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State Representative Peter Pettalia (in blue) talks with four fellow representatives (in orange and black) and Jeff Matthews (front, right), Iosco County Parks and Recreation Committee chairman at a stop at the warming hut near South Branch. *Photo by Cheryl Peterson.*

My Brother's Hope free store sustains heavy water damage

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

Cold weather can be hard and cruel. It's especially cruel when it affects a whole community of people in need. Thus is the case of My Brother's Hope which is now in crisis mode after water pipes froze and burst inside the building it has been using for the last six months.

Meg Nesbit, My Brother's Hope mission volunteer, said the blue house located on Barlow Road across from Alcona High School has water baseboard heat which the mission had been having problems with for months. "It's a very old system. We've spent thousands of dollars to get the heating system to work and we have no more funds available to fix this," Nesbit said as she looked around at the damage.

My Brother's Hope, a non-profit mission founded in 2008 by Susan Armstrong and an ecumenical group representing various churches and organizations, provides meals and a free store with clothing, household items and personal care items for Alcona residents in need. The meal portion of the mission, The Potluck Café, still operates at the United Methodist Church in Harrisville, but the free store was moved out of the church last year to the Lincoln site.

The free store, which serves about 120 people a month, was just getting settled at the house after months of renovation work allowed for use of the first floor. The organization thought it was the perfect spot across from the school and next to the Solid Rock Church which has a food ministry. The move to Lincoln allowed the free store to be open a second Saturday every month which coincided with the church's food pantry day. As a result, many more families were able to take advantage of free store goods.

It appears the pipes, which are in the ceiling of the first floor froze and burst sometime last Friday. The free store was unable to open on the scheduled Saturday and volunteers are not sure when they will reopen due to water damage to the ceilings, walls and electrical and five inches of standing water on the floor.

"The ceiling is buckling, the walls all have heavy water damage, every light fixture has standing water in it and nearly every item we had in the store is soaked. It's not safe to stay inside," Nesbit said.

She doubted anything from the store could be saved except for summer clothing which was stored in totes on the second floor.

The building is owned by Alcona Community Schools. According to Nesbit, it had been vacant for a number of years and was in a bad state of repair. The school leased the building free of charge to the nonprofit group and in return My Brother's Hope paid the utilities and was fixing the building.

My Brother's Hope, which began mentoring troubled youth with the acquisition of the blue house, worked closely with youth needing to perform community service. Together they removed and replaced flooring, cleaned, painted and decorated the building.

"We had such high hopes for the space. It was so awesome. This building gave us a vision of something much bigger than we ever dreamed. We were able to open two days a month with this location because we no longer had to put things away after every free store day like we did when it was located in the church. We never thought about mentoring or life skill workshops before having this space.

"We just got the kitchen completed with a refrigerator and stove. The meeting room, which had no floor, was just finished and we were able to bring in a table and chairs for

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State reps visit, tour snowmobile trails

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

Sharing the scenic beauty of northeast Michigan is not a new concept for residents of this region. Whether it is visiting the numerous attractions or participating in the wide variety of outdoor recreation, visitors to the area often have experiences they would not have anywhere else.

This was the case last Friday when 106th District State Representative Peter Pettalia invited fellow state representatives to spend the day on

The group, which was assisted by various law enforcement entities that patrol the trails regularly including the Iosco County Sheriff's Department and the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), made several stops along the 70 mile, six hour tour. At a stop in Alcona County the group was able to see two groomers and talk to both drivers about their work in keeping the trails groomed during the winter. They were provided refreshments by the AuSable Valley Trail Riders.

Another stop was on the

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Peter Pettalia
106th District State Representative

snowmobile trails in Alcona and Iosco counties. Taking him up on the offer were four representatives from downstate who had never been to northeast Michigan - Eileen Kowall of the 44th District, Nancy Jenkins of the 57th District, Jeff Farrington of the 30th District and Charles M. Brunner of the 96th District. Both Pettalia and Brunner sit on the Tourism Committee.

"Whatever I can do to promote this area I do. The whole idea is to show what these southern counties have to offer - trails, hotels, restaurants..." Pettalia said Friday afternoon during a break at the warming hut near Rollaway Road near South Branch. "This area should have as much snowmobile promotion as the U.P. Folks can be here in two and a half hours. They don't need to drive over the bridge to find well groomed trails in a beautiful area."

Helping in the promotion effort Friday was Jeff Matthews, chairman of the Iosco County Board of Commissioners and chairman of the Parks and Recreation Committee, Jane Hayward a member of the Parks and Recreation Committee and Rob Huble a member of the Iosco County Board of Commissioners.

"We are getting some recognition for our trails by showing what we have," Matthews said. "We have 100 miles of snowmobile trails that we maintain and think they are the same as the U.P."

old steel M-65 bridge which has been designated as part of the snowmobile trail that allows riders to cross the AuSable River without having to travel many miles out of the way to do so. Matthews explained that it took seven years for the Iosco County Parks and Recreation Committee to see that project completed. The group is now promoting and working on a bike trail from Oscoda to Hale along River Road and M-65.

"Additionally, we have been designated as the state's premier birding destination," Matthews said. "As we were stopped and talking on the bridge there were two trumpeter swans on the river below us." More birding wildlife was also abundant during the groups stop at Iargo Springs near the end of the afternoon.

At least two of the four visiting state representatives had never been snowmobiling before, so the entire experience was new for them. However, according to those who are "regulars" on the trails in Alcona, Iosco and surrounding counties, they couldn't have chosen a better day as temperatures were warm, it was sunny and the trails were in pristine condition.

"As someone who has helped build trails and after spending 24 years riding and patrolling these trails I haven't seen them in better condition... this year has been great for snowmobiling.

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Obituaries

Marilyn L. Gibson

Marilyn Lois Gibson, 77 of Black River, died on Sunday, March 2, 2014 at her sister's home in South Houston, Texas.

She was born April 20, 1936 to William and Rose Marie (Threehouse) Rooker in Bay City, Mich. She spent much of her childhood in Traverse City, Mich. and worked in restaurants her family owned.

She settled in Harrisville in 1969 where she was employed by the State Park Grocery, had a home daycare and did home healthcare until 2006 when she moved in with her son in Black River.

She attended the New Life Lutheran Church in Spruce. Her family and faith was most important to her.

Mrs. Gibson is survived by one daughter, Marilyn (Frank) Apsey of Harrisville; three sons, William Gibson of Orville, Calif., Arnold (Kathy) Gibson of New London, Wisc. and Tony (Lynn) Gibson of Black River; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; two sisters, Thelma (Francis) Beadle of Caseville, Mich. and Beverly Hatch of South Houston, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Elvira Pinder of Lincoln and Jean Schaffer of Pleasant Valley, Mich.

Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan, the American Heart Association or the Disabled American Veterans.

Cremation arrangements were made through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Police Report

Four high school students ended up in a three-car accident on Tuesday, March 4 around 8 a.m. on Barlow Road.

According to the accident report from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, all four cars were heading south on Barlow Road when the first car pulled into the driveway of the dentist's office adjacent from the schools. Because of slippery road conditions, the driver of the second car lost control and was hit by the third car and the third car was hit by the fourth car.

No tickets were issued. No one was injured. Names of the drivers of the vehicles involved were not released by the sheriff's department as they were all students at Alcona High School.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
In a recent letters to the editor from Abigail Thomas regarding the issue of part-time legislature, it seems as though Ms. Thomas is confused on my stance. I would like to take the time to set the record straight.

Let me begin by saying that I believe term limits have hurt northern Michigan and the 106th District immensely. The 106th State House seat consists of five counties. Many of the southern districts in Michigan have as many as 12 state representatives representing one county. Consequently, this gives them more unwritten power. At best, we

have one voice for six years representing five counties.

With this being said, the power base in this great state of Michigan is the southeast and west. We have to fight in the north to be heard. This is why I have put effort into forming the Northern Group of Representatives. By doing so, we are a bipartisan group of 12 representatives working together for northern Michigan.

In regards to a part-time legislature, I feel this will hurt northern Michigan even more. However, if the people vote on this, we should do so.

To put Ms. Thomas' confusion to rest, I do not base my

opinion on money, but on what is best for the 106th District and northern Michigan as a whole. With term limits put into place, I will be out of this office before any changes would even take place. This will have no effect on my job, salary, or opinion when it comes to this issue. My stance is not based on these monetary perspectives, but on what is best for Michigan and its hard working citizens.

Northern Michigan matters, and we should have a voice.

Peter Pettalia
State Representative
106th District

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board meetings and have some sitting room to mentor youth and a comfortable place for them to have a pizza party. The volunteers worked their

tails off getting this space looking nice," Nesbit said.

Review of if and, possibly how insurance may play a role in regaining use of the building is underway.

Although visibly upset, Nesbit stood firm in her faith that some how, some way the mission would survive. "We don't know how long this is going to take. People depend upon us. Once we hear from the insurance and from the school we'll have a better idea of what we will need to do. We know this is going to be really expensive for us and we will need monetary donations, we will need a licensed electrician and professional contractors to volunteer time.

"Maybe this is God's way of saying there is something

even greater out there for us. We prayed for this building and our prayers were answered. We hope there is another location out there for us, even temporarily, so we can continue to serve those who count on us.

"We are staying positive, praying and trusting God to lead us through this. Alcona County has been faithful to us over the last five years in their encouragement, donations, prayers and support, and we pray that continues."

Monetary donations may be sent to My Brother's Hope, Inc., P.O. Box 205, Harrisville, 48740. For further information or to volunteer to help, contact Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365 or e-mail her at mybrother-shope@gmail.com.

Reps

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Everyone has done a great job keeping them in great shape," said DNR Conservation Officer Warren MacNeill.

Iosco County Sheriff Deputy Tom Ennist agreed. "We have had 75 to 80 percent more riders this year than last year," he said. "We normally have 160-180 contacts on a weekend. This year we've had 300 to 400 a day on weekends on the trials."

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.

Letters to the editor must be signed with a first and last name and include an address, also a phone number where the author can be reached for confirmation or questions during regular business hours. Unsigned letters will not be published.

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

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2013

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	March 2	18		-1	0.00	2.4
March 3	11	-6	0.00	4.8	26	WSW
March 4	21	6	0.06	2.4	16	WSW
March 5	17	3	0.00	4.6	23	NE
March 6	19	1	0.00	6.6	20	S
March 7	35	9	0.00	7.1	26	SSW
March 8	32	12	0.00	6.6	24	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2013-2014		
	Water Content	Snow Fall
Weekly Total	0.06	2.0
March to Date	0.12	4.6
Year/Season to Date	1.85	56.0

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, MARCH 12

The Alcona County Chamber of Commerce will meet at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road.

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.

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

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

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.

Any citizen interested in public service, elections and election processes is encouraged to hear a panel of experienced candidates and public officials from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Fletcher Brewery, 124 West Fletcher Street, Alpena. This event is sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Alpena County.

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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

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.

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.

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

Parents, bring your children to St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 745 North US-23, Harrisville for a special Pretzel Day from 10 a.m. to noon. Pretzels have a special meaning during Lent. To register, call (989) 335-4054.

Marty Raybon & Full Circle will perform at the Tawas United Methodist Church Family Center, M-55, Tawas City at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 7 p.m. Admission is \$15. For more information, call (989) 362-2001. This event is sponsored by the 22nd Annual Corsair Concert Series.

Community contra dance will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 South Church Street. Admission is \$5, no charge for students with identification. Family friendly, live music, all dances taught. This event is sponsored by Inspiration Alcona and Thunderbay Folk Society. Visit www.inspirationalcona.org or thunderbayfolksociety.org for more information.

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

An open house will be held for artist of the month, Kati Reeder Meek from 1:30 to 3 p.m. at 127 West Chisholm Street, Alpena. This event is sponsored by the Thunder Bay Arts Council and Gallery. For more information, call (989) 356-6678.

MONDAY, MARCH 17

Exercise indoors, walk 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 are available for use from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for details.

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

A blood pressure clinic will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Curtis Township Hall, 4932 F-30, Glennie. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

St. Patrick's Day dinner, corned beef and cabbage, will be available from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Barton City. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children ages 12 and under. Sponsored by the Barton City Improvement Association.

St. Patrick's Day dinner, Irish stew, biscuits and pie will be available at the Harrisville United Methodist

Church, 217 North State Street. Free will offerings will be accepted.

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

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

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Sing-a-long 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 March is "First Ladies" by Betty Boyd Caroli. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Support group for grandparents and caregivers raising children will meet at 9:30 a.m. at the Alcona Elementary School media center, 181

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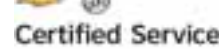


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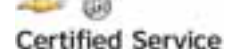
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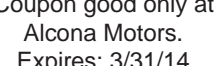


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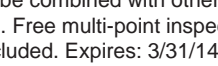


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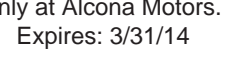


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FFA Maple Syrup Day

The Alcona FFA Chapter will host a Maple Syrup Celebration Day on Saturday, March 22 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alcona Schools campus on Barlow Road in Lincoln. Everyone is welcome. The public is invited to learn about FFA, agriscience and, most importantly, maple syrup. FFA members will be conducting tours from tapping to finishing and serving pancakes, with pure Michigan maple syrup produced by Alcona FFA members. This event is by donation only. For more information on this event, contact Helen-Ann Prince, Alcona FFA Chapter Advisor, by e-mail at princeh@alconaschools.net or phone (989) 736-8534 extension 428.

Spring into Spring

Join Physical Therapist Casey Odell for "Dining with the Docs" at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Thursday, March 27 at noon to learn ways to prepare for getting back into action this spring. She will review simple exercises that can be done while inside and techniques that will keep stresses on back and joints at a minimum. A free lunch is provided. Anyone planning to attend must register by call-

ing (989) 724-6796. This program is a cooperative effort through the Alcona Health Center and Alcona County Library to bring health information to Alcona citizens.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Monday, March 17—Bourbon chicken, baked potato, peas and carrots, mixed fruit fluff salad and fruit.
- Tuesday, March 18—Sloppy Joe on a bun, tator tots, cauliflower, fruited Jell-O and fruit.
- Wednesday, March 19—Italian sausage, noodle casserole Prince Charles blend, tossed salad and fruit crisp.
- Thursday, March 20—Fishwich, hashbrowns, corn, three bean salad and fruit.
- Friday, March 21—Ham, garlic red potato, green bean casserole, tossed salad and fruit.

In the Service

Air Force Airman Vanessa R. Bowman graduated from basic military training at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland, San Antonio, Texas. She completed an intensive, eight-week program that included training in military discipline and studies, Air Force core values, physical fitness, and basic warfare principles and skills. Airmen who complete basic training earn four credits toward an associate in applied science degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of Dwain Bowman of Oscoda and Carolle Burns of Titusville, Pa. She is a 2013 graduate of Alcona High School.



Vanessa R. Bowman

Bereavement Support

The Wings of Wellness Bereavement Support Group is for individuals experiencing the death of a significant person in their life. The sessions will be held in the Inspirational Room at Hospice Angelic Care, located at 314 M-55, Tawas City on Thursdays: March 13, 20 and 27 and April 3, 10 and 17. The six week session will provide information and support to adults who have experienced a loss. At each session, members will receive information about normal grief responses and practical tools to help support the bereaved through the grief journey. The sessions will be facilitated by Lacey Selman, a licensed social worker trained in bereavement counseling and support. Registration is required. For more information, call the Hospice Angelic Care Office at (989) 362-6600 and ask for the Bereavement Coordinator or e-mail hospice-angeliccare@yahoo.com.

Help with Health Insurance

St. Joseph Health System has been authorized by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services as a Certified Application Counselor Designated Organization - which means consumers now

have access to in-person assistance as they go through the process of applying for and choosing new coverage options in the marketplace. St. Joseph and St. Mary's of Michigan Standish share a Healthcare Insurance Exchange (HIE) counselor, Lynn Rios, who is fully trained and certified under the Affordable Care Act to assist consumers in understanding, applying and enrolling for health coverage in Michigan.

She will help consumers compare insurance options based on price, benefits, quality, and other factors. Consumers will receive fair and impartial information allowing them to understand the premiums and costs while deciding on the insurance that provides the best fit for their lifestyle. To schedule an appointment for enrollment assistance, call Rios at (989) 362-9895 or e-mail helpmeenroll@sjhsys.org. Appointments will be scheduled Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. All HIE counselors are trained and compliant with HIPAA laws privacy and confidentiality of personal information. Private personal consumer information will be kept strictly confidential.

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(Top photo) Alcona Boy Scouts from troop No. 93 John Sharboneau (left) and Cody Leeseberg (right) along with Kegan Gilmore (not pictured) work with Brian Welch learning how to do Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPS) on an infant as part of a two-day first aid training with seven Boy Scouts from troop No. 959 of Oscoda T.J.Hanson, Brody Story, Brandon Murrell, Matt Avery, Gavin Kelly, Christian Wolf and Andrew Hall. Lucas Nestell of Venture Group No. 97 of Ossineke also attended the training. The scouts spent approximately 14 hours over two days learning a wide variety of first aid in order to earn the First Aid Merit Badge. The training was held at the Alcona County EMS building on M-72 in Lincoln, where instructor Welch is a paramedic. The training was organized by Nathanael Leeseberg, leader of troop No. 93.

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- Nicholas Jonathon Abels, 25, of Alma, Mich. was sentenced to fines and court costs of \$1,629, 15 days in jail and six months of probation for possession of marijuana/spice/salvia.
- Anthony Dale Malone, 48, of Lincoln was sentenced to one day in jail and court costs and fines of \$1,140 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Robert Jon Jubinville, 56, of Spruce was sentenced to one day in jail and court costs and fines of \$1,140 for operating while visibly impaired.
- Stephanie Ruthann Cornelius, 31, of Hubbard Lake was sentenced to 10 days in jail and court costs and fines of \$865 for malicious destruction of property \$200 or more, but less than \$1,000.

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Nana knows

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

This grandma gig is certainly a learning experience. It's relatively amazing how much the art and science of childcare can change over a single generation.

For example, when the Princess arrived, we had a hand-me-down crib, a dresser moved to the nursery from our room and a Winnie-The-Pooh lamp from Sears. We also bought a used baby buggy that converted to a stroller, and that once converted - given the complicated gyrations required to do so - remained a stroller ever after.

Babies today, however, come with a whole array of ergonomic and technological equipment, most of it with clever names. Phee, for example, when she comes to call, brings a bippy, a boppy and a bouncer. Things got a little confusing until Papa and I just gave up and started speaking English. "I need the pacifier, her pillow, her green seat." It works for us.

That was simple enough, but a number of things have required "teachable moments" on Nana and Papa's part. When the Princess was an infant, babies slept on their tummies. This, we were repeatedly told, kept them safer from respiratory issues and from choking.

Today, infants sleep on their backs. This, Phee's mama tells me, keeps them safer from respiratory issues and choking. And after three and a half months, I've almost quelled the panicky urge I keep getting to roll her over.

Babies also sleep, these days, in rather sterile environments. While the Princess tucked in each night with a couple of cozy blankets and an armful of stuffed animals, today's infant sleeps sans blankets, bumper pads or bears (suffocation hazards, all). I keep remembering the myriad of babies who, back in the early '70s slept through parties in the center of our bed with rolled up pillows on either side, but we try hard to be respectful of today's methods and mom's instructions.

Baby bottles, today, are oddly put together indeed, and should neither be placed in boiling water nor microwaved. Instead, they're served up at room temperature. But on cold winter mornings, having made the trip to Nana's in



Puttin' on the Fritz

By Kathryn Kniep

the diaper bag, room temperature is less than appealing. I've found that placing the bottle in a large coffee mug surrounded by hot tap water brings it to a nice cozy, much more appealing temperature. That's simply being a good hostess, right?

Diapers, in the meantime, are a whole 'nother world. Disposables were a fairly new item when I was a young mom, and I don't remember them having a designated front and back. Phee's, decorated with monkeys, do. For the first couple of months, I recited a little mnemonic each time a change was in order. "Big monkey in the back, little monkey in the front." Recently, I discovered that if I add a line to the end of that, in mock rap ("And the people say, what? Girl's got a monkey on her butt!") Phee rewards me with a deep, baby belly laugh.

When it comes to cloth, which Mama prefers, things get more complicated. While cloth diapers used to be a rectangle of fabric, folded and affixed to baby with two diaper pins, today's consist of a brightly colored and patterned shell with a pocket for a cloth liner and another tissue paper liner on top. This makes the baby look decidedly bottom heavy, indeed. But the most interesting thing is the snapping structure. I counted the other day. Phee's diapers have 16 snaps. In order to make it fit whatever size your baby has become, you select the four that work best, often through five minutes of trial and error.

Then there is the dreaded car seat, which I've mentioned before. Now that we've finally got the various straps, hooks and latches down to a science, Phee has complicated the issue by deciding that she really hates her car seat. This ups the bar somewhat, since the various straps, hooks and latches have to be put in place around a whimpering, flailing, kicking baby. This may be my fault, since I

did a fair amount of whimpering, flailing and kicking in my early days of dealing with this particular piece of equipment.

Now don't get me wrong. I think car seats are a wonderful invention and have probably saved a lot of little lives. I wouldn't dream of transporting Phee without one. But I do sometimes think longingly of those carefree, careless days when I wrapped her mama in a blanket and tucked her, unleashed and unlatched, into the foot well on the passenger side of the front seat before setting out somewhere.

For a while, Mama also hauled along a play mat, with its over-arching hoop hung with toys to bat at, along when Phee came to visit. After a while, though, we told her not to bother. A folded comforter on the floor works fine for her "tummy time" and we're willing to sit beside her and dangle her various toys for long periods of time.

So as I said, it's all become a good deal more complicated - but not that bad. Not like anything you'd need to take a class for or anything. Mostly, as childcare has always been, it's a question of combining common sense and pure delight in the process.

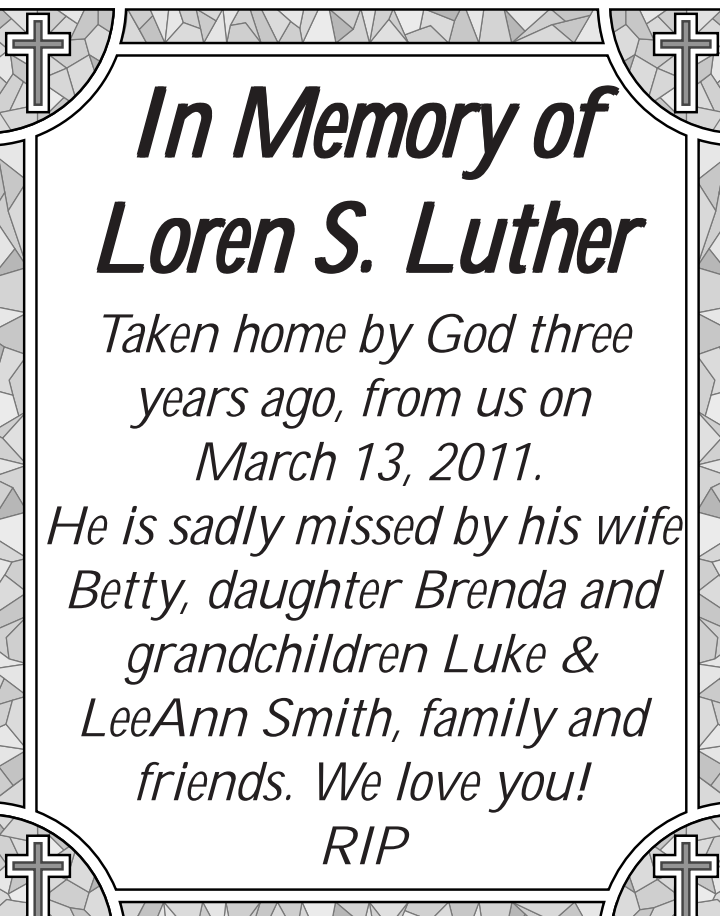
Still, every once in a while, Nana has a card or two up her sleeve. Recently, the Princess asked why I put the nipples for clean bottles upside down inside the bottles themselves. "That's how we always did it," I told her. "It keeps them clean."

"Huh," the Princess commented, "Clever." I rarely got a "clever" in the old days. Nana got a gold star.

And not long ago, the Princess chided me teasingly, "Mom, if you rock her to sleep every time, we're going to have to do it, too," she pointed out.

"You may be right," I told her, speaking without my usual respectful forethought on such matters. "But why

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Health strategies for preventing Alzheimer's disease

Dear Savvy Senior,
Are there any proven strategies to preventing dementia? My 80-year-old mother has Alzheimer's which has me wondering if there is anything I can do to protect myself.

Concerned at 53

Dear Concerned,
While there's currently no cure for Alzheimer's disease, new research indicates that there are a number of healthy lifestyle strategies that can help most people reduce the risk of getting it.

According to the Alzheimer's Association, the key factors that increase the risk of getting Alzheimer's are advanced age, family history and heredity, but research shows that our general health plays a factor too. While we can't do much about our age, family or genes, we do have control over how we treat our body and brain.

Some medical experts even estimate that by following these healthy tips now in

middle-age, you can actually reduce your risk of developing Alzheimer's by as much as 50 percent, or at least delay its onset by a few years. Here are the recommended strategies.

- **Manage health problems:** Studies have consistently shown that Alzheimer's disease is closely related to conditions like diabetes and heart disease. So, if you have high blood pressure, high cholesterol or diabetes you need to treat them with lifestyle changes and medication (if necessary) and get them under control.

- **Left untreated,** these diseases over time will cause damage to the vessels that feed blood to the brain making them more vulnerable to damage, and increasing your risk of dementia.

- **Exercise:** Aerobic exercise increases blood flow to all parts of your body, including your brain, to keep the brain cells well nourished. So choose an aerobic activity you enjoy like walking, cycling, dancing, swimming, et cetera, that elevates your heart rate and do it for at least 30 to 40 minutes three times a week.

- **Eat healthy:** A heart-healthy diet, like the Mediterranean diet, will also help protect the brain. A Mediterranean diet includes relatively little red meat and emphasizes whole grains, fruits and vegetables, fish and shellfish, and nuts, olive oil and other healthy fats. Also keep processed foods and sweets to a minimum.

- **Sleep well:** Quality, restful sleep contributes to brain health too. Typically, adults should get between seven and nine hours of sleep daily. If you have persistent problems sleeping, you need to identify and address the problem. Medications, late-night exercise and alcohol can interfere with sleep quality and length, as can arthritis pain, sleep apnea and restless leg syndrome.

- **If you need help,** make an appointment with a sleep specialist (see sleepeducation.com) who will probably recommend an overnight diagnostic sleep test.

- **Challenge your brain:** Research shows that mind challenging activities can help improve memory, slow age-related mental decline and even build a stronger brain. But, be aware that mind-challenging activities consist of things you aren't accustomed to doing. In other words, crossword puzzles aren't enough to challenge your brain, if you're already a regular puzzle doer. Instead, you need to pick up a new skill like learning to dance, play a musical instrument,



Savvy Senior

study a new language or do math problems - something that's challenging and a little outside your comfort zone.

Brain-training websites like Lumosity.com and BrainHQ.com are excellent mind exercising tools because they continually adapt to your skill level to keep you challenged.

Socializing and interacting with other people is another important way to stimulate the brain. So make a point to reach out and stay connected to friends, family and neighbors. Join a club, take a class or even volunteer - anything

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wouldn't you want to? In just two or three years, she'll be telling you 'down.'" The Princess laughed, but she thought about it, I could tell.

Some things, Nana just knows.

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

Savvy

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that enhances your social life.

- Reduce stress: Some stress is good for the brain, but too much can be toxic. There's growing evidence that things like mindfulness meditation, yoga and tai chi are all good ways to help reduce stress.

For more tips, call the National Institute on Aging at (800) 222-2225 and order a free copy of their booklet "Preventing Alzheimer's Disease: What Do We Know?"

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Think spring, think trees

By Andrew Beebe
District Forester

Chances are most everyone is ready to watch the grass grow and flowers blossom again. Well, it's a bit early for spring's arrival, but that doesn't mean you can't start planning.

The county conservation district is happy to help property owners start developing ideas for the upcoming growing season. Although different conservation districts provide different services, nearly all host a spring tree sale.

Whether it is a small yard or 100 acres, there are lots of great reasons to plant trees. Trees are a beautiful addition to any property. Northern Michigan residents are probably familiar with trees being harvested for their timber values, but trees can also have an aesthetic value that can increase overall property value.

Trees also produce oxygen, hold soil in place, buffer noise pollution, create wind breaks, provide fruit and help retain soil moisture in addition to many other benefits. What might seem less obvious is the species of trees that should be planted, where to plant them and how to plant them successfully.

To decide which species of trees to plant, evaluate which species will do well with the property's soils and how much light and water are required and available. For example, if a property is nutrient deficient with pure sand soils, sugar maple is not a good choice.

There are multiple ways to determine what species will work. Purchasing a soil testing kit or sending a soil sample to Michigan State University's lab will get an exact idea of what will work with soils on a property.

Property owners can look at a soil survey courtesy of the United States Department of Agriculture's Natural Resource Conservation District, or check out www.websoilsurvey.com for a



Conservation Minute

By Andy Beebe
District Forester

wealth of information related to soil.

Although it's not the most technical approach, look at what's already working. If there are healthy red pine on your property, chances are planting more red pine nearby will be a success. At the very least, it is important to know whether your soil is dominated by sand, silt, clay, or some combination of those before choosing trees. Is it wet, dry, or somewhere in the middle? Examine the planting area and determine how much sun it will receive during the day time and how well the area is ventilated.

Once those basic habitat qualities have been determined, it's important to consider what your goals are with respect to tree planting. If you're only trying to beautify a yard, then the species selection may be quite different than if attempting to establish a long-term timber investment to pay for your children's college. Likewise, planting an apple orchard is very different compared to planting a wind break.

Usually, it's easy to determine why you want to plant trees.

Once the research is done and the plan is in place, the next step is to get some trees. There are a lot of places to buy trees and, as long as the trees have been grown and handled properly, they're probably a quality product. However, I must say that the Alcona Conservation District is offering some upstanding seedlings at great prices.

Once the trees have been purchased, be sure to avoid damaging the seedlings in transit. Keep the trees cool,

moist, shaded and away from excessive wind. Simply wrapping the trees in a tarp during the drive home is a great way to keep them safe.

It's important to plant the trees as soon as possible -- the day they are purchased is best. If that isn't an option, store them in a cool, moist, dark location like a north-east facing snow bank or the corner of a garage. Waiting much more than a week could cause serious problems.

When it's time to plant, dig a hole as deep as the roots are long and twice as wide. Do your best to remove soil from the hole without mixing the soil layers too much. To avoid having the tree falling deeper than you planted it once the soil settles, you will want to leave a mound of soil in the center of the hole so the tree has a firm seat, and so that its roots may be draped downward.

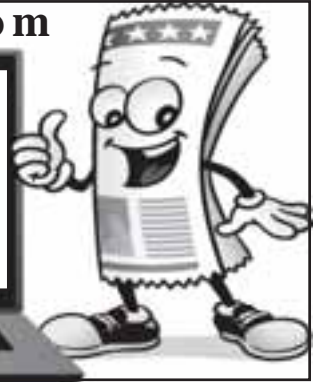
Before placing a tree in the ground, take a look at its roots. Trimming roots, while a bit of a touchy subject, can be very beneficial to trees. If they have tangled, intertwined, or encircling roots, do not think the tree will sort its way out of this issue in time. This is the one opportunity to trim away excessive, messy roots and it just might mean the difference between success and failure a few years down the line.

In general, don't prune roots shorter than eight inches. Handling the roots carefully and making clean cuts when pruning allows for fairly liberal pruning. Much like pruning the crown of a tree, pruning roots helps

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Lady Tigers fall to Beaverton in regional semifinals

By Hope Smith
Sportswriter

The Alcona girls varsity basketball season ended on Tuesday, March 4 after a tough battle against Beaverton in Class C regional semifinals at Sanford Meridian.

"We had an awesome season. I am not sure the best team won tonight but that is the greatness of the integrity of basketball. Our girls fought hard but unfortunately came up short. (A record of) 19-4 is still impressive. I am proud of them," Coach Brad Cole said.

In the first quarter a determined Alcona team hit the floor running but Beaverton maintained the narrow 18-14 lead by the end of the quarter. Alcona kept pace offensively in the second quarter but couldn't find a consistent rhythm to pull ahead allowing Beaverton to stay in control of the game with the 35-32 lead going into halftime.

The second half of the game proved to be the deciding factor as Beaverton increased the pressure to extend their lead to 53-44 by the end of the third quarter. During the final period Alcona continued to work hard but Beaverton outscored the Lady Tigers 15-12 in the final quarter to win the game 68-56 and advance to regional finals.

Leading the charge for the Lady Tigers was senior co-captain Karina Cole with 27 points, six rebounds and six steals. Senior co-captain Megan Quick had nine points, five assists and grabbed six steals, Torie Harmon added six points, Nicole Walen delivered five

points and five rebounds. Sydney Pierce added three points and pulled down five rebounds. Maddie Feldhiser, Alissa Terpstra and Kendra Cole each added two points.

The Lady Tigers had an impressive season as they finish 19-4 overall.

Tigers defeat Braves, Bobcats, but struck down by Thunderbolts

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

The Alcona boys varsity basketball team, one of two teams without a bye in the first round of district tournaments, had to face Tawas which had beaten them twice during the regular season.

The Tigers proved, emphatically, that it is very difficult to beat the same team three times in one year. They played their best game of the year in blasting Tawas 66-40.

And the game wasn't as close as the score. Alcona played with intensity at both ends of the court, with great team work, and a stifling zone defense that thwarted any attempt by Tawas to get a

lead was 52-20. Tawas did outscore Alcona in the final period, 20-14, but that was mostly the Tiger's bench against the Tawas starters.

This was Alcona's most impressive domination of the season and shows what they can do when they put their minds to it.

Carson Jamieson led with 21 points. Trent LaVergne added 19. Dawson Forsythe had 13, Brandon Smigelski had five, Jason Steiner and Garrette Norling had three each and Alec Link and Nick Lamantia scored one point each.

On Wednesday, March 5 it did not really matter if Alcona came to play or not. The Houghton Lake Bobcats, who



Garrette Norling (10), Nick Lamantia (12), Brandon Ritchie (24), Dawson Forsythe (34) and Dustin Yokom (32) -- Alcona's tight defense against Tawas. Photo by Pat Brussel.

rhythm going on offense. At the end of the first quarter the game was over as the Tigers led 18-2. And that was after Tawas started the game with a bucket and a 2-0 lead.

They increased their scoring streak to 22 straight points to start the second period. Tawas had nothing going for itself and wound up trailing 35-13 at halftime.

With that big a lead a lot of teams will slack off and lose momentum. Not the Alcona Tigers. They came out and rattled off 17 consecutive points to start the third quarter. With the Alcona bench finishing the third quarter the

drew a bye to get here, did not put up much resistance. They actually led 4-2 early in the first quarter, but the Tigers were ahead 11-9 at the end. It was a sloppy quarter with several turn overs on both teams. Alcona scored the first 14 points of the second quarter and the game was over.

The Tigers led at halftime 33-20.

The Bobcats tried to compete to start the third quarter and cut the lead to 11 points. Alcona responded by going on a 14-2 run. The quarter ended with the Tigers leading

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Alcona Relay for Life to hold kickoff

By Mary Weber
Staff Writer

More than one million people in the United States get cancer each year. Fortunately, thanks in part to the American Cancer Society (ACS) along with people who care about others, many are beating the disease and winning the war on cancer.

It isn't easy. It's done through hard work, perseverance, research and the never ending faith to keep trying. The Relay for Life of Alcona County MI also does its share of hard work to help fund the American Cancer Society.

Every July there is a night put aside for those hard working, faithful people to walk in memory of or support of someone who has fought the battle with cancer. This year's walk will begin at 6 p.m. on July 18 and end at noon on July 19.

There is a lot of preparation and work leading up to the event and the Relay for Life of Alcona County MI committee has been busier than ever in hopes of making this relay the best yet.

"The American Cancer Society is counting on us to do our part. We were shy of our anticipated goal last year by \$3,000 so we have added that amount to this year's goal bringing the total to \$15,000," said Veronica Brown, chairperson for the Relay for Life of Alcona County MI.

Brown agreed it was a huge sum for the community, but said the American Cancer Society is key in waging the war against the disease. "There are people right here in our community which the American Cancer Society helps daily. Much of the charitable funds go for cancer research, but it also goes to cancer patients in the form of treatment drugs, travel expenses, places for the family to stay while the patient receives hospital treatment and even wigs to help those with cancer live life as normally as possible. Very little of the funds used go to administrative costs. The employees of the American Cancer Society get paid minimally. It's one charitable organization where I feel strongly the donations are going towards the right things," Brown said.

To motivate and advertise the goals for this year, the national slogan of ACS for 2014 is to "Finish the Fight." Relay for Life of Alcona County MI decided the best way to "Finish the Fight" this year would be to choose the theme of "Superheroes" for this year's relay event.

"Our survivors are superheroes, people who care for cancer fighters are superheroes and certainly the people who help to donate to the cause are superheroes. The relay committee and teams are really having fun coming up with their own unique superhero names and planning superhero events for the night-long relay," Brown said.

Alcona County already has 10 teams committed to walk during the relay and are looking for many more teams to join the event. Brown said the committee wants a lot



Veronica Brown, chairperson for Relay for Life of Alcona County MI, holds one of her youth groups milk carton piggy banks. The banks are used to collect coins for the American Cancer Society. Photo by Mary Weber.

more businesses, community organizations, fraternal orders and churches to sign up teams. There is no set number of individuals a team can have and there are teams willing to accept any individual who wants to participate.

To kickoff this year's relay of superheroes, a potluck supper and silent auction will be held on March 29 at Maria Hall in back of St. Anne Catholic Church on US-23, just south of the light at M-72. Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and all are welcome.

"We are hoping to have a large turnout at the kickoff to help supercharge our superheroes. There will be plenty of food so even if you don't have a dish to pass, please consider coming to the event anyway. We really need the community to come out and show their support," Brown said.

Silent auction items will include baskets filled with themed goodies such as a movie night basket with DVDs, popcorn and candy, an animal themed basket containing goodies for animal lovers, a school themed basket with teenage interest items and a lot more. The committee is still seeking items for the auction and is welcoming donations.

In order to achieve the \$15,000 goal, teams have already begun challenging each other through fundraising events. Some of the teams sell necklaces for \$1, others, like Brown's St. Anne youth group, make decorative piggy banks out of milk cartons to collect coin contributions. There are also teams planning a bowl-a-thon and willing to wait tables at local restaurants to earn tips.

Another fundraiser the relay does is selling luminaire bags which can be decorated in memory of a loved one or a survivor of cancer. The bags can be purchased for a \$10 donation and are placed with candles around the track during the night of the relay. Brown said the feeling of seeing all the lit bags while walking the track was phenomenal.

Sponsorship is another way the relay committee earns funds and the American Cancer Society does a lot

for the sponsors in the way of advertising their names during the event.

"I've been blessed. I have never had cancer, but almost everyone I know has been touched by the disease in some way. That is the reason we do this and we will keep on doing it until no one has to fight cancer again," Brown said.

She explained that during the relay event certain laps around the track are set aside for cancer survivors. Normally, rocking chairs are placed near the track so if a cancer survivor feels tired they can sit and rest, but she's seen cancer survivors pick up the rocking chairs and walk with them around the track to show their strength and willingness to fight the disease.

"We do this for them, it is just one night of lost sleep, but it's worth it and we have a blast doing it. The kids really have fun and the older folks get a kick watching the younger ones run around. It's great to see all the community spirit," Brown said.

Anyone wishing to learn more about sponsorship, the American Cancer Society or the Relay for Life of Alcona County MI should attend the kick-off or visit the American Cancer Society website or the Relay for Life of Alcona County MI Facebook page. Individuals wanting to join a team or to give a donation for the silent auction, may contact Veronica Brown at prolifevrunca@hotmail.com or call her at (989) 335-0844.



Pine Warblers

A pair of pine warblers is coming to my yard. Cornell Lab describes them as "yellowish birds with olive backs, whitish bellies and two prominent white wingbars on gray wings." They hang around all day eating from a peanut seed cake I have hanging in my yard.

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VFW Post No. 6754 Ladies Auxiliary

Ten members were present at the March meeting. Frances Ziesman conducted the meeting in the president's absence. The national theme is "Keeping American veterans and families strong" and the department theme is "Band together for veterans." A letter was read from the district president regarding membership. The auxiliary's membership stands at 98.82 percent. Wrapped snacks were taken to the VA Clinic in Alpena by Frances Ziesman. Auxiliary members who

met at Rosa's for dinner in February were: Laura Bey, Donna Bushey, Carolyn Collman, Sharon Jack, Sandy Light and Frances Ziesman. All auxiliary members are invited to meet for dinner (at their own expense) at GenAr's on Wednesday, April 23 at 5 p.m. The auxiliary members were advised that Al and Kathy Vichunas drove over to Plainwell, Mich. to visit with Hubert and Hattie Cunningham on Sunday,

March 2. Hattie will be moving into assisted living and Hubert will be joining her eventually. Hubert will be 90 years old on March 11. Frances Ziesman also reported that Sheri Buchler was hospitalized recently. Thinking of you cards were sent to Pat Eller, Dorothy Golder and Norma Alstrom. Election of officers will be held next month. The April meeting of the post and auxiliary will be held on April 1 at 7 p.m. at the Sanborn Township Hall.

Understanding fish posture to help with ice fishing success

Fish often maintain one of two postures - one where they are ready to strike (fins up and backs arched) or one where they are focused on traveling (fins tucked in). Understanding these postures can aid in your fishing success, particularly through the ice.

The first step when using fish posture to impact ice fishing techniques is to have appropriate equipment, such as sonar. This tool allows an angler to visualize the posture and react effectively. Secondly, pay attention to time periods of aggressive posture. Most likely you will see it exhibited around sunrise and sunset - plan trips accordingly. Michigan offers some of the best fishing throughout the

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year. Plan your next outing by visiting www.michigan.gov/fishing. (This tip was adapted from Michigan Outdoor News.)

Ice fishing was slow with limited angler effort due in part to deep snow which makes travel difficult. Those able to get out had limited success for pike, walleye and perch.

- Clear Lake: In Montmorency County is producing splake though most are sub-legal.
- AuSable River: Has yet again unstable river flow below Foote Dam. Extremely cold weather causes the river above the Alcona Impoundment to turn to slush, create anchor ice and ice dams that create large changes in downstream flows. These conditions can make it very difficult for fishing or floating below Foote Dam.
- Lake Margrethe: Produced a couple large muskie for those spearing.
- Higgins Lake: Lake trout continue to hit grays in 80 to 100 feet. A decent number of perch have been caught in 20 to 50 feet or more near the main island and the Sunken Island. Rainbow trout were caught on wigglers near the Conference Center. Look for the bite to improve with any warm-up.
- Houghton Lake: The wall-eye and pike action was steady. Bluegills were caught behind Faustus Resort.

The Garden Bug

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ate from Alcona, Arenac-Eastern, AuGres, Hale, Oscoda, Tawas or Whittemore-Prescott.

The SJHS Foundation will also award a scholarship in the amount of \$400 to a dependent of a SJHS associate or volunteer. This award is for high school seniors who are pursuing continuing education in a field of their choice through college, trade school or a certification program.

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

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Part of the new Foreclosure Services Program will help in achieving NEMCSA's vision by utilizing a financial coach to assist homeowners who have delinquent property taxes and/or mortgages by helping them apply for state and local government programs, such as the Step

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The Homebuyer Education and Financial Education program will assist people interested in becoming homeowners or those in the process of purchasing a home. It will also teach participants about necessary financial information, such as budgeting, recovering from debt, banking and much more.

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stimulate new growth. New, and fine root growth is exactly what a young tree needs to become established in its new home. Pruning roots is especially important when planting containerized trees.

When placing a young tree into its planting hole, make sure the roots flow gently downward in all directions. Avoid causing a "J" or "L" shape in roots. These defects will not correct themselves over time and this may kill the tree. When the roots look good, back fill the soil previously removed on top of the roots. Firm the soil around the tree by gently packing it with your foot.

It is important to note that when planting small, bare root seedlings, use a dibble bar to simply push a wedge shaped hole into the ground. This method is significantly faster than digging a hole, and is truly only suited for small, bare root seedlings. However, still take precautions so that the roots drape downwards with no "J" or "L" shaped curve.

Once the hole has been filled in with soil, water thoroughly.

Lots of folks like the idea of amending the soil around trees with nutrients and fertilizers. It is not necessary.

Creating too much artificial nutrients in the planting area will shock the tree when its roots reach beyond the amended soil. It is best to choose species that are suited to the soil natural to the property.

Much like fertilizing, staking trees may also prove costly to trees if done incorrectly. Trees should only be staked when the root ball is not adequate to support the tree itself. Trees should rarely be left staked for more than one year. Staking trees does not allow them to move as the wind pushes them. This movement is very important

in stimulating growth and proper root and root collar development.

It may be important to water newly planted trees for the first year or two to help establish them in their new home. The necessity of water varies greatly depending upon the species, site, current year's weather and other factors. If planting trees in a yard, watering may be much more feasible than planting on the back 40 acres. It's important to always keep feasibility in mind.

The Alcona Conservation District can help property owners navigate through the

process of tree planting. Contact the Alcona Conservation District about what, where, why, and how to plant trees this spring and anytime in the future by calling (989) 724-5272

(Andrew Beebe is the district forester for Alcona and Iosco counties. He is employed through Michigan's Forestry Assistance Program and is available to provide unbiased and free advice about all things forestry. He is available to make on site visits. Contact him at (989) 335-1056.)

Tigers

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53-30. The final period was highlighted by LaVergne scoring the first 13 points to pad his point total. The final score was 68-40 to send Alcona into the district championship with Mio on Friday.

LaVergne had a season high 37 points. Jamieson added 12, Forsythe made six, Steiner had five points, Brandon Ritchie scored four and, Smigelski and Lamantia added two points each.

District championships draw a lot of spectators. The regular fans are there and people who have not seen a game all year join in the festivities. Unfortunately, the results of this game is a good example of a team not being ready to play. Sometimes this just happens. It is difficult to get a team "up" for every game. Sometimes it even happens at an important game like this.

Mio was ready and scored the first 10 points of the game on its way to a 17-4 lead after one quarter. Their defense caused several turnovers and the game was pretty much over. Alcona tried to fight back in the second quarter. With the score 27-10 Mio, the Tigers went on an 8-0 run to cut the lead to nine points and won the quarter 14-12 but still trailed 29-18 at half-time.

The Thunderbolts increased their lead to 42-26 by the end of the third period and led by as much as 24 points midway through the final quarter and coasted to a 57-41 district championship victory.

LaVergne led the Tigers with 14 points. Jamieson added 11, Forsythe 10, Steiner four, and Smigelski with two. Alcona finishes the season with a 12-10 record.

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 4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740
 Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.
 989-724-6665 • 989-724-6578
 Pastor Claire Duncan • haynescommunitychurch.org


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).

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Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,
 ¼ mile south of White Pine National Golf Course
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816


First Baptist Church of Lincoln

 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.
 Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.
Pastor Dr. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
 2902 E. F-30, Mikado, MI 48745 • (989) 736-8345
 Pastor Tim Steiner, Pastor Emeritus Larry Richmond
 Sunday School: 10 a.m. • Sunday Worship Services: 11 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.
 Monday: 6:30 p.m. *Teen Program (Grades 7-12)
 Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & *Youth Programs (Grades K-6*)
 *Fall-Spring programs • Website: www.cbcmikado.com

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. Mikkelsen • (989) 727-2496


Spruce Presbyterian Church

 Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
 6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464
 Worship 9 a.m.
 Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor Wednesday office hours 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.


Our Savior Lutheran Church

 3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan
 Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
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SOLID ROCK CHURCH OF GOD
 158 N. Barlow Road., Harrisville • (989) 736-6350
 Pastor Edward Morrison • Full Gospel
 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. Sunday Worship 11 a.m.
 Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday

ALCONA COUNTY CATHOLIC CHURCHES
 ST. RAPHAEL, Mikado, Saturday 4:30 p.m.
 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

GRACE COMMUNITY CHUCH 739-3424
 EVANGELICAL PRESBYTERIAN EPC REFRMED & PRESBYTERIAN
WWW.GRACE-EPC.ORG - GRACEONTHEBASE@GMAIL.COM
 Sun. a.m. worship 10:45 Sunday school 9:30
 Teaching Elder Rev. Dale Robertson M.Div
 Revelation 22:21 The Grace of the Lord Jesus Be With All, A Men.

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


United Methodist Church

 Glennie at 8:30 am (3170 M-65)
 Lincoln at 9:45 am (101 E. Main St.)
 Harrisville at 11:15 am (217 N. State St.)
 Handicap accessible • Everyone is welcome
 Rev. Linda Jo Powers • (989) 724-3033 (h) • E-mail: pastorlindajo@charter.net

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

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.

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.

ALCONA NEW LIFE CHURCH
 Non-denominational
 Meeting at the Lincoln Senior Center (207 Church St.)
 Rev. Charles Sheldon-Pastor
10 a.m. Adult Bible Class ~ 11 a.m. Worship Service
 Phone: (989) 739-5497 • E-mail: cwsheldon1@yahoo.com

Birding BITS BY Cindy Brook

 Don't Feed the Dogs
 Sharon from New Whiteland, Ind., likes to feed extras to the birds like bread and popcorn. To prevent her beagles from eating these items, she throws the extra snacks on her garage roof. "The birds enjoy this and the dogs can't get to it. Problem solved!" Thanks for sharing, Sharon!
 E-mail: birdingbits@jfl.net
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Calendar of Events



Continued from page 3
North Barlow Road. Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Kristin at (989) 736-8716.

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.

Sing-a-long with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Road.

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.

Baked potato supper with coleslaw, rolls and dessert will be held from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Lincoln United Methodist church, 101 East Main Street. All proceeds to the carpet fund.

THURSDAY, MARCH 20
Community Walking Club for everyone, meet at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

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

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.

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

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.

The Northeast Michigan Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. at the Alpena County Library, 211 North First Avenue. Marcia Simmons will present a program on Napoleon Barrel a Native American from Alcona County who played with the NFL Oorang all Indian team in the 1920's. For more information, e-mail nemgs@charter.net or visit www.nemgs.com.

FRIDAY, MARCH 21
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.

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.

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

A soup, bread and dessert luncheon will be held at 11 a.m. following the Way of the Cross at St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 745 North US-

23, Harrisville (one and a half miles north of the light in Harrisville).

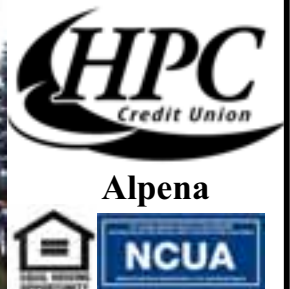
SATURDAY, MARCH 22
Maple Syrup Celebration Day will be held from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Alcona Schools campus on Barlow Road. FFA members will be conducting tours from taping to finishing and serving pancakes with pure Michigan maple syrup. For more

information, call Helen-Ann Prince at (989) 736-8534 extension 423 or e-mail princeh@alconaschools.net. Sponsored by Alcona FFA Chapter.

A Roots Tech Family History Fair, part two will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Alpena Family History Center, 411 Long Rapids Plaza. To register call (989) 358-9809.

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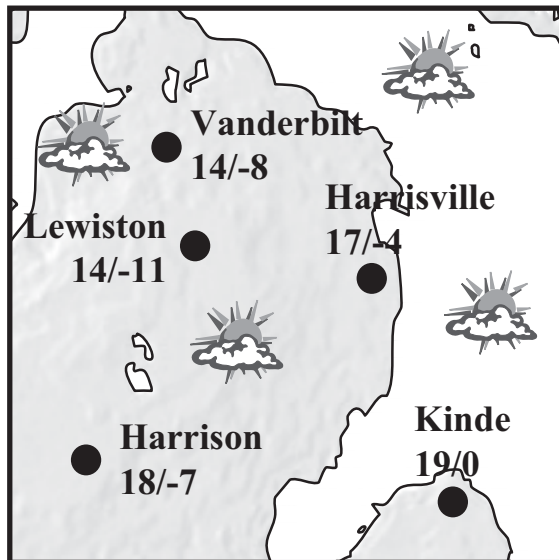
Alcona Review Weather Report

March 12, 2014

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 17 Low: -4
	THURSDAY Sunny High: 19 Low: 16
	FRIDAY Partly Cloudy High: 39 Low: 22
	SATURDAY Partly Cloudy High: 29 Low: 11
	SUNDAY Mostly Sunny High: 19 Low: 6
	MONDAY Mostly Sunny High: 19 Low: 4
	TUESDAY Mostly Sunny High: 16 Low: -1

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of snow, high temperature of 17°, humidity of 52%. North wind 20 to 30 mph. The record high temperature for today is 66° set in 1990. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of -4°. Northwest wind 10 to 20 mph.

*Last Week's Almanac

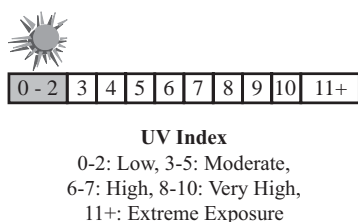
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	17	-10	32/14	0.00"
Tuesday	20	5	33/14	0.15"
Wednesday	17	-11	33/15	0.01"
Thursday	22	-19	34/15	0.01"
Friday	44	-2	34/15	0.00"
Saturday	34	14	34/16	0.00"
Sunday	36	0	35/16	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
Wednesday	7:49 a.m.	7:36 p.m.	3:58 p.m.	5:31 a.m.	New
Thursday	7:47 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	4:57 p.m.	6:02 a.m.	3/30
Friday	7:45 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	5:56 p.m.	6:31 a.m.	
Saturday	7:43 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	6:57 p.m.	6:59 a.m.	
Sunday	7:41 a.m.	7:41 p.m.	7:59 p.m.	7:27 a.m.	First
Monday	7:40 a.m.	7:42 p.m.	9:01 p.m.	7:55 a.m.	4/7
Tuesday	7:38 a.m.	7:43 p.m.	10:05 p.m.	8:24 a.m.	

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see widespread rain and snow today, isolated snow Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 64° in Salisbury, Md. The Southeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today, mostly clear skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 86° in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 67° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 89° in Fullerton, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:53 a.m.	5:07 p.m.
Venus	5:44 a.m.	3:41 p.m.
Mars	10:21 p.m.	9:29 a.m.
Jupiter	1:13 p.m.	4:44 a.m.
Saturn	12:44 a.m.	10:35 a.m.
Uranus	8:37 a.m.	9:12 p.m.

Weather History

March 12, 1967 - A tremendous four-day storm raged across California. Winds of 90 mph closed mountain passes, heavy rains flooded the lowlands, and in 60 hours Squaw Valley, Calif. was buried under 96 inches of muffling snow.

Weather Trivia

What world city is the easiest to forecast weather for?

Answer: Quito, Ecuador, with a year-round mean temperature of 55 degrees.
www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Betelgeuse: Do Not Resuscitate

If any star were eligible for assisted living or a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) order, the bright red supergiant, Betelgeuse, Orion the Hunter's shoulder star (left side as we view him) should be standing first in line. Luminaries like Betelgeuse live fast and die young in comparison to slower-paced stars like our sun. Within a matter of millions of years, these massive stars rip through their hydrogen fuel supplies, creating huge reservoirs of helium in their innermost core, massive enough to compress and heat to temperatures of 180 million degrees F., where helium spontaneously begins to fuse into heavier carbon and oxygen. That's where astronomers think Betelgeuse sits right now. Everything about Betelgeuse is ginormous. It's a star that conservatively stretches outward twice the distance of Mars' orbit around the sun. This means that at the Earth-sun distance of 93 million miles, we would be found in the innermost four percent of the star. At its largest width, Betelgeuse may extend to Jupiter's orbit, putting Earth within its deepest one percent. Then there is this behemoth's energy output which depending upon what distance is chosen (495-640 light years) ranges from 65 to 105 thousand times the energy production of our sun. All of these factors point to a "lifestyle" that puts Betelgeuse on the verge of catastrophe, on the brink of becoming a supernova that would blast itself to the brightness of a nearly full moon, but emanate from a starlike point in the heavens. Supernova Betelgeuse would be easily seen in the daytime, cast sharp, distinctive shadows by night, and would be dangerous to view through telescopes and binoculars. As Ed Guinan, of Villanova (PA) University has put it, Betelgeuse is so close to self-destruction that it may have already happened and its light is screaming towards us, ready to be witnessed in the next few centuries, or maybe even tomorrow. www.astronomy.org

Dollars And Sense

By David Uffington

Don't toss food before it's time

We throw away a lot of food -- both at the retail level and at home -- for a lot of reasons.

On the retail level, food can be discarded because of damage (dented cans), overstocking, unpurchased holiday foods, spillage and blemished foods.

At home, we throw away food for even more reasons, including spillage, lack of knowledge about preparation and portion sizes, the aging of fruits and vegetables, uneaten holiday foods and confusion over "use by" versus "best before" versus "sell by" dates on packaging. (Unfortunately there are no federal regulations regarding the date information except on infant formula. Some states require date information, but it's not uniform.)

The Department of Agriculture has completed a major study on food loss, and it has come to some startling conclusions about how much food we throw away in one year.

On the consumer level: fresh fruit, 9.5 billion pounds; fresh vegetables, 12.8 billion pounds; poultry, 3.9 billion pounds; eggs, 2.1 billion pounds; fish, 1.5 billion pounds; milk, 10.5 billion pounds.

Per individual, that means: fresh fruit, 40 pounds; fresh vegetables, 59 pounds; poultry, 13 pounds; eggs, 7 pounds; fish, 5 pounds; milk, 34 pounds.

When it comes to the calo-

rie value of food that's thrown away, two studies differ in their conclusions. One says it's the equivalent of 789 calories per day. The other puts it at 1,400 calories per day.

It's likely that much food is thrown away simply because of the confusion over the dates. The Department of Agriculture explains:

- Sell-by date -- How long the store can display the product for sale.

- Best if used by (or before) -- Use before this day for best flavor or quality.

- Use by date -- The last date recommended to use the product while at the peak of quality.

Cans: Canned foods are safe as long as they aren't exposed temperatures below freezing or above 90 degrees F, and don't have dents, rust or bulges. (Another opinion: Go by the dates on the can.)

Eggs: Store in the coldest part of the refrigerator, not the door. Use within three to five weeks of purchase. They're safe to use after the "sell-by" date.

For more information, look for Food Product Dating on the Department of Agriculture website: www.fsis.usda.gov.

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Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

Watch your mail for new ID cards

The new Veteran Health Identification Cards are coming. These cards will have added security features: the veteran's Member ID, a Plan ID reflecting the veteran's enrollment in Department of Veterans Affairs health care, and a unique identifier.

Among other security features, a "VA" will be in Braille for visually impaired veterans, and the veteran's branch of service will be displayed on the card. Any special awards (such as Purple Heart) will be listed. The card will include VA phone numbers and emergency-care instructions on the back. The bar code and magnetic strip won't contain any personally identifiable information.

That should just about

cover it, right? These new cards should be a big step toward protecting veterans from identity theft.

Don't look for your card in the mail immediately, but keep an eye out. The first steps in the rollout will be to those who are newly enrolled in health care and to others who have not been issued a Veteran Identification Card. Beginning in April, there will be a three-month push to get the new health cards to those who already have a veteran ID card. (Cut up the old card in small pieces, being sure to slice up any numbers or name, and put in separate trash bags.)

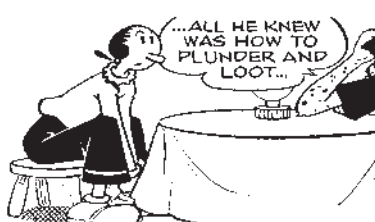
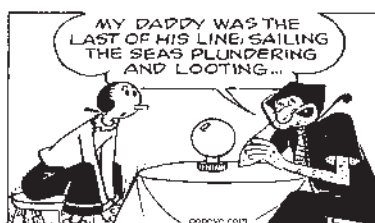
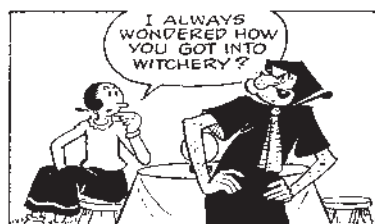
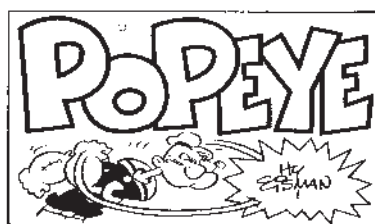
While you're not required to use VA health care, you are encouraged to enroll and get the health ID card.

You can get more information about the cards in a few ways: Go online to www.va.gov/healthbenefits/vhic. Visit your local VA medical facility (see the enrollment coordinator). Or call 1-877-222-VETS (8387), especially if the VA doesn't have your current address on file or to verify that they do. (Do it quickly.)

Check the graphics at the website above to see the new card to make sure that it's what you get in the mail.

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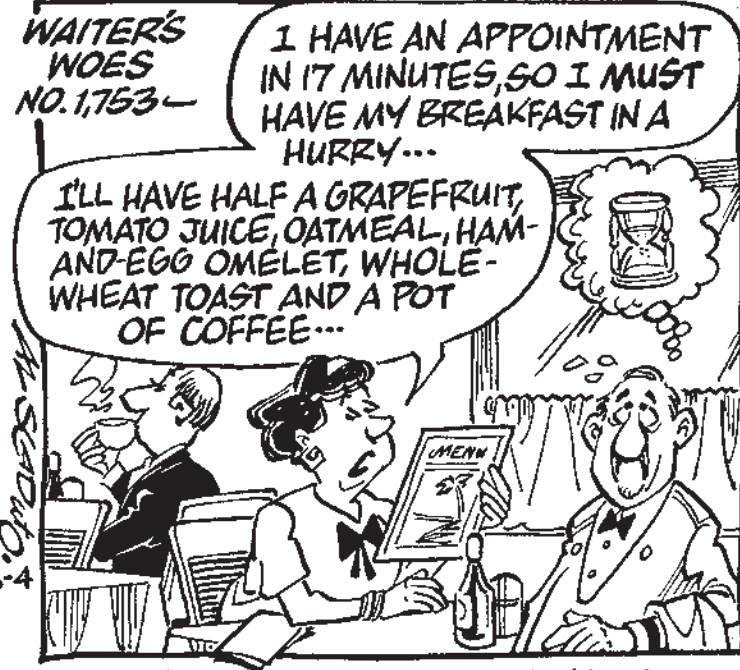
THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

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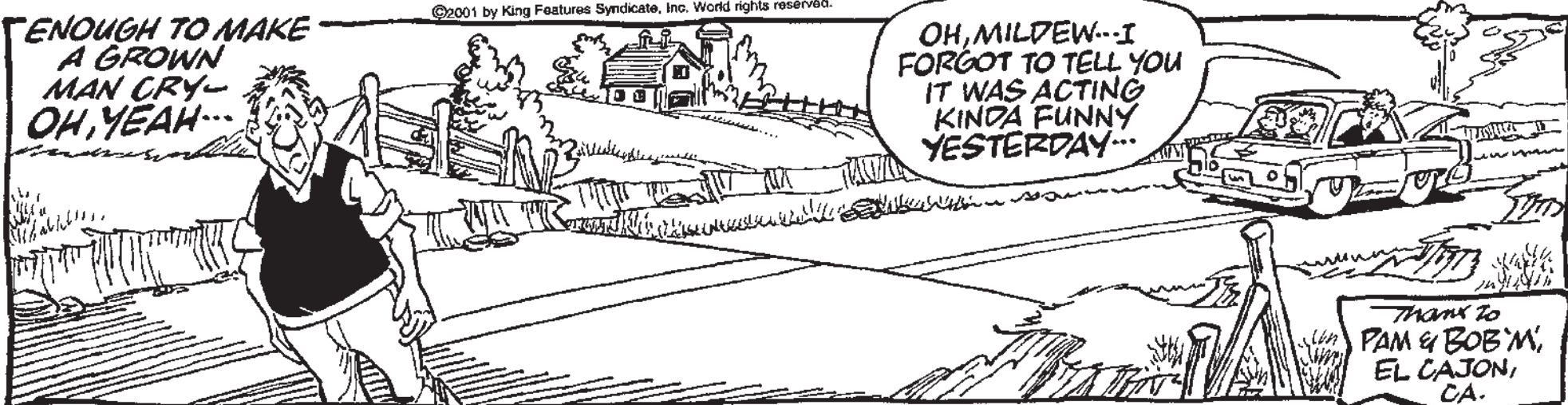


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BY AL SCADUTO



Thank to L. HESS, NEW ORLEANS, LA.



Thank to PAM & BOB M, EL CAJON, CA.

Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **TELEVISION:** What was the name of the coffee shop featured on the sitcom "Frasier"?
2. **U.S. STATES:** What is the United States' northernmost state capital?
3. **FOOD AND DRINK:** What are crudites?
4. **THEATER:** What was the first rock musical to play on Broadway?
5. **LANGUAGE:** What is logorrhea?
6. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote the novel "The Spy Who Came in from the Cold"?
7. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** About what percentage of people are left-handed?
8. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the smallest country in the world with a coastline?
9. **ANATOMY:** In human beings, how long is the average interval between eye blinks?
10. **FAMOUS QUOTES:** Who once said, "A word to the wise ain't necessary -- it's the stupid ones that need the advice"?

Answers: 1. Cafe Nervosa; 2. Juneau, Alaska; 3. Raw vegetables often served as appetizers; 4. "Hair"; 5. Excessive wordiness; 6. John Le Carre; 7. 10 percent; 8. Monaco; 9. 2-10 seconds; 10. Bill Cosby. (c) 2014 King Features Synd., Inc.

Moments In Time

By The History Channel

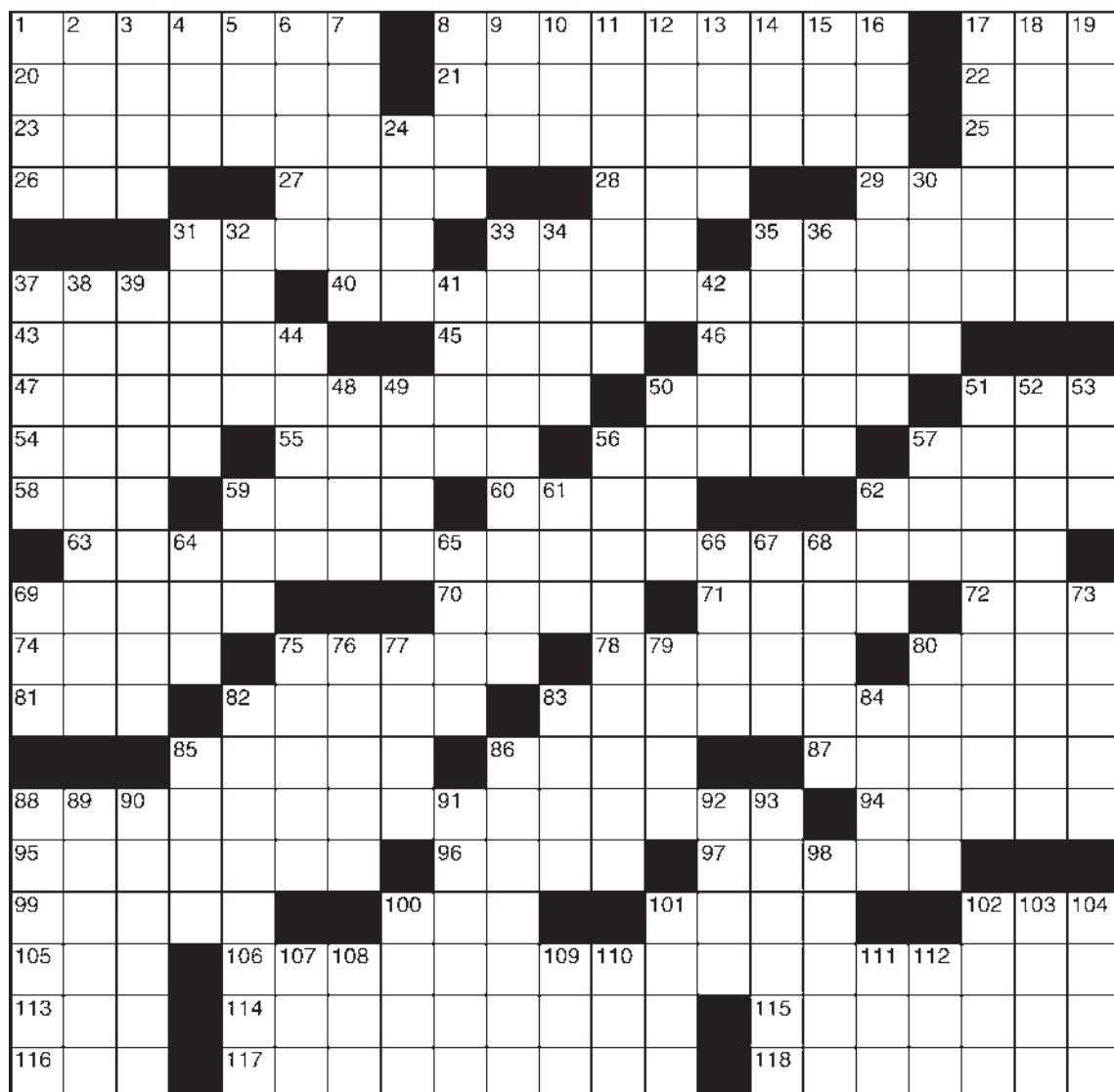
- On March 30, 1775, hoping to keep the New England colonies dependent on the British, King George III endorses the New England Restraining Act. The Act required New England colonies to trade exclusively with Great Britain. An additional rule would come into effect banning colonists from fishing in the North Atlantic.
- On March 28, 1814, the funeral of Guillotin, namesake of the infamous execution device, takes place outside of Paris. When first used, the crowds seemed to miss the gallows, but the guillotine quickly caught on. The device symbolized equality, as it was used on both commoners and the nobility alike.
- On March 27, 1912, in Washington, D.C., Helen Taft, wife of President William Taft, and the Viscountess Chinda, wife of the Japanese ambassador, plant two Yoshina cherry trees on the northern bank of the Potomac River. The event was held in celebration of a gift by the Japanese government of 3,020 cherry trees to the United States.
- On March 26, 1920, "This Side of Paradise" is published, immediately launching 23-year-old F. Scott Fitzgerald to fame and fortune. While in Europe, Fitzgerald finished his masterpiece "The Great Gatsby" (1925). He also published dozens of short stories in his lifetime.
- On March 24, 1958, Elvis Presley is inducted into the U.S. Army after being granted a two-month deferment to finish his third movie, "King Creole." While stationed in Germany, Presley met his future wife, 14-year-old Priscilla Beaulieu.
- On March 29, 1971, Lt. William L. Calley is found guilty of premeditated murder at My Lai by a U.S. Army court-martial. Calley, an infantry platoon leader, had led his men in a massacre of hundreds of Vietnamese civilians, including women and children, in 1968.
- On March 25, 1983, during filming of the television special "Motown 25: Yesterday, Today, Forever," Diana Ross, formerly of the Supremes, shoved singer Mary Wilson out of the spotlight. It later had to be edited out. Smokey Robinson stepped in onstage to keep between the two warring Supremes.

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| <p>ACROSS</p> <p>1 See a therapist, say</p> <p>8 Harvard's city</p> <p>17 Sleeping site</p> <p>20 Grave robber, e.g.</p> <p>21 Outfitted and equipped</p> <p>22 Summer, to Henri</p> <p>23 Activity of a ghost in a flat?</p> <p>25 Zenith competitor</p> <p>26 Seating tier</p> <p>27 Sci-fi space vehicles</p> <p>28 Crooner Orbison</p> <p>29 Ham-and- (average Joe)</p> <p>31 Bigoted title journalist of film</p> <p>33 He played Mowgli in "Jungle Book"</p> <p>35 — Packard</p> <p>37 Didn't just talk</p> <p>40 Develop a potbelly faster than?</p> <p>43 Somewhat</p> <p>45 — Apple (Ocean Spray flavor)</p> | <p>46 Daisy variety</p> <p>47 Rivaling actress</p> <p>Adams in intelligibility?</p> <p>50 Sets loose</p> <p>51 "Big Blue" co.</p> <p>54 Word of woe</p> <p>55 Honda model</p> <p>56 Varieties</p> <p>57 Take a pic of</p> <p>58 — -12 Conference</p> <p>59 Filmy strand</p> <p>60 Capital of Ukraine</p> <p>62 "Pride — before ..."</p> <p>63 Why NASA requires continual funding?</p> <p>69 Torridly hot</p> <p>70 DJ part</p> <p>71 BBQ fare</p> <p>72 The girl</p> <p>74 Nickelodeon "explorer"</p> <p>75 Using base 8</p> <p>78 Poem of 17 syllables</p> <p>80 Bohr's study</p> <p>81 "— takers?"</p> <p>82 Disguise</p> <p>83 Cite baseball player</p> <p>Rusty for speeding?</p> <p>85 McCain mate Sarah</p> | <p>DOWN</p> <p>1 Bike "speed"</p> <p>2 Large fair</p> <p>3 Unfreeze</p> <p>4 "Ben- —"</p> <p>5 Rescue squad VIP</p> <p>6 Monkey's kin</p> <p>7 Factory-made home</p> <p>8 Lynxes, e.g.</p> <p>9 Herr's cry</p> <p>10 1988 buyer of Motown</p> <p>11 Whiskey type</p> <p>12 Get used up</p> <p>13 Bitty lead-in</p> <p>14 Soft & —</p> <p>15 — Xer</p> <p>16 With a side foremost</p> <p>17 Actress Candice</p> <p>18 "And so on and so on": Abbr.</p> <p>19 Scarcity</p> <p>24 E flat, e.g.</p> <p>30 Bonding stuff</p> <p>31 Hellenic B's</p> <p>32 Kitchen lure</p> <p>33 Discovered black gold</p> <p>34 Very little</p> <p>35 Put a spell on</p> <p>36 Olympics swords</p> <p>37 Songwriters' org.</p> | <p>38 Task after printing out sheets</p> <p>39 Traitor's act</p> <p>41 Exotic berry in juices</p> <p>42 It gets tooted</p> <p>44 Prima — evidence</p> <p>48 "Yes, yes, Pedro!"</p> <p>49 League VIPs</p> <p>50 Ten halved</p> <p>51 Rapturous</p> <p>52 Cabana, e.g.</p> <p>53 Speed limit abbr.</p> <p>56 Square head scarfs</p> <p>57 Cain, to Adam</p> <p>59 Twisted, as humor</p> <p>61 Suppositions</p> <p>62 Film director Van Sant</p> <p>64 Momentous period</p> <p>65 Bismarck loc.</p> <p>66 TV's Estrada</p> <p>67 Analogous to</p> <p>68 Lies against</p> <p>69 Rx overseer</p> <p>73 Live coal</p> <p>75 Col. North</p> <p>76 Pennies, say</p> <p>77 Zesty flavor</p> <p>79 — part (role-play)</p> | <p>80 At an angle</p> <p>82 Dirty Harry's last name</p> <p>83 At that time</p> <p>84 Figure (out)</p> <p>85 Essence</p> <p>86 Dickens or Darwin</p> <p>88 In storage</p> <p>89 Abrasive stone stuff</p> <p>90 Keynote speaker, e.g.</p> <p>91 Bird calls</p> <p>92 Jazz's state</p> <p>93 Snooping (around)</p> <p>98 One seeing the sights?</p> <p>100 Glamour or Vogue rival</p> <p>101 Cautious (of)</p> <p>102 Metropolis in Colombia</p> <p>103 Island dance</p> <p>104 "So right!"</p> <p>107 Lemon or lime drink</p> <p>108 Jean- — Picard</p> <p>109 Mystifying Mr. Geller</p> <p>110 Swift plane</p> <p>111 NYC's Park, for one</p> <p>112 Big name in ballpoints</p> |
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Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was President John F. Kennedy who made the following sage observation: "Too often we enjoy the comfort of opinion without the discomfort of thought."
- If you're planning a trip to Kentucky anytime soon, you'd better keep a close rein on your interactions with strangers. It seems that flirting there is illegal and could get you 30 days in jail.
- If you're like me, social situations can be a nightmare of trying -- and usually failing -- to remember the names of all your new acquaintances. The next time you find yourself struggling to name the person you're conversing with, you can always segue into this interesting tidbit: The inability to remember names is technically known as anomia.
- Those who study such things claim that more Jell-O is eaten in Utah than anywhere else in the world.
- W.H. Auden was already a celebrated poet when he left Great Britain for America in 1939. His admirers on the other side of the Atlantic, therefore, may have been surprised that when he arrived in the U.S. he moved into a run-down house in Brooklyn Heights with roommates ranging from novelist Carson McCullers to composer Benjamin Britten to stripper Gypsy Rose Lee.
- The state of Colorado is named (unsurprisingly) after the Colorado River. In Spanish the word means "reddish," a reference to the appearance of the water in some places.
- According to the U.S. Census Bureau, 21 percent of all people living in America speak a language other than English at home. While Spanish is the most frequently spoken after English, several Chinese languages, Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese and German are each spoken in more than a million households across the country.

Thought for the Day:
"Dogma is the sacrifice of wisdom to consistency." -- Lewis Perelman

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Top Ten Movies

1. Non-Stop (PG-13) Liam Neeson, Julianne Moore
 2. Son of God (PG-13) Diogo Morgado, Amber Rose Revah
 3. The Lego Movie (PG) animated
 4. 3 Days to Kill (PG-13) Kevin Costner, Hailee Steinfeld
 5. The Monuments Men (PG-13) George Clooney, Matt Damon
 6. RoboCop (PG-13) Joel Kinnaman, Gary Oldman
 7. Pompeii (PG-13) Kit Harington, Emily Browning
 8. Frozen (PG) animated
 9. About Last Night (R) Kevin Hart, Michael Ealy
 10. Ride Along (PG-13) Ice Cube, Kevin Hart
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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, March 3 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those present included President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Naylor, Phillips and Stutzman. Council member Somers was absent.

The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion from Phillips, with support from Gauthier. The treasurer's report was approved, subject to audit, on a motion from Gauthier, with support from Phillips.

Fire chief Leroy Hall gave a report on activities within the fire department and first responders. He stated that the department has sent two pagers out for repair. They have a possible new fire fighter candidate to introduce following a background check. Assistant fire chief Mike Serafin said he was called upon today to help with the transport of a patient to the hospital. President Jordan thanked them for all they do to help the community.

Zoning fees were discussed. Information was received from Denise Cline of NEMCOG and also from the City of Harrisville. John Stutzman stated that he has concerns about some of the figures. He stated that he would like to see a set fee for any construction and not use the cost of the structure as the basis for that fee. A lengthy discussion followed. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Phillips, to pass the new fee schedule that includes revisions as discussed. Carried. A public meeting will be held to present the new fees.

A discussion was held regarding generators for emergency use within the village. Treasurer

Kossa and president Jordan attended a meeting regarding funding that may be available through grants from Emergency Planners for Alcona County. Mary and Phil then gathered bids for generators at two locations. A price of approximately \$7,000 was given for a generator that would be placed at the Baptist Church. The bid for locating a generator at the Senior Center would be approximately \$27,000. President Jordan stated that he and Mary will pursue this matter and report back at another meeting. No street report was given as Somers was absent.

In old business, Phillips asked about the status of the sewer. President Jordan stated that since Rich Gillespie has taken over the operations of the system the problem with the transducers has been remedied. The repairs were costly and the DDA has agreed to help pay those bills.

In new business, Naylor asked about the possibility of having a pavilion for the Flights of Imagination and a well system put in there. President Jordan is working with Karen Godi, DDA member, and together they hope to put together a grant application to be included in next year's DNR grant process. President Jordan advised council members to look around at pavilions in the area and give feedback at a later date. Gauthier asked about plans for salt storage for the future. Money has been set aside in the new budget and we will continue to seek resolution to the issue.

President Jordan gave his report. He stated that we have recently completed revisions of the ordinances for the village. He hopes to work with chairperson Connie Stutzman and zoning administrator Troy Somers very soon to get things started so that the updated ordinances can be adopted. President Jordan stated he will

be working on stencils for village equipment this week. He has requested that a board be put together to contain all keys for everything that the village owns. Additionally, he has again requested a master list of contact persons that work with us. He asked to have the mural on the wall in the meeting room moved so that it is hung properly. A suggestion was made that we consider having picnic tables built perhaps as a service project with the Lincoln Lions. At last month's meeting a request for a maintenance schedule was made - so far we have not received it. He stated that we need to maintain our equipment whether it's repairing a door handle or mirror - we need to get it taken care of immediately. President Jordan stated that there is help available for filing income tax for senior citizens. Susan Krey, ACCOA director, said they could use additional help from persons who know how to prepare taxes or those who are willing to learn. Interested persons are encouraged to contact her at the Senior Center. A letter was received from District Health Department No. 2 regarding Brownlee Lake beach. It stated that there had been one incident where a posting had to be made regarding E.coli caused from goose droppings. In the past several residents have helped with the clean-up efforts but there is concern about cleaning up the beach area and docks. Gauthier will continue to see what options are available. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to pay the bills as presented. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier, with support from Healy. Carried.

Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

VILLAGE OF LINCOLN BUDGET HEARING

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, March 3 at 6:45 p.m. at the village hall. The purpose of the meeting was to hear public comments regarding the proposed budget for the fiscal year 2013-2014. Those present included: President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Naylor, Phillips and Stutzman. Absent was council member Richard Somers. There was no public discussion. Treasurer Kossa stated the proposed revenues should be adequate to support the proposed budget. A motion was made by Healy, with support from Gauthier, to adopt the budget for 2014-2015. Motion carried. Following are the budgets:

General Fund Expenditures
 General Government
 President \$ 6,000.00
 Treasurer \$ 6,751.56
 Clerk \$ 7,136.88
 Council \$ 6,750.00
 Professional Fees \$ 7,500.00
 Utilities \$ 8,500.00
 Zoning \$ 4,000.00
 Insurances \$ 9,500.00
 Maintenance \$ 13,000.00
 Other \$ 7,500.00
 Office Supplies \$ 3,000.00

Public Safety
 FD Salaries \$ 8,500.00
 FD Gasoline \$ 1,500.00
 FD Utilities \$ 2,000.00
 FD Insurance \$ 4,000.00
 FD Supplies \$ 1,300.00
 FD Other \$ 7,500.00
 FR Salaries \$ 8,500.00
 FR Other \$ 1,000.00

Debt Service Principal \$ 13,000.00
Debt Service Interest \$ 3,128.00
Capital Outlay General Fund \$ 15,000.00
Recreation & Culture
 Maint. & Improv. \$ 5,000.00
 Street Lights/Utility \$ 12,000.00
 Gasoline \$ 5,000.00
 Equipment Rentals/Gen \$ 8,000.00
 Salaries/General \$ 14,000.00
 Payroll Liabilities \$ 4,500.00
 Decoration Fund \$ 1,500.00
Total Expenditures \$195,066.44

Revenues/General Fund
 Current Tax Levy \$ 58,000.00
 State Cons. Tax \$ 25,000.00
 Fire Contracts \$ 44,000.00
 Other Revenues/Misc. \$ 68,066.44
Total Revenues \$195,066.44

Major Street Fund
 Expenditures
 Public Works/Transportation \$ 113,700.00
 Routine Maintenance \$ 14,800.00
 Winter Maintenance \$ 8,800.00
 Salaries \$ 15,000.00
 Administration \$ 6,700.00
Total Expenditures \$159,000.00

Revenues
 State Revenue Sharing \$ 37,000.00
 Village Raised Tax \$122,000.00
Total Revenues \$159,000.00

Local Street Fund
 Expenditures
 Public Works/Transportation \$ 20,000.00
 Routine Maintenance \$ 6,000.00

Winter Maintenance \$ 3,000.00
 Salaries \$ 6,500.00
 Administration \$ 2,500.00
Total Expenditures \$38,000.00

Revenues
 State Revenue Sharing \$ 12,000.00
 Village Raised Tax/ Fund Equity \$ 26,000.00
Total Revenues \$ 38,000.00

Sewer Fund Expenditures
 Salaries \$ 3,000.00
 Engineering \$ 500.00
 Insurance \$ 1,000.00
 Maintenance \$ 5,234.20
 Equipment Rental \$ 2,000.00
Total Expenditures \$ 11,734.20

Revenues
 47.7 Units X 20.50 per month (977.85) X 12 months \$ 11,734.20
Total Revenues \$ 11,734.20
 Linda K. Somers
 Village Clerk

BINGO

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

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Timber For Sale

Sealed bids will be received up until 6 p.m. on April 17, 2014 for the Redlawsk Trust Timber Sale, located in parts of the SW ¼ and SE ¼ of Section 15, T26N, R9E, Harrisville Township, Alcona County. Estimated volumes include: 16.5 MBF black walnut sawlogs. The access for this timber sale is from two existing driveways from McLean Road. Interested bidders should contact Don Krejcarek, Sunrise Forestry Consultants, at (989) 724-6165.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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. Mortgage sale—Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Sally Fisher, a single woman to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for BNC Mortgage, Inc., its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated February 24, 2003 and recorded March 4, 2003 in Liber 378, page 396 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for the registered holders of CDC Mortgage Capital Trust 2003-HE2, mortgage pass-through certificates, series 2003-HE2, by assignment dated September 9, 2010 and recorded November 5, 2010 in Liber 474, page 750 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred sixty thousand three hundred thirty-five dollars and nine cents (\$160,335.09) including interest 9.4 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said

mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, circuit court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on March 19, 2014. Said premises are situated in township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The north 548.61 feet of the following described parcel of land, less and excepting M-72 right of way: Commencing at the north one-quarter corner of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 9 East; thence south 87 degrees 44 minutes 06 seconds east along the north line of said section 804.64 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing south 87 degrees 44 minutes 06 seconds east along said north line 340.18 feet; thence south 01 degree 15 minutes 30 seconds east 1315.19 feet; thence north 88 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds west along the south line of the northwest one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter of said Section 345.68 feet; thence north 01 degree 23 minutes 19 seconds west 270.00 feet; thence south 88 degrees 17 minutes 00 seconds east 8.70 feet; thence north 01 degree 23 minutes 19 seconds west 1048.61 feet to the point of beginning. Less and excepting the west 20 feet thereof part of the northwest one-quarter of the northeast one-quarter of Section 15, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, subject

to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes. Commonly known as 4846 East M-72, Harrisville, Mich. 48740.

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

Dated: February 19, 2014
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee for CDC Mortgage Capital Trust 2003-HE2, Mortgage Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2003-HE2, Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
File No: 13-91247
2-19, 2-26, 3-5, 3-12

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anna M. Miracle, a married woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated July 28, 2009, and recorded on July 29, 2009 in Liber 464 on page 279, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association 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 forty-five thousand two hundred fifty-two and 30/100 dollars (\$45,252.30). 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 April 2, 2014.

Said premises are situated in township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 41, 42, 43, 44 of Huron Pines, a subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 187, Alcona County records.

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

If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: March 5, 2014
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Hwy, Ste. 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-5422
File No. 437706F01
3-5, 3-12, 3-19, 3-26

Mortgage Sale

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE

Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by Larry K. Lyle and Betty Jo Lyle, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Huron Community Bank, mortgagee. The mortgage is dated April 15, 2011 and was recorded on April 25, 2011 in Liber 478, on page 678 of the Alcona County records. The balance owing on the mortgage as of the date of this notice is \$117,435.66, including interest at 6.25 percent per year variable. The mortgage contains a power of sale clause and no proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt owing.

The mortgage will be foreclosed by selling the property described below at a public auction to the highest bidder. The

sale will be held on March 26, 2014, at 10 a.m. local time at the main entrance to the Alcona County court facility, 106 Fifth Street, Harrisville, Michigan, that being the place of holding circuit court for Alcona County, Michigan. The property will be sold to pay the amount then due on the mortgage, including interest, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, Michigan and is described as: The S half of Lots 3 and 4 and entire Lots 5 and 6 of Block 24 of the City of Harrisville, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 1, Alcona County records. Commonly known as 201 S. Fourth Street, Harrisville, Mich.

If the property described in this notice is sold at a foreclosure sale, then under MCL 600.3278, the mortgagor(s) will be held responsible to the buyer of the prop-

erty at the foreclosure sale, or to the mortgage holder, for damage done to the property during the redemption period.

The redemption period will expire six (6) months after the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined abandoned under MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period will expire 30 days after the date of the foreclosure sale, or when the time to provide notice under MCL 600.3241a(c) expires, whichever is later.

Smith, Martin, Powers & Knier, P.C.
Dated: February 12, 2014
By: Henry L. Knier, Jr. (P46393)
Attorney for Huron Community Bank Mortgagee
900 Washington Ave.,
P.O. Box 219
Bay City, MI 48707
(989) 892-4574
2-19, 2-26, 3-5, 3-12

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. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Catherine M. Soltysiak, a single woman to Citizens Bank, mortgagee, dated August 14, 2003 and recorded August 22, 2003 in Liber 388 page 753 Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned through mesne assignments to: EverBank, by assignment dated July 15, 2013 and recorded August 12, 2013 in Liber 500, page 839, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-five thousand one hundred twenty-five dollars and forty-nine cents (\$85,125.49) including interest 5.375 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 vendue, circuit court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on March 26, 2014. Said premises are situated in township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are de-

scribed as: The north one-half of the north one-half of the southeast one-quarter of the southeast one-quarter of Section 2, Township 27 North, Range 8 East, township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan. Commonly known as 3635 Somers Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742.

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

Dated: February 26, 2014
EverBank, Assignee of Mortgagee Attorneys:
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File No: 14-98374
2-26, 3-5, 3-12, 3-19

Mortgage Sale

This is an attempt to collect a debt, and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

If you are now on active military duty or have been in the prior year, please contact our office at the number below. Default has occurred in the conditions of a mortgage made by Franklin D. First and Tina M. First, husband and wife, mortgagors, to Watson Group Financial Corporation, mortgagee, dated November 3, 2004 and recorded November 4, 2004 in Liber 409 of mortgages, page 125 which was assigned to Independent Bank of 4200 East Beltline, Grand Rapids, Mich., by assignment recorded in Liber 497, page 559. By reason of such default the undersigned elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of said mortgage due and payable forthwith.

At the date of this notice there is claimed to be due for principal and interest on said mortgage the sum of twenty two thousand eight hundred thirty eight and 98/100 (\$22,838.98) dollars including interest at the rate of 4.0 percent per annum. No suit or proceeding at law has been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of

the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided and to pay said amount with interest as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including attorney fees allowed by law, said mortgage will be foreclosed by sale of the mortgaged premises at public vendue to the highest bidder at the west entrance of the courthouse, 106 5th Street, the place of holding the circuit court within the county of Alcona, City of Harrisville, Michigan, on April 23, 2014, at 10 a.m., local time.

Pursuant to Public Act No. 104, Public Acts of 1971, MCLA 600.3240, MSA 27A.3240, the redemption period shall be six months from the date of the foreclosure sale, unless the property is determined to be abandoned under MCLA 600.3241a; MSA 27A.3241(1), in which case the property may be redeemed during the 30 days immediately following the sale or expiration of statutory notice period.

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 pe-

riod.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the township of Haynes, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, described as follows, to wit: Part of the west 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 6, Town 27 North, Range 9 East, Haynes Township, Alcona County, Michigan, described as: Commencing at the southwest corner of said section; thence north 00 degrees 21'43" west along the west line of said section and the centerline of county road F-41, so-called, 1,013.45 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing north 00 degrees 21'43" west along said line 337.80 feet; thence north 87 degrees 25'04" east 1,335.03 feet; thence south 00 degrees 24'40" east along the west 1/16th line of said section (east line of the west 1/2 of the southwest 1/4) 337.79 feet; thence south 87 degrees 25'04" west 1,335.32 feet to the point of beginning.

Independent Bank,
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