

Habitat for Humanity helps two families secure homes

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

There's no place like home, especially around this time of year. Thanks to Habitat for Humanity, two Alcona families, one in Harrisville and the other in Glennie, are spending their holidays in homes they can call their own.

Angela Edwards and her 14-year-old daughter, Katy, have moved into a Habitat home in Harrisville, but have not closed on the mortgage yet. Edwards is renting the home until the closing, which is scheduled for sometime in January.

Despite the pending closing, Edwards feels the home is hers and has a vested interest in the property. Although the home was built in 2001 and two other Habitat families had lived at the property, Edwards still had to put in the 250 sweat equity hours needed to purchase a home.

Edwards got the word her application to Habitat was approved late last summer. Since that time she and Katy and her parents, Drew and Pam Milwrick of Greenbush, have been painting, cleaning, caulking, decorating, landscaping and other chores to fill her equity hours. She moved into the home on Thanksgiving, which also happened to be her 34th birthday.

"It wasn't always easy to find the time. But I did and cannot get over the feeling it's going to be mine," Edwards said.

She applied for a Habitat

home in October of 2012 by filling out a form and supplying a letter explaining to the review committee why she would be a candidate. The single mom explained how she had moved nine times since graduating from Alcona High School -- many of those moves with her daughter in tow. How her failed marriage left her penniless and, for a while, had to move back in with her parents. Eventually, she pulled things together, found work and managed to rent a home in Lincoln.

Homeownership was just a dream Edwards thought she may never attain. "It's hard to save for a house when you're living paycheck to paycheck," Edwards said.

Edwards didn't hear back from Habitat for several months and put the thought of it out of her mind until she was contacted last spring to fill out more financial forms. She knew the chance of getting accepted was a long shot.

"The home is now in pristine condition. I feel like a burden has been lifted. If I



Jennifer Harte and her daughter, Janae, stand next to their recently renovated Habitat home in Glennie. Photo by Mary Weber.



Angela and Katy Edwards in the kitchen of their new home in Harrisville. Photo by Cheryl Peterson.

want to make changes in the future to the flooring or the walls, I can. I don't have to answer to a landlord anymore," Edwards said.

She explained that Habitat will be teaching her about home ownership, on how to make budget-friendly fixes as well as a bit of financial budgeting ideas. If Edwards runs into a problem, Habitat has assigned her a mentor, something they do for all their home owners, to answer questions or offer advice.

Edwards said she owed a debt of gratitude to her mom and dad who helped her achieve her 250 hours by

working on the home, although she had to complete the bulk of the work herself to meet Habitat's requirement.

The Habitat home in Glennie was a unique experience for both Habitat and the homeowners, who already owned the seasonal cottage.

Scott and Jennifer Harte had purchased the hunting cabin in 2005. Jennifer explained it was, at the time, one 16 foot by 32 foot room. They had a woodstove that needed stoking every two hours, no indoor plumbing,

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Brush with Kindness offers help to homeowners

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Habitat for Humanity's Brush with Kindness program is seeking volunteers to help with maintenance and preservation projects for low income homeowners and in return offers valuable on the job training.

The Brush with Kindness program, made possible by Valspar, the cofounder and underwriter for the project, first began as a way to revitalize neighborhoods by preserving home exteriors so low income families could continue to live in safe, decent homes for years to come. The program now includes interior maintenance as well.

Habitat for Humanity selects its homeowners for the program based on income and their willingness to partner, as each homeowner must agree to perform sweat equity hours and repay the cost of the project through a no-interest loan. The payments of the loan are placed in a

revolving fund to help the project serve others in need.

Applicants must apply, go through a credit and background check, a tour of the project house and a scope of work estimate must be performed by Habitat's construction supervisor prior to approval and commencement of the project.

The program covers three categories for low income homeowners: Preservation, weatherization and critical home repair.

Preservation repairs include exterior maintenance such as caulking, painting, window repair (screen, glass), minor siding and trim repair, minor roof repair, soffit and or fascia replacement, individual board replacement (porch, stair, ramp) door replacement, landscaping (pruning and trimming, weeding, reseeding) clean up (junk and/or brush re-

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Forum identifies high-speed Internet a priority to move county forward

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Internet connectivity has been identified as a high priority to enhance forward momentum in the county by a group of citizens who are working to improve their community.

The Alcona Regional Leadership's Connecting the Dots forum plans to hold a public informational meeting on the topic in April.

Until the April meeting, the group is requesting residents without high-speed Internet to contact their city/village or township and for the governmental entities keep a tally of all addresses to accurately pinpoint where high-speed Internet is lacking.

Access to high-speed broadband Internet services for the county was one of the biggest challenges that emerged from the "Connect the Dots" forum. The forum consists of business owners and community leaders which held discussion sessions on how best to move Alcona County forward and enhance the quality of life.

The forum agreed that as technology evolves television, phone and other communication services will all eventually be supported by some level of broadband service, whether wireless or landline. Many "Connect the Dots" participants acknowledged that while work has been done to provide service, there are still many areas that are either underserved or not served at all.

"The meeting, which is scheduled for April 29, should help everyone understand what is available now, what the plans are to provide better connectivity from both providers and regional planning entities, and to learn what can be done as a community to become more connected. At that time we will have a better idea of where the county is lacking service with the data residents give their townships over the next few months," said Michigan State University Extension Educator Bonnie Wichtner-Zoia.

Connect Michigan, a group that does mapping, research

and community planning to help lay groundwork strategies for bringing broadband to areas in Michigan, is helping to enlist a panel of Internet providers to speak at the April meeting. Representatives from Northeast Fiber Consortium, the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG) and others from counties where In-

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Obituary

Violet D. Pletscher

Violet Dorothy Pletscher, 99, of Harrisville, died on Sunday, Dec. 29, 2013 at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville. She was born March 5, 1914, in Lincoln to Charles and Jessie Gertrude (Franklin) Ward.

She was raised in Gustin Township. She married Harry Pletscher on March 8, 1929. They were residents of Flint, Mich. for a few years, returning to Gustin Township to farm.

A homemaker and farmer, Mrs. Pletscher worked in the grandparents program and also helped students at Sprinkler Lake.

Mrs. Pletscher is survived by one daughter, Sally Nedo of Harrisville; and three grandchildren, Keith (Nancy) Nedo, Brenda (Brian) Lynn and Peggy (Bill) Bethuy; five great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Harry, on June 27, 1979; and one son-in-law, Herbert Nedo, on January 11, 2010.

Visitation will be Saturday, Jan. 4 from 3 to 6 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A graveside service will be held at Twin Lakes Cemetery, Lincoln in the spring.

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Internet connectivity is being optimized will also attend.

"Internet connectivity opens up even the most rural of settings to a world of employment and business opportunities. Reliable, fast and affordable broadband access is no longer a luxury, it has become a necessity to conduct business, learn and communicate," Wichtner-Zoia said.

She explained one of the challenges regarding Internet services is many are inaccurately portrayed on official asset maps and that inaccuracy may lead potential providers to think there is no need for them to pursue offering services in the area.

Between now and the April forum the task will be to gather as much information about where Internet service is lacking or nonexistent. "To ensure long term economic viability of Alcona County, it is imperative that residents without high-speed Internet service make the effort to contact their township/city or village and those entities support this by keeping accurate records of their calls.

"By capturing accurate data the challenge of bringing service to the area can be better addressed and the need or desire for service can also be clarified. Residents should know and understand that offering this information to your township will not be construed as a commitment to purchase services, but simply allows the committee to compile data necessary to accurately illustrate the level of service available in the county," Wichtner-Zoia said.

The Alcona Regional Leadership team operates in cooperation with Michigan State University Extension as a local volunteer and facilitating body to provide educational programming and resources which can help the community and region to "Connect the Dots." For more information about the leadership program or the broadband Internet expansion initiative, contact Bonnie Wichtner-Zoia at (989) 724-6478 or e-mail her at zoia@msu.edu.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2013

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Dec. 22	30	20	0.16	17.5	42	NE
Dec. 23	22	5	0.01	1.6	12	N
Dec. 24	16	-4	0.00	2.2	14	N
Dec. 25	23	-3	0.02	7.8	39	SW
Dec. 26	29	18	0.00	1.0	16	WNW
Dec. 27	34	7	0.00	4.4	24	SW
Dec. 28	40	30	0.00	3.1	17	SW

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2013-2014		
	Water Content	Snow Fall
Weekly Total	0.19	6.5
December to Date	1.34	20.5
Year/Season to Date	30.45	22.4

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.)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

Veterans join your fellow comrades for coffee hour from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 201 Second Street, Harrisville.

Blood pressure clinic at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Retirees meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass.

The 4-H Archery group of Alcona will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior, 207 Church Street.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

Senior commodities will be distributed from 9 to 10 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Exercise indoors, walk or use the treadmill upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Exercise indoors, walk or use the treadmill upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8

Support group for grandparents and caregivers raising children will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Alcona Elementary School media center, 181 North Barlow Road. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Kristin at (989) 736-8716.

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 with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township hall, 3029 Campbell Street.

Musical entertainment by the Swollen Fingers String band at 3:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

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Blood pressure clinic at 3:30 p.m. at the Greenbush site, 3029 Campbell Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

The 4-H Archery group of Alcona will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior, 207 Church Street.

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

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 10

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MONDAY, JANUARY 13

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from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

The Alcona County Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 2 p.m. in the commons at Jamieson Nursing Home, 790 South US-23, Harrisville.

If you are interested in becoming a foster parent or would like more information, Wellspring Lutheran Services will hold an orientation from 6 to 9 p.m. at 1260 South Otsego, Gaylord. Contact Darla at (989) 732-1040 to register.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

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Galloways celebrate 40th anniversary

Tedd and Donna Galloway of Morenci, Mich., former residents of Hubbard Lake, celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary with their family.

They were married on December 29, 1973 in Alpena's Salvation Army Church by Captain Homer Fuqua.

They celebrated with their three daughters, Marilyn Galloway of Sault St. Marie, Mich., Hilary (Tim) Kaiser of Morenci, Mich. and Ana Galloway of Grand Rapids, Mich. They have three grandchildren, Allie, Ayden, and Avery Kaiser.



Donna and Ted Galloway

Local Notes

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, Jan. 6—Hamburger stroganoff, broccoli, tossed salad and fruit crisp.

- Tuesday, Jan. 7—Bourbon pork chop, scalloped potatoes, wax beans, carrot raisin salad and fruit.

- Wednesday, Jan. 8—Chicken and dumplings, Prince Charles blend, pickled beets and fruit.

- Thursday, Jan. 9—Cabbage rolls, red parsley potatoes, peas, tropical fruit salad and fruit.

- Friday, Jan. 10—Pork tips and gravy over noodles, squash, applesauce and fruit. *(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)*

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no running water and minimal electrical, but Scott, who was a building contractor by

trade, had plans for the cabin to be their permanent home.

They moved in and started working on it. When Scott was laid off due to the seasonal nature of the work, he found work in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina hit. Jennifer stayed behind with their daughter, who was barely three, to do what she could to keep things normal for their expanding family.

"I was pregnant with our son and I lasted until about January before joining Scott in Louisiana. It's hard being pregnant with no indoor plumbing," Jennifer said.

Three years later, the Harte's returned to northeast Michigan only to find someone had stolen their wood stove while they were gone.

Until Jennifer's father purchased a new wood stove for the family, they had to rent a home in town during the cold winter months.

Scott began working on the home again. However, even though he had the time and the knowhow; they didn't have the funding for the necessary renovations.

"Until Habitat stepped in we really only had a shell of a home. The stove we used to cook and heat water on was in my son's bedroom because that's where the electricity was," Jennifer said.

She had heard about Habitat for Humanity and decided to give them a call. Before even being approved, Habitat sent over insulation to help keep the heat from the woodstove from escaping through the walls and ceiling.

Typically, Habitat builds homes with applicants in mind; a contractor is supplied by Habitat and a team of volunteers, including the

future homeowner, work on the property together. In the Harte's case, since Scott was already a contractor, he became his own on the project. His work crews were his family, Ray and Delores Chase and a few other Habitat volunteers along with an assortment of other family members and some members of the Lott Baptist Church.

The renovations included drywall, insulation, plumbing, electrical upgrades, heat, tile and flooring, cabinets, sinks, a stove, bathrooms, knotty pine ceiling in the living and kitchen areas, doors and door frames, some windows and a sliding glass door, paint and nails. Even the driveway was improved.

Jennifer said every person in the house, including their seven-year-old son, Jansen, worked pounding nails, painting and doing whatever they could to finish the house.

"We now have three bedrooms and a study/loft area and two bathrooms. It's taken us a while to get used to shutting doors. We never had inside doors before or toilets to flush," Harte said.

The Harte's had to go through the application process, the classes necessary to meet Habitat's guidelines, and keep up the interest free monthly payments.

Jennifer smiled as she looked out the window. "We love it here. We tried to keep the hunting cabin feel inside the home. We all hunt and our two acre lot bumps up to national forest land on three sides of our property. We snowmobile and cross country ski in the winter. It's the perfect home for us."

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Alcona Community Schools proudly announces the following grade level openings for the second semester of the 2013/2014 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	Closed
4	Unlimited	11	Closed
5	Unlimited	12	Closed
6	Unlimited		

Applications for limited seats available for second semester of the 2013-2014 school year will be accepted from December 12, 2013 to January 16, 2014. Applications received after January 16th cannot be accepted. Successful applicants will be notified by mail after January 16, 2014. 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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removal), and weather stripping.

The costs of preserving exterior repairs cannot exceed \$3,500 and applicants must put in eight to 12 sweat equity hours.

Weatherization of homes includes interior and exterior projects such as window and or door replacement, caulking or foaming gaps and cracks, insulating (openings, attics, crawlspaces, et cetera), minor ventilation repairs, add or replace door seals, insulating pipes and ductwork, wrapping water heaters, wall insulation, before and after energy audits.

Weatherization projects costs cannot exceed \$7,500 and applicant must be willing to perform 25 sweat equity hours.

Critical home repair includes necessary interior and exterior repairs such as window replacement, extensive siding and trim repair, major roof repair or replacement, porch or ramp construction, installation of house systems including plumbing, electrical, heating, ventilation and air conditioning, floor repair or replacement, wall repair or replacement, and foundation repair.

Necessary critical home

repair projects cannot exceed \$10,500 and applicant must put in 37.5 sweat equity hours.

"Although we require homeowners have a vested interest in the property by performing sweat equity hours, not all can assist in the actual process of doing the work. Some individuals are not physically able to get on a roof or crawl along floor boards," said Stacy Todd, executive director for Habitat of Northeast Michigan.

"Homeowners needing a ramp, for instance, may not be able to assist in building it. For those who can't, we have them perform other duties, such as supplying the workers with snacks or refreshments, handing tools to volunteers, or whatever work they can provide even if it means helping on another project or working on fund raisers to complete their hours," she said.

Due to high demand of volunteers for the large area Habitat for Humanity of Northeast Michigan covers, it is putting a data base of volunteers together along with their availability, talents and what areas they are willing to work in. "We don't want someone from the Glennie

area to be called for a project in Alpena that they would have a hard time getting to," Todd said.

Plumbers, heating specialists, construction workers and others skilled in home repair trades are always desired, but Todd explained that prior knowledge in building is not a prerequisite to volunteering with Habitat's Brush with Kindness program.

"We give on-the-job training. This is a growth opportunity for anyone willing to try to do something. You never know what you can do until you try and the work you may learn just might appeal to future employers," she said.

For more information or to be entered in Habitat for Humanity Northeast Michigan's Brush with Kindness volunteer database, call Stacy Todd at (989) 356-3509 or e-mail her at stodd@habitat-nemi.org.

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December 17

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B & D Sales	118	122
Shotmakers	111.5	128.5
Gary Oil	91.5	148.5
High game and series:	Harley Robinson, 278 and 716.	
High handicap game:	Al Woodbury, 298.	
High handicap series:	Norm Welch, Sr. 793.	

Sportsman

December 26

LLW Club	140	100
Phil's Barber	140	100
M & M Monnier	137	103
Morgan Electric	112	128
Cole's Appl.	99	141
Village Lanes	92	148
High game:	Jimmy Armstrong, 258.	
High series:	Ray Medore, 718.	
High handicap game:	Arnie Dellar, 285.	
High handicap series:	Harold Cariveau, 787.	



Collin Prokopec, 10, of Spring Lake, Mich. shot his first deer, a doe, on December 26, 2013 while hunting with his father, John Prokopec, on property owned by his grandfather, Al McGowen, near Lincoln. *Courtesy photo.*



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Hunters have successful elk season

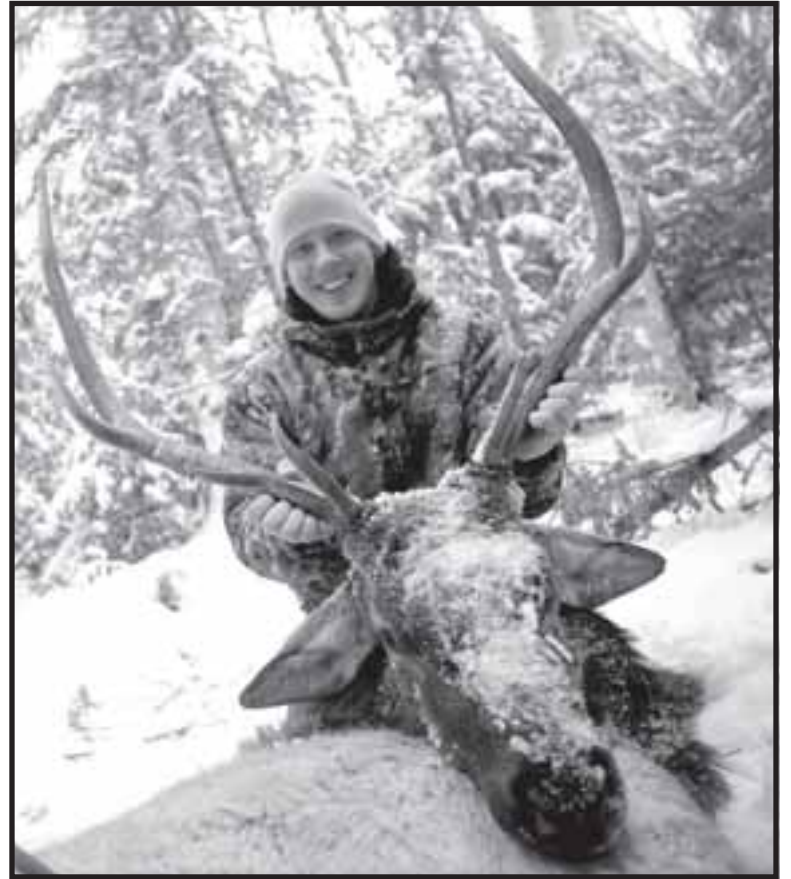
Michigan's 2013 elk hunting season that just wrapped up was a successful season all-around. While hunters walked away with an experience they'll never forget, Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) staff members are happy management goals were met, both safely and legally.

"We manage elk in Michigan by hunting," said area wildlife biologist Jennifer Kleitch. "Our seasons are very specific. We have certain hunting areas, dates and quotas, and we are very deliberate in order to maintain a healthy elk herd in balance with the available habitat."

The early elk season, which is held in late August and September, has three separate hunt periods totaling 12 days of elk hunting. One hundred hunters were drawn in the weighted elk lottery to hunt this period, and a total of 78 elk were harvested -- 34 bulls and 44 cows.

The late elk season ran from December 7-15, 2013 and another 100 hunters were able to hunt with success. Hunters harvested 93 elk, and all those with bull licenses were successful.

Elk have come a long way in Michigan. From disappearing in the late 1800s due to the need for food and hides, to today with elk numbers being maintained in the northeast Lower Peninsula. Due to habitat management, laws regulating the take of elk and increased protection



Jason Webb of Westland, a Pure Michigan Hunt winner, with the bull elk he harvested in December. *Photo courtesy of Kevin Johnson.*

by DNR conservation officers, the elk population is now healthy and stable.

"Elk are important to the entire state of Michigan; folks come from all around to view them in their natural places," said Doug Doherty of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. "For many northern Michigan towns and businesses, elk viewing and hunting are a huge part of their livelihood."

Over 32,000 resident hunters apply annually for a chance at harvesting a ma-

gestic Michigan elk, and hunters play a key role in balancing biological and social goals for the elk herd. The ideal goal for elk numbers in Michigan is 500 to 900.

"Where the elk actually are and their impacts on habitat are the biggest concerns in elk management," said Kleitch. "Our hunts are used to help keep elk in large blocks of public land to reduce conflicts on agricultural and private lands."

To learn more, visit www.michigan.gov/elk.

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.org for guidance. It's also a good idea to get your siblings or other family members involved. This can help you head off possible hard feelings, plus, with others involved, your parents will know everyone is concerned.

When you meet with your parents, you'll need to sit down and create several lists of important information, find out where they keep key documents and how they want certain things handled when they die or if they become incapacitated.

Here's a checklist of areas you need to focus on.

Personal Information

- **Contacts:** Make a list of names and phone numbers of close friends, clergy, their doctors, lawyer, accountant, broker, tax preparer, insurance agent, et cetera.

- **Personal documents:** Find out where they keep their Social Security card, marriage license, military discharge papers, et cetera.

- **Secured places:** Make a list of places they keep under

lock and key or protected by password, such as online accounts, safe deposit boxes, safe combination, security alarms, et cetera.

- **Service providers:** Make a list of the companies or people who provide them regular services like utility companies, lawn service, et cetera.

- **Medical information:** Make a copy of their medical history (any drug allergies, past surgeries, et cetera) and a list of medications they take.

- **Pets:** If they have a pet, what are their instructions for the animal's care?

- **End of life:** What are their wishes for organ or body donation, and their funeral instructions? If they've made pre-arrangements with a funeral home get a copy of the agreement.

Legal Documents

- **Will:** Do they have an updated will or trust, and where is it located?

- **Power of attorney:** Do they have a power of attorney document that names some-

one to handle their financial matters if they become incapacitated?

- **Advance directives:** Do they have a living will and a medical power of attorney that spells out their wishes regarding their end-of-life medical treatment?

Financial Records

- **Income and debt:** Make a list of their income sources such as pensions, Social Security, IRAs, 401ks, investments, et cetera. And do the same for any debt (mortgage, credit cards, medical bills, et cetera) they may have.

- **Financial accounts:** Make a list of the banks and brokerage accounts they use (checking, savings, stocks, bonds, mutual funds, IRAs, et cetera) and their contact information.

- **Company benefits:** Make a list of any retirement plans, pensions or benefits from their former employer including the contact information of the benefits administrator.

- **Insurance:** Make a list of

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the insurance policies they have (life, long-term care, home, auto, Medicare, et cetera) including the policy numbers.

- **Property:** Make a list of the real estate, vehicles or other properties they own, and where they keep the deeds and titles.

- **Credit cards:** Make a list of all their credit and charge cards, including the card numbers and contact information.

- **Taxes:** Find out where they keep copies of past year's tax returns.

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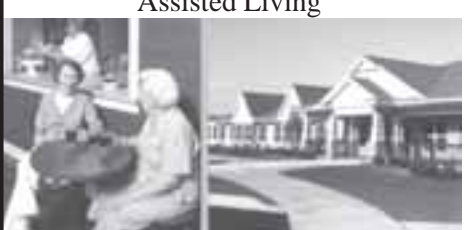
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NOTICE

There will be a meeting of the Region 9 Rural Task Force at 10 a.m., Friday, January 10, 2014 at the Montmorency County Road Commission, located at 11445 M-32, Atlanta, Michigan.

The purpose of the meeting will be to review the proposed Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) transportation projects utilizing federal-aid funding from the Rural Surface Transportation Program (STP-R) and Transportation Economic Development Fund (TEDF) for the fiscal years 2013 to 2018. The Region 9 Rural Task Force covers Alpena, Alcona, Cheboygan, Crawford, Montmorency, Oscoda, Otsego and Presque Isle Counties, and is comprised of 25 members: one MDOT member, and three members from each county representing the road commission, cities and villages under 5,000 population, and the area transit provider. Interested persons are invited to attend to give public comment.

12/25 & 1/1

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

A couple final holiday-related comments as the New Year comes in...

As you get older, Christmas doesn't hold a lot of surprises anymore. That's generally okay. Somewhere along the line it becomes more fun to provide the surprise than to receive it. Nonetheless, I have to say that I was deeply touched to find a Christmas surprise tucked inside my front door when I returned from some last minute Christmas Eve shopping.

Inside a beautiful Christmas bag, I found a gorgeous crocheted Afghan in a multi-

tude of jewel-toned colors. The card from reader Helen Walker said she liked to surprise people and the gift was to keep my legs warm. It certainly will, but even more, her generosity and kindness warmed my heart and brought tears to my eyes. What a lovely thing to do, Helen - I can't begin to thank you enough and I wish you a blessed and happy New Year.

A less delightful surprise was the sudden and virulent attack of the stomach flu that hit the Princess and her husband, A.J., late Christmas night. It struck about midnight, after a long, full day, and it struck with a vengeance. By 2 a.m. they were at the emergency room and by six the next morning they returned home, medicated, wobbly and still green-faced.

After looking them over, I packed up the two kids, their various accouterments (basket, diaper bag, the "Hungry, Hungry Hippos" game four-year-old Kai couldn't live without and a new and unfamiliar can of formula) and took them home with me so Mom and Dad could sleep it off.

Kai had been to Gram and Gramps' before and happily dug out his toy box of old familiars. For five-week-old Phee, however, it was her first sleepover. Fortunately, she is an easygoing baby who says, essentially, "You want me to sleep here? Okay. You want me to drink this new stuff now? Okay."

It was interesting to unwrap the old rusty skills. If it took both of us to get her in and out of the car seat buckles and straps, we also discovered that we can still juggle a baby with one arm while making formula - or a brother's lunch - with the other.

By the time Kai was bathed, pj'd and tucked in and Phee had a bedtime bottle, Nana was very, very tired. We tucked the baby into her Moses basket and turned out the lights, a flashlight at the ready for just in case. At 6 a.m. I awoke in a panic, realizing I hadn't heard her during the night. The note beside her read "She woke up at 4. I fed her and changed her. Very smiley and happy. Love, Art." Her little fingers may be tiny, but she's definitely got Papa wrapped around one of them.

The occasion also marked the first time our very spoiled and beloved dogs had encountered the baby. Lady, our older cocker spaniel, has seen babies before. She views children in general as noisy and sticky and quietly removed herself from their general vicinity.

Henri, our younger furbaby, however, was very puzzled. For some unknown reason, Mom had brought home a small creature who made noises like a cat, but had no fur. He stood on his hind legs to peer into the basket, ears alert and nose twitching. She didn't smell like a cat. When she cried, he cocked his head, focusing on me with deeply concerned brown eyes.

Finally, he decided whatever she was, she was a little

one and needed guarding. He settled in next to her basket to stand watch. He stayed there pretty much the entire time she was visiting.

By Friday morning Phee's mom and dad were up to taking on their duties again and the Princess Mom was deeply lonesome for her little girl. While Kai ate his breakfast and happily packed up his games and coloring books, I fed and bathed Phee and zipped her into a clean sleeper. Then I wrapped her in her blanket, placed her in the car seat, zipped and velcroed up the car seat cover and topped off the whole thing with the warmer blanket we use to ward off the cold air.

It was just about then that I realized I hadn't buckled her in. I removed several layers and Team Kniep went to work on the complicated harness. At last, she was ready for her triumphant return home. To her benefit, she is just beginning to smile - one of those crooked, somewhat lopsided, nose-wrinkling baby grins that melt grandparent's knees and their hearts, so uncovering her again was a joy.

Once everyone was delivered to where they were supposed to be, I took my new Afghan and curled up for a long winter's nap. It's cool to know that baby-care skills are like riding a bicycle - they come back to you in an instant - but Nana had forgotten just how exhausting it all can be. Lady emerged from the shadows to curl up at my feet.

Henri snuggled up beside me and demanded a good long cuddle. Watching over that cat-creature had been a full-time job and he was extremely happy to be the baby in the house again. Thinking over the past 24 hours, I smiled as I remembered the "pie" Kai had made me by placing his magnets into a metal cake pan.

Delivering it to me, he "read" me the letters on the top. "It says, Grandma and Grandpa, you are my best friends," he said.

I hope so. And I hope we continue to be, Kai, for a long, long time.

By the time you read this, the New Year will be here in earnest. It will be 2014 - a whole clean page to write our lives upon. I hope, dear readers, that you have something in your lives this year that brings you as much joy as my best friend, Kai, and his little crooked-smiling sister, Phee, bring me.

May the New Year bring you lots of surprises - good ones, all. And God bless us, every one.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 30 years. She has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville.)

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publication "Let's Talk: Starting the Conversation about Health, Legal, Financial and End-of-Life Issues," or you can read online at eldercare.gov.

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



Greatest Birding Moment

As the year comes to a close, I love to reflect on my greatest birding moment. For me, it was not so much about any single bird as it was setting up a stationary tray feeder. It always has some kind of bird action. Birding is great fun!

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"It was another outstanding fall stocking season that will provide enhanced fishing opportunities throughout Michigan," said DNR Fish Production Manager Gary Whelan. "This is in addition to our successful spring stocking efforts that put more than 19 million fish into the state's waters."

The number and type of fish stocked varies by hatchery as each facility's ability to rear fish differs because of water supplies and temperature. In Michigan, there are six state and three cooperative hatcheries that work together to produce the species, strain and size of fish needed by fisheries managers. These fish must then be delivered at a specific time and location for stocking to ensure their success. Most fish in Michigan are stocked in the spring.

Fall fish stockings consisted of brook trout, lake trout, rainbow trout, steelhead, Atlantic salmon, lake sturgeon, walleye and muskellunge.

• The Marquette State Fish Hatchery stocked 34,093 fall fingerling and adult brook and lake trout that weighed 2,225 pounds. This hatchery stocked a total of 47 locations using 18 trips.

• The Thompson State Fish Hatchery (near Manistique) stocked 157,909 fall fingerling brown trout and steelhead that weighed 1,947

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top ten

Flu-Busting Snacks

1. Oranges
2. Veggie slices
3. Whole-grain cereals (fortified)
4. Nuts
5. Hardboiled eggs
6. Hummus and veggies
7. Yogurt (Greek or low-fat)
8. Bean salad
9. Green tea
10. String cheese

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Model-Year Close-Out

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pounds. This hatchery stocked a total of five locations using four trips.

- The Oden State Fish Hatchery (near Petoskey) stocked 90,244 fall fingerling rainbow trout that weighed 1,967 pounds. This hatchery stocked a total of two locations using two trips.

- The Platte River State Fish Hatchery (near Honor) stocked 221,808 fall fingerling coho salmon weighing 8,745 pounds and 36,453 fall fingerling Atlantic salmon weighing 701 pounds. All coho salmon were stocked into the Paw Paw River using

three trips and the Atlantic salmon into Torch Lake using one trip.

- The Wolf Lake State Fish Hatchery (near Kalamazoo) stocked 435,950 fall fingerling steelhead weighing 6,598 pounds and 56,143 fall fingerling Great Lakes and northern muskellunge weighing 2,358 pounds. The steelhead were stocked at six sites using four trips and muskellunge were stocked at 33 locations using 20 trips.

- The DNR's cooperative hatchery at Lake Superior State University produced 13,400 fall fingerling Atlan-

tic salmon weighing 500 pounds. These fish were stocked with one trip in Torch Lake (Antrim County).

- Eastern Lake Superior, northern Lake Michigan and southern Lake Huron fisheries management units stocked 3,877 fall fingerling walleye weighing 229 pounds. These fish were stocked at eight sites using seven trips.

- The southern Lake Michigan Management Unit in cooperation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service stocked 50 fall fingerling lake sturgeon weighing less than a

pound into the Kalamazoo River.

- The Marquette Fisheries Research Station stocked a total of 598 fall fingerling lake sturgeon weighing 22 pounds into four sites in the Upper Peninsula. Four stocking trips were needed for this effort.

- The DNR's cooperative hatchery with Michigan State University on the Black River stocked 4,490 fall fingerling lake sturgeon weighing 66 pounds. These fish were stocked using three trips into four sites on Black, Burt and Mullet lakes.

In general, fish are reared in Michigan's state fish hatcheries anywhere from one month to one and a half years before they are stocked.

The DNR welcomes visitors to its state fish hatcheries and interpretative centers to witness first-hand the fish-rearing process and to learn about Michigan's waters. For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/hatcheries.

To find out if any fish were stocked in your favorite fishing spot, visit the DNR's fish stocking database at www.michigan.gov/fishstock.

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DNR seeks members for NRC youth council

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is looking for a few good young men and women, outdoors-minded candidates for consideration as additions to the DNR's Natural Resources Commission (NRC) Youth Conservation Council.

"Last year we selected 18 young people from across the state to meet and help make recommendations to create a new generation of potential hunters, anglers and other outdoor recreation enthusiasts," said Raymond Rustem, DNR staff advisor to the Youth Conservation Council. "We are very pleased with the group's first year of insight and progress. These young people are bringing a new perspective to the department's understanding of outreach to youth."

The goal of this round of selections is to fill the full council of 25 members. Rustem explained that the council is particularly interested in strengthening representation from the Upper Peninsula, northeast Lower Michigan and urban areas.

"The first year we realized was going to be a learning process in finding out what the council members could do and how this council would operate," said Rustem. "We started with fewer members, but now with a year of experience under our belts, we're ready to increase the number of youths involved and, hopefully, expand the council's geographic diversity."

During the past several months, council members have been developing several projects to encourage youth participation in outdoor activities. A youth blog site is nearly ready to go live; some members are busy preparing YouTube videos to promote outdoor activity; and others are at work on a youth photo contest that will have a monthly winner.

Just as with the first crop of candidates, selected Youth Conservation Council members will commit to:

- Participating in at least four meetings each year. Two of them will be offered as weekend training sessions at a conference facility; the other two will be shorter meetings with possible attendance through teleconferencing and/or Web-based applications;

- Taking part in broad-ranging discussions about Michigan's outdoors and the current and future recreation opportunities available statewide; and

- Making recommendations to both the NRC and the DNR about policy, program and legislative changes that members believe will boost young residents' interest and involvement in the outdoors.

Rustem said members will also gain valuable leadership skills and public-service experience that will aid them in future academic, community and career endeavors.

Applications are available on the DNR website, along with a roster of frequently asked questions that offers

more detail about the Youth Conservation Council. To learn more, visit www.michigan.gov/dnr, choose Education and Outreach, and then select the Youth Conservation Council information under Programs for Families and Individuals.

Completed applications must be postmarked by January 31 and should be sent to: NRC Youth Conservation Council, Attn: Raymond Rustem, P.O. Box 30028, Lansing, Mich. 48909.

Employees of Tube Forming and Machine of Oscoda and Eagle Ridge Golf Club of Glennie held a food drive in conjunction with their annual holiday party. The donations (right) were delivered to the Lott Baptist Church Food Pantry in Glennie. *Courtesy photo.*





Area Church Directory


St. Andrew's Episcopal Church


 Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.,
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www.standrewschurhharrisville.org
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE

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


New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,
 3/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

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 ST. GABRIEL, Black River Saturday 6:30 p.m.
 ST. CATHERINE (Ossineke) Sunday 9 a.m.
 ST. ANNE, Harrisville Sunday 11 a.m.
 Pastor: Fr. Robert Bissot • (989) 724-6713


Westminster Presbyterian Church U.S.A.

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

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

GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH
 2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. • Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
 Sunday Evening Service 6 p.m.
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.


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 Lincoln at 9:45 am (101 E. Main St.)
 Harrisville at 11:15 am (217 N. State St.)
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 Rev. Linda Jo Powers • (989) 724-3033 (h) • E-mail: pastorlindajo@charter.net

LOTT BAPTIST CHURCH
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. **4257 State Rd. Glennie**
 Sunday morning service 11 a.m. **(989)735-3771.**
 Sunday evening service 6 p.m. **Pastor Elmer Ash.**
 Wednesday Prayer Meeting 7 p.m.

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 "A New Era Church"
Service: Sunday 11 a.m. ~ Reverend Paul Grabstanowicz
 4545 Alcona St., South Branch, MI 48761 • Phone: (989) 735-2059
 Website: www.ChapelInThePinesFellowshipChurch.com
 E-mail: Pastor@ChapelInThePinesFellowshipChurch.com

State veterinarian warns dog owners: Test for canine brucellosis

State veterinarian Dr. James Averill has reported three investigations into canine brucellosis in Michigan dogs in the past four months, one each in Montcalm, Calhoun, and Mackinac counties.

Canine brucellosis is a bacterial disease that affects dogs, but is transmissible to humans through exposure to birthing fluids, saliva, feces, urine, and eye or nasal fluids. People with brucellosis may experience "flu-like"

symptoms including fever, chills, body aches, headaches and sweating. They may also develop more serious, prolonged conditions.

According to Averill, who works out of the Michigan Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (MDARD) division, brucellosis is also known as undulant fever or Mediterranean fever in humans. Signs in dogs include failure to become pregnant, abortions, stillbirths, inflammation in the male reproduc-

tive system, semen abnormalities, eye abnormalities, and severe back pain.

"Brucellosis is a reportable disease and any person who suspects their dog is infected or may have come from a breeder with infected dogs should contact their veterinarian and have the dog tested," Averill said. "Pets do not have to be euthanized, but it's important to follow the guidelines to prevent spreading the infection, including spaying or

neutering, and isolation from other dogs."

"Breeding dog owners should be aware their animals could have brucellosis," Averill said.

Quick tips for owners:

- Every dog owner planning a litter needs to make sure their dogs, and any dogs they are planning to use in a breeding program, do not have brucellosis.

- Breeding kennels should be on a brucellosis surveillance program to help assure

they are not selling brucellosis infected puppies, or infected adult dogs to the public.

- Anyone purchasing a puppy from a breeder should ask to see negative test results from the dogs that produced the litter of puppies.

- Anyone acquiring a dog from a pet shop or an animal shelter should ask their veterinarian about screening tests for canine brucellosis.

- Ask veterinarians to test for brucellosis with any newly acquired breeding dogs, those with a history of reproductive problems, or any canines with certain eye and spinal disorders.

"Antibiotics will not cure canine brucellosis. Once a dog is infected, the animal remains infected for life," said Averill. "While spaying and neutering infected dogs will reduce the risk of spreading canine brucellosis to humans or other dogs, the risk of spread is not completely eliminated."

The Montcalm County case involved an occasional dog breeder with six dogs, including Boston terriers, pugs, and French bulldogs. The dog breeder contacted a private veterinarian after one of the female dogs experienced her second abortion and another dog failed to become pregnant.

Five of the six dogs tested positive for brucellosis and were euthanized. No humans exposed to these dogs are known to be ill with signs of brucellosis.

The Mackinac County case involved littermates, two three-year-old Golden retriever/Labrador crosses (a recently spayed female and an intact male) acquired and imported into Michigan from Kentucky in 2011. The dogs had a long-standing history of reoccurring back pain. Both dogs tested positive for brucellosis and were euthanized. A third littermate was imported with the other two dogs, but it was given to someone on Craig's List living in Gwinn, Mich., shortly after importation.

The Calhoun County case involved a dog breeder with 14 breeding dogs, including poodles, Shetland sheepdogs, Pomeranians, and Maltese. The dog breeder took four of the dogs to a private veterinarian for brucellosis testing as one of the female dogs aborted her pups. One of the male dogs tested positive for brucellosis. This dog has been euthanized. The remaining dogs are under quarantine. No people exposed to these dogs are known to be ill with brucellosis-like symptoms.

For more information on canine brucellosis visit: The Pet Health Network.

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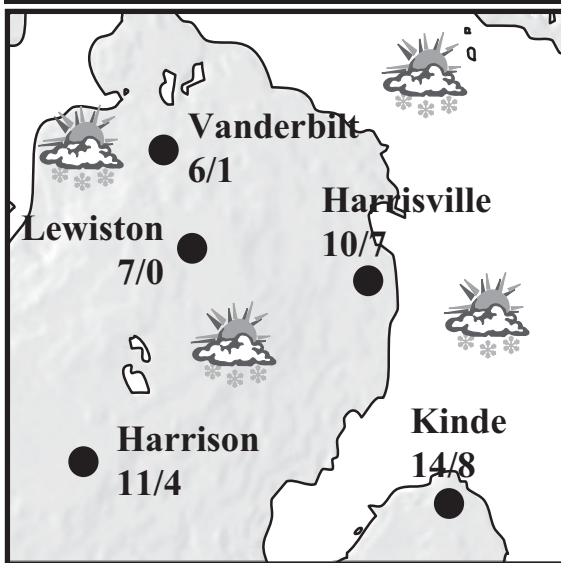
Alcona Review Weather Report

Jan. 1, 2014

Seven Day Forecast

- WEDNESDAY**
Snow Possible
High: 10 Low: 7
- THURSDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 14 Low: 2
- FRIDAY**
Partly Cloudy
High: 14 Low: 10
- SATURDAY**
Cloudy
High: 26 Low: 19
- SUNDAY**
Cloudy
High: 26 Low: 20
- MONDAY**
Mostly Cloudy
High: 22 Low: 15
- TUESDAY**
Snow Possible
High: 25 Low: 14

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow, high temperature of 10°, humidity of 78%. The record high temperature for today is 65° set in 1982. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 40% chance of snow, overnight low of 7°. The record low for tonight is -18° set in 1985. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow.

*Last Week's Almanac

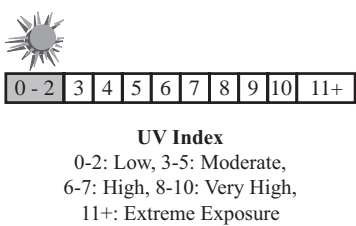
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Sunday	25	14	29/15	0.35"
Monday	16	3	29/15	0.02"
Tuesday	11	-16	29/14	0.01"
Wednesday	21	-17	29/14	0.08"
Thursday	24	15	29/14	0.01"
Friday	34	-4	28/14	0.00"
Saturday	39	24	28/13	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
New 1/1	Wednesday 8:10 a.m.	5:04 p.m.	7:56 a.m.	5:51 p.m.	Full
	Thursday 8:10 a.m.	5:05 p.m.	8:46 a.m.	7:07 p.m.	1/15
	Friday 8:10 a.m.	5:06 p.m.	9:28 a.m.	8:23 p.m.	
	Saturday 8:09 a.m.	5:07 p.m.	10:05 a.m.	9:37 p.m.	
First 1/7	Sunday 8:09 a.m.	5:08 p.m.	10:38 a.m.	10:49 p.m.	Last
	Monday 8:09 a.m.	5:09 p.m.	11:09 a.m.	11:59 p.m.	1/24
	Tuesday 8:09 a.m.	5:10 p.m.	11:39 a.m.	Next Day	

Local UV Index



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 48° in Baltimore, Md. The Southeast will see scattered showers today and Thursday, mostly clear skies with isolated showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 82° in Marathon Key, Fla. The Northwest will see isolated snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday, scattered rain and snow Friday, with the highest temperature of 54° in North Bend, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 75° in Ontario, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	8:30 a.m.	5:03 p.m.
Venus	8:53 a.m.	6:27 p.m.
Mars	12:44 a.m.	12:28 p.m.
Jupiter	5:16 p.m.	8:39 a.m.
Saturn	4:05 a.m.	2:01 p.m.
Uranus	12:07 p.m.	12:37 a.m.

Weather History

Jan. 1, 1864 - Snow, gales and severe cold hit the Midwest. It was the most bitterly cold New Year's day on record with afternoon high temperatures of 16 below zero at Chicago and 25 below at Minneapolis.

Weather Trivia

What parts of the world receive the most hail each year?
Answer: Northern India and Kenya, as a result of strong thunderstorms.
www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Winter Group: Here Today, Gone Tomorrow

If you are a regular reader of this column, then you know that winter is my least favorite season. I am definitely a summer guy who enjoys observing the tapestry of the heavens with minimal encumbering apparel. I also enjoy the expectancy of the warmer days during the spring. One aspect of winter which does afford me pleasure is the early evening arrival of the winter group of constellations: Auriga the Charioteer, Orion the Hunter, Taurus the Bull, Canis Major and Minor, the big and little dogs, and not to be forgotten, the Gemini Twins with bright Jupiter currently tucked in their midst. We are definitely cheated from a longer view of this group. When they do begin to appear earlier in the evening, their time of visibility is cut short by two different phenomena. First is the revolution of the Earth around the sun which causes all celestial bodies to rise about four minutes earlier each evening. Second, from winter through spring, the sun is migrating northward, causing the length of daylight hours to increase. Compound these changes over the course of a month, and the star patterns which are seen at 10 p.m. at the beginning of January are the same set of constellations which will be visible at 8 p.m. by early February, and 6 p.m. by March 1. However by early March, the sun will be setting around 5:50 p.m., and it won't be completely dark until nearly 7:30 p.m. By mid-April the winter group is setting into the western twilight, gone until the beginning of next year. Just the opposite scenario happens in the southern hemisphere where Orion and company are seen in the summer, and the stars linger because the southern hemisphere is headed towards winter and longer nights. I have had that experience in Australia. There is just one small problem. What is familiar to us in the northern hemisphere is upside down, Down Under. Believe me; Aussie skies are really hard on the head. www.astronomy.org

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TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** Who designed the Statue of Liberty?
- ANIMAL KINGDOM:** What is a beaver's home called?
- LANGUAGE:** In the international phonetic alphabet, what word represents the letter "Y"?
- MONEY:** What is the basic currency of Poland?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What nation is Baffin Island a part of?
- TELEVISION:** Who was Steve McGarrett's nemesis in the series "Hawaii Five-O"?
- HISTORY:** Who was the first postmaster general appointed by America's Continental Congress?
- MOVIES:** Which two comedians starred as friends in the movie "Stripes"?
- MEDICINE:** What is trepanning?
- SCIENCE:** How fast do hummingbirds' wings move?

Answers: 1. Frederic Bartholdi; 2. A lodge; 3. Yankee; 4. Zloty; 5. Canada; 6. Wo Fat; 7. Benjamin Franklin; 8. Bill Murray and Harold Ramis; 9. Cutting a hole in the skull to relieve pressure; 10. Their wings flap between 12 and 80 times a second. (c) 2013 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword

CANINE NOTABLES

ACROSS	51 Canine 2004 presidential hopeful?	99 Pope after Adrian I	2 Carbon compound	39 "True Blood" ainer	90 Copied cattle
7 Sweeper, for short	57 Trio less one	100 Weed killer brand	3 Around 93-Down	44 With 45-Across, recuperation aid	91 "I, Claudius" role
10 Allegation	58 Supermarket scanner	103 Backwoods negative	4 Twitch	46 Peter out	92 Contact lens cleaner
15 Steep, rugged cliff	59 "Hulk" director	105 No longer active: Abbr.	5 That, in León	47 Toil	93 Midday
19 Imprudent	61 Grainy, as beer or ale	108 Averages	6 Snip anew	48 Shroud city	94 Show times
20 Anger	66 "Fear Factor" ainer	109 Canine 1995-2009	7 Meredith, formerly of "Today"	50 Less limited	95 Hoop part
21 Burly	68 By way of Hemingway or Tubb	115 Port on Lake Erie	8 Abbr. at JFK	52 Ladder part	96 Bellitlle, in rap
22 Mister, in Munster	69 "Memoirs of a Geisha" novelist?	116 Disaster relief org.	9 Joker player	53 Film prefix with Cop	100 Alternative
23 Canine "Midnight Rider" singer?	72 "American" (Richard Gere film)	117 Stew morsel	10 Sequence	54 Virtual greeting	101 The Beach Boys' "Help Me, —"
26 Have — in one's bonnet	77 "Garfield" canine	118 Gobbled up	11 Extreme folly	55 Mtn. statistics	102 Semihard, mild cheese
27 Having the flu, e.g.	78 Legendary coach	121 The "I" of RPI: Abbr.	12 "Near — can tell ..."	56 Zero out	104 — ball (game played with a plastic bat)
28 Prefix with sex or cycle	79 Parsegian	122 Canine three-time Daytona 500 winner?	13 DDE's nickname	60 To be, to Fifi	106 Unveil
29 Opera feature	80 Moist, as a turkey	128 "Garfield" canine	14 "Skip to —" (kids' tune)	61 Biblical trio	107 After that
30 Making a gondola go	81 Same: Prefix	129 Central Florida city	15 Ninth-century king called "the Bald"	62 Crop up	110 "But there is — in Mudville ..."
32 Canine "Highway to Heaven" co-star?	82 Heartaches	130 Ethane, e.g.	16 Makes a new proposal	63 State's #2 exec.	111 Actor George
38 Zoo heavyweight	86 "Get him, Fido!"	131 "No lie!"	17 Response to "Am sol"	64 E'en if	112 Med. group
40 19th of 24 Greek letters	88 Canine "On the Waterfront" Oscar winner?	132 D.C. ball club	18 Rocker Allman and pitcher Olson	65 Brynner on Broadway	113 City in North Dakota
41 Cager Ming	97 "That's easy for you —!"	133 Alpine warble	19 Metalloids	67 Irish county	114 Refuge
42 Examines	98 Auld lang —	134 Lyrical poem	20 Muscle woe	70 BBQ meat bit	119 Squad
43 Sponge up		135 Twitches	21 Paid intro?	71 Tchr.'s union	120 Has it wrong
45 See 44-Down		DOWN	31 "I do" setting	73 Parks and Ponselle	123 Prefix with tour or type
49 Davenport and divan		1 Japanese volcano	33 Hip to	74 Metal debris	124 In thing
			34 Popped top	75 Part of NE	125 Family guy
			35 Great anger	76 Daily Chit-Town paper	126 Sci-fi ability
			36 Simply must	77 Chimp kin	127 Old rival of United
			37 Greeted the villain	78 Qatari money	
			38 Rule, in India	79 Ungodliness	
				80 Disney frame	
				87 Disney	
				89 Jocks	

STRANGE BUT TRUE by Samantha Weaver

- It was noted American writer and essayist Flannery O'Connor who made the following sage observation: "Truth does not change according to our ability to stomach it."

- Even though the human brain makes up only 2 percent of the body's mass, it consumes 20 percent of the body's calories and oxygen.

- The chief translator for the European Parliament is named Ioannis Ikonomou. He is fluent in 32 languages -- and still learning.

- During World War I, the United States acquired its first "war dog." The pit bull was found wandering around Yale Field in New Haven, Conn., by soldiers in training. On particular soldier, Cpl. Robert Conroy, became close to the dog and refused to leave Stubby behind; when Conroy was shipped out, he hid the dog on board. Stubby served overseas for 18 months and saw action in 17 battles. On more than one occasion he sniffed out surprise attacks, saving his regiment. He was known for locating wounded soldiers on the field, and he even once caught a German spy. He was the most decorated dog of the Great War, and he was promoted to sergeant for his combat service -- the only dog to be so honored. After the war, Sgt. Stubby was hailed as a hero; he led parades and met three presidents. He even has his very own brick at the World War I Memorial. It reads, "Sergeant Stubby, Hero Dog of WWI, a Brave Stray."

- Those who study such things say that couples in a romantic relationship actually have heart rates that are in sync with each other.

- If you're like the average American, you drink 23 gallons of coffee every year, but only 9 gallons of tea.

Thought for the Day: "Research is what I'm doing when I don't know what I'm doing." -- Wernher Von Braun

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MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

- On Jan. 17, 1865, Union Gen. William T. Sherman's army is delayed in Savannah, Ga., by 10 days of rain as it waits to begin marching into the Carolinas. Just as Sherman and his army had destroyed nearly everything in its path in Georgia, Sherman planned to subject the Carolinas to the same brutal treatment.

- On Jan. 16, 1919, the 18th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, prohibiting the "manufacture, sale, or transportation of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes," is ratified and becomes law. In 1933, the 21st Amendment to the Constitution repealed prohibition.

- On Jan. 15, 1936, Edsel Ford, son of auto pioneer Henry Ford, forms a philanthropic organization called the Ford Foundation with a donation of \$25,000. The foundation was established in part as a legal way for the Ford family to avoid inheritance taxes.

- On Jan. 14, 1954, Hollywood star Marilyn Monroe marries New York Yankees slugger Joe DiMaggio. The marriage barely got past the honeymoon, and they were divorced 274 days later. In her filing, Monroe accused her husband of "mental cruelty."

- On Jan. 13, 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs, who hosted his own television shows during the 1950s, dies after crashing his Chevrolet Corvair into a telephone pole in Los Angeles while driving in a rainstorm. The Corvair was later made infamous by Ralph Nader's groundbreaking 1965 book, "Unsafe at Any Speed."

- On Jan. 18, 1985, for the first time since joining the World Court in 1946, the United States walks out of a case, this one concerning U.S. paramilitary activities against the Nicaraguan government. The Court decided against the United States; it charged that the U.S. violated international law with its actions against the Sandinistas.

- On Jan. 19, 1977, President Gerald Ford pardons "Tokyo Rose," a Japanese-American woman named Iva Toguri. Toguri and other women had broadcast sentimental American music and phony announcements in a vain attempt to destroy the morale of Allied soldiers during World War II.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
★★★ HOO BOY!

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Sign up for consumer safety recall alerts

DOLLARS AND SENSE
By David Uffington

Despite rules and laws for the manufacture and safety of products and food, sometimes mistakes happen and consumers are put at risk. Safety notices and alerts for items you and your family use are as close as you email box.

Here are a few of the most recent ones that have serious implications for consumer safety:

--Shaw Industries Aristocrat II Carpet, only in Pale Clay color, available only at Lowe's: recalled for flammability standards, posing a fire hazard. Sold in 2013.

--Coby 32-Inch Flat-Screen Televisions: recalled for fire and burn hazards (including smoking, overheating and scorching), sold in 2013 at eight retailers including Best Buy, Fry's and Sears/KMart. Manufacturer is out of business. Contact store where purchased for more information.

--Exmark Commercial Walk-Behind Mowers: recalled due to injury hazard caused by breaking blade. Sold late 2012 through 2013. Recall includes Toro TimeMaster and TurfMaster lawn mowers.

--SRAM Bicycle Derailleurs: recalled after multiple injuries reported. Pivot pin can jam and interfere with the wheel, causing a fall hazard. Sold September 2012 to November 2013.

--Personal Emergency Reporting System (PERS) Transmitters: Recalled. Device is used to summon assistance. Battery clips can corrode, interfering with operation with no warning.

--Solowave (Tornado) Playground Tube Slides with Port Holes: recalled due to laceration hazard.

Multiple injuries reported.
--Trek Madone 2013 Bicycles: recalled for possible front brake failure. These high-end bicycles were sold from July 2012 through December 2013.

Food allergies can cause serious health problems when the allergen is accidentally consumed. Among the undeclared allergens recently found in all manner of food products and posted on the fda.gov website: walnuts, egg, milk, sulfites, wheat, peanuts, hazelnuts and almonds.

Use a throwaway email address and sign up for email recall notifications at all the agencies.

--U.S. Food and Drug Administration: www.fda.gov

--National Highway Traffic Safety Administration: www.nhtsa.gov (or www.safercar.gov)

--Food Safety and Inspection Site: www.fsis.usda.gov

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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by Walter Sarapinas and Eleanor Sarapinas as mortgagors, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated November 17, 2004, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on December 15, 2004, in Liber 410 at pages 984-1004, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$42,182.58, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof; Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of

Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, January 29, 2014, at 10 a.m., on the front steps of the Alcona County courthouse, 106 5th Street in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, that being the place for holding circuit court for the county of Alcona where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 3.125 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the township of Curtis, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: Lot 10 and 15 of the Supervisor's Plat of Oakdale Subdivision, according to the recorded plat therefore as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 190-A, Alcona County records. The above described premises may be located within

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

Dated: November 25, 2013
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511
12-11, 12-18, 12-25 & 1-1-14

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Buddy T. Sawyer, an unmarried man, to National City Mortgage Services Co., mortgagee, dated April 29, 1999 and recorded May 13, 1999 in Liber 331, page 68, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by PNC Bank, National Association by assignment.

There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifteen thousand eight hundred four and 65/100 dollars (\$15,804.65) including interest at 7.375 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on January 15, 2014.

Said premises are located in the township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Situated in the township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan. Commencing at the northeast corner of Government Lot 3, Section 34, Township 25 North, Range 9

East, Section 34, thence north 87 degrees west 1,637.5 feet, thence south 11 degrees 15 minutes west 195 feet to the point of beginning, thence south 87 degrees east 150 feet, thence south 11 degrees 15 minutes west 50 feet, thence north 87 degrees west 150 feet, thence north 11 degrees 15 minutes east 50 feet to the point of beginning.

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

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 18, 2013
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007
File No. 13-015310
12-18, 12-25, 1-1, 2014, 1-8, 2014

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgage holder. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at the sale, plus interest.

Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage executed by Elizabeth Kelly, Michael E. Stewart, Kaitlyn M. Kelly and Thomas Stewart, in favor of Paul D. Blanchard, as trustee of the Paul D. Blanchard Trust dated November 6, 1995, and recorded February 16, 2012 in Liber 485, page 654, Alcona County records, on which mortgage there is currently owing the sum of eighty-four thousand seven hundred seventy-three and 66/100 (\$84,773.66) dollars, and interest and costs of collection continue to accrue.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statutes in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises subject to the mortgage at public auction to the highest bidder, at 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, at the lobby of the Alcona County circuit court, at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014 and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due.

Said premises are located in Caledonia Township, Alcona County, Michigan and

described as: Parcel 1: T28N R7E Sec 10 com E 1/4 cor, N 88 deg W 1,320 ft to NW cor of N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 and pob, S 88 deg E 440 ft alg 1/4 ln, S 5 deg W 636.90 ft to S ln of N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4, N 88 deg W 440 ft, N 5 deg E 636.90 ft to POB; and, Parcel 2: T28N R7E Sec 10 com 1,320 ft W of E 1/4 cor, th W 1273.8 ft th SWLY to int. of ln. ext. NELY of Ln. bet lots 13 & 14m dr. pt. sub, on NE row Oak St. Sd. Sub, Th SE 50 ft alg Oak St. th NELY 175 ft th SELY 58.4 ft th S 71 deg E 458.4 ft th SWLY 175 ft th SE 50 ft alg Oak St, th N 19 deg E 294.5 ft th S 58 deg E 425 ft th N 51 deg E 743.5 ft th W 300 ft alg S ln. N 1/2 of NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 th N alg. 1/8 ln to POB.

Parcels 1 and 2 are more fully described as: Parcel 1: Commencing at the east 1/4 corner of Section 10, Township 28 North, Range 7 East; thence north 88°09' west 1,320 feet along the east-west 1/4 line to the northwest corner of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 to the point of beginning; thence south 88°09' east 440 feet along east-west 1/4 line; thence south 05°39' west 636.90 feet to the south line of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4; thence north 88°09' west 440.00 feet along the south line of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 to the southwest corner of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4; thence north 05°39' east 636.90 feet along west line of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 to point of beginning. Being the west 1/3 of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 10,

Township 28 North, Range 7 East; and, Parcel 2: Commencing 1320 feet west of the east 1/4 corner of Section 10, Township 28 North, Range 7 East, thence west 1,273.8 feet; thence southwesterly to intersection of line extending northeasterly of line between Lots 13 and 14 of Doctor's Point Subdivision on northeast right of way of Oak Street in said subdivision, thence east 50 feet along Oak Street; thence northeasterly 175 feet; thence southeasterly 58.4 feet; thence south 71° east 458.4 feet; thence southwesterly 175 feet; thence southeast 50 feet along Oak Street; thence north 19° east 294.5 feet; thence south 58° east 425 feet; thence north 51° east 743.5 feet; thence west 300 feet along said line of north 1/2 of northeast 1/4 of southeast 1/4; thence north along 1/8 line to point of beginning. Being part of Government Lot 2.

The redemption period shall be six (6) months 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 foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 13, 2013
Paul D. Blanchard, Trustee, Mortgagee By: Joel B. Moore (P35432)
Ramer, Moore, Schmolz & Martin, PLLC
100 Spring Street, P.O. Box 5
Harbor Springs, MI 49740
(231) 526-6214
12-18, 12-25, 1-1-2014, 1-8, 2014

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Dawn M. Ross and Russell J. Ross, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Quicken Loans Inc. its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated December 30, 2011, and recorded on January 13, 2012 in Liber 484 on page 1,099, and assigned by said mortgagee to Quicken Loans Inc. 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 eighty-five thousand four hundred fifty-one and 62/100 dollars (\$85,451.62).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on January 29, 2014.

Said premises are situated in township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Property located in Section 16, T25N, R6E, described as: The east half (E1/2) of the northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of the southwest (SW 1/4) and the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4), excepting Lot 1 of Block 2 of Supervisors Plat of village of Glennie, excepting commencing at the southwest corner of the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4); thence south 87 degrees east 684.47 feet; thence south 1 degree west 139.78 feet; thence south 56 degrees east 87.29 feet; thence north 18 degrees east along fence extended 302.50 feet and north 18 degrees west 96.16 feet and north 36 degrees west 103.14 feet and north 3 degrees east 293.90 feet and north 25 degrees east 224.56 feet and north 40 degrees east 102.49 feet and north 271.09 feet and north 11 degrees east 228.55 feet to the north 1/8th line fence; thence west 1,000 feet more or less to the northwest corner of the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW1/4); thence south 1,310 feet more or less to the point of beginning, excepting Supervisors Plat of the village of Glennie.

of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4); thence south 1,310 feet to the point of beginning, excepting that part lying south of Glennie Road.

And, property located in Section 16, T25N, R6E, described as commencing at the northwest corner of the northeast quarter (NE 1/4) of the southwest quarter (SW 1/4); thence south 87 degrees east along the L Line 379.86 feet to the P.O.B.; thence south 87 degrees east 304.61 feet; thence south 1 degree west 90.05 feet; thence north 71 degrees west along the north R.O.W. of Glennie Road 319.17 feet to the point of beginning.

And, property located in Section 16, T25N, R5E, described as commencing at the southwest corner of the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW 1/4); thence south 87 degrees east 684.47 feet; thence south 1 degree west 139.78 feet; thence south 56 degrees east 87.29 feet; thence north 18 degrees east along fence extended 302.50 feet and along fence north 18 degrees west 96.16 feet and north 36 degrees west 103.14 feet and north 3 degrees east 293.90 feet and north 25 degrees east 224.56 feet and north 40 degrees east 102.49 feet and north 271.09 feet and north 11 degrees east 228.55 feet to the north 1/8th line fence; thence west 1,000 feet more or less to the northwest corner of the southeast quarter (SE 1/4) of the northwest quarter (NW1/4); thence south 1,310 feet more or less to the point of beginning, excepting Supervisors Plat of the village of Glennie.

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: January 1, 2014
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1300
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31440 Northwestern Hwy. Ste. 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-5422
File No. 433697F01
1-1, 1-8, 1-15, 1-22

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Gruel Mills Nims & Pylman, PLLC. is attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

Default having been made in the conditions of a real estate mortgage made by Barbara L. Wade, a single woman, of 31952 Charlevoix Court, Westland, Mich. 48186 and NPB Mortgage, LLC, a Michigan limited liability company, whose address is 3333 Deposit Drive, NE, Grand Rapids, Mich. 49546, dated October 10, 2001 and recorded on October 15, 2001 in Liber 355, Page 1006 of the Alcona County Register of Deeds, which mortgage was assigned to Northpointe Bank, a Michigan banking corporation by virtue of an assignment of mortgage dated September 23, 2013 and recorded on September 27, 2013 in Liber 502, page 19 of the Alcona County Register of Deeds, upon which there is now claimed to be due for principal and interest the sum of forty-seven thousand five hundred five dollars and six-

teen cents (\$47,505.16), which continues to accrue interest at the rate of 10.95 percent, and no suit or proceedings at law having been instituted to recover the debt or any part thereof;

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and the statute in such case made and provided, on January 22, 2014 at 10 a.m., the undersigned will sell at the west entrance of the Alcona County courthouse, Harrisville, Mich., that being the place of holding the circuit court for the county of Alcona, at public venue to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying the amounts due and unpaid upon the mortgage, together with the legal fees and charges of the sale, including attorney's fees allowed by law, the premises in the mortgage located in the township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan and which are described as follows: West half (W-1/2) of the southwest quarter (SW-1/4) of the southeast quarter (SE-1/4) of Section 30, Township 27 North, Range 8 East. P.P. No. 071-030-400-035-00 which has an address of 271 Ritchie Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

The redemption period shall be six (6)

months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a in which case the redemption period shall be thirty (30) days from the date of such sale.

Northpointe Bank
3333 Deposit Drive, NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49546
Dated: December 13, 2013
Drafted By:
William M. Azkoul (P40071)
Attorney for Mortgagee
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