

Community service trooper reaches out to citizens

By Cheryl Peterson
Editor

The new community service trooper out of the Michigan State Police post in Alpena is looking for an opportunity to meet with groups and organizations in Alcona County.

Trooper Randy Servia has been selected as one of 21 community service troopers who have been assigned to regions across the state to focus solely on community outreach. Servia, who has been assigned to the Alpena post for three years, serves citizens in Alcona, Alpena and Presque Isle counties in a variety of ways including mentoring youth, working with senior citizens and focusing on community service and training.

Specifically, service officers will:

- Attend community meetings to share information on crime prevention;
- Educate citizens on bullying, sexting and other emerging trends;
- Provide the teaching, educating and mentoring (TEAM) curriculum in schools;
- Evaluate community policing initiatives for their impact on communities;
- Work with citizens, businesses, non-profit organizations and other law enforcement agencies to develop and implement solutions to localized issues;
- And identify, assess and prioritize ongoing community needs.

Since accepting his new assignment in early Febru-

ary, Servia has been busy attending meetings in Alpena County and is looking forward to becoming familiar with residents in Alcona and Presque Isle counties. "I'll be working with the community in areas of problem solving - taking a proactive approach to solving issues that are criminal as well as non-criminal," he said.

Servia explained one of the topics he's discussed with seniors in Alpena County is "fraud, scams and laundering money - many times at elderly citizens' expense." This has been a very popular topic and he is looking to talk to various other groups soon. He'd also like to discuss the misuse of prescription medications by young people, ways to keep homes and vehicles

safer from break ins and other topics that might be on the minds of residents.

Servia is familiar with life in a small community. He grew up in Norway, Mich., a small town in the western area of the Upper Peninsula. He received a Bachelor of Science degree in criminal justice from Lake Superior State University in Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

His law enforcement career began 16 years ago with positions at the Delta County Sheriff's Department and then with the Menominee County Sheriff's Department. In 1997 he was accepted to the Michigan State Police Recruit School in Lansing, Mich. He graduated the same year from the 115th Trooper Recruit School and was as-



Trooper Randy Servia signed to the Rockford post in Kent County. After eight months he was assigned to the post in downtown Detroit, Mich. where he became

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Snowmobile racing returns to Lincoln

On February 26 and 27, thanks to the support of Michigan Cat of Michigan, iced oval snowmobile racing will once again be returning to Lincoln.

The event is sanctioned by the Midwest International Racing Association (MIRA) (www.miraracing.com), an organization that brings a level of safety, competitiveness, professionalism and entertainment, unmatched by any other racing group in the state.

This MIRA event consists of two days that feature a full day of sprint-style racing on Saturday and the feature 500 lap Pro Enduro race on Sunday, the Michigan Cat 500, starting at noon. The only other 500 lap event of its kind is the famed Soo I-500 race held each February in Sault St. Marie, Mich.

For those who are unfamiliar with this style of snowmobile racing, these are the fastest, best-handling machines on ice. The sprint-style racing format consists of three-lap heat races and five-

lap final races, for several classes of competition.

The Sunday Pro Enduro race is the snowmobile equivalent of a NASCAR race, utilizing pit crews, pit stops and lots of hard-charging side-by-side racing at speeds exceeding 100 miles per hour on a half mile iced oval track.

This year Lincoln's Saturday program will have a bonus feature to it as Lincoln is a points Championship event for the TLR Cup (www.tlrcup.com). This is a group of Pro Champ 440 Sprint racers that race several different events in several different states, as well as Canada, making it an international challenge. These sleds are the fastest and most advanced snowmobiles on the planet. These are the best-of-the-best and will be competing for over \$51,000 in prize money based on points accumulated at the six designated races, the last being Lincoln.

The unique thing about the Lincoln ARA site race track facility is that the track is built in a bowl-type layout, which allows for trackside parking in vehicles from an elevated position around the half-mile race course. The tower announcer's voice is even broadcasted over an FM radio signal so that the vehicle radios can pick up that signal which allows the spectator to know what is happening on the race course at all times.

The gate admission for the Michigan Cat 500 weekend is \$15. However this year, due to the TLR Cup Feature and special local sponsorship, there will be free admission on Saturday after 11 a.m. Sunday gate admission will still be \$15 for ages 13 and over. To reserve front

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Alcona Tiger Braden Yokom (32) goes up for a jump shot against the Rogers City Hurons. Photo by Kathy Steiner.

Tigers make close comeback against Hurons

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

On Tuesday, Feb. 8 the Alcona varsity boys' basketball team walloped Rogers City in their gym by 20 points. When Rogers City walked onto Alcona's court a week later, it appeared they had three more players on the team. Were they key players that did not play in the game at Rogers City?

Alcona started the same way they did before, jumping out to a 4-0 lead on buckets by Brock LaVergne and Bryan Layton. It seems like every game starts with a pass to LaVergne and he makes his unstoppable baseline drive for an easy lay-up. With the score tied at six the game did not go as expected. The Hurons went on a 13-2 run and jumped ahead 19-8 after one quarter. The starters were sluggish so Coach Seth Coffing put all five on the bench to try and wake them up.

That didn't help much because the Hurons were fired up to be that far ahead and played with a lot of confidence -- good passing, tight defense and accurate shooting. They increased their lead to 26-11 before the Tigers went on a 9-0 run and closed the gap to seven points. Alcona then went cold and could not hit a shot or a free throw. Rogers City went to the lockerroom at halftime with a 34-20 lead.

Alcona came alive offensively in the third quarter thanks, in part, to Alex Cole's seven points, but could only outscore Rogers City 15-13 and still trailed 47-35 heading into the final period.

The Hurons scored the first six points of the fourth quarter and led by 17 points at 52-35 with six minutes to go in the game. It certainly appeared the game was over and the Hurons would have a happy trip home.

But, Cole hit a three-

pointer. Then Layton scored the next eight points and, all of a sudden, the Tigers were only down by six points with four minutes to play. The Hurons scored a basket to increase their lead to eight points.

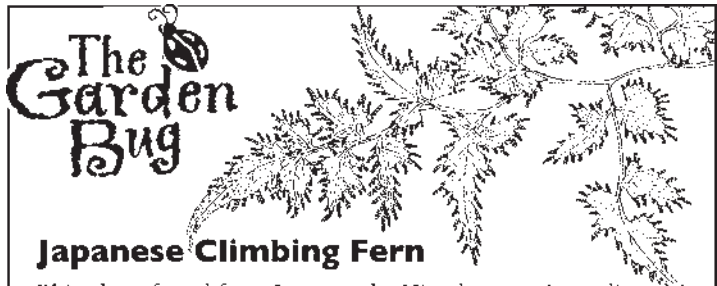
Then Alcona finished the game with a 9-0 run and won 55-54. LaVergne began the finishing run with a put back. Layton scored on a nice drive to the basket. Braden Yokom made a free throw and Layton made two free throws. LaVergne scored the winning basket on another put back and the Tigers had their 11th win of the season.

Two key moves made all this possible. Rogers City was scoring three pointers on Alcona's zone defense. Coffing went to a man-to-man defense and his boys really cranked up the defense. It confused the Hurons who all of a sudden did not have the confidence they had shown

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The Garden Bug

Japanese Climbing Fern

This plant, found from Japan to the Himalayas to Australia, is considered invasive in some southern U.S. states. It can reach as high as 8 feet. It makes an attractive basket plant, with its thread-like stems and papery fronds, and does well in moist soil and light to heavy shade. Repotting should be done in the spring before new growth begins.

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Obituaries

Robert J. Sitkiewicz

Robert J. "Bob" Sitkiewicz, 67, of Barton City, died on December 20, 2010 at his home.

He was born October 13, 1943 to John and Mary (Arducant) Sitkiewicz in Hamtramck, Mich., where he was raised.

He served in the United States Army from 1962 until 1964. He was a retired Chrysler worker and moved to Barton City where he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of the Barton City Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie No. 4141.

Mr. Sitkiewicz is survived by his friend, Robert Murphy. He was preceded in death by three brothers.

Cremation arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Andrew S. Kowalski

Andrew Stephan Kowalski, 91, of Harrisville, died on Friday, Feb. 18, 2011 at his residence.

He was born April 28, 1920, to Stephan and Helen (Frankow) Kowalski in Detroit, Mich., where he was raised.

He served in the U.S. Army during World War II in the American Theater and European African Middle East Theater from 1942 to 1945.

In 1947 he married Ruth Elsie (Kelker) in Highland Park, Mich.

He worked for Ford Motor Company as a paint mixer. Mr. Kowalski retired in 1974 and moved to Harrisville.

He was a member of the Alcona VFW Post No. 6466, and was a recipient of a "Lean on Me" handcarved cane, presented by Sunrise Woodcarvers Association.

Mr. Kowalski is survived by one brother, Stanley (Irene) Kowalski; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth, in 2005; and one daughter, Suzanne Sayers in 1990.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 2 p.m. at the Alcona VFW Post No. 6466 in Harrisville.

Cremation arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

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the first three quarters of the game.

With Alcona ahead by one point the Hurons had the ball and 25 seconds left. Alcona had committed only five fouls so they had a foul to give before sending the Hurons to the free throw line. After Rogers City had called a time out to set up a play for the winning basket, Cole fouled with 1.7 seconds left. That took the Hurons out of their plan. They still got a 10 foot jump shot off before the buzzer but the ball rolled across the back of the rim and fell off.

Game over and an improbable win for the Tigers.

Layton played his best

game of the year, both on defense and offense, as he led the Tigers with 20 points. LaVergne had another double-double with 13 points and 13 rebounds. Cole also scored 13 points, had three assists and four steals. Yokom scored four points, had seven rebounds and three blocked shots. Andrew Chamberlain again came off the bench to score three points. Jared Steiner had two points and five assists.

The junior varsity team had another easy time with the Rogers City JVs defeating them 60-18. Austin Cole and Eric Hampton had 12 points each.

Letter to the Editor

To the Editor,
I just completed a building project in Alcona County and wanted to comment on the wonderful working relationship I experienced with the building department in Alcona, particularly Harry Harvey, the building inspector. He was extremely helpful, competent and most efficient. He made my job much easier. I am a downstate builder and found the entire experience a pleasure. Harry Harvey was extremely knowledgeable and a gentleman in every sense of the word.

William Saracino
Troy, Mich.

Trooper

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a firearms instructor and was assigned to the motorcycle unit. He spent five years at the Metro North post in Oak Park, Mich. During that time he was also a firearms instructor for the 119th Trooper Recruit School.

Servia moved to northern Michigan when he was assigned to the Huron Undercover Narcotics Team (HUNT) in Alpena. Two years later he was assigned to the Alpena post.

He and his wife have two children. In his spare time he enjoys ice fishing, golfing and wood working.

"I'm looking forward to getting involved in Alcona County and getting to know people. I encourage people to call me to speak at meetings, church events...anything. If they have questions about anything...I will try to give them answers and try to help," he said.

Servia can be reached at the Michigan State Police post in Alpena at (989) 354-1401.

Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2000/2010

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Feb. 13	44		24	0.02	3.5
Feb. 14	39	16	0.00	3.7	27	N
Feb. 15	31	11	0.00	9.7	40	SSW
Feb. 16	38	29	0.00	4.0	19	SSW
Feb. 17	42	29	0.05	5.8	18	SSW
Feb. 18	46	29	0.00	5.4	34	W
Feb. 19	31	18	0.00	3.2	30	N

	Precipitation Summary (Inches)		
	2010 - 2011		Normal
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Water Content
Weekly Total	0.07	0.6	0.34
February to Date	0.28	11.9	0.90
Year/Season to Date	0.84	41.4	2.66

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

Calendar of Events

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

A laptop personalization and customization class will be offered at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

The Glennie Book Club will meet at the Chat 'n' Chew at 7 p.m. Call Emily at (989) 735-2981 or the Curtis Township Library at (989) 735-2601 to sign up. Come with title suggestions.

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

Sewing with Jennie at the Lincoln Senior Center from 2 to 4 p.m. Bring your sewing machine and project. Questions, ask for Jennie at (989) 736-8879.

The GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees will hold their monthly luncheon meeting at 11:30 a.m. at the Alpena Holiday Inn. Spouses and guests are welcome. Topic will be the work of the Huron Humane Society. Reservations and payment in advance by calling Chuck at (989) 727-3350 or Frank at (989) 595-2789.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

The Alcona County Amateur Radio Group will meet at the EMS/EOC building on M-72 at 6:30 p.m. Anyone interested in emergency and public service communications is invited to attend. Free refreshments served. For more information, call Stan at (989) 724-5550 or visit www.alconaradio.org.

The Community Walking Club begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Everyone is welcome, walk at your own pace.

The East Shore Art Guild & Gallery Inc. will host a free open art work session from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the EMS building on M-72. Bring your own art supplies. For more information, call Bernie at (989) 724-6347.

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25

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

Enjoy a free lunch provided by the Friends of the Library at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This is the conclusion celebration of "Love Your Library Month" and there will be a drawing for prizes at 1 p.m.

The Knights of Columbus Council 4235 will hold a weekly fish fry through Lent with the exception of Good Friday from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

A seminar entitled "How to Select, Plant and Grow Fruit in Cool Climates" will be presented from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall by MSUE educator Steve Fouch. Registration fee is \$20 and includes lunch. Register before February 17 and receive a \$3 discount. For further information, call Janet Reins at (989) 724-5272.

Spruce Lutheran Church, 1265 E. Spruce Rd., will have a food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no qualification requirements but you must show I.D., be present to receive food and can only pick up food once a month.

Snowmobile racing will be held all day at the Lincoln ARA site today and tomorrow, Sunday, February 27. Admission is \$15 per person - ages 12 and under are free. For more information, call (989) 736-9943.

Alcona Little League youth baseball and softball will hold a sign up at the Alcona Elementary cafeteria from 9 a.m. to noon. This program is open to boys and girls ages five to 15. If interested in coaching, umpiring or volunteering, call Angela at (989) 724-6054.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

The Huron Shores Chorus will begin rehearsal for their upcoming spring program from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at the Tawas Area Presbyterian Church. Performance dates have been set for April 29 and May 1. Anyone with a willingness to sing and learn is welcome. There are no try-outs. Membership dues of \$10 per session are welcomed but not required.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Alcona High School boys home basketball games will be played at 6 p.m., junior varsity, and at 7:30 p.m.,

varsity, against AuGres-Sims High School.

Kids age five-12 are welcome to attend the Good News Club after school at 4:30 p.m. in the Alcona Elementary School cafeteria. Parents are welcome to attend with their children. This is a free, one-hour session including Bible lessons, learning activities, stories and songs.

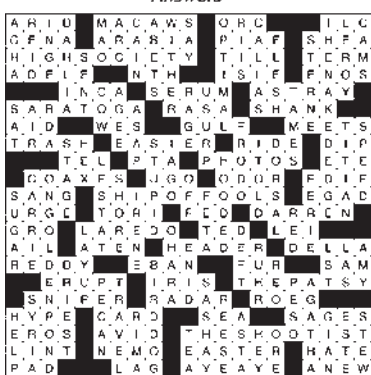
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Spruce Lutheran Church, 1265 E. Spruce Rd., will have a food pantry from 1 to 3 p.m. There is no qualification requirements but you must show I.D., be present to receive food and can only pick up food once a month.

Northeast Michigan UAW Retired Workers Alpena will hold its membership meeting at 11 a.m. at the VFW Hall, 2900 Connon, Alpena. Lunch will be served, call

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Super Crossword



ACCEPTING BIDS

Harrisville Township is accepting bids for spring clean up and mowing the township cemeteries for the summer. Details of work to be done are available by contacting Roger Jamieson at (989) 724-6388 or Jim Pyne at (989) 724-6967. All bids must be in to Roger or Jim by April 11, 2011.

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KATHY MANNERS BENEFIT

(Held Sunday, February 13)

Where are the words when you need them? I want so badly to have the vocabulary so you're able to experience my emotions and thoughts (I believe I am going to fall short).

I've never felt anything even close to that...truly overwhelming. I'm still in a cloud. How fortunate I am to have friends and family as you...all the work, the organizing, the baking, the generosity, the tremendous amount of donations for the auction, the cards I received from people that couldn't make it, the total love I felt...you shined! Thank you seems so shallow, but that's all I have. Your generosity has allowed me to finish my treatments without the anxiety of financial responsibility...for that I will always be grateful. You lifted a load that was so heavy. I never expected a turn-out as that (and for the people that were unable to get in, I truly apologize, but who would have thought?!).

I hope I acknowledged everyone. I truly tried but the chemo has blurred my vision and all the tears I cried didn't help much either! Please know, each and every one of you have changed my life...you have changed me in ways I could never express.

Thank you from the deepest part of my soul,
Kathy Manners

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Haynes Township will hold its annual budget meeting at 6 p.m. on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at the Haynes Township Hall, 3930 E. McNeil Rd. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting.** Regular meeting to follow at 7 p.m.
Sharon Schefferly, Haynes Township Clerk

THANK YOU

To everyone who donated to the reward fund for Michigan State Police K9 Trooper Bane.

Thank you

To everyone who has shown support through words of encouragement, prayers, acts of kindness and cards and letters.

My family and I, and the volunteers who are working to bring Bane home, truly appreciate your generosity and thoughtfulness.

Even though it has been over three months since he was lost, we are still hopeful that Bane will be found safe and returned to his family and the Michigan State Police.

Jamie Bullis



Local Notes

Books Available

The Friends of Alcona County Library has done some reorganizing at the Harrisville branch. In the main section of the library on the book cart, patrons will now find books about crafts, health, nature/science, non-fiction, reference, romance, travel and visual/audios. On the conference room book shelves (across from the restrooms) there are antiques, art, autobiographies, cooking, general fiction, history, military, mysteries, newer books and politics. Proceeds from the sale of these books benefit the library and its programs.

In the Service

Air Force Airman Joseph A. LeCureux recently graduated from basic training at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas in September 2010. From there he went on to graduate from a three month tech school specializing in missile maintenance at Van Denburg Air Force Base in California on December 21, 2010. He is stationed at Malmstrom Air Force Base in Great Falls, Montana. He is the son of Steve and Sheri LeCureux of Harrisville and is a 2005 graduate of Alcona High School.

nutrition, self-esteem and biological body changes. Topics include: "How Do I See Myself?" with Judy MacNeill; "Don't Sweat the Small Stuff" with Tracie Werblow; "What is Happening to My Body" with Deb Naylor; "What is She Telling Me?" with Nena Sork; "Questions and Answers for Young Women" with Deb Naylor; and "Be Brave. Be Beautiful. Be Yourself" with Cindy Griffore-Straley.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday and by 9 a.m. on Friday.

- Monday, Feb. 28 -- Chili and cheese dog on bun, macaroni and cheese, broccoli, tossed salad and fruit.
 - Tuesday, March 1 -- Chicken pot pie with stew vegetables, biscuit, green and wax beans and fruit.
 - Wednesday, March 2 -- Sweet and sour meatballs over rice, cauliflower, cole slaw and fruit.
 - Thursday, March 3 -- Pork roast and kraut, hash browns, peas and carrots, three bean salad and fruit.
 - Friday, March 4 -- Lasagna, Brussels sprouts, garlic bread, tossed salad and fruit. *(Friday meal served at the Lincoln center only.)*
- All meals include milk, bread and butter.



Joseph LeCureux

Blood Donation

The American Red Cross appreciates all of the 74 individuals who donated blood last week at the Lincoln Senior Center. The goal for the day was 53 units and that was exceeded with 65 units collected. This included two double red collections and four first time donors. Sixteen year olds and up can give blood with their folk's permission. The next blood drive at the senior center is on April 20.

Program For Girls

Teen years can be tricky for both young girls and their parents. Join the Alpena Regional Medical Center Development Council's Community Outreach Committee at "Pressure to be Perfect" and tackle those tough questions girls have about their bodies, looks and how they feel about themselves. This program is directed toward girls ages nine to 13, accompanied by a female companion. The program is Saturday, March 5, from 8:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. in the Alpena Regional Medical Center Health Resource Center Theater. Registration fee is \$20 in advance as limited seating is available. A lunch is provided. To register, call (989) 356-7351 or e-mail: adiamond@agh.org.

All sessions are presented by professionals in the areas of psychology, body image,

New Arrival

Grady Michael Juice Goddard is the new son of Elizabeth and Michael Goddard Jr. of Mikado. He was born on Monday, February 14, 2011 at Alpena Regional Medical Center. He weighed seven pounds, one ounce and was 20 inches long. He joins sister Baylee age four. He is the grandson of Mike and Muriel Goddard Sr. of Harrisville and David and Amy Somers of Harrisville. He is the great-grandson of Kay Travis of Harrisville and George and Merry Lou Loyer of Harrisville.

**2011 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE
MIKADO TOWNSHIP
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Mikado, MI 48745**

2011 Board of Review Meeting Schedule
Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 7 p.m.
Organizational Meeting
No appeals will be taken at this meeting.
Wednesday, March 16, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Friday, March 18, 1:30 to 7:30 p.m.

The Board of Review will meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2011 assessments.

By board Resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 16, 2011.

The tentative ratios and estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2011 are as follows:

	Ratios	Multipliers
Agricultural	55.36	0.9032
Commercial	49.58	1.0085
Industrial	N/A	N/A
Residential	51.26	0.9754
Timber Cutover	N/A	N/A
Development	N/A	N/A
Personal Property	50.00	1.0000

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Tawas stymies Lady Tigers again

By Dan O'Connor
Sports Writer

For the third time this season the Tawas Braves were able to defeat the Tigers 49-38 - this time it was for the inaugural Huron Shores Conference (HSC) Title.

Earlier in the week (February 14) Alcona hosted Oscoda in the final regular season HSC game. The two teams went into halftime tied at 20-20, but the Lady Tigers stormed out of the gates with a 23-0 run in the third quarter to put the game away. Alcona won by a final of 61-45. Karina Cole led a balanced attack with 16 points, Kayla Rasmussen added 13 points and Alexa LeCureux chipped in 11.

On Thursday, Feb. 17 the Lady Tigers traveled to Whittemore-Prescott for a HSC semifinal matchup. The Lady Tigers trailed 8-4 after one quarter, but stormed back in the second and third quar-

ters scoring 27 points combined and taking a 31-20 lead into the fourth quarter. It was there Alcona would have to survive a furious Cardinal rally which actually saw the game tied at 33 with just over a minute to play.

Cole was able to score on the next Lady Tiger possession and it proved to be the winning score as Alcona held on for a 35-33 win. Cole led the Lady Tigers with 15 points, while Rasmussen chipped in 10 points and Amy Nowak added six.

Oscoda was the host site for the championship game on Friday night where the Lady Tigers had one final chance at knocking off the Tawas Braves. The Braves had recently been named honorable mention in class B and came in rolling, but faced a stiff test from the young Lady Tigers.

Although Alcona scored first (a quick basket by Cole), the Braves scored the next nine to jump out to a quick lead. Tawas slowly gained momentum and saw the lead at 16 with three minutes to go in the second quarter. It was there the Lady Tigers scored the last five points of the quarter including freshman Megan Quick who notched her first varsity basket to help the Lady Tigers cut into the

deficit and trail 28-17 at the half.

The third quarter saw the Alcona momentum continue as they cut the lead to six with three minutes left in the quarter. The experienced Braves weathered the storm and closed the quarter on a 7-0 run to lead 42-29 heading into the fourth and held on for the 49-38 victory. Cole again led the Lady Tiger cause with 17 points while Rasmussen added seven and Nowak chipped in six.

The junior varsity team split the week with a win over Oscoda but suffered a tough loss in Whittemore-Prescott. Their record stands at 11-6.

Tawas (16-2) won the first ever Huron Shores Conference regular season title and the tournament championship as well.

Alcona (14-4) will have one final regular season game - at Fairview on Thursday, Feb. 24.

In district tournament play, the Lady Tigers will travel to Inland Lakes on Wednesday, March 2 with tip-off at 6 p.m. In the other half of the tournament bracket Oscoda will travel to Whittemore-Prescott on Monday, Feb. 28. The winner of the previous game will host Johannesburg-Lewiston in the other semi-final.

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Youth Wrestling

The Oscoda Youth NEMWA Owls wrestling team went to Standish Sterling High School in Standish, Mich. on Saturday, Feb. 19 to compete in the NEMWA Regional Tournament for the right to go to compete for state championship.

To be qualified to wrestle at this regional competition,

wrestlers needed to compete in at least two regular season wrestling tournaments. From regionals wrestlers needed to place fourth or better to be able to compete at State Finals next Saturday.

Those who competed in great matches but did not qualify to go onto state competition are: Matt Johnson, 8, wrestling in 72 pound weight class had one match go into overtime. Benjamin Morang, 10, wrestling in the 67 pound weight class had a match where he pinned his opponent in less than 18 seconds.

Those who qualified and placed to go onto state finals are:

- Five-six year olds: Third place, Carson Gooch, 43 pound weight class; third place, William Collier, 67 pound weight class; third place, Lukas Herrick, light heavyweight class; first place, Robert Chock, 40 pound weight class; and second place, David Williams-Schott, 55 pound weight class.

- Nine-10 year olds: Second place, Jacob Dettmer-Schott, heavyweight class and first place, Anthony Johnson, 95 pound weight class.

- 11-12 year olds: Third place, Harry Samotis, light heavyweight class and second place, Knesley Johnson, 126 pound weight class.

- 13-14 year olds: Third place, Robert Ellman, light heavyweight class; fourth place, Shelby Harrington, 138 pound weight class; and third place, Nicholas O'Rourke, 105 pound weight class.

Racing

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stretch trackside parking, call the Lincoln Outdoor Center at (989) 736-6150. Backstretch trackside parking will be \$6 per spot/per day, but will be sold as general parking with no reservations taken in advance. This means anyone may have any spot available for the \$6 fee; however, if they leave that spot it becomes available again to new spectators.

For anyone who is a fan of old snowmobiles, the 3rd Annual Old Man's Iron 150 Vintage Snowmobile Race will be held March 5, also at the ARA Site in Lincoln. This is a 150-lap race for snowmobiles that are 1980 or older, single cylinder, air cooled machines. There is a maximum engine size of 350cc and these machines will be racing on a lemans-style track made of snow instead of ice. Trackside parking will also be available and the gate admission will be \$12.

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Tinnitus: Tips and treatments for ringing ears

Dear Savvy Senior,
What can you tell me the about the constant ear ringing syndrome known as tinnitus? At age 56, I have had it for several years but it has gotten more and more noticeable lately. Is there anything I can do?

Ringling Rhonda

Dear Rhonda,

Tinnitus (pronounced ti-NIGHT-us) is a common disorder that affects nearly one in six Americans. Here's what you should know along with some tips and treatments that may help.

Tinnitus is the sensation of hearing a ringing, buzzing, roaring, hissing or whistling sound in one or both ears when no external sound is present. The sounds, which can vary in pitch and loudness, are usually worse when background noise is low, so you may be most aware of it at night when you're trying to fall asleep in a quiet room. For most people tinnitus is merely annoying, but for many others it can be extremely disturbing.

It's important to know that tinnitus is not a disease, but a symptom that can be caused by a variety of underlying conditions. The best way to find out what's causing your tinnitus is to see an audiologist, or ear, nose and throat doctor (otolaryngologist). The various things that can cause tinnitus are:

- Exposure to loud noise: This is the most common cause.

- Hearing loss: For many people, hearing loss can cause tinnitus.

- Earwax: A build-up of wax deep in the ear canal can cause temporary tinnitus and hearing loss.

- Medications: Over 200 different drugs can cause ringing ears including aspirin, especially when taken in high doses. For a list of drugs that can cause tinnitus call the American Tinnitus Association at (800) 634-8978.

- Health conditions: Various medical conditions can also trigger tinnitus such as high blood pressure, vascular disease, diabetes, allergies, thyroid problems, ear or sinus infections, Meniere's disease, otosclerosis, temporomandibular joint (TMJ) syndrome, a tumor, an injury to the head or neck and more.

While there's currently no cure for tinnitus there are some ways to treat it depending on the cause. For example, if your tinnitus is caused by a medical condition (high blood pressure, thyroid problems, ear infection, et cetera) treating the condition may reduce or eliminate the noise. If you have wax build-up in your ears, removing it can help. Or, if you think a medication you're taking may be causing the problem, switching to a different drug, or lowering the dosage may provide some relief.

Another treatment option for tinnitus that can help suppress or mask the sound



so it's less bothersome are "sound therapies." These can be something as simple as a fan or a white noise machine, or something more sophisticated like small electronic masking device that you wear, or a music therapy device like Neuromonics (see neuromonics.com) that actually trains your brain not to hear the tinnitus. Or, if you have hearing loss, hearing aids can help mask your tinnitus by improving your ability to hear actual sounds. Your audiologist or hearing health professional can help you with these options.

There are also certain medications that help too. While there's currently no drugs specifically designed to treat tinnitus, anti-anxiety drugs, antidepressants, antihistamines, anesthetics, as well as drugs intended to treat alcoholism, epilepsy and even Alzheimer's have been effective in relieving symptoms in some people.

Alternative treatments like acupuncture, hypnosis, massage therapy, biofeedback, meditation, the herb ginkgo and zinc supplements are also worth looking into. And counseling and support groups can also be helpful.

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Changes to reverse mortgages

Senior News Line
By Matilda Charles

A reverse mortgage gives you money out of the equity in your home. You can get it in monthly sums, as a line of credit or all at once. The money doesn't have to be paid back until you die or sell the house.

Sounds good, right? But reverse mortgages have always been a tricky and complicated business, and now laws have recently changed concerning reverse mortgages.

—Appraisers are more protected now, and you have less recourse over a bad appraisal.

—You'll be required to complete counseling to learn about reverse mortgages.

—The Federal Housing Administration has lowered upfront fees in its new Home Equity Conversion Mortgage Saver program as of October 2010. You'll be charged 0.01 percent of the value of the home, instead of the mammoth thousands of dollars that often were charged with the Standard version before the change. The catch is that you can't take out as much equity as before. Mortgage insurance is now 1.25 percent annually. The Saver

program works best if you're only going to stay in your home for a few years.

However, the Standard reverse mortgages have some changes, too. You'll still pay an upfront mortgage insurance premium of 2 percent of the value of the home. If paid monthly, that changes to a whopping 1.25 percent of the value of the home — it had been 0.5 percent. Bottom line: Standard now costs more.

No matter which version you choose, all liens must be paid off. The amount you get is determined by the value of your home, your age (age 62 or above) and the going interest rates.

For more information, call the Department of Housing and Urban Development at 800-569-4287.

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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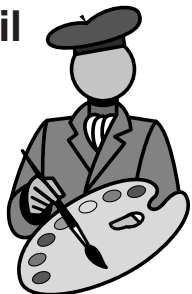
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Early Bloomers February 15

Bluebells	94	74
Buttercups	93.5	74.5
Rosebuds	89	79
Marigolds	88.5	79.5
Violets	83.5	84.5
Tigerlilys	78.5	89.5
Daffodils	77.5	90.5
Mums	67.5	100.5

High game: Betty Throop, 171.
High series: Tammy Mendyka, 457.
High team game and series: Tigerlilys, 443 and 1,293.

Wednesday Nite Women's February 16

Stoney Acres	151	59
Alcona Tool	132	78
Cole's Appl.	123	87
Other Team	121	89
Alcona Abstr.	115.5	94.5
JB's Auto	101	109
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Back Alley Bar	83	127
Animal Clinic	78.5	131.5

High game and series: Mary Jackson, 211 and 615.
High handicap game: Janine Bair, 269.
High handicap series: Kay Groulx, 687.

Minors February 19

Pink Butterflies	15	5
Pin Busters	15	5
Lions	13	7
Team 3	8	12
High Strikers	8	12
Strike Bandits	7	13
Trappers	7	13
Headpins	7	13

Boy's high game and series: Trent Johnson, 167 and 277.
Boy's high handicap game and series: Trent Johnson, 276 and 495.
Girl's high game and series: Taylor Sobek, 110 and 212.
Girl's high handicap game: Emily

Hoffman, 219.
Girl's high handicap series: Hannah Brege, 425.

Majors February 19

Team 4	81.5	38.5
Better Than	70	50
Ghostbusters	68	52
Hammers	67	53
8 Ball	47	73
Team 3	26.5	93.5

Boy's high game and series: Jeremy Maturen, 201 and 494.
Boy's high handicap game and series: Josh Lickey, 264 and 699.
Girl's high game and series: Megan Griffith, 165 and 454.
Girl's high handicap game: Karly Ciesielski, 226.

Girl's high handicap series: Hazel Blakely, 637.

Sportsmans February 17

Ball On Ya	23.5	117
Baymoor	23.5	111.5
L.L.W. Club	22	108
Cole's Appl.	6.5	103
Top O Mich.	26	98.5
Morgan Elec.	8	77
Phil's Barber	6.5	70
Ghost Busters	4	35

High game and series: Jimmy Armstrong, 279 and 719.
High handicap game: Bill Stover, 296.
High handicap series: Dan Somers, 769.



Five Alcona students who won the local Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship, competed at the district level in Hale on February 13 and won there as well. They will all be moving on to the regional competition in Gaylord, Mich. on Sunday, February 27. The students competing are (front row, from left) Garrett Norling, Kendra LaFave (back row) Trenton LaVergne, Kendra Cole and Karina Cole. *Courtesy photo.*

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Other things you can do to help quiet the noise is to avoid things that can aggravate the problem like salt, artificial sweeteners, sugar,

alcohol, tonic water, tobacco and caffeine. And protect yourself from loud noises by wearing earplugs.

Savvy Tip: For more information, visit the American Tinnitus Association's at ata.org.

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The Alcona Lady Tigers team are the players of the week. The team had two consecutive weeks playing three games and battled through a tough season-long schedule for a 14-4 overall record. They have battled through the ups, downs, and even injuries but through it all they continue to support each other and are all willing to play hard for each member on the team. They have been a pleasure to coach and they all deserve recognition for an outstanding season thus far!

Pool League

Alcona Women's February 17

Mikado Tavern	117
BC Bar	108
Back Alley	105
Shotmakers	95
Glennie Tavern	89
Oasis	75
Buck Stop	71

Kids Fishing Tournament

The 5th Annual Don McEwen Kids Fishing Tournament was held Saturday, Feb. 19 on Jewell Lake in Barton City. In spite of windy and slippery conditions, 75 participants braved the elements to enjoy the fishing.

All participants received medals for their efforts. Trophies were awarded to the following individuals: Fisherman of the year - Tanner Leeseberg; first place largest perch - Jared Figlio; second place largest perch - Damion Stewart; first place largest

bluegill - Shaylyn Sprout; second place largest bluegill - Zachary Stephenson; first place largest sunfish - Lilly Sporing; second place largest sunfish - Hayden Mather; most unusual (pike) - Raymond Betz; smallest - Justin Lofdahl.



Award winners of the Don McEwen Kids Fishing Tournament are (front row, from left) Hayden Mather, Lilly Sporing, Tanner Leeseberg, (back row) Shaylyn Sprout, Jared Figlio, Damion Stewart, Raymond Betz and Justin Lofdahl. Not pictured: Zachary Stephenson. *Courtesy photo.*

DNRE seeks public comment for muskellunge and northern pike management plans

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) has released draft plans for managing muskellunge and northern pike statewide. The DNRE is accepting public comment on the draft plans through March 3.

The purpose of these plans is to provide a strategy for managing populations of muskellunge and northern pike throughout Michigan.

These plans build on a foundation of previous public review and incorporate the latest in research and management experience. The second drafts of the plans were developed with input from DNRE staff and angling interests, including three workshops, review by citizen committees and previous public comment through the DNRE's website.

The desire by anglers to harvest medium and large northern pike often conflicts with improving the opportunities to catch large northern pike. Similarly, the desire by anglers to expand the number of waters managed for muskellunge conflicts with those who may oppose expansion. These plans include detailed information on the biology and management of these species, as well as specific goals, objectives, strategies and actions for managing muskellunge populations and their habitat, improving opportunities for large northern pike on select waters, and improving northern pike fishing statewide, while also

maintaining opportunities for harvest and spearing of northern pike.

The DNRE is seeking public input regarding these plans, which are available on the DNRE website at www.michigan.gov/fish-publicinput. Comments may be sent to the department via the following e-mail address: Esocidplans@michigan.gov or by contacting Gregg Smith, (269) 685-6851 ext. 115.

PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW FOR GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP

Greenbush Township Hall
5037 E Campbell Rd, Greenbush, MI 48738

Monday, March 14
2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

Friday, March 18
9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.

Protests may be filed in writing.

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	Ratios	Multipliers
Agricultural	54.42	0.9188
Commercial	52.72	0.9484
Industrial	49.40	1.0121
Residential	54.34	0.9201
Timber Cutover	N/A	N/A
Developmental	N/A	N/A
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000

Edward Roddy
Greenbush Township Supervisor

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISVILLE NOTICE OF BUDGET PUBLIC HEARING

The Harrisville Township board will hold a public hearing on the proposed township budget for fiscal year 2011 at the Harrisville Township Hall on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget is available by contacting the township supervisor at (989) 724-6872. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.**

The Barton City Improvement Association wishes to express its appreciation to all the individuals and groups who again made the Don McEwen Kids Fishing Tournament a success. Special thanks to :



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The Harrisville Arts Council will sponsor the Wine & Food Festival Poster contest.

All original art will be accepted before judging by the deadline date of April 30, 2011.

Entries can be sent to Harrisville Arts

Council, P.O. Box 102, Harrisville, MI 48740. Entries not chosen will be returned. \$200 will be given to the artist whose poster is chosen.



PUBLIC NOTICE MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW CURTIS TOWNSHIP

Curtis Township Hall
4932 F-30, Glennie, MI 48737

Monday, March 14, 2011 9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.
Wednesday, March 16, 2011 1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 8 at 10:30 a.m., to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting.

By board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2011.

Appearing below are the recommended tentative Equalization Ratios and Estimated Multipliers as provided by Alcona Equalization Department.

	Ratios	Multipliers
Agricultural	51.07	0.9791
Commercial	48.84	1.0238
Industrial	49.99	1.0000
Timber Cutover	N/A	N/A
Development	N/A	N/A
Personal Property	50.00	1.000

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Teresa J. Perkins, Clerk
Curtis Township

Calendar of Events

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 (989) 356-4959 for reservations. Bring a can of food for the less fortunate.

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

THURSDAY, MARCH 3

There will be a free open art work session from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Alcona County EMS building on M-72 sponsored by the East Shore Art Guild & Gallery. Bring your own supplies.

Tops No. MI 1502 Mikado will meet at St. Raphael Catholic Church, 2531 F-30, Mikado. Weigh-in starts at 9:15 a.m. and meeting begins at 9:30 a.m. Everyone is

welcome. Handicap accessible. First meeting is free. For more information, call (989) 736-8022 or (989) 739-4483.

Alcona High School boys home basketball games will be played at 6 p.m., junior varsity, and at 7:30 p.m., varsity, against Mio-AuSable High School.

The Community Walking Club begins at 8:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Everyone is welcome, walk at your own pace.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

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

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Alcona Little League youth baseball and softball will hold a sign up at the Alcona Elementary cafeteria from 9 a.m. to noon. This program is open to boys and girls ages five to 15. If interested in coaching, umpiring or volunteering, call Angela at (989) 724-6054.

The Montmorency County VFW Post 2356 is having a chili cook off from 5 to 7:30 p.m. There will be a 50/50 drawing, trophy awarded for chili categories and entertainment. Cost is \$3 per person, 12 and under free. All chili entries welcome - \$5 entry free - drop off by 4:30 p.m. Call (989) 742-3670 for more information.

MONDAY, MARCH 7

Get Crafty for Adults will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This month's project is a quillow. There is a \$3 charge for supplies. Call (989) 724-6796 for supply list and to register.

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.

TUESDAY, MARCH 8

AuSable Valley Audubon will present "Warblers" at 7 p.m. in the Tawas High School library. Membership is open to all person interested in wildlife and environment.

Annual dues are \$10 per person or \$15 per family payable by mail or at meetings. For more information, visit AuSableValleyAudubon.com.

Kids age five-12 are welcome to attend the Good News Club after school at 4:30 p.m. in the Alcona Elementary School cafeteria. Parents are welcome to attend with their children. This is a free, one-hour session including Bible lessons, learning activities, stories and songs.

The Alcona Democrats will meet for breakfast at the Iron Skillet Restaurant in Lincoln at 9 a.m.

Kids are invited to the Mikado branch of the Alcona County Library to play games on the library's Wii system from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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DNRE uses old-fashioned barb wire to survey bear populations

Wildlife management involves any number of sophisticated tools, but it can also involve some pretty old-fashioned hardware. The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment's (DNRE) wildlife division is involved in a bear research project that marries the two extremes - a study that involves both DNA and barb wire.

The project involves collecting DNA samples from bears two ways. The DNRE has been collecting the DNA from every bear harvested in the Lower Peninsula for the last nine years when they remove a tooth from the animal at a check station. But now the DNRE is collecting DNA from bears before they're harvested. That's where the barb wire comes in.

DNRE wildlife technicians and biologists have established a number of bear baits, which hang from trees, and they surround the baits with low barb wire fences. Bears that cross the fences will generally leave hair behind on the barb wire. The hair can be analyzed for DNA.

"This research started in 2002," explained DNRE wildlife research biologist Dwayne Etter. "We were trying to esti-

mate the bear population in the Lower Peninsula, using genetic techniques. We put hair snares out in the summer, collected samples, then compared the DNA from the hair to the DNA we from teeth extracted from harvested bears.

"The ratio of animals involved in hair snares to the harvest gives a population estimate in what biologists call a 'capture-mark-recapture' scenario," Etter said. "It's a pretty standard technique, but the way we used it and at the scale we used it hasn't been done before."

The DNRE began collecting and storing DNA from all the teeth extracted from harvested bears because "given that the technology is advancing so rapidly, we felt that it would be valuable to have that information in the future," Etter said.

The future is now. Etter said the ongoing research should help wildlife managers determine whether our harvest regulations are on the right track.

"One of the questions we had about managing bears - both in the Lower Peninsula and the Upper Peninsula - is: Are we harvesting bears in a biological fashion?" Etter

said. "We have management-area boundaries that are based on human boundaries - roads, counties, whatever. So how does the harvest within those management areas impact the bear population? Is it just an artifact of how the boundaries are drawn or is it actually managing biologically?"

One of the objectives of research is to better help wildlife managers understand the dynamics of bear populations.

"The primary objective is to see if we can identify source and sink populations," Etter explained. "A source population is an area that produces more offspring than you have mortality - a net positive effect where offspring from the area are dispersing out to other areas. A sink would be the opposite - an area where these bears disperse to, but where the mortality is very high, say from hunting pressure or from crossing roads or something else.

"Because we'll be able to identify individual bears and their relationships - we'll know who their mother is and who their father is - we'll be able to see how the offspring disperse into the landscape."



Studying the DNA of bears like this one help wildlife managers understand the dynamics of bear populations.

That could result in improvements to bear hunting regulations.

"In the past we'd do this with radio-telemetry," Etter said. "But to try to do this on a large scale you would actually have to capture and handle hundreds of bears,

put radio collars on them, and then spend all the time and manpower to follow them. With this genetic technique, we've got a sample of 4,000 bears at our fingertips."

Hair snare surveys were

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A question of balance

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

"A budget should reflect the values and priorities of our nation and its people."

~ Mary Landrieu

When it comes to the federal budget process, (and it does come to that, as we approach the March 4 expiration of the current continuing resolution) a more appropriate quote might be that like those who love the law or sausage, those who think the federal budget makes sense shouldn't watch it being made.

Budgeting at the federal level is confusing at best, dealing as it often does in figures so far beyond our own household economies as to be unimaginable, and identifying programming by a bizarre collection of abbreviations and acronyms.

LIHEAP, for example. Or Section 8 or Section X funds. (I'm not sure why one is in Roman numerals and one is not). Cuts to those clumps of letters or numbers wouldn't necessarily make the average citizen sit up and pay attention. Unless, that is, they've received heating assistance (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program), rental subsidies (Section 8) or planned parenthood assistance (Section X).

Those are just some of the cuts proposed in the first round of budget talks on the federal level, along with almost \$1 billion in cuts to Head Start and Early Head Start programs, and nearly a billion in WIC (Women, Infants and Children's Program) funds which provide pregnant women, babies and toddlers with formula, healthy food and nutrition education.

It's important to note that this "early" in the budgeting process (the fiscal year actually began October 1, 2010, but the government operated for six months on the continuing resolution in order to allow newly elected congresspeople who took office in January to participate) many things are proposed that may be debated, argued, lauded or decied, but will never actually be passed into law.

Be that as it may, it seems that if we're keeping track of who's doing what - and the cuts mentioned above come from both sides of the aisle - in many cases it is enough to know that someone in high office considered them. And maybe more importantly, either didn't consider or didn't fully understand the impact these cuts would have on low-income women, children and the elderly.

Many of these cuts seriously underscore once again the concept that the senators and congresspeople we've elected to represent us haven't a clue what life at or below the poverty line is like. Consider the congressman who felt the cuts to early child care were valid because "Women should really be home with their children, not out working."

What a great world this individual must live in, to believe that working outside the home is a choice for women whose income makes

their children eligible for Head Start programming. Or, for that matter, with layoffs and cutbacks rampant across the country, for many women whose income may preclude Head Start eligibility.

Or consider the congressman who introduced the amendment defunding Planned Parenthood. He argued that he did so to prevent taxpayer money from funding abortions. Perhaps he missed the fact that the organization is already prohibited from using the money it receives under Title X, which funds reproductive health services, to perform abortions. Instead, it uses those dollars to provide contraceptives, HIV tests, cancer screenings and reproductive health services on a sliding fee basis.

I will point out, once again, that while virtually no prescription drug plan covers contraception, virtually every plan covers Viagra and the like. And that if we are to sanctify life in the womb, we have an obligation to support it after birth, as well.

Despite a good deal of search and research, I wasn't able to find any justification for the cuts to the nutrition program, nor to Section 8 which, in a decade that saw more foreclosures than ever before, provides rental subsidies to those in need of housing. I did hear "a highly placed White House source" explain that the heating program was only being cut by the additional dollars that had been added over the past year, taking it back to its normal budget level. That would sound okay, I suppose, if I didn't know that even before the recessionary years, the LIHEAP program consistently ran out of funds in the first few months that dollars were available each year.

Perhaps for the first time since President Johnson began the war on poverty, budget proposals for the 2012 fiscal year call for a reduction of the Community Service Block Grant. CSBG represents a guaranteed funding stream for Community Action Agencies across the nation - often the last bastion of help for families and individuals literally "going under" in the present economy.

CSBG funds are often used to provide support to programs that offer no staffing or administrative funds. In Northeast Michigan, they are utilized by Northeast Michigan Community Service Agency, Inc. (NEMCSA) to provide programming to children, families, the elderly, the homeless, and many others in need of assistance. In addition, this rarely recognized set of initials is used through community action to leverage additional programming dollars that provide food (such as home delivered meals of commodity packages) and housing assistance, among other programs, to the elderly and/or poor. Serious reduction or loss of CSBG funding would have a devastating impact

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on the low-income or otherwise vulnerable population of northeast Michigan.

As mentioned above, none of these proposed cuts are yet cast in stone. The deadline for adopting a budget - the date on which the current continuing resolution expires - is March 4. Between now and then, a good many good people will fight long and hard to try to ensure that we don't base our alleged "fiscal responsibility" on the backs of the poor.

Over the course of the past year, we've heard a great deal of rhetoric at the federal level about fiscal responsibility and spending our grandchildren's futures on the one hand and repeated assurances that the economy is slowly beginning to improve on the other. While those may all be valid points, clearly they are made by individuals who have never dealt with genuine fiscal crisis on the family level.

While things may improve over the next year or two, those who are already in tenuous situations economically rarely have the luxury of time. Nor can they worry about the incomes of future generations while struggling to feed and house the current one. And when money is truly short (or absent) it can be difficult onto impossible to do things in a fiscally responsible manner.

If some of these proposed cuts become fact, there will be people in our own community and across the country - many of them women and children - who will literally lose their grip on a decent life, a healthy meal, a decent place to live. The federal budget process can be a confusing one, indeed. But not nearly as confusing (to me, at least) as allowing that to happen.

(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.)



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Written comments may be submitted to Denise Cline, Northeast Michigan Council of Governments, P.O. Box 457, Gaylord, MI 49734.

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NOTICE

The Alcona County Road Commission will meet with employees in a special workshop session on Tuesday, March 1, 2011, at 3 p.m. at the EMS Building, 2600 E. M-72, Harrisville, Michigan. The purpose of the meeting is to receive information regarding administrative changes for the Road Commission pension plan.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Greenbush Township Board of Trustees will conduct a hearing on the proposed budget for 2011 and 2012 at the Greenbush Township Hall on Campbell Road at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 1, 2011. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this meeting.**

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Organization Notes

Harrisville Arts Council

President Judy Pyne called the Harrisville Arts Council meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. on January 17.

Members present: Judy Pyne, Ilona Breitmeyer, Judy Labadie, Kathy Baird, Marge French and Diane Carroll.

Minutes of November 15, 2010 meeting were read. Baird, seconded by Labadie, moved to approve the minutes. Motion carried. Baird presented the treasurer's report. Labadie, seconded by Breitmeyer, moved to accept the report. Motion carried. Baird asked for help in organizing the budgeting categories. Categories suggested: Art council promotion, Art fair setup and cleanup, cul-

tural and educational expenses, art setup. Baird will check on a computer financial program and procure.

Breitmeyer gave a report on computer search. She recommended the HP keyboard and tower at \$599 with monitor at \$159. Pyne reported that pizza plates should be in this week. Labadie, seconded by Baird, moved to contribute \$100 to Kaylee LaFave to enhance her wardrobe for the Miss Outstanding Miss Michigan Teen contest. Motion carried.

Pyne reported that the winners of the Christmas in the Village raffles were: Ethan Chase, age 8; Kaitlyn

Brozowski, age 7; and Nicole Bayna in the adult category. French reported that she had sent a thank you note to nieces and nephews of Alice McDonald for their donation in her memory.

Pyne distributed a sign-up sheet for manning the office on Tuesday mornings, 10 a.m.-noon. She suggested that we update our phone message to include that we are a volunteer organization and calls will be returned within five to seven days. There were sign-ups through February 15.

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next meeting will be on Monday, Feb. 21 at 7 p.m.

Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce

Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce executive board meeting was called to order on January 5 at 6 p.m. Present: Judie Labadie, president, Ed Foster, treasurer, Jeanne Meskus, secretary, trustees Steve Ashford and Jim Pyne. Absent: Trudy Bohlenger and a vice-president. Review of agenda: Two items were added to the agenda: Review of the executive board meeting minutes and the calendar of events. Treasurer's report: There was no report due to the fact that the books are still being audited. A current list of paid members needs to be prepared. A letter to unpaid members needs to be written and sent.

Events: Oktoberfest will be discussed at the February meeting. Wine and Food Festival: There is a meeting scheduled for January 19 at 4 p.m. in the library conference room. Fourth of July Fireworks: Remains as is. We will need to address our needs at the April meeting. Antique Show: We need to meet with the committee.

Christmas in the Village: Was very successful. Labadie and Meskus will chair the event again in 2011--December 3, 2011. Community Garage Sale: This is been taken over by the Alcona County Review. Street Dance: Discussed, Jim Pyne will develop. Texas Hold 'Em: Scheduled for September 15, 16, 17 and 18.

Chamber budget: This is deferred to the February meeting to allow Foster and Pyne time to organize. Letter to nonmembers: Labadie and Meskus will work on this.

Expand visibility in county: The EDC was discussed. Ashford will find out when they meet; perhaps we can work together for the good of our county businesses. He will also check to see if the county is providing the EDC with any funds.

Future of chamber: There is a letter in the Alcona County Review. There will be a special meeting following the regular meeting (6 p.m.) on Wednesday, Jan. 12.

New items and open discussion: Northeast Michigan Chambers of Commerce meetings discussed. Foster will contact them and will commit to having two representatives at the January 28 meeting. Bob Thomas from the Michigan Chamber will be asked to speak at the Feb-

ruary meeting. Jim Pyne suggested the possibility of a county-wide Christmas in the Village event. Alcona County Township Supervisors will be invited to a meeting. Dave Cook has been contacted regarding the possibility of dissolving the Huron Shores Chamber of Commerce, and what procedures would be necessary in the event that happens.

Consider meeting at the EMS building on M-72 for some of our meetings. The Calendar of Events and the Heritage Route calendar of events was discussed. Pyne suggested county websites need to be coordinated. The minutes of the December 1, 2010 were reviewed and corrected. A chamber name change was discussed. Possibilities: Alcona Area C of C; Alcona County C of C; Alcona County Area C of C. It would be a very lengthy process.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15 p.m. by call of the president.

American Life in Poetry

By Ted Kooser

U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006

My grandmother Moser made wonderful cherry pies from fruit from a tree just across the road from her house, and I have loved fruit trees ever since. A cherry tree is all about giving. Here's a poem by Nathaniel Perry, who lives in Virginia, giving us an orchard made of words.

Remaking a Neglected Orchard

It was a good idea, cutting away the vines and ivy, trimming back the chest-high thicket lazy years had let grow there. Though it wasn't for lack of love for the trees, I'd like to point out. Years love trees in a way we can't imagine. They just don't use the fruit like us; they want instead the slant of sun through narrow branches, the buckshot of rain on these old cherries. And we, now that I think on it, want those things too, we just always and desperately want the sugar of the fruit, the best we'll get from this irascible land: sweetness we can gather for years, new stains staining the stains on our hands.

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Organization Notes

East Shore Art Guild, Inc.

The general monthly meeting of the East Shore Art Guild (ESAG) began at 1:05 p.m. on February 10 in the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Bernie Blaszk, president, began the meeting welcoming everyone who made it to the meeting. First on the agenda was the minutes from the last meeting in November 2010; minutes were approved as read. Next on the agenda was the treasurer's report: Treasurer Peg Little read the report and it was approved as read.

Bernie Blaszk read the results of the membership sign ups. We have 49 members and a few more might be signing up shortly. Trish Davis, original membership coordinator has sent in a letter to resign from her position due to her health. We are looking for a volunteer to take her place until September when voting for officers will take place. If anyone is interested, call Bernie Blaszk at (989) 724-6347.

Terry Lipscomb was not present at the meeting. Bernie Blaszk gave a synopsis of the advertising that is going on now for the guild and gallery. Joan Shively gave a short report from the gallery meeting that took place on February 1. New business included post cards, designed by Terry Lipscomb to be used by the Artist of the Month to invite guests to attend the open house. Mary Alice is in charge of window art and needs some help. The window art is next to the gallery, owned by Becky and David Riegle. We have been given permission to display art on the windows.

A motion was made and approved to have the gallery meeting at noon directly before the guild meeting at 1 p.m. on the second Tuesday of the month.

A question about advertising, membership will be discussed at the March meeting. Immediately following the guild monthly meeting there was a reception for North East Michigan Artist Guild of Alpena (NEMAG). ESAG was invited to the reception as some of us belong to both guilds.

St. Joseph Hospital of Tawas Art Show, applications need to be sent in by March 10. Next month we will have a guest speaker: Mary Ellen Jones, author, director and producer. She will be promoting a book she helped write, "Women on Fire."

The April 12 meeting will feature guest speaker Carol Leopard. She does all occasion cards, origami and embroidery cards. The ESAG art display at the Harrisville Library will be on Monday, May 2, between 10 a.m. and noon drop off artwork. Artist reception is May 3 after general monthly meeting. On May 27 pick up artwork between 10 a.m. and noon.

Meeting adjourned 1:50 p.m. The next meeting is March 8 at 1 p.m. the gallery meeting is at noon.

Do you have news we can use?
Call the Review 724-6384

Alcona County Sheriff's Report For the Week of February 13-19, 2011

51 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 3 Warrant.

Complaint Statistics

Traffic	9	Car/Deer	4
Property Damage Accident	3	General Assistance	3
False Alarm	4	Domestic	1
Animal	3	Open Door	1
No Insurance	1	911 Hang Up	1
Drive While Lic. Suspended	1	Fraud	1
Well Being Check	2	Minor in Poss. of Tobacco	1
Littering	2	Miscellaneous	4
Assault	1	Abandoned Vehicle	1
Personal Injury Accident	1	Kennel Inspection	1
Enter Without Permission	1	Civil	2
Warrant Arrest	3		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	4	Caledonia	4	Curtis	8
Greenbush	7	Gustin	4	Harrisville	3
Hawes	4	Haynes	1	Mikado	8
Millen	1	Mitchell	4		
City of Harrisville 3			Village of Lincoln 0		

Area Church Directory

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church



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

GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

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

Family Heritage Baptist Church

4260 M-72 Harrisville (2.5 miles west of the light)
Pastor Ernest Ruemenapp (989) 724-6728 • www.church72.org
Sunday Worship Services 11 a.m. and 6 p.m.
• Sunday School 10 a.m.
Wed. 6:30 p.m. Patch the Pirate Club
Wed. 7 p.m. Midweek Service (Bible Study & Prayer Service)

New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)

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

Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)

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

ST. PAUL LUTHERAN CHURCH

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

Our Savior Lutheran Church

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

ST. ANNE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Harrisville, MI ~ Rectory Phone: 724-6713
Pastor Father Robert Bissot
Sunday Mass: 11 a.m. Starting Jan. 2 ~ Weekday Masses at 8:30 a.m.
Mon. & Fri. except 2nd Fri. at Jamieson Nursing Home
Confessions: Saturday, 2:30 - 3 p.m.

Haynes Community Church

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

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Pastor Tracy Brooks
Worship 10:45 a.m. ~ Church ~ 724-5450

Lincoln United Methodist Church



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

First Baptist Church of Lincoln



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

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Monday: 6:30 p.m. *Teen Program (Grades 7-12)
Wednesday: 6:30 p.m. Adult Prayer & Bible Study & *Youth Programs (Grades K-6th)
*Fall-Spring programs • Website: www.cbcmikado.com

Spruce Presbyterian Church



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

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Pastor Edward Morrison • Full Gospel
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Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday



Surprise Guest

Imagine my surprise when I looked out into my yard the other day and saw a female wild turkey eating white millet off the ground in my little bird area. She was quite spectacular. Cool fact: Did you know every state has wild turkeys except Alaska?

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Bait stations lure bears into collection areas, where bears cross the barb wire, leaving hair samples behind. DNRE biologists collect the hair for research. Photos by Dave Kenyon, Michigan DNRE.

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conducted in 2002, 2003, 2005 and 2009 and more samples are being added

"This could be something that we look to do in the Upper Peninsula down the road as well," Etter said. "We began stockpiling DNA from all harvested bears in the U.P. in 2009. We need several generations of bears to make this information usable because U.P. bears typically begin breeding at age three or four."

One of the big issues in future bear management in Michigan is how bears fit in to the southern Michigan landscape. There is no doubt that bears are expanding their range to the south in Michigan, but wildlife biologists don't have good information on dispersal mechanisms.

"At this point, we're not getting a good handle on how the bears are moving south," Etter said. "We have some ideas, that they're essentially following the Muskegon River

corridor, but we're not entirely sure.

"One of the things we're looking at is, are there corridors and are there barriers to bear movement? As the landscape becomes more fragmented, how do we manage for those corridors? Do we want bears to move south? It would be important to understand where these source or sink areas are in relationship to corridors and barriers."

Etter said the research has been made possible because of assistance from geneticist Kim Scribner and graduate student Hope Draheim at Michigan State University. Similar research has helped the DNRE formulate new approaches to bobcat and marten regulations.

"We're hoping that ultimately this research will help us evaluate our management units and tell us if there are biological reasons why we should redefine those areas," Etter said.

"The hunters are very important in this program," Etter concluded. "This is why we need those to extract teeth when we check harvested bears at our check stations. And we are very thankful for the hunters' cooperation."

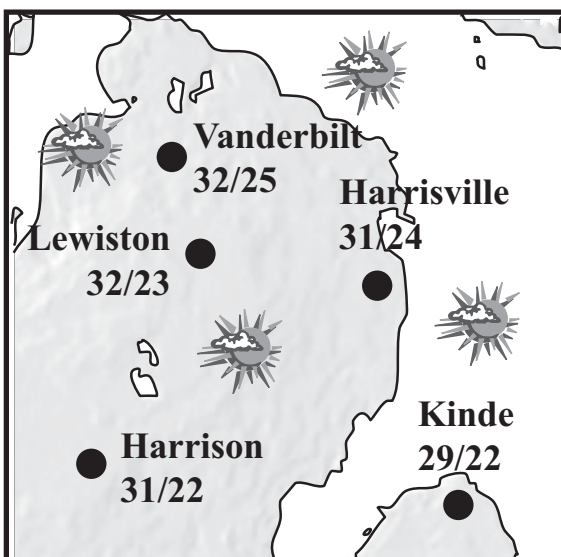
Alcona Review Weather Report

Feb. 23, 2011

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Mostly Sunny High: 31 Low: 24
	THURSDAY Partly Cloudy High: 38 Low: 23
	FRIDAY Cloudy High: 27 Low: 13
	SATURDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 26 Low: 17
	SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 29 Low: 18
	MONDAY Cloudy High: 30 Low: 21
	TUESDAY Partly Cloudy High: 35 Low: 19

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly sunny skies with a high temperature of 31°, humidity of 69%. South wind 5 to 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 65° set in 1984. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a 30% chance of snow, overnight low of 24°. South wind 10 mph. The record low for tonight is -13° set in 1965.

*Last Week's Almanac

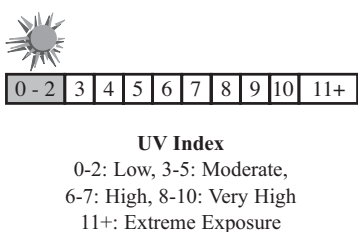
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	40	15	28/9	0.02"
Tuesday	33	3	28/9	0.00"
Wednesday	46	27	28/10	0.00"
Thursday	49	25	28/10	0.01"
Friday	52	25	29/10	0.00"
Saturday	30	15	29/10	0.00"
Sunday	32	11	29/10	0.08"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
Last 2/24	Wednesday	7:21 a.m.	6:13 p.m.	12:15 a.m.	9:50 a.m.	
	Thursday	7:19 a.m.	6:14 p.m.	1:27 a.m.	10:33 a.m.	
	Friday	7:18 a.m.	6:16 p.m.	2:32 a.m.	11:24 a.m.	
	Saturday	7:16 a.m.	6:17 p.m.	3:28 a.m.	12:21 p.m.	
New 3/4	Sunday	7:14 a.m.	6:18 p.m.	4:15 a.m.	1:22 p.m.	
	Monday	7:12 a.m.	6:20 p.m.	4:53 a.m.	2:26 p.m.	
	Tuesday	7:11 a.m.	6:21 p.m.	5:25 a.m.	3:30 p.m.	

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see mostly clear skies today, scattered rain and snow Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 55° in Belleville, Ill. The Southeast will see mostly clear skies today, scattered showers and thunderstorms Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 81° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with widespread snow today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 48° in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today and Thursday, isolated showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 81° in Artesia, N.M.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:30 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
Venus	5:18 a.m.	2:34 p.m.
Mars	7:19 a.m.	5:46 p.m.
Jupiter	8:37 a.m.	8:54 p.m.
Saturn	9:36 p.m.	9:13 a.m.
Uranus	8:19 a.m.	8:16 p.m.

Weather History

Feb. 23, 1990 - A fast-moving storm produced near blizzard conditions in Michigan. Snowfall totals ranged up to 9.5 inches in Allegan County, wind gusts reached 74 mph at Ann Arbor, and five-foot snowdrifts were reported around Saginaw.

Weather Trivia

What is the "green sky" effect?

Answer: A greenish tint to the sky is often a precursor to hail.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Vega and the Prince

When I was a volunteer astronomer at Chaco Culture near Nageezi, NM, I worked with a former Exxon executive named Johnny Prince. Prince headed Exxon's initiative to clean up the Alaskan coastline after the Exxon Valdez oil spill in March of 1989. Johnny could be quite a fistful, and on those rare occasions when his demeanor seemed more like a boardroom CEO, our little cadre would gently remind him that he had been responsible for releasing two friendly seals that Exxon had spent hundreds of thousands of dollars rehabilitating. It was a huge media event which deflated immediately when one of the mammals was eaten by a killer whale. In all fairness, Johnny Prince was really a decent guy, and I enjoyed his camaraderie, especially when we were observing or photographing the night sky. On one such occasion, Johnny was having trouble with his computerized drive. He had a beautiful refractor, but the drive which allowed the scope to follow the stars was a handful. After tinkering with it for hours he realized that he had forgotten a book containing star positions and couldn't initialize the mount without it. So he yelled matter-of-factly to me, inquiring whether I knew the precise coordinates of Vega, the bright star that was nearly over our heads. I smiled because I knew the precise coordinates of only one star in the entire sky and that was Vega, the star from which "the message" was transmitted back to Earth in the movie, Contact. I closed my eyes and watched Jodie Foster's surprised look as she realized the radio telescopes were picking up ET. Her lithe body jumped into the driver's seat of her convertible. Reaching for her walky-talky, she (I) screamed, "Right ascension 18 hr., 36 min., 56.2 sec.; declination +36 deg., 46 min. 56.2 sec. Confirm!" Okay, Jodie was off just a little, but Johnny Prince never asked me for another stellar coordinate again. www.astronomy.org

AAA CU recognizes employees

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union announces the following tenure awards to its employees and to its board of director and committee volunteers for 225 years combined of dedicated service:

- Alan Shillair, supervisory committee, five years
- Jennifer Ballor, POD specialist Alpena North, five years
- Amy Liske, teller in Ossineke, five years
- Justin Southard, collection clerk at main branch, Alpena, five years
- Christie Williams, teller at main branch, Alpena, five years
- Terry Nelkie, board member, 10 years
- Denise Chapman, accounting assistant at main branch, Alpena, 10 years
- Melissa Stoner, Tiger Branch supervisor in Lincoln, 10 years
- Michele Russeau, senior teller Lincoln, 10 years
- Laura Kolar, indirect specialist/senior loan officer, at main branch, Alpena, 10 years
- Karen LaFleche, POD specialist, Alpena North branch, 15 years
- Jennifer Jackson, Tawas branch manager, 20 years
- Ann Genschaw, head teller at main branch, Alpena, 20 Years
- Debbie Dault, teller in Oscoda, 20 years
- Mary Gliniecki, director of operations Alpena North branch, 20 years
- Joan Myles, Oscoda branch manger, 25 years
- Charlie Negro, board of director, 30 years.

TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- MOVIES:** Who played the role of "Pardner" in the Western musical "Paint Your Wagon"?
- GEOGRAPHY:** Minsk is the capital of what former Soviet republic?
- LITERATURE:** In "Gone With the Wind," what were the first names of the Tarleton twins?
- HISTORY:** When did the Suez Canal open?
- MYTHOLOGY:** Who was the Norse trickster god?
- GENERAL KNOWLEDGE:** What sport did Scotland ban in 1457 for fear that it was interfering with the practice of archery, a vital part of the national defense?
- MUSIC:** Frank Sinatra first gained major fame by singing for which Big Band leader?
- U.S. PRESIDENTS:** Who served as FDR's secretary of war 1940-1945?
- U.S. STATES:** Which state's nickname is the Pine Tree State?
- FOOD & DRINK:** What type of fruit is known as a honeydew?

Answers: 1. Clint Eastwood; 2. Belarus; 3. Brent and Stuart; 4. 1869; 5. Loki; 6. Golf; 7. Tommy Dorsey; 8. Henry Stimson; 9. Maine; 10. Melon. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

Super Crossword SWAN SONGS

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| ACROSS | demanding | 101 Israeli diplomat | "Simon & Simon" | 41 PDQ, politely | 96 D-Day craft |
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| 5 Jungle birds | 60 Short swim | 105 Waterston or Wanamaker | 4 Showy flower | 49 Renaissance painter | 98 Golfer Alcott |
| 11 Mythical monster | 61 — Aviv | 106 Let out the lava | 5 — jacket | 50 Velocity | 100 Least humid |
| 14 RN's specialty | 63 School grp. | 109 Eye part | 6 Geometry term | 52 Play ground? | 102 '58 Everly Brothers hit |
| 17 Actress Rowlands | 64 Yearbook features | 111 Peter Lorre's final film | 7 First base man? | 53 Spell | 104 Antique auto |
| 18 Lawrence's locale | 66 When Strasbourg sizzles | 114 Ambush man | 8 Helps a hood | 55 "— Cupid" ('58 hit) | 107 Pie nut |
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| 21 Queens stadium | 72 Redolence | 117 Director Nicolas | 10 Utter | 58 "— you so!" | 110 Strut |
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| 36 Off course | 85 Texas city | 133 Verne captain | 31 Bull's beloved | 76 Worth or Papas | 126 Prepare prunes |
| 38 Jean Harlow's final film | 87 Mack or Knight | 134 Spring holiday | 32 '58 Pulitzer winner | 77 Greek cheese | 129 Darjeeling export |
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STRANGE BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver
 • It was English biologist Thomas Henry Huxley who made the following sage observation: "There is no greater mistake than the hasty conclusion that opinions are worthless because they are badly argued."

• In 1955, a woman in Italy gave birth to a baby who weighed 22 pounds, 8 ounces.
 • Two United States first ladies ran away to get married: Florence Harding, future wife of President Warren G. Harding, eloped with her first husband when she was 19, and Anna Harrison eloped with the future ninth U.S. President William Henry Harrison (also known as "Old Tippecanoe") when she was 20 and he was 22.

• The substance now known as cat litter was originally designed to be used as nesting material for chickens.

• Early in the history of the Christian church, tea was considered to be a dangerous intoxicant.

• Louis Diat, chef at the New York City Ritz-Carlton in the early 20th century, is usually credited with first creating the soup known as vichyssoise. He based the recipe on one his mother and grandmother used to make, but he had to change the name to something a bit more fancy; it seems that "Mama's Potato-Leek Puree" didn't fit in with the other menu items.

• The blood of the icefish has no color.

• Have you ever noticed that there's a pale crescent of flesh at the base of each of your fingernails? If you want to be technical, the word to describe it is "lunula."

Thought for the Day: "Animals have these advantages over man: They never hear the clock strike, they die without any idea of death, they have no theologians to instruct them, their last moments are not disturbed by unwelcome and unpleasant ceremonies, their funerals cost them nothing, and no one starts lawsuits over their wills." — Voltaire

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MOMENTS IN TIME

The History Channel
 • On March 13, 1781, the German-born English astronomer William Herschel discovers Uranus, the seventh planet from the sun. Herschel's discovery of a new planet was the first to be made in modern times, and the first to be made by use of a telescope.

• On March 11, 1918, a historic influenza epidemic breaks out at the U.S. Army hospital at Fort Riley, Kan. The disease soon traveled to Europe with the American soldiers heading to the battlefields of France. The flu would eventually kill 675,000 Americans and more than 20 million people around the world.

• On March 12, 1922, author Jack Kerouac is born in Lowell, Mass. In World War II, he served in the Navy but was expelled for severe personality problems that may have been symptoms of mental illness. It was not until 1957 when he published "On the Road" that he became famous as a seminal figure of the Beat Generation.

• On March 7, 1938, Janet Guthrie, the first woman to compete in the Indianapolis 500 and Daytona 500 races, is born in Iowa City, Iowa. Guthrie drove in her final Indy 500 in 1979 and her last Daytona 500 in 1980. Her helmet and driver's suit are in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

• On March 10, 1945, 300 American bombers drop almost 2,000 tons of incendiaries on Tokyo. The attack destroyed large portions of the Japanese capital and killed 100,000 civilians. Ten square miles of eastern Tokyo were entirely obliterated, and an estimated 250,000 buildings were destroyed.

• On March 8, 1951, the Lonely Hearts Killers — Martha Beck and Raymond Martinez Fernandez — are executed in the electric chair at Sing Sing Prison in New York. The odd couple had schemed to seduce, rob and murder women who placed personal ads in newspapers. Their story has been the subject of several movies, most recently "Lonely Hearts" (2006).

• On March 9, 1985, the first-ever Adopt-a-Highway sign is erected on Highway 69 in Texas. The highway was adopted by the Tyler Civitan Club, which committed to picking up trash along a designated 2-mile stretch of the road.

Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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To: Kelly S. Teehan and Jennie Harper, 3175 East McNeil Road, Lincoln, MI 48742. County: Alcona State law requires that you receive the following notice: You have the right to request a meeting with your mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The person to contact and that has the authority to make agreements for a loan modification with you is: Orleans Associates, P.C Loss Mitigation Department, P.O. Box 5041, Troy, MI 48007-5041, (248) 502-1331.

You may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority (MSHDA) website or by calling MSHDA. The website address and telephone number of MSHDA is:

(www.mshda.info/counseling_search/), telephone (866) 946-7432, TTY No. (800) 382-4568. If you request a meeting with the servicer's designate within 14 days after the notice required under MCL 600.3205a(1) is mailed, then foreclosure proceedings will not start until 90 days after the date the notice was mailed to you. If you and the servicer's designate reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if you abide by the terms of the agreement. You have the right to contact an attorney. You may contact attorney of your choice. If you do not have an attorney, the telephone number for the Michigan State Bar Association's Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738. Dated: February 23, 2011
 Orleans Associates P.C
 Attorneys for Servicer
 P.O. Box 5041
 Troy, MI 48007-5041
 File Number: 293.0799
 ASAP No. 3917394
 2-23

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate

Robert L. Schust
 Date of birth: August 28, 1919
 To all creditors:
 Notice to creditors: The decedent, Robert L. Schust, who lived at 2069 South Huron Shores, Greenbush, Michigan died January 23, 2011.
 Creditors of the decedent are notified that all claims against the trust will be forever barred unless presented to Robert L. Schust Jr., Co-Successor Trustee of the Robert L. Schust Revocable Trust Agreement whose address is listed below within four (4) months after the date of publication of this notice.
 Date: February 14, 2011
 David H. Cook P40560
 5466 M-72
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 Harrisville, MI 48740
 (989) 724-5155
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Sealed bids will be received up until 6 p.m. on March 15, 2011 for the Greg Watkins Timber Sale, located in the SW ¼ of section 34, T27N R7E, in Alcona County. Estimated volumes include: 9.9 MBF of ash sawlogs, 32.1 MBF of aspen sawlogs, 4.7 MBF of red maple sawlogs, 1.5 MBF of white birch sawlogs, 13 cords of ash pulpwood, 162 cord aspen pulpwood, 23 cord red maple pulpwood, 7 cord of white birch pulpwood, 1 cord of mixed softwood pulpwood, 61 cord balsam fir pulpwood, and 36 cords of scotch pine pulpwood. The access for this timber sale is from Burns Road, a county road. Interested bidders should contact: **Don Krejcarek, Sunrise Forestry Consultants, at (989) 724-6165.**

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Hawes Township is seeking applicants to fill a board of review position. This is a paid appointed position. Please send letters of interest to Pam Idema, Clerk, 228 East Quick Road, Lincoln, Michigan 48742. (989) 736-6245.

Alcona County Central Dispatch is accepting applications for a part time dispatcher's position. Applications may be obtained at the Alcona County Sheriff's office in Harrisville. Applications will be accepted until 4 p.m. on February 25, 2011. Alcona County is an equal opportunity employer.

District Health Department No. 2 is seeking a contingent registered physical therapist in Alcona County. Will perform home physical therapy treatments to assigned clients. Submit application-resume to Personnel Department, Physical Therapist, 630 Progress Street, West Branch, Michigan 48661. Applicant may also email their resume to: vsherosky@dhd2.org by close of business March 4, 2011. For more information call (989) 343-1808.

Phone Operator: Alcona Health Center Oscoda Services has an opening or a full time (32 hours per week) phone operator to relay incoming, outgoing and interoffice calls and assist with medical records. This individual must possess good listening, language and computer skills and be capable of multi-tasking; knowledge of medical terminology preferred. Please forward a hand written cover letter and resume to: Alcona Health Center Oscoda Services, Attn: Brenda McNeill, Division Operations Manager, 5671 North Skeel Ave., Suite 8, Oscoda, MI 48750. Deadline: March 4, 2011 Equal opportunity employer.

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Bingo - Every Wednesday in Mikado Civic Center. Early bird at 6:30 p.m., air conditioned. Mikado Area Development.

Mikado Goodfellows Bingo every Monday 6:30 p.m. at Mikado Civic Center. New members needed and always welcomed. All proceeds to charity.

A.C.C.O.A. Bingo - Tuesday 6:30 p.m., Lincoln Senior Center. All paper games, Michigan Progressive, two jackpots, cookie jar. Non-smoking area provided. Proceeds to ACCOA senior programs. A239401C.

GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP MINUTES

Greenbush Township Supervisor Ed Roddy called the meeting to order on Tuesday, Feb. 1 at 7 p.m., at the township hall. Seven guests were present who joined in the "Pledge of Allegiance." Roll call was taken. Present: Supervisor Ed Roddy, clerk Art Winter, treasurer Tracie Beatty, trustee Sally Olin and trustee Gary Abraham. Motion Abraham/Olin: To approve the agenda as written. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion Olin/Abraham: To accept the January minutes as written.

Madelyn Bedward, local resident, questioned why the hall is so cold during senior dinners. Supervisor Roddy turned the question over to clerk Winter who explained he was instructed to reset the hall thermostat to 55 degrees other than the hours of 3 to 5 p.m. This is not working; therefore the clerk is going to reset the thermostat to more hours at 70 degrees hoping the seniors will keep their hands off of the thermostat. Stating only one person can operate it at one time. Some discussion.

Motion Abraham/Olin: To approve the financial report and place on file for audit. Motion carried. Motion Olin/Beatty: To pay January bills as pre-

sented - check numbers 13,988-14,009 - grand total \$43,037.32; fire - \$31,110.03; remainder - \$11927.29 being general fund. Roll call vote: All ayes. Carried. Miscellaneous reports: Carolyn Brummund, county commissioner, brought the board up to speed on what is happening at the county. Stating over 1,000 ambulance calls for the year 2010. She stated that you can donate to the United Fund through your income tax return as of 2010. Some discussion. Chief Franks stated two first responder calls for the month of January and two fire calls. He stated he has the new compressor for the fire department. Much discussion. Pete Langlois, zoning administrator, enjoying the cool weather in Florida for the winter. Clerk Winter is covering for him at this time. Some discussion. Hall rentals - supervisor Roddy stated one this month. Assessor Schwickert not present at this meeting. She is under the weather.

Supervisor Roddy had no correspondence. Clerk Winter shared correspondences with the board.

Greenbush had one liquor license applied for Sunday sales between the hours of 7 a.m. - noon. A thank you note from the humane society and a letter from Par Plan who insures our township. Some discussion. Pending business: Roads - We have given our blessings to finish F-30 and preliminary work on Cedar Lake Road. Some discussion. Old business: Budget hearing workshop will be Wednesday, Feb. 9, starting at 8 a.m. at the fire hall conference room. New business: Treasurer Beatty questioned the board if it is legal to burn garbage. Consensus is that burning garbage is against the law and that it should be handled by the sheriff's department. Much discussion. Motion Abraham/Winter: To adjourn at 7:37 p.m.
 Art Winter
 Greenbush Township Clerk
 Note: Published prior to board approval. Next regular scheduled meeting is Tuesday, March 1 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Next regular scheduled planning commission meeting is Thursday, May 5 at 7 p.m. at the township hall.

MITCHELL TOWNSHIP SYNOPSIS

Mitchell Township Board meeting was called to order on February 14 at 7 p.m. by supervisor Murnock. Present: Supervisor Gregory Murnock, clerk Warren Cross, treasurer Kevin Small, trustee Linda Lay. Members absent: Trustee Vito Soranno. Also present: Fire chief Mike Lay and assessor Randy Thompson. Public presence: Kathy Thompson. Minutes of December 12, 2010 regular meeting approved as presented. December 2010 and January 2011 financial reports approved as presented.

Small/ Cross: To amend the 2010-2011 budget as follows: Expenditures -- 000 Township Board from \$7,700 to \$15,600; 262 Elections from \$2,635 to \$2,735; 722 Zoning Board from \$2,450 to \$3,650; 751 Parks from \$700 to \$1,000. Roll call vote: Yes - Cross, Small, Lay, Murnock. No - none. Absent - Soranno
 Public comments: None. Cross/Small: To acknowledge and approve that the assessor maintains non-standard business hours. Motion car-

ried. Cross/Murnock: To accept the proposed policy and procedure for the public inspection and copying of public records in lieu of customary business hours. Motion carried.

Chief Lay reported one medical run and two fire runs for the month of January. Small/Cross: To add Gregory Murnock to the Curran Fire Department roster. Motion carried. Cross/Lay: To purchase an "on demand" propane water heater for the fire hall at a cost of \$709.99 and direct the supervisor to arrange for installation of same. Motion carried. Murnock/Cross: To purchase two overhead door openers and installation from Northeastern Window & Door for \$844.80. Motion carried.

Cross/Murnock: To purchase a set of training DVD's for Pumping Apparatus from Action Training in the amount of \$1,010. Motion carried. The next meeting for the planning commission is March 9. Zoning

administrator's monthly report accepted as presented. The clerk was directed to purchase flags for the cemeteries. Supervisor Small reported that the recent 73rd annual March of Dimes raised \$4,435. There will be a May 3 election for the C.O.O.R. I.S.D. and Kirtland Community College. Supervisor Murnock and Clerk Cross shared various communications. No action taken. No old business. New business: It was the board consensus to establish a budget workshop on March 8 at 9 a.m. Small/Murnock: To enter into an agreement with the C.O.O.R. I.S.D. to collect its proposed millage for the summer of 2011 tax collection period at a rate of \$1.50 per parcel. Motion carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. The next regular meeting is March 14 at 7 p.m.

Gregory C. Murnock Sr.
 Supervisor
 Warren Cross
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LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Foreclosure Sale

Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Andrew T. and Andrea E. Chodorowski, husband and wife, of 39237 Della Rosa Drive, Sterling Heights, Mich. 48313 to First Federal of Northern Michigan, 100 South Second Avenue, Alpena, Michigan 49707, dated February 12, 1999 and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona, and state of Michigan, on February 19, 1999 in Liber 329, pages 250-255, on which there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal, interest and late fees, the sum of \$97,430.76.

As no suit or other legal proceedings have been filed to recover the debt secured by the mortgage; Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in the mortgage, and pursuant to the statutes of the state of Michigan, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 2nd day of March, 2011 at 10 o'clock a.m. the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction to the highest bidder, at the west entrance to the county building in the city of Harrisville, Alcona County, Michigan of that premises described in

the mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, on the mortgage, with interest thereon at the contract rate and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the mortgagee to protect its interest in the premises.

The premises are described as follows: Situated in the township of Hawes, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, described as:

East ½ of the northwest ¼ of Section 33, T27N, R8E, excepting that portion of the captioned property deeded in highway deed recorded in Liber 20 of deeds, page 403, Alcona County records.

The redemption period shall be one (1) year from the date of the sale unless the property is determined to be abandoned in accordance with MCL 600.3241a.

Bodman PLC

Dated: January 26, 2011

By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)

Debt Collector for First Federal of Northern Michigan

229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405

Cheboygan, MI 49721

(231) 627-8000

1-26, 2-2, 2-9, 2-16, 2-23

Case No. 10-1577-CH

Notice of Judicial Foreclosure Sale on a Monetary Judgment, Judgment of Foreclosure, and Other Relief Against Defendant Estate of Betty Jo Gilmore

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the terms of a monetary judgment, judgment of foreclosure, and other relief of the circuit court for the county of Alcona, state of Michigan signed and filed on January 4, 2011, in the case of First Federal of Northern Michigan, Plaintiff v Estate of Betty Jo Gilmore, Defendant, Case No. 10-1577-CH, wherein, among other things, the court allowed the foreclosure of a mortgage granted by Betty Jo Gilmore (mortgagor) to First Federal of Northern Michigan on December 22, 2005 and recorded January 23, 2006 in Liber 427, page 290, Alcona County records, in an attempt to satisfy a monetary judgment in the amount of \$104,718.14 against the estate of mortgagor, through the date of first publication of this notice.

Pursuant to the default judgment and judgment for foreclosure, the mortgaged premises shall be sold at a public auction

by or under the direction of clerk/sheriff for the county of Alcona to the highest bidder at the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 10 a.m., local time. The following described mortgaged premises: Lots 13 and 14 of Block 32 of Lost Lake Woods Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 59, 61 and 63, Alcona County records.

The mortgaged premises, whose address is 4175 N. Ash Road, Lincoln, Michigan 48742, also include all right, title and interests held by Betty Jo Gilmore as of December 22, 2005 in the mortgaged premises.

The premises may be redeemed during the six months following the date of sale.

Bodman PLC

By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)

Attorneys for First Federal of Northern Michigan

229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405

Cheboygan, Michigan 49721

(231) 627-8000

Date: February 2, 2011

2-2, 2-9, 2-16, 2-23, 3-2, 3-9, 3-16

Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Kristin Heather Lask a married woman, original mortgagor(s), to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated May 8, 2003, and recorded on May 9, 2003 in Liber 382 on page 261, and assigned by said mortgagee to Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corporation as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty thousand three hundred fourteen and 82/100 dollars (\$50,314.82), including interest at 6.375 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such

case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on March 9, 2011.

Said premises are situated in Village of Lincoln, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: South 99 feet of Lot 10 of Block 27 of the Village of Lincoln, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, page 17, Alcona County records.

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

Dated: February 9, 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. 359369F01

2-9, 2-16, 2-23, 3-2

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Mortgage sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by David A. Witt, husband and wife as joint tenants, mortgagors, to Long Beach Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated the 11th day of May, 2005 and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 18th day of May, 2005 in Liber 416 of Alcona County records, page 1, 101, said mortgage having been assigned to Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-WL2 on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of thirty seven thousand twenty five and 71/100 (\$37,025.71), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof.

Case No. 10-1552-CH

Notice of Judicial Foreclosure Sale on a Stipulated Judgment of Foreclosure and for Other Relief Against Defendant Albert E. Sparling.

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the terms of a Stipulated Judgment of Foreclosure and for Other Relief of the Circuit Court for the County of Alcona, State of Michigan signed on January 14, 2011 and filed on January 20, 2011, in the case of First Federal of Northern Michigan, plaintiff v Albert E. Sparling, defendant, Case No. 10-1552-CH, wherein, among other things, the court allowed the foreclosure of a mortgage granted by Albert E. Sparling (mortgagor) to First Federal of Northern Michigan on August 3, 2007 and recorded August 13, 2007 in Liber 444, pages 963-981, Alcona

County records, in an attempt to satisfy a monetary judgment in the amount of \$262,442.47 against the mortgagor, through the date of first publication of this notice.

Pursuant to the Stipulated Judgment of Foreclosure, the mortgaged premises shall be sold at a public auction by or under the direction of clerk/sheriff for the county of Alcona to the highest bidder at the main entrance to the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 10 a.m., local time. The following described mortgaged premises: Situated in Caledonia Township, in the county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and more particularly described as: Lot 8 of Supervisor's Subdivision of Kroupa property, according to the recorded plat

located thereon, situated in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit: Lot 30 of Huron Cedar Lake Subdivision according to the recorded plat thereof as found in Liber 1 of Plats pages 83-84, Alcona County records.

During the six months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

Dated: 2-2-2011

Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-WL2

Mortgagee

Fabrizio & Brook, P.C.

Attorney for Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Trustee for Long Beach Mortgage Loan Trust 2005-WL2 888 W. Big Beaver, Suite 800

Troy, MI 48084 (248) 362-2600

2-2, 2-9, 2-16, 2-23

thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 26 of the Alcona County records. The mortgaged premises, whose address is 581 Oak Street, Hubbard Lake, Michigan 49747, also include all right, title and interests held by Albert E. Sparling as of August 3, 2007 in the mortgaged premises.

The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.

Bodman PLC

By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)

Attorneys for First Federal of Northern Michigan

229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405

Cheboygan, Michigan 49721

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Date: February 9, 2011

2-9, 2-16, 2-23, 3-2, 3-9, 3-16, 3-23.

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

Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In the event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a mortgage made by Dean L. Morris and Nadia Morris as mortgagors, to Northland Area Federal Credit Union as mortgagee, which mortgage is dated June 27, 2007, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds for Alcona County, Michigan, on June 29, 2007, in Liber 443 at pages 537-556, and upon which mortgage is claimed to be due on the date of this notice the sum of \$151,249.90, and no suit or proceedings at law or equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage, or any part thereof;

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, April 13, 2011, 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 5.990 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 Gustin, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: The west 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of the southwest 1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range

8 East now described as: Commencing at the south 1/4 corner of said section; thence north 89 degrees 12 feet 23 inches west along the south line of said section and the centerline of DeWar Road, 674.68 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing north 89 degrees 12 feet 23 inches west along said south line and said centerline, 674.68 feet; thence north 01 degrees 52 feet 12 inches east along the west 1/8 line of said section, 1,320.43 feet; south 89 degrees 24 feet 46 inches east along the south 1/8 line of said section, 670.12 feet; thence south 01 degree 40 feet 13 inches west 1,322.76 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be one year 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: February 4, 2011

Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)

Attorney for Mortgagee

903 N. Jackson Street

Bay City, MI 48708

(989) 893-9511

2-23, 3-2, 3-9, 3-16

Foreclosure Notice

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Mortgage Sale - Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ronald L. Wood, an unmarried man, and Sandra Kay O'Dell, an unmarried woman of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor to Independent Mortgage Company dated the 21st day of December, A.D. 2007, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 4th day of January, A.D. 2008, in Liber 449, page 133 of Alcona records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of

\$34,129.98 (thirty-four thousand one hundred twenty-nine and 98/100) plus accrued interest at 7.00 percent (seven point zero 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 provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 23rd day of March, A.D., 2011, 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 11, Block B, Birchland Shores, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 149, Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 4166 Buena Vista. PPN: 041-110-002-011-00.

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: February 23, 2011

By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)

Attorney for Plaintiff

2155 Butterfield Drive

Suite 200-S

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WWR No. 10059135

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**Mikado Township
Ordinance Amendment
No. 11-01**

Effective Date: February 19, 2011
Ordinance establishing moratorium on the issuance of permits or licenses for the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana.
Because, the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana was not envisioned when the current zoning ordinance was adopted and the zoning ordinance does not currently address the use; and Because, processing land use permit requests for land uses associated with the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana prior to the amendment of the zoning ordinance would be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare and would not ensure that the use is situated in appropriate locations and relations; and
Because, the township board wishes there to be further study and the preparation of an ordinance in the very near future; and
Because the township board determines that it is desirable to immediately forbid the issuance of permits and licenses for land uses associated with the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana until an amendment to the zoning ordinance

becomes effective; and,
Because, the township of Mikado has the authority to enact ordinances immediately that are necessary for the preservation for the public health, peace or safety based upon the date of introduction and give them immediate effect and the township board determines that the following ordinance satisfies that requirement; The township of Mikado ordains as Follows:
(1) A moratorium is established on the issuance of all township permits, licenses, and approvals, including building permits, land use permits, and certificates of occupancy, in regard to land uses associated with the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana from the effective date hereof, until August 19, 2011 or the effective date of the adoption of proper text amendments to the zoning ordinance and any necessary licensing requirements, whichever occurs first.
(2) All township boards and commissions are asked and authorized to have their analysis and recommendation regarding a zoning ordinance or licensing regulation concerning the sale and dispensation of medical marijuana top priority.
(3) This ordinance shall be given immediate effect.
Rita D. Sands, Mikado Township Clerk
(989) 736-7721

CITY OF HARRISVILLE ORDINANCE

**City of Harrisville
Ordinance Amendment
No. 2011-01**

Effective Date: Feb. 14, 2011
Ordinance establishing moratorium on the issuance of permits or licenses for the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana.
Because, the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana was not envisioned when the current zoning ordinance was adopted and the zoning ordinance does not currently address the use; and Because, processing land use permit requests for land uses associated with the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana prior to the amendment of the zoning ordinance would be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare and would not ensure that the use is situated in appropriate locations and relationships; and
Because, the city desires to ascertain the best and safest path to comply with the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, P.A. 2008, Initiated Law, MCL26423(d) and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act

in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and
Because, the city council wishes there to be further study and the preparation of an ordinance in the very near future; and Because, the city planning commission is currently in the process of rewriting the City of Harrisville zoning ordinance and is in the process of studying the issues related to the issuance of the above referenced permits and licenses; and
Because the city council determines that it is desirable to immediately forbid the issuance of permits and licenses for land uses associated with the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana until an amendment to the zoning ordinance becomes effective; and,
Because, the City of Harrisville has the authority to enact ordinances immediately that are necessary for the preservation for the public health, peace or safety based upon the date on introduction and give them immediate effect, and the city council determines that the following ordinance satisfies that requirement.

HARRISVILLE TWP. MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held February 8 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Four board members and four guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance"; absent Trustee Young. From the floor the board of review chairman Bob Emerick recommended raising the asset level guidelines. Pyne/Johnston: To raise the asset level guidelines. Motion carried. Pyne/Jamieson: To adopt Resolution No. 2811, poverty exemption income guidelines and asset test. Roll call vote: Four ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried.
Clerk's minutes approved as read. Treasurer's two month reports accepted and put on file. Discussed cemetery, budget and Lincoln fire contract. Jamieson/Johnston: To remove supervisor Stone from all bank accounts to comply with state law and to add deputy treasurer Carla Harvey to all the township bank accounts. Motion carried. Stone/Pyne: Pay the bills, motion carried.
Assessor Randy Thompson joined the meeting at this time to discuss the Michigan state laws and rules. Stone/Jamieson: To allow the assessor to have non-standard hours. Motion carried. Johnston/Pyne: To adopt policy and procedure for the public inspection and copying of public records in lieu of customary business hours. Motion carried. Jamieson/Johnston: By Resolution No. 2811-A the board of review will have the alternate starting date of March 15, 2011. Roll call vote: Four ayes, zero nays, one absent. Motion carried. Long discussion on updating assessing followed.
Meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.
Roger D. Jamieson
Township Clerk
Published prior to board approval.

BOARD OF REVIEW

**2011 Board of Review Notice
CITY OF HARRISVILLE
CITY CLERK'S OFFICE, 200 FIFTH
STREET
HARRISVILLE, MI 48740**

The City of Harrisville Board of Review for 2011 will be held at the City Clerk's Office, 200 Fifth Street on the following dates: March 15, 2011 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
March 17, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
An organizational meeting will be held March 8, 2011 at 10:15 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2011 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 15, 2011.
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2011 are as follows:
Commercial 49.86 1.00000
Industrial 49.40 1.00000
Residential 49.87 1.00000
Personal Property 50.00 1.00000
Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The City will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact: Danina Karsen at City Clerks Office, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. daily at 989-724-6666. 2-16 thru 3-2

**2011 Board of Review Notice
Hawes Township
VFW Post 8135,
2120 Trask Lake Road
Barton City, MI 48705**

The Hawes Township Board of Review for 2011 will be held at the VFW Post, 2120 Trask Lake Road on the following dates: March 14, 2011 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
March 18, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
An organizational meeting will be held March 8, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2011 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2011.
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2011 are as follows:
Agricultural 50.00 1.00000
Commercial 49.85 1.00000
Industrial 49.65 1.00000
Residential 50.00 1.00000
Personal Property 50.00 1.00000
Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact: Supervisor Rodney Cordes at 989-736-8460. 2-16 thru 3-2

**2011 Board of Review Notice
Mitchell Township
6849 W Tower Road,
Curran, MI 48728**

The Mitchell Township Board of Review for 2011 will be held at the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 Tower Road on the following dates:
March 14, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
March 16, 2011 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
An organizational meeting will be held March 8, 2011 at 1:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests and to equalize the 2011 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2011.
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2011 are as follows:
Agricultural 50.00 1.00000
Commercial 49.99 1.00000
Industrial 49.87 1.00000
Residential 49.95 1.00000
Personal Property 50.00 1.00000
Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact: Supervisor Gregory Murnock at 989-848-5610 2-16 thru 3-2

**Board of Review Notice
Public Notice March Board of
Review, Gustin Township, Gustin
Twp. Hall, 113 S. Second St.,
Lincoln, MI 48742**

Organizational Meeting on March 8, 2011 at 6 p.m. to examine the assessment roll, no appeals.
March 15, 2100 from 12-6 p.m. for appeals.
March 17, 2011 from 3-9 p.m. for appeals.
Recommended tentative equalization ratios and estimated multipliers as provided by the Alcona Equalization Department.
Agriculture 50.00 1.00
Commercial 50.00 1.00
Industrial 50.00 1.00
Residential 50.00 1.00
Timber Cutover 50.00 1.00
Development 50.00 1.00
Personal Property 50.00 1.00
Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact John Klinger at (989) 335-0898. 2-23 thru 3-9

**Public Notice
Township of Caledonia
2011 March Board of Review Meeting
Caledonia Township Hall
Gillard Rd Spruce, MI
Monday, March 14, 2011
9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.
Thursday, March 17, 2011
1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.**

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 6 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be reviewed at this meeting.
Residents and non-residents may protest to Board of Review by letter mailed to 4808 Webster Rd., Glennie, MI 48737. Letters must be received by March 14, 2011.
Appearing below are the tentative equalization ratios and estimated multipliers as provided by the Alcona County Equalization Department.
Ratio Multiplier
Agricultural 54.02 0.92558
Commercial 49.86 1.00281
Industrial 54.22 0.92217
Residential 56.66 0.88246
Personal Property 50.00 1.00000
Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Notice
The Township will provide necessary and reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact Tammy Fall, Assessor at (989) 735-2122. 2-23 thru 3-9

**2011 BOARD OF REVIEW NOTICE
Harrisville Township
114 S. Poor Farm Road
Harrisville, MI 48740**

The Harrisville Township Board of Review for 2011 will be held at the Harrisville Township Hall, 114 S. Poor Farm Road on the following dates:
March 15, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
March 17, 2011 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
An organizational meeting will be held March 8, 2011 at 8:00 a.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2011 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 15, 2011.
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2011 are as follows:
Agricultural 49.74 1.00000
Commercial 49.90 1.00000
Industrial 50.00 1.00000
Residential 50.00 1.00000
Personal Property 50.00 1.00000
Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact: Supervisor Tom Stone at 989-724-6872. 2-16 thru 3-2

**2011 Board of Review Notice
Millen Township
Barton City FOE 4141, 671 N
Sanborn Road
Barton City, MI 48705**

The Millen Township board of Review for 2011 will be held at the Barton City FOE, 671 N Sanborn Road on the following dates:
March 15, 2011 3:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
March 19, 2011 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
An organizational meeting will be held March 8, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting. The Board of Review may meet as many more days as deemed necessary to hear questions, protests, and to equalize the 2011 assessments. Residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 15, 2011.
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2011 are as follows:
Agricultural 49.99 1.00000
Commercial 49.86 1.00000
Industrial 49.93 1.00000
Residential 49.93 1.00000
Personal Property 50.00 1.00000
Americans With Disabilities (ADA) Notice
The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact: Supervisor James Burger at 989-736-3401. 2-16 thru 3-2

**Public Notice
March Board of Review 2011
Haynes Township
Township Hall
3930 E. McNeil Road
Lincoln, MI 48742**

Monday, March 14, 2011
9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15, 2011 3-9 p.m.
An organization meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting.
By board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2011.
The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2011 are as follows:
Ratios Multipliers
Agricultural 50.00 1.00000
Commercial 50.00 1.00000
Industrial N/A N/A
Residential 50.00 1.00000
Timber Cutover N/A N/A
Development N/A N/A
Personal Property 50.00 1.00000
2-23 thru 3-9

LEGAL NOTICES

LEGAL NOTICE PURSUANT TO MCL 600.3205A(4):

Notice is hereby provided to Michael Miltz and Sherry L. Miltz, the borrowers and mortgagors ("Borrowers") regarding the property located at: 5150 North LaFave Road, Black River, Michigan 48721. The borrowers have the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the mortgage servicer and/or mortgage holder to contact and that has authority to make arrangements under MCL Sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, 1100 S. Bagley Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707. The borrowers may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or at (866) 946-7432.
If the borrowers request a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from February 15, 2011, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after February 15, 2011. If the borrowers and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the borrowers abide by the terms of the agreement. The borrowers have the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.

