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## Year long investigation sees narcotics and criminal enterprise charges brought against Detroit man

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

A lengthy investigation into narcotics trafficking in Alcona County has resulted in the arrest and arraignment of a Detroit, Mich. man.

Clarence Dejohn Bivins, 33, was arraigned on January 8 and charged with one count of conducting a criminal enterprise and two counts of conspiracy to deliver narcotics.

The arrest stems from a year-long investigation into a criminal enterprise involving multiple people who have been distributing heroin throughout Alcona County and northeastern Michigan, according to Sgt. Scott Wood of the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT).

Wood explained the investigation began in January

2014 after Alcona County Sheriff's deputies conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle leaving a Harrisville Township residence and located narcotics within the vehicle. The traffic stop led deputies and HUNT detectives to execute a search warrant at a residence, at which time a large quantity of heroin and money were located. Several individuals living in the home and visiting the home were arrested and subsequently sentenced on various drug charges.

According to Wood, as a result of that initial search warrant, HUNT detectives initiated a second investigation into where the heroin was coming from and how it was arriving in Alcona County. HUNT detectives identified multiple suspects

who were involved in a large scale narcotics distribution ring responsible for distributing heroin and cocaine from Detroit, Mich. to Alcona County and northeastern Michigan.

Wood explained through extensive work with multiple agencies, the Alcona County prosecutor's office issued the arrest warrants in late December 2014. Bivins, who is lodged in the Chippewa Correctional Facility in Kincheloe, Mich., will remain in prison while this case proceeds through the court system. All of the charges are felonies and are punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment.

Wood said additional felony warrants against the other suspects involved are anticipated in the near fu-

ture with arrests to follow.

"This is the perfect example of what happens when the flow of information happens between agencies," said Detective Lt. Frank Keck, commander of HUNT. "Because of one traffic stop the deputies conducted, and because HUNT was contacted and helped execute a search warrant, a year long investigation was initiated by HUNT and a number of people involved in a large scale narcotics distribution ring that ended in our backyard were identified and are now in the process of being arrested. It is also believed that these individuals relocated their narcotics distribution ring from another nearby county to Alcona County, due to the perceived notion that there is no longer any narcotics en-

forcement there," Keck said.

The Huron Undercover Narcotics Team is a multi-jurisdictional drug task force that operates in Alcona, Alpena, Montmorency and Presque Isle counties. Citizens are encouraged to contact HUNT with tips regarding drug dealing at (800) 573-DRUG. Callers may remain anonymous.

## Oscoda resident faces B&E charges

By Cheryl Peterson  
Editor

Investigation into the string of breaking and enterings in the Greenbush area has resulted in the arrest and arraignment of an Oscoda Township man.

The break ins occurred, according to Sgt. Keith Myers of the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, between November 13 and December 13 of last year. The actual dates are undetermined, he said, because the homes involved were seasonal and owners reported them as they visited during that time span.

Timothy Daniel Giffin, 32, was arraigned in 81<sup>st</sup> District Court on January 6. He was charged with seven counts of breaking and entering a building - a 10 year felony for each count; and four counts of home invasion - a 15 year felony for each count.

Myers said the investigation was conducted by the Alcona County Sheriff's Department along with the Oscoda Township Police Department. There was over \$1,000 in items stolen related to this investigation including tools, televisions, DVDs, et cetera. All of the items have been recovered.

Bond was set at \$30,000 cash surety 10 percent. A preliminary hearing date will be set following a status conference scheduled for January 14.

## Hubbard Lake resident waits for a heart

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

A Hubbard Lake man is thanking technology and the medical staff at the University of Michigan (U of M) Hospital in Ann Arbor, Mich., for helping him live longer.

He is also looking forward to the day he can receive a heart transplant.

Daryl Lang is living with the assistance of a left ventricle assist device (LVAD) which he received through U of M last August. Although he said it's not the ideal retirement life he dreamed of, it's better than being where he was six months ago, barely clinging to life and being air lifted to Ann Arbor, Mich.

Daryl's heart problem began just over 10 years ago at the age of 43. He had a triple by-pass after his first heart attack in 2004, which Lang said was called a widow-maker, with no signs or symptoms before the attack. He was just being his usual active self, working in roofing as a code inspector in Florida.

Daryl grew up in Hubbard Lake and graduated from Alpena High School. After attending Alpena Community College and Lake Superior State University, he found work in Florida and continued to live there for 25 years.

He married his wife, Beth, a native of Florida, 19 years ago and the couple traveled back to the Hubbard Lake area to visit his parents and enjoy northern Michigan.

After Lang's second heart attack in 2006, which damaged his heart even further, the couple began coming up to northern Michigan even more, especially during the hottest months in Florida, July and August.

Four years ago they made Hubbard Lake their permanent residence.

Although Daryl was making regular visits to see his doctors often, his health continued to decline. "He was just looking worse and worse, everyone was really concerned. The doctors didn't seem to know what the problem was," Beth said. "One morning last May he asked me to call an ambulance. I knew then it was bad. While he was air lifted to U of M I drove there. It was the scariest four hour drive I've ever had. I didn't know what I was walking into when I got down there. I didn't know if he was going to be alive by the time I got there. I made a lot of deals with God that day."

At first the doctors thought Daryl was severely dehydrated and then realized his liver and kidneys were in failure, all contributed to his damaged heart. He spent 37 days at U of M.

The LVAD which Daryl received is a battery operated heart pump with an external controller and power source (see box on page 10). Daryl said the technology of his LVAD was amazing and it was giving him a much better



Hubbard Lake residents Daryl and Beth Lang enjoy life as best they can while Daryl waits for a new heart. He is living with the aid of a left ventricle assist device (LVAD). A benefit to help with medical expenses is slated for this Saturday at the Hope Lutheran Church in Hubbard Lake. Photo by Mary Weber.

life than where he was six months ago, but it was still not optimal for long term use.

Beth had to become certified by the LVAD group at U of M on how to care for her husband and his LVAD which includes daily logging his vital statistics, checking the controller and changing the bandage area of the tube exiting his skin.

The couple returns to the Ann Arbor area at least once a month to have the LVAD group check his progress. The doctors told Lang he could have about six years of life with the help of the LVAD, but they are optimistic he will receive a heart transplant before then.

"This is just a bridge to the

heart transplant. The LVAD is keeping me healthy enough to be eligible. The doctors said I have a 94 percent chance of receiving a heart, but there are no guarantees," he said.

Daryl has been through about 50 tests necessary to make sure he is healthy enough to receive a heart. He is listed as B-2 with most heart recipients obtaining a B-1 level. He is scheduled to go through an additional heart catheterization at the end of month and if that goes well he should be able to move up to the B-1 level.

For as long as they can remember, both Beth and

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**Letter to the Editor**

To the Editor,  
Terror attacks in France last week, the cry for freedom against ISIS rang out. Fifty world leaders were there but not our president. This shows a sign of weakness. Obama is lying to the American people, jihadists are stronger than ever and they are coming after the U.S. The president needs to wake up.  
Harry Harvey  
Harrisville

**top ten**

**Air-Cleaning Houseplants**

1. Areca palm
2. Reed palm
3. Dwarf date palm
4. Boston fern
5. Janet Craig dracaena
6. English ivy
7. Australian sword fern
8. Peace Lily
9. Rubber plant
10. Weeping fig

Source: "Your Naturally Healthy Home"



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**Weekly SUDOKU**

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**Weekly Report**

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
Jan. 4	33	11	0.14	2.3	20	SSE
Jan. 5	11	-1	0.00	0.7	10	SW
Jan. 6	16	-1	0.01	3.5	16	WSW
Jan. 7	11	-1	0.00	4.2	22	WSW
Jan. 8	16	5	0.04	7.3	28	WSW
Jan. 9	18	1	0.01	3.9	23	WSW
Jan. 10	18	-3	0.00	5.6	24	WSW

**Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015**

	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.20	5.6	0.42
January to Date	0.34	10.2	0.60
Year/Season to Date	0.34	16.0	0.60

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.)

**Obituaries**

**Garry W. White**



Garry Wayne White, 55, of Glennie died on Sunday, Jan. 4, 2015 at home. He was born February 12, 1959 in Fulton, Ky. to Rollie and Martha White. On March 23, 1990 he married Lee A. Freitag in Taiwan. He enjoyed riding motorcycles, camping and, most importantly, spending time with his granddaughter. Mr. White is survived by his wife, Lee; one daughter, Ashley (Scott) Cole; one granddaughter, Leeah Cole; two brothers, Michael White and Ken (Margaret) White. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rollie and Martha White.

Private cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were made by the Hale chapel of the Buresh Funeral Home.

**Margaret L. Hutchinson**

Margaret L. Hutchinson, 83, of Lincoln, died on Tuesday, Jan. 6, 2015 at Sunshine Gardens AFC in Alpena. She was born July 29, 1931 to Roy and Ruth (Boyer) Erway in Gladwin County, Mich. She married Kenneth Martin, and they worked on a farm until he preceded her in death. On May 17, 1963 she married Clarence "Chick" N. Hutchinson, in Gladwin, Mich. They were residents of Clio, Mich. until 1981 when they moved to Black River after Mr. Hutchinson retired. She moved to Lincoln in 2001. Mrs. Hutchinson was a member of the VFW Auxiliary No. 6754 in Spruce. She was an avid bingo player. She enjoyed playing cards, gardening and canning and family vacations in the Upper Peninsula.

She was a wonderful baker and was best known for her pasties, filled bismarks and breads. Mrs. Hutchinson is survived by one daughter, Bonny (Kent) Gauthier of Lincoln; two sons, Kevin (Cyndi) Hutchinson of Alpena and David Martin of Mt. Pleasant, Mich.; five grandchildren, Tracie O'Donnell, Kenneth and Jerry Hundley, Amber Granger and Ethan Gauthier; three great-grandchildren; one sister, Ruth (Al) Schmidt; and one brother, Robert (Nancy) Erway. She was preceded in death by her husband, Clarence, in 1996; one daughter, Sandra Hundley; one son, Clarence Hutchinson II; one sister, Virgaline Conklin; and two brothers, Willard Erway and Lyman Erway. A memorial service was held Saturday, Jan. 10 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan.



# 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, JANUARY 14

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 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 15

A blood pressure clinic will be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 Campbell Road.

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

A presentation of historic aircraft wrecks in Lake Huron will be held at the United Methodist Church on US-23 in Harrisville. A chili bar and dessert meal will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. with the presentation immediately following. A separate free will offering will be sought for both events and will support the cost of the church roof. For more information, call Connie at (989) 724-6643 or Joan at (989) 724-6546.

Anyone interested in amateur radio emergency and public service communications is invited to attend the Alcona County Amateur Radio group meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building at 2600 East M-72. Free refreshments will be served. For more information, contact Stan Darmofal at (989) 724-5550 or visit [www.alconaradio.org](http://www.alconaradio.org).

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 16

Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For details, call (989) 736-8879.

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

My Brother's Hope Potluck Cafe-Take 2 will serve a free meal and offer free haircuts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. Raphael's Catholic Church, 2531 East F-30 in Mikado. For more info., call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

## SATURDAY, JANUARY 17

Learn about owls during an Owl Prowl at Harrisville State Park. Spend about 45 minutes walking through the woods calling these magnificent creatures to see if you can spot one. Meet at the pavilion at the main parking lot at 5 p.m. Registration is required. A Recreation Passport is required for vehicles. For more details, call the state park at (989) 724-5126 or (989) 724-3056.

A filmmaking workshop will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Great Lakes Maritime Heritage Center, 500 West Fletcher, Alpena. Cost is \$20. For more information, call (989) 356-8805 or visit [www.thunderbay.noaa.gov](http://www.thunderbay.noaa.gov).

A community dance will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Live music by the Swollen Fingers String Band and guests. All dances will be taught. Admission is \$5 per person. For more information, e-mail [dancealcona@gmail.com](mailto:dancealcona@gmail.com) or visit [inspirationalcona.org](http://inspirationalcona.org).

A live concert performance by the classic rock and country band Phoenix will be held at 7 p.m. inside the Interlude Ballroom, 701 Woodward Avenue in Alpena. Cost is \$5 per person and a cash bar will be available. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. To reserve a table, call (989) 354-6164. All proceeds go to free admission and rides for children at the Alpena County Fair. This event is sponsored by the Alpena Horseman's Club.

The Greenbush Historical Society is hosting a euchre tournament at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. Doors open at 5:30 p.m., play starts at 6 p.m. The public is invited to attend.

## MONDAY, JANUARY 19

All ladies are invited to play bunco at 2:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 5039 Campbell Road. First-timers welcome.

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

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

The film "Rabbit Proof Fence" will be shown at 2 p.m. at Alpena Community College, room 122 at the Besser Tech Center in Alpena. Matt Dunckel, faculty member, will lead a discussion of the film.

A chili supper will be held at 5 p.m. at Alpena Community College Lumberjack Shack in Alpena. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for students. Tickets will be available at the door. All proceeds will go to "Wash Your Coat

Project" which provides free washer and dryer service to those in need.

A program featuring members of the local community discussing stereotypes in a mono-cultural community will be held at 7 p.m. at Alpena Community College at the Newport Center, room 106 in Alpena.

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 20

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

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

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. The selection for January is "The Sandcastle Girls" by Chris Bohjalian. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Knitting Klub and Crochet will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

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### Students Celebrate Winterfest

Alcona High School Students will celebrate Winterfest with spirit week that will culminate in a Mock Rock on Friday, Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. in the Community Auditorium. Guests will enter through the main high school entrance during the day. Students will mock rock to music, members of the girls and boys basketball teams will be introduced and the Winterfest homecoming courts will be presented.

Both varsity teams will play on Friday, Jan. 16 with the girls game starting at 6 p.m. The king and queen will be crowned afterwards and the boys will play starting at approximately 7:30 p.m. (Junior varsity teams will play away games on Thursday, Jan. 15).

The Winterfest dance will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. in the cafeteria on Saturday, Jan. 17.

### Owl Prowl

People of all ages are encouraged to bundle up and head outdoors for a nighttime adventure at the Harrisville State Park Owl Prowl on Saturday, Jan. 17 starting at 5 p.m. This free evening program will feature a guided walk through the woods in search of owls and other wild nightlife.

Participants will spend 30-45 minutes walking through the woods calling for owls. This is an opportunity to get outdoors, spend time with friends or family and learn about Michigan's wildlife. Participants will meet at the campfire near the day use pavilion in the park and everyone should wear comfortable shoes and dress for the weather as the events will take place regardless of weather conditions. A Recreation Passport is required for vehicles.

To RSVP or for more information, call (989) 724-5126.

### CryptoQuip

answer

Old American military figure who threw eggy desserts at his enemies' faces: General Custard.

### Scholarship Award

Alcona 4-H Member of the Year Morgan Stewart of Harrisville was recently awarded one of four Michigan 4-H Rabbit and Cavy Scholarships offered by the state 4-H office. Stewart has excelled in the rabbit project in Alcona County and was a runner up for a 4-H State Award last summer in the same area. The cash award is applicable to any college, university or trade school. The formal presentation of the awards will be during the Michigan 4-H State Rabbit and Cavy Show later in January.



Morgan Stewart

### Senior Menu

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

- Monday, Jan. 19—Salisbury steak and gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans and mandarin oranges.
- Tuesday, Jan. 20—Roasted pork, red bliss potatoes, broccoli and pineapple.
- Wednesday, Jan. 21—Sweet and sour chicken, rice, Prince Charles blend and peaches.
- Thursday, Jan. 22—Spaghetti with meat sauce, carrot raisin salad and mixed fruit.
- Friday, Jan. 23—Lemon pepper chicken, buttered noodles, tossed salad and mandarin oranges.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

### Genealogy Workshop

"How to Start your Family Tree" workshop on beginning genealogy is planned in Alpena on Saturday, Jan. 24. Anyone who has always wanted to do their family genealogy and didn't know where or how to begin, is encouraged to attend this free workshop. Participants will progress from table to table as they obtain one-on-one assistance from seasoned members of the genealogical society.

Participants should bring any genealogy that is already done to get tips and ideas on how to organize a family tree and how to find more ancestors. A variety of family history publications will be available for sale. This workshop is the collaborative effort of the George N. Fletcher Public

Library and the Northeast Michigan Genealogical Society and will be held in the Judy Stillion Conference room on the second floor of the public library from 1 to 3 p.m. No registration required.

### Peace Corps Volunteer

Jacqueline Mullen, 22, of Harrisville has been accepted into the Peace Corps and departed for Morocco on Monday, Jan. 12 to begin training as a youth development volunteer. She is the daughter of Marylynn and Dan Mullen of Harrisville and a 2010 graduate of Alcona High School. She earned a bachelor's degree in comparative cultures and politics in 2014 from Michigan State University.

"I decided to join the Peace Corps because I wanted to travel abroad and learn as much as I could about people and places outside of my own country before returning to continue with my studies and choose a career," Mullen said. "The Peace Corps allows me to do that while contributing some of my own skills in return."



Jacqueline Mullen

During the first three months of her service, Mullen will live with a host family in Morocco to learn the local language and integrate into the local culture. After acquiring the language and cultural skills, she will be sworn into service and assigned to a community in Morocco where she will serve for two years.

Mullen will work in cooperation with the local people and partner organizations on sustainable, community-based development projects that improve the lives of people in Morocco. This will help her to develop leadership, technical and cross-cultural skills that will give her a competitive edge when she returns home. "I hope to learn as much as I can and use that knowledge to help build cross-cultural communication and understanding in my home and host communities," Mullen said.

Mullen joins the 233 Michigan residents currently serving in the Peace Corps. More than 7,107 Michigan residents have served as volunteers since the agency was created in 1961.

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## District Court



The following individuals were sentenced in 81<sup>st</sup> District Court in December 2014 by the Honorable Allen C. Yenior.

- Richard Paul Watson, 44, of Mio, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$935 for stalking.

- William Frederick Wiley, 26, of Westland, Mich. was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and costs of \$840 of restricted license violation.

- Michael Joseph Vincent, 27, of Ferndale, Mich. was sentenced to 40 hours of community service and fines and costs of \$1,265 for operating an ORV while impaired.

- James Donald Hayes, 37, of Alpena was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and costs of \$528 for non-sufficient funds less than \$100, first offense.

- William Bradley Thompson, 48, of Wixom, Mich. was sentenced to seven days in jail and fines and costs of \$1,600 for transport/possess open intoxicant in a motor vehicle and operate while intoxicated.

- Scott Edward Usteski, 48, of Macomb, Mich. was sentenced to seven days in jail and fines and costs of \$715 for operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.

- Julie Ana Kobylarz, 25, of Westland, Mich. was sentenced to three days in jail and fines and costs of \$385 for attempted retail fraud, third degree.

- Steven Walter Ness, 58, of Ossineke was sentenced to one day in jail and fines and

costs of \$1,140 for operating while impaired.

- Benjamin Thomas Lobaugh, 25, of Harrisville was sentenced to 45 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$1,125 for retail fraud, second degree, more than \$200 and less than \$1,000. (One prior).

- Scott Michael James, 49, of Flushing, Mich. was sentenced to seven days in jail and fines and costs of \$1,340 for operating while visibly impaired.

- Brian Jeremiah Bishop, 34, of Harrisville was sentenced to seven days in jail and fines and costs of \$1,640 for operating while intoxicated.

- Roman John Bassi, 19, of Hale was sentenced to six months of probation and fines and costs of \$595 for failing to report an accident to fix-tures.

- Gregg Edward Halstead, 21, of Eaton Rapids, Mich. was sentenced to five days of community service and fines and costs of \$400 for failing to report an accident.

- Charles William Tudor, 26, of Oscoda was sentenced to two days in jail, six months of probation and fines and costs of \$935 for failure to stop and identify at a property damage accident and operator's license suspended, revoked, denied.

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by Linda Thistle

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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★ ★

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**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
PROPOSED NEW GREENBUSH  
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The Greenbush township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, February 5, 2015 at 7 p.m. the Greenbush Township Hall at 5039 Campbell Rd., Greenbush to receive public comment on the proposed new Zoning Ordinance. The full text of the draft zoning ordinance is available at the Alcona County Library in Harrisville and online at the Greenbush Township website, [www.twp.greenbush.mi.us](http://www.twp.greenbush.mi.us). Written comments may be sent to Pamela Milwrick at P.O. Box 178, Greenbush, MI 48738 prior to the public hearing. The public may appear at the public hearing in person or by council.

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**Lady Tigers bring home big win  
against Rogers City Hurons**

**By Hope Smith  
Sports Writer**

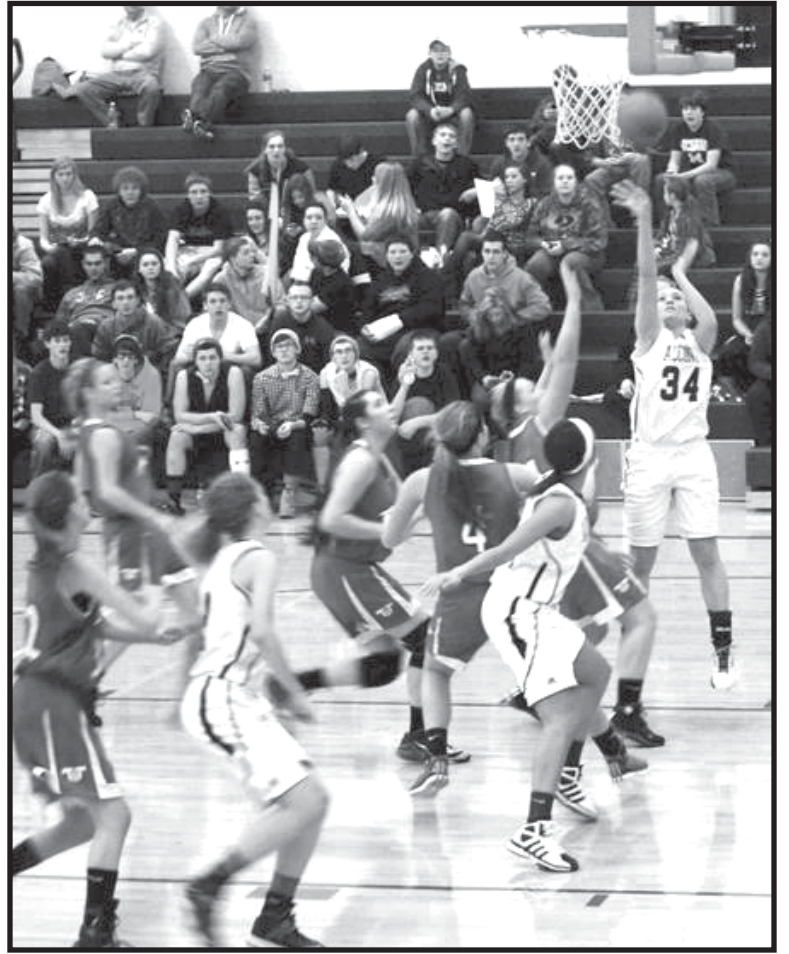
On Friday, Jan. 9 the Alcona girls varsity basketball team won a tough battle against Rogers City.

The Lady Tigers worked hard at both ends of the court knotting the score 8-8 by the sound of the buzzer in the first quarter. Alcona continued to gain momentum in the second quarter with good ball movement. They gradually pulled ahead 19-17 at the half.

The Lady Tigers put some much needed distance on the score board in the third quarter outscoring the Hurons 13-6 to extend their lead 32-23 going into the final period. Alcona maintained focus and worked together in the fourth quarter to find open shooters and make the shots.

They held off Rogers City's 11-10 offensive rally to bring home the well deserved 42-34 victory. "Great team effort tonight as we finally played more to our potential," said coach Brad Cole. "We had a balanced scoring attack and our defense is getting to mid season form."

Kendra Cole had a double-double (DD) by scoring 11 points and pulling down 15 rebounds; she also had two blocks. This is her fourth DD this season. Sydney Pierce scored 10 points, had three



Sierra Forsythe (34) takes a shot in the game against the Tawas Braves. Photo by Pat Brussel.

steals and three assists. Torie Harmon put up eight points and had three assists. Jessica Grove and Alissa Terpsta each had four points. Samantha Schopfer scored three points, gave three assists and had three steals. Nicole Walen added two points in the win.

Alcona's junior varsity team also defeated Rogers City 45-37.

The Lady Tigers had the home court advantage on Monday, Jan. 5 when they took the floor with the Tawas Braves for the second time this season.

After losing 71-37 in their first game, the Lady Tigers wasted no time putting the ball in the bucket to take the 8-7 lead after the first quarter. However, Alcona's lead would be cut short when Tawas started hitting shots from the perimeter to take the 18-17 lead heading into half-time.

In the third period, Alcona started losing ground on defense when they allowed Tawas the space and time needed to make multiple three-point shots. The Braves slowly started pulling ahead 33-24 going into the fourth quarter. Alcona kept pace of-

fensively with Tawas matching them basket for basket in the final period but it just wasn't enough. The Lady Tigers were defeated 43-34.

"Much better than last time we played them as our defense is much improved. Still not making the open shots like we would like but, overall, a very good effort," said coach Brad Cole.

Sierra Forsythe dominated the rim with 12 points and pulled down four rebounds. Cole made nine points and grabbed 15 rebounds. Harmon added nine points; Walen made two points and grabbed five rebounds; and Pierce added two points. They have a 3-6 record overall.

Alcona's junior varsity team earned the 49-37 win against Tawas.

The Lady Tigers have two North Star League match ups this week which started with the Hillman Tigers on Tuesday, January 13. On Friday, Jan. 16 Alcona hosts the ladies from Whittemore-Prescott High School. This will be Alcona's first time facing these two teams this season. They will be back on the road Friday, Jan. 23 when they travel to Oscoda to take on the Owls.



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# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## Getting around when you no longer drive

Dear Savvy Senior,  
Where can I find out about alternative transportation options for my elderly mother? She needs to give up driving, but before she does, we need to figure out how she'll get around.

Searching Daughter

Dear Searching,  
Alternative transportation services vary widely by community, so what's available to your mom will depend on where she lives.

For starters it's important to know that while most urban areas offer seniors a variety of transportation services, the options may be few to none for those living in the suburbs, small towns and rural areas. Alternative transportation is an essential link in helping seniors who no longer drive get to their doctor's appointments, stores, social activities and more.

Depending on where your mom lives, here's a rundown

of possible solutions that can help her get around, along with some resources to help you locate them.

• Family and friends: This is by far the most often used and favorite option among seniors. So make a list of all possible candidates your mom can call on, along with their availability and contact information.

• Local transportation programs: These are usually sponsored by nonprofit organizations that serve seniors. These services may charge a nominal fee or accept donations and often operate with the help of volunteer drivers.

Also check out the Independent Transportation Network (itnusa.org), which is a national nonprofit that has 27 affiliate transportation programs in 23 states. With this program, seniors pay membership dues and fees based on mileage. And, most programs will let your mom donate her car in re-

turn for credits toward future rides.

• Demand response services: Often referred to as "dial-a-ride" or "elderly and disabled transportation service," these are typically government-funded programs that provide door-to-door transportation services by appointment and usually charge a small fee or donation on a per ride basis. Many use vans and offer accessible services for riders with special needs.

• Taxi or car service: These private services offer flexible scheduling but can be expensive, however, they're cheaper than owning a car. Some taxi/car services may be willing to set up accounts that allow other family members to pay for services and some may offer senior discounts. Be sure to ask.

• Another option to look into is ride-sharing services, which connects people with cars, with people who need rides. Uber (uber.com), Lyft



Savvy Senior

(lyft.com) and Sidecar (side.cr) are three of the largest companies offering services in dozens of cities across the U.S.

• Private program services: Some hospitals, health clinics, senior centers, adult day centers, malls or other businesses may offer transportation for program participants or customers. And some non-medical home-care agencies that bill themselves as providing companionship and running errands or doing chores may also provide transportation.

• Mass transit: Public transportation (buses, trains,

subways, et cetera.) where available, can also be an affordable option and may offer senior reduced rates.

• Hire someone: If your mom lives in an area where there are limited or no transportation services available, another option to consider is to pay someone in the community to drive her. Consider hiring a neighbor, retiree, high school or college student that has a flexible schedule and wouldn't mind making a few extra bucks.

To find out what transportation services are available

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# Tigers go 1-1 after Christmas break

**By Jordan Steiner**  
Basketball Writer

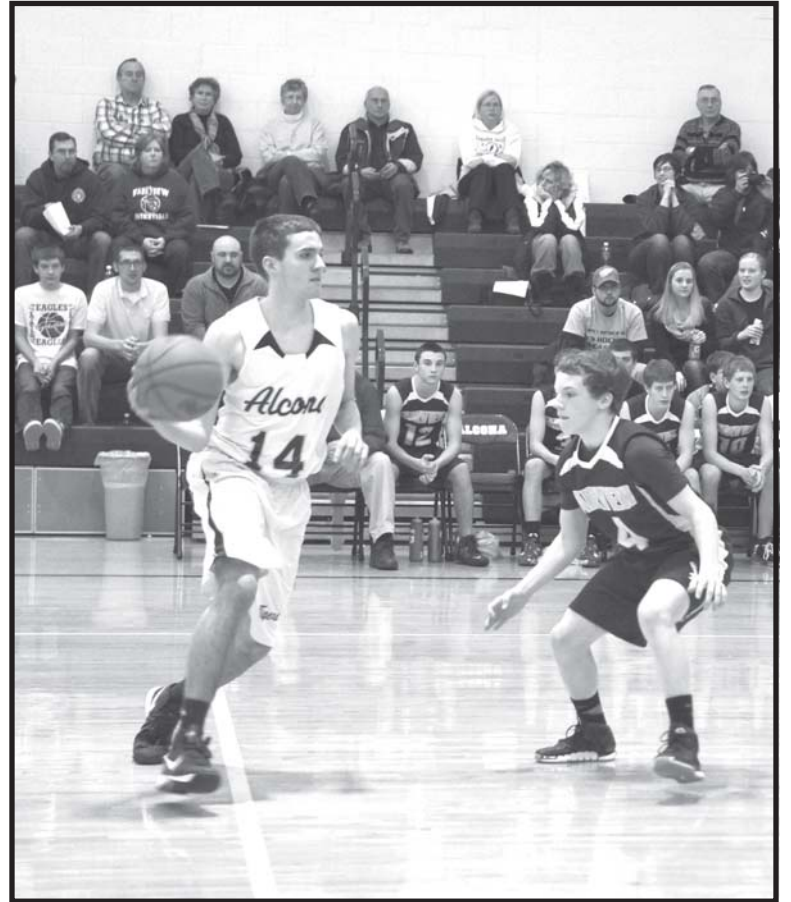
The Alcona boys varsity basketball team played host to Fairview on January 9 in the second game following the holiday break and notched a win with an explosive offensive run in the second quarter.

The game started by each team scoring back and forth and, eventually, ending the first quarter at 14-12 with Alcona in the lead.

The second quarter was a different story for the Tigers. They erupted with an offensive onslaught that put 24 points on the board. Trenton LaVergne, Brandon Smigelski, Jason Steiner, Nate Swinson and Hunter Sullivan contributed to the run.

The first half ended at 38-18 with Alcona in the lead.

In the second half, Alcona's offense slowed down. The Tigers scored 12 points in the third quarter and only three points in the fourth quarter. Strong defense helped the Tigers finish the game with a 53-41 win. LaVergne led all the scorers with 19 points. Smigelski pitched in with 10



Jason Steiner (14) drives the ball around a Fairview defender. Photo by Kathy Steiner.

points; Swinson scored nine points and Steiner scored eight points.

On January 6 the Tigers traveled down to take on their rival the Tawas Braves, but came out on the losing end falling 53-41.

The feisty Tawas defense limited the Tigers offense, and Alcona had a difficult time stopping Tawas center Tim Janis, who is six feet seven inches tall.

Although the Tigers kept the game close in the first half, Tawas slowly began to pull away in the second half, and, eventually, finished off the Tigers.

LaVergne led the Tigers with 19 points. Swinson and Smigelski chipped in with seven and six points respectively. The Tigers have a 3-3 overall record.

The junior varsity team won thriller against the Braves on January 6. They were losing by three points with 15 seconds left in the game. Jack Hutchinson quickly laid the ball up and in to bring the Tigers within one point, and then Cody Schram deflected the Tawas inbound pass and it fell to Tim Hutchinson, who laid the ball off the glass as the buzzer sounded to win 56-55. Their record now stands at 5-1.

Town Hall Meeting in Barton City for all residents concerning the implementing of broadband internet on **January 15 at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall.** Refreshments provided. For further information, contact Jim Burger (989) 736-3401.

*The Family of Beulah Wnuk would like to thank a large group of kind people who provided food and helped to serve the luncheon on January 3 in Barton City. A very warm thank you.*

## 8 Pool League 8

**Alcona Women's**  
January 8

Mikado Tavern	69
Mikado Also	54
Glennie Tavern	53

## Savvy

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in your mom's community, contact the Rides in Sight national toll-free call center at (855) 607-4337 (or see [ridesinsight.org](http://ridesinsight.org)), and the Eldercare Locator (800) 677-1116, which will direct you to her area agency on aging for assistance.

Also contact local senior centers, places of worship and retirement communities for other possible options. And check with her state department of transportation at [www.fhwa.dot.gov/webstate.htm](http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/webstate.htm), and the American Public Transportation Association at [publictransportation.org](http://publictransportation.org).

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Alcona athletes earn high ranking in the regional weight lifting competition in Owosso, Mich. on January. (Front row, from left) Abby Franklin, Jack Hutchinson, (back row) Dakota Oke, Brock Franklin, Dresden Parkinson and Cody Schram. Lifters took home three first place medals, one second place, one third place and one honorable mention. Photo by Pat Brussel.



# Watch for sudden changes in river flow during wintertime fishing

Anglers are urged to use caution when planning trips on Michigan's rivers and streams this winter. Winter fishing for trout and steelhead can be challenging and rewarding, but cold air temperatures can cause sudden and significant changes in flows in rivers and streams.

According to Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) fisheries biologist Kyle Kruger, temperature effects are most pronounced at times of very cold

air temperatures, particularly below 10 degrees Fahrenheit, especially if areas with extreme nighttime cold temperatures alternate with warmer days.

"When nights are very cold and clear, rivers can see extensive freezing and often ice dams form," Kruger said. "These dams cause water to back up the streams, reducing flow downstream, and can be quickly released if temperatures rise above freezing during the daytime hours.

This can cause unpredictable and often sudden flow changes."

Kruger said this phenomenon is noticeable on the middle to lower AuSable River in Michigan's northern Lower Peninsula. "The middle AuSable River is particularly susceptible to the influences of cold weather, more so than some of the state's other winter steelhead streams," he added.

Extensive ice damming and anchor ice formation can occur below Mio Dam (Oscoda County), particularly in the area around McKinley, during periods when air temperatures are below 10 degrees Fahrenheit. Typically, these ice-damming events cause unusually low flows to be seen below Foote Dam (Iosco County).

We want anglers to remember that the colder the weather, the more unpredictable flows will be in some of Michigan's rivers," Kruger said. "Please use appropriate caution if you're planning fishing trips during these periods."

DNR fisheries staff strongly recommend that when planning for a winter fishing trip to one of the state's streams, anglers should check on river conditions and weather forecasts locally. Air tempera-

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## Bowling

### Early Bloomers

January 6

Rosebuds	66.5	29.5
Mums	47	49
Violets	44	52
Marigolds	42	54
Daffodils	37	59
Buttercups	36.5	59.5

High game and series: Annette Kane, 182 and 456.  
High team game and series: Daffodils, 461 and 1,239.

Women's high handicap series: Missy Connor 640.

### Huron

January 6

Gary Oil	50.5	39.5
Lincoln Prec.	50	40
Back Alley Bar	47	43
Seven	46	44
Harbortown Piz.	40	50
Rob's Repair	36.5	53.5

High game and series: Jimmy Armstrong, 300 and 770.  
High handicap game: Jimmy Armstrong, 307.  
High handicap series: Matt Fletcher, 797.

### Sportsman

January 8

We R Versatile	18	9
AuSable Inn	15	12
L. L. Woods	14	13
Cole's Appl.	13	14
Village Lanes	12	15
Phil's Barber	9	18

High game and series: Jimmy Armstrong, 300 and 789.  
High handicap game and series: Jimmy Armstrong, 316 and 837.

### Majors

January 10

Crazy Kids	173	97
Pin Busters	141	128
Spare Happens	132	138
Lucky 7	91	170

Boy's high game and series: Robert Levesque, 209 and 498.  
Boy's high handicap game and series: Robert Levesque, 280 and 711.  
Girl's high game and series: Emily Hoffman, 123 and 345.  
Girl's high handicap game: Hannah Tanner, 206.  
Girl's high handicap series: Emily Hoffman, 588.

### Minors

January 10

Tigers	112	18
Red Skulls	67	39
Girl Power	57	73

Boy's high game and series: Garrett Somers, 74 and 147.  
Boy's high handicap game: Sawyer Smith, 235.  
Boy's high handicap series: Ashton Smith, 448.  
Girl's high game and series: Emily Hanson, 81 and 150.  
Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hanson, 292 and 392.

### Wednesday Nite Women's

January 7

JB's Auto	41	19
Back Alley Bar	36.5	23.5
Stoney Acres	33	27
Lincoln Prec.	33	27
Ark Plumbing	31	29
Alcona Abstract	28.5	31.5
Alcona Tool	24	36

High game: Carla James, 216.  
High series: Lynn Gibson, 627.  
High handicap game: Lydia Lucas, 258.  
High handicap series: Lynn Gibson, 705.

### He's & She's

December 19

Wine Tards	164	76
Up Your Alley	143	97
Splits Happen	142	98
Part Timers	137.5	102.5
3 Right/Wrong	136.5	103.5
Wild Ones	103	137
Family Affair	84	156

Men's high game and series: James Armstrong, 218 and 610.  
Men's high handicap game: Tim Eilf, 243.  
Men's high handicap series: Bill Peterson, 664.  
Women's high game and series: Lora Shillair, 210 and 548.  
Women's high handicap game and series: Lora Shillair, 279 and 755.

January 2

Wine Tards	26	4
3 Right/Wrong	22	8
Up Your Alley	21	9
Splits Happen	19.5	10.5
Family Affair	10.5	19.5
Wild Ones	9	21
Part Timbers	4	26

Men's high game and series: James Armstrong, 256 and 698.  
Men's high handicap game and series: James Armstrong, 257 and 701.  
Women's high game: Kathy Schwartz, 190.  
Women's high series: Gale Rowley, 480.  
Women's high handicap game: Kathy Schwartz, 244.

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Daryl have been strong supporters of organ donation, wanting to give the gift of life to others. Daryl said he never thought he'd be in a position like this -- to receive an organ, instead of donating one.

"You see all those human interest stories on 'Dateline' and other television shows about organ donors and you never think you'll be in that position. Now we wonder who Daryl's donor will be and if

we will get to meet their family to thank them," Beth said. The couple is encouraging everyone to sign up to become an organ donor.

Until the day he can receive a new heart the Langs are living life the best they can. They enjoy playing euchre, spending lots of time with their two dogs, seven year old Scarlet and a five month old puppy named J.C. (short for Johnny Cash) and keeping in touch with family including their three children and three grandchildren. They look forward to continuing their love of golf and boating this summer and Daryl hopes to be able to resume one of his favorite hobbies this fall, deer hunting.

The Langs are also dealing with costs involved associated with Daryl's health condition and the costs that will be upon them once he receives a heart.

"They said the anti-rejection medications will be around \$7,000 a month. Hopefully, insurance will pay a lot of that but for just one of the drugs my cost will be around \$900 a month," Daryl said. Because of the high medical costs and traveling involved the Langs have been offered assistance from friends who want to help. They have also joined a national non-profit group, National Foundation for Transplants (NFT), to help them.

Daryl said a lot of his friends and family were concerned about NFT and wondered if the funds donated in his name would go directly for his needs or go into a general fund to help all involved in NFT. Daryl assures people that all funds donated

in his name through NFT will go directly to help him with medical needs and travel related expenses. He said the additional bonus of going through the non profit is that any donations can be tax deductible for the donor and he doesn't have to pay any tax on the additional income.

Beth explained NFT does charge a small fee of three percent, but the benefits they provide the Langs with are well worth the charge. "They have really helped by giving fundraising ideas, promoting benefit dinners with fliers and other assistance. Their guidance has really been useful. NFT and our friends have

been a huge blessing to us. It's one less thing we have to think about," Beth said.

A dinner benefit is set to be held Saturday, Jan. 17 at Hope Lutheran Church (5462 W. Nicholson Hill Road in Hubbard Lake), from 3 to 7 p.m. In addition to delicious spaghetti the benefit will also be conducting a Chinese raffle and a drawing.

Other benefits will also be planned.

To make a donation to Daryl Lang visit [www.transplant.org](http://www.transplant.org) and search for his name on the website. For more information or to donate to the benefit, call Kelly Miller (989) 727-3603.



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## About ventricular assist devices

According to the University of Michigan Frankel Cardiovascular Center and WebMD.com ventricular assist devices (VADs) are used when conventional treatment cannot effectively relieve the symptoms of heart failure. The device assists the heart in pumping blood to the rest of the body, improving circulation to vital organs.

LVAD, a left ventricle assist device is more commonly used, but there are also RVADs for right ventricle assistance.

LVADs work by pumping blood from the left ventricle (lower part of the heart) and moving it forward into the aorta, the main blood vessel that carries blood from the heart to the rest of the body. The pump assists the weakened heart muscle, but it does not replace the heart muscle.

VADs have been used for well over a decade to improve survival and quality of life for patients with advanced heart failure.

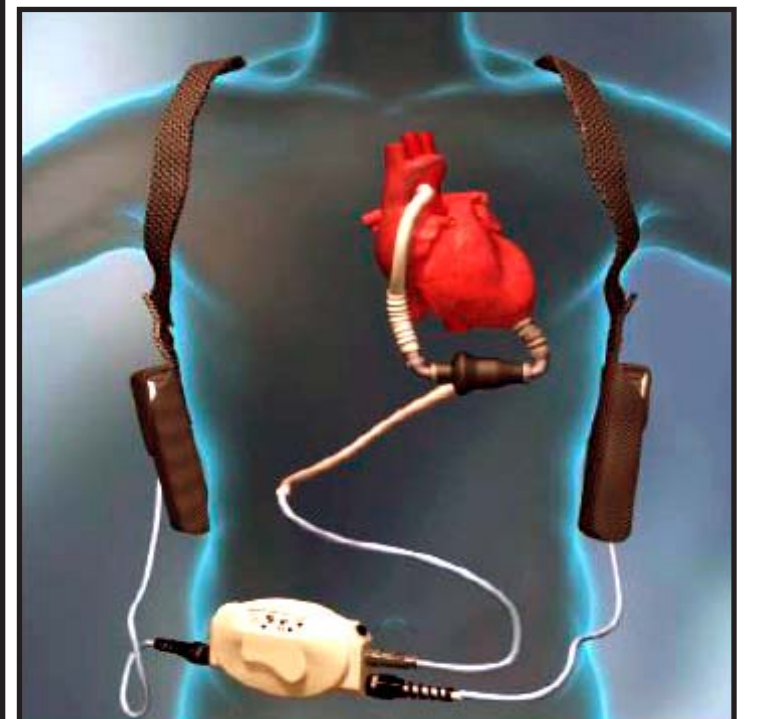
The LVAD pump is implanted inside the chest with one end attached to the left ventricle, the chamber of the heart that pumps blood out of the lungs and into the body. The other end is attached to the aorta, the body's main artery. Blood flows from the ventricles into the pump which passively fills up. When the sensors indicate it is full, the blood is ejected out of the device to the aorta.

A driveline (tube) connects the pump and exits through a small site in the abdomen. This driveline is connected to a small computer, called the controller, which runs the pump and holds the batteries and is worn externally as a belt. The batteries must be charged nightly.

VADs can be used as a bridge to transplant for patients who are waiting for a heart transplant to provide stability until a heart becomes available. A VAD can also be used as destination therapy in patients who may not be eligible for a heart transplant, but have advanced heart failure. These pumps are implanted permanently as long-term support to extend and improve the patient's quality of life. Patients implanted with a VAD as destination therapy have survived for longer than eight years on the device.

Risk factors with VADs include infection, internal bleeding, heart failure, device failure, blood clots, stroke, respiratory failure and kidney failure.

For more information on VADs visit the University of Michigan Cardiovascular Center website at [umcvc.org](http://umcvc.org).



Basic set up showing the internal and external components of an LVAD. Graphic courtesy of the University of Michigan Health System.

# Ice conditions still not good for fishing enthusiasts

## Northeast Lower Peninsula January 8

Conditions are still quite variable from lake to lake but improving for foot traffic.

- Grand Lake: Anglers are ice fishing however, there was still some open water so extreme caution needs to be used.

- Long Lake: Should have some ice fishing however, ice thickness may not be consistent. For bluegill and crappie, try jiggging minnows, wax worms or spikes. For pike, try tip-ups in the coves.

- Clear Lake: In Montmorency County has started to produce some splake. Catch rates for panfish and pike were mixed.

- Fletchers Pond: Should be in good shape but anglers will still need to use caution especially where there is a current. Try jigs with minnows and wax worms for bluegill, crappie and perch. Pike will hit on tip-ups with sucker minnows.

- Hubbard Lake: Anglers are ice fishing however, rumor has it a snowmobile went through the ice. Anglers would be wise to travel by foot only. For perch and pike, target the North Bay and the East Bay.

## Fishing Report

- Higgins Lake: Has iced over however, it was not safe. Anglers would be wise to wait until the weekend before they start venturing out. Strong winds broke up the ice on the north end of the lake so even

## Sudden

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tures below 10 to 15 degrees Fahrenheit are likely to create conditions for more difficult fishing, particularly from a boat.

Flow and water temperature data for many of Michigan's larger steelhead streams have real-time gauges which can be checked online through the U.S. Geological Survey. There also are many weather-related websites that can provide forecasts for anticipated air temperatures that can help you better plan for expected conditions.

though the ice is rebuilding, extreme caution needs to be used. Be sure to use a spud to check the ice ahead of you.

- Houghton Lake: Ice fishing is on but not all of the lake was frozen. With snow on the ice, anglers will need

to careful and watch for open water in the North Bay and the East Bay. Pike were very active and hitting on tip-ups with sucker minnows or goldens. The walleye bite slowed with the onset of the cold front but the bite is com-

ing back. Try blues, jigs and spoons. Some decent perch were caught by walleye anglers. For bluegills, try spikes and wax worms.

- Lake Margrethe: Ice anglers caught bluegill, perch, pike and walleye.

## Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of January 5-11, 2015

52 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests; 2 Warrants.

### Complaint Statistics

Car/Deer Accidents	10	Property Damage Accident	6
Message/Well Being Check	1	Miscellaneous	5
Dog/Animal	4	Traffic	5
Alarm	5	Suicidal Subject	1
Warrant Arrest	2	Civil	2
Salvage Vehicle	1	Larceny	1
Fraud	1	Be On the Lookout	1
Criminal Sexual Conduct	1	Juvenile	2
Suspicious Events	2	Patrol Check	2

### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

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# Chiaroscuro

By **Kartina Wouters**  
Columnist

Chiaroscuro  
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noun

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• An effect of contrasted light and shadow created by light falling unevenly or from a particular direction on something.

~ Merriam-Webster Online

December 21 was the darkest day of the year, the shortest time between sunrise and sunset. Every day that came after it was a little bit brighter, with the sunlight, like a party guest reluctant to leave, hanging out a little bit longer.

Although I miss the sun, I really love the darkness of winter solstice. It gives me time to snuggle up in my pajamas with my kids and watch cartoons, linger in a bubble bath or catch up on the ever-growing number of blogs in my "to be read" folder on my trusty MacBook Pro. I like to knit and listen to the radio.

When I do that -- when I unplug from television and the Internet -- I often pretend I am living in a different era, although, I am thankful this is not the case and I'll tell you why. Being free from the constant stream of information we are so used to in today's society, although pleasant, can make coming back to the present a bit jarring.

It was in this state of mind that I stumbled upon a lot of conjecture about Bill Cosby's rape allegations. I was shocked and heart broken. The sheer number of women that have come forward in alleging that Cosby drugged and raped them is astounding: 26 at the time that this article goes to press.

Only one is currently in litigation -- the 1975 case of a 15-year-old that claims to have been assaulted at the Playboy mansion. Thus far Cosby's response has been to keep quiet and let his attorney call the allegations ludicrous. On NPR Weekend



## The Princess Diaries

By *Kartina Wouters*

Edition in November, Scott Simon asked Cosby about the sexual assault allegations and then explained to his listeners, "he is shaking his head."

"The Cosby Show" established Thursday night as the night that families would plunk down on their well-worn Barcaloungers and watch television. Long before "Must See TV" advertisements and now familiar Thursday night medical dramas, sitcoms like "Alf," "Silver Spoons," "Punky Brewster," "Cheers" and "Family Ties" lit up our screens.

Coming from a small town with very little racial diversity I felt amazed and grateful to have a window into a completely different world than the one I inhabited on a daily basis. The Cosby family made me feel like I actually knew people who were different than barely middle class, caucasian me.

Now, let me be perfectly honest: I have very strong opinions about rape. I spent most of my free time in college in crisis counseling. My alma mater, Michigan State, had a wonderful sexual assault volunteer program where I learned to counsel victims of rape as well as meet them at the hospital or in the courtroom to act as advocate. I feel that the training and experience I gained far outweighed the emotional impact of the stories I witnessed, which were horrific. One of the things that really bothers me the most about rape is that when women come forward, such as in the Cosby case, they are not believed. It still astounds me that a woman's body can be violated and their perpetrator can walk free simply by claiming that she made the whole thing up.

Although the FBI states that only two to eight percent of rape allegations turn out to be false, disbelieving women has become the norm in what many have dubbed "rape culture." I think the most shocking fact about the Cosby case is that these allegations are not new. Many of the women who have come forward have been trying to be heard for years.

In fact, five of the alleged victims appeared on CNN to answer the question that most of the world has been asking, "Is there anything to be gained from falsifying these allegations?" The accusers, some of whom are now in their seventies, have repeatedly said that they do not want money or exposure. For all of them the statute of limitations has run out on the sexual assault, meaning that a trial will never happen. Their stories are all eerily similar -- naive actresses,

dancers and models who were approached with offers of helpful advice on the entertainment business then drugged and assaulted.

Besides his family friendly television show, Cosby is well known for his speeches to the African-American community on the importance of education, accountability, parenting and financial responsibility. Many journalists have pointed out the irony of lecturing people on being upstanding and accountable and then not facing your own allegations head on, branding Cosby a hypocrite.

Unfortunately, the vast majority of Cosby's allegations will never be tried in any court other than the court of public opinion because America has a statute of limitations on sexual assault. Unlike the loose ends that pull together at minute 28 of our favorite half hour comedy, we may never know what really happened here, but for me, I choose to believe the women who have bravely come forward to tell their stories.

I also want to be sure to share the Boston study by David Lisak at the University of Massachusetts that found that serial offenders who rape six times on average are responsible for 90 percent of campus rape.

The truth is, one in five American women will be raped in their lifetime. I shake my head in embarrassment when, in Michigan, the conversation has largely been about insurance coverage for rape rather than prevention. It just seems like we are living in the dark ages when women come forward about their personal violations and their voices go unheard.

I feel as though these have indeed been dark times. I'd like to believe that things are getting better, that by shedding more light on the facts about rape the women who want nothing more than justice are able to be heard.

As the days grow longer and the sun illuminates more of our days it is my hope that our society can clearly see where we have gone wrong. That we learn to believe the ugly truths so that we can start to mend them. This is the only way out of the darkness.

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# Recipes and techniques designed for venison

Whether a deer hunter is motivated by filling the freezer, bagging a trophy, or just doing their part to help manage the state's deer population while enjoying the tradition of hunting each fall, those who are successful all have one thing in common: Going home with many pounds of fresh venison that can be prepared and enjoyed in a multitude of ways.

But with so many options for cooking venison, it can be difficult to know where to start.

The first rule of thumb, according to Michigan wild game chef Dan Nelson, is to avoid treating venison as a substitute for other more common proteins, instead choose preparations designed to enhance venison's unique qualities.

Nelson is the chef at Eagle Eye Country Club near Lansing, Mich. and cooks wild game dishes for "Gourmet Gone Wild" - a program supported by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Michigan United Conservation Clubs (MUCC), Michigan State University's Department of Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Boone and Crockett Club, that is designed to introduce young professionals to the benefits and techniques of cooking with wild game, while sharing information about the important role hunters and anglers play in the conservation of natural resources.

A message "Chef Dan" (as Nelson is known) imparts on Gourmet Gone Wild participants is the idea that venison and other wild game is not the same as beef or pork and should not be prepared or cooked as such. "With all things wild - whether it's foraged greens or wild game - all the flavors are more concentrated," Nelson said. "A wild leek is far more potent than standard onion and garlic. And it's the same with meats. They have stronger, deeper flavors and you need to manage that.

"It's like wines," he continued. "It's pretty rare that someone picks up their first glass of deep red wine and absolutely loves it. You usually start with the sweeter

and whiter wines and, as your palate develops, you expand your tastes. It's the same way with wild game."

One of the biggest differences between wild game and domestically produced meats is the way fat is dispersed throughout the animal. In domestic meats - especially good cuts of beef - the fat tends to be marbled through the meat. In venison, fat tends to surround the meat.

"The fat in a lot of wild game is not especially edible," Nelson said. "All of your cervids (hoofed game animals) have very, very strong-tasting fat." To avoid flavor issues, the first assignment when preparing venison for the table is removing the fat, Nelson said.

"If you have poor-tasting fat laced throughout your meal, your mouth immediately gets coated in a film of venison fat," he said. "So you're not really tasting the meat, you're tasting the fat.

"Removing the fat means the meat is going to be drier," he continued. "You can't overcook it and expect to have a delicious flavorful steak. You have to care for it in a few ways to make up for it."

How? For starters, most cuts of venison should be served rare, Nelson said. And you don't have to worry about it being insufficiently cooked. "All bacteria and pathogens are on the outside of the meat," he said. "As long as the outside is sufficiently cooked, there's nothing to worry about."

Ground game meat should be cooked more thoroughly, Nelson said, but ground game is more easily chewed so cooking it well won't make it tough. "Make sure there's not too much venison fat in your ground meat," Nelson said. "Ground venison will have a deep gamey flavor if you have too much fat in it. You want to remove the fat, but you can incorporate other fats."

Indeed, many butchers add beef or pork fat to ground venison, though Nelson said there are other, better alternatives. "Quality wild fats - puddle ducks, geese, even squirrels - can be rendered and used in your dishes to help moisten drier venison."

Instead of cutting loins up



Chef Dan Nelson

into chops, cooks should prepare them whole, and slice them thinly when they serve it, Nelson said. "It's easier to chew and it's less dry," he said.

Similarly, steaks and roasts should be allowed to "rest," Nelson said, before they are served. "Allow the muscle fibers a chance to relax," Nelson said. "That helps keep it moist. If you slice a roast that hasn't rested, the cutting board will be covered with blood and juices. If you let it rest before you cut it, all that liquid is still in your meat."

According to Nelson, people who say they don't like venison have likely only been exposed to poorly prepared venison. And preparation begins well in advance of bringing it into the kitchen. "One of my biggest peeves is the practice of hanging deer outside," said Nelson, who prefers skinning deer immediately and storing the meat in a cool, dark place. "The hide continues to work very efficiently, even when the animal is dead, keeping the meat warm. That's why they make leather coats.

"And some of the worst-tasting fat is what resides just underneath the skin," he continued. "That flavor can transfer into the meat itself." Following Nelson's guidelines, a successful hunter would immediately skin the deer, quarter it, and keep it in a cooler. "Get it out of the air, out of the sun, and keep

it cold," Nelson said.

"You can get an entire 175-pound deer in a 65 to 80-quart cooler," he said. "It's not going to take a lot of ice to keep it cool. And even better is dry ice - wrap it in a towel or put it on a tray so it doesn't have direct contact with the meat and keep it on top of the meat in the cooler. Cold travels downward. Dry ice is readily available and it doesn't take a lot to do the job."

The best part of serving wild game is that it is in complete keeping with the trends that modern-day "foodies" espouse - it's locally produced, harvested in a sustainable manner, and organically raised, Nelson said. "When you're taking your protein from nature, the most respectful thing that you can do is consume as much of that animal as possible," he concluded. "Making it taste better is the key to eating and enjoying more of the harvest."

The following Venison Rib Roulettes recipe is one of Nelson's favorites. More of Nelson's recipes can be found in his recent Boone and Crockett Club cookbook "Wild Gourmet: Naturally Healthy Game, Fish and Fowl Recipes for Everyday Chefs," available for purchase at <https://mucc.org/product/boon-crocketts-wild-gourmet-cookbook/>.

**Venison Rib Roulettes**  
Serves: Six as a meal, 24 as an appetizer

From Chef Dan: Venison rib meat, despite being the most flavorful cut of venison, is often underutilized; most toss it into the grinding pile for burger and sausage. Rib meat of all types has a unique and palatable combination of fat and sinew, that when roasted properly, yields a sweet and earthy meal.

I often find that bone-in venison ribs are too cumbersome.

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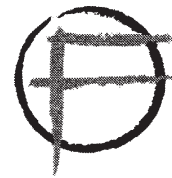


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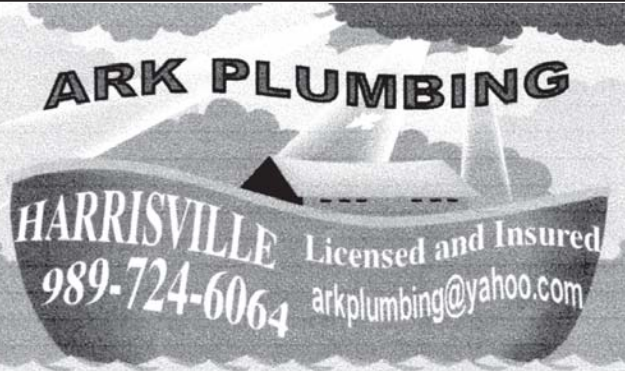


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# 1.8 million people sign up to be organ donors in last four years

The number of Michigan adults registered as organ, tissue and eye donors has surpassed 50 percent.

Secretary of State Ruth Johnson was joined by partners from Gift of Life Michigan and the Michigan Eye-Bank at the Hamtramck Area PLUS Office in Hamtramck, Mich. to thank Secretary of State staff and customers for their continued support of Michigan's Organ Donor Registry. Other volunteers visited branches statewide to thank staff for their efforts.

"When I first took office, Michigan was near the bottom of the list nationally in terms of organ donors, with only 27 percent of eligible residents signed up," Johnson said. "Now, thanks to the hard work of branch

staff, volunteers and other passionate advocates, we have reached the national average and registering as a donor has become a cultural norm. Every name means hope for the 3,400 people in Michigan still waiting for a lifesaving or life-enhancing transplant."

After she was elected in 2010, Johnson made expanding the organ donor rolls a priority but insisted that it be done at little to no cost to taxpayers. She directed her staff to start asking customers if they wanted to sign up, created a task force of leading experts and began promoting organ do-

nor registration throughout her branch offices. About 85 percent of people who sign up do so through the Secretary of State's office.

"We thank our partners for their efforts, and we especially thank the people of Michigan for recognizing that they have the power to heal lives by becoming organ, tissue and eye donors," said Richard Pietroski, CEO of Gift of Life Michigan, the state's organ and tissue recovery program.

More than 3,825,000 people are on the Michigan Organ Donor Registry. Every donor has the ability to save up to eight lives through or-

gan donation and improve up to 50 more through cornea and tissue donation.

"People in Michigan are so generous, so caring and want to help others if they can," Johnson said. "Every name on the donor registry means hope for waiting families. I'm so proud of our Secretary of State employees and their commitment to saving and improving lives throughout this state by asking customers to join the donor registry."

Anyone can join the Michigan Organ Donor Registry, regardless of age or medical history. Go to [www.ExpressSOS.com](http://www.ExpressSOS.com), call (800) 482-

4881 or visit any Secretary of State office.

For more information on organ, eye and tissue donation, visit [www.giftoflifemichigan.org](http://www.giftoflifemichigan.org) or [www.michiganeyebank.org](http://www.michiganeyebank.org). To sign up to the Michigan Organ Donor Registry and to access some of the Secretary of State's most popular services, visit [www.ExpressSOS.com](http://www.ExpressSOS.com).

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## Venison

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some for the amount of meat available and have the tendency to dry out quickly. This recipe uses the intra-rib strip of meat cut free from the bones during processing. These roulettes make a phenomenal appetizer - I use slightly larger bamboo sticks when skewering the meat and then cut in half for service. To truly appreciate the great flavor of venison rib meat, serve the barbecue sauce on the side.

Prep Time: Three hours  
 Ingredients:

12 Venison Intra-Rib Meat Strips

12 Thick-cut Smoked Bacon Strips

2 Large Yellow Onions - julienne

2 Tbl Fresh Chopped Garlic

1 Tbl Yellow Mustard Seed

1 tsp Celery Seed

3 Tbl Tomato Paste

1 Cup Apple Juice

1 Cup Venison Stock

½ Cup Apple Cider Vinegar

Kosher Salt and Blended Pepper

4 inch wood picks

Instructions:

1. Lay venison rib strips flat on cutting board, sprinkle with salt and blended pepper, and top each with one slice of bacon.

2. Pinwheel roll each rib strip and bacon - skewer twice or more to ensure the roulette does not unroll.

3. Warm a heavy braising dish over medium-high heat, sear rib roulettes for two to three minutes on each side. Remove and set aside roulettes.

4. In the same dish, over medium-high heat, sauté the julienne onions for five minutes, stirring occasionally.

5. Mix tomato paste, venison stock, apple cider vinegar and seasonings in the braising pan with the onions.

6. Cover the braising dish and cook at 250 degrees for 2 to 3 hours until very tender.

7. Serve hot with your favorite barbecue sauce and fresh fries.

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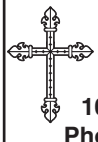
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# Calendar of Events



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**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21**

Food pantry is 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 to the oldies with Roseanne at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Center, 5039 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 4 p.m. in the upstairs hall at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. All levels of woodcarvers including beginners are welcome.

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

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 22**

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

A blood pressure clinic will

be held at 3:30 p.m. at the Glennie Center, 4932 F-30.

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

The Pine River Van Etten Lake Watershed group will meet at 10 a.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall on Campbell off US-23. All are welcome. For more information, visit [www.vanetten-lake.org](http://www.vanetten-lake.org) or [facebook.com/pineriverwatershed](http://facebook.com/pineriverwatershed).

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**FRIDAY, JANUARY 23**  
Enjoy popcorn and a movie at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For details, call (989) 736-8879.

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street.

Family movie matinee at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Enjoy a newly released DVD and theater-style popcorn. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 24**

If you have always wanted to do your family genealogy and didn't know where or how to begin, you are invited to attend a free workshop from 1 to 3 p.m. at the George N. Fletcher Public Library in Alpena. Bring any genealogy you may have already done to get tips and ideas on how to organize your family tree and how to find more ancestors. This event is sponsored in part by the Northeast Michigan Genealogical Society.

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

**MONDAY, JANUARY 26**  
Exercise indoors, walk upstairs from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

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

A hands-on experience combining science and nutrition will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. This free program is sponsored by Snap-Ed and MSUE Science Literacy for Feeding the Mind and Body. To register, call (989) 724-6796.

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 27**  
Weight Loss Support group will meet at 4 p.m. at the United Methodist Church, 101 East Main Street in Lincoln. Visitors are welcome and there is no membership fee. For more information, call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

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

The Harrisville Lady Lions will meet at 12:30 p.m. at the Flour Garden in Harrisville. To reserve a place, call Fran Barber at (989) 739-8735 or e-mail [fbarber@charter.net](mailto:fbarber@charter.net).

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**Seven Day Forecast**

**WEDNESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 23 Low: 14

**THURSDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 30 Low: 21

**FRIDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 29 Low: 21

**SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 35 Low: 25

**SUNDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 32 Low: 21

**MONDAY**  
Mostly Cloudy  
High: 30 Low: 21

**TUESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 28 Low: 14

**Today's Regional Map**

**In-Depth Local Forecast**

Today we will see partly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 23°, humidity of 73%. Southwest wind 5 mph. The record high temperature for today is 47° set in 1950. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with an overnight low of 14°. The record low for tonight is -17° set in 1965. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a high temperature of 30°.

**\*Last Week's Almanac**

Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	9	1	27/11	0.01"
Tuesday	16	2	27/11	0.02"
Wednesday	8	-2	26/11	0.01"
Thursday	16	5	26/11	0.02"
Friday	12	2	26/10	0.01"
Saturday	18	0	26/10	0.00"
Sunday	26	15	26/10	0.00"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

**Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week**

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>New 1/20</b>	Wednesday 8:06 a.m.	5:18 p.m.	1:53 a.m.	12:37 p.m.
Thursday 8:06 a.m.	5:19 p.m.	2:55 a.m.	1:14 p.m.	
Friday 8:05 a.m.	5:20 p.m.	3:57 a.m.	1:57 p.m.	
<b>First 1/26</b>	Saturday 8:04 a.m.	5:21 p.m.	4:59 a.m.	2:48 p.m.
Sunday 8:04 a.m.	5:23 p.m.	5:58 a.m.	3:46 p.m.	
Monday 8:03 a.m.	5:24 p.m.	6:53 a.m.	4:53 p.m.	
Tuesday 8:02 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	7:43 a.m.	6:05 p.m.	

**Local UV Index**

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

**National Weather Summary This Week**

The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies today and Thursday, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 40° in Fruitland, Md. The Southeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain today and Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 82° in Naples, Fla. The Northwest will see mostly clear skies today, partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 57° in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 78° in Fullerton, Calif.

**Tonight's Planets**

	Rise	Set
Mercury	9:10 a.m.	6:52 p.m.
Venus	9:17 a.m.	6:54 p.m.
Mars	9:59 a.m.	8:30 p.m.
Jupiter	7:22 p.m.	9:38 a.m.
Saturn	4:15 a.m.	1:45 p.m.
Uranus	11:25 a.m.	12:09 a.m.

**Weather History**

**Jan. 14, 1989** - A winter storm spread snow and sleet and freezing rain from the Middle Mississippi Valley to the northeastern U.S. Freezing rain in West Virginia caused fifteen traffic accidents in just a few minutes west of Charleston.

**Weather Trivia**

What kind of fog is found in the mountains?

Answer: Upslope fog.

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**StarWatch By Gary Becker - Comet Lovejoy: Just What the Doctor Ordered**

I saw it just a few days ago with a nearly full moon in the sky. Comet Lovejoy, C/2014 Q2, is here, and although it is not a barn burner, it is visible through binoculars; and now with the moon on the wane, it should become visible to the unaided eye from rural locales and maybe even to suburbia. Discovered on August 17, 2014 by amateur astronomer Terry Lovejoy of Thornlands Queensland, near Brisbane, Australia, C/2014 Q2 is the fifth comet to bear the Lovejoy name and his third in a row to reach naked eye visibility. Lovejoy's most famous comet, C/2011 W3, was a sungrazer which passed through Sol's corona. Unlike the Thanksgiving (2013) Comet ISON debacle, another sungrazer that disintegrated after closest approach, Lovejoy W3, emerged in late 2011 as a spectacular visual treat for Southern Hemispheric observers. C/2014 Q2 was predicted to be much dimmer, in fact, nothing more than a faint binocular or telescopic object at its brightest; but it has proven to be an overachiever, becoming binocular in December and now visual from dark observing sites. Whether this newest Lovejoy discovery is slated for naked eye visibility from suburban skies should be known this week or next as the comet puts on its brightest show. To see Lovejoy, use binoculars. A map showing Lovejoy's position throughout January is provided in the web version of "this week's StarWatch" at [astronomy.org](http://astronomy.org). Currently (Jan. 11-17), the comet is due south at 8 p.m. and will be passing through the constellation of Taurus the Bull to the west (right) of the bright star Aldebaran by about three binocular fields. Later in the week, Lovejoy also approaches the famous Pleiades or Seven Sisters star cluster on the shoulder of the Bull. Follow the three belt stars of Orion the Hunter upward to Aldebaran and the "V" shaped head of Taurus and onward to the Seven Sisters. When viewing through binoculars, the comet will have a cottony, fuzz ball like look and may even appear elongated. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)



# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **LITERATURE:** How many daughters does King Lear have in Shakespeare's play?
2. **MUSIC:** When did MTV make its debut?
3. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the tallest mountain in Western Europe?
4. **ANATOMY:** What is the biggest bone in the foot?
5. **HISTORY:** Who founded the abolitionist newspaper "The North Star"?
6. **LANGUAGE:** What does the Latin phrase "non compos mentis" mean?
7. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What was the site of Coca-Cola's first bottling company?
8. **COMICS:** What is the name of Dennis' younger buddy in the "Dennis the Menace" comic panel?
9. **SCIENCE:** How fast can a bolt of lightning travel?
10. **TELEVISION:** In what fictional city does the soap opera "All My Children" take place?

**Answers:** 1. Three; 2. Aug. 1, 1981; 3. Mont Blanc; 4. The heel bone, or calcaneus; 5. Frederick Douglass; 6. Not of sound mind; 7. Chattanooga, Tenn., 1899; 8. Joey; 9. 3,700 miles per second; 10. Pine Valley, Pennsylvania (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

# Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On Jan. 27, 1785, the Georgia General Assembly incorporates the University of Georgia, the first state-funded institution of higher learning in the new republic. It wasn't until 1918 that the university began admitting women.
- On Feb. 1, 1885, John Taylor, the president of the Mormon Latter-day Saints Church, goes "underground" to avoid arrest and continue resisting federal demands for polygamy. Taylor had at least seven wives. Although the Mormons wanted freedom from outside interference, they also sought the benefits of being a part of the United States. Inevitably, these two goals conflicted.
- On Jan. 30, 1920, Toyo Cork Kogyo, a Japanese cork business, is formed. A decade later, the company produced its first vehicle and changed its name to Mazda. The Mazda-Go was a three-wheeled truck that resembled a motorcycle with a cargo-carrier at the back.
- On Jan. 31, 1945, Pvt. Eddie Slovik becomes the first American soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion. Slovik was originally classified 4-F because of a prison record, but was reclassified 1-A when draft standards were lowered. In 1944, he was trained to be a rifleman, which was not to his liking, as he hated guns.
- On Jan. 28, 1959, the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League sign Vince Lombardi to a five-year contract as the team's coach and general manager. The Brooklyn-born Lombardi played college football at Fordham University as a guard on the offensive line, dubbed the "Seven Blocks of Granite."
- On Jan. 29, 1964, Stanley Kubrick's black comic masterpiece "Dr. Strangelove" opens in theaters to both critical and popular acclaim. The movie focused on the actions of a rogue U.S. military officer who believed that communists are threatening the "precious bodily fluids" of Americans.
- On Jan. 26, 1980, at the request of President Jimmy Carter, the U.S. Olympic Committee votes to ask the International Olympic Committee to cancel or move the Moscow Olympics in response to the Soviet military invasion of Afghanistan.

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## Super Crossword

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Lundgren of "Rocky IV"</p> <p>6 Bathers' scrubbers</p> <p>12 Like alcoves and nooks</p> <p>20 Mr. T's TV group, with "The"</p> <p>21 Approach and speak to boldly</p> <p>22 Loathed one</p> <p>23 Vinton, Eunice and Ellen's mom</p> <p>25 Planted again</p> <p>26 — Lingus (Irish carrier)</p> <p>27 "It's cold in here!"</p> <p>28 Hold together firmly</p> <p>30 Also</p> <p>31 Outpatient facility</p> <p>34 "Allow me, — may ..."</p> <p>37 Bud and Kelly's mom</p> <p>40 — acid (fat product)</p> <p>41 Garcia of fashion</p> <p>43 Applies, as a coat of wax</p> | <p>44 Wednesday and Pugsley's mom</p> <p>48 Proficient</p> <p>52 Salad green</p> <p>53 Suffix with bureaucrat</p> <p>54 May honorees</p> <p>56 Curly's buddy</p> <p>57 Casino client</p> <p>61 Rudy, Vanessa, Theo, Denise and Sondra's mom</p> <p>65 Scented</p> <p>66 Long green</p> <p>67 Work with</p> <p>68 Milk, in Paris</p> <p>69 Comic Leary</p> <p>70 Coin of Chile</p> <p>71 Sped</p> <p>73 TV actress Jennie</p> <p>74 Pizzazz</p> <p>75 In favor of</p> <p>76 Pious person</p> <p>78 — jumping (extreme sport)</p> <p>79 Portrayer of 23-Across</p> <p>82 Big vultures</p> <p>83 Once — blue moon</p> <p>84 Outlaw Rob</p> <p>85 Reindeer kin</p> | <p>86 Like single-purpose committees</p> <p>88 Slow, to Solti</p> <p>90 Portrayer of 61-Across</p> <p>96 How blackbirds may be baked?</p> <p>99 Oscope views</p> <p>100 Pollen piece</p> <p>101 Portrayer of 37-Across</p> <p>105 Assembled</p> <p>106 Wildlife</p> <p>107 From — Z (thoroughly)</p> <p>108 Brunei ruler</p> <p>110 Post-op area</p> <p>112 Muhammad —</p> <p>113 Whale's kin</p> <p>116 Portrayer of 44-Across</p> <p>121 Precise</p> <p>122 Little hills</p> <p>123 Physicist Mach</p> <p>124 They include Saturdays</p> <p>125 Least crazy</p> <p>126 Alloy of zinc and copper</p> | <p>2 Literature's "Moor of Venice"</p> <p>3 More wary</p> <p>4 Bud</p> <p>5 "Let's see now ..."</p> <p>6 Oz Lion player Bert</p> <p>7 Wind instruments with finger holes</p> <p>8 Bar code scanner: Abbr.</p> <p>9 Dandy dude</p> <p>10 "Hang on —"</p> <p>11 Razor sharpener</p> <p>12 Krypton, e.g.</p> <p>13 Force</p> <p>14 Stengel and Kasem</p> <p>15 Summer, to Jules</p> <p>16 The lady</p> <p>17 Many a taxi</p> <p>18 Edit</p> <p>19 Pa</p> <p>24 Easy as —</p> <p>29 "A Doll's House" family name</p> <p>32 Louse-to-be</p> <p>33 Winter spikes</p> <p>35 Giant flops</p> <p>36 Ky. neighbor</p> <p>38 Talk big</p> | <p>39 German for 30-Across</p> <p>42 "I thought we had —!"</p> <p>45 Street — (urban acceptability)</p> <p>46 Suffix with court or hotel</p> <p>47 Like part of Russia</p> <p>49 Official ban</p> <p>50 Less rude</p> <p>51 Cuts canines</p> <p>54 Be reflective</p> <p>55 Wood splitter</p> <p>57 Kid's sled</p> <p>58 "Sweet —" (barbershop song)</p> <p>59 Monte Carlo resident</p> <p>60 Very edge</p> <p>62 How pajamas fit</p> <p>63 Harm</p> <p>64 — flowing with milk and honey</p> <p>66 Feline call</p> <p>70 Address God</p> <p>72 Four roods</p> <p>73 Firearm storage item</p> <p>75 Mahmoud Abbas' gp.</p> <p>77 Often-sprained joint</p> <p>78 Churlish type</p> | <p>80 Literary twist</p> <p>81 Nuke, maybe</p> <p>82 "— -ching!"</p> <p>87 Purifies, as whiskey</p> <p>89 Even score</p> <p>90 Baby oinkers</p> <p>91 "— shocked!"</p> <p>92 Health facility</p> <p>93 Biblical shout of praise</p> <p>94 Innocent</p> <p>95 Halts</p> <p>97 Allocate</p> <p>98 Took a break</p> <p>101 "Bam!"</p> <p>102 Right wrongs</p> <p>103 Eggy cake</p> <p>104 Doesn't have</p> <p>106 Hot dog base</p> <p>109 Mom's mom</p> <p>111 Abnormal body sac</p> <p>114 Plen-T- — (Wrigley's gum unit)</p> <p>115 Metal deposit</p> <p>117 Pitchman</p> <p>118 Pelota cheer</p> <p>119 Brother of George Bush</p> <p>120 Bobby of hockey</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- Those who traveled by air over the recent holiday season may sympathize with political satirist Mark Russell, who made the following sage observation: "The scientific theory I like best is that the rings of Saturn are composed entirely of lost airline luggage."
- If you're planning a visit to rural Texas anytime soon, you might want to keep in mind that in that state, it's against the law to milk a cow that belongs to someone else.
- The elephant shrew is more closely related to the elephant than to the shrew.
- You may have heard of bridezilla, but what about momzilla? In a survey by David's Bridal, 22 percent of respondents claimed that it was the mother of the bride who caused the most conflict when planning the event, while another 22 percent said that it was the mother of the groom. You might want to take these results with a grain of salt, though, considering the fact that the survey respondents were actually brides themselves.
- Even an honest person might have some sympathy for the deceit attempted by a man named Corey Taylor in 2007. He was so desperate to get out of his cell-phone contract without paying the high fee that he attempted to fake his own death. Unfortunately for him, it didn't work.
- You may be surprised to learn that condoms date back to at least the 1600s.
- If you're afraid that peanut butter will stick to the roof of your mouth, you suffer from arachibutyphobia.

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Thought for the Day: "My therapist told me the way to achieve true inner peace is to finish what I start. So far I've finished two bags of M&Ms and a chocolate cake. I feel better already." -- Dave Barry

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## CryptoQuip

This is a simple substitution cipher in which each letter used stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Solution is accomplished by trial and error.

Clue: **S** equals **W**

TKJ OFCVBQOH FBKBPOVN

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AOQCR: XCHCVOK QMRPOVJ.

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## VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those present included president Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers and council members Healy, Kohn, Phillips, Somers and Stutzman. Gauthier was absent.

The minutes of the December 2014 meeting were approved on a motion from Phillips with support from Stutzman. The treasurer's reports were approved subject to audit on a motion from Phillips with support from Stutzman. Treasurer Kossa stated that we need to be very cautious with our spending. More discussion will take place during the upcoming budget workshop on Wednesday evening.

In public comment time Eric Bates asked about the water problem in front of his business on Second Street. President Jordan stated the DDA has already appropriated the funds to have the drainage issue resolved as soon as the weather permits. He asked about the procedures for snow removal as he feels that things need to be attended to faster. We are having a lot of break downs and it is hoped that things can be repaired and we can get back on track very soon. Kathy Putsky stated they have purchased more lights for next year's Christmas season at a very good price. She offered to order more lights and was directed to purchase up to 10 more sets.

Mike Serafin, fire chief, gave his report. There were a total of 15 Medical First Responder runs and four fire runs during the month. There were two car accidents that were part of this number. The department is having problems with an air compressor so he is checking prices for a new one. A training exercise is scheduled for January 31 for ice rescue on Brownlee Lake. He is hoping to get more departments to participate in the event.

President Jordan gave the street report. There were some repairs done on Second and Traverse Bay streets. The sewer report was presented from Alpena Septic Service. So far things are going very well.

In old business, Glenn Kohn stated he was impressed with the Festival of Lights celebration

in early December. He further thanked maintenance man Steve for taking down a tree that needed to be attended to. Phil Phillips passed out a report he has put together relating to a request for a flashing light at the intersection of Barlow Road and Traverse Bay Street. He stated there are strict guidelines from the state of Michigan regarding placement of a light.

Although there are a few accidents over past few years it is a recommendation that we can improve the site by doing improvements to our current pavement markings. A meeting will be held on January 12 with someone from Michigan Department of Transportation and the Alcona County Road Commission. President Jordan and Phil Phillips will be attending and will report back at a later date.

Sara Healy gave a report of the winners of the Festival of Lights contest: First place - Joe and June Lincoln; second place - Ralph and Kay Diamond; third place - Phil and Vickie Phillips; fourth place - Roxanne Hanner; and fifth place - Jerry and Diana Burt. The travelling trophy for business went to Gillies Funeral Home. Stutzman asked whether or not the irrigation system was blown out as part of the fall clean up. It has been taken care of. He also asked about having a curb put near the credit union to fix the deep pot holes that keep cropping up. Phillips will talk with someone and see what can be done.

In new business, Kohn stated he has had people contact him regarding things within the village. One question was about snowmobiling/ORV use in the village. Currently, there are no restrictions within the village. There have been incidents of people running their machines on the ball diamonds and other village property.

Phillips asked if we can use signs we have stating that ORV traffic is prohibited on village property. Attorney Cook stated that we can restrict it wherever we need to. Once it is posted he advised that we call the sheriff's department and have them handle it. He was also asked about having new businesses brought into the community. He has attended the DDA meeting and said he is impressed with the dedication of those on

the board there who are trying to get businesses here. He would like to have the meeting minutes of the DDA put on the village website.

President Jordan gave his report. He stated that Bonny Gauthier is no longer interested in being the president pro-tem due to her other obligations. Phil Phillips is willing to take over as the pro-tem. Congratulations Phil. Planning commission meetings are put on hold until further notice.

Thanks to those who helped with the Festival of Lights. A special thanks to Alcona boys basketball team. The parks and recreation plan is on hold until plans can be made regarding a possible grant application. Once totals are in a determination will be made whether or not we will need to update the P&R plan. President Jordan thanked Bill Putsky for his help working on the possible grant needs.

Thanks to Phil Phillips for the donation of a water cooler for the village hall. There are a lot of problems with the loader. It needs to be fixed as soon as possible. We also need to find someone as an assistant clerk and treasurer. An ad will be put together to advertise for interested persons.

A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Phillips with support from Stutzman. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Phillips with support from Kohn. Carried.

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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A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held December 30, 2014 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to: Approve the minutes of the December 10, 2014 meeting; authorize payment of open accounts in the amount of \$39,494.30; approve the budget for 2015; eliminate policy no. POL9301; approve a special assessment agreement with

Hawes Township; approve a road improvement agreement with Curtis Township.

This synopsis published prior to board approval. Complete minutes are available upon request via e-mail at [roads@alconacrc.com](mailto:roads@alconacrc.com) or by calling (989) 736-8168. The next regularly scheduled meeting is January 14 at 4 p.m. Meetings are open to the public.

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jason Livingston and Linda Livingston, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Wilimington Finance, Inc. its successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated April 13, 2006, and recorded on April 25, 2006 in Liber 430 on page 251, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. Bank National Association as successor by merger of U.S. Bank National Association ND 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 one

hundred six thousand seven hundred forty-nine and 39/100 dollars (\$106,749.39).

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on January 28, 2015.

Said premises are situated in township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at the SE corner of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 of Section 28, T27N, R8E, thence north 18 rods; thence west 19 rods; thence south 18 rods; thence east 19 rods to point of beginning. Subject to an easement over the above described property for ingress, egress and utility purposes over an existing roadway which commences off of Ritchie Road and continues in a northerly direction to other property owned by the grantor. Said roadway is approximately 12 feet in width to benefit the balance of the SE 1/4 of the SE 1/4 that is retained by the grantor, said easement will be binding upon the heirs, successors and assigns of the parties.

Being the same premises conveyed to Jason Livingston and Linda Livingston from Helen Marentette, a single woman by quit claim deed dated September 10, 2002 and recorded January 16, 2003 as instrument of book/page no. 375-898 of the Alcona County Clerk's Office.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale under Chapter 32 of the Revised Judicature Act of 1961, pursuant to MCL 600.3278 the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 31, 2014

For more information, please call:

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File No. 426006F03

12-31, 1-7, 1-14, 1-21, 2015

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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, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan

at 10 a.m. o'clock, on February 4, 2015. Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: Lots 4, 5, 6, and 7 of Alkan Acres Subdivision, as found in Liber 2 of Plats, pages 79-80, Alcona County records. 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 one month from the date of such sale, or as to MCL 600.3241a only, 15 days from the MCL 600.3241a(b) notice, whichever is later.

If the above referenced property is sold at a foreclosure sale under Chapter 600 of the Michigan Compiled Laws, under MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

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### Mortgage Sale

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

Notice is hereby given that default has occurred in a mortgage given by Dorothy A. Mallard and Barbara J. Robarge to the United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service or successor agency, United States Department of Agriculture. The mortgage is dated May 4, 2000 and was recorded on May 4, 2000 in Liber 340 on pages 374 to 379 of the Alcona County records. No proceedings have been instituted to recover any part of the debt which is now ninety-two thousand six hundred twenty-four and 88/100 (\$92,624.88) dollars.

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 February 11, 2015 at 10 a.m. local time, at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan which is the location of the Alcona County circuit court. The property will be sold to pay

the amount then due on the mortgage, including interest at the rate of 7.375 percent per year, legal costs, attorney fees and any taxes or insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee before the sale.

The property to be sold is located in Millen Township, Alcona County, Michigan and is more specifically described in the mortgage as: Part of the north 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 34, Township 26 North, Range 7 East, described as commencing at the northeast corner of said north 1/2 of the southwest 1/4; thence south 10 rods; thence west 16 rods; thence north 10 rods; thence east 16 rods to the point of beginning.

The redemption period will expire one (1) month from the date of the sale unless a notice is received pursuant to MCL 600.3241a (c) in which case the redemption period will expire six (6) months from the date of the sale. Please be advised that under MCL 600.3278, if the property is actually sold at a foreclosure sale pursuant to the procedures provided in MCL 600.3200 et. seq., as is currently anticipated by this notice of mortgage sale, then in such event, the borrowers will be responsible to the person who buys the

property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damaging the property during the redemption period.

Dated: December 31, 2014

United States of America, acting through the Rural Development Agency F/K/A the Rural Housing Service of the United States Department of Agriculture  
 Prepared by: John R. Tucker, Esq.  
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## MITCHELL TOWNSHIP MINUTES

The Mitchell Township Board met on December 8, 2014. Members present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, clerk Donita Charron, treasurer Kevin Small and trustee Carla Brimm. Others present: Sexton Donald Crowell, Robert Carpenter, CPA and three community members.

The board accepted the November 3, 2014 regular meeting minutes as corrected; accepted the November financial report as submitted and voted to pay Robertson & Carpenter \$3,000 for the independent auditor's report and the filing of Form F-65. The audit report reflected favorably on the township's financial statements and activities.

Supervisor Murnock sent a letter to the State Tax Commission outlining the township's and the township assessor's plan of action to comply with the state's additional assessing requirements.

The board voted to pay for assessor Thompson's board of review training; voted to appoint Frank Rate as assistant fire chief; accepted November's zoning report; voted to proceed with a resolution to close Crooked Lake Road, Crooked

Lake Park, Idlewild Subdivision and Campsite Subdivision to all ORV and golf cart traffic and voted to reappoint Rose Marie Reynolds, Sharon Murnock and Alan Fletcher to the board of review with Sarah Conner as alternate.

The board also voted to reappoint Mike Letendre and Herb Trader to the planning commission; voted to reappoint Ray Poellet to the zoning board of appeals; and voted to approve the 2015 meeting schedule.

Three citizens applied for the vacant trustee position: Aaron Welch, Paula Taylor and Fawn Naffiene. After a secret ballot was cast Aaron Welch was appointed Mitchell Township Trustee.

The fire department had five medical runs and one personal injury. One petition for hardship exemption was presented to the Board of Review. The planning commission meeting is December 10, 2014 at 7 p.m. Various correspondence was received with no action taken. The next meeting is February 9 at 7 p.m. For the full board minutes or for more information, contact clerk Donita Charron at (989) 884-1354.

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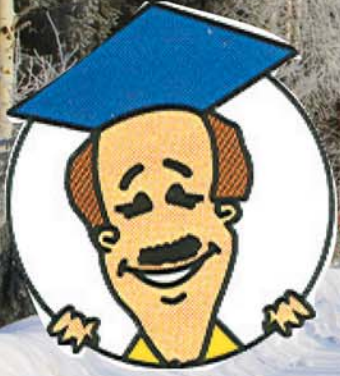
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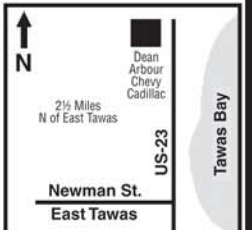
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