

Troopers arrest three in Senior Center theft

Three individuals have been arrested in conjunction with a theft from the Lincoln Senior Center last month.

According to a press release from the Michigan State Police, troopers from the Lincoln Detachment are investigating the theft of over \$1,600 in bingo money from the Lincoln Senior Center.

Three individuals have been arrested and charged in the incident. Anthony Hunter, 18, of Lincoln has been charged with larceny from a building - a felony. Ahren Speagle, 19, of Oscoda has been charged with receiving and concealing property over \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 - a felony; and Joseph Eaves, 18, of Lincoln has been charged with receiving and concealing stolen property over \$1,000 but less than \$20,000 - a felony.

According to the release, the theft occurred on December 16, 2009 while the senior center was open for a blood drive. Hunter and Speagle allegedly came in to give blood.

While they were in the building one of them allegedly stole two bank deposit bags from a lower level office. After the theft, troopers found that Hunter and Speagle allegedly went to Hunter's residence immediately after the theft where the bags were opened and the money inside them was split between three subjects.

Troopers, with the assistance of the Oscoda Township Police Department and the Alpena State Police Post, attempted to locate Speagle who had an outstanding warrant for theft. He was arrested on December 20, 2009 on the outstanding warrant and some of the suspected stolen money was allegedly recovered.

By conducting interviews with several other

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County's civil suit against accounting firm set for jury trial

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Special to the Review

One of two lawsuits filed in conjunction with the embezzlement of more than \$2 million in county funds may or may not commence trial next week, depending on the court's decision on a Motion to Adjourn filed by the defendants.

The case, Alcona County Board of Commissioners v Robson Accounting, Inc., was initially filed in the 23rd Circuit Court for the County of Alcona on March of 2008 against Rehmann Robson Accounting, a Saginaw, Mich. firm that provided CPA and auditing services to the county from at least 1995 through June 28, 2006. A jury trial has been scheduled for January 19.

The initial claim listed three counts, including accounting malpractice, breach of contract and breach of implied contract. Within the complaint, attorney for Alcona County Board of Commissioners L. Neal Kennedy of Feikens Stevens Kennedy & Galbraith, a Detroit, Mich. firm, contends that Robson's accounting and auditing contained multiple errors and omissions, contributing to the substantial financial losses of the county.

Former Alcona County Treasurer Tom Katona is currently serving a 10 to 14 year sentence for embezzlement and forgery, which resulted from his embezzlement of \$2.3 million, more than 25 percent of the Alcona County budget. To date, approximately \$450,000 has been recovered, largely as restitution from Katona's personal holdings.

In 32 points within the complaint, it contends that Robson had an obligation to recommend tighter accounting controls, limiting Katona's ability to transfer and move funds and that the firm "knew

or should have known" based on its auditing and investigation of county finances that fraud, embezzlement or defalcation (funds misappropriated by an individual entrusted with their keeping) had occurred.

The complaint also contends that "as a result of the defendant's breaches, plaintiffs have incurred damages in an amount in excess of one million, two-hundred-thousand dollars, together with all "additional costs, and expenses to correct the records of said losses" and requests a judgment "in an amount consistent with the evidence as established by a jury."

In January of 2009, Kennedy also filed a witness list with the court listing 34 specific individuals, including Katona. In March, Robson's attorney, Craig W. Horn of Saginaw, Mich. filed a witness listing 12 specific witnesses including Katona. Within the court file, Horn indicates that Katona has been deposed and that the transcript of that deposition is in the possession of Horn's firm.

In an interview on Friday, Kennedy said, "We are trying to recoup the loss that the taxpayers of the county have suffered... Our claim is that the auditors allowed (the embezzlement) by not doing enough to prevent the kind of fraud that occurred. The treasurer was allowed too much power unquestioned by the auditors, and they did not offer recommendations regarding the power of his office on a day-to-day basis. There was no one looking at

what he was doing, but the auditors never recommended that with supervision the risk of fraud would have been mollified.

"You know," Kennedy said, "It's one thing to lock the barn door after someone steals your horses. It's another when the guy you pay to watch the horses leaves the door open."

Craig W. Horn of Braun Kendrick Finkbeiner, declined an opportunity to make a pretrial statement in an interview Monday morning.

The principal delay in bringing the case to trial resulted from a series of filings regarding the statutory and contractual limitations involved in accounting malpractice and breach of contract. While the county contended that the state statute of limitations for accounting malpractice of two years would be applied, making the county's complaint timely, the accounting firm contended that it's one-year contract limitation shortened that period.

To date several motions for summary disposition (a ruling that there are no issues to be tried) filed on behalf of Robson have been denied by 23rd Circuit Court Judge William F. Myles.

In June of 2009, the case was referred for an Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) hearing, an attempt at mediation the results of which are sealed within the court file. However, in the transcript of a court hearing following the hearing, a reference is made to mediation having "broken down" be-

tween the two parties.

In December of 2009, both attorneys signed a stipulation agreement to dismiss the breach of contract claims and breach of implied contract claims, on the basis that the county's claim is one of professional accounting malpractice. In March of that year, the county's attorney also filed an amended witness list, reducing the number of expected witnesses to 13 and removing Katona, among others.

At press time, a January 12 hearing was pending to consider Robson's motion for a first adjournment of trial. Within that motion, the defendant's attorney contends that an Application For Leave to Appeal is currently pending with the Michigan Court of Appeals, regarding a decision in City of Pontiac v Price Waterhouse. The case on point (City of Pontiac) addressed the issue of whether a plaintiff may seek damages for accounting malpractice for years other than the final audit performed.

Robson's request is based on what is characterized in the motion as "a determination by 23rd Circuit Court that City of Pontiac was wrongly decided by the Court of Appeals."

In its response to the motion, the county contends that the underlying case was appropriately decided based upon established state law and that the appeal is based on "the unsound rationale" that the Court of Appeals will "ignore a previous decision of

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Alcona High School students help promote Negwegon State Park

On Monday, Jan. 18, at 12:15 p.m. students from teacher Brian Matchett's environmental science class, at Alcona High School, will present their final drafts of interpretive signs for Negwegon State Park.

The project began with last year's environmental science class and was continued this fall. The students have been working on the project all semester. It started with a trip to Negwegon State Park where they learned about the unique coastal resources and management history of the park. The students were then divided into groups specializing in five subject areas: Great Lakes ecology, dunes and soils, forest ecology, history and wildlife ecosystems.

Dan Mullen from Michigan

Department of Natural Resources, Quentin McNichols from U.S. Forest Service, Brandon Schroeder from Michigan Sea Grant/MSU Extension, Jack Guy and Tracy D'Augustino from Sprinkler Lake Math and Science Center all helped by advising the groups in their area of expertise. Then with the help of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources, each group has worked to develop three signs providing information about Negwegon State Park.

The project is funded through the Northeast Michigan Great Lakes Stewardship Initiative, NEMGLSI. The Initiative promotes place-based education in schools. Place-based education focuses on three things: Students learn-

ing, environmental stewardship and community benefits or service projects.

The Negwegon Interpretive Sign Project is an example of students helping a community partner with a need that they have. NEMGLSI has also funded projects at Sandborn Elementary, Onaway schools, Rogers City Middle School and Inland Lakes High School and is going through a grant application process.

Contact Brandon Schroeder, schroe45@msu.edu, or Anne Negro, anne.negro@noaa.gov, for more information about NEMGLSI.

Community members are invited to attend the interpretive display presentation on January 18, 12:15 p.m. at Alcona High School.

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the Michigan Supreme Court and apply an unpublished decision in the Court of Appeals."

Should Tuesday's Hearing find in favor of the defendant, the case would be adjourned until such time as a Court of Appeals ruling was issued.

The second case, Alcona County Board of Commissioners v Michigan Municipal League Liability and Property Pool and Meadowbrook Insurance Group, Inc. remains under cross-appeal in the Michigan Court of Appeals. The case addresses the issue of insurance policies and \$100,000 surety bonds issued for Katona for the period from 1995 through 2006

that were not paid to the county and requests a judgment in the amount of \$1.2 million.

On June 9, 2009, 23rd Circuit Court Judge Honorable William F. Myles entered a judgment in favor of the county and awarded the county \$200,000 plus statutory taxable costs and interest.

A cross-appeal is an appeal case in which both the plaintiff and the defendant have filed appeal issues. The case remains open but is not scheduled on the Appeals Court case call for January or February of this year. No other information is available at this time.

Theft

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alleged suspects, troopers from the Lincoln Detachment determined that Hunter and Speagle had allegedly taken the money. Hunter was arrested on December 22, 2009 at the Lincoln Detachment office. Speagle was charged and arrested on January 5.

The investigation also found that Joseph Eaves, 18, of Lincoln allegedly became involved when he received some of the stolen money and assisted in concealing it. Eaves was arrested on January 9.

Hunter and Eaves are lodged in the Alcona County Jail. Speagle is lodged in the Iosco County Jail. All three have been arraigned in the 81st District Court of Alcona County.

Obituaries

Marsha K. Odell

Marsha K. Odell, 51, of Mikado died on Monday, Jan. 11, 2010 at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehab Community.

She was born April 4, 1958 in Harrisville to Marlin and Lucille (Emerson) Odell.

She was a lifelong Mikado resident and an Oscoda High School graduate. Ms. Odell was employed by Starboard Industries of Tawas and B&M Market of Lincoln. She was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church of Mikado. She was a patient at Lincoln Haven for 14 years.

Ms. Odell is survived by her parents; two brothers, Wayne (Deborah) Odell of Mikado and Randy (Jackie) Odell of Gaylord, Mich.

Visitation will be at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln on Wednesday from 2-9 p.m. The funeral will be at the funeral home on Thursday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Tim Steiner and Larry Richmond officiating. Burial will be in Mikado Cemetery.

Clifford E. McDonough

Clifford E. McDonough, 89, of Mikado, died on Thursday, Jan. 7 2010, at Lincoln Haven Nursing and Rehabilitation Community.

He was born February 11, 1920 to Oday and Dorothy (Harmon) McDonough in Millen Township. He was a lifelong resident of the area.

On November 15, 1943, he married Gertrude McGuire. They were residents of Mikado.

He enjoyed the out-of-doors, and was an avid hunter, trapper and stream fisherman.

Mr. McDonough is survived by two daughters, Jane (Charles) Miles of Mikado and Beatrice (Dennis) Miles of Minnesota; eight grandchildren; several great-grandchildren; and one daughter-in-law, Edna McDonough.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gertrude, on December 8, 2009; one daughter, Norma Maulvena on July 20, 2002; and one son, Steven McDonough on January 14, 2002.

A graveside service will be held at Mikado Cemetery in the spring.

Cremation arrangements were made by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Earl R. Edwards

Earl R. Edwards, 94, of Harrisville, died on Sunday, Jan. 10, 2010 at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

He was born August 19, 1915 to Earl and Pearl (Coats) Edwards in White Hall, Ill., where he was raised.

On November 5, 1936, he married Wynona Kneeland in Pittsfield, Ill.

He served in the United States Navy during World War II. After the war, the couple moved to the Detroit, Mich. area where he worked as an upholsterer and at the Hazel Park school system where he retired as head custodian in 1978.

After retirement, they moved to Harrisville, and spent many winters in Zephyrhills, Fla.

Throughout his life Mr. Edwards was a drummer and continued to enjoy music.

Mr. Edwards is survived by one son, Ronald (Helene) Edwards of Harrisville; three grandchildren, Carla (James) Stewart of Houghton, La., Kevin (Renee) Edwards of Lilburn, Ga. and Colleen (Ken) Mumma of Greenbush; and seven great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Wynona, on October 26, 1998; three brothers; and one sister.

A funeral service will be held in the spring.

Arrangements were made by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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Prelims for DNR case adjourned

The preliminary hearings scheduled on Wednesday, Jan. 6 in 81st District Court for Jeffery Sikorski and Stanley Sikorski were adjourned (rescheduled) for Wednesday, Jan. 27.

Amy Staniski of Harrisville pleaded guilty to use of marijuana in an agreement with Alcona County Prosecutor Thomas J. Weichel. The second charge of possession of marijuana was dismissed. She will be sentenced on this misdemeanor on February 10.

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Weekly Report

| Date | Temperature (F°) | | Precipitation Inches | Miles Per Hour | | |
|--------|------------------|-----|----------------------|----------------|------------|--------------------|
| | High | Low | | Av. Wind Speed | High Speed | Dominant Direction |
| Jan. 3 | 21 | 6 | 0.00 | 6.0 | 27 | N |
| Jan. 4 | 20 | 16 | 0.00 | 5.0 | 21 | N |
| Jan. 5 | 23 | 17 | 0.00 | 3.9 | 18 | N |
| Jan. 6 | 25 | 18 | 0.00 | 2.7 | 14 | N |
| Jan. 7 | 28 | 23 | 0.01 | 9.3 | 26 | NNE |
| Jan. 8 | 23 | 14 | 0.01 | 7.4 | 29 | N |
| Jan. 9 | 21 | 6 | 0.00 | 5.3 | 21 | NNE |

2009-2010 Precipitation Summary (Inches)

| | Water Content | Snow Fall | Normal Water Content |
|---------------------|---------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Weekly Total | 0.02 | 0.6 | 0.42 |
| January to Date | 0.03 | 0.8 | 0.54 |
| Year/Season to Date | 0.03 | 9.5 | 0.54 |

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

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 13

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.

Northeast Michigan Compassion Club will meet from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. For more information, call Marty at (989) 942-1560.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14

St. Joseph Occupational Health Services will offer flu vaccinations from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Appointments are not necessary. For more information, call (989) 362-9375.

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.

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

FRIDAY, JANUARY 15

The Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce is hosting two business training events as part of the Martin Luther King Jr. Day festival and celebration. Both seminars will be held at Alpena Community College in BTC 106. The first is from 9 to 11:30 a.m. and will cover understanding, evaluating and improving cultural competency. The second is from 1 to 3:30 p.m. and will be discriminatory harassment training. Registration is required for both seminars and can be achieved by calling (989) 354-4181. The seminars are free for chamber members and their employees and students and \$15 for prospective chamber members.

A story and craft project for children will be available at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10:15 to 11 a.m.

A spaghetti dinner open to the public will be served at the Alcona High School cafeteria from 5 to 7 p.m. Profits

from this dinner will help purchase new baseball equipment and make improvements to the field. Various raffles will be offered, winners will be announced at halftime during the basketball game. Cost is \$6 per plate and includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and homemade dessert. Additional donations will be greatly appreciated.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 16

Join Jayne Lusardi for Kindermusik, an educational music experience that helps develop learning skills for children under 4 years old, from 11 a.m. to noon at the Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration is required, call (989) 356-6188.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

A service of worship, readings and music will be celebrated at the First Congregational UCC Church, 201 S. Second Ave., Alpena at 6:30 p.m. in honor of Martin Luther King Jr. The service is inspired by a Native American ceremony and rejoices the fact we are all related.

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

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.

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 film "King in Chicago" about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. will be shown to the public at the Alpena Community College Granum Theater from 9 to 11 a.m. Discussion will follow led by faculty member Matt Dunckel.

The community is invited to attend the following free classes and join in discussion about Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. at Alpena Community College: From 1 to 3 p.m. at CTR 104/106, an A.L.L. class featuring Dr. Greg Adamus with discussion and news clips from the "I Have A Dream" speech. From 4 to 6:30 p.m. at NRC 101, "The Story of MLK Jr." film and discussion led by Matt Dunckel.

The public is invited to a point/counterpoint debate at 7:30 p.m. at the Alpena Community College Granum Theater featuring Dr. Josephine Bitler and Anip Uppal, mediated by Rev. Tom Orth. The topic is "Are We in a Post-racial Democracy?" and audience questions and comments are encouraged. For more information, call (989) 356-1795.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for December is "Never Cry Wolf" by Farley Mowat.

St. Joseph Occupational Health Services will offer flu vaccinations from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Appointments are not necessary. For more information, call (989) 362-9375.

The Alpena County George N. Fletcher Public Library presents "Cooking with Eric: Healthy Eating for the New Year" at 7 p.m. There will be demonstrations, copies of recipes and samples. No registration needed.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

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.

The Spruce Lutheran Church, 1265 E. Spruce Road, will offer a food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. for those in emergency need of groceries. Guests may receive food once a month and must be present to obtain groceries. There is no qualifying but guests must provide name, address and proof of residence. For more information, call (989) 471-5013.

The Lincoln Writing Group will meet at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library at 1 p.m.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

Registration is due today for participation in Annie's Project, a program aimed at empowering farm women to be better business partners, from 5:30 to 9 p.m. each

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Alcona High Winterfest

Alcona High School students are celebrating Winterfest (winter homecoming) this week as the girls' varsity basketball team and the boys' varsity basketball team gear up to play the Oscoda Owls on Thursday and Friday. On Thursday, Jan. 14 the Lady Tigers are hoping for a "white out" in the stands. They are encouraging fans to wear white when they come out to cheer them on against the Owls. The junior varsity team will play at 6 p.m. and the varsity game follows. On Friday, Jan. 15 the traditional school assembly will be held at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Entertainment will feature several "mock rock" acts and the crowning of the king and queen. The public is welcome to attend. That evening the boys junior varsity team takes to the court at 6 p.m. and the varsity game will follow.

Mock Rock

It is Mock Rock time again. This is the Miss Sunrise Side Scholarship Program's biggest fund raising event of the year. Individuals or groups compete in lip syncing or singing categories, performances have a three minute time limit. Awards will be given in elementary, junior high/high school and adult categories as well as a singing category and crowd

favorite award. There is no entry fee to participate. Registration forms and waivers are due to Wendy by February 19 to participate. The dress rehearsal is February 26 and the show is on February 27. Contact Wendy with questions and for registration forms at (989) 255-3026 and kwbat@charter.net. The first 20 acts to enter will be able to participate.

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, January 18—Hamburger stroganoff, mixed vegetables, fruited Jell-O and an orange.
- Tuesday, January 19—Baked ham, baked beans, Prince Charles blend vegetables, American blend salad and fruit.
- Wednesday, January 20—Baked fish, rice pilaf, peas, fruit salad and fruit crisp.
- Thursday, January 21—Pork roast, au gratin potatoes, broccoli, pickled beets and applesauce.
- Friday, January 22—Beef stew with stew vegetables, sugar snap peas, American blend salad and fruit. (Glennie center only).

Many Books to Read

The Friends of the Alcona County Library feature the following this week at the Harrisville branch. On the bookcases in Conference Room A: Newer books (2000 to present) including authors James Lee Burke, John Grisham, Tim Green, Iris Johansen, Nora Roberts and John Sanford. The travel section includes "101 Wonders of America," "Comet" by Carl Sagan and "Riding the Iron Rooster." The crafts area has "Encyclopedia of Furniture Making" and Greeting Card Design and Illustration." The popular authors section has Doctorow, Michener, Roth, Updike and Uris. The book cart contains paperback mysteries of Stephen King, Robert Ludlum and Tom Clancy; hardcover mysteries and romance novels by Barbara Taylor Bradford and Fern Michaels. There are also a variety of videos, audio books and DVDs. Contributions are used for library functions and programs.

Civil Rights Seminars

The community is invited to participate in activities honoring Martin Luther King Jr. on Friday, Jan. 15. The Alpena Chamber of Commerce will sponsor two seminars presented by the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. The morning seminar at Alpena Community College will focus on building cultural competency and the afternoon seminar will be about discriminatory harassment training. For reservations and more information, call the chamber at (989) 354-4181.

On Sunday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m., at the Alpena First Congregational Church at Second and Lockwood streets in Alpena a service of worship, readings and music will honor King. All community members are invited to participate in this service created by the Reverends Ginny and Keith Titus.

Several activities will be held to celebrate the memory of King, Jr on Monday, January 18. All activities will take place at Alpena Community College. Two different films about King will be shown. The first film will begin at 9 a.m. in the Granum Theatre. The second film will be shown in the Natural Resources Center Building; Room 101 at 4 p.m. Faculty member Matt Dunckel will lead a discussion following the showing of each film. Greg Adam will show a film of the famous "I Have a Dream" speech and discuss the history surrounding the news clips of this event. This class is sponsored by Alpena Life Long Learners and will take place in the Center Building, room 104. "Are we in a post-racial democracy?" will be the topic for the point-counterpoint discussion at 7:30 p.m. in the Granum Theatre. Faculty members Dr. Josephine Bitler and Anip Uppal, both members of the social science faculty, will take opposing sides. The audience will be encouraged to ask questions.

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Alcona Tigers lose two to start 2010

By Ron Yokom
Sports Writer

Coming back to play after a 20 day break during the holidays seems like a second season for the Alcona boys' varsity basketball team.

This young team has shown glimpses of being pretty good. The Tigers start two sophomores and two juniors and their inconsistency has resulted in a 1-4 record through the early part of the season. Their only victory was against AuGres back on December 15.

Granted the Tigers' first two games of 2010 were against strong teams. But, in both games the Tigers showed they could play with these teams for short spurts during the game. On Monday, Jan. 4 they hosted Hillman who beat them in the first game of the year.

Hillman is undefeated so far this year and is the favorite to win the North Star League. But Alcona actually looked like the better team for the first half. They jumped out to a 15-7 lead after one quarter of play. The Tigers took care of the ball (only three turnovers), passed the ball well, made their free throws, rebounded and played strong defense. Hillman did not make its first field goal until the 1:04 mark. This, by far, was the Tigers best quarter of the season. Alex Cole led the way scoring eight points.

Alcona continued to play well in the second quarter even though Hillman outscored them 13-10. Hillman came within two points of tying the game at 22 before sophomore Brock LaVergne ended the quarter with a three-point play and the Tigers had a 25-20 lead at half-time. It could have been a seven point lead but Cole missed the front end of a one-and-one free throw at the buzzer.

Then the inconsistency of the young Tigers really showed up. Boy, did it ever. They committed 14 turnovers in the third quarter. The result was Hillman outscoring them 17-6 and taking a 37-31 lead into the final period. The game was still tied at 31 until Hillman scored the final six points. At this point Alcona was still in the game and had a chance to pull out a victory.

They regained some of their composure in the final quarter and tried to come back. Matt Mullen scored to start the quarter to bring the Tigers to within four points.

Then, after Hillman scored, Spencer Ellis hit a three-pointer to keep Alcona close at 36-39, but that was a close as Alcona would come as they again lost to Hillman 50-41.

In spite of the third quarter the difference in the game was at the free throw line where Hillman was 18-23 and Alcona 5-11.

Cole led Alcona with 13 points. Ellis and LaVergne added nine points each.

In the second back-to-back games of this season Alcona travelled to Pinconning to play the Spartans. The Tigers knew going in this was going to be a difficult game. Pinconning plays in a tougher league and, rumors indicated they had two outstanding athletes. And they did.

Alcona had no answer for Casey Pashak and Lucas Foco who had 19 and 18 points respectively and led the Spartans to a 65-45 victory over Alcona. Pashak had three impressive thunder dunks during the game. Something you don't see very often in northeast Michigan.

Again, Alcona showed they could play with a good team for a short period of time. The Tigers jumped out to a 17-11 lead in the first five minutes of the first quarter. Spencer Ellis, with two three-pointers and eight points, was a force in this early lead. However, Pinconning finished the quarter with a 10 point run and led 21-17. In spite of seven

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Lady Tigers fall to Eagles and Wolverines after holiday break

By Dan O'Connor
Sports Writer

Coming back from winter break is never an easy task for a basketball team, but after 21 days off, the Alcona girls' varsity basketball team was back in action last week against the Fairview Eagles and the AuGres Sims Wolverines.

On Tuesday, Jan. 5 against Fairview (6-2) Alcona seemed to shake off the rust and hang with the Eagles as they were tied at nine after the first quarter. In the second quarter Fairview held a slim two point lead with two minutes to go before they closed on a seven to two run to lead 22-15.

Alcona and Fairview battled back and forth in the second half with the Lady Tigers chopping the lead to two several times, including midway through the fourth quarter, but the Eagles seemed to have an answer for each Lady Tiger run and held on for a 44-36 win.

Fairview's Kayla Weaver notched her 1,000th career point midway through the second quarter and earlier in the season added her 1,000 career rebound. Alcona was led by Megan Miller with 11 points and 16 rebounds while Alexa LeCureux and Phebie Mier added eight each.

Alcona was back at home again the next night hosting an eager AuGres Sims Wolverine team hoping for some revenge from an earlier season loss to the Lady Tigers. Early on, Alcona controlled the game with solid inside

play from Sarah Hart and the outside play of Amelia Oliver which lead to a 26-19 lead at the half.

The Wolverines were still a bit sluggish early in the third quarter but closed with a flurry led by Emily Lutz and Ashley Maiser who combined for 12 of the 16 points AuGres scored to lead 35-31 heading into the fourth quarter. Alcona trailed by one with just over a minute to go after a short jumper from LeCureux, but the Wolverines (5-5) iced the game from the free throw line in the fourth quarter making three of four free throws to seal the 45-41 win.

Alcona (1-5) was led by Oliver with 12 points. Hart chipped in eight points and eight rebounds.

Alcona traveled to Rogers City on Tuesday, hosts Oscoda on Thursday, Jan. 14 and Mio on Monday, Jan. 18.

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The Caledonia Township Planning Commission will hold a **Public Hearing** during its regularly scheduled meeting on **February 1, 2010**, at 7:00 p.m. Caledonia Township Hall, Gillard Road, Spruce, MI, regarding the proposed addition of Point 43, Sexually Oriented Businesses, under Section 607, Standards and Land use in Section 408, Residential/Commercial (RC) District and Section 412, Industrial (I) District as well as additions to Section 202, Definitions in the Rural Zoning Ordinance. The purpose and intent of these additions to the Zoning Ordinance is to regulate the location and operation of, but not to exclude, sexually-oriented businesses within the Township and to minimize their negative secondary effects. Due to the length of this proposed Sexually Oriented Businesses Ordinance, a complete text can be reviewed at the library, Hubbard Lake branch, and at the Caledonia Township clerk's office, 1435 East Spruce Road. Please call 727-3105 for the library's hours of operation and 471-2390 for an appointment with the township clerk. In addition, the complete text can be found on the township's Web site: www.caledoniatwp.net.

The public is welcome and invited to attend. Call the chairperson, Kathleen Vichunas, at (989) 727-2300 if more information is needed or send written comments to arrive prior to the meeting date to 6024 Cedar Drive, Hubbard Lake, MI 49747-9610.

LEGAL NOTICE of DECISION

USDA Forest Service

Huron-Manistee National Forests

Iosco and Alcona Counties, Michigan

On December 1, 2009, District Ranger, Susan M. Kocis signed a letter to document her decision to cancel the Jewell Lake Pike Marsh Project. The Jewell Lake Pike Marsh is located in T27 N, R7E Section 33 of Hawes Township in Alcona County, just west of Barton City and adjacent to Jewell Lake. This project was proposed to create and enhance northern pike spawning habitat by removing woody vegetation, dredging, enhancing aquatic vegetation and place a flume to direct water and young pike into Jewell Lake. During the project scoping period, a property owner commented he was opposed to flooding of his private land. Dredging the marsh to a depth that would allow adequate water in the marsh for pike spawning without flooding this private property is not viable due to the mucky soil. Additionally, a Forest Service engineering review of the project recommended that the water control structure will not retain water in its current condition, it is not feasible to repair the existing structure, and the mucky soil conditions prevent adequate retention of water for pike spawning. Therefore, the decision was made to cancel the Jewell Lake Pike Marsh Project.

On December 8, 2009, District Ranger, Susan M. Kocis approved the Buck Pond Lunger Project and signed a Decision Memo to implement in 2010. This project is located in T23N R7E section 3 Wilber Township in Iosco County. Large woody debris as well as fish cribs and brush bundles will be placed into the pond to provide habitat for fish. Two illegal ATV hill climbs adjacent to the water control structure will be closed and rehabilitated by placing trees on the slopes and planting native warm season grasses to control erosion, in 2010. This project is designed to move the project area toward the desired future condition described in the Huron-Manistee National Forests' Land and Resource Management Plan.

The associated decision documentation is available upon request from District Ranger, Huron Shores Ranger Station, 5761 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda, MI 48750, (989) 739-0728, TTY (989)739-0806. For further information on the decision contact Paul Thompson. This decision is not subject to appeal pursuant to 36 CFR 215.12. Implementation of this project may begin immediately.

NOTICE

Curtis Township Zoning Map Changes

The Curtis Township Planning Commission is considering changes to the Curtis Township Zoning Map at the January 20 meeting; they will consider the public's request to review their zoning. You must own the property and any changes must be consistent with current use and the Curtis Township Master Plan. Please submit your request in writing along with your tax parcel ID number to:

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January 5

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| Lincoln Prec. | 24 | 43 |
| Outdoor Ctr. | 25 | 42 |
| Big Joe's Motel | 24.5 | 35.5 |
| E & M Bldrs. | 19 | 28 |
| Back Alley Bar | 5.5 | 26.5 |
| Gary Oil | 5 | 26 |
| Carpet One | 11 | 24 |
| B & D Sales | 6 | 15 |

High game and series: Harley Robinson, 255 and 699.
High handicap game: Ed Schmitz, 269.
High handicap series: Harley Robinson, 738.

Wednesday Nite Women's
December 30

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| Abend Bros. | 21.5 | 8.5 |
| Udder Team | 20 | 10 |
| Ark Plumbing | 19 | 11 |
| Animal Clinic | 19 | 11 |
| Mikado Mkt. | 19 | 11 |
| Alcona Abstract | 16 | 14 |
| Moosetales | 14 | 16 |
| JB Auto | 11 | 19 |
| Richard's Phar. | 11 | 19 |

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| Alcona Tool | 11 | 19 |
| Back Alley Bar | 10 | 20 |
| Stoney Acres | 8.5 | 21.5 |

High game: Jenny Buchner, 209.
High series: Cindy Rekowski, 546.
High handicap game: Jenny Buchner, 250.
High handicap series: Stephany Eller, 672.

Wednesday Nite Women's
January 6

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| Alcona Abstract | 40 | 20 |
| Animal Clinic | 39 | 21 |
| Ark Plumbing | 39 | 21 |
| Mikado Mkt. | 38.5 | 21.5 |
| Alcona Tool | 36 | 24 |
| Moosetales | 32 | 28 |
| Abend Bros. | 31.5 | 28.5 |
| Udder Team | 30.5 | 29.5 |
| Back Alley Bar | 22 | 38 |
| Stoney Acres | 18.5 | 41.5 |
| Richard's Phar. | 17 | 43 |
| JB Auto | 16 | 44 |

High game and series: Lynn Gibson, 219 and 587.
High handicap game: Beth Kroon, 253.
High handicap series: Lynn Gibson, 656.

Minors
January 9

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| Fantastics | 33 | 7 |
| Sparkles | 23.5 | 16.5 |
| Tigers | 23 | 17 |
| Flaming Scorp. | 22.5 | 17.5 |
| Bulldogs | 19 | 21 |
| Black Widows | 15 | 25 |
| Red Dragons | 12 | 28 |
| Wolverines | 12 | 28 |

Boy's high game and series: Cory Hoffman, 100 and 188.
Boy's high handicap game and series: Brendan Hudgins, 241 and 455.
Girl's high game and series: Raegan Eller, 104 and 171.
Girl's high handicap game and series: Ashley Panzica, 259 and 476.

Youth Wrestling

Opening season of Youth Wrestling sponsored by NEWA started in Ogamaw, Oscoda, Alcona and Tawas on Saturday, Jan. 9. The first meet of the season saw 18 wrestlers, ranging in age from five to 14 years old, weigh-in was at 7 p.m. in Ogamaw.

Oscoda Youth Wrestling is a combined team of Oscoda and Alcona kids. This year the Oscoda NEWA team also includes the Tawas wrestlers.

Those who placed:
Five - six year olds
Third place -- Ian Boboltz, 43 pounds; James Johnson, 52 pounds; David Williams, 49 pounds.

Second place - Josh Scott, 52 pounds.
Seven - eight year olds
First place - Andrew Meyer, 67 pounds.

Nine to 10 year olds
First place - Jacob Dettmer, heavy weight; Harry Samotis, light weight.

11-12 year olds
Second place - Knesley Johnson, 105 pounds; Danny Benegas, 119 pounds.

13-14 yr olds
First place - Daniel Howell, 132 pounds; Greg Pingot, 130 pounds.

Second place - Brandon Franks, heavyweight.

Tigers

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turnovers in the second quarter Alcona still only trailed by nine at halftime 33-24. After Cole began the third quarter with a three-pointer, bringing the Tigers to within nine points, the Spartans asserted themselves, outscoring the Tigers 23-10 and led 56-37 at the end of the quarter. The final period was a low scoring affair with Pinconning outscoring Alcona 9-8 for the final score of 65-45. Ellis led Alcona with 15 points. Cole added nine points, LaVergne had eight points, Michael Munro had five and Braden Yokom had four points. After a 10 day lag without any games, Alcona will play host Oscoda on January 15.

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January 5

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| Tigerlilys | 37.5 | 10.5 |
| Daffodils | 37 | 11 |
| Rosebuds | 29.5 | 18.5 |
| Violets | 22 | 26 |
| Marigolds | 11 | 37 |
| Mums | 7 | 41 |
| Bluebells | 5 | 43 |

High individual game and series: Annette Kane, 170 and 485.
High team game and series: Daffodils, 422 and 1,187.

Majors

January 9

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| 8 Ball | 142.5 | 73.5 |
| Fireballs | 124.5 | 91.5 |
| Ford Trio | 110 | 106 |
| Neons | 103 | 113 |
| No Names | 89 | 127 |
| Ramrod | 79 | 137 |

Boy's high game and series: Ryan Somers, 175 and 496.
Boy's high handicap game and series: Stephen Turpen, 247 and 679.
Girl's high game and series: Megan Griffith, 228 and 516.
Girl's high handicap game: Megan Griffith, 280.
Girl's high handicap series: Kandace Gonyea, 683.

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NOTICE

Hawes Township Planning Commission will hold a meeting January 27 at the South Shore Fire Hall at the south end of Hubbard Lake on Mt. Maria Road, Hawes Township, Michigan. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. for the purpose of an organizational meeting and to conduct regular business. The public is welcome to all meetings.

Richard VanDam, Chairman

Organization Notes



VFW sponsored Voice of Democracy (VOD) Essay Contest winners were selected from more than 20 essays submitted by high school students. This year's local contest winners were: First place - Mackenzie Sims; second place - Cora Dellar; and third place - Brandon Scott. (From left) Tom Zurcher, VFW judge; second place winner, Cora Dellar; first place winner, Mackenzie Sims; Ron Skiba, VFW judge; and Dan O'Connor English teacher at Alcona High School. The theme for this year's contest was "Does America Still Have Heroes?" This annual contest has awards which are local prizes; and district, state and national scholarships to the winners. Each year a different theme is selected and the students are made aware of that theme at the beginning of the school year. Their entries must be into the local VFW Post by November 1 for the contest judging. Each entry is a speech that is more than three to five minutes in length. *Courtesy photo.*

VFW Post No. 6754 Ladies Auxiliary

The January meeting was held with eight members present. Official correspondence was read as well as a note from Lola and Norma Kitter thanking the auxiliary for the Christmas fruit basket that was delivered to them.

Frances Ziesman read a list of suggested personal care products to be sent to service personnel in Iraq and Afghanistan. Sandy Light read Marie Rhines' reports for community service and cancer. Sandy also advised that she needed names of service personnel to receive care packages. She would like to send out a couple of boxes by the end of the month. Frances Ziesman reported that nine families received Christmas

fruit baskets from the auxiliary.

The auxiliary lost a sister, Angeline Couture, on December 1, 2009. Auxiliary members, Arlene Lay, Pat Eller, Sandy Light, Donna Bushey, Verina Stevens, Carrie Ziesman and Frances Ziesman conducted a memorial service for Angie at Bannan's Funeral Home on December 4. Also, at the January meeting, the charter was draped for our dear departed sister, Angie Couture.

The members were also asked to keep Norma Alstrom in their thoughts and prayers as she continues with her treatments.

The next meeting will be held on February 2.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE OF THE LINCOLN DOWNTOWN DEMOLITION PROJECT

A PUBLIC HEARING will be held on January 20, 2010 at 7 p.m. at the Village of Lincoln meeting room at 117 Fiske Street to obtain the views of the citizens of the Village of Lincoln including those of low to moderate income regarding the proposed application by the Village of Lincoln for State of Michigan Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to be spent with Village of Lincoln Downtown Development Authority (DDA) funds on a project named **The Village of Lincoln Downtown Demolition Project** and related information on community development and housing needs. Citizens including those of low to moderate income are encouraged to attend this hearing and to view the documents relating to this application such as the amount of local DDA and Michigan CDBG funds proposed for spending on this project, and including the community development and housing aspects of the project. Persons who want to review this application before the hearing can do so at the Lincoln Village Hall at 117 Fiske Street on Wednesday, January 13 from eight o'clock am until noon, also at the Lincoln branch of the Alcona County Library, 324 E. Traverse Bay Street in Lincoln during regular hours from January 11 - 20, or by calling the village clerk, Linda Somers, at (989)736-6522 between January 11 - 20 for information on this project application.

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Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that can damage the optic nerve and cause vision loss and blindness if it's not treated. This typically happens because the fluids in the eye don't drain properly, causing increased pressure in the eyeball. The two main types of glaucoma that affect most people are:

- **Open-angle glaucoma:** This is the most common form, accounting for around 80 percent of cases in the

U.S. This type progresses very slowly when the eye's drainage canals become clogged over time, leading to blind spots in the peripheral vision, but by the time you notice it, the permanent damage is already done.

- **Angle-closure glaucoma:** Occurs when the drainage canal gets blocked, causing a rapid increase in eye pressure. Symptoms include nausea, blurred vision and severe pain. If you have these symptoms, get to an emergency room immediately.

It's estimated that more than 4 million Americans today have glaucoma but only about half of them know that have it. Are you one of them?

Here are the key factors that can increase your risks:

- **Age:** While anyone can get glaucoma, people over the age of 60 are six times more likely than those younger.
- **Family history:** Having a brother, sister or parent with glaucoma increases your risk of developing this disease by four to nine times.
- **Race:** African-Americans

Savvy Senior

are six to eight times more likely to get glaucoma than are Caucasians, and they are much more likely to experience permanent blindness as a result. Hispanic-Americans also have an increased risk of developing glaucoma earlier in life and Asians also have a higher risk for developing angle-closure glaucoma.

- **Health conditions:** Diabetes, high blood pressure, heart disease, hypothyroidism, migraine headaches and even being nearsighted can increase your risk.

- **Medications:** Studies show that long-term use or high-doses of steroid drugs or cortisone can put you at a higher risk.

- **Injury:** An injury or trauma to the eye can cause glaucoma even years after it happened.

Early detection is the key to guarding against glaucoma. So if you're age 45 and older and have any risk factors, you need to get a comprehensive eye examination every year or two. Or, if you notice some loss of peripheral vision, get to the eye doctor right away.

While there's currently no cure for glaucoma, most

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Chase those winter blues away

By Matilda Charles
There's one sure-fire way to get through a cold winter and fight the blues: Think spring. This is the perfect time to start planning for warm weather.

Here are some ideas:
Plan a garden, whether that means pots on your balcony, a bigger space in your yard or a spot in a community garden. Send for catalogs and lay out your plans on paper.

Meanwhile, a green plant or two in your living space can help you think "spring," as well as cleaning the air. (If you have pets, be sure that you can put the plants where they can't get to them.)

Design the perfect cruise or vacation. Check online for information, but go through a local travel agency, as it's safer than ordering anything online. For adventures closer to home, ask the senior center if it is planning any local trips.

Investigate warm weather volunteer work, such as assisting with Habitat for Humanity. Not all of its work involves heavy lifting.

Meanwhile, staying active now is a good way to fight any depression while we get through the winter. Think "new."

Look for new places to

walk: malls, local high-school gyms, other neighborhoods.

Study something new. Check a local college to see if there are classes you can audit. Find a new author and borrow books from the library. (Reference librarians love the question, "What do I read next?") Check classes in pottery or stained glass and get a head start on next year's Christmas gifts.

Join or start a group that exchanges recipes, reads selected books, does photography, plays with animals at the local shelter or rents weekly videos.

If there's a hobby you've wanted to try, winter is a good time to start. Take advantage of all the information on the Internet, either on your own computer or one at the library.

Matilda Charles regrets that she cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into her column whenever possible. Write to her in care of King Features Weekly Service, P.O. Box 536475, Orlando, FL 32853-6475, or send e-mail to columnreply@gmail.com.

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If you have Medicare Part B, annual eye examinations are covered for those at high risk for glaucoma. Also check out the Glaucoma EyeCare program through EyeCare America (www.eyecare-america.org; 800-222-3937). This is a nationwide program that provides free or low-cost

glaucoma eye exams and the initiation of treatment, if needed, and there are no income restrictions.

Savvy Tip: To learn more, the Glaucoma Research Foundation offers comprehensive information on their Web site along with a variety of free educational booklets you can order. Visit www-glaucoma.org or call 800-826-6693.

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MSU winter dairy meetings will focus on managing cows during early lactation

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 Meeting begins at 7 p.m. at the Caledonia Township Hall on Gillard Road, Spruce, Michigan. Any change in date or time, or any special meetings will be advertised or posted separately.
 Kathleen E. Vichunas, Chair

Dairy producers know that early lactation is one of the most critical points in a dairy cow's life. Not only is the start of a new lactation when energy demands are at their highest for producing milk, it's also when the cow's immune system is at the greatest risk of being compromised by disease.

Keeping the cow healthy is

priority No. 1, but how can farmers make sure they're doing everything right?

A series of winter meetings offered by Michigan State University (MSU) dairy educators will provide dairy producers with the management tools they need to keep cows healthy, all while maximizing milk production levels and preparing the animal to be bred back on time.

Topic areas that will be covered during the "Tools to Navigate the Fresh Cow Storm" meeting are animal welfare and wellness, metabolic diseases, reproductive diseases and milk quality and mastitis. Meeting attendees will also learn about good testing and monitoring tools available and how to use them.

Speakers include MSU Extension dairy educators Faith Cullens, Phil Durst, Kathy Lee and Mike McFadden; MSU Director of Animal Welfare Janice Swanson; animal science faculty members Mike Allen, David Beede, Adam Lock, Richard Pursley and Janice Siegford; and large animal clinical sciences faculty members Ronald Ers-kine, Tom Herdt, Louis Neuder and Phil Sears.

The meetings will be offered at nine locations across the state during February and March. Each meeting begins with registration at 9:30 a.m. and ends at 2:30 p.m.

- February 2 in Escanaba, Mich. at the Heirman University Center, Room 958/962; contact Ben Bartlett at (906) 439-5880

- February 3 in Alpena at the Alpena Community College, Room 106 Center Building; contact Mary Dunckel at (989) 354-9870 or Phil Durst at (989) 826-1160

- February 4 in West Branch at the Quality Inn Forward Conference Center; contact Phil Durst at (989) 826-1160

- February 16 in Cadillac, Mich. at the Carl T. Johnson Hunting-Fishing Center; contact Kathy Lee at (231) 839-4667

- February 17 in Mt. Pleasant, Mich. at the Isabella County Building, Room 320; contact Mike McFadden at (989) 772-0911, ext. 302

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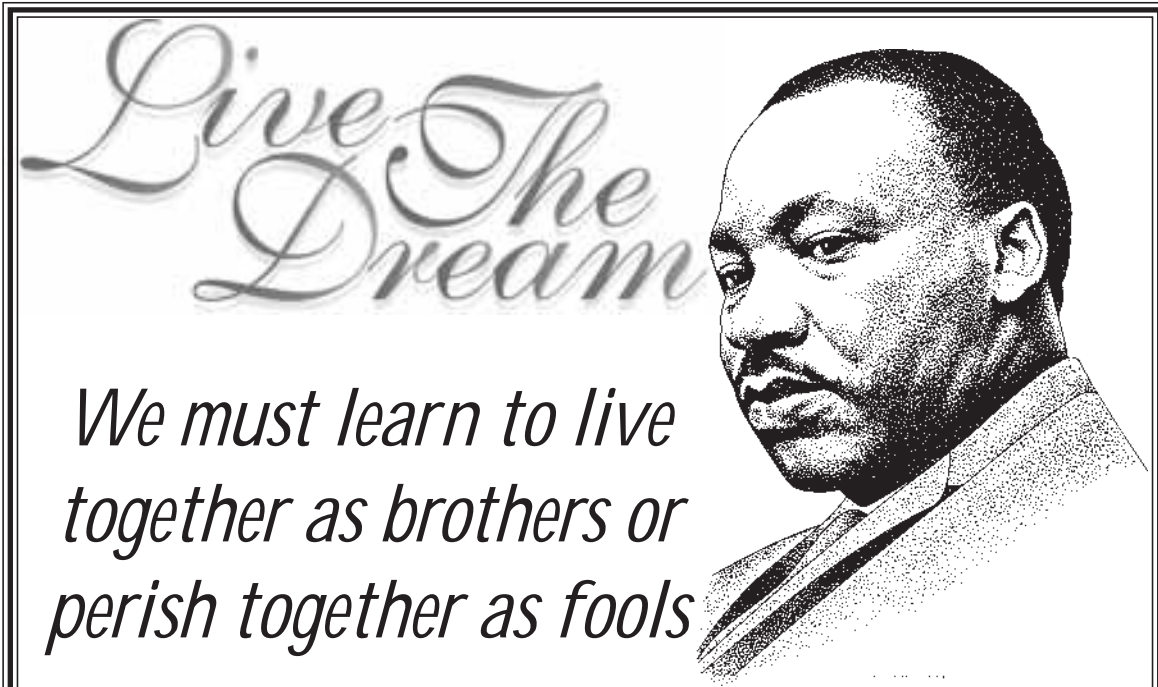
- March 2 in St. Johns, Mich. at the Clinton County RESA; contact Faith Cullens at (989) 224-5249

- March 3 in Hillsdale, Mich. at the 4-H Building on the Hillsdale County Fairgrounds; contact Ira Krupp at (517) 279-4311 or Dean Ross at (517) 546-3950

- March 4 in Grand Rapids, Mich. at the Kent County MSU Extension office; contact Bill Robb at (616) 994-4580 or Ira Krupp at (517) 279-4311.

The \$15 registration fee includes meeting materials and lunch and should be submitted a minimum of 10 days prior to the meeting one plans to attend. To register, contact Phil Durst at (989) 826-1160 or mail payment and attendee information to the Oscoda County MSU Extension, P.O. Box 69, Mio, Mich. 48647.

Registration vouchers are available from various agribusinesses and Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) members are eligible for a \$5 voucher from MMPA. Vouchers are limited to one per person and must be submitted at the time of registration.



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American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

Many if not all of us have had the pleasure of watching choruses of young people sing. It's an experience rich with affirmation, it seems to me. Here is a lovely poem by Tim Nolan, an attorney in Minneapolis, Minn.

At the Choral Concert

The high school kids are so beautiful in their lavender blouses and crisp white shirts. They open their mouths to sing with that far-off stare they had looking out from the crib. Their voices lift up from the marble bed of the high altar to the blue endless ceiling of heaven as depicted in the cloudy dome—and we—as the parents—crane our necks to see our children and what is above us—and ahead of us—until the end when we are invited up to sing with them—sopranos and altos—tenors and basses—to sing the great Hallelujah Chorus—and I'm standing with the other stunned and gray fathers—holding our sheet music—searching for our parts—and we realize—our voices are surprisingly rich—experienced—For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth—and how do we all know to come in at exactly the right moment?—Forever and ever—and how can it not seem that we shall reign forever and ever—in one voice with our beautiful children—looking out into all those lights.

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The hoos in the night

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

It was a cold and blustery night. One of those nights the weather people are fond of referring to as "bone chilling." Cold enough, in fact, that from time to time you could hear the windows pop and snap.

My book was rapidly losing ground to the warmth of the comforters. Around midnight, I surrendered. Ever so quietly, I placed it on the bedside table. Snaking my arm from beneath the blanket, I gently pushed the toggle on the lamp, careful not to allow a noisy "click." I snuggled down into my pillow. Mmmm.

And from across the room came a soft, deep, grumbly "Fummp," rather like the sound Papa Bear would make. I kept my eyes tightly closed, careful to move not a muscle. Maybe if I played possum... "Fummp!" He knows I'm awake. In my head, I recite "Dog Whisperer" wisdom. You don't have a conversation with a dog. You tell them what you expect in one or two words. "No, Henri."

"FUMMph!!" Henri added some volume. In a moment or two, I know he'll launch into a hoo. I cast the "Dog Whisperer" aside in favor of logic. "No, Henri. You were out an hour ago. It's really, really cold."

In order to understand why this is a problem, you might need some background on Henri, the pup we adopted from the humane society about a year and a half ago. Henri was found living on the outskirts of the state park. For several months, we waited for the event that would unveil why anyone would abandon a dog like Henri. It didn't come. He's adorably cute, with white, caramel and dark brown coconut fur and huge brown eyes that look like they're rimmed in eyeliner. At the end of a large head and long, low back, he sports a palm tail, usually wagging.

Henri has never, ever met anyone he didn't like. We have never heard him growl. For the most part, he's a quiet dog, although he takes fits of showing off his speed, running in paw-screeching circles through the living room, dining room and kitchen. We'd had him two days before we ever heard him bark.

Eventually, we discovered that he had the deep voice mentioned above and that when something ignites his hunting instinct, he bays loudly. But most of the time, Henri hoos. Sometimes it's a question. "Hoo?" Sometimes it's a statement. "Hoo!" Sometimes it's a long drawn out statement "Hoooooo." Thus his nickname, Henri- Hoo.

The shelter had tagged him as a Shih Tzu, but that didn't seem quite right. Eventually, we became convinced he must be a breed. We would occasionally see another Henri - largely on television - virtually identical to him. Finally, a couple months ago, we identified him. During the Purina National Dog Show, a breeder presented his dog to the judges. Said dog was a

carbon copy of Henri, right down to the coloring and short-legged bouncy gait. "Art," I called, "Come here! Henri is a PBGV."

A PBGV, if you're not familiar, is a petite basset griffon vendeen, originally bred in France as a hunting dog. The presence of Italian greyhound in their family tree explains their amazing speed. The presence of the basset hound explains the bay. PBGVs are still quite rare in the U.S. The most important information, however, lay in this statement from the PBGV Club of America: "The PBGV is intelligent, has a great desire to please and can be trained for many purposes. The problem is that the dog is so smart that he often has his own agenda (which may not be the same as the owners!)"

Truer words were never spoken. For a long time, we'd thought that perhaps Henri just didn't speak "people" so well. Now we knew that it was just as it appeared. He understands everything we're saying. He just doesn't always agree.

And now he wanted to go outside. It was unlikely, I should add, that he had to go outside. He'd been out right before bedtime. But one thing they didn't mention on the PBGV Club site is insomnia. Henri is an insomniac.

I chalk it up to his early days in the park, when he probably woke often in the night. Whatever the reason, he doesn't sleep very soundly, and gets up several times during the night. Sometimes, he just snuggles into the crook of my arm like the baby boy he is and goes back to sleep. Sometimes, he bounds up onto my chest and licks my nose; just to be sure I know he still loves me.

And sometimes he wants to go out. Perhaps to answer nature's call, but equally often just to have a look around and get a little fresh air, while Mama stands barefooted in the doorway, shivering.

With a deep, soul-satisfying Irish sigh, I threw the covers back and put my feet on the cold floor. Delighted I finally understood; Henri bounced a time or two and waited for me to open the door. I followed him down the stairs, snapped on his

Puttin' On
The Fritz

leash and once again ignored the "Dog Whisperer" to give him a quick lecture.

"Okay, Henri. We are going to make this fast and it is the last time tonight." I opened the door and released the hound. Catching the handle of his leash in the closed door, I went to the kitchen to get a drink of water.

But darn it. Something - maybe the wind, maybe the Abominable Snow Man - had caught Henri's attention. He was baying louder than a bevy of bassets. Our neighbors on the corner have four children and one on the way. I can't imagine how much they must appreciate Henri's midnight hoos.

"Henri," I wrenched open the door and hissed in his direction, as though my whisper would make up for anything. "Get in here." Amicably, Henri bounded over the threshold and up the stairs, waiting obediently at the top for me to unclip his leash. He turned to cast an inquiring glance over his shoulder.

"Upstairs," I told him. His unspoken question paints a portrait of Henri in a nutshell. "So," he said, "Having got you up from your warm bed to let me out and then awakened the entire block, do I get a biscuit for being a good dog?" Of course he does.

Upstairs, he munched up his biscuit loudly enough to wake Lady, then sank his furry nose into the water bowl and undid any good his trip outside might have done by lapping it up. In the meantime, I crawled back into bed, wrapping my freezing toes in the blankets to thaw.

"Fummp?" Henri gave it one more try. This time, I went with the "Dog Whisperer." "NO!" This time, he believed me. Leaping happily onto the bed and onto my stomach, he stared down deeply into my eyes, his expression thoughtful, almost intuitive. "Okay, he said. "I got it."

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Commissioner meeting notice for 2010

The Alcona County Board of Commissioners will hold their regular meetings on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m., except for the June 16th meeting which will be held at 7:00 p.m., for the purpose of auditing of open accounts and such other business that may legally come before the board. Meetings are held on the lower level of the county building, at 106 5th Street, Harrisville. Any change in date or time, or for special meetings, will be advertised or posted separately.

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of January 3-9, 2010

34 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 1 Warrant; 1 Domestic; 1 Operate While Intoxicated.

Complaint Statistics

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| Traffic | 1 | Car/Deer Accidents | 3 |
| Property Damage | 2 | General Assistance | 4 |
| False Alarm | 1 | Burglary | 1 |
| Domestic | 1 | Animal | 2 |
| Open Door | 1 | 911 Hang Up | 1 |
| Larceny | 1 | Mal. Destruction of Property | 2 |
| Operate While Intoxicated | 1 | Suspicious Person | 1 |
| Well Being Check | 1 | Personal Injury Accident | 2 |
| Juvenile | 1 | Threats | 1 |
| Kennel Inspection | 1 | Warrant Arrest | 1 |
| Miscellaneous | 1 | Assault | 1 |
| Civil | 1 | Internet Scam | 1 |
| Harassment | 1 | | |

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

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| Alcona | 1 | Caledonia | 2 | Curtis | 2 |
| Greenbush | 2 | Gustin | 2 | Harrisville | 6 |
| Hawes | 0 | Haynes | 4 | Mikado | 4 |
| Millen | 2 | Mitchell | 2 | | |
| Harrisville City | 7 | Village of Lincoln | 0 | | |

Hoos

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He turned and moved to the foot, sniffing a bit to locate exactly where my feet were swaddled. Carefully turning around a time or two, he draped his warm doggy body directly on top of them, glancing back at me to say, "There you go Mama. I'll have these warmed up in a jiffy." That settled, he put his head down and fell instantly asleep.

Which may serve to explain why, despite below zero temperatures and frozen feet, despite living with a dog who hoos and bays and has "his own agenda," I uncovered my arms one more time to reach down and pat his sweet head. Because he is, as I told him, my own sweet Henri the Hoo, and he is, as I told him, a good boy, indeed.

(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.)



Steve Panich of Harrisville shot this 35 pound bobcat that he called in near Lincoln. He called in a coyote and the bobcat came in shortly after. This is his first cat. *Courtesy photo.*

Trout streams reclassified into new restricted gear category

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has reclassified trout streams with differing gear restrictions into a single "gear restricted" category.

The new category - the major first change in the DNR's stream classification system that was adopted a decade ago - will allow for more flexible fishing regulations on the streams that

have been classified as Type 5, 6 and 7 streams in the past. No immediate regulation changes have been proposed for specific streams.

"Combining the Type 5, 6 and 7 streams into one category simplifies our regulatory framework and creates flexibility for protecting trout populations while allowing diverse fishing opportunities," said DNR Fisheries Division Chief Kelley Smith. "With this change, we're ready to work with trout anglers to review appropriate regulations for specific streams."

State law allows up to 212 miles of gear-restricted streams statewide.

Anglers who wish to comment on appropriate regulations or to nominate additional waters for the Gear Restricted Category can forward their comments online to dnr-gearrestricted@michigan.gov through February 12.

The DNR's Coldwater Regulations Steering Committee will review all comments and make proposals available for public comment before making any regulations changes. DNRE recommendations are expected to be sent to the DNRE director this fall for implementation on April 1, 2011.

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Calendar of Events

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 Thursday beginning February 4. Sessions continue for six weeks. Contact Alcona or Alpena MSU Extension at (989) 724-6478 to register and for more information.

The Huron Shores Genealogical Society will hold its quarterly meeting at 5:30 p.m. at the A Different Blend Coffee House, 513 West Bay, East Tawas. Questions, call Judy at (989) 984-9305 or huronshoresgs@yahoo.com. All interested in genealogy are welcome to join.

John Webster from Tait's Bill of Fare will present a cooking demonstration at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will be a \$5 fee for supplies. Call (989) 724-6796 by January 11 to register.

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

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.

St. Joseph Occupational Health Services will offer flu vaccinations from 1:30 to 4 p.m. Appointments are not necessary. For more information, call (989) 362-9375.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 22
 A story and craft project for children will be available at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 10:15 to 11 a.m.

An adult American Red Cross CPR/AED and standard first aid challenge course will be offered at the Northeast Michigan Community Mental Health Authority office in Hillman from 8 to 10 a.m. Anyone interested in attending can register by calling Jennie at (989) 356-2161. There is an \$18 course fee.

"The Economy in Perspective," a presentation by Dr. Chris Douglas, will be at Alpena Community College's Granum Theater from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. with registration and refreshments beginning

at 10:30 a.m. This event is free to the public, but reservations are requested and can be made by calling (989) 354-4181. More information can be found at www.alpenachamber.com.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23
 Thunder Bay Arts Council presents "Guitar Summit VI" beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the Alpena High School auditorium featuring House Call, Bobbing for Piranhas, 7 Million Jigawatts and an all star jam to conclude. Tickets are available at the TBAC office by calling (989) 356-6678. All students are admitted free.

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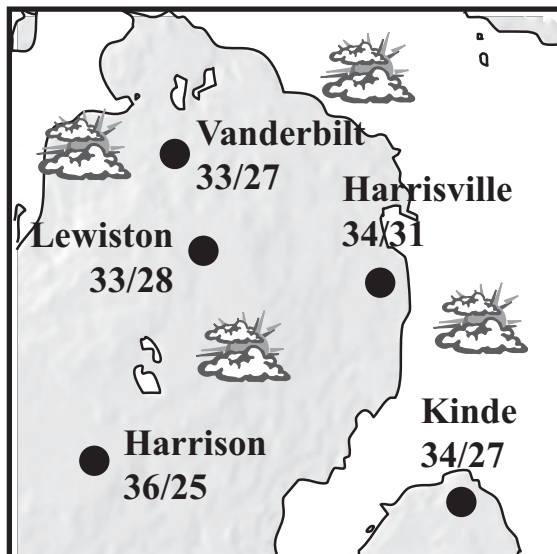
Alcona Review Weather Report

Jan. 13, 2010

Seven Day Forecast

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| | WEDNESDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 31 |
| | THURSDAY Cloudy High: 36 Low: 25 |
| | FRIDAY Cloudy High: 32 Low: 22 |
| | SATURDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 31 Low: 23 |
| | SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 33 Low: 21 |
| | MONDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 34 Low: 20 |
| | TUESDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 35 Low: 22 |

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a high temperature of 34°, humidity of 80% and an overnight low of 31°. The record high temperature for today is 51° set in 1961. The record low is -17° set in 1977. Thursday, skies will be cloudy with a high temperature of 36°, humidity of 75% and an overnight low of 25°.

*Last Week's Almanac

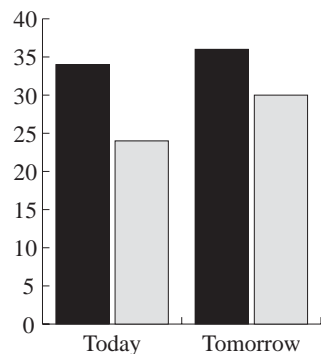
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| Friday | 19 | 13 | 26/11 | 0.00" |
| Saturday | 20 | 4 | 26/10 | 0.00" |
| Sunday | 31 | 5 | 26/10 | 0.01" |

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

| Day | Sunrise | Sunset | Moonrise | Moonset |
|-------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| New 1/15 | Wednesday 8:07 a.m. | 5:17 p.m. | 7:08 a.m. | 3:49 p.m. |
| | Thursday 8:07 a.m. | 5:18 p.m. | 7:46 a.m. | 4:50 p.m. |
| | Friday 8:06 a.m. | 5:19 p.m. | 8:18 a.m. | 5:54 p.m. |
| | Saturday 8:06 a.m. | 5:21 p.m. | 8:44 a.m. | 6:57 p.m. |
| First 1/23 | Sunday 8:05 a.m. | 5:22 p.m. | 9:07 a.m. | 8:00 p.m. |
| | Monday 8:04 a.m. | 5:23 p.m. | 9:27 a.m. | 9:02 p.m. |
| | Tuesday 8:04 a.m. | 5:24 p.m. | 9:46 a.m. | 10:04 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 mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 48° in Baltimore, Md. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 70° in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. The Northwest will see scattered rain and snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with isolated rain Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 55° in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 74° in Yuma, Ariz.

Weather History

Jan. 13, 1888 - The mercury plunged to 65 degrees below zero at Fort Keough, located near Miles City, Mont. The reading stood as a record for the entire continental United States for 66 years.

Weather Trivia

What is brontophobia?

Answer: It is the fear of thunder.

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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Eclipse: Jewel of the East



Early Friday EST (Jan. 15), there is a central solar eclipse which sweeps over Africa, India, and China. Across a small swath of the Earth's surface, observers will witness the center of the moon's disk pass in front of the sun. Unlike most ideas regarding solar eclipses, the sky will only get marginally darker because the moon will not appear large enough in the sky to cover the sun's disk completely. For over 11 minutes in the best locations, observers using the proper filtration can see the black disk of the moon surrounded by an annulus or ring of sunlight, an annular eclipse. In the scheme of solar eclipses, ringed events are just a little more common than total solar eclipses, where the sun's atmosphere, the corona, shines like striated jewels around the completely hidden sun. Friday's annular eclipse is extremely long. The Earth's and the moon's orbital paths are ellipses, or ovals, and they are constantly changing their distances from their parent bodies. The longest ringed eclipses occur when the Earth is closest to the sun at perihelion and the sun appears largest in the sky. Earth reached this point on January 4 at 10 a.m. EST. The moon must also be at its greatest distance from Earth called apogee, and therefore appear smallest in the sky. The moon reaches apogee 43 hours after the eclipse, but this is good enough to generate the longest period of annularity in the third millennium, 11 minutes, 8 seconds in the mid-Indian Ocean along the equator between eastern Kenya and the southern tip of India. For the US, the next solar eclipse is also an annular happening, occurring during the afternoon of May 20, 2012. Crescent City, CA; Lassen NP; Reno, NV; Zion, Bryce, and Grand Canyon National Parks; and Albuquerque, NM get nearly central hits from this one. I plan to be located somewhere along the north rim of the Grand Canyon if weather conditions permit. www.astronomy.org

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TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

1. **U.S. STATES:** What is the highest capital city in the United States?
2. **SLOGANS:** What was Woodsy Owl's message from the federal government?
3. **RELIGION:** When is Maundy Thursday in the Christian religion?
4. **MUSIC:** What entertainer has been called "The Man from Memphis"?
5. **DISCOVERIES:** Who is credited with discovering streptomycin?
6. **U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Which president had a pet badger?
7. **MATH:** What is the decimal equivalent of the fraction one-third?
8. **MOVIES:** What film features the theme park "Walley World"?
9. **GEOGRAPHY:** Where is the Lombardy region?
10. **GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What does a sphygmomanometer measure?

Answers: 1. Santa Fe, N.M. (7,000 feet above sea level); 2. "Give a hoot, don't pollute!"; 3. Thursday before Easter, marking the Last Supper; 4. Elvis Presley; 5. Selman A. Waksman; 6. Theodore Roosevelt ("Josiah"); 7. .3333; 8. "National Lampoon's Vacation"; 9. Northern Italy; 10. Blood pressure (c) 2010 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword HELLISH-TOSIS

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| <p>ACROSS 1 Toady 7 Pants 12 "— Strawberries" ('57 film) 16 Diner order 19 Anti-knock stuff 20 Kayak commander 21 Racer Luyendyk 22 Ipanema's locale 23 Riddle: Part 1 26 "A mouse!" 27 Deli delicacy 28 Insignificant 29 Like Yale's walls 30 Practice 32 Swimmer Spitz 33 Spud 35 Keen insight 36 Fall behind 39 "Paradise Lost" figure 40 Top-drawer 42 Ring site? 45 Parched 46 Freighter or ferry 50 In the thick of 51 Get the better of 52 Folklore figures</p> | <p>54 Nationality suffix 55 "Baloney!" 56 Eye opener? 57 Respond to 58 Berry of "Monster's Ball" 60 Fern feature 61 Primer pooch 62 "Enigma Variations" composer 63 Barrett or Jaffe 65 Riddle: Part 2 69 Wander 70 Songlike 71 — Patrick Harris 72 Offer an apple? 74 Writer Wharton 75 Quoted an expert 77 Winter warmer-upper 78 Not many 81 Classic beginning 82 Napoleon's cousin 84 Icing flavor 85 Gdansk denizen 86 Bond foe</p> | <p>88 Sheldon's "— of Angels" 89 Clutches, e.g. 91 — acid 93 Stubborn 94 Small bay 95 Amulet motif 98 Perk up 99 Unclear 101 Butcher-shop buy 102 Serengeti sahib 104 "David Copperfield" character 105 Fleur-de— 108 Prior to, to Prior 109 Answer to riddle 114 Corsage fastener 115 Israeli diplomat 116 Novelist Shute 117 Prophet 118 Soho snack 119 Wolf's portrayer 120 Literary land 121 Update a story</p> | <p>4 Beyond balmy 5 Aberration 6 When Adam was a boy 7 Go fish, e.g. 8 Lofty peak 9 — whale 10 Cromwell, for one 11 Bauer or Bochco 12 Ebb 13 Incensed 14 Fool with the facts 15 Remove 16 Lutenist Julian 17 Feudal figure 18 Symbol 24 Neighbor of Miss. 25 Salutation word 31 Takes to court 32 Temperate 33 Ryan's daughter 34 Perched on a lift 35 — -de-camp 36 It'll give you a lift 37 San —, Italy 38 Got off 39 Audiophile's equipment 40 Desire deified</p> | <p>41 Lifesaver flavor 43 Type of machete 44 Render defenseless 45 Ekberg or Bryant 47 Hagar the Horrible's wife 48 Cairo creed 49 Ibsen's "— Gynt" 52 Snarl 53 Trekkers' guide 56 Certain helicopter 57 Plant pest 59 "Thanks —!" 60 Tizzy 61 Take the reins 63 Winona of "Mr. Deeds" 64 Heavenly hunter 66 Remove a ribbon 67 Thickset 68 Anne of "John Q." 70 Be a banker 73 Ditch under a draw-bridge 75 Family 76 Othello's inducer 77 Arrogant 78 "— #1" ('61 hit)</p> | <p>79 Actress Sommer 80 Singer Dottie 83 Baby's bed 84 Gangster's gal 85 Liqueur glass 87 Galley features 89 Idle talk 90 Odd 92 Tangled 93 Bite for Bonzo 95 Tied the terrace 96 French physicist 97 Stadium shout 99 Torrid 100 Shady spot 102 Grumpy guy 103 "The Perfect Fool" 104 "What's My Line?" host 105 Lingerie trim 106 "— never happen!" 107 Cartoonist Silverstein 110 Cable channel 111 Actress Le Gallienne 112 Overalls feature 113 Chomp on a chimichanga</p> |
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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel

• On Jan. 30, 1835, Andrew Jackson becomes the first American president to experience an assassination attempt. Richard Lawrence, an unemployed house painter, shot at Jackson, but his gun misfired. A furious 67-year-old Jackson confronted his attacker, clubbing Lawrence several times with his walking cane. A second shot also misfired.

• On Jan. 27, 1888, the National Geographic Society is founded in Washington, D.C., for "the increase and diffusion of geographical knowledge." Readership of the magazine did not grow, however, until it changed the format to articles of general interest accompanied by photographs.

• On Jan. 25, 1924, the first Winter Olympics takes off in style at Chamonix in the French Alps. Spectators were thrilled by the ski jump and bobsled, as well as 12 other events involving a total of six sports. The United States came in third, winning its only gold medal in the 500-meter speedskating event.

• On Jan. 26, 1934, producer Samuel Goldwyn buys the film rights to "The Wonderful Wizard of Oz" by L. Frank Baum. Goldwyn had intended for Shirley Temple to play Dorothy in the film, but 17-year-old Judy Garland got the part instead.

• On Jan. 31, 1945, Pvt. Eddie Slovik becomes the first American soldier since the Civil War to be executed for desertion — and the only one who suffered such a fate during World War II. Slovik claimed he was "too scared and too nervous" to be a rifleman, and threatened to run away if forced into combat. He deserted the next day.

• On Jan. 29, 1964, Stanley Kubrick's black comic masterpiece, "Dr. Strangelove or: How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love the Bomb," opens in theaters. The movie's popularity was evidence of changing attitudes toward atomic weapons and the concept of nuclear deterrence.

• On Jan. 28, 1978, "Fantasy Island" is created as a follow-up to "The Love Boat" TV series. "Fantasy Island" became a hit and ran for six years. Screen actor Ricardo Montalban played the mysterious host Mr. Roarke, and his diminutive sidekick, Tattoo, was played by dwarf Herve Villechaize.

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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

• It was American cartoonist, humorist and journalist Kin Hubbard who made the following sage observation: "There's no secret about success. Did you ever know a successful man who didn't tell you about it?"

• Next time you're in Iowa, you might want to stop by the rural town of Riverside, which touts itself as the future birthplace of Captain James T. Kirk. Yep, the future birthplace. It seems that "Star Trek" creator Gene Roddenberry asserted that the character of James Tiberius Kirk was born in Iowa, but he didn't specify exactly where. In 1985, the Riverside City Council voted to declare their town the future birthplace of the character, later writing to Roddenberry and receiving his approval. In honor of its newfound claim to fame, the city began hosting an annual Trek Fest, complete with a Spockapalooza battle of the bands.

• If you enjoy cooking, you might have heard of some of the following cookbooks: "Kill It and Grill It," "The Joy of Pickling," "Full of Beans," "The Stinking Cookbook" and "I Can't Believe It's Not Meat!" Then again, maybe not.

• The term "bric-a-brac," usually used to refer to a collection of tawdry trinkets, comes from the French, where its original meaning was "at random."

• Most parents of small children know that trampolines can be dangerous, and they are. Every year, nearly 100,000 people receive emergency-room treatment for injuries sustained while using trampolines. Those injuries are hardly ever fatal, though. Pools, on the other hand, are far more deadly; more than 1,000 people in the United States die in swimming pools annually.

Thought for the Day: If living conditions don't stop improving in this country, we're going to run out of humble beginnings for our great men. — Russell P. Askue

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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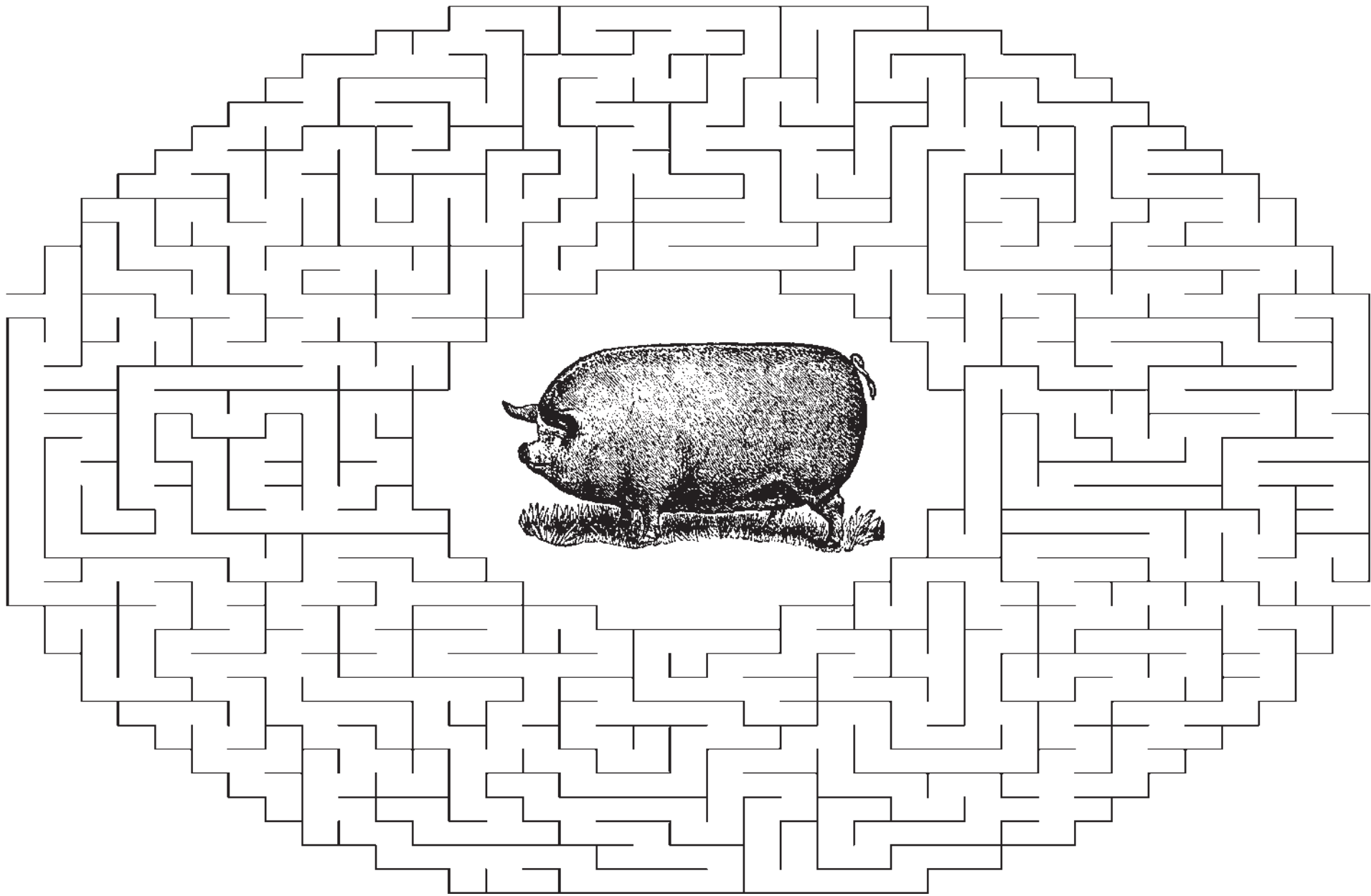
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DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★

★ Moderate ★★ Challenging
 ★★★ HOO BOY!

Mega Maze

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BY AL SCADUTO

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Jan. 4 at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." The following were in attendance: President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers and council members Gauthier, Lask, Naylor, Somers and Stutzman. Absent were council member Kennard and deputy clerk/treasurer Stutzman. Also present was attorney David Cook and guests.

The minutes of the December meeting were approved on a motion by Somers, with support from Stutzman, along with one change: The date of the November meeting is November 1. The treasurer's report was approved subject to audit on a motion from Gauthier with support from Somers.

Joan Gonyea, fire department grant coordinator informed the council that she was able to get a three month extension for the current grant process. She will be sending in a request for the next \$50,000 expenditure tomorrow. Joan stated that Bob Reynolds and other members of the department have been working very hard to get the best prices for grant funding.

In old business, Somers informed the council that the dump truck is now working good. Gauthier stated that she contacted Consumers Energy again regarding the trees on Traverse

Bay Street that need to be trimmed. Bonny stated that someone is supposed to come from Consumers within the next week. She will work with Jordan to try to resolve the issue. Jordan asked about the status of the swim platforms. Gauthier hopes to have the information in time for the budget meeting. Stutzman is continuing to look into having motion lights put up at the playground.

In new business, Stutzman asked about the status of the DDA budget for approval at our next budget hearing. He also asked about the fire department's upcoming budget. Jordan stated that he believes the fire department will be at the next budget meeting. Somers stated that he will not be able to remove some of the Christmas lights until the weather gets warmer.

President Jordan gave his report. He stated that all the village ordinances will be forwarded to Denise Cline of NEMCOG to insure that they fit into the Master Plan. He stated that Joan Gonyea has been working on bringing everything up to date for publication. Attorney Cook stated that we should have Denise look them over and then plan for publication following her recommendations so that we don't have to pay for printing twice.

Jordan stated that we have been put on hold regarding a topographical survey due to the weather. Within the next month we should have some news regarding some

of our grant applications. On January 20 a meeting will be held for a hearing about the demolition grant. Jordan stated that he would like to have all council members present as well as any residents that are interested. Following a discussion Gauthier made a motion to hire Fleis & Vandenbrink to be the engineers/overseers for the demolition process. Stutzman offered support. Motion carried. A motion was made by Somers, with support from Naylor, to appoint a Phillip Jordan as the grant administrator and to authorize him to sign all documents related to the completion of the demolition grant process. Motion carried. Jordan stated that Leonard Morang has expressed interest in serving on the planning commission. He will attend the next meeting and the group will come back to the council with a recommendation to allow him to serve on it. Jordan stated that Ray Somers has been hired to help with snow removal.

Individual reports were given by council members. Stutzman stated that he will be working on getting prices for mulch/rubber matting for the Flights of Imagination playground.

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

Linda K. Somers
Village Clerk.

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Claudette Thompson and Bill Thompson, wife and husband, to Nationstar Mortgage, LLC fka Centex Home Equity Company, LLC, mortgagee, dated February 27, 2006 and recorded March 17, 2006 in Liber 428, page 1,241, Alcona County records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy thousand nine hundred eighty-eight and 27/100 dollars (\$70,988.27) including interest at 3.87 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 west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville in Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on February 10, 2010.

Said premises are located in the township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Parcel B: The west half of the east half of the east half of the southwest quarter of Section 5, Township 25 North, Range 9 East, excepting therefrom the south 1995.0 feet and reserving therefrom the west 33.0 feet for roadway purposes. Subject to building and restrictions of record or of common use, and all acts and omissions by parties other than parties of the first part, since July 31, 1993, the date of a certain land

contract in pursuance of which this deed is given. The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights.

Dated: January 13, 2010
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville in Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on January 27, 2010.

Said premises are located in the township of Haynes, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of Parcel 4 - that part of the northeast quarter of

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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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 Albert W. Gimson and Carol M. Gimson, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Northwestern Financial Corporation, mortgagee, dated November 21, 2002, and recorded on April 21, 2003 in Liber 381 on page 71, and assigned by said Mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation 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 twenty-five thousand nine hundred forty-nine and 62/100 dollars (\$25,949.62), including interest at 6.25 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such

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Initial foreclosure notice is required by Michigan Public Act 30 of 2009. Notice is hereby provided to Keith R. Purtee and Carman M. Purtee, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter borrower) regarding the property known as 2361 Brewer Road, Mikado, MI 48745 that the mortgage is in default.

The borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer through its designated agent, Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C. (designated agent), 23938 Research Drive, Suite 300, Farmington Hills, Michigan 48335, (248) 539-7400 (tel), (248) 539-7401 (Fax), email: designatedagent@sspcclegal.com.

Section 23, Town 27 North, Range 9 East, described as commencing at the northeast corner of said Section 23; thence south 01 degrees 44 minutes 00 seconds west 1,146.37 feet along the east line of said section to the point of beginning; thence continuing south 01 degrees 44 minutes 00 seconds west 515.19 feet along the east line of said section; thence north 88 degrees 58 minutes 49 seconds west 422.79 feet; thence north 01 degrees 44 minutes 00 seconds east 515.19 feet; thence south 88 degrees 58 minutes 49 seconds east 422.79 feet to the point of beginning.

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Dated: December 30, 2009
Orlans Associates, P.C.
Attorneys for Servicer
P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48007-5041
(248) 502-1400
File No. 221.5670
ASAP No. 3390823
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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 January 20, 2010.

Said premises are situated in township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 84, Supervisor's Plat of Oakdale Subdivision, as recorded in Liber 1, page 190 A, 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: December 23, 2009

For more information, please call: (248) 593-1304
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan
48334-2525
File No. 278459F02
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Keith R. Purtee and Carman M. Purtee also has/have the right to contact the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) at its Web site www.michigan.gov/mshda or by calling MSHDA at (866) 946-7432 (tel).

If borrower(s) requests a meeting, no foreclosure proceeding will be commenced until the expiration of 90 days from the date notice was mailed to the borrower(s) pursuant to Section 3205(a) of HB 4454, Public Act 30 of 2009. If designated agent and borrower(s) agree to modify the mortgage, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the borrower(s) abide by the terms of the modified mortgage. Borrower(s) have the right to contact an attorney or the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service at (800) 968-0738 (tel).

Pub Date: January 13, 2010
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
23938 Research Drive, Suite 300
Farmington Hills, Mich. 48335

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Matthew Niemann and Tami Niemann, husband and wife to Argent Mortgage Company, LLC, mortgagee, dated February 28, 2006 and recorded March 10, 2006 in Liber 428 page 921 and subsequently modified Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage was subsequently assigned through mesne assignments to: Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee in trust for the benefit of the Certificateholders for Argent Securities Inc. 2006-W4, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-W4,

on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of one hundred three thousand six hundred twenty-two dollars and seventy-four cents (\$103,622.74) including interest at five percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, Circuit Court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on February 3, 2010. Said premises are situated in township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 46, Huron Pines Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 187, Alcona County records. Commonly known as 4969 East Ridley Road, Greenbush MI 48738.

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Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Indenture Trustee for Home Loan Mortgage Trust 2004-2, asset backed notes, series 2004-2 as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of ninety-one thousand one hundred nine and 15/100 dollars (\$91,109.15), 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 3, 2010.

Said premises are situated in township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and

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Alcona County records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignments to US Bank, NA as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fourteen thousand five hundred seventy-one and 27/100 dollars (\$14,571.27), including interest at 9.625 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 January 20, 2010.

Said premises are situated in Village of Lincoln, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 116 of Brownlee

Notice is hereby given that a claim against the Pine Grove Shores Homeowners Association has been filed at the 23rd Circuit Court in Alcona County by Dennis and Diana LeCuyer. Plaintiffs claim that they hold a portion of Watkins Park un-

der a right of claim by adverse possession and seek the circuit court to redress the legal description of each parcel of property to conform to the known property lines. Any interested party in Watkins Park or the Pine Grove Shores Home-

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Robert J. Kramer aka Robert L. Kramer and Mary Lou Kramer, husband and wife, to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), solely as nominee for lender and lender's successors and assigns, mortgagee, dated March 10, 2004, and recorded on March 16, 2004, in Liber 398, on Page 147, and assigned by said mortgagee to the Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association FKA the Bank of New York Trust Company, N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. as trustee for RASC 2004KS6, as assigned, Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of

one hundred forty-four thousand five hundred eighty-one dollars and eighty-five cents (\$144,581.85), including interest at 10.000 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan at 10 a.m. o'clock, on January 20, 2010. Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: Situated in Hawes Township, Alcona County, state of Michigan, the northwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 in Section 24, Town 27 North, Range 8 East, subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes. Except: Commencing 362 feet south of the northwest section corner; thence north 362 feet; thence southwesterly 870 feet; thence

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241 or MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or upon the expiration of the notice required by MCL 600.3241a(c), whichever is later.

Dated: 1/06/2010
Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as trustee in trust for the benefit of the Certificateholders for Argent Securities Inc. 2006-W4, Asset-Backed Pass-Through Certificates, Series 2006-W4, Assignee of Mortgagee
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
811 South Blvd. Suite 100
Rochester Hills, MI 48307
(248) 844-5123
File No: 09-18244
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are described as: Lot 39, Shady Lane Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1, page 173, 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 6, 2010
For more information, please call:
(248) 593-1311

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Lake Park Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 57, 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: December 23, 2009
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1312
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owners Association must submit an answer to the filed complaint by February 17, 2010. Failure to answer the complaint or take other action by the stated date may result in a default judgment on behalf of plaintiffs.

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northwest 606 feet to the point of beginning. Also: The north 1/2 of the southwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of Section 24, Town 27 North, Range 8 East, subject to any part thereof that may be used for road right of way purposes.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: December 18, 2009
The Bank of New York Mellon Trust Company, National Association FKA the Bank of New York Trust Company N.A. as successor to JP Morgan Chase Bank N.A. as Trustee for RASC 2004KS6 Mortgagee/Assignee
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.
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ing an approved housing counselor within 14 days from January 7, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after January 7, 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: January 13, 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

Notice Pursuant to MCL 600.3205a(4)

Notice is hereby provided to Cody Levlina, the borrowers and/or mortgagors (hereinafter borrower) regarding the property located at: 2953 Winter Sports Drive, Glennie, MI 48737-9719. 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) 593-1304. 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 contact-

ing an approved housing counselor within 14 days from January 7, 2010, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after January 7, 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: January 13, 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. 194568F02


Notice to Creditors


To all creditors: The decedent, Bernice I. Garrett, date of birth: November 8, 1922 Settlor of the Wilbur and Bernice Garrett Living Trust, dated August 27, 1993, who lived at 3616 S. State Road, Glennie, Mich. 48737, died on October 31, 2009. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to the current trustee, Wilbur I. Garrett, at 3616 S. State Road, Glennie, MI 48737, or to the attorney for the trustee, Robert E. Bourne, at 412 Ashman, Midland, Michigan 48640, within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 10-4798 DE

Estate of Robert B. Cain
 Date of birth: April 18, 1945
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Robert B. Cain, who lived at 1340 Fawn Drive, Lincoln, Mich. died December 29, 2009. Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Shannon E. Cain, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Mich. 48740 and the named/proposed personal representative within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice. Date: January 6, 2010 David H. Cook P40560 5466 M-72 P.O. Box 585 Harrisville, MI 48740 (989) 724-5155 Shannon E. Cain 1901 Parkview Terrace La Jolla, CA 92037

Area Church Directory

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

 Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.,
 Harrisville • 724-5160
 9:30 a.m. Sunday service

HUBBARD LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH
 13508 Hubbard Lake Rd.,
 1/2 mile north of the Post Office
 Pastor Mike Wigle
 989 727-3443

 Sundays: 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School for all ages
 10:45 a.m. - Morning Worship
 (including Children's Church and nursery 5yrs. & younger)
 7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship
 Wednesdays: 7:00 p.m. - Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
 7:00pm - Extreme Kid's Night Out!(K - 8th grade)

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


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


Family Heritage Baptist Church
 4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)
 Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org

 Sunday Worship Services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
 • Sunday School 10 a.m.
 Wed. 6:30 p.m. Patch the Pirate Club
 Wed. 7 p.m. Midweek Service (Bible Study & Prayer Service)

BREAK THE CHAINS OF ADDICTION
 Reformers Unanimous International
 A Christ centered addictions program.
Meeting at Family Heritage Baptist Church
 Every Friday Night at 7 p.m.
 Including Nursery and Children's Programs
 For more information call 724-6019 or visit www.reformu.com

New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)
 Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.
 3/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

Harrisville United Methodist Church

 217 North State Street
 (1 block N. of light on US-23)
 Pastor Tracy Brooks
 Worship 10:45 a.m. ~ Church ~ 724-5450


Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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


Lincoln United Methodist Church

 101 E. Main Street
 Church School 9 a.m. ~ Worship 9 a.m.
 Pastor Tracy Brooks
 Parsonage 724-6266 ~ Church 736-6910

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)


 2100 Trask Lake Rd., Barton City 48705
 Sunday Worship 11:15 a.m.
 Sunday School 10:30 a.m.
 Laraine Sundin, Pastor 736-6241


First Baptist Church of Lincoln

 Sunday School 9:45 a.m. - Worship 11 a.m.
 Bible Study/Prayer, Wed. 7 p.m.
 AWANA Program Monday at 3:30 p.m.
 Pastor Dr. Rev. Arie VanBrenk • 202 Main Street • 736-8796

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Our Savior Lutheran Church

 3639 South M-65, Glennie, Michigan
 Sunday Morning 10:30 a.m. Worship Service
 Rev. Carlo Sgambelluri, Pastor

Spruce Presbyterian Church

 Induction Loop equipped for tele-coil hearing aids
 6230 Gillard Road (P.O. Box 37), Spruce, MI 48762 • 471-5464
 Worship 9 a.m.
 Thomas J. Welscott, Pastor Wednesday office hours 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

St. Anne Catholic Church
 Harrisville, MI ~ Rectory Phone: 724-6713
 Rev. William Livinus, Pastor
 Sunday Masses: 11 a.m. (Saturday Eve 4:30 p.m.)
 Confessions: Saturday, 4 - 4:25 p.m., Sunday 10:30 - 10:50 a.m.

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

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