

Road commission starting to change road signs

In response to a deadline of January 2012 to comply with new signing regulations, the Alcona County Road Commission recently started installing larger road name signs.

Motorists will notice bigger road name signs replacing missing or old road name signs. The change is based on traffic studies and statistics from throughout the United States and as promulgated by the Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices which provides the guidance and rules for traffic signage.

The newest standards call for six-inch letters in both upper- and lowercase letters, where prior standards allowed three-inch uppercase letters and, up until just recently, six-inch uppercase letters.

The studies show that motorists in today's mobile society are driving more miles and at higher rates of speed than in the past. Add to that the coming influx of aging baby boomer drivers on the road and it becomes clearer why installing signs that are more visible and highly noticeable is so important.

"It will cost more for the upgraded signs," said Alcona County Road Commission Engineer-Manager Ronald Young. "Not only do the signs need to be larger to accommodate the taller letters, but new standards require that more expensive sheeting be used to face the signs to make them highly reflective."

"The cost increase between an average new road name sign and its obsolete predecessor is about \$7 per sign. With more than 1,100 road



New road name signs (bottom) will eventually replace all of the smaller signs that are on county roads. *Courtesy photo.*

name signs throughout Alcona County that will eventually need to be replaced, that translates to a significant amount of money," he said.

Adding to the cost of changing over to the new signs, is a larger bracket necessary to

attach the sign to the post, and in some cases an additional post to support the sign.

"The road commission will be replacing existing signs with the new sign version over time," Young said. He explained townships normally

pay for road name signs, but they have shrinking budgets as well, so the transition will be made gradually.

Signs installed for traffic control, such as stop signs and warning signs, i.e., curve, stop ahead, speed limits, etcetra, also need to meet higher reflectivity requirements than in the past. Those signs are being changed out over time, too, both by road commission crews and also in conjunction with major road improvement projects, where sign upgrades are usually included in the contractual agreement.

In an effort to control the cost of replacing these types of signs, the road commission is embarking on a recycling campaign.

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State turns DNR and DEQ into DNRE

As of January 17, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) no longer existed.

The DNR's responsibilities have been transferred to the new Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment, which has also taken over the functions of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ).

Although the temptation exists to see the new DNRE as a simple recombination of the DNR with the DEQ – the product of an agency divorce in 1995 – that's an oversimplification.

"We are building a new department," explained DNRE Director Rebecca Humphries. "It comes from the roots of the DNR and DEQ, but we're looking forward, not looking back."

The agency will be devoted to protecting, enhancing and preserving not just the natural resources of Michigan but the quality of life associated with those resources, Humphries said.

"We have invested heavily in land and facilities for



Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment Director Rebecca Humphries.

people to get outdoors and recreate," Humphries said. "That's what the new agency is about, how we manage and protect those resources for everyone."

She explained the responsibilities of the two departments were always somewhat overlapping. "How do you separate clean water from the fish populations or the human health issues associated with clean water? The short answer is: You don't. The DNRE will have oversight over interrelated issues instead of trying to divide responsibilities between two agencies."

"Our goal is to build on these linkages," Humphries said. "We need to look at how we manage the landscape comprehensively. People will be working across traditional programs. We want people in water quality to understand fisheries – and vice versa. Water management involves everything from waterfowl production to storm-water runoff to groundwater infiltration and recharge. They're all connected."

"The more quickly we build

these linkages and unify their management, the better it is going to be for all of us," Humphries said.

The staffs of the DNR and DEQ have been transferred to DNRE intact and programs will continue. People with ongoing interactions with either of the old agencies will continue, in the immediate future, to deal with the same people at the same locations as before.

But over time, DNRE management will work with staffers and the public to examine all programs and responsibilities of the agency, identifying key missions and priorities. Changes in the structure of the agency will begin being implemented in the months ahead.

Some basic structural elements are already in place. For instance, the DNRE will be aligned into three bureaus: Resource Management, stewardship and environmental protection. A new regional structure will coordinate planning, coordination and communication across the divisions. The four regions – the Upper Peninsula, Lake Michigan, Lake Huron and Lake Erie – are patterned after successful regional efforts in the Upper Peninsula.

By focusing on watersheds – as the DNR's Fisheries Division has done for a number of years – the DNRE anticipates a more rapid response to evolving local issues, while placing a larger emphasis on healthy ecosystems.

The creation of the DNRE comes at a time when Michigan is fraught with challenges, from a declining population to an uncertain economy. As such, one goal of the DNRE is to save money, to root out redundancies in management and bureaucracy.

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Lady Tiger Emily Wojcik moves past a Hillman opponent. For the story, see page 5. *Photo by Bill Pinson.*

Statewide program aims to help families claim refunds, credits

With many Michigan residents facing economic woes and struggling to make ends meet, a little extra cash can make a big difference. That's why credit unions have joined forces to promote "Just File It! We'll Help."

Free State and Federal Tax Preparation Resources Provided by credit unions, a Web-based program that allows families and individuals to file for state and federal tax credits that often go overlooked. This includes the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC), which can be as high as \$5,600 for low-income, working households.

Over 100 Michigan credit unions, including Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, are promoting Just File It! to its membership. The Just File It! program returned over \$10.3 million to individuals and families last year.

"Difficult economic times further reinforce the need for a program like Just File It," said AAACU President and CEO Donald J. Mills. "Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union is proud to be a part of the network of credit unions offering Just File It! to help families pay their monthly bills, move into better housing, invest in education or save for their future."

All that is required to use the Just File It! program is a computer, Internet access, a Web browser and a printer. The program uses a free, Web-based software program, posing questions to users and offering assistance via video tutorials. It is offered in both English and Spanish.

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union and a link to Just File It! may be accessed by visit-

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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" or "raffle ticket sales" information is also not eligible.)

WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 10

The Barton City Improvement Association will hold their regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post No. 8135 in Barton City. For more information, call (989) 736-3263.

A beginning word processing class will be given at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 167 Ripley, Alpena from 11:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. To schedule an appointment to donate, call 1-800-448-3543 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org.

The Alcona County Republicans will hold their monthly meeting at noon in the commissioner's meeting room of the Alcona County building in Harrisville. All are welcome. Call (989) 324-7971 for more information.

THURSDAY,
FEBRUARY 11

The Community Walking Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. This is for everyone.

Tiny Tot Story Time will be at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library from 10 to 11 a.m. for children ages 0 to 24 months old accompanied by an adult. Stories will be short and play time will follow. No registration is needed.

An adult American Red Cross CPR/AED and standard first aid challenge course will be offered at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9 to 11 a.m. Anyone interested in attending can register by calling Jennie at (989) 356-2161. There is an \$18 course fee.

TOPS No. MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-4483.

A soup and apple crisp supper will be served from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. Cost is \$6 for adults, \$3 for kids.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12

There will be a special story and craft project for children to celebrate Chinese New Year at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 10:15 a.m.

Hubbard Lake Community Association will hold a Sweetheart Benefit Supper from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Hubbard lake Community Center. Dinner will include spaghetti, garlic bread, salad and dessert. There will be a special gift for all ladies attending. Cost is a free will donation.

SATURDAY,
FEBRUARY 13

Barton City's annual kids fishing contest will be held on Jewell Lake. There will be prize trophies for girls and boys entered in the contest. There will also be an ice skating rink and hockey shootout (skates provided). Hot dog, hot chocolate and warming area for youth participants. For more information, call Nancy Dean at (989) 736-3263.

My Brother's Hope free store and potluck cafe will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville United Methodist Church, 217 N. State St. There is no charge for the meal or to pick out items from the store. Only for Alcona County residents - must bring proof of residency. For more information, call (989) 754-5498.

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

Thunder Bay Arts Council presents Chaplain & Gwen beginning with a DVD presentation at 5:30 p.m. and a concert at 7:30 p.m. at the Alpena Community College Granum Theater. DVD presentation is free. Concert is \$12 for adults and all students are admitted free. For more information, contact the office at (989) 356-6678.

The Alcona County Food Pantry will be open from 11 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville Methodist Church. The pantry is open to all Alcona County residents and provides about a week's worth of food. To register, bring an ID to prove residency. For more information, call (989) 724-6266.

Alcona Little League sign up for kids ages five through 16 will be in the Alcona High School lobby by the office from 9 to 11 a.m. Cost is \$25 per player or \$50 per family. For more information, call (989) 736-8066.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Curtis Area Emergency Relief Fund will host the 14th Annual Sweetheart Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the new Curtis Township Hall (used to be the school). Quarter auction begins at 1 p.m. with auctioneer Kevin Allen from WKJC 104.7. Menu includes roast beef hoagie, choice of cheese,

grilled onions and peppers au jus, turkey and vegetable soup and a variety of salads and desserts. Cost is by donation.

There will be a card party and luncheon in the downstairs non-smoking section of the Alcona Senior Center in Lincoln. Lunch is at noon - cost is \$4. Games begin at 12:45 p.m. - cost depends on number of cards played. There will also be prizes and raffles. All adults are welcome.

American Legion Post 254 of Mikado will have a buffet all-you-can-eat breakfast from 9 a.m. to noon. Price is \$7 fro adults, \$4 for kids. Menu includes eggs, bacon, sausage, hash browns, corn beef hash, pancakes, biscuits, gravy, coffee, juice and milk. Everyone is welcome.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Alcona Little League sign up for kids ages five through 16 will be in the Alcona High School lobby by the new gym from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$25 per player or \$50 per family. For more information, call (989) 736-8066.

Ladies are invited to play bunco, an easy to learn game, at the Greenbush Township Hall at 2:30 p.m. First-timers are always welcome. Questions, call (989) 739-7029.

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

A preschool story time will be at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library from 10 to 11 a.m. for children ages 4 to 5 years old accompanied by an adult. Stories will be accompanied by songs and finger plays to help children prepare for school. No registration is needed.

Meet at the pavilion in the Harrisville State Park at 3 p.m. for the Great Backyard Bird Count. Contact Frank at (989) 724-3056 for more information.

The annual membership meeting for My Brother's Hope will be held at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. Members are those who've contributed service time, monetary donations or goods during the past year. The agenda includes honoring those contributors, electing board members and reviewing accomplishments. Refreshments served. Call (989) 754-5498 for more information.

The Harrisville Arts Council is looking for new members and would like to invite anyone that is interested to a meeting at the Art Council Building, 112 First Street, Harrisville from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

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FEBRUARY'S
BEST DEALS

2009 CHEVROLET IMPALA LT Stk. #12337 full power, like new	\$18,495
2008 CHEVROLET EQUINOX AWD Stk. #12391 full power, leather, 14,000 miles	\$22,995
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2005 PONTIAC VIBE FWD Stk. #12238 full power, sunroof, 32,000 miles	\$12,495
2004 PONTIAC VIBE FWD Stk. #12349, 4 cyl., auto, 47,000 miles	\$9,995
2003 CHEVROLET SILVERADO Z71 4X4 Stk. #12361, V8, ext. cab, auto, trailer pkg.	\$14,995
2003 PONTIAC VIBE AWD Stk. #9967 V6, auto, air	\$10,995
2003 ALERO GLS Stk. #11926 V6, auto, sunroof	\$8,495
2002 PONTIAC MONTANA Stk. #12234 air, auto, excellent condition, 8 passenger	\$5,495
2002 MAZDA PROTEGE Stk. #12012 auto, full power	\$6,495
2002 PONTIAC SUNFIRE Stk. #12228 2 door, sunroof, auto, 4 cyl.	\$5,995
2002 CHEVROLET S10 4X4 Stk. #12362 Crew cab, V6, auto, loaded, leather	\$11,495
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2001 GMC SIERRA 1500 4X4 Stk. #12192 V8, ext. cab, 5.3, auto	\$12,995
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You're Invited

The Harrisville Arts Council is looking for new members and would like to invite anyone that is interested to an open house.

The Arts Council sponsors one of the largest Arts and Crafts Shows in Michigan.

The proceeds from this event are used to promote the arts throughout our community.

If you would like more information or would like to become a member, please join us on Monday evening, February 15th at the Art Council Building, located at 112 First Street in Harrisville, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

Local Notes

Artist of the Month

Corrine “Corky” Gates of Alpena has been selected as “Artist of the Month” for February by the East Shore Art Guild (EASG). “This if my first ‘official’ showing as an artist,” Gates said. “I’ve always been a somewhat hyperactive and creative person, which has caused me to be quite exploratory in the art field. I’ve dabbled in oils, acrylics, ceramics, painting on furniture and old windows through the years. I finally took some classes with two very accomplished artists, Joy Skiba and Kerrie Miller. I found watercolor to be creative and most challenging. That is where I learned and continued to learn, my impressionistic style of painting. I’ve also tried to incorporate the ‘slow down and be patient’ thing which watercolor requires, into my life.”



Corrine Gates

A reception will be held Saturday, Feb. 13 from 2-4 p.m. at the ESAG Gallery in the Harbortown Marketplace, 410 E. Main Street, Harrisville. Refreshments will be served.

Away at School

- Kenneth R. Dean of Glennie was named to the dean’s list for the fall term 2009 at Michigan State University. To achieve dean’s list recognition, students must earn a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.
- Karen N. Bates of Hubbard Lake was named to the dean’s list for the fall term 2009 at Michigan State University. To achieve dean’s list recognition, students must earn a 3.50 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

The Year of the Tiger

Children are invited to celebrate the Year of the Tiger during the Chinese New Year storytime and craft at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Friday, Feb. 12 at 10:15 a.m. Kids will listen to a story, make a craft and taste egg rolls and other oriental treats. They will also have an opportunity to do the “dragon dance” with Miss Barb through the library. Fortune cookies will be available all day. Call (989) 724-6796 for more information on this and other “Love Your Library” month activities.

Watershed Management Plan

A summary of a preliminary Watershed Management Plan for Cedar Lake will be published for review and comment in the Alcona-Iosco Cedar Lake Association

newsletter “Whispering Waters” on February 12. Anyone who is not a regular recipient of the newsletter may still review and comment on the preliminary findings and proposed solutions. Greenbush residents may go to the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library, and Oscoda residents may go to the Oscoda Township Clerk’s office. A copy of the association newsletter containing the summary will be there for onsite review, along with comment forms that may be used to mail in comments. This information will be available at both locations from February 12 through February 19.

Dessert with John

Chef John Webster Jr, head cook at Tait’s Bill of Fare, returns on Thursday, Feb. 18 at noon to demonstrate how to make a lemon tiramisu. He’ll make it and participants will eat it. Recipes included. No charge for this program, but only the first 36 people to sign up are guaranteed a serving. Call (989) 724-6796 by Feb. 12 to reserve a slice of heavenly dessert.

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 Thursday and by 9:30 a.m. on Friday.
- Monday, February 15—Beef chop suey over rice, cheese wedges, Brussels sprouts, American blend salad and plums.
 - Tuesday, February 16—Chicken alfredo over fettuccini noodles, green beans, flavored applesauce and mandarin oranges.
 - Wednesday, February 17—Roast beef, au gratin potatoes, squash, calico salad and fruit crisp.
 - Thursday, February 18—Meatloaf, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, pickled beets and fruit pie.
 - Friday, February 19—Hot dog on a bun, macaroni and cheese, green beans, American blend salad and fruit. (Glennie center only.)

Super Crossword

Answers

S	A	T	P	A	N	P	E	A	C	E	W	A	C	O	A	L	B
A	C	C	U	S	E	O	R	I	O	N	O	S	L	O	F	A	I
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2009 Alcona County Tentative Equalization Ratios & Multipliers									
REAL PROPERTY CLASSES									
		AGRICULTURE		COMMERCIAL		INDUSTRIAL		RESIDENTIAL	
UNIT	R/M	101	201	301	401	501	601	All Personal Property	
ALCONA	R	53.28%	50.03%	53.39%	54.88%	None	None	50.00%	1.0000
	M	0.9384	0.9994	0.9365	0.9111	~	~	50.00%	1.0000
CALEDONIA	R	45.75%	49.49%	49.66%	55.03%	None	None	50.00%	1.0000
	M	1.0929	1.0103	1.0069	0.9086	~	~	50.00%	1.0000
CURTIS	R	51.91%	52.26%	49.75%	54.21%	None	None	50.00%	1.0000
	M	0.9632	0.9568	1.0050	0.9223	~	~	50.00%	1.0000
GREENBUSH	R	49.92%	51.79%	49.96%	55.99%	None	None	50.00%	1.0000
	M	1.0016	0.9654	1.0010	0.8930	~	~	50.00%	1.0000
GUSTIN	R	48.22%	49.09%	50.26%	58.05%	None	None	50.00%	1.0000
	M	1.0369	1.0185	0.9948	0.8613	~	~	50.00%	1.0000
HARRISVILLE	R	49.88%	54.21%	50.35%	55.83%	None	None	50.00%	1.0000
	M	1.0024	0.9223	0.9931	0.8956	~	~	50.00%	1.0000
HAWES	R	51.31%	52.38%	55.36%	54.93%	None	None	50.00%	1.0000
	M	0.9745	0.9546	0.9032	0.9103	~	~	50.00%	1.0000
HAYNES	R	50.06%	50.97%	None	53.91%	None	None	50.00%	1.0000
	M	0.9988	0.9810	~	0.9275	~	~	50.00%	1.0000
MIKADO	R	50.91%	50.29%	None	53.88%	None	None	50.00%	1.0000
	M	0.9821	0.9942	~	0.9280	~	~	50.00%	1.0000
MILLEN	R	50.00%	50.32%	None	59.18%	None	None	50.00%	1.0000
	M	1.0000	0.9936	~	0.8449	~	~	50.00%	1.0000
MITCHELL	R	47.09%	49.44%	47.43%	55.14%	None	None	50.00%	1.0000
	M	1.0618	1.0113	1.0541	0.9068	~	~	50.00%	1.0000
City of HARRISVILLE	R	None	49.63%	55.02%	57.75%	None	None	50.00%	1.0000
	M	~	1.0075	0.9088	0.8658	~	~	50.00%	1.0000

R=Ratio: Average Ratio of Assessed Value to Market Value
M=Multiplier: Multiplier (Equalization Factor) necessary to raise or lower Assessed Value to Equalized Value
Equalized Value: Fifty percent (50%) of Market Value

BOARDS OF REVIEW: Dates, Time, & Location of March Meetings are to be published.

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Publication of this report, with tentative multipliers, may not take into consideration any assessment changes made at the local level before the adoption of County Equalization in April

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USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map

This well-known resource for gardeners (online at <http://www.usna.usda.gov/Hardzone/ushzmap.html>) displays the average lowest temperatures for all areas of the U.S. A plant’s tag should give its “hardiness” (the lowest temperatures the plant can withstand) and usually refers to this map to do so. An example would be: *Green Mountain Boxwood: hardy to Zones 5-9.*

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Tigers end losing streak

By Ron Yokom
Sports Writer

After enduring a stretch of tough opponents the Alcona Tigers hosted Whittemore-Prescott on Tuesday, Feb. 2 and ended their four game losing streak by defeating the Cardinals 65-57.

Matt Mullen quickly put the Tigers in front with a jump shot. Whittemore came right back with seven straight points to take a 7-2 lead. The game was tied twice before the quarter ended with the Cardinals ahead 14-11.

Consecutive baskets by Mike Munro gave the lead

back to Alcona to start the second quarter. Again, Whittemore rallied to score six points to take the lead back. The two teams battled evenly the rest of the quarter until a three-point play by Jim Budreau put Alcona ahead 26-24. After the Cardinals tied the game, a jumper by Alex Cole gave the Tigers a 28-26 lead heading to the locker room at halftime.

Everyone was nervous about the dreaded "third quarter collapse." Was it going to happen again? Not this time. The Tigers outscored Whittemore 20-16 to increase

their lead to 48-42 heading into the final period.

Cole started the third quarter with a three-pointer to give Alcona a five point lead. After Whittemore answered with a basket, Alcona went on a 10 point run to take a 12 point lead at 40-28. At that point it looked like it might be a runaway for Alcona. But, several ill advised turnovers allowed Whittemore back in the game, trailing by only six points after three quarters.

Whittemore continued to eat into Alcona's lead to begin the final quarter and trailed by only two points, 52-50. Six straight points put Alcona back on top 58-50 and the Cardinals could not rally as Alcona held them off to win by eight points.

Cole scored 17 points to lead Alcona. Brock LaVergne added 13 points, Munro 11, Jim Budreau nine, Mullen five, Jared Steiner and Braden Yokom had four points each as the Tigers had an even scoring attack.

The junior varsity team did not fair as well as they gave away a 15 point lead to lose 46-44 in a close game.

On Wednesday, Feb. 3 the Tigers traveled to Standish to face a team that had defeated them soundly the week before. It appeared that the Panthers would again blow Alcona out of the gym. Alex Cole gave Alcona a short 2-0 lead to begin the game, but Cole Walderzak, Standish's six foot eight inch center scored the next 11 points to put the Panthers ahead 11-2.

Alcona had no answer to the Panthers' lob passes to their tall center. Standish led 19-9 after one quarter.

Alcona fought back in the second quarter and came to within three points of Standish after back to back baskets by sophomore Brock LaVergne. Two baskets by the Panthers ended the second quarter with a 28-21 lead at halftime. Alcona was back in the game.

Cole scored the first basket of the final period to bring Alcona to within five points. Then Standish turned up the heat and outscored Alcona 11-0 to take a commanding 39-23 lead. The Tigers did not give up. They scored the final eight points of the quarter and trailed 39-31. Alcona was still in the game.

The Tigers kept battling. Standish built their lead back to 11 points at 46-35. Then Alcona went to work at the charity strip scoring five consecutive points from the free throw line to close the gap to six points at 46-40.

After two three-pointers by Cole the Tigers trailed by only six points with a couple of minutes to go. Standish finished with three free throws and came away with a 54-46 victory.

Cole led Alcona with 17 points. LaVergne added 10, Zach Harmon had five points, Mullen and Yokom had four points each and Ryan Hampton and Jim Budrea added two points each. Alcona's record now stands at three wins and 10 losses.

The junior varsity Tigers were defeated 55-27.

Lady Tigers net win over Hillman

By Dan O'Connor
Sports Writer

The roller coaster season continued for the Alcona varsity girls' basketball team last week on the road with two losses and a win leaving their record at 6-9 with five games to play.

Alcona started the week at Hillman on Monday, Feb. 1 and found themselves in a early hole that they would battle to climb out of for the rest of the night.

The Tigers of Hillman put together a solid first half to lead 31-23. Hillman put seven players in the score-book in the first half led by Maci Schook's 10 first half points. Alcona's Lacie Stephenson had a solid first half by scoring seven points to keep her team in the ball game.

Alcona's defense did play better in the second half keeping the team in the game by holding Hillman to six second half field goals, and at one point, Alcona had cut the lead to four with three minutes to go in the game, but Hillman was red-hot from the free throw line going 14-19 from the line in the second half to seal the win.

Phebie Mier led Alcona with 10 points while Alexa Lecureux added nine and Carolynn Miller chipped in eight points and 14 rebounds.

Tuesday night the Lady Tigers traveled to Hale and quickly put their slow start from Monday behind them by storming out to a 20-0 lead after one quarter and not looking back. Amelia

Oliver had eight points in the first quarter while Miller had six to help get Alcona out to a big lead. The Lady Tigers played steady with Hale the rest of the night leading 30-12 at the half and a 49-31 final.

The Lady Tigers were led by Sarah Hart, who scored in every quarter and finished with a game high 14 points and 10 rebounds. Miller finished with 11 points and Oliver and Lecureux had eight points each.

On Saturday, Feb. 6 Alcona faced Pickford, a team from the eastern Upper Peninsula, and were victim to an impressive shooting display and intense full-court pressure by the Panthers. Pickford jumped out to a 22-9 lead after one quarter. The Alcona defense made some adjustments and trailed by only nine points with a minute to go in the second quarter before Pickford rattled off six straight to lead 30-15 at the half.

The second half did not get any better for the Lady Tigers as Pickford scored 29 points, including the first 10 of the second half. Alcona would get no closer suffering a 70-27 loss. The Lady Tigers were led by Amelia Oliver with 10 points.

The junior varsity improved their record this week with three wins. They are now 11-4.

Alcona will host Oscoda on Friday, Feb. 12 for senior night and parent's night and Whittemore-Prescott on Monday, Feb. 15.



Alcona Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach Dan O'Connor plans strategy during the game with Hillman. Photo by Bill Pinson.

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An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 2, to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	RATIOS	MULTIPLIERS
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Edward Roddy
Greenbush Township Supervisor

2-10 thru 2-24

Men's Bowling Tournament

Members of the Alcona USBC Men's Bowling Association participated in their annual tournament the week of January 26-31 at Village Lanes in Harrisville. A total of 17 teams competed in the team division and the top four teams came from the Sportsman League.

The team sponsored by Coles Appliance took first with a good score of 3,399. The team was led by Ed Glore's fine 738 handicap series, with support provided by Bob Szuber with 680, Larry Elmer with 667, Larry Yingling with 662, and Ed Schmitz with 652.

With a score of 3,227, second place went to the team sponsored by Top O' Michigan. Frank Belloli was the big shooter with 692, closely followed by Scott Griffith with 658. Support came from Bill Peterson (648,) Gregg Cousineau (618) and John Heath (611).

The team from Lost Lake Woods totaled 3,173 for third place. Bill Edgley led with a 697 series followed by Jim Mead (687), Bob Rousseau (625), Jack Kostka with 590, and Jim Braden with 574.

Fourth place, and last in the money, went to More Cowbell with a team score of 3,088. Jim Armstrong had the high score of 663. Teammates were Tom Morgan (637), Andy Budreau (628), Fred Potts (617) and Ray Medore (543).

Jim Armstrong had the high actual series in the team event with a fine 663 and the highest actual game was thrown by Bob Szuber with 251.

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Norm Welch, 88, showed the younger bowlers a thing or two by winning the All Events title with a score of 1,974.



The doubles team of Keith Tverberg (left) and Shane Conner won with a total of 1,384. *Courtesy photos.*

In singles competition, there were 53 entrants. Village Lanes proprietor Frank Belloli emerged the winner by finishing his third game with 10 consecutive strikes for a 257 actual game (302 handicap) and a very respectful 724 handicap series. This barely edged Kevin Rice who threw a 721 handicap series (613 actual) for second place.

A total of 13 bowlers shared in the prize fund. Their scores were: Jamie Witek (704), Ed Hart (691), Eric Monnier (683), Kevin Cole (681), Norm Welch Sr. (673), Roger Klukowski Sr. (667), Brent Eller (663), Jim Armstrong (659), Ray Trottier (656), Dan Somers (654) and Bill Peterson (653).

Fifty-four bowlers competed in doubles with seven teams finishing in the money. The team of Shane Conner (740) and Keith Tverberg (644) with 1,384 took first place followed closely by Dennis Barton Jr. (705) and Norm Welch Sr. (695) with a total of 1,380. Next were Dan and Paul Somers (1,324); Jim Arm-strong and Tom Morgan (1,305); Larry Yingling and Jim Armstrong (1,295); Eernie Schorfhaar and Jerry Vanderport (1,276); and Frank Belloli and Joel Mikazes (1,270).

The All-Events crown went to Norm Welch Sr. with a total score of 1,974. Norm totaled (673) in singles, (675) in doubles, and (626) in the team event. Ed Hart finished second with 1,952 and was followed by Jim Armstrong (1,932), Frank Belloli (1,927), Jerry Vanderport (1,924), Larry Yingling (1,919), Larry Cirillo (1,918), Ray Trottier (1,907), Gregg Cousineau (1,896), and Dennis Barton Jr. (1,890). A total of 40 members entered All-Events.

Jim Armstrong, the only scratch (no handicap) bowler in the association led the actual scoring with the four highest series (681,663, 662 and 659) and the highest actual game of 266. Frank Belloli had the highest handicap game with 302 and Shane Conner the highest handicap series with 740.

Pool League

Alcona Women's February 4

Mikado Legion	109
Glennie Tavern	102
Mikado Tavern	97
Back Alley	90
Smokey's	86
Wagon Wheel	81
Oasis	65

Bowling

Early Bloomers February 2

Buttercups	110	34
Daffodils	90	54
Tigerlilys	84.5	59.5
Violets	74.5	69.5
Marigolds	68.5	75.5
Rosebuds	68.5	75.5
Bluebells	43	101
Mums	37	107
Individual high game and series: Gina Broadwood, 179 and 493.		
Team high game and series: Tigerlilys, 450 and 1,258.		

Huron February 2

Back Alley Bar	24.5	90
E & M Bldrs.	22	89
Lincoln Prec.	8	78.5
Big Joe's Motel	14	78.5
Carpet One	16	72
Outdoor Ctr.	5.5	67.5
B & D Sales	18	65
Gary Oil	12	59.5
High game and series: Jim Armstrong, 265 and 677.		
High handicap game and series: Jim Armstrong, 273 and 701.		

Wednesday Nite Women's February 3

Alcona Abstract	122	58
Animal Clinic	109.5	70.5
Abend Bros.	108	72
Udder Team	106	74
Moosetales	97	83
Mikado Mkt.	93.5	86.5
Ark Plumbing	88	92
Back Alley Bar	84.5	95.5
Alcona Tool	83	97
Richard's Phar.	79.5	100.5
Stoney Acres	54.5	125.5
JB's Auto	54.5	125.5
High game: Sandy Sokolak, 228.		
High series: Sue Weichel, 553.		
High handicap game: Sandy Sokolak, 278.		
High handicap series: Annette Brueggem, 668.		

Sportsmans February 4

More Cowbell	86	34
L.L.W. Club	67.5	52.5
Phil's Barber	65.5	54.5
Baymoor	58.5	61.5
Balls on Ya	55	65
Complete Con.	53.5	66.5
Cole's	51.5	68.5
Top of Mich.	42.5	77.5
High game and series: Jim Armstrong, 277 and 633.		
High handicap game: Jim Armstrong, 280.		
High handicap series: Doug Dingle, 704.		

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Organization Notes

Northeast Michigan U.A.W. Retirees

The Northeast Michigan U.A.W. retirees met on January 6 for a dinner luncheon. Elise Eden, the vice chairperson of Alpena County Democrats and the chairman of the Alpena College Democrats, was the guest speaker. She gave a well informed presentation of what the Democrats were doing in the Alpena area and especially the young college Democrats. We all enjoyed her vision and her energy.

Scott Birdsall, the U.A.W. international retiree representative was on hand to bring us up to date. He said it is very important that we cooperate with the census tak-

ers, as we all need to be counted properly. The census affects the federal funding for Michigan and how states congressional districts are divided.

He also discussed the VEBA account and said Ford is in the best position having paid this year's and next year's funding. But GM and Chrysler have only paid this year's funding and he stressed how important it is to buy American as these companies need to remain viable so they can continue to fund VEBA. As we know if it is not funded we will be out of insurance.

Frank Ciera our Blue Cross

Blue Shield representative was on hand to keep us informed of any changes.

Our next meeting will be February 3 at 11 a.m. Bring a nonperishable item of grocery for the less fortunate.

Oscoda Youth Wrestling

Twenty three grapplers competed at their fifth meet over the weekend (2-6-10) at home at the Oscoda High School. Also competing were wrestlers from Division D.

Those medaling were:

Five-six year olds: David Williams, second place, 49 weight class; Kaden Schlink, fourth place, 61 weight class.

Seven-eight year olds: Andrew Meyer, first place, 67 weight class.

Nine-10 year olds: Anthony Johnson, first place, 85 weight class; Jacob Dettmer, second place, heavy weight class; Harry Samotis, first place, 129 weight class.

Eleven-12 year olds: Knesley Johnson, second place, 105 weight class; Jay Febish, third place, 162 weight class; Amber Jackson, second place, 95 weight class; Robby Ellman, second place, heavy weight; J.J. Howell, second place, 90 weight class.

Thirteen-14 year olds: Brandon Franks, first place, heavy weight class; Matt Yates, second place, 170 weight class.

Oscoda Youth Wrestling, part of the Division A, is sponsored by NEMWA (Northeast Michigan Wrestling Association).

VFW Post No. 6754 Ladies Auxiliary

The February meeting was held with 12 members in attendance. Sandy Light served as conductress; the minutes were read by Emma Liske and the treasurer's report was given by Erma Wyers.

A note was received from Wilfred and Dot Mousseau thanking the auxiliary for the Christmas fruit basket. Ten residents of Lincoln Haven played bingo with assistance provided by Pat Eller, Erma Wyers, Cathy Cousineau, Bill Alstrom and Chuck Gauthier.

Norma Alstrom reminded the members that worn flags should be taken down and replaced; advised that there are procedures for proper disposal and that her husband, Bill, could assist with flag

disposal. She also stated that flags must not be used for advertising. Frances Ziesman advised the members that their flags will last longer if hot glue is placed two to three inches above the hem.

Membership stands at 91 members. The audit report was read by Sandy Light. Frances Ziesman stated that she had an enjoyable visit with Esther Smith. Mary Ann Seymour reported that she had an enjoyable visit with Betty Gordon. Members should remember our home-bound sisters.

The charter was draped for our sister, Betty Erbish, who died on January 26.

The next meeting will be held on March 2.

Ladies Home Extension Council of Alcona County

Knowing that times are tight and families are being asked to do more for their kids with fewer resources, one group of ladies sat down at a meeting last week to make a difference.

The Ladies Home Extension Council of Alcona County, made up of members of the Hubbard Lake Domestic Engineers and Glennie Home Extension groups, came together with making a difference in mind and made a \$1,000 donation to the Alcona 4-H Youth Development Program.

The donation, for use in youth scholarships, leadership and publications accounts will directly impact youth wishing to take part in educational programs, leadership opportunities and looking for printed resources.

Les Thomas, 4-H program instructor with Michigan State University (MSU) Extension recognized the enormity of the donation. "It's not every day that someone steps up - unsolicited -- and offers up this sort of donation in support of the program. This will be a wonderful gift to the youth of Alcona County," he said. "We are very blessed to have such wonderful community support throughout the businesses, civic groups and among private citizens as well. We have a list of very generous donors to the program and when you stop and consider the time, effort and

resources donated by our volunteers, that list gets even longer."

The 4-H Advisory Council of Alcona County knows the value of that time and recognized it recently with its annual Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. Club leaders and special guests from across the county assembled at the Lost Lake Woods Club for a night of friends, great food and recognition. This year's event was highlighted by State Representative Andy Neumann, making comments on the impact of volunteerism as well as the 4-H Councils' recognition of the work of its club leaders including the 20-year volunteer award of the Diamond Clover recipient, Deb Boyat of Mikado.

A silent auction helped cover the cost of the program with items from local donors as well as corporations like Disney, who donated four park passes to any Walt Disney World Park for the event.

"Again, I know the economy is rough right now, especially for our local donors...but they find value in the program and donate to help make a difference," Thomas said.

Over 1,500 youth were served in Alcona County through MSU Extension programming in 2009, through 4-H, SNAP education, Michigan Sea Grant and by programs like the annual leadership class.

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The number of Americans living with Alzheimer's disease today is estimated at 5.3 million, and according to the Alzheimer's Association, more than 60 percent of them will wander away from their homes at some point. Most wanderers – around 95 percent – are found within a

quarter mile of their last location, but if an elderly person is not found within 24 hours, there is a 50 percent chance they'll suffer a serious injury or die.
To help keep your wife safe and at home there are a number of things you can do. For starters, you can reduce her tendency to wander by keeping her occupied with simple activities and by encouraging her to move and exercise.
There are also a variety of simple household adjustments you could make like installing a "key access" deadbolt or some type of safety lock on the exterior doors to keep her from wandering out, or to keep her from driving away, hide the car keys. You can find many other wandering prevention tips at alz.org/safetycenter.
It's also a good idea to alert your neighbors that your wife may wander so they can keep an eye out, and have on hand a recent picture of her to show around the neighborhood or to the police if she does get lost.

There are also a variety of programs that can help locate your wife if she happens to wander off. Here are some to check into:
• Silver Alert program: Currently available in about a dozen states, this program is modeled after Amber Alerts for missing children. If your wife goes missing, you contact Silver Alert and they alert the public and law enforcement agencies and the media so that citizens can be on the look out.
To find out if Silver Alert is available in your state, contact your local Alzheimer's Association – call (800) 272-3900 to get your local number. (Note: Congress is currently considering a national Silver Alert bill, which would provide funding to help all states create programs in the future.)
• Medic Alert + Safe Return program: Offered by the Alzheimer's Association (medicalert.org/safereturn; (888) 633-4298) this is a national program that can also

help locate your wife if she wanders away. With this service she would wear a medical alert ID bracelet or pendant engraved with her medical conditions and the Safe Return phone number. She will also be listed on their national database that anyone can call at any time to report her missing or found. This program costs \$25 per year, with a \$25 initial setup fee.
• Project Lifesaver: Currently offered by around 1,100 local law enforcement agencies around the country, Project Lifesaver (project-lifesaver.org; (877) 580-5433) provides a wristband to its members that contains a radio transmitter and emits tracking signals. If a member goes missing, one or two officers will use the tracking equipment to quickly locate them. The cost for this service is around \$30 per month with a \$99 enrollment fee.
The Alzheimer's Association recently introduced a new GPS locating service

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called Comfort Zone (alz.org/comfortzone; (877) 259-4850) that can help too. Powered by Omnilink and specifically designed for Alzheimer's patients, with this service your wife would carry or wear a small GPS tracking device that would notify you or other caregivers via text or e-mail if she were to wander beyond a preestablished area, and would let you know exactly where to find her if she did. Costs: \$200 for a tracking device plus monthly service fees ranging between \$43 and \$80.
(Send your senior questions to: Savvy Senior, P.O. Box 5443, Norman, OK 73070, or visit SavvySenior.org. Jim Miller is a contributor to the NBC Today show and author of "The Savvy Senior" book.)

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Oh, that rascally rabbit!

By Mary Weber
Special to the Review

Sylvilagus Floridanus, is more commonly known as the eastern cottontail rabbit readily seen throughout our county. As settlers cleared forest lands the cottontails range has grown and the rabbits can be seen everywhere from southern Canada to South America, predominantly east of the Rocky Mountains.

The cottontails prevail and flourish amid city parks and sprawling suburban growth, but they are most abundant in meadows and shrubby areas of open country similar to what we have in Alcona County. Their survival is due

protect them. The small, close to the ground, shrubs resembled a miniature Fort Knox with several yards of chicken wire and I was fairly confident that no rabbit could ever penetrate it. I was wrong. A clever bunny opened a small hole and I found him dining on the branches in total leisure. The chicken wire I so carefully put down to keep him out provided the perfect cover to keep him safe from his predators.

Cottontails have many predators and are one of the primary links of the food chain. They serve as essential prey for hawks, eagles, owls, fox, coyotes, bobcats and wolves. Only about 20 to



This eastern cottontail rabbit has an appetite for just about anything green and then some. *Photo by Al Broadwood.*

the fact they (if you'll excuse the phrase) reproduce like rabbits! Mating occurs from February to September. Males (bucks) mate with more than one female (doe) and have a range of as much as 100 acres.

A female's home range is from five to 15 acres. Mom cottontails build a nest in the ground lined with grass and fur and then give birth to up to seven litters a year. Each litter will have one to 12 young called kits. The kits are weaned from mom's milk after three weeks and leave their cozy nest after seven weeks. The kits will reach mating age after three months.

Ask most gardeners about what a cottontail eats, and they'll answer "everything I plant!" Their diet in the summer includes anything green as well as fruits and vegetables. In the winter they will dine on twigs, bark, dogwoods, maple trees, seeds that fall from our bird feeder and my cherished miniature Korean lilac bushes.

I really thought this past fall I had put enough chicken wire around those bushes to

25 percent of young rabbits remain alive within a year after birth and 85 percent of adults or young rabbits are killed every year by predators, which also include humans that hunt them for their pelts and food.

My husband grew up hunting cottontails and the rabbits provided many meals for his parents and three younger siblings. He tells me rabbits aren't the easiest thing to hunt, a good hunting dog and a trusty rifle is essential for success. Still a lot of rabbits got away, despite how good his aim or how amazing his dog was.

A running rabbit can reach 18 miles per hour and hop 15 feet at a time. Their zigzag motions can outsmart many dogs.

My husband has even seen a rabbit run until it was almost exhausted then suddenly slip off the trail. Just about the same time a new, well-rested, replacement rabbit would appear on the trail for the dog to chase. Apparently, this rabbit relay race went on and on until the poor dog just had no more hunt left in him. That story ex-

Alcona's Backyard

plains the wisdom that Bugs Bunny had over Elmer Fudd.

I'm not a hunter and I've never eaten rabbit, but when I was a kid I did have a lucky rabbit foot keychain. It was one of those purchases my parents allowed me to make at a souvenir stand on a summer vacation to Mackinaw and was supposed to keep me mildly amused and content for the long ride back downstate. I remember holding the soft fur and thinking, how lucky could that rabbit be if he was hopping around on only three feet?


I had completely forgotten about that lucky rabbit's foot until just a few years ago after we moved up to this area. I had let our dog, a golden retriever that I named Mikado, out to run in her fenced area when I heard the most obnoxious screaming... it was a horrid, high pitch and extremely loud scream that still echoes in my head when I think about it.

Yes, Mikado had cornered a rabbit that had mistakenly hopped into her area. We had plenty of rabbits down state where I used to live, but I had never heard one scream. My guess is the sounds of the factory and city life were louder than a screaming rabbit and not many bunnies ventured into the suburban backyard where my dogs ran.

Perhaps when I lived downstate I just had really slow dogs, but this was no longer the case. Mikado had a good hold on it and while Mikado's rabbit was screaming, I started screaming even louder. Within a second Mikado retreated and went running past me into the house holding her prize, a lucky rabbit's foot. Yuck!

With all the beauty this area has to offer, I seldom think that I would ever want to be anywhere else. However, when that cottontail's appendage hit my brand new carpeted floor, I wished I was downstate listening to the sounds of the city.

(Mary Weber, born and raised in the suburbs of Detroit, Mich., moved to Alcona County in 2005 with her husband, Willy, when he retired. Life in the north woods, away from city life, presents new experiences with nature on a daily basis...and they love (almost) every minute of it.)



USDA Plant Hardiness Zone Map

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Saints with wings

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

Hopefully, by the time you're reading this, you will have recovered from your Super Bowl party. As I'm writing it, the Saints, of course, are marching triumphantly out. And as the game glides past the goal posts and into the history books, as the commentators are wont to say, just a few final Super thoughts.

Every year, as the pre-game promotion begins, I think to myself that if aliens from outer space chose this week to visit our planet, they might conclude that the Super Bowl is some kind of major eating competition.

I've found it interesting over the past couple of weeks to observe the Super Bowl hype on the morning shows, the afternoon talk shows and the television commercials. The content of these shows reflects quite accurately, I think, just how conflicted we as a nation are on the subject of food.

Virtually every show I watched offered suggestions for snacks for your game party. If, like me, you don't host a game party, these canapés, dips and assorted goodies might make you inclined to. And like all things American, the menu has grown from a simple bowl of chips and some cheese chunks to a multifaceted feast.

Some of the things I would whip up, were I to host a Super Bowl party -- and assuming I didn't already employ a cardiologist -- included homemade egg rolls, honey glazed teriyaki chicken wings, mixed nuts toasted in olive oil, rosemary and sea salt, seven-layer nacho dip and pulled pork sandwiches on onion buns.

Better yet, rather than spend a fortnight in the

kitchen making all those things, I'd just attend the tailgate of a group of gentlemen featured on Food Network who not only grilled chicken and pork, but served a beautiful prime rib along with their plethora of side dishes. I'd much rather sit around discussing the relative benefits of balsamic vinegar in a marinade with guys named Snake and Bear then watch the game, anyway.

But I digress. As I said, the first half of each of the talk shows I watched was taken up with recipes and drink concoctions. The second half -- and this is where our national conflict comes in -- brought on the health ladies to discuss how to attend or host said party without gaining weight.

The health ladies are usually thin, brittle young women of the sort who get up at the crack of dawn to go to the gym. Their suggestions usually include such tried and failed methods as eating something before going to the party (known in my family, unfortunately, as a "warm up snack") or drinking lots of water. Yeah. There's not enough water in Lake Erie to keep me from wanting to try the honey-glazed chicken wings.

One of the chipper, young, healthy ladies offered an interesting suggestion, I thought. She said if you're concerned that there might only be calorie-laden snacks at the party (now what would make you think that?) you could bring a healthy snack to share such as a low fat dip with multi-grain chips.

I envisioned this scenario. Doorbell rings. "Oh look, Hon," the hostess attempts to rouse the host from his spot before the big screen, "Frank and Nancy are here."

Hon greets this bulletin

Puttin' On The Fritz

with a pumped fist and a hearty shout of "Who Dat?" and returns to the pregame show.

Nancy, in the meantime, presses a tray covered with Press N Seal upon her hostess. "I know you have lots of goodies," she says, "But I brought this for the buffet. It's edamame and tofu dip with Activia yogurt and oven-baked buckwheat chips."

"Oh Nancy," the hostess says sincerely, "You didn't have to do that. Look, Hon, Nancy brought edamame dip." Hon casts a cursory glance at the tray. "Yeah," he responds. "I think I'll save that for halftime."

And so Nancy's healthy snack sits among its less healthy counterparts. People take a spoonful, discover that the family dog won't do edamame either, and hide it beneath a pile of chicken bones to be disposed of later.

As the party dwindles and the guests begin to go, Nancy and the hostess hold the traditional standoff. "Oh no, Nancy -- you take that home with you. Your kids will love it and we've got so much left over here." "No, you keep it -- I've got another bowl of it in the fridge at home."

In this case, the hostess losses, leaving her waving from the doorway, a bowl of warm dip in her hand.

"Good grief," Hon tells her, passing by with a bucket of empty Bud bottles destined for the garage, "Don't ever ask Nancy to bring anything again. Are you gonna throw that stuff out or what?"

"No," our hostess says, closing the door. "Actually, I think this dip has a function."

"What would that be?" Hon inquires skeptically. "You're sure not gonna get the kids to eat it."

"No," our hostess replies. "But I think it will work just great to paste the party photos in the album."

Basically, the Super Bowl is a little bit like Thanksgiving. If you're gonna attend the party, you might as well party. After all, this is American. And you can make it up between now and the next great national eating day -- Fat Tuesday. You know, when the paczkis come marching in.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 25 years. A *Voices of Michigan* 2002 author, she has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville. The couple has one daughter, Katrina -- "the Princess," two dogs, Lady and Henry, Oliver the cat, and grand-dog, Bastian, all of whom are frequent victims of her column.)

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The future groom is the son of Dennis and Debra Kruttlin of Lincoln. He is a 2001 graduate of Alcona High School and a 2005 graduate of Central Michigan University. He is employed at Alcona Motors, Inc.

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The US-23 Heritage Route (which recently renamed itself the Huron Shores Heritage Route) was awarded a \$10,000 grant from the Michigan Department of Transportation in December.

The grant will be used to develop a comprehensive tourism Web site for the six counties along the US-23 Heritage Route (Cheboygan, Presque Isle, Alpena, Alcona, Iosco and Arenac). The grant was awarded to the Northeast Michigan Council of Governments (NEMCOG).

Denise Cline, GIS specialist and community planner with NEMCOG, provides technical assistance to the northern four counties and to the overall US-23 Management Council while the East Michigan Council of Governments assists the southern two counties. NEMCOG is working with the

Land Information Access Association (LIAA) out of Traverse City to develop the site.

The Web site will be a comprehensive tourism resource for the traveler along the Heritage Route. It will provide different methods for a tourist to plan their trip to the coastal area of northeastern Michigan. The site will focus heavily on recreation because US-23 has a "recreational" Heritage Route designation.

Visitors will be able to search the site based on either their destination (the Rogers City area, for example) or by area of interest (boating, bird watching, or history, for example).

The Web site will feature an interactive mapping component which will allow the visitor to select the types of activities that they enjoy as well as a mileage radius

around specific communities or within a specific county. This will generate a map which will highlight things to do and places to go in the coastal counties. They will then be able to click on each icon to access more information.

The types of information that will be available on the site will include such things as: Outdoor recreational opportunities including boating, beaches, fishing, water access points, hunting preserves, trails, parks and much more; lodging; dining; cultural activities; historical points of interest; agricultural tourism; natural resource/ecotourism opportunities; as well as some basic service information such as bike shops, auto service, airports, travel centers and medical services.

A calendar of events will

also be available. The Web site will also include a place where travelers can share their own stories of things that they did and found in their visit to the coastal counties of northeast Michigan. The county teams are currently in the process of gathering data for inclusion on the Web site.

Any business which markets itself to tourists is encouraged to contact NEMCOG to ensure that they are included on the Web site. Some businesses have already submitted their information over the past two years in anticipation of the Web site becoming a reality.

Other major changes and activities are ongoing within the Heritage Route program. Marlena MacNeill from the Alcona County Heritage Route Team, was recently elected chairperson of the

management council (the group charged with overseeing the entire route). Gary Kellan of Iosco County is serving as vice-chairperson and Karen Sanderson of Alcona County serves as secretary.


Cline provides assistance to the Heritage Route program through funding from MDOT. She will assist in Web site design, data entry and the management of information on the site. She also designs interpretive materials such as brochures and maps for US-23 as well as provides administrative assistance (such as meeting organization and grant writing).

The US-23 Heritage Route also has plans to pursue grant funding to develop a range of interpretive materials such as themed maps, a guidebook, digital media, kiosks, and other interpretive signage for placement in the six counties. The US-23 program is also coordinating its activities with the Coastal Coalition and the Pure Michigan campaign to ensure a coordinated marketing effort.

The US-23 Heritage Route program has become an active program in which a great number of people have come together to coordinate their efforts to promote and tell the story of northeast Michigan and all that it has to offer.

In 2004, US-23 from Standish, Mich. to Mackinaw City, Mich. was designated a Heritage Route by the MDOT. Each county along the route has its own team which implements projects along the route. A Heritage Route designation assisted with the acquisition of funding for projects along the route. Businesses and area communities have already benefited and will reap even more benefits by being located in a Heritage Route county because of the efforts of the county teams and management council.

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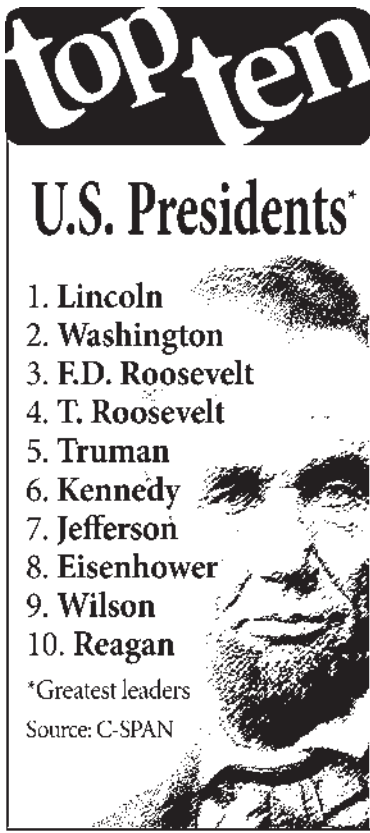
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7. Jefferson
8. Eisenhower
9. Wilson
10. Reagan
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Alcona Middle School Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Alcona Middle School Principal's List and Honor Roll for the second marking period.

Sixth Grade
Principal's Honor Roll
Sara Blohm, 4.00; Caitlynn Dzuris, 4.00; Nathaniel Failla, 3.75; Coda Gallagher, 3.85; Sarah Graney, 3.85; Kasandra Griffin, 3.85; Jessica Grove, 3.85; Torie Harmon, 3.75; Mitchel Havercroft, 4.00; Harlie Lafond, 3.93; Alexandra Lask, 4.00; Taylor Panzica, 3.75; Sydney Pierce, 4.00; Ashley Pyle, 3.75; Kaitlin Schellie, 4.00; Nathaniel Swinson, 4.00; Alissa Terpstra, 3.93; Elaina Thomas, 4.00; Lauren Yokom, 3.83.

Honor Roll
Jewel Beveridge, 3.50; Jesse Collins, 3.68; William Collins, 3.68; Abigail Dault, 3.33; Samantha Dettmer, 3.43; Chaire Feldhiser, 3.33; Sierra Forsythe, 3.08; Jacob Gombos, 3.33; Ashley Gonzalez, 3.03; Brooke Harmon, 3.65; Noah Kenworthy, 3.65; Darton Legstra, 3.08; Jeremy Lickey, 3.08; Brooke McGrath, 3.13; Dustin Olson, 3.08; Tristen O'Neill, 3.10; Jenna Peterson, 3.25; Savannah Peterson, 3.18; Austin Rifembark, 3.08; Jeffery Schram, 3.43; Isaak VonFintel, 3.68; Brett Wambold, 3.08; Samantha Zerbst, 3.68.

Seventh Grade
Principal's Honor Roll
Lauren Bates, 4.00; Victoria Burns, 4.00; Jacob Campbell, 3.83; Kendra Cole, 3.78; Cameron Ellis, 4.00; Stephanie Fry, 4.00; Kayla Hampton, 3.93; Sabrina Hayes, 3.85; Alexis Higgins, 4.00; George Hirschfeldt, 3.93; Trenton Lavergne, 3.93; Maire MacMaster, 4.00; Katelyn Nelson, 3.93; Shannon Oliver, 3.85; Alex Paad, 4.00; Hannah Riggs, 3.75; James Schaedig, 3.75; Samantha Schopfer, 3.93; Morgan Stewart, 4.00; Brandon Sweet, 3.75; Nicole Walen, 3.93; Philip Watson, 4.00; Kalie Zerbst, 3.75.

Honor Roll
Alexis Bloomfield, 3.50; Samantha Bumgardner, 3.50; Aaron Carrasco, 3.50; Cassidy Cooper, 3.15; Leigh Gibson, 3.33; Dakota Gillock, 3.50; Ryan Johnston, 3.08; Skyla Krcmarik, 3.43; Nicholas Lamantia, 3.48; Hannah Laplaunt, 3.25; Chase Matthews, 3.03; Sage McDermott, 3.68; Brendon Mills, 3.08; Cole Mitchell, 3.10; Laura Nolan, 3.25; Cheyenne Parkinson, 3.25; Alan Pawloski, 3.65; Jacob Radermacher, 3.25; Brandon Ritchie, 3.58; Sean Schultz, 3.18; Brett Sexton, 3.08; Ryan Shultz, 3.58; Brandon Smigelski, 3.43; Keegan Smith, 3.18; Dalton Vandenboom, 3.10.

Eighth Grade
Principal's Honor Roll
Karina Cole, 4.00; Madeline Feldhiser, 3.75; Nicholas Harris, 3.75; Walker Kelly, 4.00; Ryley Mancine, 3.75; Garrette Norling, 3.93; Basil Schuman, 3.75; Turner Somers, 3.93; Hannah Terpstra, 4.00.

Honor Roll
Roy Apsey, 3.30; Cassandra Carpenter, 3.43; Chad Cole, 3.68; Tony Dubai, 3.15; Taryn Durfee, 3.25; Brian Finn, 3.35; Cody Franklin, 3.35; Kyle Harmon, 3.00; Bethany Hudgins, 3.33; Kimberly Lindsay, 3.08; Joshua Mead, 3.35; Justin Miltz, 3.48; Cassie Pinder, 3.08; Megan Quick, 3.58; Lilly Rodgersmanning, 3.35; Rachel Schellie, 3.68; Dustin Yokom, 3.43.

Fifth Grade Honor Roll

The following Alcona Elementary fifth-grade students were named to the honor roll for the second marking period.
Ramond Betz
Michael Bustamante
Hannah Canute
Keilee Elmer
Zach Faszczewski
Brock Franklin
Jake Gallher
Dominique Heilig
Cory Hoffman
Krysta Indish
Jordan Joyce
Kendra LaFave
David Lindsay
Tyler McGrath
Brendan Nelson
Dresden Parkinson
Nathan Pintar
Raymond Richardson
Jared Sager
Brooke Shultz
Taylor Sobeck
Riley Somers
Abby Sytek
Jaiden Tudor
Rachel Warner
Santana Wetherhult

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Organization Notes



Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention for Alcona County (CANPAC) received a grant from Northeast Michigan Community Foundation and assistance from Miller Office Machines to print numerous copies of "Family Guide to Community Resources in Northeastern Michigan" which covers Alcona County. Members of CANPAC (Back row, from left) Sharon Fairchild, Tamyra Ranger, Robyn Hart (front row) Kristin Benghauser and Tamara Quick prepare the guides for distribution. CANPAC is a designee of the Michigan Children's Trust Fund and is hosted as a prevention program of Partners in Prevention. CANPAC is working in the community to promote activities and provide education to families so that cases of child abuse and neglect in Alcona County may be prevented. Upcoming events include an Alcona Family Night offered free to families in March and a "Family Time, Family First" art calendar project. For more information on how to become a volunteer with CANPAC or for a community resource brochure, contact Ruth Fleck at (989) 356-2880. *Courtesy photo.*

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2010 BOARD OF REVIEW MEETING SCHEDULE

Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 7 p.m. **Organizational Meeting**
No appeals will be taken at this meeting.

Wednesday, March 10, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 12, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2010 assessments. By Board Resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 10, 2010.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2010 are as follows:

	Ratios	Multipliers
Agricultural	50.91	0.98212
Commercial	50.29	0.99423
Industrial	N/A	N/A
Residential	53.88	0.92798
Tiber Cutover	N/A	N/A
Development	N/A	N/A
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

American With Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas or Rita D. Sands at 2278 Hamilton or call 736-7721.

Board of Review Members: Warren Everett, Betty Wissmiller, Earl Dettmer

Notices will be mailed by February 26 for valuation increases and classification changes only .If you do not receive a notice and wish to verify the values of your property, please contact the assessor at 736-7689.
Jesus "Yogi" Yruegas
Township Supervisor

2-10 thru 2-24

Alcona High School Honor Roll

The following students were named to the Alcona High School Principal's List and Honor Roll for the second marking period.

Ninth Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Nicholas Bouchard, 3.85; Vanessa Bowman, 4.00; Natalie Goldstrom, 3.83; Chad Haneckow, 3.85; Marisa Hirschfelt, 4.00; Victoria Keerl, 4.00; Emelia Lovelace, 3.78; Taylor Orefice, 3.93; Nicole Pawloski, 3.93; Rose Powierski, 3.78; Kelsey

Sullivan, 3.85; Jennifer Tait, 3.70.

Honor Roll

Miranda Ankner, 3.18; Victoria Ankner, 3.35; Sydney Chadwick, 3.10; Bethany Dunn, 3.68; Elizabeth Fraser, 3.15; Haley Gombos, 3.25; Eric Hampton, 3.50; Joseph Hudgins, 3.50; Kaitlynn Keesler, 3.35; Hannah Mikazes, 3.10; Aaron Ritchie, 3.43; Karaline Sager, 3.68; Jared Steiner, 3.25; Zachary Stoner, 3.00; Allen Vandenboom, 3.48; Elizabeth Wheaton, 3.68.

Tenth Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Alexis Cook, 4.00; Alexandria Keerl, 3.75; Gregory LaVigne, 3.75; Amanda Swinson, 3.83; Audrey Warner, 4.00.

Honor Roll

Andrew Chamberlain, 3.25; Cassandra Gansen, 3.68; Nicholas Garner, 3.35; Austin Gerard, 3.08; Brandon Gibson, 3.33; Megan Griffith, 3.50; Melissa Hayes, 3.58; Rachel Hefferon, 3.68; Ashley Kenworthy, 3.33; Alexandra Kramer, 3.40; Kathleen Kramer, 3.43; Kaylee LaFave, 3.58; David Millen, 3.68; Clayton O'Neal, 3.08; Nicole Quick, 3.18; Julia Rice, 3.08; Austin Scott, 3.08; Sydney Sefer-nick, 3.15; Betsy Smith, 3.58; Ashley Tait, 3.28; Nicole Wilt, 3.68.

Eleventh Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Alexander Cole, 4.00; Abigail DuncKel, 3.90; Sarah Hart, 4.00; Kristopher Kubbe, 4.00; Caitlin McNichols, 3.93; Adam Neveu, 3.93; Zachary Palmer, 3.93; Joanna Plamondon, 4.00; Adam Weidner, 4.00; Ashley

Whitford, 3.93; Braden Yokom, 3.93.

Honor Roll

Samantha Allen, 3.43; Erin Bumgardner, 3.50; Kristin Doucette, 3.50; Geoffrey Gerard, 3.53; Tanner Gerard, 3.18; Taylor Gil-lespie, 3.10; Zachary Harmon, 3.08; Pamela Landrum, 3.50; Chelsea Lange, 3.25; Alexa Lecureux, 3.25; Kayla Norton, 3.15; Laura Riegle, 3.00; Kaleb Sager, 3.18; Andrew Schram, 3.23.

Twelfth Grade

Principal's Honor Roll

Kathryn Bates, 3.83; Benjamin Bouchard, 3.75 Michael Brisen0, 3.93; Christian BruhnSEN, 3.75; Misty Campbell, 4.00; Kimberly D'Augustineo, 4.00; Danielle Failla, 3.93; Ryan Hampton, 4.00; Connor Hubbard, 3.93; Carolyn Miller, 4.00; Kathryn Morgan, 3.93; Jacqueline Mullen, 4.00; Matthew Mullen, 4.00; Dennis Neveu, 3.75; Mathilde Poirrel, 3.75; Brandon Scott, 3.75; Mackenzie Sims, 4.00; Michael Sutor, 3.93; Robert Turpen, 3.75; Jordan Weichel, 3.93.

Honor Roll

Cynthia Antuma, 3.50; Victoria Bair, 3.33; Jacob Bolam, 3.68; Matthew Budnick, 3.43; James Budreau, 3.50; Jordan Compeau, 3.18; Cindy Coutts, 3.18; Jason Dellar, 3.43; Cora Deller, 3.33; Kaitlyn Dennett, 3.58; Kasey Dinkel, 3.68; Nyshele Johnson, 3.68; Scott MacNeill, 3.15; Carly Martin, 3.10; Cody Martin, 3.35; Phebie Mier, 3.66; Megan Miller, 3.35; Michael Munro, 3.43; Meaghan Olger, 3.67; Hilary Ortiz, 3.68; Shawn Payne, 3.68; David Pickle, 3.68; Jeremy Stoner, 3.68; Emily Vincent, 3.00; Ryan Wilson, 3.33.

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Health system offers digital mammography

As part of St. Joseph Health System's commitment to enhancing women's healthcare throughout the region, the health system is offering full field digital mammography.

The addition of digital mammography services will achieve a higher standard of quality care for patients seeking breast health imaging services.

The American Cancer Society's most recent estimates for breast cancer in the United States include, 192,370 new cases of invasive breast cancer will be diagnosed in women, about 62,280 new cases of carcinoma in situ (CIS) will be diagnosed (CIS is non-invasive and is the earliest form

of breast cancer) and about 40,170 women will die from breast cancer. Breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, exceeded only by lung cancer.

"The digital mammography system offers improved clarity for breast imaging. The service will enhance patient safety by decreasing exposure to radiation and has the ability to save lives through early detection", said Mike Florip, director of radiology services at St. Joseph Health System. Digital mammography was developed in part to address some of the limitations of film mammography, separating image acquisition and display, allowing the op-

timization of both, enhancing interpretation by image manipulation and improvement in storage and transmission.

Like traditional film screen mammography, digital mammography uses X-rays to produce an image of breast tissue. However, the images are captured digitally and stored on a computer, rather than on X-ray film. Digital mammography allows for faster exams for patients because technologist can immediately check image quality during an exam. The digital mammography equipment cuts down on examination times for patients and may reduce the need to re-image a breast.

Emergency food and shelter program appropriates \$53,999 to three counties

Three area counties have been awarded federal funds under the Emergency Food & Shelter National Board Program. Alpena, Alcona and Montmorency counties will be the recipients of \$30,397, \$11,319 and \$12,283, respectively.

The total award for the three counties was decreased by \$4,771 from last year.

The selection was made by a national board which is chaired by the Department of Homeland Security's Federal Emergency Management Agency and consists of representatives from The Salvation Army; American Red Cross; United Jewish Communities; Catholic Charities, USA; National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. and United Way Worldwide.

The board was charged to distribute funds appropriated by Congress to help expand the capacity of food and shelter programs in high-need areas around the country.

DNRE asks citizens to report snowmobile trail sign damage

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) is asking for assistance from the public to report any damage or theft they may witness or are aware of related to snowmobile trail signs.

Each fall and during the snowmobile season, 68 snowmobile trail grant sponsors take to the trails to replace stolen/broken signs on the more than 6,546 miles of Michigan's designated snowmobile trail system.

Replacing these signs takes a significant amount of time, and is a big financial cost to the snowmobile program.

"In addition to the cost,

Local boards are made up of representatives from the county commissioners office, United Way, church organizations, homeless and domestic violence organizations, American Red Cross, The Salvation Army, St. Vincent DePaul Society, Department of Human Services, senior citizens council and utility service representatives.

These members will determine how the funds awarded to each jurisdiction are to be distributed among the emergency food and shelter programs run by local service organizations in the area. The local board is responsible for recommending agencies to receive these funds and any additional funds available under this phase of the program.

Under the terms of the grant from the national board, local organizations chosen to receive funds must: Be private voluntary non-profits or units of govern-

this is a major safety concern" said Steve DeBrabander, DNRE's state trails operations supervisor. "A missing stop sign, stop ahead sign, or yield sign could lead to a serious accident. The individuals who steal or vandalize these signs may have some liability if there is an accident."

The DNRE requests that anyone who witnesses or is aware of theft or vandalism of trail signs, please contact the DNRE's Report All Poaching line at (800) 292-7800.

For more information on Michigan's snowmobile program, go to www.michigan.gov/dnre, and click on Outdoor Recreation.

ment, have an accounting system, practice nondiscrimination, have demonstrated the capability to deliver emergency food and/or shelter programs and if they are a private voluntary organization, they must have a voluntary board. Qualifying organizations are urged to apply.

Alpena, Alcona and Montmorency counties have distributed emergency food and shelter funds previously with The Salvation Army, St. Bernard Friendship Room, Sunrise Mission, Alpena Area Senior Citizens, Shelter, Inc., St. Vincent DePaul Society, Beaver Lake Church, Faith Outreach, Community Sharing Program, Atlanta Church of Christ, Helping Hand Program, Baby Basket, United Methodist Church and Under His Wing Christian Fellowship.

These agencies were responsible for providing food or served meals; assistance to people for nights of lodging; help with rent or mortgage payments and assistance with utility payments. Last year's award was from October 1, 2008 through September 30, 2009.

Public or private voluntary organizations interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds can contact Germaine Stoppa, executive director of the United Way of Northeast Michigan, 701 Woodward Avenue, Alpena MI 49707, (989) 354-2221.




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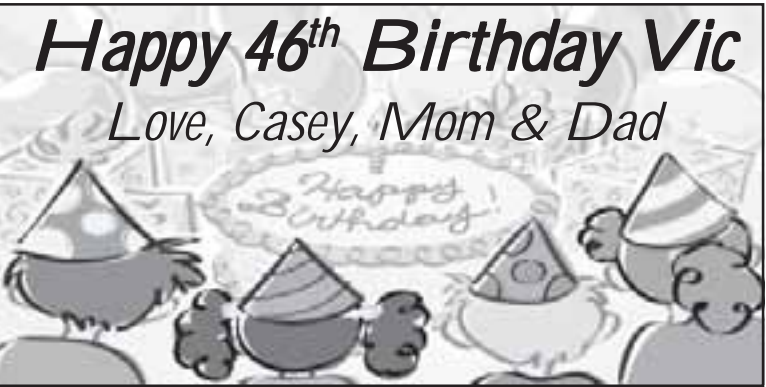


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Alcona County Sheriff's Report
For the Week of January 31 - February 6, 2010

33 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 1 Warrant, 3 Operate While Intoxicated.

Complaint Statistics			
Traffic	1	Car/Deer Accidents	7
Property Damage Accidents	4	False Alarm	1
Domestic	1	Animal	1
Patrol Check	1	Animal Neglect	3
No Insurance	1	911 Hang Up	1
Larceny	1	Operate While Intoxicated	3
Well Being Check	1	Suspicious Vehicle	2
Civil	3	Personal Injury Accident	1
Warrant Arrest	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	3	Caledonia	3	Curtis	4
Greenbush	1	Gustin	5	Harrisville	5
Hawes	1	Haynes	1	Mikado	4
Millen	2	Mitchell	1		
Harrisville City	2	Village of Lincoln	1		

Two “Winter Nights and Lights” events scheduled at P.H. Hoeft State Park

P.H. Hoeft State Park near Rogers City will be hosting its “GO-Get Outdoors” cross-country ski evenings on Saturdays, Feb. 27 and March 6. A welcoming bonfire, stories, refreshments and great company will greet the participants at the campground host site.

“All visitors, not just skiers, are invited to attend these events. Bring the kids out for stories and hot chocolate by the bonfire, but make sure they are dressed warm so they can dig in the snow to find their own icy wonders that will be hidden in a snow hill,” said DNR park supervisor Blake Gingrich.

Skiers will meet at the campground visitor's parking lot, and will be able to ski to the historical pavilion via a groomed trail lit with 275 hanging lanterns. There will also be two loops of the campground groomed and set with lights for the not so experienced skiers. Lanterns will be lit from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

Participants not cross-country skiing will be asked to use snowshoes or hike in areas not groomed for cross-country skiing. Beautiful candle-lit luminaries will also be on display at the pavilion, and park staff will be on hand to explain how to make these icy creations.

P.H. Hoeft State Park is located at 5001 US-23 North near Rogers City. For more information about these events, the park, accessibility, or persons needing accommodations to attend these events, contact the park supervisor at (989) 734-2543 (TTY/TDD711 Michigan Relay Center for the hearing impaired), or visit www.michigan.gov/hoeft.

All motor vehicles entering a state park or recreation area must display a 2010 Motor Vehicle Permit, available for purchase at the entrance. Cost is \$24 for a resident annual and \$6 for a resident daily. A non-resident annual is \$29 and a non-resident daily is \$8.

Alcona County Review Photo Policy

Photos for publication are always welcome. Photos can be mailed to P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740, dropped of at 111 Lake Street, Harrisville or e-mailed to editor@alconareview.com **ONLY** as a JPEG attachment. The Review can take photos from your memory card, memory stick or CD rom. and it can scan *original* photographs.

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

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

Letters should be no longer than 200 words. Inappropriate content will be deleted and letters will run on a space available basis.

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Michigan moose: Made for winter

Winter can be severe in Michigan's Upper Peninsula, with deep snow and bone-chilling temperatures. But one of Michigan's woodland denizens is built exactly for that situation -- the moose.

"Moose are built for the cold," said Dean Beyer, a Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment wildlife research biologist who studies the creatures. "You almost can't stress out moose with cold temperatures. A large animal like a moose has relatively less surface area than a smaller animal. That makes it easier for them to maintain their core temperature. They have long legs, which helps them negotiate through deep snow and heavy coats to withstand cold temperatures."

Moose are native to Michigan and, before European settlement, probably lived all across the state with the possible exception of the southwestern corner. Early settlers harvested moose for sustenance and populations declined. They were eliminated from the Lower Peninsula by the 1880s and in 1889 were given full protection by the state. There hasn't been legal moose hunting in Michigan since then.

Gradually, however, moose disappeared from the U.P.

"We really don't know if moose were ever completely extirpated from the U.P.," Beyer said. "It's possible that a small population remained. Or they could have been eliminated at one point in time -- or several points or time -- but came back from animals that found their way over here from Canada."

In the 1930s, wildlife biologists became more interested in moose because of overpopulation on Isle Royale, which was being proposed as a national park. (That did not occur until the 1940s.) Moose had arrived on the island in the early 1900s and really took off. By the 1930s there were noticeable browse lines on the balsam firs and visitors found moose that had died of starvation.

The Michigan Department of Conservation proposed a hunt to thin the Isle Royale moose population, but the



Long legs, even on young animals like this calf, allow moose to make their way through deep snow during the winter in the Upper Peninsula. *Photos by David Kenyon, Michigan DNRE.*

idea did not fly. So biologists decided to try a trap-and-transfer program. From 1934 to 1937, 71 moose were trapped and transferred from Isle Royale to the mainland.

Two went to the Detroit zoo, six went to a wildlife research facility at Cusino, and the remaining animals were released in Keweenaw, Marquette and Schoolcraft counties.

At first, there were moose sightings in the U.P. Then came World War II and meat rationing. The population dropped. The reintroduction was eventually judged a failure.

In the 1950s, '60s and '70s, occasional moose were spotted in the eastern U.P. At that time, biologists noticed changes in the Upper Peninsula habitat that showed promise for moose, including a reduction of deer numbers

in the deep-snow regions. (Deer carry brain worm, a parasite that can be fatal to moose.) Michigan wildlife biologist Ralph Bailey became interested in reestablishing moose in the Upper Peninsula. The idea kicked around for nearly a decade until wildlife officials decided to act.

The state brought in moose biologists from Canada to identify areas where they thought moose would flourish. Marquette, Baraga and northern Iron counties seemed to fit the bill. In the eastern U.P., there were small pockets of moose habitat, but they were separated by poor habitat.

Biologists chose the western U.P. for reintroduction, guessing the U.P. could support about 1,000 moose.

Wildlife managers identified
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Even in winter moose are sensitive to warm temperatures. A warm winter day causes moose to slow down and seek shade.



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Staying warm during a cold Michigan winter

Have you ever wondered how people in Michigan heat their homes in winter to survive our coldest weather months?

According to the Michigan Public Service Commission, 78 percent of homes are heated with natural gas, nine percent with propane, seven percent with electricity, four percent with No. 2 heating oil

and two percent with another fuel or none.

So it may surprise people that on an average daily basis, Michigan produces only about 20 percent of residents' natural gas needs. Many large pipelines bring natural gas into the state daily from the southwest United States, the Gulf of Mexico and Canada.

In summer, this supply, plus the gas produced in Michigan, is much more than what is needed to power Michigan industries and heat our homes. So the surplus gas is stored in abandoned oil and gas fields that have been converted to underground natural gas storage (UNGS) to be readily available for the increased demand during the winter heating season.

In fact, according to Tom Hoane, Michigan Department

of Natural Resources geologist, Michigan currently has 55 UNGS fields, operated by 15 companies, which have approximately 623 billion cubic feet of working gas capacity, more than any other state.

"Most of the UNGS fields are former producing oil and

istee to Rogers City. Most of the UNGS development was located in Kalkaska County.

Because of the vast amount of state-owned forest land in this part of the state, the DNR leases these state lands for UNGS purposes.

were deposited primarily into the Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund."

Michigan's UNGS program is regulated by the Public Service Commission, which is housed in the Department of Energy, Labor and Economic Growth, and the De-

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Workers lubricate the valves at an underground natural gas storage well. Almost 40,000 acres of state land is used for underground natural gas storage. Some 6,000 acres of storage was added in 2007. *Photos by David Kenyon, Michigan DNRE.*

gas fields that were developed in central Michigan in Isabella and Mecosta counties," Hoane said. "These fields had previously produced from a shallow sandstone formation, approximately 1,200 feet below the surface."

The first UNGS field, Austin Field in Mecosta County, was developed in 1941 by drilling more facility wells to allow for the quick cycling of natural gas in and out of the porous rock.

"Through the end of the 2008 fiscal year, the state had 77 UNGS leases that covered 32,610 acres of state land," Hoane said. "Revenue from the lease bonus and rental exceeded \$100,000, which was deposited into the state's general fund."

partment of Environmental Quality, which oversees regulation of the drilling and production of wells, as well as air and water quality permitting and surveillance.

An extra benefit of UNGS is the recovery of liquid hydrocarbons that would not have been recovered during standard production operations.

Advancements in drilling technology have enhanced the UNGS industry. With the use of directional and horizontal drilling techniques, the surface footprint of the well pads has been greatly reduced. Directional drilling allows drilling under areas of environmental concern from an upland well pad some distance away. Horizontal drilling involves drilling the bottom of the well bore nearly parallel to the surface, which increases the surface area and deliverability of the reservoir as compared to a vertical well bore.

Additional fields were developed over the years as the demand for natural gas increased. In the 1960s, UNGS fields were developed just north of Detroit, Mich. in the Guelph Formation reefs.

When the pressure in a producing field drops below a certain level and the production of hydrocarbons is no longer profitable, the well or field usually is abandoned. In the UNGS process, gas is reinjected into the field during the injection cycle in summer increasing the pressure.

In 2006, utility companies began to increase the development of UNGS fields in the northern reef trend. Some of this development is to replace the shallow central Michigan reservoirs that have begun to have problems with injection and withdrawal rates.

"These fields were much better suited for UNGS development, since they hold larger volumes of natural gas with less surface use," Hoane explained.

The natural gas mixes with the liquid hydrocarbons that were left in the reservoir. In winter, the withdrawal of natural gas brings some of the liquids to the surface, where they can be separated from the natural gas.

"This new development will add 13 new storage fields in 2009, covering nearly 6,000

These reefs grew more than 400 million years ago up to a height of 600 feet, and are similar to the reefs currently growing off the Florida and Australian coasts. At that time, North America was located near the equator. The reefs are encased in nonporous evaporite rocks, which are an excellent seal to prevent the oil and gas from escaping.

"As a result, more than \$900,000 of additional state liquid royalties were recovered in (fiscal year) 2008, because of UNGS operations," said Hoane. "Those monies

Additional storage was developed in reefs near Battle Creek and in other formations in southern Michigan during the 1960s and 1970s. The other formations now used for storage are primarily structural traps caused by previous movement of the rocks (anticlines) or dissolution of salt beds.



Each wellhead represents a separate underground natural gas storage well.

In the 1980s, UNGS development moved to the reef trend in the northern Lower Peninsula, where a large number of reefs forms a six-mile-wide band that spans about 150 miles from Man-

NOTICE

Hawes Township Zoning Board of Appeals will hold its annual meeting Thursday, February 25, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the South Shore Fire Hall on Mt. Maria Rd. south end of Hubbard Lake, Hawes Township, Michigan. The public is welcome.

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fied Algonquin Provincial Park in Ontario as a place with similar habitat to the U.P. and worked with Canadian wildlife officials to capture and move some moose to the U.P. They planned to capture 30 moose over a two-year period for relocation to Michigan.

Using helicopters and tranquilizing darts, biologists were wildly successful: In 1985, 29 moose — 19 cows and 10 bulls — were released in the western U.P. The following spring those cows produced 21 calves. Things were looking good.

But there were a few hiccups. One of the bulls -- nicknamed Gulliver, for this travels -- took off and set up housekeeping north of Newberry.

Three bulls died, leaving just six bulls to breed the cows. The following spring, 14 cows produced 10 calves.

"That wasn't the reproductive output they were looking for," Beyer said

So in 1987, Michigan brought in an additional 15 bulls and 15 cows from Ontario.

Those 59 animals formed the core of today's western Upper Peninsula moose population, which is estimated at around 420 animals.

"When we look at the population data from about 1996-97 forward, our model suggests the population is growing at about 10 percent per year," Beyer said. "That's good; it matches up pretty well with our moose population dynamics model."

But trying to project moose populations into the future is

difficult, because of the threat of climate change.

The same physiology that makes moose able to maintain their core temperature in cold weather makes its harder for them to cool off in warm weather, Beyer said. Warm weather gives moose problems.

"They're a big animal," Beyer said. "They have to take in a lot of food. In summer, they're going to seek shade and stay out of the sun, which might limit the amount of time they can spend foraging. If you limit the amount of time they have to forage, it's going to have an effect on them."

"Even in the winter they seek shade when temperatures get above 23 degrees Fahrenheit," Beyer continued. "If you go out on what we'd consider a nice winter day -- upper 20s, sunshine -- moose would not be out in the open. You'd find them under conifer cover to stay out of that sunshine."

Michigan's moose population is currently growing. "It's doing okay, when you compare it with the moose population in Minnesota, where there are some indications that the population is in decline," Beyer said. "The general thought from the folks in Minnesota is that climate change -- increasing temperatures -- is bothering moose."

"The difference between Minnesota and Michigan is our moose range sits right next to Lake Superior. They have more of a continental climate. Our climate is influenced by the lake -- you have a cooling effect from the lake."

That's one possible explanation of why moose in Michigan are still showing a population growth," Beyer said.

Climate change prediction models suggest that by the end of this century, winters in the U.P. will be more like current winters southern Michigan and summers will be more like current conditions in Missouri, Beyer said.

"If that happens, we'll probably lose moose. Michigan is really at the southern edge of moose range. If things warm up the southern edge of moose range is likely to move northward."

Whether the Upper Penin-

sula continues to provide the proper climate for moose in the face of climate change remains to be seen. But for the time being, they were doing splendidly in the northern Upper Peninsula, because moose are built for winter.

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Warm

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acres of state land. Several more UNGS nominations have been received and are scheduled to be leased in the future," Hoane said.

This additional underground natural gas storage will ensure that most Michigan residents will continue to be able to stay warm during the cold winter months.

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My grandfather, when in his nineties, wrote me a letter in which he listed everything he and my uncle had eaten in the past week. That was the news. I love this poem by Nancyrose Houston of Seattle, Wash. for the way it plays with the character of those letters from home that many of us have received.

The Letter From Home

The dogs barked, the dogs scratched, the dogs got wet, the dogs shook, the dogs circled, the dogs slept, the dogs ate, the dogs barked; the rain fell down, the leaves fell down, the eggs fell down and cracked on the floor; the dust settled, the wood floors were scratched, the cabinets sat without doors, the trim without paint, the stuff piled up; I loaded the dishwasher, I unloaded the dishwasher, I raked the leaves, I did the laundry, I took out the garbage, I took out the recycling, I took out the yard waste. There was a bed, it was soft, there was a blanket, it was warm, there were dreams, they were good. The corn grew, the eggplant grew, the tomatoes grew, the lettuce grew, the strawberries grew, the blackberries grew; the tea kettle screamed, the computer keys clicked, the radio roared, the TV spoke. "Will they ever come home?" "Can't I take a break?" "How do others keep their house clean?" "Will I remember this day in fifty years?" The sweet tea slipped down my throat, the brownies melted in my mouth. My mother cooked, the apple tree bloomed, the lilac bloomed, the mimosa bloomed, I bloomed.

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Calendar of Events

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16
Ladies of all ages and church affiliations are invited to attend session two of the Ladies Community Bible Study from 1 to 2:30 p.m. to study "The Fruit of the Spirit" at the EMS station on M-72. For more information, call (989) 724-5621.

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. Selection for February is "The Widow's War" by Sally Gunning. Call (989) 724-6796 for more in-

formation.
Help will be available for preparing federal and Michigan tax returns for all seniors and low income individuals at no from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 S. Church Street. Bring proof of all income, property tax statements and payments or rent information, heating costs, all dependents' social security numbers and last year's tax returns. If filing for the first time homebuyer credit, residential energy efficiency credit or new vehicle sales tax deduction, bring

sale documents/receipts that apply to these purchases.
Alcona County Farmers Market will hold a potluck dinner. Existing and potential Alcona County vegetable/fruit growers are invited to attend. For more details, call Teresa at (989) 335-3896 or e-mail treeelossing@yahoo.com.
An adult American Red Cross CPR/AED and standard first aid course will be offered at the Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority office in

Alpena from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Anyone interested in attending can register by calling Jennie at (989) 356-2161. There is an \$18 course fee.
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
The food pantry is open at the Spruce Lutheran Church from 1 to 3 p.m. No qualifications required although ID must be shown and person must be present to receive food. Food is available per individual one time per month.
A basic Excel class will be

given at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.
An American Red Cross blood drive will be held at the Lincoln Senior Center, 297 S. Church Street, from 12 noon to 5:45 p.m. To schedule an appointment to donate, call 1-800-448-3543 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org.
The Lincoln Writing Group will meet at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library at 1 p.m. Call (989) 736-3388 for more information.

An American Red Cross blood drive will be held at the Alpena High School, 3303 S. 3rd St. from 9 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. To schedule an appointment to donate, call 1-800-448-3543 or visit www.RedCrossBlood.org.

Meet at the Harrisville United Methodist Church at 7 p.m. for the first of a six-week series of non-traditional, non-denominational gatherings to add positive experiences and spiritual growth to your life. Following gatherings will be on Tuesday evenings. Open to everyone. A potluck meal will be shared at the end of the series on March 23. For more information, or if you need transportation to the gathering, call (989) 724-6266.

Parents, grandparents and caregivers are invited to attend a free "Power of Parenting" workshop from 6 to 7:30 p.m. in room 106 of the Center Building at Alpena Community College. Child care is available for children ages one and older. Call (989) 356-2880 or (800) 354-2880 to register before February 15 as space is limited.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 18
John Webster from Tait's Bill of Fare will present a dessert demonstration at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at noon. There is no charge. Call (989) 724-6796 by February 12 to register.

TOPS No. MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Everyone welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-4483.

Tiny Tot Story Time will be at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library from 10 to 11 a.m. for children ages 0 to 24 months old accompanied by an adult. Stories will be short and play time will follow. No registration is needed.

The Community Walking Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library at 9 a.m. This is for everyone.

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THURSDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 27 Low: 15

FRIDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 26 Low: 15

SATURDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 27 Low: 14

SUNDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 28 Low: 14

MONDAY
Mostly Cloudy
High: 27 Low: 11

TUESDAY
Partly Cloudy
High: 29 Low: 15

Today's Regional Map

In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with an 80% chance of snow, high temperature of 25°, humidity of 86% and an overnight low of 14°. The record high temperature for today is 50° set in 1966. The record low temperature is -25° set in 1994. Thursday, skies will be mostly cloudy with a high temperature of 27°, humidity of 68% and an overnight low of 15°.

*Last Week's Almanac				
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	25	12	26/8	0.00"
Tuesday	28	9	26/8	0.00"
Wednesday	28	16	26/8	0.00"
Thursday	34	17	26/8	0.00"
Friday	31	21	26/8	0.00"
Saturday	21	7	27/8	0.00"
Sunday	27	2	27/8	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset		
New 2/13	Wednesday	7:40 a.m.	5:55 p.m.	5:47 a.m.	2:43 p.m.		Full 2/28
	Thursday	7:39 a.m.	5:56 p.m.	6:21 a.m.	3:45 p.m.		
	Friday	7:37 a.m.	5:58 p.m.	6:48 a.m.	4:49 p.m.		
First 2/21	Saturday	7:36 a.m.	5:59 p.m.	7:12 a.m.	5:52 p.m.		Last 3/7
	Sunday	7:35 a.m.	6:01 p.m.	7:33 a.m.	6:54 p.m.		
	Monday	7:33 a.m.	6:02 p.m.	7:52 a.m.	7:56 p.m.		
	Tuesday	7:32 a.m.	6:03 p.m.	8:12 a.m.	8:59 p.m.		

Wind Chill Forecast

The chart shows the average wind chill temperature forecasted for Wednesday and Thursday. The black bar indicates the forecasted high temperature. The grey bar indicates the average wind chill temperature projected.

National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated snow, with the highest temperature of 38° in Groton, Conn. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today and Thursday, scattered showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 76° in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 54° in Seattle, Wash. The Southwest will see scattered rain today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 67° in Yuma, Ariz.

Weather History

Feb. 10, 1978 - As much as eight inches of rain drenched Southern California, resulting in widespread flooding and mudslides. The heavy rainfall produced a wall of water that ripped through the mountain resort community of Hidden Springs, drowning at least 13 people.

Weather Trivia

What is the record for the most consecutive hours below zero in the lower 48 states?

Answer: In January 1969, Havre, Mont. sank below zero for nearly 400 hours.

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Sirius and the North Star

The brightest star of the nighttime heavens is...? If your first inclination is to say the North Star or Polaris, let's just say you've just fallen for one of the biggest misconceptions in astronomy. At 9 p.m. this week you can locate the North Star by finding the two upper luminaries of the Big Dipper, now standing handle down, cup up in the NE. These stars are usually called the Pointer Stars, Dubhe (left) and Merak. If you construct an imaginary line between them and move your eyes towards the left, you will pass very close to Polaris. It is situated within a degree of true north and its lack of brightness should be noted. Now turn around and look about a third of the way above the southern horizon to greet Sirius. It is the most dazzling luminary of the night sky and second only to the sun. So why is the North Star held in such reverence? It is very near the pivotal point of the sky, the location where the Earth's axis intersects the celestial vault. As the Earth rotates or spins in nearly a day, this position remains stationary as the rest of the sky seems to circle around it. Verify this fact by trying an interesting, simple experiment. In a standing position, bend your head back and try to locate the star which you believe to be directly over your head. Make sure that your footing is secure. Slowly begin to rotate (spin) and watch how the heavens start circling around your own personal "North Star." Your rotating body is acting just like the Earth's axis. The first time that I had my students perform this little exercise in a planetarium, I had the room completely dark. Twirling around rapidly several times and snapping my head back into the horizontal, I suddenly realized that I had no conception of up and down. Embarrassment followed as I fell. Luckily, Jessie Leayman happened to be sitting in the front row to cushion my fall, preserve my dignity, and who knows, maybe even save my life. www.astronomy.org

TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **LANGUAGE:** What country once was known by the Latin name of Caledonia?
2. **GEOGRAPHY:** Guadalcanal is part of which island group in the Pacific Ocean?
3. **MOVIES:** Which actors voiced the two main characters, Woody and Buzz, on the "Toy Stories" movies?
4. **INVENTIONS:** Who is credited with inventing the Hula Hoop?
5. **TELEVISION:** Who played the character Latka Gravas on "Taxi"?
6. **MYTHOLOGY:** What was domain of the Greek god Aeolus?
7. **HISTORY:** In what war were tanks first used?
8. **U.S. STATES:** What is the only letter of the alphabet that does not appear in the name of any U.S. state?
9. **MEASUREMENTS:** The term "vicennial" refers to a period of how many years?
10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the symbol for the zodiac sign Capricorn?

Answers: 1. Scotland; 2. Solomon Islands; 3. Tom Hanks and Tim Allen; 4. Richard Knerr and Arthur "Spud" Melin; 5. Andy Kaufman; 6. God of the winds; 7. World War I; 8. The letter "Q"; 9. 20 years; 10. The goat. (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

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1 WWII site
7 Serenity
12 Brazos River city
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23 Riddle: Part 1
25 Gershwin's "— in Blue"
27 Beatty or Buntline
28 Gaggie gal
29 Watch part
30 Fountain order
31 Rocker Marc
33 Nature spirit
36 Sabie, for one
38 Lee of "The Fall Guy"
41 Cantaloupe's cousin
43 Team
44 Skater
45 Bleak critique
46 Riddle: Part 2
51 Papua New Guinea port
- 52 Contaminates
55 Butz or Warren
56 Sapporo sash
57 Tactful
59 Consider
61 Ford flop
63 Maine town
64 Space
66 Al — (cooking term)
67 Lear, to
69 Riddle: Part 3
74 Fleur-de-
75 Desert
77 — Romeo
78 Heap of Dickens
80 Coeur d'—, ID
81 Cartoonist Silverstein
83 Hard to describe
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89 Little one
91 Prate
92 —4 (Toyota model)
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132 Spanish —
- 5 Shake-spearean snake
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7 Kelly's possum
8 Goofs
9 Tabloid subjects
10 Dot follower
11 Minnesota twins?
12 Merit
13 '75 Wimbledon winner
14 More humid
15 "Alley —"
16 In progress
17 Soup scoop
18 Adams or Ferry
24 Actor Chaney
26 It needs to be threaded
29 Boom or gaff
31 Swindle
32 Wind instrument?
34 Spitz sound
35 Exec's deg.
37 Perplexed
38 Blend
39 Jai —
40 Army vehicle
41 "Makin' Whoopee" singer
42 Pro foe
- 43 "The King and I" setting
45 Brendel's instrument
47 Pigskin prop
48 Mubarak of Egypt
49 Helps a hood
50 Mosaic bit
53 Singer Tori
54 Torah, e.g.
58 Shade of green
59 Realm
60 Big bird
62 Indian city
65 Oven setting
67 — Lama
68 Improve
70 — kwon do
71 London borough
72 Furious
73 Short movie?
75 Funny fellow
76 Deadly
79 "It's a deal!"
81 — terrier
82 Drill sergeant's shout
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STRANGE BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

• It was François VI, duc de La Rochefoucauld and prince de Marillac, a noted 17th-century French author and memoirist, who made the following sage observation: "Few are agreeable in conversation, because each thinks more of what he intends to say than of what others are saying, and listens no more when he himself has a chance to speak."
• Rutherford B. Hayes, the country's 19th president, was the first to install a phone in the White House.
• It was 1948 when the first vinyl musical recording was made. The piece of music so immortalized was Tchiakovsky's "Nutcracker Suite."

• Although we tend to think of the bikini as a modern fashion innovation, two-piece bathing suits can be seen in murals in the ancient city of Pompeii.

• According to Romanian tradition, a sure-fire hang-over remedy is tripe soup. In Poland, drinking sour pickle juice is supposed to cure the morning-after agonies. And if you're in Germany, you should try the local remedy: pickled herring.

• The shortest street on record can be found in the small town of Wick, Scotland. Ebenezer Place is a mere 6 feet, 9 inches long.

• Do you suffer from pogonophobia? If so, you probably have some issues with Santa. Pogonophobia is a fear of beards.

• If you're like most Americans, you've stolen from your employer — though probably not much. It seems that 58 percent of your fellow citizens admit to taking office supplies for personal use.

• The Hundred Years' War actually lasted 116 years.

• Albert Einstein's final words are lost to history. He spoke his last words in his birth tongue, German, and it seems that the nurse who was attending him during his last moments spoke only English.

Thought for the Day: "The most wasted of all days is one without laughter." — E.E. Cummings

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MOMENTS IN TIME
The History Channel

• On Feb. 24, 1786, Wilhelm Karl Grimm, the younger of the two Brothers Grimm, is born in Germany. Grimm's Fairy Tales were produced in several volumes between 1812 and 1822. Tales in the Grimm collection include "Hansel and Gretel," "Snow White" and "Little Red Riding Hood."

• On Feb. 27, 1827, a group of students dance through the streets of New Orleans, marking the beginning of the city's famous Mardi Gras celebrations. Inspired by their experiences studying in Paris, the students donned masks and jester costumes and staged their own Fat Tuesday festivities.

• On Feb. 25, 1870, Hiram Rhoades Revels, a Republican from Natchez, Miss., is sworn into the U.S. Senate, becoming the first African-American ever to sit in Congress. During the Civil War, Revels, a college-educated minister, helped form black army regiments for the Union cause.

• On Feb. 28, 1932, the last Ford Model A is produced. The Model A boasted a peppy 40-horsepower, four-cylinder engine with a self-starting mechanism. The Model A had a base price of \$460. Five million Model A's rolled onto American highways between 1927 and 1932.

• On Feb. 23, 1954, a group of children from Arsenal Elementary School in Pittsburgh, receive the first injections of the new polio vaccine developed by Dr. Jonas Salk. A later version of the polio vaccine, developed by Albert Sabin, was swallowed instead of injected.

• On Feb. 26, 1972, a dam collapses in West Virginia, flooding a valley and killing 118 people. Tailings, the byproduct of coal mining, was the cause, as the material is unstable when dumped on hills. The Buffalo Mining Company, which was responsible for the tailings, was forced to pay \$30 million in damages.

• On Feb. 22, 1980, the underdog U.S. hockey team, made up of college players, defeats the four-time defending gold-medal winning Soviet team at the XIII Olympic Winter Games in Lake Placid, N.Y. Two days later, the Americans defeated Finland 4-2 to clinch the hockey gold.

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by Linda Thistle

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mortgagor(s), to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for lender and lender's successors and/or assigns, mortgagee, dated December 16, 2003, and recorded on January 5, 2004 in Liber 395 on page 692, and assigned by said mortgagee to Wells Fargo Bank, NA as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of forty-three thousand one hundred ninety and 39/100 dollars (\$43,190.39), including interest at 6.5 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,

at 10 a.m., on February 24, 2010. Said premises are situated in township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 3, Meadow Lane Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page(s) 43 of 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. Dated: January 27, 2010 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 290363F01 1-27, 2-3, 2-9, 2-17

thence north 87 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds west 279.49 feet; thence north 36 degrees 30 minutes 24 seconds west 448.18 feet; thence north 80 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds west 503.46 feet; thence south 76 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds west 908.43 feet; thence north 86 degrees 22 minutes 06 seconds west 652.76 feet to a point on the north-south 1/4 line of said Section 23, which is the point of termination. Also all land lying between the above described road easement and north of and adjacent to a line described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Section 23, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan; thence south 02 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds west along the east line of said section 786.29 feet; thence along the centerline of a 66 foot wide road easement (Deerfield Trail) in the following two (2) courses: North 87 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds west 279.49 feet and north 36 degrees 30 minutes 24 seconds west 298.18 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 24 degrees 13 minutes 27 seconds west 448.54 feet; thence south 00 degrees 26 minutes 27 seconds west 341.93 feet; thence north 86 degrees 33 minutes 13 seconds west along the south line of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of said section 452.56 feet; thence north 03 degrees 14 minutes 31 seconds east 928.06 feet; thence along the centerline of a 66 foot wide road easement (Deerfield Trail) in the following two (2) courses: South 80 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds east 503.46 feet and south 36 degrees 30 minutes 24 seconds east 150.00 feet to the point of beginning, said parcel being a part of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of said section, having and granting rights for ingress and egress over a 66 foot wide easement described under road easement following. Road easement: A 66 foot wide road easement (Deerfield Trail) for ingress and egress and for public utilities, together with the right to trim and remove trees as necessary for the construction and maintenance of said facilities, the centerline of which is described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Section 23, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan; thence south 02 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds west along the east line of said section 786.29 feet to the point of beginning;

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per annum, within 21 days of the judgment, that the property described below is to be sold at public auction, with the proceeds to be applied toward the satisfaction of the debt. Pursuant to the order of the court, and pursuant to the statutes of the state of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the property described below, or some part of them, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, at 10 am, at the place of holding of the circuit court in the county in which the land is situated. Said premises are located in Hawes Township, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing at a point 592 feet south and 33 feet east of the quarter post between Sections 32 and

thence north 87 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds west 279.49 feet; thence north 36 degrees 30 minutes 24 seconds west 448.18 feet; thence north 80 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds west 503.46 feet; thence south 76 degrees 47 minutes 13 seconds west 908.43 feet; thence north 86 degrees 22 minutes 06 seconds west 652.76 feet to a point on the north-south 1/4 line of said Section 23, which is the point of termination. Also all land lying between the above described road easement and north of and adjacent to a line described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Section 23, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan; thence south 02 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds west along the east line of said section 786.29 feet; thence along the centerline of a 66 foot wide road easement (Deerfield Trail) in the following two (2) courses: North 87 degrees 26 minutes 00 seconds west 279.49 feet and north 36 degrees 30 minutes 24 seconds west 298.18 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 24 degrees 13 minutes 27 seconds west 448.54 feet; thence south 00 degrees 26 minutes 27 seconds west 341.93 feet; thence north 86 degrees 33 minutes 13 seconds west along the south line of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of said section 452.56 feet; thence north 03 degrees 14 minutes 31 seconds east 928.06 feet; thence along the centerline of a 66 foot wide road easement (Deerfield Trail) in the following two (2) courses: South 80 degrees 35 minutes 55 seconds east 503.46 feet and south 36 degrees 30 minutes 24 seconds east 150.00 feet to the point of beginning, said parcel being a part of the north 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of said section, having and granting rights for ingress and egress over a 66 foot wide easement described under road easement following. Road easement: A 66 foot wide road easement (Deerfield Trail) for ingress and egress and for public utilities, together with the right to trim and remove trees as necessary for the construction and maintenance of said facilities, the centerline of which is described as follows: Commencing at the northeast corner of Section 23, Town 25 North, Range 8 East, Mikado Township, Alcona County, Michigan; thence south 02 degrees 34 minutes 00 seconds west along the east line of said section 786.29 feet to the point of beginning;

33, Town 27 North, Range 7 East, thence east 264.00 feet; thence south 165.00 feet; thence west 264.00 feet; thence north 165.00 feet to the point of beginning; being part of the northwest 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of section 33, Town 27 North, Range 7 East; commonly known as 1182 N. Richardson Road, Barton City, MI 48705. The redemption period shall be six months. Dated: January 20, 2010 Matt Perkins, Undersheriff Randall T. LeVasseur P41712 LeVasseur Dyer & Associates, PC Attorneys for Plaintiff P.O. Box 721400 Berkley, MI 48072 (248) 586-1200 1-20, 1-27, 2-3, 2-10, 2-17, 2-24

Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C., is attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at (248)539-7400 is you are in active military duty. Mortgage sale—Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gail Opperman, an unmarried woman and James McCarthy, an unmarried man and Joseph Opperman, a married man, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated December 21, 2007, and recorded on December 28, 2007, in Liber 448, on page 1,422, and assigned by said mortgagee to U.S. Bank N.A., as assigned Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty thousand eight hundred forty-eight dollars and one cents (\$80,848.01), including interest at 6.500 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained

housing counselor within 14 days from February 8, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after February 8, 2010. If the borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the borrower abides by the terms of the agreement. The borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738. This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Date: February 10, 2010 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 File No. 309648F01

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personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: February 2, 2010 David H. Cook P40560 5466 M-72 P.O. Box 585 Harrisville, MI 48740 (989) 724-5155 David H. Cook 5466 M-72 P.O. Box 585 Harrisville, MI 48740

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 10-4804 DE

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personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: February 2, 2010 David H. Cook P40560 5466 M-72 P.O. Box 585 Harrisville, MI 48740 (989) 724-5155 David H. Cook 5466 M-72 P.O. Box 585 Harrisville, MI 48740

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given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on March 3, 2010. Said premises are situated in township of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 7 and 8 of First Addition to Springport Springs Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 135, 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. Dated: February 3, 2010 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 307457F01 2-3, 2-10, 2-17, 2-24

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case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m. on March 10, 2010. Said premises are situated in Village of Lincoln, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 7 and 8 of Block 12 of Village of Lincoln, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 17, 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. Date: February 10, 2010 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1304 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer and/or Mortgage Holder 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 File No. 158807F03 2-10 2-17 2-24 3-3

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MSHDA is: (www.mshda.info/counseling_search/), telephone (866) 946-7432, TTY No. (800) 382-4568. If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is 1-800-968-0738. Dated: February 10, 2010 Orlans Associates P.C Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 File Number: 550.0016 ASAP No. 3440904 2-10

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tion as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred ten thousand two hundred fourteen and 46/100 dollars (\$110,214.46), 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, at 10 a.m. on February 17, 2010. Said premises are situated in township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: All that part of the southeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 14, Town 26 North, Range 8 East, described as beginning at the southwest corner of said southeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4, thence north 466.7 feet along the west line of said southeast 1/4

of the southwest 1/4, thence east parallel to the south line of said Section 14, 466.7 feet, thence south 466.7 feet to the south line of said Section 14, thence west 466.7 feet along the south line of Section 14 to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: January 20, 2010 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 298000F01 1-20, 1-27, 2-3, 2-10

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This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty. Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Clarissa F. Kieliszewski, an unmarried woman, original mortgagor(s), to National City Mortgage Services Co., mortgagee, dated December 2, 2004, and recorded on December 13, 2004 in Liber 410 on page 831, and assigned by said

mortgagee to National City Mortgage Co. as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred sixty-two thousand one hundred forty-eight and 74/100 dollars (\$162,148.74), including interest at 4.625 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, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on March 3, 2010. Said premises are situated in township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan,

and are described as: Lots 5, 6, 7 and 8 of Korol Park, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 3 of Plats, pages 25-6, 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. Dated: February 3, 2010 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 307513F01 2-3, 2-10, 2-17, 2-24

Foreclosure Notice

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Amanda M. Nordstrom and Corey E. Nordstrom, wife and husband, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated June 5, 2006, and recorded on June 6, 2006, in Liber 431, page 792, Alcona County records, said mortgage was assigned to Wells Fargo Bank N.A., as trustee, for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC4 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates by an assignment of mortgage which has been submitted to the Alcona County Register of Deeds, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date

hereof the sum of sixty-eight thousand two hundred twenty-three and 76/100 (\$68,223.76) including interest at the rate of 6.50000 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 in said Alcona County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 12 p.m. on March 3, 2010 Said premises are situated in the township of Hawes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 41 of Brownlee Lake Park, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 57, Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 331 East

Main Street. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: February 3, 2010 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Wells Fargo Bank N.A., as Trustee, for Carrington Mortgage Loan Trust, Series 2006-NC4 Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Case No. 09MI02937-1 2-3, 2-10, 2-17, 2-24

Notice Pursuant to MCL 600.3205a(4)

Notice is hereby provided to Dean Allen Webster and Deborah Lynn Webster, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter borrower) regarding the property located at: 3368 Iroquois Road, Glennie, Mich. 48737-9522. The borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the mortgage servicer and/or mortgage holder to contact and that has authority to make agreements under MCL sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Trott & Trott, P.C., 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200, Farmington Hills, MI 48334-2525 at (248) 593-1311.

The borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's Web site or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at http://www.michigan.gov/mshda or at (866) 946-7432. If the borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from February 5, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after February 5, 2010. If the borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.

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BOARD OF REVIEW

Board of Review Notice
Public Notice March Board of Review
Gustin Township, Gustin Township Hall
113 S. Second St., Lincoln, Mich. 48742,
Monday, March 8 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Tuesday, March 9, 3-9 p.m.. An organizational meeting will be held March 2 at 6 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. By board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 9, 2010. Appearing below are the recommended tentative equalization ratios and estimated multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

Agricultural	48.22	1.00
Commercial	49.09	1.00
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Public notice Township of Caledonia
2010 March Board of Review meeting
Caledonia Township Hall, Gillard Rd.
Spruce, MI. Monday, March 8, 2010 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.
Thursday March 11, 2010 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.
An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 2, 2010 at 5 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be reviewed at this meeting. Residents and nonresidents may protest to board of review by letter mailed to 4808 Webster Rd., Glennie, MI 48737. letters must be received by March 11,2010. Appearing below are the tentative equalization ratios and estimated multipliers as provided by the alcona county equalization department.

	Ratio	Multiplier
Agricultural	45.75	1.09290
Commercial	49.49	1.01030
Industrial	49.66	1.00685
Residential	55.03	0.90860
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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Feb. 1 at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included: President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers, deputy clerk/treasurer Stutzman and council members, Gauthier, Lask, Naylor, Somers and Stutzman. The minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier, with support from Stutzman. Motion carried.

Joan Gonyea, grant coordinator, brought council members up to date on the grant for the fire department. The grant total is \$82,726 with a match of \$4,136.30 from the village. The grant money spent to date is over \$79,000. Thanks Joan for your expertise.

In old business, Dick Somers stated that he looked at the brush rig that was given to the fire department and he was very impressed. The vehicle has less than 5,000 miles on it. Bonny stated that she has checked with Consumers Energy again regarding trees on Traverse Bay Street that need to be trimmed. She said they have put us on their list for trimming when they have crews in this area. She has also been working on getting figures together for new docks for Brownlee Lake beach. John brought a catalog in to show council members the trees that will hopefully be purchased for planting at the Flights of Imagination play area.

President Jordan gave his report. On January 20 a public hearing was held to hear input regarding tearing down two buildings in the downtown region. A grant for the demolition of the buildings totals \$181,390 with \$50,000 coming from the DDA and the remainder from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation. The streetscape grant through the same corporation is for \$795,000 with \$650,000 coming from MEDC and \$145,000 from the DDA.

Additionally a façade grant will be applied for within the next 60 days Jordan said. It is for \$250,000 with \$200,000 from MEDC and the remainder coming in a 75/25 percent from the Village/DDA. The façade grant would help several businesses in putting new fronts on their respective businesses. We also had applied for a grant for streetscape through the Michigan Department of Transportation totaling \$391,832. The MDOT grant would be using \$273,262 from MDOT and \$118,568 of DDA funding. Jordan stated that there is a possibility of getting all the grants and using both streetscape grants for areas including Second Street and Traverse Bay from Barlow Road to First Street. The grant totals that have been applied for are \$1,618,222 with \$1,249,931 coming from either the MDOT or MEDC.

He laid out the boundaries that would be covered by the DDA and where the village would have to pick up. Council members asked for figures regarding the amount of funding needed from the village. Jordan stated that so far we do not have a breakdown of those figures. President Jordan stated that the grants have three steps. The paperwork involved is tremendous. Currently DDA director Bob Jones has been working with several groups to bring these grants together. Jordan stated that he would like to publicly thank Joan Gonyea and Bob Jones for all their efforts. Additionally, he thanked Dave Johnson and Gary Bartow of Fleis and VanDenbrink engineers for their help. A motion to support the four grants was made by Somers with support from Naylor. Motion carried. Jordan stated that by offering our support we will be able to work together in the future towards bettering our community. A lengthy discussion followed. A letter was received from the DDA regarding the sewer maintenance fees. Council members agreed that we need to address the situation. A motion was made by Gauthier to have the sewer

committee meet within the first two weeks of June and report back to the full council. Stutzman offered support. Motion carried. Those who will be part of the group are Naylor, Somers and Kennard as well as the president, clerk and treasurer. A letter was received from the Brownlee Lake Association. The letter addressed the group's intentions for cleanup using an aeration system. A thermometer showing the groups monetary progress is located next to the post office. Village resident and treasurer of the association, Gary Horn, gave an overview of the groups intentions.

A letter was received from the Alcona County Board of Commissioners regarding efforts to eradicate the invasive phragmite plants. Commissioners are requesting support from council members to help by drafting a motion of support. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman, to offer the support of the village to this endeavor. Motion carried. A letter will be sent to the board of commissioners.

President Jordan stated that the DDA minutes are now being put on the village Web site, lincolnmi.com. He urged council members to look the site over and come back with recommendations at the next meeting. Individual reports were given. Somers will be putting together wording for an ad for roadwork. Connie Stutzman stated that she came to the public hearing and was very pleased with the progress that is being made by the village and DDA on bringing in grant funds. President Jordan stated that he would like to urge all council members to attend the public hearings that arise in the future. He stated that this is an astronomical endeavor for the entire community.

A motion to pay the bills as presented was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman. Motion carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier, with support from Stutzman. Motion carried.

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