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## Small businesses help spur state job growth

By Elizabeth Ferguson  
Capital News Service

Michigan's small businesses are expecting to hire more employees and increase wages in the upcoming months, according to the Small Business Association of Michigan.

Almost 30 percent of the 600 small businesses surveyed by the association in January said they hired more workers in the past six months, and 33 percent intend to hire more workers in the next six months. Nearly 40 percent of the surveyed businesses said they planned to raise wages.

In 2014, there were 216,956 businesses in Michigan with less than 50 employees. Last year these businesses hired 20,526 new employees, according to the state's Bureau of Labor Market Information and Strategic Initiative.

"Small businesses make crucial contributions to economic growth by providing jobs, local business activity and revitalization of our cities," Michael Rogers, Small Business Association of Michigan's vice president of communications, said in an e-mail.

As the state's economy improves and small businesses are making more hires, they are also having greater difficulty hiring qualified employees, Rogers said. In February, the association developed a new program to help small businesses find the employees they need.

The Talent Exchange, an online portal that connects small businesses to thousands of potential employees, matches up companies with applicants based on skills, interests and requirements. The portal's purpose is to save business owners time and money, Rogers explained.

These small businesses and others across the U.S. are contributing to the country's total increase in employment.

In 2014, businesses with less than 50 employees were responsible for 46 percent of the country's increase in jobs, contributing 1.26 million jobs to the total 2.73 million gain that year, according to February's ADP National Employment Report.

Small businesses can also receive assistance from the Michigan Small Business Development Center which has 11 regional offices that

help entrepreneurs solve problems related to planning, starting and growing a small business, according to Annie Olds, regional director at the northwest region's center in Traverse City, Mich.

"Small businesses are what drive our economy in this region, and we are seeing a huge turnaround with the businesses we are working with—they are hiring and growing," Olds said.

Olds' regional development center assisted 286 small business clients in 10 counties last year, and 55 percent were food and agriculture related businesses.

This year, the center is offering a class for potential business owners looking to start a food or agriculture business. The 10-week program is co-taught by the center's staff and Michigan State University Product Center faculty. Participants end the class with a formal business plan to start their future company.



Lady Tiger Samantha Schopfer (14) makes a layup during the first game of the Class C District tournament against the Oscoda Owls. For the story, see page 5. Photo by Pat Brussel.

## Harrisville physician retires after 28 years

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

"Wherever the art of medicine is loved, there is also a love of humanity."

~ Hippocrates

Alcona County residents will feel the loss of a physician who served the community for 28 years, but the community's loss will be the world's gain.

Dr. James P. Richards retired from his practice at the Harrisville office of the Alcona Health Center at the end of February. He plans to spend more time with his family and also serve as a missionary physician for third world countries.

Richards came to Alcona County to complete a scholarship requirement for four years, but stayed long after that commitment fulfilled and continued to practice family medicine. He said it was the type of community he had always imagined practicing in; he could never see himself with an inner-city, urban practice.

Richards grew up in the township of Mancelona located in northern mid-Michigan. "I was raised on a farm, much like a lot of my patients. I like the community environment and being part of that," Richards said.

After graduating from high

school, Richards joined the United States Navy and served for eight years. He then attended Oral Roberts University in Tulsa, Okla. Upon completion of his bachelor's degree Richards entered the College of Human Medicine at Michigan State University and graduated with his medical doctorate degree in 1984.

He completed a family residency in Midland, Mich., prior to coming to Alcona County. "I had a national health service corps scholarship for a good portion of my medical school expenses. Repayment of that (scholarship) was to practice in a designated health manpower shortage area. Alcona was that area," Richards said.

He explained that his family practice evolved from prenatal care, to deliveries, to the last 10 years where he saw mostly aging patients. "With the duration of time, my patients have grown older as I have, or I've grown older as they have. I'll miss interaction with these folks, some of which were my patients for the full duration of time I've been here.

"One of the things I've valued most in my practice was getting to know my patients and spending time with them," Richards said.

While he will miss his pa-

tients and staff greatly, he said he won't miss the current environment of ever increasing medical regulations which is driving a wedge in the health care process. "The regulations require an inordinate amount of time to do all of those extra things and it hinders the process of providing health care," Richards said.

Richards and his wife, Judy have plans to attend a mission orientation conference for a few weeks in Virginia and then travel to Florida to visit family and friends. They will also be spending time with their six children, two from Richard's previous marriage, and four children the couple adopted from Brazil.

Richards is also looking forward to spending time this summer with his nine, almost 10, grandchildren, as one is on its way.

He and his wife, who is a registered nurse, hope to begin a short medical mission trip in the fall for six to eight weeks -- they will, most likely, be involved with the World Medical Mission. The mission has arrangements with numerous hospitals around the world, but he thinks they will most likely go to South America or Africa.

"Retirement is beginning



Dr. James P. Richards retired the last week of February after serving as a family practice physician for Alcona Health Center for 28 years. Photo by Mary Weber.

to settle in a bit, but hasn't fully. It was difficult saying good-bye and a number of tears were shed on my last days seeing patients. I'll miss the staff too. I've had an excellent and valuable staff to work with, pretty much the same people for the last 12 years. I owe them and my patients thanks," Richards said.

"My aim is to continue to be of service. My motivation derives a great deal from my personal faith in God and the desire to serve others. I see this as an opportunity to do that."



# Obituaries



## John C. Swalley

John C. Swalley, 65, of Mikado, died on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at St. Mary's Hospital in Saginaw, Mich.

He was born May 1, 1949 to Robert C. and Irene (Smithers) Swalley Sr. in Bryan, Ohio. He was raised in Bryan, Ohio and in Canton, Mich.

He served in the U.S. Army.

On April 4, 1986 he married Barbara Gauthier in Wayne, Mich. They lived in Canton, Mich. and Mr. Swalley worked for animal control for the Canton Police Department.

In 1990 they moved to Mikado.

He loved the out-of-doors, especially camping and working on his tractor.

Mr. Swalley is survived by his wife, Barbara; one daughter, Karen Swalley of Alabama; two sons, John C. Swalley II of Oklahoma and Kevin Swalley of Florida; three grandchildren; one sister, Vicki Rokita; and two brothers, Ralph Swalley and Jerry Swalley.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Bobby Swalley.

Visitation will be at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln, on Wednesday, March 11 from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at 3 p.m. The Rev. Lawrence Boks will officiate.

## Forest J. Bowers Jr.

Forest James Bowers Jr., 83, of Lincoln died on Friday, March 6, 2015 at home.

He was born August 4, 1931 to Forest and Alice (Alcorn) Bowers Sr. in Hawes Township. He was a resident of the area for most of his life.

On March 16, 1956 he married Martha Meyers.

Mr. Bowers worked as a maintenance man for Lost Lake Woods Club.

He enjoyed working on cars and tractors, and tinkering on motors. He liked to be outside and especially liked camping, ice fishing, and snowmobiling.

Mr. Bowers is survived by one daughter, Susan (Dan) Pardee of Pembine, Wisc.; two grandchildren, Forest "J.R." Bowers IV and Crystal Bowers; one great-granddaughter, Zoe Bowers; two sisters, June Dorr, and Betty Anderson; and one brother, Henry Bowers.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Marty, on March 27, 2003; one son, Forest "Lee" Bowers III on August 6, 1991; one sister; and two brothers.

The funeral was held on Tuesday, March 10 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. Burial will be in Twin Lakes Cemetery in the spring.

## Thelma A. Read

Thelma A. Read, 92, of Spruce, died on Monday, March 2, 2015 at her home.

She was born August 13, 1922, to Fred and Lenna (Taylor) Parr in New Baltimore, Mich. She was raised in Macomb County, Mich.

On June 7, 1941 she married Carroll Read in New Haven, Mich. They were residents of Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Mrs. Read worked as a sales clerk for Sears for many years, before moving to Spruce in 1972.

She was a member of the United Methodist Church of Lincoln. She loved to bake, especially pies. She also enjoyed gardening.

Mrs. Read is survived by two sons, Harold (Gisa) Read and Dwain (Sheila Strunk) Read; two grandchildren, Andrea Read and Brian Read; three great-grandchildren, Sebastian Guzman, Emma Guzman and Anya Read.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Carroll, on July 3, 2003; one sister, Helen Sherman; and one brother, Frederick Parr.

The funeral was held Saturday, March 7 at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. The Rev. Mary Soderholm officiated. A graveside service will be held Wednesday, March 11 at 1 p.m. at the Oakwood Cemetery in New Baltimore, Mich. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan.

## Evelyn L. Herrera

Evelyn L. Herrera, 95, of Barton City died on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

She was born November 14, 1919 to William and Louise (Bassney) McCaulley in Bay City, Mich., where she was raised.

Mrs. Herrera was a resident of California before moving to Barton City.

She enjoyed singing, baking and writing poetry.

Mrs. Herrera is survived by one daughter, Crystal Carmona; one son, John Herrera; 11 grandchildren; many great grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Miguel, on February 16, 1984; three sons, Richard Herrera, Timothy Herrera and Michael Herrera; one grandson; three sisters; and one brother.

Visitation will be held at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln, on Thursday, March 12, from 11 a.m. until the funeral service at 1 p.m. The Rev. Robert Bissot will officiate. Burial will be in Maple Ridge Cemetery, Barton City, in the spring.

## Thomas L. Stojsik

Thomas L. Stojsik, 74, of Greenbush died on Friday, March 6, 2015 at his home.

He was born on November 22, 1940 in Mt. Clemens, Mich. to Leo and Marion (Rondo) Stojsik.

He married Charlene Abraham on November 26, 1966 in Mt. Clemens, Mich.

Mr. Stojsik moved to the area in the spring of 1969 to perform dredging on Cedar Lake. He owned and operated W&S Development for 42 years. He created dredging equipment that went all over the world to complete large projects.

He enjoyed hunting, fishing, racing snowmobiles and was an avid poker player.

Mr. Stojsik is survived by his wife Charlene; one son, Bryan Stojsik of Greenbush; three grandchildren; one sister, Judy (Gary) Campau of New Haven, Mich.; and one brother, Skip (Lori) Wilkins of Oscoda.



A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 14 at 11 a.m. at the Buresh Funeral Home in Oscoda. The Rev. Lawrence Boks will officiate.

Memorials may be directed to Reverence Home Health and Hospice, 200 German Street, Tawas City, Mich. 48763.

## Margaret Silburn

Margaret Silburn, 92, of Lincoln died on Thursday, March 5, 2015 at home.

She was born in Ballston Lake, N.Y. on March 28, 1922 to A. Erle and Ruth (Baumgartner) Feeney. She graduated from the local high school and earned a bachelor's degree from Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, N.Y.

She married George LeRoy Silburn on December 27, 1951. She served as pastor's wife for many years at the Baptist church in Worcester, N.Y. and then worked at the Peniel Bible Conference until her retirement.

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### Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2015

Date	Temperature (F°)		Water Content	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
March 1	29	10	0.00	4.1	17	W
March 2	30	12	0.00	2.5	19	N
March 3	27	11	0.06	8.5	35	SW
March 4	28	4	0.00	1.6	20	W
March 5	15	-2	0.00	2.7	14	ESE
March 6	28	-2	0.00	6.6	26	SW
March 7	34	17	0.00	3.5	19	W

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2014-2015			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.06	2.8	0.42
March to Date	0.06	2.8	0.42
Year/Season to Date	0.92	31.5	3.53

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

# Calendar of Events

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

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 11**

The Barton City Improvement Association will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Trask Lake Road. Discussion will include the St. Patrick's Day dinner. All citizens of Barton City are encouraged to attend. To volunteer or for more information, call Arlene at (989) 736-3294.

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 information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 12**

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022, (989) 335-1107 or (989) 739-4483.

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.

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

Dust off your dancing shoes and attend line dance lessons at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

Enjoy popcorn and the movie "City Heat", at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

A corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served at the Barton City Eagles, 671 North Sanborn Road from 4 p.m. until gone. Cost is \$9 for adults and \$6 for children age 12 and under. The public is welcome. For more information, call (989) 736-3050.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**

A mushroom cultivation seminar will be held at 10 a.m. at Robert J. Parks Library in Oscoda. The workshop will focus on mushroom ecology, biology and cultivation. Registration is required. Contact, District Forester Andrew Beebe at (989) 335-1056.

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

Recycle Alcona County will hold drop off day from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Lincoln ARA site. Enter and exit through the north gate. For more information, call (989) 724-5077 or (989) 724-6546.

Harrisville Cub Scout Pack No. 3093 will hold a can and bottle drive during recycle at the ARA Site in Lincoln.

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.

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

**MONDAY, MARCH 16**

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

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 info., call (989) 736-8645 or (989) 736-8338.

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from

noon to 1 p.m. The selection for March is "Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie" by Alan Bradley. Call, (989) 724-6796 for details.

Knitting Klub & Crochet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street from 1:15 to 3 p.m. All levels welcome.

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## Silburn

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Mrs. Silburn is survived by three daughters, Janet Silburn, Judy (Jim) Richards and Nancy (Bob) Laning; one son, Thomas (Christine) Silburn; 13 grandchildren, Danielle Silburn, Jonathan (Anna) Silburn, Matthew (Elizabeth) Silburn, Kelsey Silburn, Michael Silburn, Stephan Silburn, Samuel Silburn, Joshua Silburn and Leila Silburn, Jessica (Mohammed) Aziz, Suellen Richards, Jaime Richards and Wesley (Tiffany) Richards; five great-grandchildren, Juliane Richards, Faith Richards, Jane Richards, Anthony Levandoski and Mary Aziz; and one sister, Barbara Feeney-Mitchell.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George, in 1999.

A memorial service will be held on Sunday, March 15 at 6 p.m. at Calvary Baptist Church in Mikado. An additional service and burial will take place in Lake Luzerne, N.Y. in the summer.

Memorial donations may be made in support of Ruthann and Roly DelGadillo, missionaries in Argentina, via Calvary Baptist Church in Mikado.

Arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral, Lincoln.

**Super Crossword**

**Answers**

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**Friday All-You-Can-Eat Alaskan Cod or Perch**  
**Saturday Special Slow Roasted Prime Rib**  
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The Confident Caregivers group will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alcona County Commission On Aging, 207 Church Street in Lincoln. This program is designed to provide support and knowledge for people caring for family members with dementia or Alzheimer's. To register, call Meghan Winterstein at (989) 358-4608.

The 4-H Archery Group will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 13**

Storytime and craft for

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Thank you, City of Harrisville.

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**Local Notes**



**Southern Sanctuary**

Maritime archaeologist Stephanie Gandulla will share her experiences as part of the first archaeological expedition to Swains Island, a tiny, remote island 200 miles north of American Samoa. She will speak on Thursday, March 19 at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Swains Island is part of the National Marine Sanctuary of American Samoa, and a sister site to Thunder Bay. The program will also include a screening of the award-winning film: "Swains Island - One of the Last Jewels of the Planet," a Jean-Michel Cousteau production. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

**Senior Menu**

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

- Monday, March 16—Chicken and stuffing casserole, winter blend vegetables and mixed fruit.
- Tuesday, March 17—Boiled dinner with corned beef, red potatoes, cabbage and carrots; and tropical fruit.
- Wednesday, March 18—Pork chop bake, mixed vegetables and pineapple.
- Thursday, March 19—Herb chicken, wild rice, squash and mixed fruit.
- Friday, March 20—Beef tips and gravy, buttered noodles, broccoli, three bean salad and tropical fruit.

**Northland Scholarship**

Northland Area Federal Credit Union has started the Jerry Erickson Educational Scholarship Fund. This year, Northland has earmarked \$5,000 in funding and qualified member applicants have the opportunity to earn awards from \$1,000 to \$2,500 for college expenses. Scholarship applications will be evaluated with equal emphasis placed on academic achievement, community service/involvement, and essay content. Applications are available at any Northland branch or by visiting northlandcu.com/new. The application deadline is April 15.

The fund's namesake, Jerry Erickson, is a recently retired volunteer who served the credit union for 46 years.

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- Demonstrate effective program performance and financial responsibility and accountability.
- Operate or provide service within Alpena, Alcona and Montmorency counties.
- Provide services that align with United Way of Northeast Michigan currently identified mission.

For more details or to request an application, contact the United Way of Northeast Michigan via e-mail at [gpstoppa@unitedwaynemi.org](mailto:gpstoppa@unitedwaynemi.org) with the subject line Mini Grant or by telephone at (989) 354-2221.



Jerry Erickson

Over time, Erickson held positions on Northland's credit committee and board of directors, serving in the role of board chairman for 12 years and vice chairman for the last 17 years. "Jerry has always been a tremendous supporter for education," said Northland CEO Pete Dzuris. "When he made the decision to retire, it made sense to honor his years of service with scholarships that could help our student members. We hope to continue growing the fund in his honor for many years to come."

**Fruit Tree Pruning**

The Alcona Conservation District and the Harrisville Institute for Cultural Learning are sponsoring a fruit tree pruning demonstration on Saturday, March 28 from noon to 2 p.m. The demonstration will be held at the orchard of J.B. Cook (seven and a half miles north of Harrisville, just north of Malaski Road where Black River crosses US-23.)

Alcona Conservation District Associate Director Joe Lukasiewicz will give a brief discussion on apple varieties, effect of rootstock on tree size, planting site selection, and the importance of annual pruning for regular fruit production. JB Cook will talk about his new and antique heritage apple varieties, then demonstrate pruning his trees for maximum fruit production taking into consideration deer browsing pressure. Cook's trees suffered heavy vole damage last winter. He will discuss his strategy for vole management, and participants will be able to see the bridge grafts he did to salvage bearing trees after complete girdling by voles.

The demonstration is open to the public. There is no charge to attend. It is primarily for backyard growers or hobbyists and not intended for those with commercial interest or high density plantings. Note: There is no shelter or restroom facility at the orchard and the ground is uneven and may be soggy or covered in snow and/or ice. While open to everyone, those attending should plan in advance, dress accordingly and consider potential hazards before attending. Additional details may be found at [www.alconaconservation.org](http://www.alconaconservation.org) or by contacting the Alcona Conservation District, 320 South US-23, Harrisville or (989) 724-5272.

**Mini Grant Applications**

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# Lady Tigers fall to Tawas in districts

**By Hope Smith**  
Sportswriter

The Alcona girls varsity basketball season came to an end Friday, March 6 in Oscoda after losing to a tough Tawas team during Class C District competition.

Alcona had tough defensive pressure in the first quarter which caused some problems for Tawas offensively. Lady Tigers Kendra Cole and Alissa Terpstra held their ground in the paint and a late three-point shot from Torie Harmon allowed Alcona to maintain a slim 10-9 lead by the sound of the first buzzer.

In the second quarter, momentum started to shift as Alcona struggled to slow the Braves down at both ends of the floor and allowed too many open shots and clear driving lanes to the bucket. Tawas cruised to an easy 33-21 lead at the halfway mark.

In the second half of the game the Lady Tigers continued to have difficulties delivering the ball to the basket and keeping up on defense. They were outscored 19-7 by the Braves. Tawas went on to push the score to 52-28 heading into the final period. With two of Alcona's best defenders, Harmon and Sierra Forsythe, on the bench with foul trouble Tawas was able to drop some three-point shots from the perimeter.

Even though the Lady Tigers were in foul trouble they fought back hard late in the fourth quarter outscoring Tawas 20-10. By that time the deficit was too large and the Braves held on to secure the 62-48 win and the Class C District Title.

The Lady Tigers were led by Cole with 12 points and nine rebounds and Sydney Peirce with 12 points. Harmon had 10 points and six assists. Samantha Schopfer scored seven points; Nicole Walen added three points and five rebounds; Forsythe made two points and grabbed nine rebounds; and Terpstra put in two points.

"We really worked hard tonight but Tawas was the better team. I was very proud of my girls especially my seniors," said coach Brad Cole.

On Wednesday, March 4 Alcona traveled to Oscoda for Class C Semifinal District competition against the Owls.

Alcona's offense was dialed in from start to finish. They started with an early 17-4 lead over the Owls. In the second quarter momentum continued in Alcona's favor as they pushed the ball up the floor to extend their lead to 34-10 by halftime.

Alcona clamped down hard on defense in the second half preventing Oscoda from scoring. The Lady Tigers held

strong as Oscoda tried to rally back in the third period. Terpstra stepped up offensively for Alcona to deliver 10 of her 14 points to extend the lead to 50-21 heading into the final period.

Momentum continued in Alcona's favor in the final period with several Lady Tigers scoring to finish the night with a commanding 71-27 victory.

Cole led the team with 21 points and 10 rebounds -- her ninth double-double this season. Terpstra delivered 14 points and pulled down nine rebounds. Schopfer added nine points and snatched six steals. Forsythe scored eight points; Harmon added six points and five assists; Walen made four points and grabbed 10 rebounds. Pierce picked up four points and grabbed four steals; Kendra Lafave delivered a three-point shot; and Brooke Shultz added two points in Alcona's win.

The Lady Tigers finished the regular season at 10-10 overall and 10-5 in the North Star League.

Cole was named to the second team in the North Star League All Conference. Torie Harmon was given an honorable mention.

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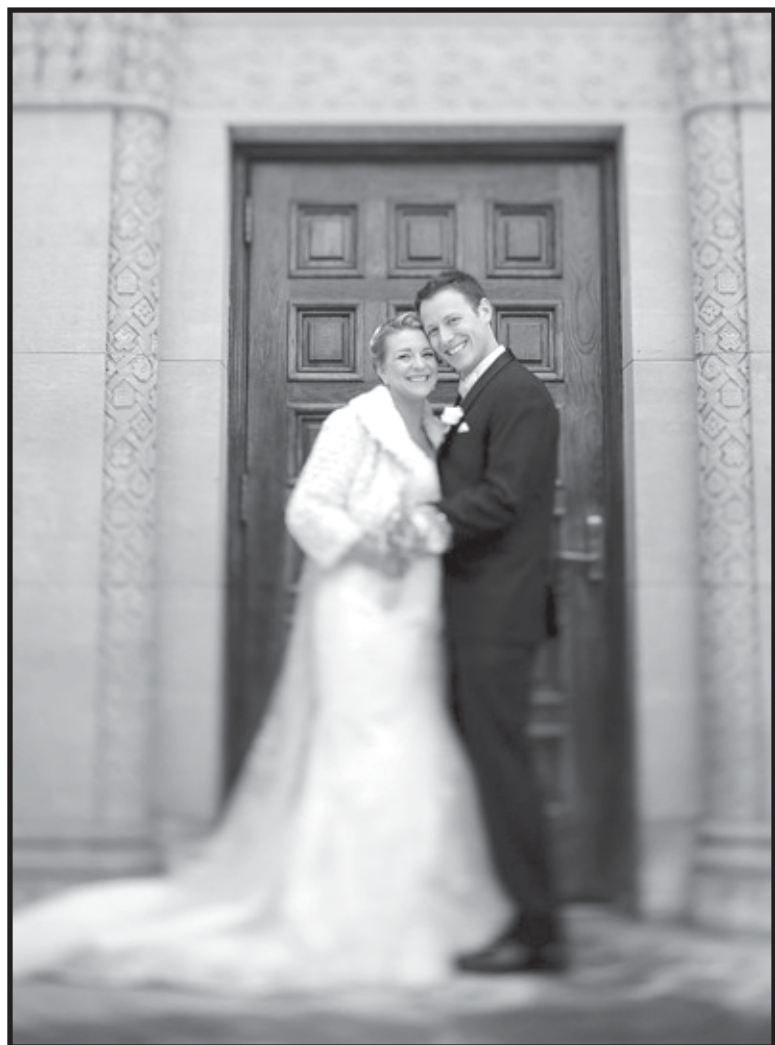
Ann M. Lappan and Justin J. Garant were married on January 31, 2015 at The Inn at St. John's in Plymouth, Mich. by Deacon Clem Stankiewicz.

The bride is the daughter of Mary H. Lappan and Jack Guy of Harrisville and Tom and Mary L. Lappan of Alpena. She was attended by her maid of honor, Mieke Kammers of Wake Forrest, N.C.

The groom is the son of Pete Garant of Alpena and Mary O'Neil. He was attended by his best man, Joel DesOrmeau of Reno, Nev.

The couple resides in Lansing, Mich. The bride is a licensed attorney and judicial law clerk for Jackson County Circuit Court. The groom is a video producer for Michigan State University's athletic department.

For their honeymoon in May they plan on visiting cities throughout Croatia.



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**Minors**

March 7

Tigers 174 60  
 Red Skulls 151 57  
 Girl Power 117 117  
 Boy's high game and series: Triston Robinson, 70 and 123.  
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March 7

Crazy Kids 305 181  
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 Lucky 7 181 296  
 Boy's high game: Brenden Hudgins, 183.  
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- Garrett Joseph Deacons, 22, of Deford, Mich. was sentenced to 10 days in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$575 for assault or assault and battery.
- Rodney Allan Sundberg, 38, of South Branch was sentenced to one year of probation and fines of \$925 for assault or assault and battery.
- Mark Allen Heramb, 38, of Oscoda was sentenced to \$400 in fines and costs for no valid license in possession.
- Sherri Lynn Weiner, 54, of Lincoln was sentenced to six months of probation, fines and costs of \$575 and \$19.84 in restitution for retail fraud, third degree less than \$200.
- Joseph Donald LaVigne, 53, of Harrisville was sentenced to five days in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$1,515 for operating while visibly impaired and controlled substance - use of marijuana.
- Zackary Joseph LaPointe, 19, of Glennie was sentenced to fines and costs of \$220 for failure to transfer title.
- Kevin Lynn Deichert, 54, of Hale was sentenced to five days in jail, one year of probation and fines and costs of \$1,065 for operator's license - forgery/alteration/false I.D. and driving - revoked or suspended license.

**Beware of IRS telephone and e-mail scams**

Recently, the Michigan State Police (MSP) post in Alpena has been contacted by a number of citizens reporting that they have been the victim of a scam involving the IRS.

According to these citizens, they have been contacted through a phone call and through e-mail from someone representing the IRS. The person calling, a male with a foreign accent, stated they are from the IRS.

The caller advised citizens that they owe the IRS additional money and if they do not pay this money:

- They will be arrested within a certain amount of time.
- Their bank accounts will be frozen if they do not comply.
- An arrest warrant will be issued by the state police if they do not comply.

In reality, the IRS never contacts a citizen via the telephone or through e-mail, but instead by the United States Postal Service and, at no time will the state police obtain an arrest warrant for an IRS complaint.

The fictitious e-mail stated they need to complete the W-8BEN from: Certificate of Foreign Status of Beneficial Owner for United States Tax Withholding and Reporting (Individuals).

These e-mails typically target nonresidents of the

U.S. and use the W-8BEN format to acquire personal details such as mother's maiden name, passport number, date of birth, PIN numbers and passcodes.

The legitimate IRS Form W-8BEN, does not ask for any of that information.

The information in all of these calls and e-mails is all false information. The IRS will not contact tax payers by phone or e-mail, but instead via the United States Postal Service. The fake IRS caller/e-mailer is attempting to gain financial information to the citizen's social security number, bank accounts and credit cards.

The Michigan State Police reminds citizens they should never give or verify any personal information such as their full names, Social Security number, or any banking information over the phone unless they initiated the original call.

According to the Michigan State Police, anyone who receives this type of call should advise the caller that they know this is a scam and do not accept these phone calls in the future. Do not respond to any of the fictitious e-mails either.

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- F-30 from US-23 to F-41
- F-41
- F-32 from Aspen Alley to the Alcona/Oscoda County line
- FR 4001 from AuSable Road to the Alcona/Oscoda County line
- Barlow Road from M-72 to the Village of Lincoln
- Bamfield Road from Glennie west to Curtisville Road
- Carbide Drive
- Hubbard Lake Road from M-72 to Mt. Maria Road
- Ritchie Road from Hubbard Lake Road to Gehres Road, and Ritchie Road (also known as Gehres Road and Apsey (Road) to Lake Street to the Village of Lincoln limits

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• **A Will:** This document lets you spell out your wishes of how you'd like your property and assets distributed after you die, whether it's to family, friends or a charity. It also allows you to designate

an executor to ensure your wishes are carried out, and allows you to name guardians if you have minor or dependent children.

In addition to a will, if you own real estate or have considerable assets, another option you may want to consider is a "revocable living trust." This functions like a will but allows your estate to avoid the time and expense of probate (the public legal process that examines your estate after you die) and helps ensure your estate's privacy.

• **Durable Power of Attorney:** This allows you to designate someone you trust to make financial, tax and legal decisions on your behalf if you lose your decision-making capacity.

• **Advanced Health Care Directive:** This includes two documents that spell out your wishes regarding your end-of-life medical treatment. The two documents are a "living will" which tells your doctor what kind of care you want to receive if you

become incapacitated, and a "health care power of attorney" which names a person you authorize to make medical decisions on your behalf if you become unable to.

If you have a simple estate and an uncomplicated family situation, there are several good do-it-yourself guides that can help you create all these documents for very little money.

For creating a will, a top resource is the Quicken WillMaker Plus 2015 software (available at nolo.com) that costs \$50, works with Windows personal computers and is valid in every state except Louisiana. If you use a Mac, nolo.com offers an online will maker for \$35.

Or, if you only need to create an advance directive you can do it for free at caringinfo.org (or call (800) 658-8898), where you can get state-specific forms with instructions. Or for only \$5, an even better tool is the Five Wishes document (agingwithdignity.org, (888) 594-7437),



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which is valid in 42 states and will help you create a customized advance directive.

If, however, you want or need assistance or if you have a complicated financial situation, blended family or have considerable assets, you should hire an attorney. An experienced lawyer can make sure you cover all your bases – especially when writing a will or living trust – which can help avoid family confusion and squabbles after you're gone.

Costs will vary depending on where you reside, but you can expect to pay somewhere between \$200 and \$1,000 for

a will, or \$1,200 to \$5,000 for a living trust.

The American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (actec.org) and the National Academy of Elder Law Attorneys (naela.org) websites are good resources that have directories to help you find someone in your area.

If money is tight, check with your state's bar association (see findlegalhelp.org) to find low-cost legal help in your area. Or call the Eldercare Locator at (800) 677-1116 for a referral.

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# Alcona students open eBay store

By Mary Weber  
Staff Writer

Properly preparing students with life skills they will need is the goal for almost every high school across the nation.

Rick Sedgwick, a special education teacher at Alcona High School knew that preparing his students in technology would be key to life skills they'd need. Being an avid golfer and having some knowledge about buying and selling golf clubs on the Internet through eBay, he thought if he could get a few of his students involved in a similar quest, it would be a way to open an array of valuable skills.

With the help of his wife, Robin, who is a title one paraprofessional at Alcona Elementary School, to get the program set up on eBay with a Pay Pal account, and by enlisting the help of Sedgwick's special education paraprofessional, Patty Geml, "ucrewbayalcona" has become a reality. The store has already made two sales on eBay.

A small grant was provided by the school in order to get the students set up with golf clubs to sell. Sedgwick has donated some used clubs and he also loaned a new set of clubs, which the students have to repay him for once they sell.

So far two students have taken an active role in the Internet store operations -- senior Stephanie Fry who is acting manager for the golf store and an eighth-grader, Julian Fisher who is the assistant manager. Fry has been learning how to type data information for the advertisements on eBay and some other essentials of running a business, while Fisher cleans the clubs, photographs the items with his cell phone, and gets them ready to ship.

"Mr. Sedgwick is our CEO," Fisher said. She explained that he knows a lot about golf and golf clubs and can help answer customer questions. Geml and Robin Sedgwick are supervisors of the store.

Robin Sedgwick explained the process to set up an eBay store for a nonprofit school organization was harder than setting one up for an individual home business. "It was a little tricky trying to go through school and still have the site secure so the kids could learn how to do this.



(From left) Robin Sedgwick, Julian Fisher, Stephanie Fry and Patty Geml, stand next to some of the golf clubs the students have for sale on their eBay Internet store ucrewbayalcona. The store was the idea of the high school's special education teacher Rick Sedgwick (not in photo) as a way to help special education students learn life skills they will need to attain jobs after high school. Photo by Mary Weber.

We went through Pay Pal for selling our goods so it would be secure and our kids wouldn't get scammed," she said.

She said it was very unusual for eBay and Pay Pal to receive a request like this for special education students and once she started talking to technical service at eBay and Pay Pal they were very receptive and excited about the program and made sure everything was set up properly for the kids.

Rick Sedgwick explained that special education students are seldom the stars of the school and the endeavor was providing them with an opportunity to be involved in a cutting edge educational experience that will garner respect from their peers.

The students are just beginning to understand all that goes into a business and the realities of not having sufficient funds to do everything they want to promote their business and achieve goals.

Geml said it was unlikely the company would see a profit this year but was hopeful that down the road it may and they would be able to

take some kids on a senior trip. "Not all of these kids have had the opportunity or resources to even travel much in Michigan. We teach geography and I ask the students if they have ever been to the Upper Peninsula or Tahquamenon Falls or the Detroit Zoo and they say 'no.' We'd like to be able to give something back to the kids for all their hard work. It would be nice to get our kids out more, even a trip to Frankenmuth would be nice," Geml said.

Rick Sedgwick said the most valuable component of the ucrewbayalcona initiative was the pride realized by the students. "Our special education students have exhibited increased enthusiasm in the classroom as a result of being involved in this project. As with all young people, any success in one area of life transfers to others," Rick Sedgwick said.

Ucrewbayalcona is seeking funding and products to sell. Fisher said they are starting with the golf clubs, but hope to secure community donations in a variety of new and used items to sell in the future. They are also looking for monetary donations to purchase a United States Postal Service approved scale to weigh their packages for shipping.

In the future they want to augment the eBay component with a semiannual rummage sale which will provide additional retail experience for the students. They may also, at some point, manufacture a product to market.

"The store is called ucrewbayalcona, the 'u' stands for unique. Our special education students are very unique, they are one of a kind and you won't find

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- Please contact Jan Hoornstra to review the complete contract.

- For any questions call - Jan @ 989-735-2067.

- Final bids must be received by April 6, 2015, mark on outside of envelope – sealed bid – cemetery and mail to: Millen Township Clerk, Jan Hoornstra - 3021 Fowler Rd., Glennie, MI 48737.

- Bids will be opened at the regular Township meeting on April 6, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.



# Safety tips for spring ice fishing

It's almost officially spring but there still may be numerous opportunities in different locations throughout the state to get out on the water. Just remember, there are a few important safety precautions to take if planning to do so:

- Towards the end of the season, ice becomes rotten and soft. Although ice may still be more than a foot thick, it might not be strong enough to hold someone safely.
- Don't forget to still carry the appropriate safety items, such as ice picks and a throw rope. And remember to wear a personal flotation device.
- Continue to use the buddy system to ensure that someone will help if you fall through the ice.
- Carry a fully charged cell phone in a waterproof plastic bag. Make sure it is easily accessible on your person in case of an emergency.
- Pay attention to the weather. If it hasn't been consistently cold or if there has been a lot of wind you can't guarantee there will be solid ice to head out on.

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The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is seeking input from anglers who fish for inland trout in Michigan. The DNR plans to use the information to assist in the development of a state-wide plan for inland trout fisheries.

The Michigan Inland Trout Angler survey will gather information about these anglers, how they fish, what their thoughts and opinions are on inland trout management, and other items. Inland trout populations are defined as populations that spend their entire lives in inland lakes and streams, and generally do not migrate into the Great Lakes.

"The information we obtain from this survey will be critical in our effort to make sound management decisions," said Troy Zorn, research biologist with the DNR's Fisheries Division. "We hope anglers will take the time to complete it so our future management plan is reflective of their input."

Available online, the Michigan Inland Trout Angler survey is available now until Tuesday, March 31. It should take anglers approximately 10 to 20 minutes to complete.

## Northeast Lower Peninsula Thursday, March 5

• Higgins Lake: Had good perch fishing off the North State Park, B&B Marina, near Sunken Island, Treasure Island and off Flag Point in waters up to 70 feet deep. Lake trout fishing was good in 80 to 120 feet with some limit catches reported. Rainbow trout are still hitting in the shallows off Big Creek.

A couple of smelt reports have come in for those fishing at night. Not many but a few were caught off Big Creek in 40 to 50 feet and south of the west side boat ramp off Birch Lodge in 50 feet.

• Houghton Lake: While fishing has been slow, anglers are still picking up some

## Northeast Michigan Fishing Report



crappie along with a few perch and an occasional walleye. The better bite has been very early morning or late afternoon into the evening. Some bluegills were also caught.

• Lake St. Helen: Had a good crappie bite for those using wax worms, mousies or minnows. Fish were caught all day, however, the better bite was from late afternoon until dark. Some bluegills were also caught and the pike action was still good.

• Tawas: Perch fishing was slow with a lot of sorting and few keepers coming from 15 to 18 feet off Jerry's Marina. Only a few walleye and a

couple of lake trout were caught in 20 to 22 feet. Ice anglers fishing outside the rock wall caught a couple of lake trout. Those spearing managed to take a couple pike.

• AuGres: Some walleye were caught straight off the mouth of the river in 12 to 22 feet. Booth Road and Santiago Road had light wall-eye activity, but more anglers were fishing off Palmer Road where some limit catches were taken in five to 20 feet. These anglers were also getting two or three nice perch when targeting wall-eye.

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any other kids like them. Geml said. "We have kids with special learning problems, but everyone is into technology and this is a good way to teach the kids. Some of our students might not want to read, but get them on the Internet and they can get you to programs I don't even know how to get to myself. Perhaps this experience will help them open their own eBay store to supply them with additional income."

"While they still need a great deal of assistance to manage the store, they nonetheless feel like they are part of running a business. As the students progress with accounting, buying and selling products, securing loans, et cetera, they will be engaging

in hands-on life skill type activities that will certainly enhance their ability to find jobs after graduation," Rick Sedgwick said.

To look at the ucrewbay-alcona eBay store. Go to: eBay.com, click on "advanced search" (top right, next to search on eBay). Under "find items" on the left of the page see "by seller" and where it asks for sellers' user I.D. type in: ucrewbayalcona.

For more information or to make a donation to ucrewbayalcona, e-mail sedgwickr@alconaschools.net or mail funds to the school, Alcona High School, P.O. Box 249, Lincoln, Mich., 48742 with the notation ucrewbayalcona.

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### NOTICE

Millen Township will hold a public hearing on the proposed 2015/16 fiscal year budget at the F.O.E. 4141 in the Township Meeting Room on April 6, 2015 at 6:30 p.m. "The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing." A copy of the proposed budget will be available after March 6 for public inspection at the clerk's office at 3021 Fowler Rd, Glennie. Please call Jan at 989-735-2067 for further information. The regular Township Meeting will follow at 7:00 p.m.

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- For any questions call - Jan at 989-735-2067.
- Applications must be received by April 6, 2015.
- Mail to: Millen Township Clerk, Jan Hoornstra 3021 Fowler Rd., Glennie, MI 48737.
- Manager will be decided at the Township meeting April 6, 2015 at 7 p.m.

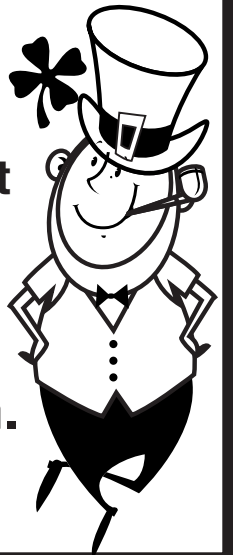
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### NOTICE

The Lincoln Village Council will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for 2015-2016 at 6:00 p.m. on Monday March 23rd, 2015. The meeting will be held at the Lincoln Village Hall at 117 W. Fiske Street, Lincoln MI. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the meeting.

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# Shrinking number of teachers signals end of a dream career

**By Brooke Kansier**  
*Capital News Service*

Many children aspiring to be teachers when they grow up could end up having a change of heart.

In the face of increased pressures due to standardized testing, new college entry tests, and a lack of societal respect for the profession, fewer students are pursuing teaching careers, according to education advocates.

"Nationally and in Michigan, there are fewer students going into education," said Corey Drake, director of teacher preparation at Michigan State University. Enrollment in university education programs fell 10 percent nationally from 2004 to 2012, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

The number of initial certificates issued by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) has also been declining annually, according to Leah Breen, interim director of the department's Office of Professional Preparation Services.

Drake said some smaller Michigan universities have seen enrollment in teaching programs dropping as much as 30 to 50 percent.

Standardized tests and national Common Core standards have garnered a much larger focus in the state in

past years. Michigan Education Association President Steve Cook said these testing goals have altered how teaching is conducted and lowered the amount of input teachers have.

"Not one of them got involved because they thought they were going to be rich," Cook said. "They want to teach. And they get there and find out, I'm not doing that much teaching, I'm a professional test proctor."

James Muchmore, assistant chairman of Teaching, Learning and Educational Studies at Western Michigan University, said people have become too critical of teachers and teaching. "While teachers do play a critically important role in our society, we tend to overstate their influence and often end up trying to hold them accountable for things over which they have little control," Muchmore said. "We routinely link teachers to our country's economy, as if third grade test scores are somehow related to worker productivity or the GNP."

These challenges have also meant shorter stays in the classroom for many educators. Forty to 50 percent of new teachers leave the profession in their first five years, according to a 2014 New Teacher Center report. The report also states that about 13 percent of the nation's teachers leave every year.

While some of these departures can be attributed to layoffs and other factors,

Muchmore said job dissatisfaction also plays a large part.

"In the wake of the Great Recession, many states passed laws reducing teachers' job security, cutting their salaries and benefits, increasing class sizes and limiting their collective bargaining rights," he said.

Changes in legislation, including more difficult testing methods and teacher evaluations, have also been a factor, Cook said.

In 2013, Michigan introduced the more rigorous Professional Readiness Exam (PRE) as a tool to evaluate aspiring teachers' knowledge based on the Common Core, which outlines standards for knowledge among K-12 students. The test, taken upon students' entry to their university's teaching program, has a 31 percent pass rate, very low compared to the state's previous entry exam, the basic skills test, which averaged 89 percent.

The test can be taken an unlimited number of times, but students aren't admitted to teaching programs until they pass or complete alternative methods for some portions of the test.

While the test is taken in a university setting, Drake said most of the preparation for the exam occurs during a student's high school career, where the Common Core is a large part of curriculums. "Students' struggles to pass the exam are often a reflection

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Katie Dellar, (left) Keturah Ashford (middle) and Monica Spears stand by a new \$2,500 milk cooler in the Alcona Elementary cafeteria. The cooler was given to the school by the United Dairy Industry of Michigan with funds made available by Michigan dairy farmers. The addition of the new milk cooler allows young children to take their milk right from the cooler and frees up space in an existing cafeteria cooler for the weekend milk program Dellar started for kids in need. Ashford and Spears both volunteer for the school and help put milk into cold packs for the children to take home with them each Friday. Dellar said she is hoping to get a milk program started at the high school soon. *Photo by Mary Weber.*

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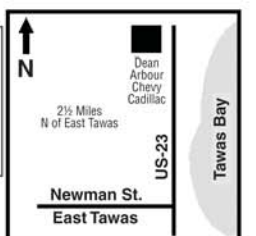


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Alcona Basketball Association (ABA) 2015 Skills Day winners (front row, from left) boys third/fourth-grade winners: Nathaniel Henderson, third place; Garrette Somers, second place; Brady Pagels, first place; girls third/fourth-grade winners: Emily Lobaugh, first place; Carmen Dellar, second place; Sierra West, third place; (back row) boys fifth/sixth grade winners: Nick Rasmussen, third place; Joel Steiner, second place; Zach Stephenson, first place; girls fifth/sixth-grade winners: Anna Loyer, first place; Kelsey Hansen, second place; and Olivia Krentz, third place. *Courtesy photo.*

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tion of uneven high school preparation," Drake said. "I am concerned that it might particularly be contributing to a less diverse group of teachers entering the profession... A diverse teaching force is critically important

for all students — we need teachers who bring diverse perspectives, knowledge."

Breen defended the pre test, saying teachers should be able to demonstrate the same knowledge their students will be tested on, re-

gardless of deficiencies in their own K-12 educations.

A committee of K-12 educators and representatives from various Michigan universities developed the test, which focuses on the core subjects of reading, mathematics and writing, as well as various topics that students should have learned in high school.

Drake said he fears the test could disproportionately affect prospective teachers from urban and small rural schools, where students do not have access to the same resources as districts with more funding. "I think we need to look carefully at the test to make sure it is not biased, as well as consider multiple measures of preparation for teaching," Drake said. "We certainly do not want it to be the case that students who received a lower quality high school education cannot become teachers."

A change in public attitude is needed before teaching becomes a more popular career choice, Muchmore said. "Teachers impact the emotional, physical, and intellectual well-being of our children. They play a key role in helping to shape and sustain our society from one generation to the next," Muchmore said. "At some point, people will realize that the current round of teacher-bashing is counterproductive to the well-being of our society, and it will change."



**The Garden Bug** **Graptopetalums** BY BRENDA WEAVER

This succulent (a plant with leaves or stems that store water) comes from Mexico. The rounded, triangle-shaped leaves form a Fibonacci spiral. Those grown in partial shade tend to be blue-gray; in full sun, they are pinkish gray to yellow; in very hot sun, gray-pink. Graptopetalums bloom in spring, producing dainty sprays of star-shaped yellow flowers.

Source: [www.gardeninggonewild.com](http://www.gardeninggonewild.com)

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Alcona County Road Commission, in conjunction with the Thunder Bay Transportation Authority and the Village of Lincoln, will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 4:15 p.m. at the Alcona County Road Commission Office. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss road construction and transit projects for the expenditure of Federal Surface Transportation funds. Questions, please contact the Road Commission at (989) 736-8168.

**NOTICE**

The Curtis Township Board of Trustees will hold their second budget hearing on Thursday, March 26, 2015 at 7 p.m. at the Curtis Township Hall, 4932 F-30, Glennie, Michigan.

The Curtis Township Board will also be holding their Truth and Taxation Hearing at this time.

**The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be the subject of this hearing.** Copies of the 2015-2016 proposed budget may be picked up at the Clerk's office after March 20, 2015.

Teresa J. Perkins, Clerk  
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# Planting northern Michigan's future

By Andrew Beebe

Living in northern Michigan, there is a good chance that planting trees is not a totally unfamiliar task.

Whether planting trees is familiar or unfamiliar, this spring might just prove to be a great opportunity to bury some roots in the ground. Before rushing out the door to start planting, it is important to have a proper plan of action in mind.

While tree planting isn't an incredibly specialized discipline, there are a few things to keep in mind. Knowing exactly what's being planted, where it's being planted, why both the site and the species are wise choices, and what the intended accomplishment of the plantings are is a great way to achieve the greatest chance of success. In short, doing a little research, or "treesearch" if you will, is always necessary prior to planting.

Species selection is a very important aspect of a successful planting project. There can be quite a few tree species that may do well on any given property. Instead of mixing and matching it is often better to determine why the planting is necessary and decide which trees will best accomplish these goals.

The next step is to decipher what the proposed planting location has to offer tree seedlings. To understand what the planting location has to offer the young seedlings, its best to first take a closer look at the property's soil types and look at how much light the proposed planting environment receives. Some trees will not thrive in certain soils. Likewise, different trees need different levels of light to realize their full potential.

Soils are arguably the most important driver behind a tree's health and longevity. Furthermore, different tree species can tolerate different soil conditions. Contact the local Conservation District or United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) service center to receive information about individual trees and soils maps specific to the planting location. There is also a great free online resource that enables users to explore information related to soils at [websoilsurvey.gov](http://websoilsurvey.gov).

Tree spacing is a very important consideration as well. Tree spacing is not an exact science by any means, but it is important to have a baseline understanding of what a good spacing is. Tree spacing is also an aspect of what species are being planted and why they are being planted.

Conifers can be planted at much higher numbers per acre than hardwoods, but what the specific dimensions are revolves around what the desired finished product is. For instance, if wildlife habitat is the goal, it is generally a good idea to plant trees a little further apart than in a timber production planting.

It's also important to keep in mind that in the future it may be necessary to maintain the planting by harvesting some trees so that others



## Conservation Minute

By Andy Beebe  
District Forester

have more room to grow and thrive. If trees are planted too thick, not only will they quickly be in competition with each other, but they may also not reach a merchantable size by the time that custodial thinning is necessary.

In this case, planting too many trees per acre will result in it being very difficult, if not impossible, to find a logger willing to purchase the small diameter trees.

Because of factors like this it is very important to think about what the planting will look like in 20 or 30 years and what types of management techniques will need to be employed to keep the trees healthy.

Preparing the planting site prior to planting trees is often necessary to give the trees the best chance possible. Site preparation most commonly refers to managing weeds and grasses that may choke out the newly planted trees. Site preparation can be accomplished either mechanically or chemically with herbicides. The method of site preparation to choose depends highly on what vegetation is currently growing on the site and what is available to use.

Once the trees arrive from the nursery, Conservation

District, or some other dealer it is important to make sure they are cared for properly until they are planted in the ground. While transporting the trees it is best to keep them near 40 degrees if possible. Remember to always keep them covered from exposure to the sun and keep the roots moistened.

- Before actually planting, it might be a good idea to become familiar with a tree planting diagram before digging in the dirt. When planting bare root seedlings, open up a hole large enough to accommodate the trees roots.

- Next make sure that the trees roots are cascading down and outwards and ensure that the roots are not in a "J" or "U" shape.

- When filling in the planting hole make sure that the root collar is flush with the soil just as it was when it was growing in the nursery.

- Finally, make sure to tamp down the soil around the tree so there are no air pockets present around the tree's roots.

- Remember that there is a little more to tree planting than can be fit into this article so it is always best to contact a professional or read

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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★**

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# Calendar of Events



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For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

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

Dust off your dancing shoes and attend line dance lessons at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207

Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

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

Sing-a-long 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.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**  
Alcona retirees will meet for a potluck lunch at noon at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Bring a dish to pass, new members welcome.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:10 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free.

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

The Thunder Bay Marine Sanctuary presents Sanctuary South of the Equator: A Closer Look at Swains Island at 6 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. No registration required for this free program. Call (989) 724-6796 for details.

Community Walking Club

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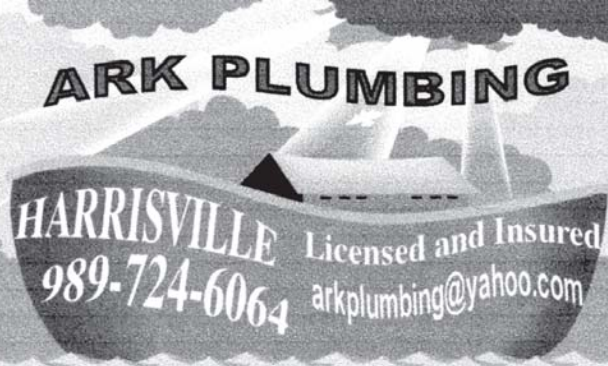
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# Calendar of Events



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The Confident Caregivers group will meet from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Alcona County Commission On Aging, 207 Church Street in Lincoln. This program is designed to provide support and knowledge for people caring for family members with dementia or Alzheimer's. To register, call Meghan Winterstein at (989) 358-4608.

The 4-H Archery Group will meet from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street.

Alcona Youth baseball and softball sign-ups will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Alcona High School. Cost is \$50 per child or \$100 maximum for a family. Contact Josh Pagels at (989) 471-5083 for details.

**FRIDAY, MARCH 20**

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.

Dust off your dancing shoes and attend line dance lessons at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

Enjoy popcorn and the movie "Road to Morocco" at 12:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

Alcona Youth baseball and softball sign-ups will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. in the cafeteria at Alcona High School. Cost is \$50 per child or \$100 maximum for a family. Contact Josh Pagels at (989) 471-5083 for details.

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, Mikado. For more information, call Susan Armstrong at (989) 724-6365.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

A euchre tournament will be held at the Greenbush Township Hall on Campbell Road. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and play starts at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome. This event is sponsored by the Greenbush Historical Society.

**MONDAY, MARCH 23**

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

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

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

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.

Play euchre at 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. For more information, call (989) 736-8879.

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

Dust off your dancing shoes and attend line dance lessons at 11 a.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 Church Street. Call, (989) 736-8879 for details.

The Ekaterinburg Trio affectionately nicknamed "The Kat Trio" has delighted American audiences since arriving from Russia in 2000. They will perform classical and

popular music at the Alpena High School auditorium at 7:30 p.m. Single ticket for this event is \$20. Admission is free for students. For more information, call Nancy Hammond at (989) 356-8749 or David Usher at (989) 471-9182.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

An artists reception for the Northeast Michigan Artists'

Guild will be held from 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, 312 West Main Street. Refreshments provided by Friends of the Library. Art will be on display until April 29.

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 2 p.m. at the Harrisville branch.

## AREA CHURCH DIRECTORY

### St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



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www.standrewschurhharrisville.org  
9:30 A.M. SUNDAY SERVICE

### Family Heritage Baptist Church



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



### New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)

Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
Hubbard Lake Rd.,  
¾ mile south of White Pine National Golf Course  
Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816



### Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

### Haynes Community Church

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# Public comment sought on draft update of 2008 Michigan Wolf Management Plan

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has completed a draft update of the 2008 Michigan Wolf Management Plan and is seeking public comment during a 30-day period which began March 4.

The 2008 Wolf Management Plan was created using extensive public input to identify important issues and assess public attitudes toward wolves and their management, as well as a review

of the biological and social science on wolves.

The four principal goals within the plan are to:

- Maintain a viable wolf population.
- Facilitate wolf-related benefits.
- Minimize wolf-related conflicts.
- Conduct science-based and socially acceptable management of wolves.

The plan and, more specifically, the four principal

goals within the plan have guided wolf management in Michigan for the last six and a half years.

Beginning in November 2014, the DNR sought comments on the implementation of the 2008 plan. During the comment period, the DNR received more than 3,000 responses to its online and hard-copy survey. Based on those responses and corresponding comments, and an internal review of the docu-

ment, a draft updated plan recently was completed and is available for public review and comment.

The four principal goals in the 2008 plan remain the same in the updated plan. The 2015 draft also includes updated scientific literature and new information and facts regarding wolves in Michigan. A companion document, which summarizes DNR management accomplishments in addressing the action items from the 2008 plan, also is available for public review.

The draft updated plan and the 2008 Summary of Management Accomplishments document are available for download at [Michigan.gov/wolves](http://Michigan.gov/wolves).

Send comments on the draft updated plan to [DNR-Wildlife@michigan.gov](mailto:DNR-Wildlife@michigan.gov) or via U.S. mail to DNR Wildlife Division, P.O. Box 30444, Lansing, Mich. 48909.

Comments must be received no later than April 3.

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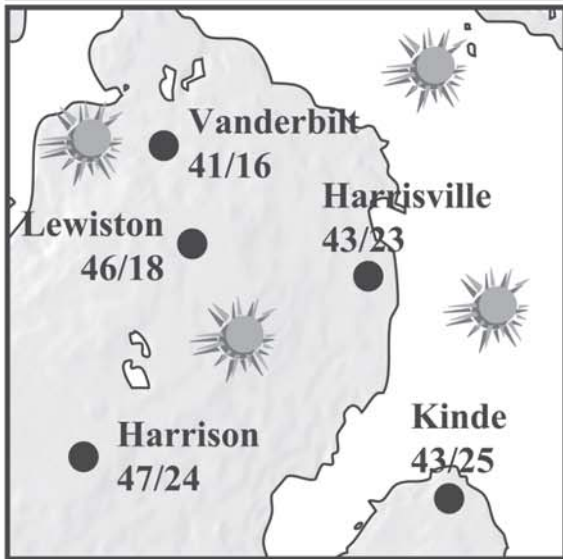
## Alcona Review Weather Report

March 11, 2015

### Seven Day Forecast

-  **WEDNESDAY**  
Sunny  
High: 43 Low: 23
-  **THURSDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 40 Low: 23
-  **FRIDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 40 Low: 27
-  **SATURDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 39 Low: 24
-  **SUNDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 37 Low: 24
-  **MONDAY**  
Mostly Sunny  
High: 47 Low: 29
-  **TUESDAY**  
Partly Cloudy  
High: 45 Low: 31

### Today's Regional Map



### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see sunny skies with a high temperature of 43°, humidity of 64%. Northwest wind 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 62° set in 1973. Expect mostly clear skies tonight with an overnight low of 23°. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph. The record low for tonight is -15° set in 1960.

### \*Last Week's Almanac

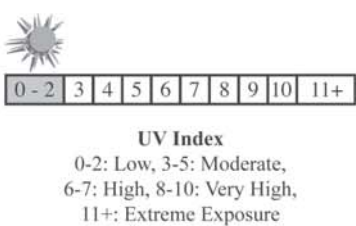
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	29	1	32/14	0.00"
Tuesday	28	-5	32/14	0.35"
Wednesday	26	2	33/14	0.00"
Thursday	17	-12	33/15	0.00"
Friday	31	-12	34/15	0.00"
Saturday	34	12	34/15	0.00"
Sunday	42	15	34/16	0.02"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>Last 3/13</b> (Waxing Crescent)	Wednesday 7:51 a.m.	7:34 p.m.	12:33 a.m.	10:50 a.m.
Thursday 7:49 a.m.	7:35 p.m.	1:32 a.m.	11:32 a.m.	
Friday 7:47 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	2:30 a.m.	12:20 p.m.	
Saturday 7:46 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	3:25 a.m.	1:15 p.m.	
<b>New 3/20</b> (New Moon)	Sunday 7:44 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	4:17 a.m.	2:17 p.m.
Monday 7:42 a.m.	7:40 p.m.	5:04 a.m.	3:25 p.m.	
Tuesday 7:40 a.m.	7:42 p.m.	5:47 a.m.	4:38 p.m.	
<b>Full 4/4</b> (Full Moon)				

### Local UV Index



### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few showers today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 61° in Evansville, Ind. The Southeast will see scattered showers and thunderstorms today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 87° in Winter Haven, Fla. The Northwest will see isolated showers today and Thursday, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 72° in Medford, Ore. The Southwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rain today, mostly clear skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 89° in Yuma, Ariz.

### Tonight's Planets

Planet	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:14 a.m.	5:27 p.m.
Venus	9:05 a.m.	10:22 p.m.
Mars	8:48 a.m.	9:38 p.m.
Jupiter	4:06 a.m.	6:41 a.m.
Saturn	1:49 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
Uranus	8:49 a.m.	9:36 p.m.

### Weather History

**March 11, 1988** - A blizzard raged across the north central United States. Chadron, Neb., was buried under 33 inches of snow, up to 25 inches of snow was reported in eastern Wyoming, and totals in the Black Hills of South Dakota ranged up to 69 inches at Lead.

### Weather Trivia

At what time of day do tornadoes usually form?  
**Answer:** Usually in the afternoon hours, between 2 and 9 p.m.  
[www.WhatsOurWeather.com](http://www.WhatsOurWeather.com)

### StarWatch By Gary Becker - Dawn Reaches Ceres

Ceres, the bright dwarf planet and first discovered asteroid (1801), is being scrutinized by NASA's Dawn spacecraft. Launched in 2007, Dawn first orbited the second most massive (third in volume) asteroid Vesta in 2011-12. Then its ion engines drove it onward towards the largest and most massive asteroid Ceres, designated as a dwarf planet by the International Astronomical Union in 2006. Dawn went into orbit around Ceres on March 6. Ceres and Vesta are also considered intact protoplanets, the second last stage in the evolution of the major planets in the solar system. Protoplanets then collided and merged with each other to form the planets that populate our solar system today. Protoplanets between Mars and Jupiter where Vesta and Ceres are found, but not necessarily where they formed, were nudged and pushed by the gravitational forces of massive Jupiter, causing collisions and grinding down their sizes. Vesta and Ceres were lucky in that they suffered numerous smaller hits, but none which were traumatic enough to fracture them into lesser pieces. Basically intact, they represent some of the earliest primordial samples of the solar system. Additionally, both asteroids have major differences in their composition. While Vesta is essentially composed of darker, rockier material, Ceres appears to be more primitive, possessing about a quarter of its mass as mostly water ice. This has led astronomers to hypothesize that Ceres and Vesta formed in two different regions of the solar system and long ago were somehow gravitationally driven into their present-day orbits. Already Dawn has discovered Ceres to be a heavily cratered and gouged world, involved in numerous scrapes and hits with other smaller bodies, similar to Vesta. Unlike Vesta, Ceres also has some vivid bright spots where geysers or cryovolcanic activity, ice eruptions, may be occurring. It's definitely a new "dawn" for Ceres and icy asteroids in general. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)

## Planting

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over the Michigan State Extension Bulletin E-771 entitled "Tree Planting in Michigan" which provides thorough, yet basic, information. Reading it can really help ensure success.

Michigan is beautiful, but that doesn't mean there's no room for improvement. The old adage is "the best time to plant a tree is 20 years ago and the second best time is today." There's probably no chance to turn back the clock but there are plenty of opportunity to plant trees today or at least in a few months. This spring is the perfect time to plant the future of Northern Michigan.

(District Forester Andrew Beebe is available to provide professional guidance on tree plantings, forest and wildlife management, and conduct free on site visits with landowners in Alcona and Iosco counties.)

## top ten

1. Champ, or Poundies
2. Irish Stew
3. Bangers
4. Boxy
5. Colcannon
6. Coddle
7. Crubeens
8. Irish Potato
9. Irish Boiled Dinner
10. Soda Bread



Source: [homecooking.about.com](http://homecooking.about.com)



# Trivia Test

By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **LITERATURE:** Who wrote "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow"?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** What is the capital of India?
3. **HISTORY:** In what year were East and West Germany reunified?
4. **MUSIC:** What pop music artist's first live album was titled "11-17-70"?
5. **ANATOMY:** What is a synapse?
6. **ART:** What are putti?
7. **FAMOUS QUOTATIONS:** What 18th-century doctor and writer once said, "Patriotism is the last refuge of a scoundrel."
8. **NATURAL WORLD:** What kind of creature is a merganser?
9. **ENTERTAINERS:** What was Bob Hope's real name?
10. **LANGUAGE:** What are the two shortest words in English that contain the letters a, b, c, d, e and f?

**Answers:** 1. Washington Irving; 2. New Delhi; 3. 1990; 4. Elton John; 5. Gap between two neurons; 6. Naked infant boys in artwork; 7. Samuel Johnson; 8. Duck; 9. Leslie Townes Hope; 10. Feedback and boldface. (c) 2015 King Features Synd., Inc.

# Moments In Time

By The History Channel

- On March 24, 1765, the British Parliament passes the Quartering Act, outlining the locations and conditions in which British soldiers are to find room and board in the American colonies. The New York assembly refused to comply with the law.
  - On March 28, 1774, upset by the Boston Tea Party and other blatant acts of destruction of British property by American colonists, the British Parliament enacts the Coercive Acts, which included closing the port of Boston and giving immunity to British officials in criminal prosecution.
  - On March 26, 1804, President Thomas Jefferson attends a public party at the Senate and leads a crowd in consuming an enormous loaf of bread. The giant bread was baked to go with the remnants of an enormous 1,200-pound block of cheese given by a group of Baptist women two years prior.
  - On March 25, 1958, Sugar Ray Robinson defeats Carmen Basilio to regain the middleweight championship. It was the fifth and final title of his career. Robinson is considered by many to be the greatest prizefighter in history.
  - On March 23, 1962, Pakistan's governor, Ayub Khan, gives first lady Jacqueline Kennedy a horse named Sardar because of their common interest in horses. In her memoirs, the first lady referred to Sardar as her "favorite treasure." She nicknamed the jet gelding "Black Jack."
  - On March 27, 1973, Marlon Brando declines the Academy Award for Best Actor for his performance in "The Godfather." American Indian actress Sacheen Littlefeather attended the ceremony in Brando's place, stating that the actor could not accept the award, as he was protesting Hollywood's portrayal of Native Americans in film.
  - On March 29, 1982, the University of North Carolina wins the NCAA men's basketball championship with a 63-62 defeat of Georgetown University. With 15 seconds on the clock, Georgetown point guard Fred Brown accidentally threw the ball to Carolina's James Worthy, mistaking him for a Georgetown teammate. Worthy dribbled out the clock.
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## Super Crossword

### PICTURE OF JOY

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 Will of "Men in Black"</p> <p>6 Took back as one's own</p> <p>15 Online money</p> <p>20 Hidden store</p> <p>21 Very small blood vessel</p> <p>22 One of the Obama girls</p> <p>23 Al of "Today"</p> <p>24 Jokester's self-satisfied expression</p> <p>25 Base for a jazz chord</p> <p>26 Aids in local orientation</p> <p>28 Large black-and-tan terrier</p> <p>30 Loses</p> <p>31 Clean up, as a program</p> <p>36 Scholarly sorts</p> <p>37 True-crime writer Rule</p> <p>38 Fiery insects</p> <p>40 Onyx, e.g.</p> <p>41 — Beach (city near San Luis Obispo)</p> <p>44 Forgiveness of sins</p> <p>46 "The Greek" of film</p> <p>50 Voice range</p> | <p>51 Just-released</p> <p>52 Lighter name</p> <p>53 Stooge with a bowl cut</p> <p>55 Biblical kingdom</p> <p>56 Eurasian deer</p> <p>57 2003 Julia Roberts film</p> <p>61 Blvds.</p> <p>62 Blvd.</p> <p>63 Like galaxies</p> <p>64 Engages completely</p> <p>65 Pro at first aid</p> <p>66 Sea, in Nice</p> <p>67 Show delight in one's achievement</p> <p>69 Kind of snake</p> <p>70 See 103-Down</p> <p>71 Fish that may be jellied</p> <p>72 Places for 11-Downs</p> <p>73 Previously named</p> <p>74 Osaka sash</p> <p>75 Pure chance</p> <p>78 Thus far, on a quarterly stmt.</p> <p>79 "I Got Rhythm" composer</p> | <p>81 Cake froster</p> <p>82 Quite a few</p> <p>84 Lock lips</p> <p>85 — Decor (magazine)</p> <p>86 Scornful, negative sort</p> <p>88 Sports cars</p> <p>92 — on a true story</p> <p>93 Line of Canon cameras</p> <p>95 Created, as havoc</p> <p>96 Comic Abbott</p> <p>97 Spice from a crocus</p> <p>101 Johnson's successor</p> <p>102 Receivers' counterparts</p> <p>106 Like the U.S. flag, in terms of hues</p> <p>108 Bush pilot's runway</p> <p>109 U.N.'s Kofi</p> <p>110 Pleased look (as depicted by this puzzle's grid)</p> <p>116 Pacific island kingdom</p> <p>117 Washer cycle</p> <p>118 Too enthusiastic</p> <p>119 Pungent bulb</p> | <p>120 Adjust, as a watch</p> <p>121 Gizmo that squeezes grapes</p> <p>122 British nobles</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 "Skedaddle!"</p> <p>2 New Zealand native</p> <p>3 Clinton adviser Harold</p> <p>4 Mission to remember</p> <p>5 Spanish for "brother"</p> <p>6 Coarse files</p> <p>7 Deity of strife</p> <p>8 Pt. of NATO</p> <p>9 Tierra — Fuego</p> <p>10 Suffix with transit</p> <p>11 Hog</p> <p>12 Craggy hill</p> <p>13 Director Kazan</p> <p>14 Leary of "Rescue Me"</p> <p>15 Emilio of the Brat Pack</p> <p>16 Spice of the ginger family</p> <p>17 Filipino, e.g.</p> <p>18 Will, biblically</p> <p>19 Styx locale</p> <p>27 Writer Rand</p> <p>29 Inferior paper</p> | <p>31 JFK or FDR's party</p> <p>32 Food quality</p> <p>33 Foundation</p> <p>34 Without injury</p> <p>35 VW model</p> <p>38 Heat up again</p> <p>39 Actress Elke</p> <p>41 Lifesaver at an accident scene</p> <p>42 Sitcom featuring the Ricardos</p> <p>43 Helm holders</p> <p>44 Avis offering</p> <p>45 Clamorous quality</p> <p>47 Games played on January 1</p> <p>48 Robin's ride</p> <p>49 Refrained from voting</p> <p>51 Tiny biting fly</p> <p>54 Evasive types</p> <p>57 Silents star Normand</p> <p>58 Statutes</p> <p>59 Small drinks</p> <p>60 Some swords</p> <p>68 — for tat</p> <p>76 Attaché</p> <p>77 Be aware of</p> | <p>79 Encircle with a belt</p> <p>80 Slab marking a grave</p> <p>83 Spun thread</p> <p>84 Sharp-witted</p> <p>87 Small crown</p> <p>89 Agnus — (lamb figure)</p> <p>90 Kenny G's specialty</p> <p>91 Ref's ring decision</p> <p>92 Public pickup point</p> <p>94 Fa-la linkup</p> <p>96 Liquor server</p> <p>97 Ringo of rock</p> <p>98 Palmer of the links</p> <p>99 Swedes' neighbors</p> <p>100 Not at all, in the sticks</p> <p>102 Jetties</p> <p>103 With 70-Across, 2012 British Open winner</p> <p>104 Strictness</p> <p>105 Runs across</p> <p>107 Sitar star Shankar</p> <p>108 Experts</p> <p>111 Place for an 11-Down</p> <p>112 Start to fix?</p> <p>113 "Indeedy"</p> <p>114 Not near</p> <p>115 Become old</p> |
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## Strange But True

By Samantha Weaver

- It was a wise man, Will Rogers, who observed, "Half our life is spent trying to find something to do with the time we have rushed through life trying to save."
- Cleopatra's husband was her brother, Ptolemy.
- Melanie Roberts, a 41-year-old Ohio woman, was forced to have her left leg amputated. Shortly thereafter, while still recovering, she was shocked to receive a \$600 bill for the funeral of her leg. Evidently, she was supposed to pay for the limb's burial -- and the bill was even broken down into the separate costs for the plot, the minister, the hearse and the gravediggers.
- The name "Alice" means "noble kind"; "Amy" means "beloved"; "Angela" means "messenger of God"; and "Amanda" means "lovable."
- During the Muslim feast of Al-Adha, a sheep was to be sacrificed on top of a four-story building in Cairo, Egypt. In a fit of terror or anger, the doomed sheep rushed the executioner, who then lost his balance and fell to his death.
- Ever wonder why so many coin banks are shaped like pigs? Here's the story: In ancient times, a lump of clay was called a "pygg." A clay bowl formed from this lump would often be used to hold loose change, and it was called a pygg bowl bank. According to legend, at a later point in history, a potter unfamiliar with the term received an order for several of these pygg bowl banks. Instead of the bowls, he made coin banks shaped like pigs; they became such a hit that they're still around today.
- The Puritans wouldn't allow the singing of Christmas carols.

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Thought for the Day: "A little knowledge is a dangerous thing." That is why so many persons don't fool with it." -- Dan Kidney

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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: J equals R

LVQC AKB'JQ MAECO KC AKBJ  
 ZXKTDUV KC D ZLQMXQJECO  
 ZBTTQJ WDA, DJQ AKB WKECO  
 IDUS-IDSECO LKJS?

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## Dollars And Sense By David Uffington

# National parks pass is summer bargain

The National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass can form the basis for numerous trips and adventures this summer, and it's a bargain at \$80.

Not all of the national parks are natural wonders. Some sites are museums, islands, vintage buildings, lighthouses, canals, forts, homes of former presidents, national battlefields, historical parks, monuments, recreation areas, scenic rivers, preserves, wildlife refuges and memorials. Activities at national parks can include but aren't limited to camping, hiking, fishing, climbing, diving, boating, skiing, swimming and photography.

What your pass covers: One year of entrance for each passenger in your non-com-

mercial vehicle, to include the pass owner and three adults age 16 and older (kids are free). You'll need a photo ID. Note: Some sites charge per vehicle, and some per person. Ask in advance.

If you're military, get your free pass by showing your military ID at most parks that charge a fee. Best bet: Get your free pass in advance.

If you're a senior, get your lifetime pass at a park site that issues them. It will cost you \$10.

No trip will be complete without a copy of "Passport to Your National Parks." The 104-page books are loaded with information: color-coded maps, pre-visit information, illustrations and photographs, free map and guide to the park system. At each

spot you visit, stamp your book to record your visit at the cancellation station. Not all parks have this, but most do.

Each book is \$8.95, but spring for the annual commemorative stamp sheet for \$3.95 to add to your pages. Each year has different stamps to promote a different park in each region. If you have kids, consider adding the "Kids' Passport to Your National Parks Companion" for \$5.95. Each one contains a field journal, list of Junior Ranger programs and checklists to go along with the Passport book. Order at [www.nps.gov](http://www.nps.gov).

Google "national parks passport" and click Images to see photos of Passport pages.



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If you are now on active military duty or have been in the prior one year, please contact our office at (248) 502-1400. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eric W. Boucher and Lourie Boucher, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lenders successors and/or assigns, mortgagee, dated March 7, 2006 and recorded April 20, 2006 in Liber 429, page 1,385, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, successor in interest to Bank of America, national association as trustee, as successor by merger to LaSalle Bank, national association, as trustee for Washington Mutual Mortgage pass-through certificates WMALT series 2006-5, by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-five thousand thirty-seven and 97/100 dollars (\$55,037.97), including interest at 7.5 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the place of holding

the circuit court within Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on April 1, 2015. Said premises are located in the township of Curtis, Alcona County Michigan, and are described as: Lot(s) 77 of Rainbow Crest Subdivision Number 3, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page(s) 81 and 82, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If the property is sold at foreclosure sale, pursuant to MCL 600.3278, the borrower will be held responsible to the person who buys the property at the mortgage foreclosure sale or to the mortgage holder for damage to the property during the redemption period. Dated: March 4, 2015  
Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007  
File No. 15-002983  
3-4, 3-11, 3-18, 3-25

### State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 15-5432 DE

Estate of Elwood Jerome Hedum  
Date of birth: September 28, 1936  
To all creditors:  
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Elwood Jerome Hedum, died December 19, 2014. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Mark Hedum, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: February 26, 2015  
Christine R. Juarez P59782  
132 South Eighth  
West Branch, Mich. 48661  
(989) 345-0601  
Mark Hedum  
3049 Lakemont Drive  
Fallbrook, Calif. 92029  
(702) 487-0142

### State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 15-5424 DA

Estate of Richard Michael Pagels  
Date of birth: April 2, 1954  
To all creditors:  
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Richard Michael Pagels, died December 20, 2014. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Sandra Nuffer, personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: March 9, 2015  
Terry R. Ekdahl P29762  
P.O. Box 122  
Oscoda, Mich. 48750  
(989) 739-2088  
Sandra Nuffer  
1823 Sunrise Drive  
Greenbush, Mich. 48738

## VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, March 2 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting was opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those present included: President Jordan, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Healy, Kohn, Phillips and Stutzman. Those absent included treasurer Mary Kossa and assistant treasurer/clerk Holly Hussain and council member Somers. The minutes of the February meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Phillips. The treasurer's report was not given as Mary is still recuperating at Tendercare in Alpena. President Jordan stated that we need to visit and send cards to Connie Stutzman as she is also very ill. Kathy Putsky asked about the problem that has been ongoing with the sprinkler system in the downtown region. President Jordan urged her to address the Downtown Development Authority at its next regular meeting. They are the group responsible for the repairs so they can give her the help she needs. She also questioned about repairs that are needed to the Welcome to Lincoln signs. That will also be brought to the DDA meeting. The fire report was given by Mike Serafin, fire chief. He stated there were several runs for lift assist through the fire department personnel. President Jordan thanked Mike and his crew for their care to county residents. Ryan Mendyka and Mike graduated from Company Officer Training 1 & 2 last week in Alpena. They are hoping to bring information back to share with area departments. President Jordan gave the street report. Due to the cold weather, no work has been done other than just the regular maintenance/plowing. The sewer report was given from the report turned in by Richard Gillespie of Alpena Septic. Everything is going according to plan with no major issue. President Jordan thanked our maintenance man Steve Slater for his hard work and keeping our roads plowed. There have been a few complaints about snow that is pushed into their driveways from the plow. It is the residents responsibility to keep their driveways cleared. In old business, Gauthier asked about the computer program that is supposed to be used for the treasurer to do her reports. It has been suggested that we have both Holly and Mary learn the new

program as soon as possible. President Jordan asked to have Bob Morand of Stephenson Gracik CPA contacted and have the program and training instituted. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Phillips, to amend the 2014/2015 general fund budget by 15,000 from fund balance to balance the budget. A budget hearing will take place on March 23 at 6 p.m. It will be posted and published. The Easter egg hunt will take place on Saturday, April 4. Details will be published by the group in the Alcona Review. Phillips said the web site is looking very good with all the new things that have been added. Thanks to Glenn Kohn for all his work on it along with webmaster Eileen Oposnow. President Jordan asked about the signs that were supposed to be posted per the request at last month's meeting. Kohn stated that there has been a lot of work done on the web site and he will continue upgrading and improving it. New tabs and links have been added. In new business, Kohn stated he will be attending the upcoming DDA meeting. He will present the information about the work on the web site to them. Phillips asked about having reminders put on the web site to check smoke detectors for the spring forward/fall back for fire safety purposes. President Jordan gave his report. The Quilt Trail contract has been renewed. The heater on the dump truck has been fixed finally. Thanks to Steve for his help in finding and returning a wallet he spotted while plowing. A master plan evaluation sheet/score was discussed. President Jordan stated the zoning/planning commission should review the plan and report back to the council at a later date. Attorney Cook has been contacted by the homeowner who is in violation with a home on Barlow Road. The owner has stated that he is in the eviction process of the current tenants. He has promised to take care of the clean up as soon as possible. President Jordan thanked the Alcona County Road Commission for all its help. They have helped in a variety of ways and we sincerely appreciate them. A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Phillips with support from Stutzman. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier with support from Phillips. Carried.

Linda K. Somers  
Village Clerk

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Donald E. Szuch, AKA Donald Eugene Szuch, a married man and Pat Szuch, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated April 27, 2012, and recorded on April 30, 2012, in Liber 487, on page 466, and assigned by said mortgagee to JPMorgan Chase Bank, national association, as assigned, Alcona County records, Michigan. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred thirteen thousand one hundred ninety-four dollars and forty-five cents

(\$113,194.45), including interest at 4.000 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan at 10 a.m. o'clock, on March 25, 2015.

Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: Part of the west 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 17, T26N, R9E commencing 20 rods east of the northwest corner of the west 1/2 of the northeast 1/4; thence south 35 rods; thence east 57 rods; thence north 35 rods; thence west to the point of beginning except a parcel of land described as commencing at the north 1/4 corner of said Section 17; thence south 89 degrees 25

minutes 14 seconds east along the north section line 667.30 feet; thence south 0 degrees 42 minutes 05 seconds west parallel to the north-south 1/4 line 71.90 feet to a point on the southerly right of way line of Highway M-72, being the point of beginning; thence continuing south 0 degrees 42 minutes 05 seconds west 505.60 feet; thence south 89 degrees 25 minutes 14 seconds east parallel to the north section line 603.20 feet; thence north 0 degrees 42 minutes 05 seconds east 505.37 feet to a point on the south right of way line of said Highway M-72; thence along the arc of a curve to the left with radius of 515,587.02 feet, the long chord being north 89 degrees 23 minutes 55 seconds west 603.21 feet to the point of beginning except land deeded to the Michigan State Highway Department for road purposes. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale unless determined aban-

doned 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.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, Mich. 48335 JPMC.003167 VA 2-25, 3-4, 3-11, 3-18

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Matthew J. Balsbaugh and Lori Ann Balsbaugh, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated September 4, 2002, and recorded on September 24, 2002, in Liber 369, on page 902, and assigned by said mortgagee

to JPMorgan Chase Bank, national association, as assigned, Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-five thousand three hundred sixty-nine dollars and twenty-one cents (\$65,369.21), including interest at 7.625 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan at 10

a.m. o'clock, on March 18, 2015. Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: Lot 21 of Block 37 of Lost Lake Woods Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of plats, pages 59 - 63, 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.

JPMorgan Chase Bank, National Association Mortgagee/Assignee Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300 Farmington Hills, MI 48335 JPMC.003071 FNMA 2-18, 2-25, 3-4, 3-11

### Notice of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Richard P. Shepard and Sandra Marie Shepard, whose last known address is 1096 N. Barlow Road, Lincoln, Mich. 48742 to Bank of Alpena and assigned to First Federal of Northern Michigan by instrument recorded in Liber 509, page 57 Alcona County records, 100 South Second Avenue, Alpena, Mich. 49707. Said mortgage dated April 17, 2008 and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona, and state of Michigan, on April 18, 2008 in Liber 451, page 885, and modified by a modification of mortgage dated October 16, 2008 and recorded on October 20, 2008 in Liber 456, page 563, Alcona County records, on

which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$148,787.24.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the state of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 25<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2015 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the main entrance to the county courthouse in the City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan. Of that premises described in the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest

thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Situated in the township of Gustin, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, described as: Part of Lots 11 and 12 of Block 26, Village of Lincoln, commencing at the northeast corner of Lot 12 of Block 26, thence running south 40 feet eight inches; thence west 120 feet; thence north 40 feet eight inches; thence east 120 feet to the point of beginning.

If the property described in this notice is sold at the foreclosure sale referred to above, the mortgagor 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 as provided by MCL 600.3278 or otherwise by law.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of the sale unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a. Bodman PLC Dated: February 18, 2015 By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430) Debt collector for First Federal of Northern Michigan 229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405 Cheboygan, MI 49721 (231) 627-8000 2-18, 2-25, 3-4, 3-11, 3-18

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## BINGO

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

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

## TIMBER FOR SALE

Sealed bids will be received until 6 p.m. on April 1, 2015 for the C. & C. Gehres and L. Gehres Trust Timber Sale, located in parts of the SE ¼ of Section 19, T27N R8E, Hawes Township, Alcona County, Michigan. Estimated sawlog volumes include: 64.3 MBF of Northern Red Oak Sawlogs and .2 MBF of Red Maple sawlogs. All pulpwood in the tops of the harvested trees shall be utilized. The access for this timber sale is from a shared private driveway that joins Miller Road. Interested bidders should contact Don Krejcarek, Sunrise Forestry Consultants at (989) 724-6165.

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Compassionate Care Home Health Services is seeking dependable home health aides in the Oscoda area. Please apply by faxing resume to (989) 354-0442, in person at 1692 M-32, Alpena, or online at Compassionate-CareMi.com.

Alcona Health Center is currently seeking a part time dental hygienist to work Mondays and Wednesdays in the Alpena dental clinic. Through the summer the hygienist will also work in the Oscoda dental clinic on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. For more information the application and mailing instructions go to www.alconahealthcenters.org. Deadline to apply is March 18, 2015. Equal opportunity employer.

Alcona Health Center, Oscoda services currently has an opening for a contingent medical support staff. For more information, the application and mailing instructions, go to www.alconahealthcenters.org, job postings. Deadline to apply is March 18, 2015. Equal opportunity employer.

Harrisville State Park is looking for employees for the summer season. Duties include customer service, revenue handling, general maintenance, mowing, landscaping, and janitorial work. Please contact the park at (989) 724-5126 or stop by the park headquarters between 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday for an application. Applications for this summer will be accepted until April 16, 2015.

Alcona Health Center, Alpena dental services has a full time open position for a dental switchboard and scheduler. For application, instructions and information, go to www.alconahealthcenters.org, the job postings tab. Deadline to apply is March 18, 2015. Equal opportunity employer.

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