

Shooting incident uncovers marijuana grow operation

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

An alleged disagreement over money led to a shooting in Greenbush Saturday night.

According to the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, authorities responded to a man claiming to have been shot on Saturday, Dec. 10 in the Timberlake's subdivision at 9 p.m. When deputies responded Eric Krismer, 22, of Burlington, Wisc., alleged that Adam Christopher Guziewski, 26, of Greenbush shot at him several times and hit him once in his left leg.

Krismer told authorities he was in Guziewski's house when they began arguing over money. When Krismer tried to leave the shooting began. Krismer fled to a nearby home and called 911. He was taken to Tawas St. Joseph Hospital by Alcona County EMS for treatment of a "non-life threatening gunshot wound."

Police officers from the Alcona County Sheriff's Department, Oscoda Township Police and Michigan State Po-

lice post in Tawas arrested Guziewski at his home. Upon a search of Guziewski's house police found two firearms - a 9mm handgun, which is believed to have been used in the shooting, and a 9mm rifle.

Authorities also found an alleged marijuana grow operation in the house. Officers from the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) assisted in the recovery of 34-36 plants and several pounds of processed marijuana.

The sheriff's department is continuing to investigate the circumstances that led up to the shooting, but authorities believe it was drug related. "Details of what transpired are not clear," said Sgt. Scott Stephenson. "Allegedly they are partners in a grow business and they got into a disagreement over money."

Guziewski is lodged in the Alcona County Jail. His bond has been set at \$1 million cash/surety 10 percent. He was arraigned on Wednesday, Dec. 14.



Wildlife at the end of a camera lens ...Al Broadwood of Lincoln captured these two rooster pheasants recently as they strutted around a friend's yard and Judy Lewis of Black River caught this red fox in her yard last week.



DNR tests deer heads for bovine TB, CW disease

One of the Department of Natural Resources' (DNR) biggest, yet least publicized, operations is cranking at high gear right now as deer season heads into the home stretch.

The DNR's Wildlife Disease Laboratory is processing deer heads, examining lymph nodes and checking for signs of bovine tuberculosis and chronic wasting disease in the herd.

"We'll process about 6,000 heads, a little over 5,000 for TB and about 1,000 for CWD," said Steve Schmitt, a veterinarian with the Wildlife Division. "That's our goal. That's down from the peak; at one time we were doing about 25,000 for TB and 4,000 to 5,000 for CWD."

The DNR is able to get adequate information about the diseases by concentrating its efforts on deer killed in geographic areas where the problems have occurred.

"We can do fewer now by concentrating our efforts," Schmitt said. "We're still looking all over the state, but our intensive surveillance is obviously where we found TB and CWD in the past - the northeast Lower Peninsula for TB and basically Kent County and the surrounding counties for CWD."

Most of the heads that make it to the "head shed" -

as DNR staffers have nicknamed the facility located at Michigan State University's Diagnostic Center for Population and Animal Health - come to the DNR from deer check stations.

"At check stations we get basic biological information that we use to manage deer - age, sex, beam diameter of the antlers - but depending on where it's coming from in the state, we may want the head for CWD or TB testing," Schmitt said.

"It's all voluntary - both checking the deer and letting us have the head for disease testing," he continued. "If a hunter's willing to give us the head and it's from a county we want, our folks scan the hunting license and the CWD or TB tag, linking them together in the electronic data base - with all the information, like township, section and range where the deer was taken - and we've got all that information before we see the deer head."

DNR staffers collect deer heads from check stations and truck them to East Lansing for testing. The first step in the process to age the deer - by looking at tooth wear, just as is done at the check station, to see if they have the same age estimate. (Most of the time, they do.)

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Lady Tigers defeat Hale bringing record to 3-0

By Dan O'Connor
Special to the Review

The Alcona girls varsity basketball team used a quick start to defeat Hale 60-25 last week.

The Tigers stormed out to a 19-2 first quarter lead and cruised into the break with a 35-12 lead. Alcona held steady in the second half finishing off the win.

It was a total team win for the Tigers as they racked up 19 assists and put seven players in the score column.

Alcona was led by Karina Cole who had 13 points. Amy Nowak chipped in with 12 points, Kayla Rasmussen added 10, and Alleigh Sexton contributed nine points to the cause.

The junior varsity team notched its first win of the season over Hale.

Alcona (3-0) travels to Montabella (3-1) Saturday. The JV game will begin at 5:30 p.m. and the varsity team will play afterwards.

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Obituaries

Irven P. Ward

Irven P. Ward, 73, of Mikado, died on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 at Tawas St. Joseph Hospital.

He was born September 17, 1938, to Harry and Blanche (Morrison) Ward in Alcona County, where he was raised.

On June 8, 1957 he married Verda Fowler in Kilmaster. They were residents of Flint, Mich. while Irven worked for General Motors. He retired after 31 years to Mikado.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He helped build a steeple at the Solid Rock Church of God in Harrisville.

Mr. Ward is survived by his wife, Verda; two sons, Rick Ward and Irven James Ward; three grandchildren, Ricky, Shelly and Aaron Ward; two great-grandchildren; and three brothers, Arnold (Ruth) Ward, Kenneth Ward and Melvin (Gertie) Ward.

He was preceded in death by one brother, Floyd Ward.

The funeral was held December 10 at Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. The Rev. Edward Morrison officiated. Burial was in Mikado Cemetery.

Leon R. London

Leon Richard London, 80, of Mikado, died on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 at his home.

He was born November 17, 1931 to James and Dora (Trowbridge) London, in Standwood, Mich., where he was raised.

On January 14, 1956 he married Ruth Westra in Kalamazoo, Mich. They were residents there until moving to Mikado in 1979.

He served in the United States Marine Corps, retiring as a gunnery sergeant after 20 years.

He was a member of the Veteran of Foreign Wars Post No. 3735 in Oscoda, the American Legion Post No. 274 in Oscoda and was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 4141 in Barton City.

Mr. London is survived by three sons, James R. London II of Mikado, Dale (Debbie) London of Kalamazoo, Mich. and Richard London of Harrisville; three daughters, Ruth Ann (Pat) Crill, Diane (Bobby) London and Flora (Ken) Spears of Kalamazoo, Mich.; 11 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; and three sisters, Thelma Horton, Marjorie (Wilbur) Forsythe and Barbara (Donald) Ellis.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, on August 21, 2011; one grandson, Jimmy Douglas; and three brothers, Dale London, Arthur London and Clarence Boghart.

A graveside memorial service was held December 13 at the Mikado Cemetery. A celebration of life party followed at the Oscoda American Legion. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Michigan or the American Cancer Society.

Cremation arrangements were made by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Luba K. Mirutenko

Luba K. Mirutenko, 89, of Harrisville died on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 at her home.

She was born February 5, 1922 to Gregory and Natalie (Loguine) Michailoff in Russia.

She married Wasyl Mirutenko in May 1945 in Germany. They were residents of France for nine years before moving to Chicago in 1956. Later they moved to Round Lake, Ill. She worked at the Appleton Electric Company in Chicago, Ill., retiring in 1987; later they moved to Harrisville.

Mrs. Mirutenko was an active member of the St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Chicago, Ill. She was an avid gardener, and loved to cook. She was especially known for her Ukrainian dishes.

Mrs. Mirutenko is survived by her husband, Wasyl; one daughter, Olga (Jim) Elmer of Harrisville; one son, Wasyl (Natalie) Mirutenko of Hawthorne Woods, Ill., five grandchildren, Roma and Tanya Mirutenko and Gerogia, Steve and Yuri Alexander; and two great-grandchildren, Mickenzie and Sydney Alexander.

She was preceded in death by one daughter, Lucy Galarza. The funeral will be held Friday, Dec. 16 at 10 a.m. at St. Andrew's Ukrainian Orthodox Church in Bloomingdale, Ill. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln assisted the family with local arrangements.

Irwin "Hank" Thompson

Irwin "Hank" Thompson, 68, of Harrisville, died on Wednesday, Dec. 7, 2011 at Alpena Regional Medical Center.

He was born January 26, 1943 to Fred and Ionia (Clark) Thompson in Mikado. He was a lifelong resident of Alcona County.

He served in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1966. He worked as a maintenance foreman for RPI.

He enjoyed all things nature; especially hunting and bird watching. An avid gardener, he was very proud of the elaborate garden he tended to year after year.

Mr. Thompson is survived by two sons, Guy (Samantha) Thompson of Tawas City and Keith Thompson of Harrisville; one daughter, Erika Vulcano of West Branch, Mich.; four grandchildren, Justin and Mekala Thompson and Dominic and Faith Vulcano; two brothers, Fred (Janet) Thompson of Harrisville and Abe (Lila) Thompson of Butler, Tenn.; long-time companion, Sherry Dumont; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his son, Andy Thompson on May 28, 2007; one sister, Zelpha Lakeman; and two brothers, Lowell Thompson and Eddie Thompson.

There will be a memorial luncheon on Sunday, December 18 at the Mikado Civic Center. Memorial donations may be made to the Mikado Goodfellows. Cremation arrangements were made by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
Good job to all the village members that helped make Lincoln look so beautiful.

Everyone that lives in Alcona County should take the time to drive through the village after dark to see all the Christmas lights and the look of the new Lincoln. Lots of hours of labor went into the finished project.

Residents should be proud to say they are from Lincoln.

Diane Spencer
Lincoln

To the Editor,
Residents of North Lake Huron Shore Drive would like to thank the Alcona Road Commission for the improvements to Trask Lake Road and, especially, to Tom Stone and Jim Effrick for their township's cooperation; and to Harry Harvey and Ted Somers for their determination to see the completion of this successful project.

The improvements include both road surface, the grade, and drainage. The Trask Lake Road improvement is now safer for all drivers and an improved access for visitors to Lake Huron. We appreciate your use of precious resources for this very needed improvement.

Jon Wetherbee
Harrisville and
Adrian, Mich.

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Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2000/2010

Date	Weekly Report		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	Temperature (F°)			Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	High	Low				
Dec. 4	48	38	0.16	6.6	24	SW
Dec. 5	38	31	0.00	0.9	13	N
Dec. 6	33	29	0.00	0.8	17	N
Dec. 7	37	27	0.00	1.4	18	WNW
Dec. 8	35	24	0.00	2.0	33	W
Dec. 9	29	17	0.00	1.1	18	W
Dec. 10	28	13	0.00	1.3	16	WSW

Precipitation Summary (Inches) 2011-2012			
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Normal Water Content
Weekly Total	0.16	0.00	0.42
December to Date	0.16	T	0.60
Year/Season to Date	32.76	T	27.17

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.)

(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, DECEMBER 14

Sewing with Jennie Anderson from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Rd. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

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

The Alcona County Library Board will meet at 9 p.m. at the Harrisville branch.

Oil and gas lease seminar at 7 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Discussion will include technology, legal issues and other important items to consider before signing a contract. This is a free program sponsored by the Alcona County Library, MSU and Farm Bureau. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

General Motors Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees of northeast Michigan will hold their luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Holiday Inn, 1000 US-23 North, Alpena. Reservations and payment in advance. Contact Chuck Griffin, (989) 727-3350, Frank Baranski, (989) 595-2789 or Don Cattleberry (989) 354-5504.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15

Women undergoing treatment and battling cancer are welcome to attend the Look Good Feel Better seminar from 6 to 8 p.m. at St. Joseph Hospital, classroom C, Tawas City. This seminar will provide information and cosmetic advice with hands-on instruction on makeup, skin care and wig, turban and scarf usage. This program is free. Call 1-800-227-2345 to register. Registration must take place two weeks prior to the class.

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m., meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. Call, (989) 739-4483 or (989) 278-9674 for more information.

Alcona retirees meet for lunch at noon at the Lincoln

Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Bible study at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, on the corner of US-23 and Medor Rd. north of Harrisville. For more information, call (989) 335-4054.

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

Holiday cooking event with John Webster Jr., at 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Cost is \$5 per person. Call, (989) 724-6796 to register.

The Alcona County Amateur Radio Group will meet at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS building, 2600 E. M-72. Anyone interested in emergency and public service communications is invited to attend. Free refreshments will be served. For more information, call Stan Darmofal (989) 724-5550.

Shoreline Players will be holding their 4th annual Community Christmas Show at 7:30 p.m. at the Shoreline Players Theater, 6000 N. Skeel Ave., Oscoda. For more information, call (989) 739-3586.

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

Video exercising at 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Popcorn and a movie at 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Storytime and craft for children from 10:15 to 11 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. at Lincoln Haven Rehabilitation Center, 950 Barlow Rd, Lincoln. For more information, call (800) 733-2767.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

Ossineke Eagles Christmas party at 8 p.m. at 6848 N. US-23, Spruce for members and guests. Music by the Dan Ager band, a light luncheon will be served from 9:30 to 10 p.m. Bring snacks for your table. For more information, call (989) 471-5047.

Community Christmas Dinner at the Lincoln First Baptist Church, 202 E. Main, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Free to the public, donations accepted.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18

The New Life Lutheran Choir will be performing their Christmas Cantata at 9:30 a.m. at 25 Kirche in the Woods, south of White Pine Golf Course off Hubbard Lake Rd.

Support the Alcona High School Varsity Cheerleaders fundraiser. Alcona cheerlead-

ers will be pumping gas at the Lincoln Marathon, 921 N. Barlow Rd., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

White Pine Quilt Guild meets at Hollyhock Quilt Shoppe, 310 E. Main St., Harrisville at 6:30 p.m. For information, call C. Pizer (989) 724-6403.

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

Foot clinic with Connie Cosbett R.N. at the Lincoln Senior Center from 1 to 5 p.m. Cost is \$25. Call for an appointment at (989) 736-8879.

Rep. Peter Pettalia will be in Harrisville from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the jury room of the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 Fifth St. Appointments are not necessary, but a sign-in sheet will be available. For more information, call (877) 737-4106.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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 infor-

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I wish to thank all who attended the spaghetti dinner benefit at Shotmakers Sports Bar and Grill and made such generous contributions. It brought much comfort and relief to me. I have special thanks to Rita and Lonnie Crampton for holding me up through all my grief and doing so much to make this dinner perfect.

Thank you to the ownership and staff at Shotmakers, GFS for the spaghetti, Consolidated Fruit for the salad, Huron Distributors and Alpena Beverage for the door prizes, all who baked desserts, Ted Townsend for the wonderful music, Sara Gillies for the beautiful plaque, and Penny and Nina for your friendship and love.

A special thank you to the MacNeill family, Glenn and Janice for your friendship, Warren and Judy for inviting the Marine Corps League contingent, and Pfc. Scott who represented the Marine Corps.

The laughter and tears from everyone there gave me comfort in my heart. I will be forever grateful to this community for their generosity, kindness, hugs and smiles.

Just Because

Just because I no longer stand in front of your eyes,
Doesn't mean you can't see me close them,
I am there.

Just because I no longer answer when I call your name,
Doesn't mean you can't hear me,
Speak softly, listen carefully,
There is my voice.

Just because I can longer touch your hands,
Doesn't mean you can't feel me.
Hold onto another,
My arms are there.

Just because I am no longer there to show you I love you,
Doesn't mean my love is gone.
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Local Notes

Holiday Drop in Craft

Kids from preschool to upper elementary are invited to drop in at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library on Wednesday, Dec. 21 from 1 to 3 p.m. to create a variety of fun holiday crafts/gifts. This is a free program; all materials are provided. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

Meet with State Rep.

Alcona County residents can meet with state Rep. Peter Pettalia to talk about state government concerns or problems during office hours scheduled in Harrisville on Monday, Dec. 19. "I encourage people to stop in to share any concerns, ideas or thoughts that can help our region," said Pettalia, (R-Presque Isle). "Office hours provide an added chance for me to meet with residents and to get feedback on how I am doing for the 106th District."

An appointment with the lawmaker is not necessary, but a sign-in sheet will be available so Pettalia can meet with people individually on a first-come, first-serve basis. Depending on attendance, residents with detailed and complex issues may be asked to schedule for a longer appointment or phone call with Pettalia at a later time. All are encouraged to call the lawmaker any time or set up a phone appointment. Pettalia will be in the jury room of the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 Fifth Street, in Harrisville, from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

People unable to attend office hours are encouraged to contact Pettalia by addressing letters to the State Capitol, Lansing, Mich. 48909-7514; calling his toll-free Lansing office number at (877) REP-4106 (877-737-4106); by fax, (517) 373-8446; by email, peterpettalia@house.mi.gov; or through his website at RepPeterPettalia.com.

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 or (989) 735-5191 by 10 a.m. Monday through Friday.

- Monday, Dec. 19—Bourbon chicken breast, rice pilaf, peas and carrots, pickled beets and fruit.

- Tuesday, Dec. 20—Pork chop bake, mixed vegetables, three Cs salad and pineapple crisp.

- Wednesday, Dec. 21—Beef pot roast, cabbage, red potato, cooked carrots, pea salad and fruit.

- Thursday, Dec. 22—Baked fish, potato Lyonnaise, corn, coleslaw and fruit.

- Friday, Dec. 23—Cube steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, cauliflower, flavored applesauce and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only. Greenbush closed on December 22.)

Drawing Winners

The winners of the drawing held December 3 at Christmas in the Village are: Jena Wambold, girl's gift; Preston Gutzman, boy's gift; and Gerald Chase, adult gift. The Harrisville Arts Council appreciates volunteers who helped the children make pinecone bird feeders to hang outside. It was a fun activity. There were about 50 boys and girls who participated this year. Many of the families enjoyed the wagon ride with horses which originated at the arts council building. The Harrisville Arts Council provides the Christmas music played in downtown Harrisville on the weekends until Christmas.

Tree Planting Grants

Applications are available for the 2012 DTE Energy Foundation Tree Planting grant program. Eligible applicants include local units of government, nonprofit organizations, tribes, and schools that are located within the service territory of DTE Energy's utility subsidiaries Detroit Edison and

MichCon and have not received a grant during the previous year DTE Energy Foundation grant cycle. Eligible projects include tree planting activities on public lands such as parks, right-of-ways, arboretum areas and school grounds.

A total of \$60,000 is available in matching grants of up to \$3,000 each to be awarded on a competitive basis. All grants require a 1:1 match, which can be made up of cash contributions or in-kind services, but may not include federal or state funds. Grant applications must be received by January 13, 2012, at the address below. Awards announcements are anticipated during March for projects that must be completed by December 31, 2012.

For more information and a grant application, visit the DNR's Urban and Community Forestry website at www.michigan.gov/ucf, or contact Kevin Sayers, Urban Forestry Coordinator at (517) 241-4632, sayersk@mi.gov. This program is funded by the DTE Energy Foundation, and administered by the DNR's Urban and Community Forestry Program.

Shopping tips for the holiday buying rush

While the holiday season is traditionally a time to be with family and friends, it also tends to be hectic times that can make any shopper feel harried. When shopping during the holidays, the Better Business Bureau (BBB) provides the following tips to consider:

- Plan ahead - Set a realistic budget and stick to it. Also make a list of the gifts you would like to give. This helps you to avoid buying impulse gifts that may be inappropriate or too expensive.

- Compare prices and shop carefully - holiday "sales" and "markdowns" sometimes are not the bargains they appear to be.

- Ask about refund and exchange policies - Before making a purchase, ask the merchant about its refund and exchange policy. A store is not obligated to accept items for refund, exchange, or credit unless the item is defective or was misrepresented.

- Know your rights - Be informed about your rights when placing orders through catalogs, mail order, TV shopping networks or online venues. Additional information on mail and telephone order shopping is available from the Federal Trade Commission (www.ftc.gov). Ask about delivery times, delivery costs and how returns are handled. Contact the BBB to obtain a

report on the company.

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For more holiday shopping tips, visit: <http://eastern-michigan.bbb.org/consumer-tips-holiday/>.

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Testing Continued from page 1



DNR wildlife pathologist Tom Cooley unloads a truck carrying deer heads for disease testing. Photo by David Kenyon, Michigan DNR.

"It's very important to have an accurate age for our disease models to make estimates of disease transmission rates," Schmitt said. "For example, the percent of positive heads among one and a half-year-old deer gives you an indication of the transmission rate, because we know they got the disease within the last year and half."

All heads are tested for TB while a smaller subset is tested for CWD.

Other deer that the DNR obtains in other ways, however, are also tested for CWD. For instance, if someone calls and reports a deer exhibiting neurological systems indicative of CWD, the DNR will either send a staffer to dispatch the deer or ask the landowner to shoot it and then will collect the carcass.

"Those are by far the most important animals to test for CWD," Schmitt said. "In states like Colorado, where they have a lot of CWD, deer that are showing neurological systems are 11 times more likely to be positive for CWD than an ordinary hunter-harvested deer."

Road kills are often tested for CWD, too. "A deer that has CWD is more likely to walk out in front of a car and get hit than a healthy deer," Schmitt said.

After the deer are aged, lab workers cut into the six lymph nodes (three pairs) in the head, and examine the lymph

nodes for abscesses, pus, lesions - any abnormality.

"If we don't find anything, it's negative," Schmitt said. "But if we find something, the lymph node is collected and parts of it are sent to the MSU Diagnostic Center and the Department of Community Health."

The suspect nodes are subjected to a number of tests. "And even those that appear negative on further examination are cultured for six to eight weeks because bovine TB is caused by slow-growing bacteria."

Most of the work at the shed is performed by full-time DNR lab staffers, though the USDA's Wildlife Services division sends folks over to help, too.

"We're seeing about the same number of suspects as we have in the past from the same places we've seen them in the past," Schmitt said. "TB prevalence has been just under two percent for the last seven years."

"To a lot of people, it's not that big an issue - the prevalence rate is not that high and it doesn't kill a lot of deer. But to the cattle producers and the Michigan economy, it is a big deal."

Models indicate that Michigan's TB prevalence rate in the infected area is likely to remain static for decades, Schmitt said.

"If deer numbers stay where they are and feeding

and baiting remains under control, it shouldn't get any worse," Schmitt said. "But if we want to bring prevalence down, we're going to have to be much more aggressive with our management - we'll have to bring deer numbers down and get more aggressive on the feeding and baiting bans."

"We're still the only place in the world where bovine tuberculosis has become established in the wild deer herd," Schmitt said.

To learn more about the health and management of Michigan's deer herd, visit www.michigan.gov/deer.

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Tigers first two games net win and loss

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

After reaching the regional finals last year and returning three of their leading scorers there are high expectations for the Alcona boys varsity basketball team this season.

Brock LaVergne, Bryan Layton and Jared Steiner are expected to provide the bulk of the scoring. Andrew Chamberlain and Brandon Gibson round out the starting five as the season begins. However, several players will challenge for the final two spots in the starting rotation.

The schedule is more difficult this year and it may result in fewer wins during the regular season, but should prepare the team for the tough competition when tournament time rolls around in March. The schedule also makes it tougher because the first three games on the schedule are on the road.

The Tigers began the season on December 6 at Hillman, a location where they have not won in several years. Even though Hillman team members were much shorter, they made up for it with three point shooting in the first half, and a stifling defense to come away with a 48-42 victory.

Alcona missed a bunch of easy shots in the first half

and fell behind 30-14 halfway through the second quarter. They then went on a 12-0 run to close to within four points at halftime 30-26.

Steiner scored seven of Alcona's final 12 points.

Alcona's shooting touch disappeared in the second half due to lack of patience on offense. Time after time they made one or two passes and put up an ill-advised shot.

Hillman exhibited good patience, passing until someone was open for an easy shot. Alcona trailed 44-33 at the end of three quarters. It was obvious that Hillman thought that was a big enough lead as they basically went into a stall offense with six minutes to go in the game and a lead of 44-35. They spread the court and passed up several easy shots to keep the ball and to keep the clock running.

Hillman only scored four points in the final period but held Alcona to seven. Alcona scored only 14 points in the second half. Hillman also clogged the paint and dared Alcona to shoot from outside where Alcona could not buy a basket for long periods.

LaVergne led Alcona with 11 points. Steiner added nine points, Layton scored eight, Gibson and Chamberlain had six points each and Andy Cammack scored two points.

On Thursday, Dec. 8 the Tigers headed traveled to Gladwin and expected a difficult game. But, the Tigers played much better against another much shorter team and came away with a 63-49 victory to even their season at 1-1.

After falling behind 3-0 on a quick three-pointer by Gladwin, Alcona ended the first quarter with an 18-14 lead.

LaVergne, Layton and Steiner contributed all 18 points.

The second period saw

Gladwin hit 4 three-pointers and take a 35-29 lead at half-time.

Again, the Tigers' offense stalled as they hit only three field goals. Gladwin increased its lead to 37-29 to start the third quarter. Then the Tigers put on some fireworks of their own by hitting three consecutive three-pointers, outscoring Gladwin 18-6 to take a 47-41 lead into the final period.

Layton hit two straight three-pointers and a field goal/free throw three-point play to lead Alcona with nine points. LaVergne, Layton, and Steiner scored all of Alcona's points again. In the fourth quarter it was Gladwin's turn to go cold, scoring only eight points as Alcona cranked up its defense and rebounding. Alcona's bench helped by scoring six of the final 16 points.

"When our three scorers learn to work together and the rest of the team learns their roles we will get better," said coach Seth Coffing. "Eighteen missed layups at Hillman really hurt us."

Layton played a strong game in leading Alcona with 21 points. LaVergne and Steiner added 16 points each, Gibson added three points, Cammack and Aaron Ritchie each had two points and Austin Cole scored one. Layton and LaVergne pulled down nine rebounds each and Steiner had six rebounds and six assists.

Alcona finished the pre-holiday schedule with a game at Rogers City on December 13 and plays at home against Posen on Monday, Dec. 19.

The junior varsity Tigers fared much better with solid wins over Hillman (73-43) and Gladwin (65-43). Freshmen Trenton LaVergne, with 21 points, and Jason Steiner who had 11 points, lead Alcona against Hillman. LaVergne, with 18 points, and Carson Jamieson with 12, led Alcona against Gladwin.

Friends and Family of Lucille Adair MacDermaid are invited to celebrate her 90th birthday reception/luncheon from 2-5 p.m. at Lincoln First Baptist Church Activity Center, 114 E. Alger St., Lincoln. No gifts, but memories and photos are most welcome.

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December 8

Mikado Legion	63
Mikado Tavern	51
Back Alley	46
Oasis	42
Glennie Tavern	38

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IOSCO COUNTY AREA PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICTS SECOND SEMESTER 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR SCHOOLS OF CHOICE OPENINGS

Grade	Hale Area	Oscoda Area	Tawas Area	Whittemore Prescott
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2	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
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6	Unlimited	Unlimited	0	Unlimited
7	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	0
8	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
9	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
10	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
11	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
12	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited	Unlimited
Way Program	0			

The above-identified Iosco County Public Schools will accept applications for second semester enrollment from non-resident pupils for the 2011-12 school year. Applications are now available. Completed applications for Unlimited student enrollment in Hale Area Schools, Oscoda Area Schools and Whittemore-Prescott Area Schools will be accepted until January 27, 2012. Tawas Area Schools will accept applications for Unlimited student enrollment until February 3, 2012. To obtain an application, contact the superintendent's office in the Schools of Choice district.

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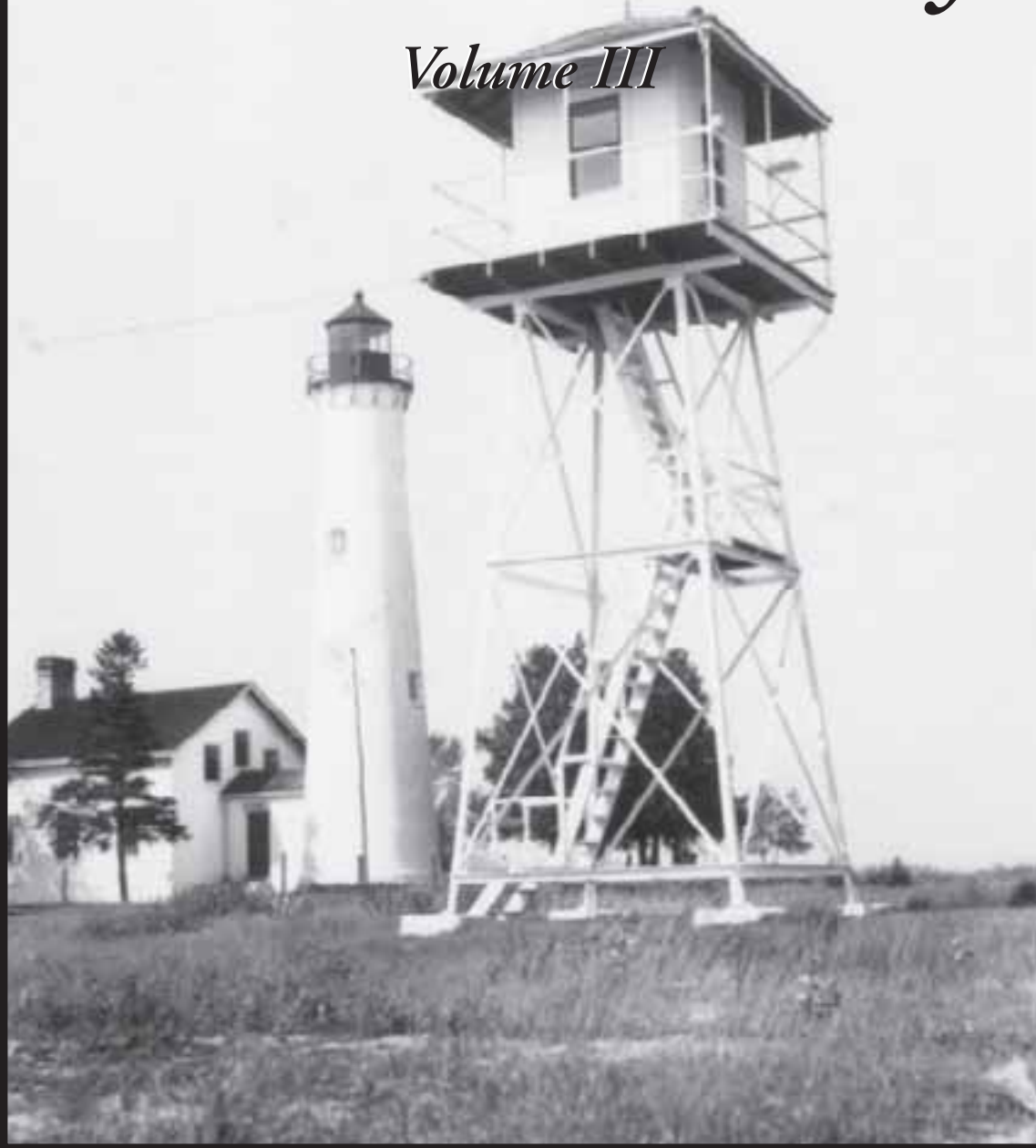
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Bowling

Minors
December 3

Princesses	19	6
Team 4	14.5	10.5
Busters	14.5	10.5
Crushers	14	11
Team 3	12.5	12.5
Dew Drops	12	13
Breakers	9.5	15.5
Vacant	4	21

Boy's high game and series: Kyle Haeger, 117 and 222.
Boy's high handicap game: Jacob Tanner, 221.
Boy's high handicap series: Brenden Hudgins, 424.
Girl's high game and series: Taylor Sobeck, 119 and 226.
Girl's high handicap game and series: Ava Brege, 230 and 454.

December 10

Princesses	24	6
Deers	19.5	10.5
Busters	19.5	10.5
Crushers	16	14
Team 3	15.5	14.5
Dew Drops	12	18
Breakers	9.5	20.5
Vacant	4	26

Boy's high game and series: Avory Lee, 140 and 254.
Boy's high handicap game and series: Avory Lee, 237 and 448.
Girl's high game and series: Taylor Sobeck, 116 and 223.
Girl's high handicap game and series: Emily Hanson, 228 and 429.

Wednesday Nite Women's
December 7

Back Alley	102	78
Other Team	101	79
Alcona Tool	93.5	86.5
Ark Plumbing	92.5	87.5
Stoney Acres	87.5	92.5
Cole's Appl.	85	95
Alcona Abstract	84.5	95.5
JB's Auto	74	106

High game and series: Carla Travis, 222 and 547.
High handicap game and series: Carla Travis, 260 and 661.

Majors
December 3

Hunters	109.5	40.5
Than You	83.5	66.5
Trappers	71	79
Ump	66.5	83.5
Kingpins	61	89
Swags	58.5	91.5

Boy's high game and series: Leigh Gibson, 244 and 548.
Boy's high handicap game and series: Leigh Gibson, 278 and 650.
Girl's high game: Karly

Ciesielski, 202.
Girl's high series: Megan Griffith, 575.
Girl's high handicap game: Karly Ciesielski, 267.
Girl's high handicap series: Megan Griffith, 680.

December 10

Hunters	112	68
Than You	111	69
Trappers	98.5	81.5
Ump	80.5	99.5
Swags	74.5	105.5
Kingpins	63.5	116.5

Boy's high game and series: Leigh Gibson, 194 and 525.
Boy's high handicap game: Keegan Kruttlin, 257.
Boy's high handicap series: Cory Hoffman, 662.
Girl's high game and series: Megan Griffith, 205 and 516.
Girl's high handicap game and series: Tiffany Younk, 245 and 672.

Huron
December 6

Rob's Repair,	13.5	116.5
Mancino's	16	108
Gary Oil	16.5	105.5
Shotmakers	15	100
Back Alley	7	79
Carpet One	15	78
Big Joe's	23	76
B & D	14	57

High game and series: Rod Travis, 257 and 641.
High handicap game: John Witek, 285.
High handicap series: Tom Morgan, 715.

Early Bloomers
December 6

Marigolds	207	129
Rosebuds	182.5	153.5
Buttercups	173.5	162.5
Bluebells	171.5	164.5
Tigerlilys	170	166
Mums	164	172
Violets	147	189
Daffodils	144.5	191.5

High game: Tammy Mendyka, 179.
High series: Gina Broadwood, 490.
High team game and series: 470 and 1,298.

He's & She's
December 2

Gamblers	150	60
Two and Too	140	70
Ballbangers	129	81
Bowler Up	112	93
Team Joey's	104	106
Comets	77.5	132.5
Handicapped	63	135
An Attitude	60.5	149.5

Men's high game and series: Jimmy Armstrong, 258 and 731.
Men's high handicap game: Stephen Weichel, 265.
Men's high handicap series: Jimmy Armstrong, 731.
Women's high game: Amy Mochty, 217.
Women's high series: Flora Yingling, 534.
Women's high handicap game: Amy Mochty, 256.
Women's high handicap series: Kathy Goddard, 667.

Organization Notes

VFW Post No. 6754 Ladies Auxiliary

The December meeting was held with 14 members present. The minutes and treasurer's report from the November meeting were read as well as the general orders and the Michigan Messenger.
Bertha Golder reported she sent 76 Campbell soup labels to National Home. Marie Rhines stated that effective October 1 cancer grants have increased to \$550 and that an auxiliary member may receive two grants in her lifetime as long as they are 12 months apart. She stressed the importance of asking your dental office to provide a thyroid guard when having X-rays. Norma

Alstrom reported that our auxiliary has one Gold Star Mother, Judy Brilinski.
Frances Ziesman advised there will be a Silver Dollar Raffle at the Mid-Winter Conference January 26- 29, 2012. Sandy Light reported that membership stands at 83 and that the increased membership fees will be effective January 1, 2012. Donna Bushey and Frances Ziesman will prepare about a dozen Christmas fruit baskets for delivery.
Donations were made to the Vietnam Veterans Toys for Tots, the Sunrise Mission and The Salvation Army and the health and happiness quota was paid. Norma Alstrom asked to be released from the conductress office and Sheri Buckler agreed to assume this position.

The post quartermaster advised president Vichunas that post members: Mike Liske, commander; Bill Alstrom and his grandson; Dennis Ziesman; Rick Wallen; and Chuck Gauthier received 26 Spruce trees from the Schultz Tree Farm. The owners of the tree farm were very helpful and were kind enough to bale the trees for delivery to National Home by post member Dennis Ziesman. This was the 64th year that post No. 6754 has provided trees to National Home. The next auxiliary and post meeting will be held January 3, 2012, at 7 p.m.

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Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of December 5 - 11, 2011

45 complaints were handled resulting in the following: 2 Arrests.

Complaint Statistics

Traffic	3	Car/Deer Accidents	14
Property Damage	3	False Alarm	2
Animal Bite	1	Well Being Check	2
Found Property	1	Miscellaneous	6
Suspicious Events	1	Medical	1
Patrol Check	4	Trespassing	1
Fraud	1	Threats/Harassment	1
Assault & Battery	2	Civil Assist	2
Found Property	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	3	Caledonia	3	Curtis	5
Greenbush	6	Gustin	1	Harrisville	7
Hawes	5	Haynes	8	Mikado	1
Millen	0	Mitchell	1		
Harrisville City	3	Village of Lincoln	2		

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Board of Road Commissioners of the County of Alcona will hold a public hearing at the Road Commission office, 301 N. Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan, at 4:15 p.m., Wednesday, December 28, 2010. The purpose is to receive public comments on the proposed 2012 Road Commission budget prior to taking final action to approve a budget for 2012. Anyone wishing to examine the proposed budget may do so at the Road Commission office Monday thru Friday between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., beginning December 14, 2011, until the hearing (excluding holiday closings on December 23 & 26).

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Josh Fulsher, 14, of Mikado shot this six-point November 19 while hunting with his father, Mark Fulsher, on the family farm in Gustin Township. This was his first deer. *Courtesy photo.*



Robert Fulsher, 14, of Mikado shot this doe while hunting with his bow on November 19 in the Killmaster area. *Courtesy photo.*

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Some odd gift of the magi

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist
"God of compassion, there is such a hole in my heart! Today should be a day of joy, but I feel only emptiness and loss. While the world celebrates around me, I remember Christmas celebrations of the past and I long to have my loved one with me. I bring my sorrows to you, Lord, like some odd gift of the magi and dump them at your feet."

Charles Henderson,
"Godweb"

Some 30 years ago now, my dad passed away on the opening day of deer season. I still remember my shock and amazement a few weeks later when I drove downtown late on a December afternoon to a Main Street decked in Christmas lights.

"Good grief," I remember thinking. "They're going to go ahead and have Christmas."

It was simply impossible to imagine. But of course, the world did have Christmas and, blessed with a one-year-old daughter, we did too. The Princess, fascinated with the lights, the wrapping paper and the ribbon, saved us that year. Even so, a lot of quiet tears fell into our Christmas Eve soup - the most festive thing Mama and I could manage to put together.

A few years later, a friend of mine's husband surprised her in late October by unexpectedly leaving her and their 10-year-old son. As Christmas bore down, she found that among the cards and sale fliers that were in her mail, the divorce papers had arrived. In the spirit of the season, I suggested that maybe she and her son would like to spend the holiday with our family.

"Thanks, but no," she told me. "We're going to just play it by ear. If we feel like getting up and celebrating, we will. If

we feel like sleeping in and watching movies and crying all day, we'll do that, instead."

I remember being impressed by her wisdom, even then.

Because Christmas, in our culture, is all about cheer and jingle all the way. Merry is virtually mandatory. Whether you find your bliss in the manger or the mall, happiness is definitely the order of the day.

Which makes it rather difficult for those who are not feeling especially joyous. While recent studies have debunked the myth that depression rates rise drastically at the holidays, there are lots of people out there who suffer from the holiday blues. And there are those who are finding this particular Christmas season a tough one to get through for one reason or another.

Perhaps they've suffered a loss of a family member, a friend, a baby...received a diagnosis...lost a job. Maybe they're just feeling alone or overwhelmed or hopeless. Whatever the reason, for some folks Christmas 2011 won't be the usual hats and horns holiday.

That's why I'm glad my friend, Meg Nesbith, and the good folks of the Harrisville United Methodist Church chose to recognize that fact head on this year. They'll be offering a Blue Christmas service, coordinated by Meg, on Christmas eve at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

The Blue Christmas service - also known by some as the Longest Night service - doesn't bypass the hope and peace and comfort of the holiday. It just soft pedals the joy and cheer. It looks straight into the face of things and admits that some of us aren't particularly joyous. It gives people permission to feel

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what they're feeling rather than pretending gladness.

For some, it will be a case of taking that one hour to grieve - to be assured that grief is a perfectly acceptable emotion - to seek hope and then to dive back into the celebrations of family and friends. For others, it will be the beginning of a Christmas like the one my friend celebrated many years ago - where if you want to lie on the couch and cry, it's okay.

I'll be at my own service at that time on Christmas Eve, but I'll think of those gathered at the Blue Christmas, and I'll say a prayer for each and everyone of them. That joy catches up with them some morning in the new year and time offers its healing care.

And I'll offer another small prayer for Meg and her helpers for the realization that this service is needed - perhaps especially at the end of this difficult year. It's important to have some haven, quiet and candle light, that offers comfort, if not joy, hope and peace, if not happiness.

Bless them for filling that need.

(Kathryn Kniep has contributed to the Alcona County Review for more than 27 years. A *Voices of Michigan 2002* author, she has published fiction, nonfiction and poetry in several venues. She and her husband, Art, live in Harrisville. The couple has one daughter, Katrina - "the Princess," two dogs, Lady and Henry, and grand-dog, Bastian, all of whom are frequent victims of her column.)

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Nature can provide a prickly situation

By Mary Weber
Columnist

Living in the north woods during your retirement years might not be everyone's ideal dream retirement plan, but it was for my husband and me.

So instead of going on a honeymoon several years ago after we wed, we went on a search for the perfect up-north get away. Willy wanted something with lots of land and interesting trails that we could walk our dogs on with-

out the slightest concern that they would get hit by a passing car.

Living in the city always had major limitations for our dear pets, we wanted somewhere our dogs could run and have fun and investigate to their heart's content. The ideal place to do this probably would have been a nice safe dog park, but we had visions of a more tranquil setting in the woods.

Willy and I each came into our relationship with older female dogs. It was these two old gals -- Cooshie, a German shepherd mix and Nala, a golden retriever -- that got along so well together from the very get go who showed Wil and I how much we had in common. We got to know each other through our dogs and now it was our turn to show these much loved pets how much we appreciated them by picking out the perfect spot for them to spend their retirement years as well.

It was a long drive and search to find our spot in Alcona County, but we knew right away it had everything your average dog would love, lots of good smelly trails and even a beautiful little brook to jump in on hot days. What dog wouldn't love that?

Every weekend we would bring our dogs up to the new cottage. We were cautious with the old gals at first, guiding them through the trails on leashes until they got to know the place better and figure out their way around. We even purchased orange camo coats for each of them to wear during hunting season (even though we knew no one was hunting when we took the dogs out). We just figured it was better to be safe than sorry.

I had even purchased a product called "skunk off" just in case they met up with what they would have thought was a black and white kitty. We really figured we had thought of everything to keep our dogs safe while out in the woods.

The day finally came on a beautiful Sunday morning to allow the old girls a little more freedom. For the first time ever we took their leashes off as we were walking the trails. Both the girls stayed close by our side for about five minutes. Then suddenly Cooshie lifted her nose and ran like a bullet off the trails into the woods. She was tracking a smell and no matter how much Wil and I called her, her instinct to be a dog was greater than being our pet. She was gone for less than five minutes and then suddenly appeared on the trail again looking panic stricken and yelping with a face full of quills.

Something we city dwellers totally didn't realize, porcupines live in our woods! It had never occurred to us that the dogs could meet up with a quilled menace.

Porcupines have approximately 30,000 quills which are actually specialized hairs that can vary in length. Shorter quills are found near

the head, while longer quills (about five inches) are found at its rear. The porcupine has muscles that attach to the quill follicles which allow the rodent to raise and lower them. When threatened, and escape is not an option, the porcupine flips so its rear faces the attacker and raises its quills. Although many think that a porcupine can shoot their quills, they cannot, but if the attacker (in this case our unknowing dog) gets close enough the porcupine will lash its tail or jump towards the attacker. Once physical contact has been reached, the quills detach easily from the porcupine. The quills are barbed and body heat allows them to expand and become even more deeply embedded in the afflicted animal's skin. If an animal is hit in a vital place from a quill, it could die.

Our poor Cooshie was in agony. Normally, we would have taken her to a veterinarian immediately, but since it was Sunday morning and we were nearly four hours away from our vet downstate, we took matters into our own hands. Luckily, we had some dog tranquilizers with us because my Nala had severe thunderstorm anxiety. Between the tranquilizers and holding the dog down calmly we were able to pry the quills from her snout with needle nosed pliers. We took her to the vet the next day just to make sure there were none missed.

It was a horrible experience for all of us, but my darling Wil was really shaken from it. He was downright hostile about these horrible prickly rodents and decided that these "quilled pigs" (which is what their Latin word implies) would have to be eradicated immediately. He did a little more research and found out that not only do porcupines lash out at curious dogs but they will also eat just about anything...including the bark off trees, killing the tree, destroy landscaping and if that wasn't enough, they would even eat the tires right off your car. Apparently they are attracted to the salt that the tires pick up from the road.

Wil was mostly just upset that he was not at hand to protect his dog that trusted him so much. He swore if he ever saw another it would be shot on sight. I wasn't as mad at the porcupine as I was at our own stupidity to let our dogs off their leashes, so I tried to reason with Wil a bit on how he felt about the rodent, but it didn't help. He made sure he had the proper permits to put the end to this misery maker and knew with all his heart that this rodent had to go.

Sure enough, on our next weekend trip we were quietly watching TV when we noticed something outside nibbling on a tree under our bird feeders. It was definitely a porcupine. I begged Wil not to shoot it (I'm not a gun crazy type person and really

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don't quite understand killing an animal for just being and doing what it normally does).

Wil listened to me and instead of grabbing his 22, he grabbed his paintball gun instead. Before I knew it rounds of shocking green, blue and yellow balls were flying out an open window peppering the porcupine with a coat of many colors. The porky looked unfazed, but did finally scurry off into the woods where I'm sure the rest of his porky friends made fun of him.

We actually thought that this paintball threat might be enough to keep Mr. Quills from entering our yard again. But the next night Wil woke up and saw that he was there again. Wil had had enough. This time he grabbed his gun, this rodent's life would end tonight.

I told Wil that he needed a plan; he couldn't simply run outside shooting up the backyard. He decided he would go out the front door, sneak around the house until he got a good scope on him and put him away with one shot. I told him that just wouldn't work because the animal would surely spot his bright white terry cloth bathrobe a mile away. I had no idea that porcupines have very poor vision (which is why so many of them become roadkill). Apparently, Wil didn't know this either because I convinced him to put on my dark pink rose colored bathrobe instead.

So here was our hero, dressed in my pink bathrobe sneaking around the house. The thought of a killing taking place in my own backyard was more than we could stand to watch, but the dogs and I couldn't resist watching it go down while Wil was wearing a pink bathrobe.

I think the porcupine was utterly confused by the sight and didn't move at all. A shot was fired, then another and another and another. I couldn't watch anymore. I lost count at how many shots were fired. Wil said the porky just ran about two feet up the tree and hung on for dear life until it finally fell off fatally wounded.

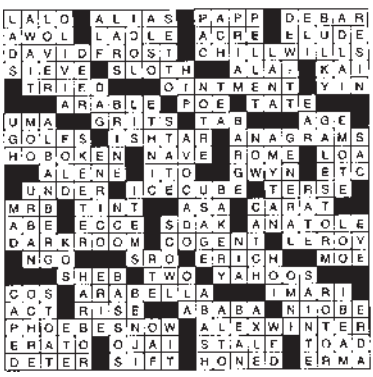
When Wil came back inside he handed me my pink bathrobe and said thank you. I cried all night.

Since then, we hardly ever let our dogs run through the trails off their leash and Wil has never worn my bathrobe again.

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

Super Crossword

Answers



MEETING NOTICE

Alcona County Veteran Affairs Committee has cancelled its December 20th meeting. The regularly scheduled January 17, 2012 meeting at 2 p.m. will be held.
Ronald Skiba, Chairman

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Snowmobile trail permit fee increases this year

The 2011 snowmobile season marks the next stage of a new fee structure for snowmobile permit fees. This season the price for a permit is \$45, an increase of \$10 over last year's price. The fee will remain \$45 through the 2015 snowmobile season. A state law signed in 2008 provided for the incremental increase in snowmobile trail fees, which support maintenance and grooming of the state's snowmobile trail network.

Michigan's snowmobile trail network is successful because of the unique relationship that exists between the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and part-

ners. The DNR provides grants to local snowmobile trail partners, who in turn are responsible for the grooming and maintenance of the trails.

"We have strong relationships with our partners in the snowmobile community," said Jim Radabaugh, section manager for the DNR's Recreation and Trails Program in the Forest Management Division. "It is because of our partnership with 68 snowmobile trail sponsors that Michigan is able to offer over 6,400 miles of designated, groomed and signed trails."

The fee increase is necessary to offset the increasing

snowmobile grant sponsor costs — such as fuel, engineering services and insurance — to maintain the designated and groomed trail network, and to fund long-term trail infrastructure needs, such as bridges and culverts.

"When it comes to keeping Michigan's trails safe and groomed, a little goes a long way," said Lynne Boyd, chief of the Forest Management Division at the DNR. "This fee increase is a way for every snowmobiler to do his or her part toward providing season-long access to miles and miles of magical Michigan trails."

Firearm deer season started slow, picked up speed

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources has indicated the 2011 firearm deer season harvest appears to have increased slightly compared to the 2010 season.

Southern Michigan is the only region where final firearm harvest figures are expected to decrease. Preliminary estimates are based on cumulative reports from the field, license sales figures, and check station activity, and are later replaced by the final harvest figures generated using the annual mail survey.

Experiences can differ widely even within regions, but DNR biologists estimate the harvest compared to 2010 was unchanged to up perhaps 10 percent across the Upper Peninsula, likely increased in the northern Lower Peninsula by as much as 10 percent, and the southern Lower Peninsula appeared down five to 10 percent.

License sales through opening day of the firearm season showed a two to three percent decrease compared to 2010. "That typically reflects expected final license sales figures and hunting activity through the end of the full hunting season," said DNR Deer Program Leader

Brent Rudolph. "But we saw more than the usual number of hunters purchasing a license after opening day. Perhaps a somewhat slow start to the season encouraged more hunters to try their hand later on."

Check station activity was also initially less than last year, but increased traffic saw some locations meet or exceed their marks from 2010 as the season progressed.

As expected, with the mild conditions experienced in the previous two winters, deer numbers in both the Upper Peninsula and northern Lower Peninsula look to be slowly increasing following prior declines. Ashley Hippler, DNR Deer Program biologist for the northern regions, noted, "deer in these regions are not as abundant as they were in the 1990s, but deer sightings were generally up even though hunter numbers appeared down compared to 2010."

Deer from throughout the state were reported to be in good condition, as indicated by overall observations and measurements of antler development collected at check stations.

"We greatly appreciate the efforts our hunters make to

bring deer to our check stations located throughout the state," said Russ Mason, chief of the DNR Wildlife Division. "These data are important to our deer program, but check station visits also provide valuable opportunities to gather hunter impressions and feedback and even celebrate the annual traditions built around Michigan deer hunting."

Rudolph emphasized the annual mail survey completed once all deer seasons are concluded provides the final estimates of harvest and participation over all deer seasons, including the firearm season. Preliminary estimates last year projected the firearm harvest ranged from a 15 percent decrease to 10 percent increase by region, while the final mail survey indicated a slightly less than six percent drop in deer taken during firearm season statewide.

For more information about hunting opportunities in Michigan, to fill out your 2011 deer hunting survey, or for additional information about deer, go online to www.michigan.gov/deer.

NOTICE

Prior to their regular meeting beginning at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14, 2011, the Alcona County Road Commission Board will meet in a special work session beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the Road Commission office at 301 N. Lake Street, Lincoln, Michigan. The purpose of the work session is for the Board to consider resumes for the Managing Director position.

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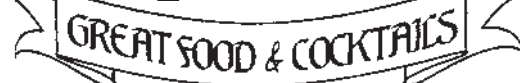
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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

How much do you need to retire?

Dear Savvy Senior,
Is there an easy way to figure out how much savings a person needs to retire? I'm 52 years old - about 10 years from when I would like to retire - and I want to see where I stand.

Planning Ahead

Dear Planning,
How much money you need to retire comfortably is a great question that all working adults should ask themselves. Unfortunately, far too few ever bother thinking about it.

But calculating an approximate number of how much you'll need to have saved for retirement is actually pretty easy and doesn't take long to do. Here's a quick, simple three-step approach that can help you find your magic retirement number.

The first step is the trickiest - estimating your future retirement expenses. If you want a quick ballpark estimate, figure around 75 to 85 percent of your current gross income. That's what most people find they need to maintain their current lifestyle in retirement.

If you want a more precise estimate, track your current expenses on a worksheet and deduct any costs you expect to go away or decline when you retire, and add whatever new ones you anticipate.

Costs you can scratch off your list include work related expenses like commuting or lunches out, as well as the

amount you're socking away for retirement. You may also be able to deduct your mortgage if you expect to have it paid off by retirement, and your kid's college expenses. Your income taxes should also be less.

On the other hand, some costs will probably go up when you retire, like health care, and depending on your interests you may spend a lot more on travel, golf or other hobbies. And, if you're going to be retired for 20 or 30 years you also need to factor in the occasional big budget items like a new roof, furnace or car.

Step two is to calculate your retirement income. If you contribute to Social Security, estimate how much your monthly benefit will be at the age you want to retire. You can get a personalized estimate at www.ssa.gov/estimator. If you're married, remember to count your spouse's benefits too.

In addition to Social Security, if you have a traditional pension plan from an employer, find out from the plan administrator how much you are likely to get when you retire. And, figure in any other income from other sources you expect to have, such as rental properties, part-time work, et cetera.

The final step is to do the math. Subtract your annual expenses from your annual income. If your income alone can cover your bills, you're all set. If not, you'll need to



tap your savings, including your 401(k) plans, IRAs, or other investments to make up the difference.

So, let's say for example you need around \$45,000 a year for retirement and you expect to receive \$25,000 a year from Social Security and other income. That leaves a \$20,000 shortfall that you'll need to pull from your nest egg each year (\$45,000 - \$25,000 = \$20,000). Multiply your shortfall by 25, and that's how much you'll need to have saved.

In the case above, you would multiply \$20,000 by 25 and come up with \$500,000.

Why 25? Because that would allow you to pull four percent a year from your savings, which is a safe withdrawal strategy that in most cases will let your money last as long as you do - at least 30 years.

If you find that your savings are lacking, you might want to go back to your worksheet and cut some costs. Or, you may need to consider part-time work during retirement or postponing retirement so you can boost your savings.

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Yes, you can afford a pet

Senior News Line
By Matilda Charles

Those of us who have pets know the benefits of pet ownership. There's just something very physically and emotionally positive about owning a cat or dog, and the research literature is full of proof.

We generally have lower blood pressure because pets reduce stress and anxiety. Maybe it's the soft fur to pet, the funny antics or the happy welcome when we come home, but we're happier and better able to fend off depression. We're also in better shape, more active and physical, because of the care we need to give: walking, throwing toys, feeding, bending to put down food and water, daily brushing.

Limited incomes can come into play, however. If you have a pet but are considering giving it up because of the cost of pet food, wait. All across the country there are local groups that can help you keep your pet. Some will help financially if the cost of food is too much. Others will help with the cost of veterinary care. One group will even take care of your pet if you go into the

hospital. Other groups will match seniors with pets and provide help.

If you receive Meals on Wheels or another program, they often have pet food they can deliver too. Your first calls should be to the local humane society, the pet store or the veterinarian: They're the ones most likely to know about programs available in your area. Or go online and search for "pet food assistance" and put in your town and state.

If you don't have a pet, consider starting the New Year with an adult pet that's outgrown the puppy/kitten stage and needs someone to love. It will be good for both of you!

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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Girls Varsity Basketball Team (Front row, from left) Manager Torie Harmon, Megan Quick, Lindsay Morang, Ashley Smith, Karina Cole, Nikki Smith, Tylar Campbell, Manager Sydney Pearce, (Back row) Coach Dan O'Connor, Lexie Cook, Samantha Mier, Amy Nowak, Kayla Rasmussen, Alleigh Sexton, Emily Nowak, and Manager Rachel Hefferon. *Courtesy photo.*



Girls Junor Varsity Basketball Team (Front, from left) Turner Somers and Maddie Feldhiser, (middle row, from left) Manager Kaitlin Schellie, Samantha Schopfer, Rachel Schellie, Cheyenne Parkinson, Ally Higgins, Katelyn Nelson, Hannah Terpstra, Manager Kylee Elmer, (back row) Coach Kristi Arnold, Lilly Manning-Rodgers, Cassie Carpenter, Kendra Cole, Morgan Stewart, Nicole Walen, Manager Alyssa Terpstra and Manager Abby Franklin. *Courtesy photo.*

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Boys Varsity Basketball Team: (From left) Austin Cole, Aaron Ritchie, William Bates, Bryan Layton, Andrew Cammack, Brock LaVergne, Nick Garner, Andrew Chamberlain, Nick Bouchard, Brandon Gibson, Jared Steiner, Eric Hampton and Coach Seth Coffing. Not pictured: Assistant coaches Perry Budreau, Mike Walker, Tim Somers and Darwin Ginder. *Courtesy photo.*



Boys Junior Varsity Basketball Team: (Front row, from left) Brandon Smigelski, Walker Kelly, Garrette Norling, Benjamin Dubuque, Cody Franklin, Manager Sierra Forsythe, (back row) Coach Brad Cole, Dawson Forsythe, Jesse Schram, Brandon Ritchie, Dustin Yokom, Trenton LaVergne, Carson Jamieson, Jason Steiner and Assistant Coach Ed LaVergne. *Courtesy photo.*

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How you give is just as important as what you give – give wisely this season

Because of technology and the creativity of charities, there are many different ways that donors can give to a worthy cause. Whether you're giving money, canned goods, used items or your time, BBB Wise Giving Alliance reminds donors that how you give is

just as important as what you give.

According to the Giving USA Foundation, total estimated charitable giving in the United States rose 3.8 percent in 2010 (2.1 percent adjusted for inflation). The increase reflects the contin-

ued determination of every American to support charitable organizations even during challenging economic times.

"With a tight budget this holiday season, it will be important for donors to be creative when giving back and supporting those who are less fortunate," said H. Art Taylor, president and CEO of the BBB Wise Giving Alliance. "When looking to make a contribution, it's important to take the time to do your research. How you give is just as important as what you give."

BBB Wise Giving Alliance offers the following five common ways that people donate to charities over the holidays and a few things to consider:

- Give items. Many organizations solicit for donations over the holidays including coats, toys and canned goods. Whatever you're donating,

make sure the items are of good condition and that the recipient charity is accepting such items to help further its cause.

- Give when you shop. Many charities have had great success partnering with businesses that agree to donate some amount of the purchase price from sales of items to a worthy cause. This type of cause-related marketing means that you can help while you shop.

Check if the promotion identifies the actual or anticipated amount of the purchase price the charity will receive. Also some businesses, like grocery stores, ask if you want to donate to a charity and have that amount added to your receipt (also called embedded giving). See if the embedded promotion states which specific charity will receive the collected funds.


- Give online. Giving online with a credit or debit card is among the most efficient ways to support a charity. Before you enter in your numbers, give the website a thorough review, look for the organization's privacy policy, and verify if the organization has appropriate security measures in place to protect such transactions.

- Give through text messaging. The option to give via text message took off in the wake of the disastrous earthquake in Haiti. After texting a message to a number, the donation is tacked on to your cell phone bill. While donating via text is fast and easy for the donor, the actual money can take 60 – 90 days to reach the charity since the funds are forwarded after you pay the donation charge on your next monthly cell phone bill. During disaster giving periods like Haiti, however, cell phone carriers work to forward funds faster. Of course, charities welcome donations at any time during the year.

- Give your time. In today's tight economy, you may not have money, but you can always give a little bit of your time to help support a worthy cause. In addition to volunteering around the holidays, you can also be a vocal supporter of a charity and help raise awareness among friends and family and on your Facebook page or blog.

The BBB Wise Giving Alliance reports on more than 1,200 national charitable organizations at www.bbb.org/charity and determines if they meet 20 accountability standards addressing governance, finances and fund raising practices.

To review charity evaluations and get more advice on how to give when times are tight, visit www.bbb.org/charity.




The Garden Bug

The yule log

Part of traditional Yule or Christmas celebrations in several European cultures, its practice stretches back many centuries. Celtic pagans decorated oak logs and burned them for 12 days during winter solstice. Afterwards they tossed the ashes on fields or put them inside amulets, but kept a piece of the charred log to light the new log for the next year's solstice.

Sources: wikipedia.org, chow.com



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Area Church Directory

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church
 Corner of US-23 & Medor Rd.,
 Harrisville • 724-5160
 9:30 a.m. Sunday service

Haynes Community Church
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Savvy

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Savvy Tip: If you need help figuring out how much you'll need to retire, there's a variety of free online calculators that can assist you. Some top tools are offered by Analyze Now (analyzeNOW.com), T. Rowe Price (www3.troweprice.com/ric/ricweb/public/ric.do) and AARP (aarp.org/work/retirement-planning/retirement_calculator).

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Music with Roseanne Armstrong at 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Knitting Klub and Crochet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All levels welcome. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

The Alcona Book Club will meet from noon to 1 p.m. at the Harrisville Branch of the Alcona County Library. The selection for December is "Winter Garden" by Kristin Hannah. Call, (989) 724-6796 for more information.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

Spruce Lutheran Church will offer an emergency food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. No qualifying ID required. Volunteers needed at the pantry, call Donna at (989) 727-2521.

Sewing with Jennie Anderson from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Music with Roseanne Armstrong at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall, 3029 Campbell Rd. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

E-book setup and download class from 9:15 to 10 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Call, (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

Holiday drop-in craft for children, preschool to elementary, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. This is a free program, all materials provided. For more information, call (989) 724-6796.

There will be a Red Cross blood drive from noon to 5:45 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center, 207 S. Church St., Lincoln. For more information, call (800) 733-2767.

All residents are invited to display their Christmas outdoor decorations for judging at 6 p.m. by the Barton City

Improvement Association. Decorations and displays will be judged for best house, yard and theme.

Barton City Improvement Association will hold its monthly meeting at 7 p.m. at the Barton City VFW Hall on Trask Lake Rd. For more information, call (989) 736-3160.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

TOPS MI 1502 Mikado meets at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m., meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. All are welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. Call, (989) 739-4483 or (989) 278-9674 for more information.

Bible study at 3 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, on the corner of US-23 and Medor Rd. north of Harrisville. For more information, call (989) 335-4054.

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

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

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23
 Video exercising at 1 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

Popcorn and a movie at 2:30 p.m. at the Lincoln Senior Center. Call (989) 736-8879 for more information.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24
 There will be a Christmas Eve service at 5 p.m. at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, on the corner of US-23 and Medor Rd., Harrisville. For more information, call (989) 335-4054.

Christmas Eve worship service at 8 p.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 E. Spruce Rd., three miles west of F-41 and US-23. All are welcome.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25
 Christmas Day service at 9 a.m. at Spruce Lutheran Church, 1246 E. Spruce Rd., three miles west of F-41 and US-23. All are welcome.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27
 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.

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

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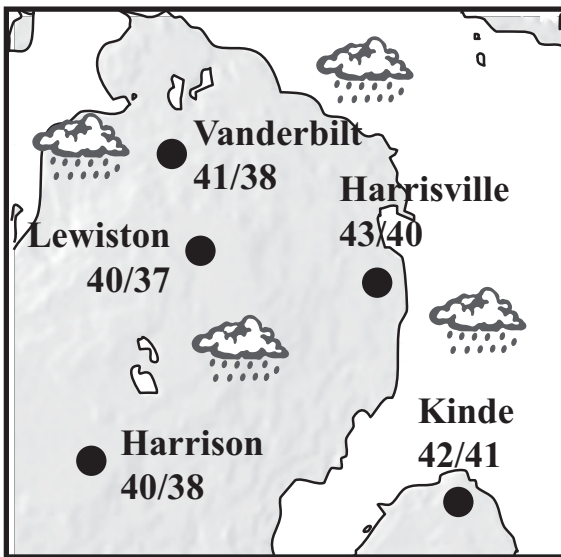
Alcona Review Weather Report

Dec. 14, 2011

Seven Day Forecast

- WEDNESDAY**
 Rain Likely
 High: 43 Low: 40
- THURSDAY**
 Rain/Snow
 High: 48 Low: 29
- FRIDAY**
 Partly Cloudy
 High: 32 Low: 24
- SATURDAY**
 Partly Cloudy
 High: 30 Low: 26
- SUNDAY**
 Partly Cloudy
 High: 36 Low: 29
- MONDAY**
 Partly Cloudy
 High: 38 Low: 26
- TUESDAY**
 Snow Possible
 High: 34 Low: 21

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 90% chance of rain, high temperature of 43°, humidity of 87%. South wind 10 to 20 mph. The record high temperature for today is 61° set in 1975. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 90% chance of rain, overnight low of 40°. South wind 15 to 25 mph.

***Last Week's Almanac**

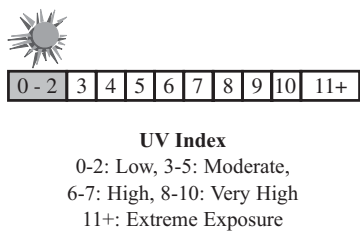
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	36	28	34/20	0.00"
Tuesday	29	26	34/20	0.00"
Wednesday	34	26	34/20	0.00"
Thursday	32	22	33/19	0.00"
Friday	26	13	33/19	0.00"
Saturday	26	15	33/19	0.00"
Sunday	48	23	32/18	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	Phase
Last 12/17	8:02 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	9:20 p.m.	10:40 a.m.	Waning Gibbous
Wednesday	8:03 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	10:29 p.m.	11:09 a.m.	Waning Gibbous
Thursday	8:03 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	11:39 p.m.	11:37 a.m.	Waning Gibbous
Friday	8:04 a.m.	4:54 p.m.	No Rise	12:03 p.m.	New Moon
Saturday	8:05 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	12:51 a.m.	12:31 p.m.	New Moon
Sunday	8:05 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	2:05 a.m.	1:01 p.m.	New Moon
Monday	8:06 a.m.	4:55 p.m.	3:20 a.m.	1:35 p.m.	New Moon
New 12/24					New Moon
Tuesday					New Moon

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 65° in East St. Louis, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today and Thursday, isolated showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 80° in Naples, Fla. The Northwest will see scattered rain and snow today and Thursday, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 62° in Colville, Wash. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today and Thursday, scattered showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 71° in Artesia, N.M.

Tonight's Planets

Planet	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:24 a.m.	3:58 p.m.
Venus	10:16 a.m.	7:03 p.m.
Mars	11:32 p.m.	12:45 p.m.
Jupiter	2:11 p.m.	3:44 a.m.
Saturn	3:16 a.m.	2:15 p.m.
Uranus	1:03 p.m.	1:08 a.m.

Weather History

Dec. 14, 1924 - The temperature at Helena, Mont. plunged 88 degrees in 34 hours. The mercury plummeted from 63 above to 25 below zero. At Fairfield, Mont., the temperature plunged 84 degrees in just 12 hours, from 63 at noon to 21 below zero at midnight.

Weather Trivia

Does lightning strike more women or men?
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StarWatch By Gary Becker - Star Bright?

Unless you are in a large city, viewing the sky on any clear night reveals dozens to thousands of stars. A few will be bright while many will be faint. Astronomers quantify stellar magnitude with a system where more negative numbers indicate brighter stars. When we casually view the heavens, it is impossible to know whether stars are dazzling because they are close to us or brilliant because they are more distant and very luminous objects. Conversely, a faint star may be really bright but very distant, or close and simply dim. To discover the true luminosity of the stars, it is necessary to know their distances. This is accomplished by measuring their angular displacements (parallaxes) across a standard baseline and solving a simple trigonometric problem. To demonstrate the concept of parallax, hold a finger six inches in front of your nose and wink your eyes back and forth. The finger will appear to jump with respect to more distance objects. Hold the finger farther away and the displacement becomes less when the eyes are winked. We have been successfully measuring the parallaxes of stars since 1838, but since the Hipparcos mission of 1989-93, astronomers have precise parallaxes for over 100,000 luminaries and less accurate data for an additional 2.5 million stars. Knowing the distances to stars allows astronomers to move them mathematically to a standard position of 32.6 light years for comparison. That may seem like a weird number, but it signifies a parallactic shift of 1/10 second of arc. A degree can be divided into 3600 seconds. Moving the most vivid nighttime star, Sirius, to 32.6 light years would make it just brighter than the stars of the Big Dipper. Orion's stars, however, would become powerhouses, shining with the brilliance of Jupiter, Venus, and beyond, easily casting shadows on the ground in rural locales at night with some being visible even in the daytime. www.astronomy.org

How do you pay off debt?

Dollars And Sense
By David Uffington

When you're saddled with multiple debt payments every month and want to put extra money toward paying off one at a time, how do you decide which debt gets the extra money first?

There are two schools of thought: Some financial gurus advise paying off the smallest debt first, and then using that extra money to attack the next smallest. Others believe in going for the one with the highest interest rate first, no matter how large or small the debt.

But when it comes down to it, it's the consumer, not the financial wizards, who ultimately write the checks. And it's consumer who, for the most part, will pay the smallest debt first, no matter the interest rate.

Now a University of Michigan study (Winning the Battle but Losing the War: The Psychology of Debt Management) has uncovered the reasons for consumer debt repayment decisions. Researchers concluded that consumers will pay off a small debt first, even if a larger debt has a higher interest rate, for the emotional and psychological satisfaction of retiring a debt — a "quick win," as they dubbed it. Correct or not, consumers are concerned with reducing the number of debts more than they are with the dollar value of the debts.

It was only when consumers were shown the amount of interest they were paying

that some saw the sense in changing their repayment methods.

Credit-card companies are now required to show in a box on each month's statement just how long it will take you to pay off the debt if you make only minimum payments, as well as a sample comparison to how much you'd have to pay each month to retire the debt more quickly.

You can make use of an online calculator to show 1) how quickly a debt will be paid off if you make payments of varying amounts, and 2) how much interest you'll be paying during that time. Search online for "credit card payment calculator," then do the math for each of your debts to see which plan gets you debt-free the fastest.

The bottom line: No matter which method you use to pay off debts, be sure it makes financial sense. Always make more than the minimum payment to protect your credit scores.

David Uffington regrets that he cannot personally answer reader questions, but will incorporate them into his column whenever possible. Write to him 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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Post-deployment brain tests

Veterans Post
By Freddy Groves

Military personnel who served in Iraq or Afghanistan should have been given a post-deployment test specific to Traumatic Brain Injury, in addition to the standard post-deployment health assessments.

In 2008, Congress mandated that all military personnel be given tests of brain function before and after being deployed. Initial tests would set a baseline. The "after" tests would show differences and discrepancies, if any, and anyone needing care for TBI would get it.

National Public Radio, in conjunction with ProPublica, conducted an investigation into how all that testing-plus-treatment was working out for veterans.

What NPR and ProPublica discovered was that while most military personnel (millions) were given the tests pre-deployment, a scant few got the tests later — when it would matter the most.

The test, called Automated Neuropsychological Assessment Metric, either was or wasn't designed to reveal TBI, depending on whom you ask. (But, if the media stories are correct, no other test was considered because the Army itself developed the program.) Some medical types thought that any test was better than none, especially if the "after" test was done quickly. Others wanted to wait until the "right" test came along, and the "after" test results were ignored.

The Army wants a good test, of course, so it wants to compare others that are available — which will take years.

Meanwhile, how many cases of mild TBI won't be diagnosed?

To read the long NPR story go to: www.npr.org and put "Military's Brain-Testing Program a Debacle" in the search box. Follow the links in the article to the companion piece on ProPublica, "Brain Wars."

For another version of this story, go online to Stars and Stripes at www.stripes.com and put "Testing program fails soldiers" in the search box.

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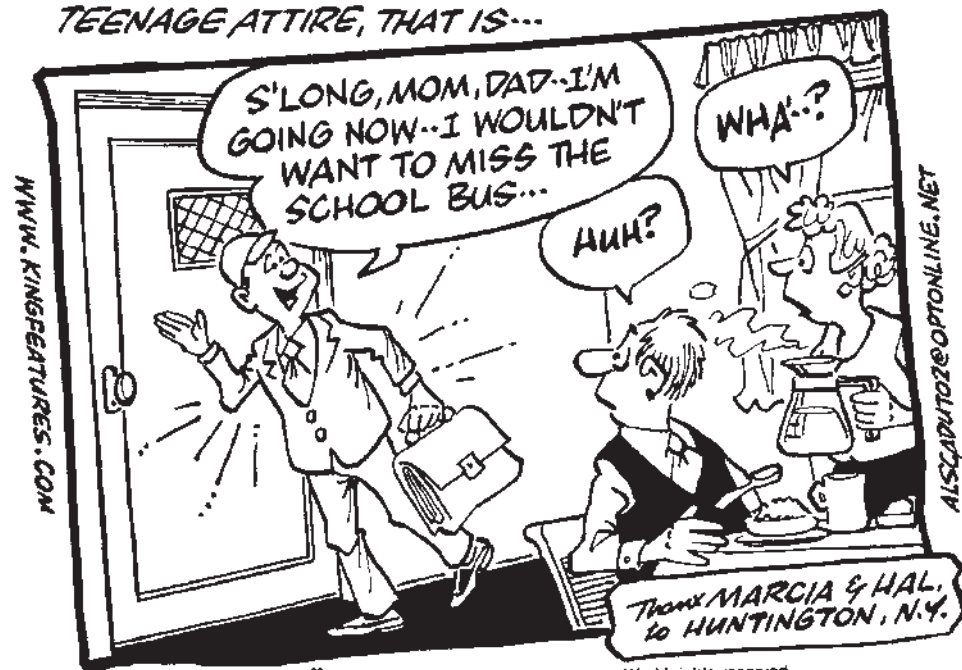
Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps

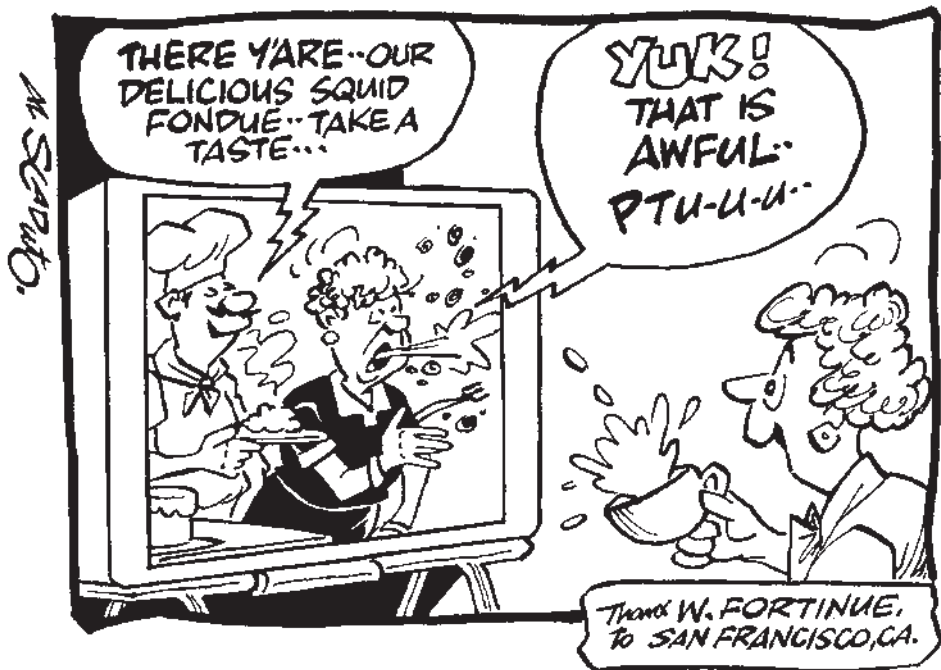


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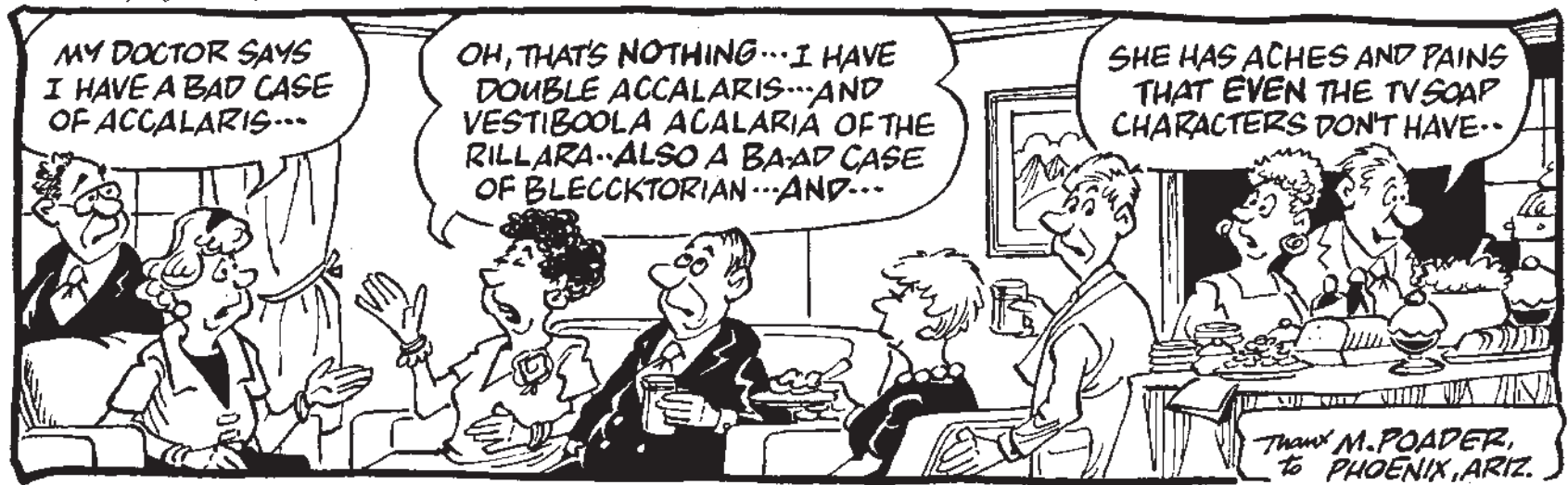
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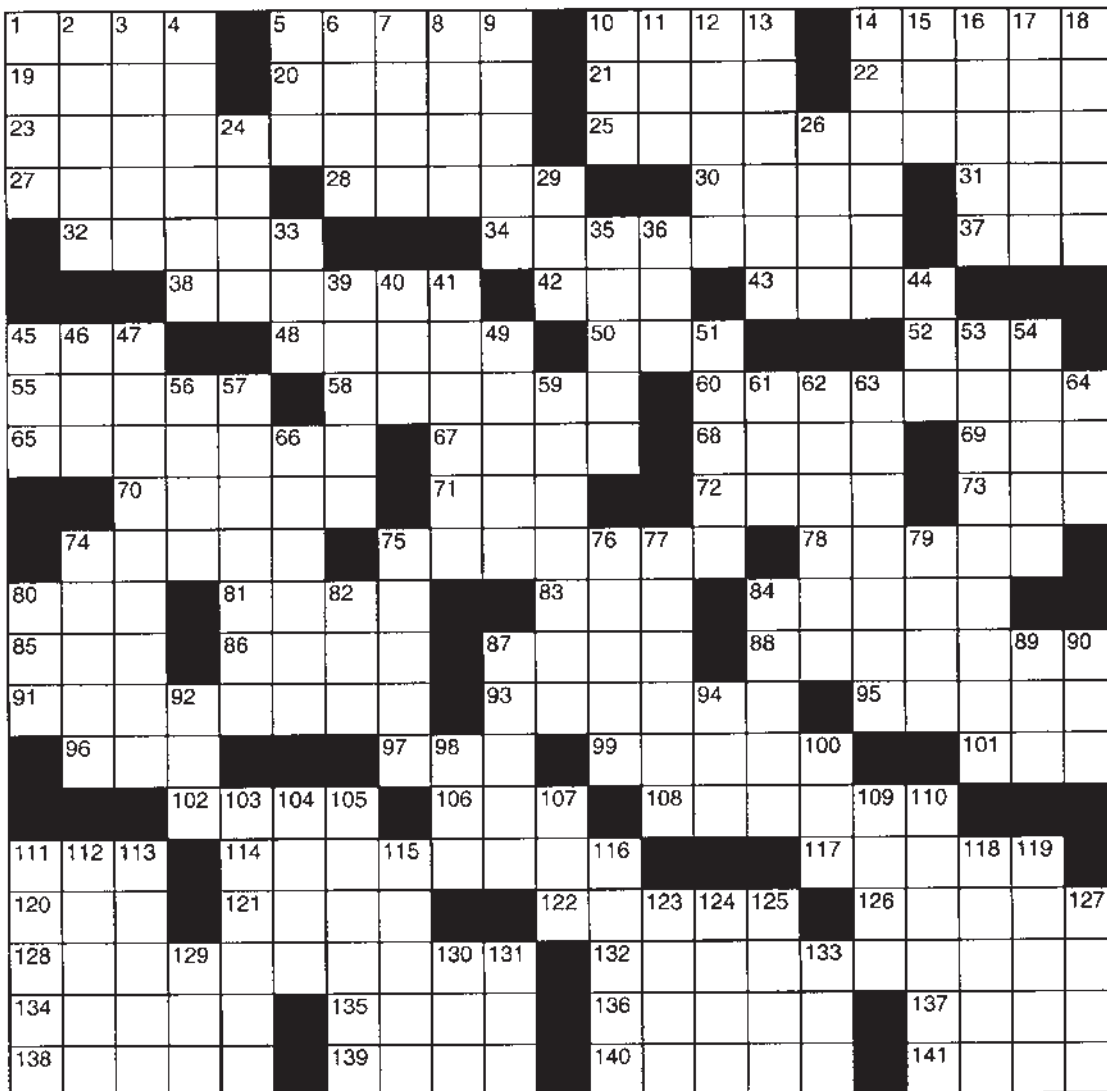
TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- LITERATURE:** Who wrote the "Little House on the Prairie" book series?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What is the official animal of Oklahoma?
- HISTORY:** By what other name did Southerners refer to the Battle of Bull Run?
- PERSONALITIES:** What was the first name of pirate Captain Kidd?
- MOVIES:** The film "Schindler's List" won how many Oscars?
- GEOGRAPHY:** What is the approximate total square mileage of land in Hong Kong?
- TELEVISION:** Who played the character of Norm on "Cheers"?
- INVENTIONS:** What did Robert Goddard develop in 1926?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** How many years did Franklin Roosevelt serve as president?
- LANGUAGE:** What common vegetable's Latin name is Solanum tuberosum?

Answers: 1. Laura Ingalls Wilder; 2. Buffalo; 3. Manassas; 4. William; 5. Seven; 6. 407; 7. George Wendt; 8. Liquid-fuel rocket; 9. 12 years, 42 day; 10. Potato (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword **COOL CHARACTERS**

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STRANGE BUT TRUE
by Samantha Weaver

• It was American inventor and businessman Thomas Alva Edison who made the following sage observation: "Opportunity is missed by most people because it comes dressed in overalls and looks like work."

• If you're planning a trip to Peru to ring in the new year, you might want to bring along some yellow underwear. In that country it's considered lucky to wear it on the first day of the new year.

• Another story to add to the file on clueless criminals: In 2010, two men in Portland, Ore., went to a supermarket and started removing price tags from items and filling their backpacks with the loot. However, they didn't even make it out of the store with their ill-gotten gains. It seems that the would-be crooks decided to do their shoplifting during a "Shop With a Cop" promotion, and there were 60 police officers already in the store — in uniform.

• You may be surprised to learn that the Statue of Liberty is not located in New York. While it is on Liberty Island in New York Harbor, it's technically within the territorial waters of Jersey City, N.J.

• If you're going to be traveling to California anytime soon, you might want to keep this in mind: In that state, shooting game from a moving vehicle is illegal — unless the animal you're aiming for is a whale.

• A baseball will travel farther on a hot day than on a cold one.

• The oldest bakery yet uncovered was found by archaeologists digging in the Egyptian city of Giza in 2002. They say that the baking trays, bread molds and ovens there date back to 2500 B.C., right around the time the pyramids were being built.

Thought for the Day: "Fiction is obliged to stick to possibilities. Truth isn't." — Mark Twain

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MOMENTS IN TIME
The History Channel

• On Jan. 1, 1876, the first area-wide New Year's Day Mummer's Parade is held in Philadelphia. Mummer's celebrations in America date back to colonial times. Reciting doggerel and receiving in return cakes and ale, groups of five to 20 people, their faces blackened, would march from home to home, shouting and discharging firearms into the air.

• On Dec. 28, 1895, the world's first commercial movie screening takes place at the Grand Cafe in Paris. The film was a series of short scenes from everyday French life. Admission was charged for the first time.

• On Dec. 27, 1900, prohibitionist Carry Nation smashes up the bar at the Carey Hotel in Wichita, Kansas, causing several thousand dollars in damage and landing in jail. Nation became famous for carrying a hatchet and wrecking saloons as part of her anti-alcohol crusade.

• On Dec. 30, 1922, in post-revolutionary Russia, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics is established. In the USSR, all levels of government were controlled by the Communist Party. Soviet industry was owned and managed by the state, and agricultural land was divided into state-run collective farms.

• On Dec. 31, 1937, Anthony Hopkins is born in Port Talbot, Wales. Hopkins is known for playing one of the greatest villains in movie history, the cannibalistic serial killer Hannibal Lecter in "The Silence of the Lambs" and its two sequels, "Hannibal" and "Red Dragon."

• On Dec. 29, 1940, London suffers its most devastating air raid when Germans firebomb the city. The next day, a newspaper photo of St. Paul's Cathedral standing undamaged amid the smoke and flames seemed to symbolize the capital's unconquerable spirit during the Battle of Britain.

• On Dec. 26, 1966, the first day of the first Kwanzaa is celebrated in Los Angeles. The seven-day holiday is a celebration of African-American family, community and cultural values, which include unity, self-determination, collective work and responsibility, economic cooperation, purpose, creativity and faith.

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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VILLAGE OF LINCOLN MINUTES

The Lincoln Village Council met on Monday, Dec. 5, at 7 p.m. at the village hall. The meeting opened with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Those in attendance included; President Jordan, treasurer Kossa, clerk Somers, deputy clerk/treasurer Stutzman and council members Gauthier, Healy, Lask, Naylor, Somers and Stutzman. Also present were several guests and attorney David Cook.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Somers. The treasurer's report was approved on a motion from Gauthier with support from Healy.

Fire chief Leroy Hall gave a report on activity in the department. He talked about a test that was done on the main pumper. He stated that it went very well. He said that the department was awarded a grant from the DNR with a match from the village that will be worked into the upcoming budget. He stated that the brush rig should be finished by January. Chief Hall thanked council members for allowing him to purchase a new laptop to use for business with the fire department. A drop tank is needed and he has seen one that might be able to be traded for items that are no longer needed by the department.

Council members were agreeable to allow the trade so that both fire departments can benefit. Three fire fighters, Mike Serafin, Ryan Mendyka and Tony Escareno attended flash training in Alpena over the weekend. He thanked Larry's Electric for their help in fixing the siren. President Jordan thanked members of the department for their help in having things ready for the Festival of Lights at the village hall. Deb Shaneour stated that she is hoping to order benches for the downtown region as soon as next week. She stated that anyone interested should contact her by December 15 in order to obtain them at the current price – the price will be going up in January. Debbie may be reached at (989) 736-8346. Ted Shaneour stated that he would like to obtain a variance for a building addition to his property on North Sleeper Drive. He will talk with president Jordan to get the process started. President Jordan stated that he would like to bid out the cleaning of the new sidewalks for the upcoming winter. Whoever takes the job on will need to work with village maintenance crews to get things done properly. Attorney Cook will help write the specifications with president Jordan. Council members were in agree-

ment that we want to do things that will keep the new sidewalks cleaned properly. A motion was made by Gauthier, with support from Healy, to authorize the village clerk to bid out the cleaning of the sidewalks along Second Street and on Traverse Bay to Church Street. Motion carried. In old business, Stutzman stated that he continues to check the playground on a daily basis and things seem good. He stated that he believes that the netting at the ball field needs to be replaced; we will address it in the budget meeting. Sara Healy stated that 70 goodie bags were given away to area children during the festival of lights celebration. Somers stated that he needs to find a new tire for the loader and also that a gas tank needs to be purchased for the dump truck.

In new business, Stutzman asked about having a cleanup along the roadways leading into town, something along the lines of an Adopt-a-Highway. Jordan stated that he believes this will be a wonderful project for members of the village council to participate in. Gauthier asked about purchasing more lights for use in decorating the village. She asked about looking at finding more of the same type of lights so that we can have them ready for next year. Council members all agreed that we should continue to move forward in getting more lights so that they will match what is already there.

Dates were set for council meetings for the upcoming year; January 3 (Tuesday), February 6, March 5, April 2, May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 4 (Tuesday), October 1, November 5 and December 3. A budget workshop was set for council members on Monday, Jan. 9, 2012 at 6 p.m.

President Jordan gave his report. He stated that Connie has been working on filing in the office and things are moving along nicely. The office will be closed for the remainder of the month. He wished everyone "Happy Holidays." The Lincoln Lions and the Friends of the Depot were thanked for their help with the Festival of Lights Celebration. Winners of the decorating con-

test were Linda Durfee, first place; Scott and Sarah Kroon, second place; Larry and Linda Somers, third place; and Anna McCoy, fourth place. The travelling business trophy was awarded to Yesterday's Village Restaurant. He noted the next meeting (January 3, 2012) will be held at 6 p.m. to address final closeout of the demolition grants. President Jordan thanked everyone for their participation in getting things done to make the Village of Lincoln look so good. He thanked Joe and Dave James for their help on getting the new lights taken care of. Thanks to Mary Kossa, Joan Gonyea and Leroy Hall for their work on closing out the FEMA grant. A check will be sent to FEMA for \$1,029.35 and things will be totally closed out. Results from District Health Dept. No. 2 were received regarding the water at Brownlee Lake Beach. The results were very good. The village insurance rate has been locked in for three years and a letter will be sent to us that will discuss other measures that we can take to improve our insurance coverage. President Jordan stated that enough money was donated to cover purchasing lights for the new pear trees that were planted as part of the streetscape project. Money was received from the following people: Phil Jordan, Dick Shepherd, Don and Margaret Reed, Larry and Linda Somers, John and Connie Stutzman, Ron and Mary Kossa and Dennis and Cheri Cleary. The Cleary's sent a letter that was read at the meeting stating that they were donating the money in memory of Cheri's parents, Lynn and LaVern Apsey, former Lincoln residents.

A discussion was held regarding the old grainery building/property that has been up for sale through Alcona County. Council members all agreed that we do not want the property to be turned over to the village. Treasurer Kossa will write the letter that is needed in order to inform the Alcona County treasurer of our intentions.

A motion to pay the bills was made by Stutzman with support from Healy. Carried. A motion to adjourn was made by Gauthier with support from Stutzman. Motion carried.

Linda K. Somers
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ALCONA CO. ROAD COMMISSION SYNOPSIS

A regular meeting of the Alcona County Road Commission was held on November 23 in Lincoln. Motions were passed to approve the November 9 meeting minutes; pay \$166,229.51 on accounts; approve USDA Forest Service Modification of Grant or Agreement to apply left over funding from Stout Road to Bean Hill Road; and to correct the signatory information and extend the completion dates to May 25, 2012. This synopsis of the minutes published prior to board review and approval.

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to west section line; thence north 198 feet; thence east to the point of beginning. And the following described premises situated in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, state of Michigan: All that part of the east 1/2 of the east 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 11, Town 26 North, Range 9 East, described as follows: Commencing at the southeast section corner of said Section 11, thence north 01 degrees 21 minutes 16 seconds west 1092.13 feet along the east section line of said Section 11 to the point of beginning, thence continuing north 01 degrees 21 minutes 16 seconds west 132.59 feet along said east section line to the southerly 33 foot right of way line of Church Street, thence north 81 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds west 17 feet along said right of way line, thence south 00 degrees 21 minutes 27 minutes west 132 feet, thence south 81 degrees 58 minutes 01 seconds east 21 feet parallel to Church Street to the point of beginning. 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. Dated: November 23, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1309 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 387511F01 11-23, 11-30, 12-7, 12-14

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parcel of land situated in the township of Caledonia, county of Alcona and state of Michigan, being known and designated as follows: Part of the southeast 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 8 East, described as: Commencing at the west right of way of R-171 (NKA F-41), a county road, on the south section line of said Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 8 East, thence west to the east 1/8 post on the south section line; thence north 385.8 feet; thence north 87 degrees 6 minutes east. 369.9 feet; thence south 66.9 feet; thence north 87 degrees 6 minutes east to the west right of way of R-171 (NKA F-41); thence southeast along west right of way of R-171 Highway (NKA F-41) to the point of beginning. Also, the south 385.8 feet of the east 100 feet of the southwest 1/4 of the southeast 1/4 of Section 1, Town 28 North, Range 8 East. Less and except that parcel of land as described in Liber 434, page 908, recorded August 31, 2006 in Alcona County records. 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. Dated: November 23, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1313 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 382134F01 11-23, 11-30, 12-7, 12-14

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mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, L.P. 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 two hundred ninety-four thousand two hundred ninety-eight and 61/100 dollars (\$294,298.61), including interest at 5.75 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 December 21, 2011. Said premises are situated in township

of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1 and 2, less the south 31 feet of Lot 2 of Decker's Park, a subdivision recorded in liber 1 of plats, page 53, 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: November 23, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 379526F01 11-23, 11-30, 12-7, 12-14

Foreclosure Notice

Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. may be a debt collector attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained may be used for that purpose. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by Alan B. Oles and Rebecca A. Oles, husband and wife to Metwest Mortgage Services, Inc., a Washington corporation, mortgagee, dated December 22, 1999, and recorded on December 29, 1999, in Liber 337, page 326, Alcona County records, said mortgage was assigned to the Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, pursuant to the terms of that certain Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of March 1, 2000, related to Metropolitan Mortgage Funding, Inc., mortgage pass-through certificates, series 2000-A by an assignment of mortgage dated January 28, 2000 and recorded July 21, 2000 in Liber 342, page 45, on which mortgage there is claimed

to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-seven thousand five hundred seventy-eight and 83/100 (\$57,578.83) including interest at the rate of 11.35000 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court in said Alcona County, where the premises to be sold or some part of them are situated, at 12 p.m. on December 28, 2011. Said premises are situated in the township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 7, Supervisor's Plat of Neville's North Lake Subdivision, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page(s) 87 of Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 2810 North Lake Drive.

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale, or 15 days after statutory notice, whichever is later. Dated: November 30, 2011 Randall S. Miller & Associates, P.C. Attorneys for the Bank of New York Mellon, as trustee, pursuant to the terms of that certain Pooling and Servicing Agreement dated as of March 1, 2000, related to Metropolitan Mortgage Funding, Inc., mortgage pass-through certificates, Series 2000-A. 43252 Woodward Avenue, Suite 180 Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302 (248) 335-9200 Case No. 11OMI00708-1 11-30, 12-7, 12-14, 12-21

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closed 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 December 28, 2011. Said premises are situated in township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Town 28 North, Range 7 East, township of Caledonia, Alcona County, Michigan described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Government Lot 4; thence north 87 degrees 31 minutes west 33 feet along the county road; thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east 383.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 87 degrees 31 minutes west 150 feet to the centerline of said channel; thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east 75 feet along the centerline; thence south 87 degrees 31 minutes east 150.0 feet to the west 33 foot right of way line of county road; thence north 1 degree 46 minutes west 75.0 feet along said right of way to the point of beginning. Also, part of Government Lot 4, Section 4, Town 28 North, Range 7 East, described as: Commencing at the northeast corner of said Government Lot 4;

thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east along the east line of said Government Lot 4; thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east along the east line of said Government Lot 4, 283.0 feet; thence north 87 degrees 30 minutes west 33.0 feet to the point of beginning; thence north 87 degrees 30 minutes west 125 feet; thence south 1 degree 46 minutes east 100 feet; thence south 87 degrees 30 minutes east 125 feet; thence north 1 degree 46 minutes west 100 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: November 30, 2011 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. 387920F01 11-30, 12-7, 12-14, 12-21

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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 4, 2012.

Said premises are situated in township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 1, 2, 7 and 8, Block 9 and the north 132 feet of Block 16 of the village of Killmaster, a subdivision recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 13, 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 7, 2011
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys For Servicer
31440 Northwestern Highway,
Suite 200
Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525
File No. 385914F01
12-7, 12-14, 12-21, 12-28

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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 4, 2012.

Said premises are situated in township of Mikado, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: The south 1/2 of the north 1/2 of the south 1/2 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 11, Township 25 North, Range 8 East.

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 7, 2011
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302
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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 December 28, 2011.

Said premises are situated in City of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 6, of Block 1 of the City of Harrisville, formerly village, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 1, 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: November 30, 2011
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1304
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Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of eighty-eight thousand nine hundred twelve and 76/100 dollars (\$88,912.76), including interest at 6.875 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 4, 2012.

Said premises are situated in township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: That part of the southeast 1/4 of the northeast 1/4 of Section 2, Town 26 North, Range 8 East, lying southerly of Traverse Bay State Road (Trask Lake Road), described as follows: Parcel A - commencing at the east 1/4 corner of Section 2, Town 26 North, Range 8 East; thence north 02 degrees 31 minutes 51 seconds east along the east line of said section and a portion of the centerline of F-41 Highway, 453.00 feet; thence north 84 degrees 35 minutes 17 seconds west along an existing

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Now, therefore, by virtue of a power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, January 18, 2012, at 10 a.m., on the front steps of the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, that being the place for holding circuit court for the county of Alcona where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 5.99 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.

The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the township of Harrisville, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: Par-

Foreclosure Notice (All counties)

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Mortgage sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Cynthia Bauer and Paul R. Bauer, wife and husband, of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor to National City Mortgage Services Co. dated the 29th day of January, 2003, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 29th day of January, 2003, in Liber 376, page 605 of Alcona records; which said mortgage was assigned to PNC Bank, national association successor by merger to National City Bank doing business as National City Mortgage, thru mesne assignments. On which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$42,891.02 (forty-two thousand eight hundred ninety-one and 02/100) plus accrued interest at 3.50 percent (three point five zero) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and pro-

vided, notice is hereby given that on, the 11th day of January, 2012, at 10 a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich., Alcona County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.

Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Greenbush, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: Lot 608 of Huron-Cedar Lakes Subdivision No. 5, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 155-7 Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 4651 S. Evergreen Drive. Tax Parcel No.: 041-148-000-608-00.

The redemption period shall be six 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 14, 2011
By: Foreclosing Attorneys
Attorney for Plaintiff
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
2155 Butterfield Drive
Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48064
WWR No. 10086366
12-14, 12-21, 12-28, 1-4, 2012

cel 1: That part of the northwest 1/4 of Section 31, T26N, R9E, described as commencing at the northwest corner of said northwest 1/4, thence south 8 rods, thence east 10 rods, thence north 8 rods, thence west 10 rods to the point of beginning. Parcel 2: Commencing at the northwest corner of the northwest 1/4 of Section 31, T26N, R9E, thence East 165 feet to point of beginning, thence east 55 feet; thence south 396 feet; thence west 220 feet; thence north 264 feet; thence east 165 feet; thence north 132 feet to point of beginning.

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

Dated: November 11, 2011 Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511
11-30, 12-7, 12-14, 12-21

To All Creditors:
The settlor, William Leonard Broadwood (date of birth: August 4, 1917), died November 12, 2011.
William Leonard Broadwood lived at 2011 Dewar Road, Harrisville, Mich. 48740. There is no personal representative of the settlor's estate to whom Letters of Administration have been issued.

Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims with respect to William Leonard Broadwood against the William Leonard Broadwood Trust under trust agreement dated July 23, 2003, will be forever barred unless presented to Albert F. Broadwood, trustee, within four months after the date of publication. Notice is further given that the trust will thereafter be assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it.
Attorney Name/Address/Phone/Bar No.:
Lisa L. Harris P40721
109 N. Second Avenue,
Suite 200
Alpena, MI 49707
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Trustee Name/Address/Phone:
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Great Start representatives promote child well being initiative to senator

Key members of Great Start Collaborative for Michigan's 36th Senate district met with State Sen. John Moolenaar recently to promote the importance of early childhood resources in local communities.

The purpose of the meeting was to share information about area activities and plans underway to help improve the lives of young children, zero-five, said Desiree Lipski, director of the Great Start Collaborative for Alpena, Montmorency and Alcona counties. Also attending was Melinda Hambleton, Great Start Collaborative coordinator for Cheboygan, Otsego and Presque Isle counties.

Discussions focused on a variety of efforts initiated by the collaborative and its parent coalitions to improve the

well-being of young children and families.

Among them were:

- Engaging parents (called parent navigators) to help mentor other families through difficult experiences, by helping them network and build community relationships needed to overcome struggles;

- Assisting child care and early learning programs to improve the quality of their care and early learning opportunities;

- And bringing parent voices into decision-making processes of early childhood agencies in order to eliminate barriers.

"We also wanted to make sure Sen. Moolenaar's staff was up-to-date on important community resources that help serve families of young children. It's important this

information reaches as many families as possible," Hambleton added.

Among those include:

- The Great Start Connect website, greatstartforkids.org/connect, which helps families access child care providers in local community and helps child care providers connect with families seeking child care;

- Information about area preschools and Head Start programs;

- And service available to

families of young children through Northeast Community Mental Health.

For a list of agencies involved in the Great Start Collaborative, contact Lipski at Child and Family Services Northeast Michigan at lipskid@cfsnemi.org, (989) 356-4567.

www.cop4kids.org.

"It's more important than ever that state lawmakers and the community understand how important it is for

young children to get a great start in life," Lipski said. "It's been said before, but I'll say it again. There are no do-overs. We have to get it right from the start."

The Great Start State initiative was founded in 2004 to restructure the state's investment in young children. It is primarily funded by the state and a number of Michigan-based foundations. It aids families to help prepare their children for success in school and in life.



Representatives from Great Start Collaborative (from left) Robin Benson, Desiree Lipski, Dawn Fenstermaker and Melinda Hambleton met with Sen. John Moolenaar recently. Courtesy photo.

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<p>\$50⁰⁰</p> <p>OFF</p> <p>ANY PURCHASE OF \$100 - \$499</p> <p><small>expires 12/23/11</small></p>	<p>\$75⁰⁰</p> <p>OFF</p> <p>ANY PURCHASE OF \$500 - \$999</p> <p><small>expires 12/23/11</small></p>	<p>\$100⁰⁰</p> <p>OFF</p> <p>ANY PURCHASE OF \$1000-\$1999</p> <p><small>expires 12/23/11</small></p>	<p>\$200⁰⁰</p> <p>OFF</p> <p>ANY PURCHASE OF \$2000-\$2999</p> <p><small>expires 12/23/11</small></p>
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<p>Sofas Starting at</p> <p>\$499⁹⁹</p> <p><small>CHOICE OF COLOR Red, Oyster, Cocoa or Sage</small></p>	<p>Table and 4 Stools Starting at</p> <p>\$199⁹⁹</p>
<p>5 Drawer Chests Starting at</p> <p>\$199⁹⁹</p>	<p>Recliners Starting at</p> <p>\$299⁹⁹</p>

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