will have our lights on and there is a standing invitation to any service people to stop by. Thank you for your service. We will be praying for you with deep gratitude. May God be with you always and protect you.

Frank and Virginia
Dimercurio
Harrisville



The Humble Tree

Holiday trees don't have to cost a lot to decorate. Decide on a theme, and then go to your favorite craft store to find the items you need. Bird-related items are very easy to find. Having a tree filled with lights in your home can be very peaceful. Enjoy!

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2014

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Nov. 30	46		27	0.00	3.7
Dec. 1	27	14	0.01	3.0	20	N
Dec. 2	31	16	0.02	7.8	30	SW
Dec. 3	33	25	0.00	3.6	27	SW
Dec. 4	30	13	0.00	3.9	24	NW
Dec. 5	35	27	0.00	4.4	26	SSW
Dec. 6	38	26	0.00	3.7	23	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.03	1.1	0.42
Month of November	2.19	3.4	2.08
December to Date	0.03	1.1	0.36
Year to Date	27.61	4.5	26.93

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, raffle ticket sales, or political campaigning information is not eligible.)

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Needle crafters are making hats, scarves and more at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. Bring necessary supplies. Items made will be donated to local organizations for distribution.

Alcona woodcarvers will meet from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 Campbell Road.

My Brother's Hope will be accepting donations from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

Barton City Improvement Association will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Trask Lake Road. Citizens of Barton City are encouraged to attend.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 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, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 12

A fish fry will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church, Harrisville. Cost is \$9 for adults, \$4 for children and free for ages five and under. Everyone is welcome.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church

Street. For details, call (989) 736-8879.

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

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13

The Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). Proof of residency required.

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 information, call (989) 724-6546.

Harrisville Cub Scout Pack 3093 will hold a returnable can and bottle drive from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site.

A lecture discussing the basics of forest management in the lakes states will be held at 10 a.m. at Robert Parks Public Library, 6010 North Skeel, Oscoda. This event is free and open to the public. Participants are encouraged to bring questions about how forests and trees are managed for multiple uses. For more information, call District Forester Andrew Beebe at (989) 335-1056 or visit alconaconservation.org.

A community dance will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Family friendly, no partner necessary. Live music. All dances taught. Cost is \$5 for adults, no admission free for students with identification. For more information, visit www.inspirationalcona.org. This event is sponsored by Dance Alcona and the Alcona County Commission On Aging.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call (989) 724-6365.

My Brother's Hope Potluck Café will be serving a meal from 9:30 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 North State Street (US-23). For more information, call (989) 724-6365.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14

A special brunch will be served at 10 a.m. until the food is gone at the Barton City Eagles, 671 Sanborn Road. Cost is \$7 per person, \$4 for children under 12. All proceeds will go to My Brother's Hope. For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 15

All ladies are invited to play bunco at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039

Campbell Road at 2:30 p.m. Bunco is an easy game to learn, first-timers are always welcome.

Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Computers, Wi-Fi and Wii available for seniors from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16

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

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The selection for December is "Pulling Down the Barn" by Anne-Marie Oomen. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

My Brother's Hope will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 76 North Barlow Road (across from the high school). For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

Members of the Alpena High School choir will open the Christmastime with

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Alcona Elementary School provides a caring, nurturing environment for preschool through 6th grade students. In addition to a vibrant core curriculum supported by comprehensive technology opportunities, students participate in a variety of learning experiences including on-site medical services in the school-based Tiger Clinic, 4-H Extension Activities, Service Squad, Drama and FOR Clubs.

Alcona Community Schools proudly announces the following grade level openings for the second semester of the 2014/2015 school year for School of Choice student enrollment:

GRADE	OPENINGS	GRADE	OPENINGS
K	Unlimited	7	Unlimited
1	Unlimited	8	Unlimited
2	Unlimited	9	Unlimited
3	Unlimited	10	2 Openings
4	Unlimited	11	Closed
5	Unlimited	12	2 Openings
6	Unlimited		

Applications for limited seats available for second semester of the 2014-2015 school year will be accepted from December 15, 2014 to January 22, 2015. Applications received after January 22nd cannot be accepted. Successful applicants will be notified by mail after January 22, 2015. For further information or an application, contact Alcona Community Schools, 51 N. Barlow Rd., P.O. Box 249, Lincoln, MI 48742 or call (989) 736-6212 or visit www.alconaschools.net.

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Local Notes

Critter Cash Winners

The three winners of the Alcona Humane Society's 2014 Critter Cash fundraiser are: Jim Burke of Harrisville, Jennifer Proffer of Brighton, Mich. and Lisa Kuebler of Ann Arbor, Mich. The names of the winners were drawn on October 31 at the shelter in Lincoln. Each winner received \$1,000. The Alcona Humane Society appreciates everyone who bought tickets for the fundraiser which raised over \$6,000 after winners were paid. The money will help the Alcona Humane Society in its mission of finding permanent, loving homes for the abandoned and abused cats and dogs in the county.

Light Up Lincoln Winners

Winners of the 2014 Light Up Lincoln Contest are: First place, Joe and June Lincoln, 642 Barlow Road; second place, Ralph and Kay Diamond, 111 West Fiske Street; third place, Phil and Vicki Phillips, 412 North Lake Street; fourth place, Roxanne Hanner, 3060 Lakeview

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 are produced? Statin Island.

Circle; fifth place Jerry and Diana Burt, 324 North Sleeper Drive. The traveling trophy was awarded to Gillies Funeral Home.

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, Dec. 15—Barbecued chicken, baked beans, mixed vegetables, coleslaw and fruit.
- Tuesday, Dec. 16—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and fruit pie.
- Wednesday, Dec. 17—Sweet and sour chicken over rice, cauliflower, pickled beets and fruit.
- Thursday, Dec. 18—Goulash, peas, tossed salad and fruit.
- Friday, Dec. 19—Pork roast in gravy, stuffing, squash, flavored applesauce,

fruit and ice cream. (Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Lighting Contest

The Barton City Improvement Association will be judging the Christmas decorations in Barton City on Thursday, Dec. 18 at 6 p.m. Anyone participating should have their lights on by 6 p.m. There will be three places awarded with cash prizes. Anyone interested in helping with judging should be at the VFW hall by 6 p.m. For more information, call Arlene at (989) 736-3294.

Snowman Ornament

Adults and teenagers are invited to create snowman ornaments with fabric on Thursday, Dec. 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Samples are on display at the library. Instructor Terisa will supply all materials; bring scissors and hot glue gun. For more information or to register for this free class, call (989) 724-6796.

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Crime Stoppers music concert at 7 p.m. at the Alpena High School auditorium. Helen Cornelius, frequent Grand Ole Opry guest is the star of this year's concert. Tickets are \$18 in advance and \$23 at the door. A special family ticket is \$45. For tickets and information, call (989) 354-4375.

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17

Food pantry open from 1 to 3 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 East Spruce Road, Spruce. Clients must be present to receive food and identification is required. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

A blood drive will be held from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring your Red Cross blood donor card or other form of positive identification. Appointments preferred. Call (800) 733-2767 or visit redcrossblood.org.

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Sing-a-long to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 Campbell Road.

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

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their regular monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Sanctuary Inn, 1000 US-23 North in Alpena. Entertainment will include a short holiday skit. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Griffin, (989) 727-3350 or Don Cantleberry, (989) 354-5504 for more information.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18

Veterans join fellow comrades for coffee from 9 to 11 a.m. at Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street, Harrisville. All veterans are welcome.

Alcona retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass. Everyone is welcome.

Community Walking Club for everyone will meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

The Alcona County Amateur Radio Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building at 2600 East M-72. Anyone interested in emergency and public service communications is invited to attend. Free refreshments will be served. For more information, visit www.alconaradio.org.

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levels are up nearly two inches.

The same for Lake Super-

rior — rising half of an inch instead of its usual two-inch decrease.

Gronewold said,

“When that happens, we expect to see less lake effect snow.”

That, however, hasn't been the case so far this season. Extreme cases of lake effect snow pummeled the Buffalo, N.Y., area with seven feet of snow in November.

And Wang said a contributing factor is a disparity between water temperatures in lakes Superior and Michigan. The arctic air experienced in November actually worked as a catalyst for lake effect snow.

“Arctic air is getting a boost from a cold Lake Superior,” he said. “Once that air arrives on Lake Michigan — which is warmer — you have the ingredients for lake effect.”

Wang said he thinks that's just a temporary trend. Researchers forecast that the lake effect will dissipate in December when the northern air cools the lakes.

That northern air is ultimately to blame for what Wang predicted will be a brutal winter.

“Cold, prepare for cold,” Wang said.



District Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 81st District Court in November by the Honorable Allen C. Yenior and the Honorable Laura A. Frawley.

- Ian James Thomas, 17, of Harrisville was sentenced to six months of probation and fines and costs of \$565 for larceny — more than \$200 and less than \$1,000.

- Aaron Joseph Petitti, 32, of Glennie was sentenced to five days in jail, six months of probation and fines and costs of \$1,105 for assault or assault and battery.

- Matthew Ryan Bartrum, 23, of Westland, Mich. was sentenced to six months of probation and fines and costs of \$605 for reckless use of a firearm.

- Garret Michael Jacques, 22, of Livonia, Mich. was sentenced to fines and costs of \$605 and six months of probation for reckless use of a firearm.

- Logan Amanda Wells, 21, of Westland, Mich. was sentenced to fines and costs of \$605 and six months of probation for reckless use of a firearm.

- Keith Craig Thompson, 30, of Harrisville was sentenced to fines and costs of \$260 for transporting/possession of an open intoxicant in a motor vehicle.

- John Michael Penna, 40, of South Branch was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$475 for abandon/cruelty to one animal.

- Debra Kathleen Roy, 42, of Hale was sentenced to 30 days in jail for domestic violence.

- Jordan Edward Fowler, 20, of Glennie was sentenced to four days in jail and fines and costs of \$400 for no valid license in possession.

- Derrick Michael Ritter, 24, of Harrisville was sentenced to fines and costs of \$400 for operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.



Circuit Court

The following individuals were sentenced in 23rd Circuit Court during the last several months.

August

- Nicholas Eugene Lewis, 31, of Mikado was sentenced to seven months in jail, 36 months of probation and fines and costs of \$798 for domestic violence.

- Alan Dean Crandell, 54, of Glennie was sentenced to six months in jail and fines and costs of \$998 for probation violation and child sexually abusive (from January 2011). He is to serve four months with the remaining time to be served upon further order from the court.

September

- Lloyd Edward Hart Jr., 45, of Orleans, Mich. was sentenced to 90 days in jail and \$798 in fees and costs for failure to pay child support. He must pay child support and related expenses as ordered by the court.

- Nasser Bader Al Duwaisan, 30, of East Tawas was sentenced to four to 15 years in prison, \$1,058 in fees and costs and \$1,392.47 in restitution (to be split jointly and severally with co-defendant Cassandra A. Prince) for home invasion, second degree.

- Casandra Ann Prince, 29, of Oscoda was sentenced to one to 21 years in prison, fines and costs of \$1,598.47 for forgery, uttering and publishing and habitual offender. She was sentenced to four to 22 years in prison, fines and costs of \$1,058 and restitution of \$1,392.47 (to be split jointly and severally with co-defendant Al Duwaisan) for home invasion, second degree. (Prison terms to be served concurrently.)

- Bud Bryant Jr., 46, of Glennie was sentenced to 63 days in jail and \$198 in fees and costs for possession of a controlled substance less than 25 grams.

- Robin Ann O'Neil, 53, of Harrison, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and costs of \$1,098 for larceny more than \$200 and less than \$1,000.

- Gregory Allen Armstrong, 48, of Ossineke, was sentenced to fines and costs of \$1,848 for operating while intoxicated.

October

- Gene Robert Lowery, 57, of Oscoda was sentenced to 30 days in jail, 24 months of probation and fines and costs of \$1,038 for controlled substance — delivery — schedule 1, 2 and 3. He must also participate in a rehabilitation program.

- Christopher Lee Hoffman, 29, of Lincoln was sentenced to three years, two months to five years in prison and fines and costs of \$2,048 for probation violation and operating while intoxicated (from August 2013).

- Robert Kenneth Bygden, 55, of Hubbard Lake was sentenced to seven months in jail, 60 months of probation and fines and costs of \$1,398 for police officer assault and operating while intoxicated.

- Troy David Burley, 18, of Harrisville was sentenced to 90 days in jail, 24 months of probation and fines and costs of \$3,256 for nonsufficient funds (NSF) check. He must also participate in a rehabilitation program while incarcerated.

- Kathleen Rose Walsh, 39, of Harrisville was sentenced to 122 days in jail, 36 months of probation and fines and costs of \$1,098 for stalking — aggravated.

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Miami and Jeff Hamilton who played for the Los Angeles Dodgers in the 1988 World Series victory over the Oakland Athletics. He said the Flint area produced many professional athletes which have already been inducted and it was a great honor for his team.

He explained this induction was very special as it was a team award, not just a feather in his cap. "This is for the team. We all share in it. I didn't tackle anybody; I didn't run the ball. I didn't get smacked... Well, I can't say I didn't get smacked, in the aftermath of winning, I kind of got bounced around out there a little," LaBrecque said.

He explained defeating Crystal Falls Forest Park was a quest Holy Rosary began years before the win in 1977. In 1975 the first ever high school state championships were held at Western Michigan University. "We played against Crystal Falls Forest Park and they whipped us 50 to nothing. I thought the scoreboard was going to tilt," LaBrecque said.

In 1976 they made it to the state finals again and, again, faced Crystal Falls. That year the playoffs were held at the Silverdome in Pontiac, Mich. LaBrecque said the kids from the Upper Peninsula were not awed by the Silverdome, but his team from Flint, Mich.



Al LaBrecque, a Hubbard Lake resident, reflects on a time when he was the defensive coach for Holy Rosary High School and the football team won the state championship. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

was. They lost that game 14 to 6.

Then came 1977 and once again they were facing Crystal Falls. He said by this time his Flint team was no longer in awe of the stadium. They knew their opponent and their opponent knew them. Holy Rosary won the game by one point.

LaBrecque, who grew up in Hubbard Lake and Flint, Mich. lives in the Hubbard Lake log cabin his father built in 1936, on the very spot LaBrecque was conceived. He explained how his dad worked in Flint, Mich. but made the trip back to Hubbard Lake every weekend to see him, his mother and five brothers and sisters. LaBrecque's brothers and sisters all live in the Hubbard Lake area today.

He said it wasn't his father, but his mother who introduced him to football. "My dad knew baseball and in Hubbard Lake baseball was king. My dad didn't know a football from a golf ball. When my mom wanted me to play in the sixth grade I didn't know what football was," LaBrecque said.

His mother knew football from her younger years. He explained how during the depression she had to quit school at the age of 13 and go to work. She became a maid in a large boarding home in East Lansing, Mich.

One of the boarders was a football coach at what was then called the Agricultural College of Michigan State and later became Michigan State University. The coach who befriended her was one of the four horsemen of the University of Notre Dame. "He used to give her tickets to go to the Michigan State games and she became a Notre Dame and Michigan State fan. She loved the game of football," LaBrecque said.

LaBrecque practiced and continued playing football until graduating high school from St. Agnes Catholic School in Flint, Mich.

After high school LaBrecque found a job working for the United States Postal Service. He got married and had six children; seven now, including a step-daughter through his second wife, Michelle.

During his 35 year career in the post office, LaBrecque

not only raised his children and was actively involved with his postal union labor movement, he also coached football. The game has been a passion which continued throughout his life, a passion which was passed on to his children and grandchildren.

LaBrecque has won many awards in his lifetime including induction into the Michigan High School Football Coaches Association Hall of Fame. When he accepted that award LaBrecque said it was like going to heaven, that no one is sure they belong there, but they are sure glad they are.

He said the awards and inductions are nice, but it wasn't what he appreciated the most. It was the kind words he has received from past players and their achievements which have meant the most to him.

He unfolded a piece of paper and read a recent e-mail sent to him from Carl Martel, the vice president of metal packaging of the Coral Chemical Company -- a player on the 1977 Holy Rosary team.

The letter read, "Coach, you have been an inspiration to me and all of us in ways which you may never know. We will never be able to repay you for it. In our hearts we know you were trying to steer all of us in the right direction. We will admire you forever for your dedication in trying to direct us how to be men. You will never receive the recognition you deserve for all the lives you touched. From my heart and soul, I thank you."

LaBrecque said it was that kind of heartfelt appreciation which blessed him the most.

"The best part of all this is we (were) together again. My sons and I needed this after the last four months spent by Lisa's side. Lisa knew about the induction and she was very happy for us before she passed.

I have had the best of all worlds. I've been able to be involved with all my passions. This induction is an honor I view as putting the final chapter on what has been some of the best years of my life. I was blessed to have been at the right places at the right times with outstanding coaches around me and kids who love to play the game," LaBrecque said.

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Tough start for Alcona girl's basketball

By Hope Smith

Sportswriter

The Alcona varsity girls basketball team came up short on offense Friday, Dec. 5 while playing against tough competition at Bay City John Glenn Area High School.

In the first quarter Alcona struggled to find the basket

and scored only two buckets to make the score 4-18.

The scoring drought continued for the Lady Tigers in the second period as John Glenn pulled ahead 10-33 going into the half.

In the third quarter, John Glenn picked up where they left off offensively control-

ling the ball to extend their lead to 44-14. The Lady Tigers made some headway on defense in final period holding John Glenn to eight points. Their defensive rally was cut short when time ran out. The 52-23 loss was the second of the season.

Sydney Pierce and Nicole Walen led the Lady Tigers with five points each. Torie Harmon and Kendra Cole put in four points; Sam Schopfer added three points; and Alissa Terpstra picked up two points.

Alcona's junior varsity team earned a 45-36 victory over John Glenn.

"We were out played in every aspect tonight. Our girls played hard but we were outmatched. It was a tough start in our schedule," said coach Brad Cole.

The first game of the season was played on Monday, Dec. 1 Alcona headed south to play against the Tawas Braves. It was a difficult night for the Lady Tigers. Tawas jumped out with an early 19-5 lead in the first quarter and never slowed down. In the second quarter Alcona had all it could handle defensively as the Braves put more distance on the score board, 32-19 at the halfway mark.

Alcona rallied a little in the third quarter trying to close the 30-51 gap but the momentum didn't last for long. Tawas put up 20 points in the final quarter to send the Lady Tigers home with the 37-71 loss. Kendra Cole dominated the floor in Brave territory with her first double double of the season 13 points and 15 rebounds. Schopfer and Harmon each added seven points. Terpstra scored four points; Walen and Sierra Forsythe had two points each and Keilee Elmer stepped to the line for one free throw. Alcona's junior varsity team picked up its first win of the season beating Tawas 56-24.

Bowling

Early Bloomers

December 2

Daffodils	209	127
Buttercups	195	141
Marigolds	185	151
Mums	157	179
Rosebuds	145	191
Violets	117	219
High game and series:	Carla Travis, 193 and 531.	
High team game:	Daffodils, 399.	
High team series:	Marigolds, 1,138.	

Majors

December 6

Crazy Kids	108.5	53.5
Pin Busters	84	77
Spare Happen	70.5	91.5
Lucky 7	58	95

Boy's high game and series: Cory Hoffman, 171 and 466.
 Boy's high handicap game: Brenden Hudgins, 224.
 Boy's high handicap series: T J Hanson, 613.
 Girl high game and series: Emily Hoffman, 156 and 367.
 Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hoffman, 241 and 622.

Minors

December 6

Team 1	65	13
Girl Power	34	44
Red Skulls	31	21

Boy's high game and series: Garrett Somers, 68 and 110.
 Girl's high game and series: Emily Hanson, 68 and 130.

Huron

December 2

Harbortown Pz.	93.5	86.5
Lincoln Prec.	93	87
Seven	93	87
Gary Oil	92	88
Rob's Repair	85.5	94.5
Back Alley Bar	83	97

High game and series: Jimmy Armstrong, 276 and 753.

High handicap game: Morgan Franklin, 299.

High handicap series: Jimmy Armstrong, 786.

Sportsman

December 4

Phil's Barber	98.5	63.5
AuSable Inn	92	70
Village Lanes	83	79
We/Versatile	79.5	82.5
L.L. Woods	71.5	90.5
Cole's Appl.	61.5	100.5

High game: Ray Medore, 264.
 High series: Jimmy Armstrong, 696.

High handicap game: Ray Medore, 290.

High handicap series: Jimmy Armstrong, 765.



The Alcona Tigers third and fourth-grade basketball team went 8-0 to have an undefeated season. The team participated in the Thunder Bay Basketball Association league and played against teams from Alpena and surrounding areas. (Front row from left) Novalee Forsythe, Sage Gauthier, Aspen Wortley, Emily Lobaugh (middle row) Carmen Dellar, Elise Klinger, Rebecca Kearns (back row) assistant coach Charina Dellar, head coach Mark Hansen and Kelsey Hansen. *Courtesy photo.*

Pool League

Alcona Women's

December 4

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Welcome, Christmas, bring your cheer

By **Katrina Wouters**

Columnist

"And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags.

"And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

~ Dr. Seuss,
"How the Grinch Stole Christmas!"

One Christmas when I was a very little girl and our income was rather small, my parents got so carried away that they forgot to budget for a Christmas tree. The way my mom told the story I could very easily picture her sitting at the dining room table wearing a holiday sweater bedecked with snowflakes, her sleeves pushed up and her glasses on, checking her list. Putting check marks next to the items like: Buy cookie ingredients, grab some extra tinsel and drop the food donations at the church...

I imagine seeing her stop to think for a moment, pencil in midair and then a big, "Oh, no!" expression of the Macaulay Culkin "Home Alone" variety.

At this point in the retelling she would always laugh and point at the big change jar under her end table and say, "that's how we started the Annual Christmas Tree Fund."

The funny thing is, no matter how many times I remember laughing about The Year They Forgot The Tree Money I still have no idea how we got a tree that year.

I know we never had a year without a tree. Maybe Santa brought it?

Regardless of the miraculous tree, I woke up thinking about that change jar this morning. We have a tree this year, three in fact. If you couldn't tell already, I'll let you in on a little secret -- I'm a little obsessed with Christmas.

Anyhow, I was thinking about stocking up on something besides pennies this year. I've been thinking about how I need to stock up on faith in people. This December it seems like everywhere I go I fall into the same conversation of "people are terrible..." and "kids these days..."

You know the one -- where



The Princess Diaries

By **Katrina Wouters**

you recount a greedy, sticky-fingered moppet having the audacity to make demands that you swear you never made when you were that age. Or maybe you catch yourself complaining about the long line at Wal-Mart and that woman who rushed ahead of you with two carts full of gifts and held up the line for half an hour.

When your kids are acting greedy, cranky strangers are stepping on your toes and your husband has forgotten the batteries on his third trip to the store, you definitely need the faith jar.

I propose we create a new jar (or box or bag) -- a faith jar. Heck, even if it is just in your mind, that'll do. In that container we can stuff little reminders of all of the good things people do for those frazzled moments when we feel that we have lost faith in humanity.

In my faith jar I would tuck a note reminding me of the time that my beloved poodle, Bastian, was not long for this world. Sitting on his little doggie bed, blind and weak, he whined and my stepson, The Boy, tucked Bastian's favorite toy under his nose. Bastie snuggled up to it and fell asleep.

I would stuff a little picture of that one time that my husband hid extra chocolate bars in the cabinet above the refrigerator, where he knew I couldn't reach, just so he could pull them out for that study session night that I really needed them.

I would include the precious compliment that my friend gave me the year of the disastrous break up when he told me, "You are the girlfriend that everyone would love to have." (That way, when he makes fun of my parenting I can refrain from bashing him over the head with the fruitcake.)

I would add the kind idea that the woman behind the makeup counter had last week when she told me, "I'm not supposed to ring those gifts up separately but I will because then you will get two bonus gifts for presents."

I think that saving up on the things that make us be-

lieve in people could really come in handy this time of year. We are all tired and overwhelmed with shopping, baking, attending holiday parties and making our homes festive. I know I am feeling like just one more thing will push me to my limit.

My fellow graduate students and my younger college friends have final exams which make us more than a little cranky this time of year. Add that to a few extra family members and the family dog peeing on the box that holds your new tablet and you've got a recipe for furious outbursts.

When we hear that last minute demand in the toy aisle, when we get that telemarketing phone call right when the oven timer dings or when we are forced to don Vick's Vaporub instead of the planned party dress -- we need to have a place to remind us of our hope. The faith jar could come in handy in times like that.

I can imagine us stopping before we do something crazy, like the Grinch did, right before the toys would've fallen off Mount Crumpit.

"And what happened then...? Well...in Whoville they say

That the Grinch's small heart grew three sizes that day!

And then the true meaning of Christmas came through,

And the Grinch found the strength of ten Grinches... plus two.

Welcome, Christmas, bring your cheer.

Cheer to all Whos far and near.

Christmas Day is in our grasp

So long as we have hands to clasp.

Christmas Day will always be

Just as long as we have we.

Welcome, Christmas, while we stand

Heart to heart and hand in hand."

(Editor's Note: Katrina Kniep Wouters was born and raised in Harrisville and started editing her mother's column — Puttin' on the Fritz — at age eight. She taught middle school English and journalism for six years in Parkland, Fla. She has returned to her home town to settle down. Since returning home she has attained a Masters of Arts in child psychology and is pursuing a degree as a board certified behavior analyst. She enjoys spending time with her husband, AJ, her stepson, Kaiden and her daughter, Phoenix. She is passionate about knitting, rescue animals and cheese. She writes a blog that can be found at: nomorehighheels.wordpress.com.)

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Kitchen composters

• Brenda Wivver
Source: homeguides.sfgate.com

Selecting the right equipment for ice fishing

There are tons of options for anglers when selecting ice fishing equipment, sometimes too many options.

There are a few key things to think about prior to making a purchase though, including the following:

- Focus on finding a rod that's a scaled-down version of your open water rod.

- Pick out a rod that's made of materials that are sensitive to the touch while being used, such as graphite for the blank and cork for the handle.

- Select a reel that matches the size of the rod and the species you're targeting – smaller for panfish and wall-eye and larger for northern pike.

Need even more tips for fishing through the ice as the weather cools? Check out "Ice Fishing, The Coolest Sport Around" article online.

This tip was adapted from Michigan Outdoor News.

Northeast Michigan

Fishing Report



fishing along the southern shoreline in the East Bay but caution needs to be used. They have caught some wall-eye, pike and a couple of bluegills. Those with tip-ups are using blues and those jigging are using wax worms.

- Tawas: Traditional patterns would have whitefish tapering off. Those targeting them can be found on the state dock at night.

(The Weekly Fishing Report is intended to give anglers an "idea" of what is going on around the state. Updates for the report come from DNR Fisheries creel clerks and field staff as well as DNR conservation officers working in the field. For those looking for specific information on a certain body of water or port, it is safe to say if a certain species is being caught in some waters in the area, more than likely they are being caught in all waters in that section of the state that have that species. This report has been provided by the DNR Fisheries Division; (517) 284-5830; located in Constitution Hall, 525 W. Allegan Street, Lansing, Mich. 48933.)

While it is tempting to get out on the ice, it's not safe yet.

- AuSable River: The water was still a bit high and muddy. Catch rates will improve as the water clears up. Anglers are catching steelhead and brown trout.

- Higgins Lake: Is completely open, no ice. The occasional boat angler has been seen, but no catch reports to pass on.

- Houghton Lake: Ice anglers are venturing out and

Northeast Lower Peninsula December 4

The inland lakes are icing over however most of the ice out there is not safe yet. Those anxious to get out would be wise to target the shallow waters only.

- Thunder Bay River: Continues to produce some steelhead. Most are fishing up near the 9th Street Bridge. Try spawn or wax worms.

- Oscoda: Pier anglers caught steelhead, whitefish and even the occasional wall-

Avoid lakes and rivers until ice is safe

As cold weather begins to lure outdoor sports enthusiasts onto Michigan's lakes and streams, Alcona County Sheriff Douglas Atchison urges them to stay safe by using caution.

Atchison explained that ice must be five inches thick to hold the weight of a person and eight inches thick for snowmobiles and off-road vehicles. It can take two weeks or more for ice to freeze thick enough for winter sports. With temperatures fluctuating at the onset of winter, it may take even longer.

The following tips could save someone's life:

- If the ice cracks, have your group spread out. Everyone should immediately lie down to distribute the weight on the ice more evenly, then crawl on your belly to safer ice.

- If someone falls through the ice, do not run to the hole. Call 911 and then use a pole, branch, rope, or other long object to try and reach the victim.

- If you fall through the ice, stay calm. Call out for help and kick your feet while getting hands and arms up onto safer ice. Ice picks or screwdrivers can help you get a grip on the ice. Continue to swim up onto the ice until you can crawl or roll out onto the ice to safety.

- Pets that go out on ice are a major cause for many near-drownings and deaths. If your pet has wandered onto

dangerous ice, do not follow them. Stay where you are and coax them back to safety.

"The biggest danger is hypothermia. If you fall through the ice and manage to climb

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Message/Well Being Check	1	Miscellaneous	6
Dog/Animal	4	Traffic	4
Malicious Destr. of Property	1	Alarm	1
Trauncy	1	Domestic	1
911 Hang Up	1	Harassment/Threats/Stalking	1
Patrol Check	3	Civil	1
Breaking and Entering	2	Personal Injury Accident	2
Driving While License Susp.	1	Larceny	2
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Missing Person	1
Suspicious Person	1	Noise Complaint	1
Fraud	1	Suspicious Events	2

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Alcona County Chamber of Commerce

The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce held its general membership meeting at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on November 12. Present: Rich Gillies, vice president; Christy Holmes, treasurer; Karen Sanderson, secretary; Jim Pyne, trustee; Ed Toombs, trustee; Judy Pyne, Harrisville Arts Council; Mary Gillies, Gilles Funeral Home; Joan Crick, Alcona Historical Society; Michele Marcoulier, Dragonfly Art Gallery; Ed Foster, Harrisville Lions; and Ben Dietrich, Harrisville Eye Care.

The meeting was called to order at 6 p.m. by vice president Rich Gillies and the pledge was said. Motion was made by Foster, support by Judy Pyne, to approve the agenda with the addition of election. Motion carried.

Motion by Holmes, support by Toombs, to approve both October 8 general membership and November 2 executive board meeting minutes. (Clarification of executive board minutes to include a workshop addressing the chamber tax exempt status November 17 at 5:30 p.m. at the chamber office). Motion carried.

Holmes gave the treasurer's report. Motion by Toombs, support by Crick, to approve report. Motion carried. Gillies opened asking for additional nominations. Motion by Foster, support by Holmes, to close the nominations. Motion carried. Motion by Foster, support by Jim Pyne, to approve the slate by acclimation. Motion carried.

Committee reports: Antique Show met Monday -- lots of ideas; will meet in February to finalize plans. Table and chair needs will remain the same when renting the tent. Fireworks: None. Wine and Food Festival: None. Texas Hold'em: Will start process in February. Christmas in the Village: There are nine tables available; requests from office and Judie Labadie still in process.

Motion by Foster, support by Toombs, to accept, with regret, Kevin Boyat's resignation. Motion carried. Motion by Jim Pyne, support by Toombs, to nominate Ben Dietrich to fill Boyat's two-year term. Motion carried. General meeting time will be 6:30 p.m. to accommodate schedules. Motion by Holmes, support by Toombs, to support Lincoln Lions in the amount of \$100. Motion carried. The next meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 14, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

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High tech studies Lake Huron shipwrecks

By Juliana Moxley
Capital News Service
 Diving isn't the only way to get an in-depth look at the mysteries beneath the surface of the Great Lakes. Lasers, underwater robots and other innovative technologies are simplifying the discovery of and research about hundreds of shipwrecks at the bottom of the Great Lakes. Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary, a part of the National Oceanic & Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), is a 4,300-square-mile shipwreck sanctuary in northwestern Lake Huron near Alpena. It has one of America's best-preserved and nationally significant collection of shipwrecks.

When Thunder Bay teamed up with 2G Robotics this year, they made a three-dimensional model of the Monohansett wreck site. The purpose of the project was to use laser scanning technology to more fully document sanctuary resources, said Russ Green, Thunder Bay's deputy superintendent and research coordinator. It allows sanctuary archaeologists to document complex areas of shipwreck sites that would be otherwise difficult to capture in detail. Lasers aren't the only technology used to study shipwrecks at Thunder Bay. "We use different kinds of sonar, including multi-beam," Waters said. "That sonar is in the hull of our research ves-

organizations working to develop stewards of the Great Lakes and its ecosystems. Gleason and Schwartz have also partnered with the community college's marine technology program and Thunder Bay. Gleason said their team has used several ROVs and side scan sonars to explore shipwrecks. Their partnerships with other schools, government agencies and businesses allowed them access to a wide range of marine gear. According to Schwartz, the great thing about ROVs is nobody needs diver certification and they can be operated for as long as they have power. In comparison, divers can spend only a limited



A laser is used to map the wreck of the Monohansett in Lake Huron. Graphic courtesy of Sarah Waters, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

There are 92 known wrecks in the newly expanded sanctuary, and four have been listed on the National Register of Historic Places, said Sarah Waters, the education coordinator at the sanctuary. Thunder Bay still uses divers to study shipwrecks, but recently it began investigating them with lasers. "This past year we worked with a company called 2G Robotics and produced a laser scan/point cloud data of one of the shipwrecks called the Monohansett," Waters said. "It's basically a laser scanning technology and it has been done a lot, but not underwater." In museum collections such as paleontology collections, a laser scans an object and makes a three-dimensional image of it, Waters said.

sel and our ships, but we can also tow sonars behind ships too." Thunder Bay also studies shipwrecks with remotely operated vehicles—known as ROVs—which run on a tether. Alpena Community College's marine technology program brings even larger ROVs to the sanctuary for research, she said. Other researchers at Thunder Bay bring autonomous underwater vehicles—these are known as AUVs—which are not connected by a tether, Waters explained. Mark Schwartz and Mark Gleason, two teachers from Grand Valley State University, demonstrated how they use ROVs to explore shipwrecks at the recent Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative conference. The annual conference is for educators and

amount of time underwater. Waters explained new photo technology also gives people a detailed image of a wreck. For example, Thunder Bay researchers use photographs and video to create photo mosaics. A camera is mounted onto a special underwater sled that holds it at a fixed level. The images can then be put into Photoshop to make a mosaic of a site. There is a protocol for characterizing and evaluating a site when a shipwreck is discovered, Waters said. Since pieces of the wreck can be scattered, remote sensing is first used to show researchers what the bottom of the lake looks like so they can locate all of the pieces. Researchers evaluate a site with divers, sonar or robots. Then they use laser-scanned imaging to build a photo mosaic. The main goal is to identify the ship. "Not only its name, but what kind of ship it was," Waters said. "Was it a sailing ship and what type of sailing ship was it? Was it a schooner?" Those who research shipwrecks at Thunder Bay are interested in finding out more about the people aboard, such as if any of them survived and if they continued to work on ships, Waters explained. Finding out if the ships carried passengers or goods tells researchers more about the commercial activity happening in the Great Lakes when they sank. According to Schwartz, to experts, the most eye-catching characteristic about Great Lakes shipwrecks is that their preservation is unparalleled. "You see this kind of preser-

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 Pack years are determined by multiplying the number of packs he smoked daily by the number of years he smoked. You'll also be happy to know that lung cancer

screenings – which are recommended annually to those at risk – will be covered by all private health insurance plans starting in 2015, and Medicare is expected to begin coverage this February or March. The Medicare screening, however, will only cover high-risk beneficiaries through age 74.

Lung cancer kills around 160,000 Americans each year making it the most deadly of all possible cancers. In fact, more people die of lung cancer than of colon, breast and prostate cancers combined.

Lung cancer also occurs predominantly in older adults. About two out of every three people diagnosed with lung cancer are 65 or older, and the risk of lung cancer peaks at age 71.

The goal of annual screenings is to detect cancer early before symptoms appear, so it can be cured. The five-year survival rate among people with lung cancer when it's caught in its earliest stage is

77 percent, versus only four to 25 percent for people whose cancer has spread.

To get screened for lung cancer, your husband will need a low-dose computed tomography (CT) chest scan, which is a painless, noninvasive test that generates detailed three-dimensional images of his lungs.

For the screening, he will be asked to lie on a table that slides through the center of a large, doughnut-shaped scanner that rotates around him to take images. Each scan takes just a few seconds, during which time he'll be asked to hold his breath, because movement can produce blurred images. The entire procedure takes only a few minutes from start to finish.

You also need to be aware that a lung CT screening has its downsides. First, it exposes you to some radiation – about the same as a mammography but more than that of a chest X-ray. Lung CT screenings aren't



Savvy Senior

foolproof either. They can produce a high rate of false-positive results, which means they frequently detect small spots (abnormalities) on the lungs that are suggestive of cancer but aren't cancerous. These false alarms lead to more testing and sometimes lung biopsies, as well as unnecessary worry and anxiety.

Because smoking causes 80 to 90 percent of all lung cancer cases, the best way to avoid lung cancer is to not smoke, and if you do smoke, quit. Even if you've been a smoker for a long time, quitting now still decreases your

risk. Other factors that can increase the risk of lung cancer include exposure to secondhand smoke, radon, asbestos and other toxic chemicals or fumes.

For more information on lung cancer screenings, call the American Lung Association at (800) 586-4872, or use their online tool (LungCancerScreeningSavesLives.org), which will help you determine if your husband needs to be screened.

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Sonar mapping shipwrecks now hunt trout habitat

By Kevin Duffy
Capital News Service

Maritime archaeologists are swapping shipwreck surveys for lake trout mapping in Lake Huron.

And they're using sound waves to do it.

"Consider it double-dipping. The sonar on research vessels could map an area of interest for shipwrecks while also helping out some biologists," said Russ Green, program coordinator at Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary in Alpena.

The biologists say they want to use the results in lake-wide rehabilitation of trout habitat.

Experts say the Lake Hu-

ron trout population is on the rise, but still needs help. This kind of sophisticated mapping of the lake bottom will allow scientists to better understand their reproductive needs.

Native fish, including lake trout and lake sturgeon, require spawning habitat to shelter their eggs from predators and water currents. To keep stocks healthy, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service contracted with maritime archaeologists at the Thunder Bay Sanctuary with a boatload of sensing equipment to scan the lake bottom. That helps them learn more about the habitat - something biologists don't know much about.

Once they understand what makes this habitat productive, they can start to rehabilitate areas where trout populations are lower. The effort is a synergy of new surveying technology.

"A natural fit," said Steve Lenart, fisheries biologist with the Fish and Wildlife Service based in Alpena.

Efforts to restore sustainable fish stocks throughout the Great Lakes began in the 1950s, with Lake Superior showing the greatest success where native lake trout still reproduce in ancestral waters, according to a Great Lakes Fisheries Commission report.

The Fish and Wildlife Ser-

vice began stocking lake trout in Huron's Sixth Fathom Bank Sanctuary, a reef formation 40 miles offshore from Alpena, in the late 1980s and continued through 1998.

What resulted was a refuge with the "highest area of fish propagation in all of Lake Huron," said Lenart. "The concept of establishing an offshore refuge for lake trout was ongoing amongst the management community in the mid-1990s," he said. "Ultimately the refuge was set aside and a larger contribution of naturally produced fish was seen through the mid-2000s."

In a refuge like Six Fathom Bank, the taking or fishing of

lake trout is prohibited.

"The team at Thunder Bay brings the expertise - physical mapping and dive operations - required to realize the genesis of the project, to understand the habitats and lake bottom dynamics at Sixth Fathom Bank," Lenart said.

That expertise requires a complex multibeam sonar system that shoots sound waves while strapped to the bottom of a research vessel. It's similar to side-scan sonar, which acts like an ultrasound, showing visuals as the boat pass over, according to Tane Casserley, the

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A Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary diver deploys fish egg traps on experimental reefs in Lake Huron. Photo courtesy of NOAA, Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

Shipwrecks

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vation in areas like the Black Sea," Schwartz said. "None of the woods decay as much because you don't have the kind of organisms that you do in the ocean that eat away the wood." And the cold, fresh water also helps preserve them, he said.

The Cornelia B. Windiate, a schooner that is resting intact at the bottom of Lake Huron, is one of Waters' favorites. Typically when a wooden ship sinks, the air trapped inside will push out as it's going down, causing the hatch covers to come off. What's unique about the Cornelia is that the hatch covers are still attached to the ship.

"The Cornelia is still in place though, and it's very ghostly—it's very telling of most shipwrecks in the sanctuary," Waters said.

As of now, Schwartz said he and Gleason are focused on the archeology aspect of shipwrecks. But the application of ROV technology is more widespread. They hope to partner with another academic department that would find this technology useful to its own research, such as a department that is looking for invasive species.

For more information about Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary see <http://thunderbay.noaa.gov/welcome.html>.

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sanctuary's maritime archeologist and dive expert.

"The project pairs an extremely high-resolution multibeam scan of the lake bottom with visuals videotaped from an underwater GoPro," he said.

The technology, usually reserved for shipwreck imaging in the sanctuary, is now used to match visual and sonar data. This helps biologists determine the material that makes up the lake's bottom.

"The multibeam sonar acts like a large fish finder, emitting a pulse of sound to mea-

sure bathymetry, which is depth. The acoustic data shows contours and gives an idea of lake bottom characteristics," Green said. "One piece of the acoustic data describes the intensity of the return - different materials on the bottom will absorb the sound differently."

Sixth Fathom Bank contains a 60-foot-deep ledge that drops dramatically to the north. The bottom encompasses a uniform layer of limestone, smaller rocks and sand. This combination of rocky substrate - the type of habitat lake trout prefer for spawning - provides the right charac-

teristics for eggs to be deposited in fall, later hatching in spring.

But biologists don't have a sense of the amount or distribution of this high-quality reproductive habitat.

The pilot study, which continues next year, contributes to an understanding of the relationship between lake trout population and habitat rehabilitation goals for Lake Huron. In October, a Sixth Fathom Bank survey reported 60 percent of lake trout were of wild origin - suggesting such restoration strategies can work when conditions are right.

Roadside obstacles can be hazardous to crews

What can be considered a roadside obstacle or hazard? According to the Alcona County Road Commission, anything within the road right-of-way, especially objects or structures not permitted or allowed.

What is allowed in the road right-of-way? Road signs, properly installed drainage structures, driveway and service entrances, utility facilities and mailboxes are all permissible.

Basically, the road right of way is reserved for vehicular traffic and road maintenance

purposes. Any object that does not serve those two purposes, except mailboxes, which are allowed in the right-of-way as a convenience to residents, and utilities, which are allowed by law, are deemed to be unnecessary and potential obstacles to road maintenance operations, or hazards and distractions to motorists.

Fences, retaining walls, or landscaping features are not acceptable in the road right-of-way. Likewise, elaborate and/or reinforced mailbox structures are not appropriate.

"These types of structures or objects in the right-of-way become even more of an issue in the winter," said Alcona County Road Commission Managing Director Jesse Campbell. "We're looking at the potential for damage to snow plowing equipment that these items can cause."

He cited instances where property owners have "enhanced" their road frontage with a stone wall, for example, which when covered with snow, will not be visible to the plow driver. If hit, the result could be damage to the equipment, injury to the truck driver and lost time in getting roads cleared.

Another issue, especially on properties in proximity to the many lakes in Alcona County, is the misuse of the road right-of-way for storage. Docks, boats, and boat hoists stored too close to the road will, no doubt, sustain damage. Valuable time is also consumed as plow truck drivers must maneuver and navigate around these items.

"The untraveled portion of the road is nearly as important as the traveled portion," stressed Campbell. "It's used to store snow from the roadway in the winter, for drainage other times of the year, and for errant vehicles to attempt to safely return to the traveled portion of the road. It should be all about safety and nothing about aesthetics." Campbell said the road commission also makes every attempt to keep the right-of-way clear of growth to promote drainage, eliminate hazards, and allow sunlight to reach the road surface and dry damaging moisture from the road.

The standard road right of way is 66 feet, split to 33 feet on either side of the centerline of the road; however, right-of-way can vary widely. While the road right-of-way is usually a contiguous portion of the adjoining property and an owner can maintain that portion, it should still be treated as part of the road and be kept clear of any added or unnecessary objects. The road commission reserves the right to remove, at the owner's expense, non-permitted items placed or constructed within the road right of way.

For more information, contact the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake Street, Lincoln; (989) 736-8168, or by e-mail at roads@alcona-crc.com.

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- WEDNESDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 30 Low: 22
- THURSDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 33 Low: 27
- FRIDAY**
Mostly Sunny
High: 37 Low: 30
- SATURDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 40 Low: 34
- SUNDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 42 Low: 36
- MONDAY**
Cloudy
High: 41 Low: 32
- TUESDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 38 Low: 29

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 30°, humidity of 74%. North wind 15 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 56° set in 1971. Expect clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 22°. North wind 15 mph. The record low for tonight is -9° set in 1977. Thursday, skies will be mostly sunny with a high temperature of 33°.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	25	14	36/22	0.00"
Tuesday	28	14	35/22	0.01"
Wednesday	30	21	35/21	0.00"
Thursday	28	11	35/21	0.00"
Friday	35	17	34/20	0.00"
Saturday	36	21	34/20	0.00"
Sunday	33	11	34/20	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
Last 12/14	Wednesday 7:59 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	9:13 p.m.	10:43 a.m.
Thursday 8:00 a.m.	4:52 p.m.	10:11 p.m.	11:15 a.m.	
Friday 8:01 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	11:09 p.m.	11:45 a.m.	
Saturday 8:02 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	No Rise	12:12 p.m.	
New 12/21	Sunday 8:03 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	12:08 a.m.	12:39 p.m.
Monday 8:03 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	1:06 a.m.	1:06 p.m.	
Tuesday 8:04 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	2:06 a.m.	1:34 p.m.	
Full 1/4				

Local UV Index

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

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 47° in Boston, Mass. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 73° in Perry, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain today, widespread rain Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 58° in Boise, Idaho. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today and Thursday, isolated showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 78° in Yuma, Ariz.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:13 a.m.	4:49 p.m.
Venus	8:57 a.m.	5:35 p.m.
Mars	11:07 a.m.	8:22 p.m.
Jupiter	9:52 p.m.	12:00 p.m.
Saturn	6:15 a.m.	3:51 p.m.
Uranus	1:43 p.m.	2:25 a.m.

Weather History

Dec. 10, 1989 - Heavy snow fell across the northern and central mountains of Colorado, with 24 inches reported at Steamboat Springs. Six to 12 inches of snow fell in the Denver and Boulder areas, delaying plane flights and snarling traffic.

Weather Trivia

Does all rain hit the ground?

Answer: No. Some precipitation evaporates before it reaches the ground.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Christmas and Telescopes

Telescopes and Christmas—they go together like bread and butter, but most people buying a scope for under the tree will make the wrong decisions. All telescopes are a compromise in one way or another, but all experts agree that scopes are not built strictly for magnification. If a manufacturer hypes the power that a telescope can attain as the chief reason for purchasing the scope, simply stay away. Telescopes are essentially light buckets, designed to bring to an exact focus more light than the human eye can collect. The more light, the deeper into space you will be able to view. The eye, acting as the receptor of the photons being gathered by the telescope, is essentially enlarged to the area of the light-gathering lens or mirror. Telescopes also need to deliver crisp, vivid images so the observer can actually see detail on the moon, planets, or other sky objects that are being scrutinized. They must also produce acceptable fields of view, so that the object under examination can be seen in its entirety. This is partly a function of eyepiece design. Any telescope will come with an acceptable eyepiece or two, but nothing special. Your scope must also be attached to a sturdy mounting system to dampen unwanted vibrations when it is moved around the sky or if the wind kicks up. When all of these criteria are met, then the topic of magnification can be discussed; but there are still limits. Any telescope will not tolerate more than about 50-power per inch of aperture. Therefore, a telescope with a 4-inch lens or mirror should not be pushed beyond 200-power. Where can you find a first-rate, fairly priced instrument? I'm sorry to say that K-Mart, Wal-Mart, or any department stores should not be on your list. I would first suggest Orion Telescopes which produce economically priced instruments that meet astronomical criteria. Go to www.telescope.com and search for a type of reflector called a Dobsonian. This will be your best bang for the buck. More about Dobsonian telescopes next week... www.astronomy.org

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Dec. 1, 2014 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. Prior to the meeting opening the following elected officials were sworn in: President Phillip Jordan, clerk Linda Somers and council members Sara Healy and Glenn Kohn. Absent from the meeting were treasurer Mary Kossa and council member Bonny Gauthier. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." A motion was made by Stutzman, with support from Healy, to appoint Phil Phillips to fill the open council seat. Carried. Mr. Phillips was sworn in by attorney David Cook. Roll call was taken. Present: President Jordan, clerk Somers and council members Healy, Kohn, Phillips, Somers and Stutzman. The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Phillips, with support from Stutzman. A motion was made by Stutzman, with support from Phillips, to table the treasurer's report due to Mary's absence from the meeting. Carried.

In public comment time Phil Naylor stated he wants to show his support of the newly elected council member and he intends to stay in touch. Mike Serafin gave the fire and first responder report. It has been a very busy month for both departments. He said the recent training exercise was well attended and the group was able to get emergency vehicles ready for the winter.

President Jordan gave the street report. He stated the crack sealing has been finished. Additionally, the storm drains have been cleaned out. There are 30 storm drains so we are hoping to set up a schedule for cleaning them on alternating years. Steve will keep the streets cleaned of debris and that will hopefully cut down on the need for cleaning them so often. The sewer report was given per a report from Alpena Septic Service. Things are working quite well currently.

Meeting dates were set for the upcoming year: January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 2, July 6, August 3, September 1 (Tuesday), October 5, November 2, December 7. All monthly meetings will begin at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The budget meeting workshop is scheduled for Wednesday, January 7 at 6 p.m.

In old business, Glenn Kohn expressed his thanks to Mary Kossa for her help in explaining the budgetary needs of the village. He also thanked president Jordan for his help in going over the duties of the village council and for showing him around the village properties. Phil Phillips is continuing to work on the possibility of getting a blinking light at the intersection of Barlow and Traverse Bay Street. Somers stated he has worked with Steve on how to regulate the salt being spread on village streets. He stated the trailers on Traverse Bay need to be attended to. President Jordan will check with Troy Somers, zoning administrator to see what can be done. Sara Healy presented the cost estimate for a water cooler following a discussion last month. Phil Phillips stated he will donate a cooler that he brought when he moved to Michigan. Thanks Phil. Healy said the Festival of Lights will be held on Friday, Dec. 5 beginning at 5:30 p.m. Coffee, hot chocolate and hot dogs will be served at the fire hall. Santa will be arriving on the fire truck at approximately 6:30 p.m. The Alcona High School boys basketball team will be leading Christ-

mas carols on the hay wagons. The light judging will take place on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings. President Jordan thanked everyone who helped to decorate the village. Stutzman asked about the complaints that are turned into the sheriff's department that occur in the village. He questioned if there is anything we can do to help eliminate them. President Jordan stated that we need to be aware of what's going on in our community. He hopes to meet with the sheriff soon and discuss what we can do. Stutzman is concerned about the work that is taking place at the new gym that is being developed in the old Lincoln School. He is concerned about not having enough room for cars to park at the new ball field that is being developed. Somers stated there is plenty of room for bleachers and cars will have to be parked outside of the ball field area. President Jordan suggested a committee needs to be formed to investigate what is needed and to aid in planning for future usage.

In new business, Phillips stated he has concerns about the crack sealing on Lake Street from the road commission to the village limit sign. He would like to withhold some of the payment that is due until they can return and fix it properly. The owner of the company stated he will take care of it but as of yet he hasn't done so. President Jordan will contact the company and see what can be done. Stutzman asked about the status of the water/road issue on

South Second Street. President Jordan stated the work has been approved and we are simply waiting for the company to show up and take care of it. He also asked about the irrigation problem for the downtown streetscape area. It is to be taken care of yet this week.

A company has been hired to blow out the lines and to have it fixed properly in the spring. Somers asked about blocking off a road near the playground. He is concerned about the road being torn up with the frost being driven down deeper. President Jordan urged council members to attend the Festival of Lights Celebration on Friday. Steve has fixed many maintenance issues on village vehicles. Christmas lights have been put up with the help of the Brownlee Lake Association and our maintenance man. All village restrooms have been converted over to the same kinds of paper

products. This will eliminate the need for purchasing products from several places any longer.

The paperwork is being worked on regarding a grant for the boat launch. Until it is clear where the matching funds are coming from; we will not be pursuing a Parks & Recreation plan. Thanks goes out to the road commission, especially Marlina MacNeill and Mike Escareno. They have helped us out tremendously. Thanks goes out to all the groups that have made this community what it is today. Thanks also to Steve Slater for his work on the restroom in the maintenance building. The missing bench is being replaced.

President Jordan wished all the village residents a very Merry Christmas and a wonderful New Year. A thank you was read from Connie Stutzman for flowers that were sent to her following her recent hospitalization. A motion was made by Phillips, with support from Healy, to pay the bills as presented with the exception of East Short Asphalt Motion carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Phillips, with support from Stutzman. Carried.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of budget hearing: The board of road commissioners of the County of Alcona will hold a public hearing at the road commission office, 301 North Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan at 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 30, 2014. The purpose is to receive public comments on the proposed road commission budget prior to taking final action to approve a budget for 2015. Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the road commission office Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning December 8, 2014, until the hearing (excluding holiday closings on December 25 and 26. Alfred J. Scully, Chairman, Board of Road Commissioners, County of Alcona, Michigan.

Public Notice: Caledonia Township Planning Commission 2015 meeting schedule; January 5, February 2, March 2, April 6, May 4, June 1, July 6, August 3, September 14, October 5, November 2, December 7. Meetings begin at 7 p.m. at the Caledonia Township Hall, Spruce, Michigan. Any change in date or time, or any special meetings will be advertised or posted separately. Tri-township's planning commission meeting hosted by Caledonia Township, July 23.

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Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information that 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.

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain Mortgage made between Shannon L. Collins, a single woman, whose address is 5190 N. Huron Road, Black River, Mich. 48721, as mortgagor, and Mercantile Bank of Michigan, assignee of Firstbank-West Branch Mortgage Company, a Michigan banking corporation, whose address is 310 Leonard Street NW, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49504, as mortgagee, dated August 20, 2003, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan on August 27, 2003, in Liber 388 at page 1,085. Upon which mortgage is claimed to be due at the date of this notice the sum of seventy-two thousand one hundred ninety and 45/100 (\$72,190.45) dollars, 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 the 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 December 17, 2014, at 10 a.m., said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, in the courthouse lobby in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, Michigan (that being the building where the circuit court for the county of Alcona is held) of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due of said mortgage, with interest thereon at 6.35 percent per annum, and all legal costs, expenses and charges, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: Land situated in the township of Alcona, county of Alcona and state of Michigan, to-wit: All that part of the southeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4, Section 21, Township 28 North, Range 9 East, described as follows: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of said Section 21 as the point of beginning; thence north 00°05'57" west 254.09 feet along the east section line and the centerline of Lafave Road; thence north 88°34'47" west 935.18 feet parallel to the east-west 1/4 line to the northeasterly 75 foot right-of-way line of US-23; thence south 29°29'42" east 296.06 feet along

said right-of-way line to the east-west 1/4 line; thence south 88°34'47" east 789.81 feet along said east-west 1/4 line to the point of beginning, including the 2003 Dutch Manufactured Home, Serial No. DHIN38722F, which is a permanent fixture of said property.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months from the date of such sale, unless mortgagor provides notice that the property is agricultural in accordance with MCL 600.3240(17), in which case the redemption period shall be one (1) year, or unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

If the property described in this notice is sold at the foreclosure sale referred to above, the mortgagor will be held responsible to the purchaser who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period in accordance with MCLA 600.3278 or as otherwise provided by law.

Mercantile Bank of Michigan
Mortgagee
Dated: November 12, 2014
Timothy L. Curtiss, Esq.
Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner P.L.C.
304 East Broadway, Suite 206
Mt. Pleasant, Mich. 48858
(989) 775-7404
11-12, 11-19, 11-26, 12-3, 12-10

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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 Daniel F. Bendig and Carline D. Bendig, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Argent Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated October 8, 2004, and recorded on October 25, 2004 in Liber 408 on page 858, and assigned by said mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank N.A., as trustee for the Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of November 1, 2004 Park Place Securities, Inc. asset-backed pass-through certificates series 2004-WHQ2 as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-six thousand nine hundred fifty-four and 88/100 dollars (\$76,954.88).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged

premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on January 7, 2015.

Said premises are situated in township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of the south 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 22, Town 26 North, Range 9 East; thence west 833.68 feet; thence south 209 feet; thence east 833.68 feet; thence north 209 feet to the place of beginning. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

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: December 10, 2014
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1300
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy., Ste. 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-5422
File No. 446958F01
12-10, 12-17, 12-24, 12-31

Foreclosure Notice

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. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the mortgagor, the mortgagee, or the mortgagee's attorney.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Dawn M. Ross and Russell J. Ross, wife and husband to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc., its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated December 30, 2011 and recorded January 13, 2012 in Liber 484 page 1,099, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Quicken Loans Inc., by assignment dated November 5, 2013 and recorded November 13, 2013 in Liber 503, page 391, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-three thousand eight hundred

sixty-two dollars and thirty-one cents (\$83,862.31) including interest 3.99 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, circuit court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on December 17, 2014. Said premises are situated in township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Property located in Section 16, Town 25 North, Range 6 East, described as: the east half (E one half) of the northeast quarter (NE one quarter) of the southwest quarter (SW one quarter) and the southeast quarter (SE one quarter) of the northeast quarter (NE one quarter), excepting Lot 1 of Block 2 of Supervisors, excepting that part lying south of Glennie Road. And property located in Section 16, Town 25 North, Range 6 East, described as commencing at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter (NE one quarter) of the southwest quarter (SW one quarter); thence south 87 degrees east along the east west one quarter line 379.86 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 87 degrees east 304.61 feet; thence south 1 degree west 90.95 feet; thence north 71

degrees west, along the north right of way of Glennie Road, 319.17 feet to the point of beginning, excepting Supervisors of the village of Glennie. Commonly known as 4804 Bamfield Road, aka 4804 W. F-30, Glennie, Mich. 48737.

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, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: November 19, 2014
Quicken Loans Inc., Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys:
Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
File No: 14-13095
11-19, 11-26, 12-3, 12-10

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate

Edward R. Woods and Marie Woods
Revocable Living Trust Agreement
Date of birth: January 23, 1922
To all creditors:
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Marie Woods, died October 17, 2014.
Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be

forever barred unless presented to David H. Cook, trustee, 5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

Date: December 2, 2014
David H. Cook P40560
5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585
Harrisville, Michigan 48740
(989) 724-5155
David H. Cook
5466 M-72, P.O. Box 585
Harrisville, Michigan 48740

Foreclosure Notice

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. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee for any reason. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest, and the purchaser shall have no further recourse against the mortgagor, the mortgagee, or the mortgagee's attorney.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Patrick Carriveau and Kathy Carriveau, husband and wife to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for J. Virgil Inc., its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated June 10, 2005 and recorded June 23, 2005 in Liber 419, page 910 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned to: Matrix Financial Services Corporation, by assignment dated October 30, 2014 and recorded November 17, 2014 in Liber 511, page 839, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of

sixty-one thousand nine hundred nineteen dollars and ninety-eight cents (\$61,919.98) including interest seven percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on January 7, 2015.

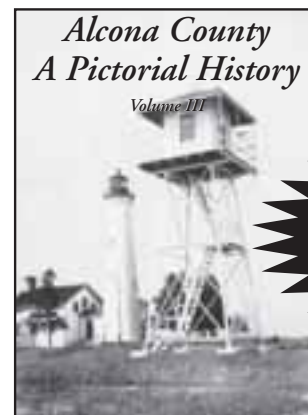
Said premises are situated in township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of the southeast one quarter of the southwest one quarter of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the southeast corner of the east one half of the southwest one quarter of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 8 East; thence west on Spruce Road centerline, 400 feet to beginning; thence west 525 feet; thence north 350 feet; thence east 525 feet; thence south 350 feet to beginning, except commencing at the southeast corner of the southwest one quarter of said Section 1, thence west 400 feet to the point of beginning; thence west 425 feet; thence north 350 feet; thence east 425

feet; thence south 350 feet to the point of beginning. Commonly known as 2683 E. Spruce Road, Spruce, Mich. 48762.

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, 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: December 3, 2014
Matrix Financial Services Corporation,
Assignee of Mortgage Attorneys:
Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
File No: 14-12936
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