

## Ask Your Neighbor

We received a bunch of responses regarding last week's question. Thank you to everyone who responded.

**Lynn Procnier of Greenbush** identified the building in the photo as being located south of The Flour Garden on US-23 in Harrisville. The business was owned by Mrs. Cleveland. The white building next to it was the Dyna Cafe. The Northern Sportswear building was moved to south US-23 north of the Springport Inn and became a home.

**Jean Holmes of Harrisville** wrote: "Just south of the traffic light in Harrisville was a grocery store, Kearly's Market, run and owed by Roy Kearly. On the left side going south just south of Kearly's store were two buildings, the Dyna Cafe and Northern Sportswear which was owned and operated by Etha Cleveland... not sure about who owned the cafe."

**Marlene Conklin of Lincoln** wrote: "The clothing shop was located where the south part of The Flour Garden parking lot is now. It was owned by Ethel Cleveland and carried mostly women's clothing. Ethel lived on the bluffs south of Springport road in a cottage that was purchased in the 1980s by Judith Guest."

**Linda Gregart of Harrisville** wrote: "I went to Northern Sportswear a lot when I was a young girl — back in the 1950s. It was located immediately to the south of the Dina Cafe (am not sure of the spelling of the cafe) which used to be where The Flour Garden is now. Ronnie Potts either owned it or managed it for many years — she was such a sweet lady. I would go there to get a "new outfit" for the start of school each year."

**Ida (MacDermaid) Fox of Millington, Mich.** wrote: "Northern Sportswear was located south of the light on US-23 in Harrisville. It was south of The Flour Garden restaurant on the east side of the road next to and north of Alcona Seed Growers. I used to shop there in the 1950s. Information I found in 'Alcona County Michigan History & Genealogy' in an article about J. Russell Hughes, a Detroit Times reporter, and his wife had enough of big city life, so after World War II they built Northern Sportswear. They sold clothing and hunting gear."

**Kim Klein of Marquette, Mich.** wrote in for her father, **Bud Klein**. She wrote: "The information that was provided to me came from my father, Bud Klein, as he was showing me this week's paper. According to my father, Northern Sportswear would have been located just to the south of The Flour Garden's south parking lot, most likely just to the south of a former business establishment and later residence that was one time owned by Viola Barlow. The nickname of the proprietor was Snowball (most likely due to her hair color) and her residence was down somewhere in the Huron Bluffs. Ronnie Ross was employed at the store and the store focused on women's sportswear clothing, though there were a few men's items as well."

**Elizabeth McArthur of Harrisville** wrote: "Northern Sportswear was a women's wear shop located where The Flour Garden's parking lot is next to the mill property. It was owned by Mrs. Cleveland and managed by the late Roni Ross. While it says sportswear, the shop handled name brands — sweaters, tops, slacks, shirts, dresses, accessories, jewelry, etc. When Cleveland and Ross went on buying trips they brought back many lovely items. The restaurant at that time was a grocery market and when it was enlarged the two buildings in the picture were torn down for the parking lot. It was truly a gem in Harrisville."

**Arthur Kniep of Harrisville** wrote: "I'm sending some information and an answer for Don Bauman as to his inquiry about Northern Sportswear which was located next to the former Bavarian Bakery and Restaurant and now The Flour Garden on State Street (US-23). See attached a copy from page 20 of The Centennial issue of the Alcona County Review dated for 1853-1953. I'm sure this will help on the question; when and where did the sportswear store really start."

*Excerpt:* Business Changes in 1948 : Many new business enterprises were begun in Harrisville in 1948. Mrs. W. Cleveland of Detroit opened Northern Sportswear, on State Street on June 14; on June 26 the Alco Theatre opened to the public on the site of the old Harrisville Retreat on Main Street. R. V. Rule of Harrisville and Mr. Wm. Frank of Flint began construction on April 8.

This is an interactive column. Questions and answers come in written form from readers. To submit a question or answer, send it to the Alcona County Review at P.O. Box 548, Harrisville, Mich. 48740; via e-mail to: editor@alconareview.com; by fax: (989) 724-6655 or drop it at the 111 Lake Street, Harrisville office. The name, address and telephone number of the person who is submitting the item is required in order for it to be considered for publication and possible follow up.



A whitetail doe found herself in a deadly predicament Sunday morning. She ran over the ice shelf on Lake Huron (in Greenbush, north of the Red Rooster Restaurant) and could not get out of the water (above). By the time Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment conservation officer Warren MacNeill (below) attempted a rescue, the doe had been in the water for several hours. Cold temperatures -- eight degrees -- and the physical energy spent on trying to find a way out, exhausted the doe.



MacNeill tried herding her toward an inlet to the south so she could get out. After an hour or so, she finally refused to move at all. He destroyed the doe and removed her body from the water. He explained that deer often run into water to avoid predators and this could have been the reason for this doe's actions. He also said that animals who experience that kind of trauma -- extreme cold and exhaustion -- don't recover from it.

Photos by Cheryl Peterson.

## Drug Court receives mental health grant

**By Kathryn Fritz Kniep**  
*Special to the Review*

A recent grant from the state of Michigan could help Alcona County Drug Sobriety Court participants achieve a lifetime of sobriety, according to Alcona Probate Judge Laura Frawley.

Frawley, who presides over Drug Court, said the state announced the availability of \$1 million in mental health funds in December, with just an eight-day turnaround time to prepare and submit applications. "It was hectic," she said of the application process, "But we got it together and just before Christmas we received notice that we'd been awarded \$25,500."

Those funds will be aimed at drug court participants with "dual diagnosis" -- indi-

viduals whose substance abuse is related to mental health issues. "Most of the people who are in drug court also have mental health issues," Frawley said. "A lot of the time, that's why they are in drug court. They are self-medicating. It's important for them to have a comprehensive treatment program if they're going to have long-term sobriety."

The funds will be used in conjunction with three-year grants totaling \$400,000 awarded from Substance Abuse Mental Health funds and Federal Bureau of Justice funds near the end of last year to provide services. That money will allow Drug Court to expand to serve residents of Oscoda and Iosco counties as well.

Specifically, the most recent grant will provide funds for psychological evaluations, provide treatment plans and, in some cases, provide transportation to care or pay for prescriptions for court participants who cannot afford medication, Frawley said.

Alcona Drug Court is a specialty court, aimed at repeat offenders whose crimes may or may not specifically relate to alcohol or drug use, Frawley said. Currently, the Court has 12 participants with two additional individuals in Oscoda County waiting to enter. Final coordination with Iosco County is in process. She hopes to have a caseload of 20 individuals by the end of the year.

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## Obituary

### Mary J. Gold

Mary Jane Gold, 90, of Flint, Mich. and summer resident of Hubbard Lake, died on Saturday, Jan. 15, 2011.

She was born September 7, 1920 in Toledo, Ohio the daughter of Horace and Ethyl Carrell.

She was an avid square dancer with her husband, John. She was a long time Pistons fan along with her husband and son, Terry.

Mrs. Gold is survived by one daughter, Carol (Russ) Stevens of Spruce; one son, Terry Gold of Davison, Mich.; one grandson, Ryan (Jennifer) Stevens; one great-grandson, Cooper Stevens.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John.

The funeral will be on Wednesday, January 19 at



10 a.m. at the Brown Funeral Home in Flint, Mich. Burial will follow at Flint Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation.

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The prosecuting attorney in each county is the "gatekeeper" for placing an individual in Drug Court, Frawley said, and law enforcement officials, often the first to recognize a pattern of substance abuse related activity, can make recommendations for drug court placement. "They're the ones who see these same people over and over again," Frawley said. "It's always related to substance abuse, even if the crime is not.. It's the overly-ing life issue."

Drug Court is a strict program, Frawley said. In order to participate, individuals must not be violent offenders and must not present a risk to society or to themselves. They must reside in the counties served by the court. Individuals participating must be willing to look for employment or work on their educational attainment.

Once the prosecutor has made a decision, the indi-

vidual must undergo an initial screening. At present, Catholic Human Services also provides a substance abuse screening, which must determine that the offender is an addict.

If, based on these initial screenings and the facts in the case, the court's team determines the individual is a good candidate, a final requirement is that the individual must want to participate. "They have to want it," Frawley said. Once the individual agrees and signs an agreement, they are no longer represented by an attorney but meet with Judge Frawley and the Drug Court coordinator directly.

Participation in Drug Court can last as long as two years, Frawley said. During the first 90 days, the participant must attend Alcoholics Anonymous program, must meet with the Drug Court coordinator three times a week, attend group sessions, meet with the judge every week and must submit

to urine or breath tests for substances.

"We want to get to these people when they're still in the crisis mode," Frawley explained. "When they've been arrested and are sitting in jail saying 'Oh God, I need to do something to change my life.'"

Alcona Drug Court is unique, Frawley said, in that it sees individuals charged with both felonies and misdemeanors. "We have some people who, if they were not in Drug Court, would be in prison."

Frawley is proud of the court's growth and its successes. "One of our graduates just graduated from college," she said. "One woman got her life together and got her kids back."

"Last year," she said, "I got a Christmas card that just said 'Merry Christmas. Sober three-and-a-half years.' This year, I got the same card with 'four-and-a-half-years.' I have to say, it brought tears to my eyes."

### Writing Letters to the Editor

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## Calendar of Events

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

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 19

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.

A basic Excell 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, JANUARY 20

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 girls home basketball games will be played at 6 p.m., junior varsity, and at 7:30 p.m., varsity, against Tawas Area High School. This is a Coaches for Cancer event. One dollar donations will be accepted at the gate for a memory wall in honor of someone you know who has battled cancer.

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 Northeast Michigan Genealogical Society will meet at 7 p.m. at the Besser Museum of Alpena. Bring your family research questions and records for an exchange of information. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 21

A spaghetti dinner will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Alcona High School cafeteria. All proceeds will be donated to Larry and Linda Spare who recently lost their home to a fire. Cost is \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

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### Harrisville Climatological Observations for 2000/2010

Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Jan. 9	24		10	0.00	0.4
Jan. 10	25	10	0.00	0.9	15	N
Jan. 11	29	14	0.00	12.2	31	NE
Jan. 12	25	19	0.01	8.0	34	NNE
Jan. 13	23	15	0.00	0.3	12	WNW
Jan. 14	28	14	0.00	2.1	17	SW
Jan. 15	27	13	0.12	3.0	23	N

Precipitation Summary (Inches)			
	2010 - 2011		Normal
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Water Content
Weekly Total	0.13	5.9	0.42
January to Date	0.22	9.9	0.90
Year/Season to Date	0.22	20.6	0.90

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.)

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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.

The Barton City Eagles Auxiliary 4141 will serve a barbeque ribs and chicken dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Menu includes ribs, chicken, potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children six-12 and free for children under six.

**MONDAY, JANUARY 24**

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, JANUARY 25**

The Thunder Bay Island Preservation Society will meet at 7 p.m. at the Alpena Yacht Club. New officers and board members will be elected and there will be updates on upcoming projects. Members and guests welcome.

The Alcona Democratic Party will meet at the EMS building on M-72 at 7 p.m. Plans and programs for the year will be discussed. Everyone is invited to attend.

There will be an ACCOA board meeting at 11 a.m. at the senior center in Lincoln.

The Knitting Klub & Crochet Club will meet from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All levels welcome.

Join the Sunrise Gardening Club for an informal get-together to discuss gardening projects at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. Everyone is welcome from new to gardening or experienced.

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26**

A laptop computer 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 Alcona County Library Board will meet at the Harrisville branch at 2 p.m.

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 GM Sunrise Side Salaried Retirees of Northeast Michigan will meet at the Alpena Holiday Inn at 11:30 a.m. Salaried retirees from all GM divisions including Fisher Body, Inland, EDS, Delphi, AC Spark Plug, Guide Lamp and Powertrain are welcome. Reservations and payment in advance by calling Chuck at (989) 727-3350 or Frank at (989) 595-2789.

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 27**

Ladies 18 to 100 are invited to join the Sunrise Harmony Chorus of Sweet Adelines International for guest night at 7 p.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Hale. For more information, call Joyce at (989) 724-6388 or Sandy at (989) 739-3931.

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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 or public service communications is invited to attend. Free refreshments. Call Stan at (989) 724-5550 or visit [www.alconaradio.org](http://www.alconaradio.org) for further information.

The Pine River VanEtten Lake Watershed Coalition will meet at 10 a.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall. All interested parties welcome.

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 28**

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.

The Harrisville Lady Lions will meet for an informal get-together at 1 p.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library.

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 29**

A Tribute to the Music of Johnny Cash will take place at the Alpena High School auditorium beginning at 7:30 p.m. This tribute is led by Elstan Gunn who is backed by an award winning band. Students are admitted free. Tickets are \$12 and may be purchased at the door or at these Alpena businesses: Neiman's Market, LeFave Pharmacy, AAACU or the TBAC office. For more information, call the Thunder Bay Arts Council at (989)356-6678.

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.

All are invited to the 73<sup>rd</sup> Annual Curran March of Dimes Fun Night. Join us at the Mitchell Township Hall, 6849 Tower Road, Curran at 7 p.m. for music, snacks, door prizes, quilt raffle and auction. Bring a white elephant for auction if you like. For more information, call Greg at (989) 848-5610 or Billie at (989) 724-5077.

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## Local Notes

### Road Commission Board

At the annual organizational meeting held on January 12 the Alcona County Board of Road Commissioners selected Alfred Scully as chairman and Harry Harvey as vice-chairman. Theodore Somers is the third board member. The board of road commissioners acts as an administrative body under Michigan statutory provisions to set policy and overall guidelines for operation of the road commission. Road commissioners are elected at large to serve six-year terms. The terms are scheduled so that

all commissioners are not up for re-election at one time.

Road commission meetings will be held the second and fourth Wednesday of each month at 4 p.m. at the road commission office at 301 N. Lake Street, Lincoln. Meetings are open to the public and the public is encouraged to attend. For more information, contact the Alcona County Road Commission at 301 N. Lake Street, P.O. Box 40, Lincoln, Michigan 48742, by phone at (989) 736-8168 or by e-mail at [alcona00@chartermi.net](mailto:alcona00@chartermi.net).

### Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln. Anyone planning to attend a meal is asked to reserve a place by calling (989) 736-8879 by 10 a.m. Monday through Thursday and by 9:30 a.m. on Friday.

- Monday, Jan. 24—Lasagna, wax beans, coleslaw, garlic bread and fruit.

- Tuesday, Jan. 25—Baked chicken, parsley red potatoes, squash, green fruited Jell-O and fruit.

- Wednesday, Jan. 26—Beef chop suey over rice, broccoli, tossed salad and fruit.

- Thursday, Jan. 27—Meat and cheese pizza, tossed salad, tropical fruit and fruit.

- Friday, Jan. 28—Pork roast with gravy, stuffing, Brussels sprouts, applesauce and fruit. (Friday meal served in Lincoln only.)

(on M-72 in Harrisville) on Saturday, Feb. 5 from 1 to 3 p.m. The Huron Shores Genealogical Society invites anyone with an interest in their family history to join them on a journey back through time. Eugene Daniels will present a session on basic genealogy, how to begin, what charts to use, where to look for records. Judy Sheldon will present a session on researching the U.S. Census and also a discussion on databases available on the Internet, with an emphasis on Civil War resources. Janet Higgins will present a session on the records available at the Harrisville library for the researcher looking for Alcona County resources. Huron Shores Genealogical Society will have its indexes available. Members of the Huron Shores Genealogical Society and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War will be available to answer questions and give guidance. Questions can be sent to [huronshoresgs@yahoo.com](mailto:huronshoresgs@yahoo.com) or call Judy Sheldon at (989) 984-9305 or (989) 739-5497.

### Funds for Disabled

For a number of reasons, individuals with disabilities often find it difficult to access loans as a method to purchase necessary equipment. The Michigan Assistive Technology Loan Fund allows people to buy ramps and elevators, hearing aids, power wheelchairs, computers and peripherals, vehicles with adaptive controls or lifts, home modifications, et cetera. The program provides low cost, fixed-rate loans to qualified applicants to finance the purchase of assistive technology devices or services.

Any resident of the state of Michigan who has a disability or a senior who needs assistive technology may apply. There is no minimum loan amount; there is a maximum of \$30,000. The interest rate is determined by Option 1 Credit Union based on the applicant's credit score and is a fixed rate for the duration of the loan. Repayment terms are based on the expected useful life of the assistive technology device or service and are for as long as possible, up to a maximum of seven years. For more information or an application form, visit the website at: [www.michiganloanfunds.org](http://www.michiganloanfunds.org) or contact the Region 9 Area Agency on Aging at (800) 219-2273 ext. 261. Region 9 Area Agency on Aging covers the counties of Alcona, Alpena, Arenac, Cheboygan, Crawford, Iosco, Montmorency, Ogemaw, Oscoda, Otsego, and Presque Isle.

### Talent Competition

Local poets and comedians will have a chance to display their talents and compete for prizes at the first-ever "Open-Mic and Poetry Slam for Poverty" to be hosted by Kirtland Ms. Club on Saturday, April 16, at the Grayling Country Club in Gray-

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### In The Service

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Paul M. Harvey, son of Carla Harvey of Harrisville and Harry Harvey of Harrisville, recently completed Naval Nuclear Power Training Pipeline. During the course with Nuclear Power Training Unit, Ballston Spa, N.Y., Harvey received instruction about nuclear theory, chemistry, physics, reactor operations, safety and security. Upon completion of the course, Harvey qualified as a Naval nuclear operator. Harvey is a 2004 graduate of Alcona High School. He joined the Navy in February 2009. He is a 2007 graduate of Kirkland Community College, Roscommon, Mich. with several associate degrees and a 2008 graduate of Michigan Technological University, Houghton, Mich. with a Bachelor of Science degree.

### Away at School

William Livinus of Harrisville graduated from Creighton University with a Master of Arts degree during the winter commencement ceremony on December 18, 2010. Creighton University, a Catholic, Jesuit institution located in Omaha, Neb., enrolls more than 4,100 undergraduate and 3,200 professional school and graduate students.

### Tracing Family History

The program "Tracing Your Family History" will be held at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library



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# Lady Tigers rack up two more wins

**By Dan O'Connor**  
Sports Writer

Although it wasn't exactly the way they would have drawn up each matchup, the Alcona girls varsity basketball team defeated the Rogers City Hurons and Oscoda Owls in closely contested games last week.

At home on January 11, the Lady Tigers hosted the Hurons and quickly jumped out to an 11-6 lead after one quarter. In the second quarter Rogers City's dribble penetration caused problems for Alcona and was able to cut the deficit to 17-15 at the break. Alcona answered back in the third quarter, sparked by Karina Cole's seven points which pushed their lead to 28-20 heading into the fourth quarter.

Kayla Rasmussen took her turn leading the Lady Tigers in the fourth by scoring eight of her game high nine points in the period. The Lady Tigers held on to the 38-27 win. Cole added nine points as well while Ashley Smith chipped in eight points.

Alcona traveled to Oscoda for their second conference contest. The Owls trailed Alcona 12-7 and 24 to 17 at the end of the first half. In the third quarter Oscoda settled in nicely getting a balanced scoring attack and cutting the Lady Tiger lead to 35-33 heading into the fourth quarter.

It was there a stage was set



Lady Tiger Alexa LeCureux steals the ball and races down the court for a layup. Photo by Kathy Steiner.

for a dramatic finish. The Lady Tigers and Owls found themselves tied several times in the fourth quarter. The Lady Tigers had possession with four seconds left under their own basket. Alexa LeCureux successfully sealed her defender, received a pass from Smith and made the game winning basket with less than a second to go. Smith led the scoring with 14 points while Rasmussen added 11 points.

Alcona improved to 7-1 for the season. They host Tawas on Thursday, Jan. 20 in a critical game for first place in

the Huron Shores Conference.

The junior varsity team was defeated by Rogers City but came back to beat Oscoda to improve their record to 6-2.

During the January 20 game against the Tawas Braves donations will be accepted at the gate for a memory wall. A \$1 donation made to the Michigan High School Basketball Coaches Association and Alcona boys/girls basketball to Coaches vs. Cancer in memory of a loved one who has battled cancer.

# Tigers defeather Oscoda Owls

**By Ron Yokom**  
Basketball Writer

In the 2009-2010 basketball season Jared Steiner, a freshman, was asked to be the starting point guard on Alcona's varsity team. A tall order for a freshman. He had to be the key ball handler bringing the ball up the court, and then run the offense. Steiner, at times, played like a freshman but overall did a good job. There were indications that he could also be a scorer but he seemed reluctant to shoot the ball.

On Friday, Jan. 14 against the Oscoda Owls, Steiner showed his potential scoring ability. He had a game high 19 points, six rebounds and four assists in leading his team to a 72-56 victory.

The Tigers again showed very balanced scoring with Bryan Layton hitting for 18 with 10 rebounds, Alex Cole had 15 points with four assists and Brock LaVergne had 10 points and 13 redounds. It is difficult for opponents to key on any one player on Alcona's team.

The Tigers started out slow, missing several easy shots. A 12-0 run to end the first quarter resulted in a 23-12 lead. They increased their lead in the second quarter by controlling the boards, creating second chance opportunities. They led 44-21 until a sloppy final two minutes allowed Oscoda to score the final six points. The halftime score was 44-27.

Alcona built the lead back to 21 points in the third quarter before the Owls went on



Brock LaVergne goes up for a rebound against Oscoda -- one of 13 he pulled down during the game. Photo by Kathy Steiner.

an 8-0 run after Alcona got into some foul trouble. Alcona still led by 17 heading into the final period.

They outscored Oscoda 15-6 to build a 24 point lead and then Coach Seth Coffing cleared the bench. The Owls scored the final 10 points which was far too little to affect the game.

By the time this article is printed Alcona will have gone through back to back games on the road against two tough teams. If they can stay out of foul trouble they will be all right.

The junior varsity Tigers also won easily 61-41 with Aaron Ritchie scoring 14 points.

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## Local Notes

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 ling, Mich. Amateur poets and comedians wanting to participate in the fundraising event should register by Tuesday, Feb. 1. There is a registration fee of \$5 per individual and \$10 for a team. "They just need to register by February 1. They only need to sign up with their name and the title of their performance. The performance material doesn't have to be complete, not at this point," said event organizer Amy Inzina, an AmeriCorps VISTA

member at Kirtland Community College.

Prizes will be awarded to the top high school and college students - there will also be an open class, in which anyone is welcome to compete - for both the poetry slam and comedian categories, as well as a grand prize for the overall winner. Contestants will be judged by the audience and a three-member panel. Participants must perform their own original work without the use of props, cos-

tumes or musical instruments. Performances will be limited to five minutes. All proceeds from the event will benefit the Kirtland Ms. Club, a non-profit group which seeks to help students attending Kirtland Community College by providing emergency loans and scholarship opportunities. For more information on the fundraising event or to register as a participant, contact Inzina via e-mail at amy.inzina@kirtland.edu or call (989) 275-5000 ext. 325.

# SENIOR LIFESTYLES

## How to locate and compare senior housing options

Dear Savvy Senior,  
 Can you explain the different types of senior housing options and recommend some good resources for locating and choosing one? My 84-year-old mother took a nasty fall last month in her home and thinks it may be time to check out some senior facilities.

Need Some Help

Dear Need,

There's a wide array of housing options available to seniors today, but what's available to your mom will depend on her location, needs and finances.

To help you find the right type of senior housing for your mom, your first step is to assess her financial and physical situation: What can she afford? How is her health

and memory? Does she need help with daily living chores?

A resource that can help you with this is the Care Interpreter (see [v2.tlchoices.com](http://v2.tlchoices.com) - it requires registration), a free online tool that asks a few questions and matches her with the most suitable living situation.

If you feel you need some additional help, consider hiring a geriatric care professional (see [caremanager.org](http://caremanager.org)) who can give your mom a thorough evaluation for around \$300 to \$800, and recommend some appropriate housing options in the area. Depending on your mom's situation, here are her options.

If your mom is in relatively good health and is self-sufficient, "independent living communities" are a good

place to start. Typically available to people over age 55, this type of senior housing is usually apartments or town homes that are fully functional. In addition, many of these communities also offer amenities such as meals served in a common dining area, housekeeping, transportation and a variety of social activities.

To locate independent living or retirement communities, contact your area agency on aging. Call (800) 677-1116, or visit [www.eldercare.gov](http://www.eldercare.gov) to get your local number. Most of these communities are private-pay only, and run anywhere from \$1,000 to over \$4,000 per month.

If that's too steep, another option to check out is "senior apartments," which are often subsidized by HUD for lower income seniors. You can also locate these through your local housing authority (see [hud.gov/pihforseniors](http://hud.gov/pihforseniors) or call 800-955-2232 for contact information) or you can do a search online at [hud.gov/apps/section8](http://hud.gov/apps/section8).

If your mom needs some help with daily living activities, you'll need to look into "assisted living facilities." These types of facilities provide personal care (bathing, dressing, eating, going to the

bathroom) when needed, as well as meals, housekeeping, transportation, social activities and medication management. Some facilities also offer special care units for residents with dementia.

Costs for this type of care is usually between \$2,500 and \$6,000 per month, and most facilities only accept private-pay or long-term care insurance.

Another similar, but less expensive option to inquire about is "board and care homes." These offer many of the same services as assisted living facilities but in a much smaller home setting.

Your area aging agency is again your best resource for finding these facilities, or try online resources like [snapforseniors.com](http://snapforseniors.com). After you locate a few, check them out by calling your local ombudsman - the government official who investigates long-term care facilities - and ask whether there have been complaints. See [ltombudsman.org](http://ltombudsman.org), or call (800) 677-1116 for contact information.

If your mom is in need of ongoing medical care, you may need to check out local "nursing homes" that provide skilled nursing care. To find one, Medicare offers a great Nurs-



ing Home Compare tool ([medicare.gov/nhcompare](http://medicare.gov/nhcompare)) that lets you search and compare facilities in your area. If you want more information on a particular nursing home contact your local ombudsman, or for a fee you can purchase detailed reports through companies like [healthgrades.com](http://healthgrades.com) and [care-scout.com](http://care-scout.com).

Another form of senior housing you should know about is "continuing-care retirement communities" (CCRCs). This is a nice option because it provides all levels of senior housing, services and care in one convenient location, but CCRCs are expensive typically requiring a hefty buy-in or entrance fee along with on-going monthly service fees. For more information see [carf.org/aging](http://carf.org/aging).

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January 7

Ballbangers	175	65
Two and Too	127	113
Gamblers	127	113
Bluff or Bust	113	127
An Attitude	108	132
Bowler Up	108	132
Handicapped	105	135
Hot N Spicey	97	143

Men's high game: Jimmy Armstrong, 213.  
 Men's high series: Tommy Morgan, 604.  
 Men's high handicap game and series: Tommy Morgan, 252 and 727.  
 Women's high game: Mickey Zurcher, 190.  
 Women's high series: Gale Buchner, 508.  
 Women's high handicap game and series: Mickey Zurcher, 256 and 680.

**Huron**  
January 11

Big Joe's Motel	22	59
Rob's Repair	12	56.5
Carpet One	8	52.5
Back Alley Bar	18	49
Lincoln Prec.	19	48.5
Gary Oil	23	38
Haglund's	11	28.5
B & D Sales	7	28

High game: Dave Baker, 249.  
 High series: Bob Szuber, 693.  
 High handicap game: Kyle Catarino, 278.  
 High handicap series: Ed Schmitz, 766.

**Early Bloomers**  
January 11

Rosebuds	38	15
Marigolds	31	17
Mums	29	19
Bluebells	25	23
Buttercups	24	24
Tigerlilys	18	30
Violets	16	32
Daffodils	16	32

High game and series: Annette Kane, 189 and 521.  
 High team game: Daffodils, 446  
 High team series: Tigerlilys, 1,304.

**Wednesday Nite Women's**

Stoney Acres	71	19
Other Team	61	29
Alcona Abstract	56.5	33.5
Alcona Tool	56	34
Ark Plumbing	50.5	39.5
JB's Auto	37	53
Cole's Appl.	36	54
Animal Clinic	32.5	57.5
Back Alley Bar	32.5	57.5

High game: Gale Buchner, 205.  
 High series: Carla James, 565.  
 High handicap game: Ronnie Miller, 246.  
 High handicap series: Carla James, 679.

**Minors**  
January 15

Strike Bandits	33.5	11.5
Pin Busters	27	18
Lions	24.5	20.5
Pink Butterflies	24	21
Team 3	23	22
High Strikers	21	24
Trappers	20	25
Headpins	7	38

Boy's high game: Jeremy Lickey, 139.  
 Boy's high series: Antavius Mikazes, 237.  
 Boy's high handicap game and series: Matthew MacMasters, 251 and 467.

Girl's high game: Sadie Johnson, 95.  
 Girl's high series: Raegen Eller, 169.  
 Girl's high handicap game and series: Sadie Johnson, 242 and 441.

**Majors**  
January 15

Team 4	163.5	106.5
Ghostbusters	161.5	108.5
Hollywood Ham	158	112
Better Than	132	138
8 Ball	117.5	152.5
Team 3	77.5	192.5

Boy's high game and series: Jeremy Maturen, 179 and 510.  
 Boy's high handicap game and series: Josh Lickey, 246 and 675.  
 Girl's high game and series: Megan Griffith, 182 and 473.  
 Girl's high handicap game: Kara Gonyea, 234.  
 Girl's high handicap series: Karly Ciesielski, 649.

Women's high handicap game and series: Carla James, 276 and 671.

**Bucks and Does**  
January 8

Where the	161	79
No Fear	140	100
Dragon Balls	139.5	100.5
Flat Landers	119	121
Bowling for	117	123
B & D Sales	115	125
Woodbury	99.5	140.5
Almost	67	173

Men's high game: Bob Green, 246.  
 Men's high series: Andy Budreau, 620.  
 Men's high handicap game and series: Shane Conner, 292 and 732.  
 Women's high game and series: Mary Jackson, 201 and 571.  
 Women's high handicap game and series: Dawn Cooper, 251 and 736.

**T.G.I.F.**  
January 14

Roy n Da Girls	25	2
T.N.T.	24	3
Bar Tab	17	10
Covey & Travis	16	11
Not Here	11	16
S & J	10	17
Cripples	3	24
Butter Balls	2	25

Men's high game and series: Mike Baird, 258 and 717.  
 Men's high handicap game and series: Mike Baird, 264 and 735.  
 Women's high game and series: Carla James, 232 and 539.

**Sportsmans**  
January 13

Phil's Barber	23	119.5
Baymoor	20	129.5
Balls On Ya	21	135.5
Cole's Appl.	15	120.5
Morgan Elec.	15	138
L.L.W. Club	10	105
Ghost Busters	7	79
Top O Mich.	9	133

High game and series: Jimmy Armstrong, 277 and 742.  
 High handicap game and series: Jimmy Armstrong, 282 and 757.

**Boys Varsity Standings in Huron Shores Conference**

	Conference	Overall
Alcona	2-0	4-1
Tawas	0-2	1-5
Oscoda	1-1	4-4
Whittemore Prescott	0-1	2-2

**Girls Varsity Standings in Huron Shores Conference**

	Conference	Overall
Tawas	2-0	6-2
Alcona	2-0	7-1
Whittemore-Prescott	0-2	5-4
Oscoda	0-2	3-7



Members of the Alcona girls basketball team traveled to Saginaw Valley State University on January 8 to see the Cardinals take on the Ferris State Bulldogs. (Front row, from left) Kristin Doucette, Kelsey Sullivan, (middle row) Hannah Terpstra, Lilly Rodgers-Manning, Turner Somers, Karina Cole, Megan Quick, Alexa LeCureux, Brittany Joyce, Tylar Cambell, Carly Mitchell, Lexie Cook, Caitlin McNichols, Samantha Mier, (back row) Alyssa Terpstra, Kendra Cole, Amy Nowak, Emily Nowak, Alleigh Sexton, Rachel Hefferon. Kayla Rasmussen, Junior Varsity Coach Kristi Arnold, and Varsity Coach Dan O'Connor.



# Oscoda Youth Wrestling

Oscoda Youth Owls traveled to Pinconning on January 15 for their second meet of the season.

Wrestlers who placed on Saturday:

- Five-six year olds: Third place - Alexander Davis, 40 pound weight class; second place - Robert Shock, 43 pound weight class; fourth place - Ian Boboltz, 49 pound weight class; and second place - David Williams, 55 pound weight class. (In one match he pinned someone in 11 seconds.)

- Seven-eight year olds: First place - Andrew Meyer-Dault, 77 pound weight class.

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

- 11-12 year olds: Third place - Harry Samotis, 133 pound weight class; third place - Danny Banegas, heavyweight class; second place - James Hohl, 100 pound weight class; first place - Knesley Johnson, 126

pound weight class.

- 13-14 year olds: Third place - Symon Ballor, 155 pound weight class; second place - Robert Ellman-Rohman, heavyweight class; fourth place - Shelby Harrington, 138 pound weight class.

Oscoda youth wrestlers are part of Northeastern Michigan Wrestling Association (NEMWA) Division A. They compete along with other area schools/clubs for medals and the right to wrestle at state finals. The young Owls not only competed against those in their division on Saturday but also those in Division C. Division A consists of Gladwin, Hale, Mid Michigan Grapplers (MMG), Ogemaw, Pinconning, Standish, Whittemore, and Oscoda. Division C consists of Alma, Bullock Creek, Cedar Springs, Freeland, Meridian, Michigan Extreme, Midland, Pitt Bull Wrestling Club, Shepherd, and St. Louis.

There is still time to be a part of the Oscoda Owls

NEMWA team. Practices are head Tuesdays and Thursdays at the Oscoda High School in the upper gym/weight room. Information about sign up can be obtained there and on those nights.

The Owls Youth Wrestling team travels to Clare on January 22 for their next tournament.

## Pool League

### Alcona Women's

January 13

Mikado Tavern	83
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## Organization Notes

### My Brother's Hope and Food Pantry

My Brother's Hope and the Food Pantry were open Saturday, Jan. 8. Members of the Barton City Lutheran Church served a meal. New Life Lutheran Church members helped with the free store. Without volunteers, My Brother's Hope would not be able to exist. There is a need for linens, personal care items, children's and large women's clothing. Items to be donated can be taken to the library in Harrisville.

The annual meeting for My Brother's Hope will take place February 7 in the Harrisville United Methodist Church fellowship hall at 7 p.m. All are welcome.

## Borowski/Roe pledge vows

Sarah Marie Borowski and Jason Michael Roe of Spruce were married on December 16, 2010 at the Alcona County Courthouse.

The bride is the daughter of Bernard and Helen Borowski of Spruce.

The groom is the son of John and Eileen Roe of Harrisville.



Sarah and Jason Roe with their children, (from left) Bethany Hudgins, Benjamin Myers, Braylin Roe, Brendan Roe, Joseph Hudgins and Jonathan Hudgins.

## Toys of Tots benefits from AAA Credit Union

Through the hard work of its employees and the generosity of its membership, the Oscoda branch of the Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, located at 103 S. State Street, was able to donate \$1,756.59 to Toys for Tots along with many toys for the charity.

The mission of the U. S. Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys during October, November and December each year, and distribute those toys as Christmas gifts to needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted. The primary goal of Toys for Tots is to deliver, through a new toy at Christmas, a message of hope to less fortunate youngsters to assist them in becoming responsible, productive, patriotic citizens.

Dustin Palmer and Wayne Krasinski, volunteers for Toys for Tots, accepted the check for \$1,756.59 in a check presentation ceremony held at the Oscoda branch on December 30, 2010.

Alcona Area Credit Union employees select four community or charity organizations that they would like to fundraise for during each quarter of the year. During the fourth quarter of 2010, the staff of Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union's Oscoda branch chose to focus their efforts on Toys for Tots.

The Oscoda branch organized many different fundraisers to raise money for the charity. The staff held a bake sale, sold candy bars, sold Toys for Tots cards that formed a train around the branch lobby and "Santa

Bucks"— special dollar bills with Santa's picture on them. Staff could also pay \$2 to wear jeans on Fridays. The Oscoda staff worked together to make a handmade quilt to raise money.

Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union serves members primarily in Alpena, Alcona, Montmorency and Iosco counties with eight locations — a main office located in Alpena, with branch offices in Ossineke, Lincoln, Atlanta, a Tiger Branch in Alcona Community Schools, Oscoda and Tawas offices, and an additional branch in Alpena. As of November 30, 2010, Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union provides service to 26,965 members and has total assets equal to \$242,516,175.

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2. Painting of wall and doors.
3. Remove and install new floor carpet.

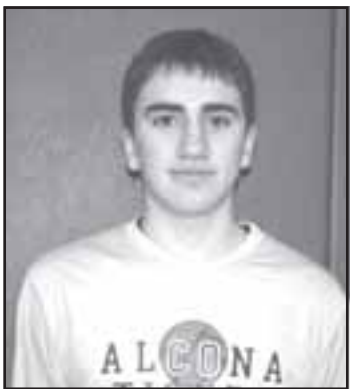
Contractor bidding must be fully licensed and insured. Applicable Building Permit must be picked up at the Alcona County Building Department. A contractor can bid on all three (3) projects but each project must be bid separately. For project descriptions, the Mikado library may be visited at any time convenient to the Township Supervisor (989) 736-7721 prior to the time limit for receipt of bids.

Mikado Township reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.

Sealed bids are to be mailed to: Mikado Township Clerk, P.O. Box 60, Mikado, MI 48745-0060 by February 11, 2011. Mark "Library Bid" on outside of envelope.

## Viking Energy of Lincoln Is Proud to Sponsor ALCONA HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETE OF THE WEEK

Jared Steiner is this week's varsity boys basketball Player of the Week. Jared led the Tigers in three wins over Hillman, Whittemore and Oscoda with a combined 33 points, 15 assists and 14 rebounds. Jared is doing an excellent job of running the Tiger offense. Nice job Jared!



**Jared Steiner**

# Cold noses, warm hearts

By **Kathryn Fritz Kniep**  
*Columnist*

There's little doubt about it, the pets at my house - like the people at my house - are pretty spoiled. I'm certain of this after spending a good 10 minutes this morning picking up their Christmas toys and putting them in the "toy box" in the corner of the living room.

I rounded up the stuffed Old Roy, Ollie the Octopus, the duck-named-Chuck, Possibly Possum and Probably Porcupine and Fred the Flamingo and his friends. Once that was done, Henri, our PBGV who likes to keep track of his things, spent another 10 minutes carefully removing each one from the box and spreading them back across the living room floor where he'd wanted them in the first place.

That's pretty much the way things go around here. Each morning, the animals wake me around six or so to be certain I know the newspaper has arrived. Usually, just staring at me will do it, but if I'm sleeping hard, Henri is generally appointed to apply a gentle paw to the proceedings.

I stumble down the stairs, press the button on the coffee maker and open the back door. While the pups are out, I pass the time by filling the cat dish for Chapters, the grandcat, who is circling my ankles like a small furry blender.

These mornings, when the temperature is usually in the single digits or lower, the dogs take care of things quickly. They rush back into the kitchen, screeching to a halt and staring at the top of the refrigerator, where the "bisca" box resides. Once everyone's had half a treat, they set about warming up again.

Bastie, the grandpoodle who's visiting us, sinks down into his blue blanket on the couch, shivering. Lady, the cocker spaniel, settles on her rug near the heater vent. Henri, who prefers a more human solution, snuggles up close to me and spreads his cold front paws across my legs. Assured that all's right in the yard and Mom's got the first watch, they nod back off while Chapters runs his morning laps, stopping by for an occasional brisk round of

"I can too put my nose in your coffee cup."

Each of the aforementioned animals is a shelter pet, but they've all settled quickly into their own routine. Mornings are for napping. At noon, a little nosh is in order. Later in the afternoon, they like to curl up with Mom for her afternoon nap. Dinner, whirled a few minutes in the microwave to take the chill off, comes about five. When it's not ready by five, they wander into the kitchen to cast disgruntled looks my way.

And at bedtime, lately, every night is a three dog night. Henri tends to curl up at Dad's feet while Lady prefers my side of the bed. Bastie, however, is new to the situation and likes to cuddle in between Art and I. For a tiny dog, he can stretch out to amazing lengths, causing me to wake up from time to time blanket-less, clinging to an inch or two of bed. Then I'm faced with moving a soundly sleeping poodle without waking up the rest of the pack and starting the day off a few hours early.

Having fur-babies is kind of like having human ones. Once you fall in love with one, you wish all the others of their species a good life, too. That's why, on these frigid cold nights as I let the pack out for last call, my heart goes out to those who have a tougher existence.

Throughout Alcona County, and all over the country in fact, there are animals who are left outside in bitter cold weather. Some have sturdy shelter and some are just left to fend for themselves, finding a spot to curl up and shiver. The misconception that pets have fur coats, and can be left outside year 'round is untrue, according to the Michigan Humane Society. Severe cold is painful and dangerous for animals, especially old, young, thin or short-haired breeds.

Many of these dogs are chained, which makes the situation worse. Water bowls freeze at 32 degrees, leaving them thirsty. Dogs forced to sit on frozen ground can get painful sores from frostbite on their paws and their bottoms. Blankets or towels absorb moisture and freeze,

## Puttin' On The Fritz

providing little comfort.

As with children, the "parents" of these animals are rarely cruel. They're just neglectful, uninformed or too busy to care properly for pets. The Humane Society of the United States points out that dogs who are continuously chained become neurotic and difficult. In fact, chained dogs are 38 percent more likely to bite. And beyond those statistics, dogs are pack animals and cats are companion animals, instinctively wired to share their lives with humans.

That's a pretty cold, scientific statement. But it parses out to Henri, cuddled close to my side as he warms his paws and gazes happily at his "mom." Or Lady, placing one dignified paw on my knee to request a nose rub. Or Bastie, happily settled in "Grandfazzer's" lap, listening to Saturday morning jazz.

Our pets are spoiled. They deserve it. Care, compassion and common sense - along with a "bisca" or two and lots of patting and petting. That's barely adequate recompense for all the love, loyalty and laughter they bring us every day.

Still, if there is no other option to nights outside, please consider these recommendations, also from the Humane Society of the United States:

A dog house should be large enough to allow the dog to stand up and turn around comfortably, but small enough to enable the dog to retain body heat. If it's made of wood, it should be raised off the ground at least two inches to prevent the floor from rotting. During the winter months, to protect your dog from cold wind, the door should be covered by a flexible plastic flap. A piece of carpet can work in a pinch, but it can get wet and freeze. Clean, dry bedding such as hay or straw should be provided. Finally, any time your dog is kept outside, be sure to provide fresh water. Make sure the water doesn't freeze and replace it if it does.

All things considered, though, any dog or cat would prefer a nice spot by your feet or the fire when the winds of January howl. And keeping pets inside has one other positive, as well, at least for me. Without them keeping an ear out for the newspaper delivery, how would I ever manage to wake up so early in the morning?

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

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# DNRE director bids adieu to state government

Becky Humphries remembers back when she was in college and a professor told her not to major in fisheries and wildlife because there weren't any jobs for women in that discipline.

Now as Humphries bids adieu to a 32-year career with the state's natural resources agency - including the last six years as director of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and the soon to be short-lived Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) - Humphries is pretty pleased that she ignored the good professor's advice.

"It's been an awesome career," she said. That Humphries ever ended up at the Michigan agency was just chance.

Immediately after she graduated from Michigan State University, Humphries went to work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service at Shiawassee National Wildlife Refuge. She liked it, she said. But it became apparent to her that it was just a temporary posting; in the federal management scheme, refuge employees move around a lot. And Humphries didn't especially desire the gypsy lifestyle.

Instead, she accepted a job in the Real Estate Division of the DNR, where she learned to appraise property and bought it for parks and wildlife divisions. After three years she transferred to the Land and Water Management Division, where she was part of the team that leased land for mineral development.

In 1982 - four years after she started with the DNR - Humphries was hired by the Wildlife Division as a habitat biologist working in Gratiot and Saginaw counties. By the next year, she took over as the biologist at Shiawassee River State Game Area, a job she describes as "awesome for me."

"I wanted to work in waterfowl management," she said. "I had a ball. It was wonderful."

After five years, Humphries took a brief leave of absence to work on her master's degree in Wisconsin, but quickly returned to the DNR as a district biologist in the Grand Rapids office. Humphries held that position for five years when she was called to Lansing, Mich. to become a section supervisor.

That's when the rest of the world sort of got in her way; her husband (wildlife biologist Bob Humphries) was called up to active duty for Desert Storm. With a young daughter, the commute to Lansing was too difficult. She returned to her position in Grand Rapids, Mich. for another five years.

But Humphries had caught the eye of DNR's upper management and she was soon working in Lansing, Mich. again, this time as acting deputy director. After a new regime took over and the Wildlife Division chief was promoted, she became chief of the Wildlife Division, where she attracted the attention of

the Natural Resources Commission because of the way she approached some of the difficult, high-profile deer issues - tuberculosis, feeding and baiting, etc.

In 2004, she was named DNR Director. It wasn't anything she'd ever dreamed of. "I just wanted to be a field biologist," Humphries said.

Instead, she's shaped the entire operation. Humphries made a number of changes as director, some by choice, some by necessity, as the size of the DNR contracted.

"We're a little more nimble, now," she said. "When I joined the agency, we had policies on how to write policies. You had people who were in positions a lot longer - you had a lot more mentoring - so the learning curve was long.

"Any more, we work people to death," she said. "But, on the other hand, the agency doesn't have the bureaucratic hoopla it once did."

During Humphries' tenure, the DNR became a much more open agency - to the media and the public. Humphries made it a point that division managers involve more people, both in-



Out-going DNRE Director Becky Humphries shares a moment with Rodney Stokes, who's been tabbed as the next DNRE director. Photo by Dave Kenyon, Michigan DNRE.

side the agency and outside the agency, in the decision-making process.

"We have more work groups that are helping us work on policy," she said. "I always thought we were swinging too far towards talking about science; our people are great scientists, but the public didn't know that they care about the resources. They love the outdoors - that's why they got into the field.

"We are, after all, the de-

partment of fun." On that note, Humphries expanded outreach programs, largely by directing the agency to adopt other programs that were successful elsewhere - Project Wild and Archery in the Classroom, among them - rather than re-create the wheel. Educational and outreach programs at state parks are increasing attendance and the new Recreational

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## Weekly SUDOKU

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## Super Crossword

Answers

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# Area Church Directory


**St. Andrew's Episcopal Church**  

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

**Haynes Community Church**  
 4505 Shaw Road, Harrisville, Michigan 48740  
 Sunday Morning Service 11 a.m.  
 989-724-6665 • 989-724-6578  
 Pastor Claire Duncan • [haynescommunitychurch.org](http://haynescommunitychurch.org)

**GREENBUSH COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 2430 S. State, Greenbush • 724-5264 • Pastor A. C. Caincross  
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 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)


**Harrisville United Methodist Church**  

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


**New Life Lutheran Church (ELCA)**  


 Sunday Worship & Sunday School 9:30 a.m.  
 Hubbard Lake Rd.,  
 3/4 mile south of White Pine National Golf Course  
 Pastor Christina Bright Office 736-7816

**Lincoln United Methodist Church**  

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


**Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church (WELS)**  

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


**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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 6891 Nicholson Hill Road, Hubbard Lake, Mich. 49747  
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 Pastor Robert L. Mikkelsen • (989) 727-2496

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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-6<sup>th</sup>)  
 \*Fall-Spring programs • Website: [www.cbcmikado.com](http://www.cbcmikado.com)

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 Rev. Carlo Sgambelluri, Pastor

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 Evening Service 6 p.m. • Family Bible Study 7 p.m. Wednesday

# Alcona County Sheriff's Report

## For the Week of January 9-15, 2011

**44 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 3 Operate While Intoxicated; 1 Warrant; 1 Violation of Public Health Code.**

### Complaint Statistics

Traffic	3	Car/Deer	7
Property Damage Accident	4	General Assistance	1
False Alarm	3	Animal	3
911 Hang Up	1	Larceny	2
Vio. of Public Health Code	2	Operate While Intoxicated	3
Well Being Check	1	Suspicious Vehicle	1
Threats	2	Suspicious Situation	1
Message	1	Warrant Arrest	1
Kennel Inspection	1	Minor in Poss. of Alcohol	2
Identity Theft	1	Criminal Sexual Conduct	1
Child Abuse	1	Abandoned Vehicle	1
Assault	1		

### Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	0	Caledonia	9	Curtis	4
Greenbush	3	Gustin	4	Harrisville	5
Hawes	7	Haynes	2	Mikado	6
Millen	1	Mitchell	1		
City of Harrisville 2		Village of Lincoln 0			

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Passport – something that grew out of a work group — holds the promise of long-term financial viability for Parks and Recreation Division.

Humphries spent most of her last year on the job building the new DNRE—an agency that will soon be once again split into the DNR and Department of Environmental Quality. But when the early retirement program came up — at the same time a job came open for a regional director for Ducks Unlimited — Humphries decided it was time to move on, even before the split was announced.

Humphries views her time as director as largely successful, though she acknowledges she failed at several of her personal priorities, such as developing a funding mechanism for the agency above and beyond the current user-fee structure.

“We have to find a funding model,” she said. “User-pay is a good system but it has

shortcomings. Our license fees are relatively inexpensive and we want to keep those fees low so everyone can enjoy the outdoors, but we’re seeing fewer hunters. We’re at a time of abundance — when I was growing up in Oakland County, we never saw a deer — but we’ve got people dropping out.

Humphries leaves the agency with mixed emotions. “Early retirements are hard,” she said. “They create gaps in the knowledge base. We’re going to have situations come up where nobody remembers why we did something a particular way.”

Still, she’s optimistic that the future is bright for Michigan’s outdoor resources.

“We’re incredibly lucky in this state,” Humphries said. “We’ve got tremendous resources. There are challenges, sure. But we’ll face them. Because people really care.”

*(Editor’s Note: This feature story was provided by the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment as an aspect of “Showcasing the DNRE” program, which promotes the importance of conservation in Michigan.)*

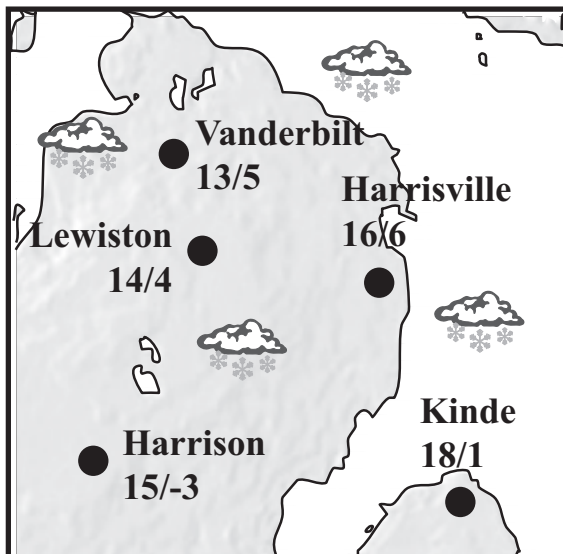
## Alcona Review Weather Report

Jan. 19, 2011

### Seven Day Forecast

	<b>WEDNESDAY</b> Snow Possible High: 16 Low: 6
	<b>THURSDAY</b> Snow Possible High: 22 Low: 9
	<b>FRIDAY</b> Cloudy High: 16 Low: 3
	<b>SATURDAY</b> Cloudy High: 19 Low: 14
	<b>SUNDAY</b> Cloudy High: 22 Low: 11
	<b>MONDAY</b> Mostly Cloudy High: 21 Low: 5
	<b>TUESDAY</b> Partly Cloudy High: 24 Low: 8

### Today's Regional Map



### In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see cloudy skies with a 30% chance of snow, high temperature of 16°, humidity of 72%. North wind 10 mph. The record high temperature for today is 48° set in 1973. Expect mostly cloudy skies tonight with a slight chance of snow, overnight low of 6°. West wind 5 mph. The record low for tonight is -20° set in 1962.

### \*Last Week's Almanac

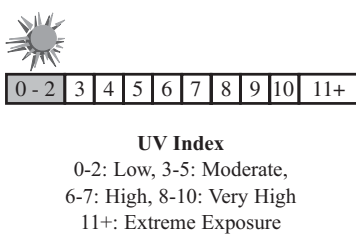
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Monday	25	-5	26/10	0.00"
Tuesday	25	1	26/10	0.06"
Wednesday	23	17	26/10	0.00"
Thursday	20	15	26/10	0.00"
Friday	27	8	26/9	0.00"
Saturday	26	13	26/9	0.19"
Sunday	13	1	26/9	0.01"

\*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

### Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset
<b>Full 1/19</b>	Wednesday 8:04 a.m.	5:24 p.m.	5:31 p.m.	7:43 a.m.
	Thursday 8:03 a.m.	5:25 p.m.	6:50 p.m.	8:19 a.m.
	Friday 8:03 a.m.	5:27 p.m.	8:09 p.m.	8:49 a.m.
	Saturday 8:02 a.m.	5:28 p.m.	9:27 p.m.	9:17 a.m.
	Sunday 8:01 a.m.	5:29 p.m.	10:44 p.m.	9:44 a.m.
<b>Last 1/26</b>	Monday 8:00 a.m.	5:31 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	10:10 a.m.
	Tuesday 7:59 a.m.	5:32 p.m.	12:00 a.m.	10:39 a.m.

### Local UV Index



### National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see scattered rain and snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with a few snow showers Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 52° in Georgetown, Del. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies today and Thursday, scattered showers Friday, with the highest temperature of 79° in Hollywood, Fla. The Northwest will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered snow today, mostly clear to partly cloudy skies Thursday and Friday, with the highest temperature of 56° in Brookings, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 79° in Yuma, Ariz.

### Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	6:47 a.m.	3:37 p.m.
Venus	4:41 a.m.	2:09 p.m.
Mars	8:24 a.m.	5:37 p.m.
Jupiter	10:40 a.m.	10:35 p.m.
Saturn	11:58 p.m.	11:31 a.m.
Uranus	10:34 a.m.	10:25 p.m.

### Weather History

**Jan. 19, 1987** - A storm tracking toward the northeastern United States produced up to 14 inches of snow in northern Indiana. Peru, Ind. reported a foot of snow. Six cities in Florida reported new record high temperatures for the date.

### Weather Trivia

What is ice fog known as that forms in mountain valleys?

**Answer:** Pogonip.

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### StarWatch By Gary Becker - A Sentient Universe

We live in a universe that is composed mostly of dark matter and dark energy. What we can see, about four percent, is made up of mainly hydrogen, a light, colorless, odorless gas, that given enough time, can turn into people. The storyline is a complex series of twists and turns that has been occurring for billions of years. The universe started with a pop, still called the Big Bang, the rifling of dimensions 14.7 billion years ago from some pinhead-sized blob—a burst of pure energy which a second later boasted all of the laws of nature that we know today. Energy rapidly morphed into hydrogen, helium, and a tiny bit of lithium. In the turbulence of the primordial mix, denser structures began to form galaxies which had as their basic luminous component, stars. One of these structures was the progenitor of our own Milky Way. Galaxies clustered and grew as they cannibalized each other, moving outward in an ever expanding and accelerating universe. Within our own local area, our Milky Way and the Andromeda galaxies became dominant. Hundreds of billions of stars lived and died since our galaxy's beginning, stars that have changed their hydrogen and helium into heavier elements through thermonuclear fusion. About one star in a thousand has gone supernova, producing in its catastrophic wake all of the naturally occurring elements and seeding the galaxy with its stardust—dust that in one case mingled with more hydrogen and helium to form an average star with its planets and moons that today we call our solar system. On the third planet, those atoms created in the dying bellies of stars were able to organize into replicating units about four billion years ago and evolve over eons of time into people. Humanity has a tremendous responsibility to understand the soul of this universe that has given so much of itself to create us. [www.astronomy.org](http://www.astronomy.org)



### B-I-R-D-S

Here's a little bird-word-play from Doris in Kodak, Tenn.:

- B is for *Be still and marvel at their beauty.*
- I is for *Imagine our life without them.*
- R is for *Remember their need for water and seed.*
- D is for *Delight in their beautiful songs.*
- S is for *Such a variety to enjoy and compare.*

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## top ten

### MOST COMMON PASSWORDS

1. password
2. 123456
3. qwerty
4. abc123
5. letmein
6. monkey
7. mspacel
8. password1
9. link182
10. (your first name)

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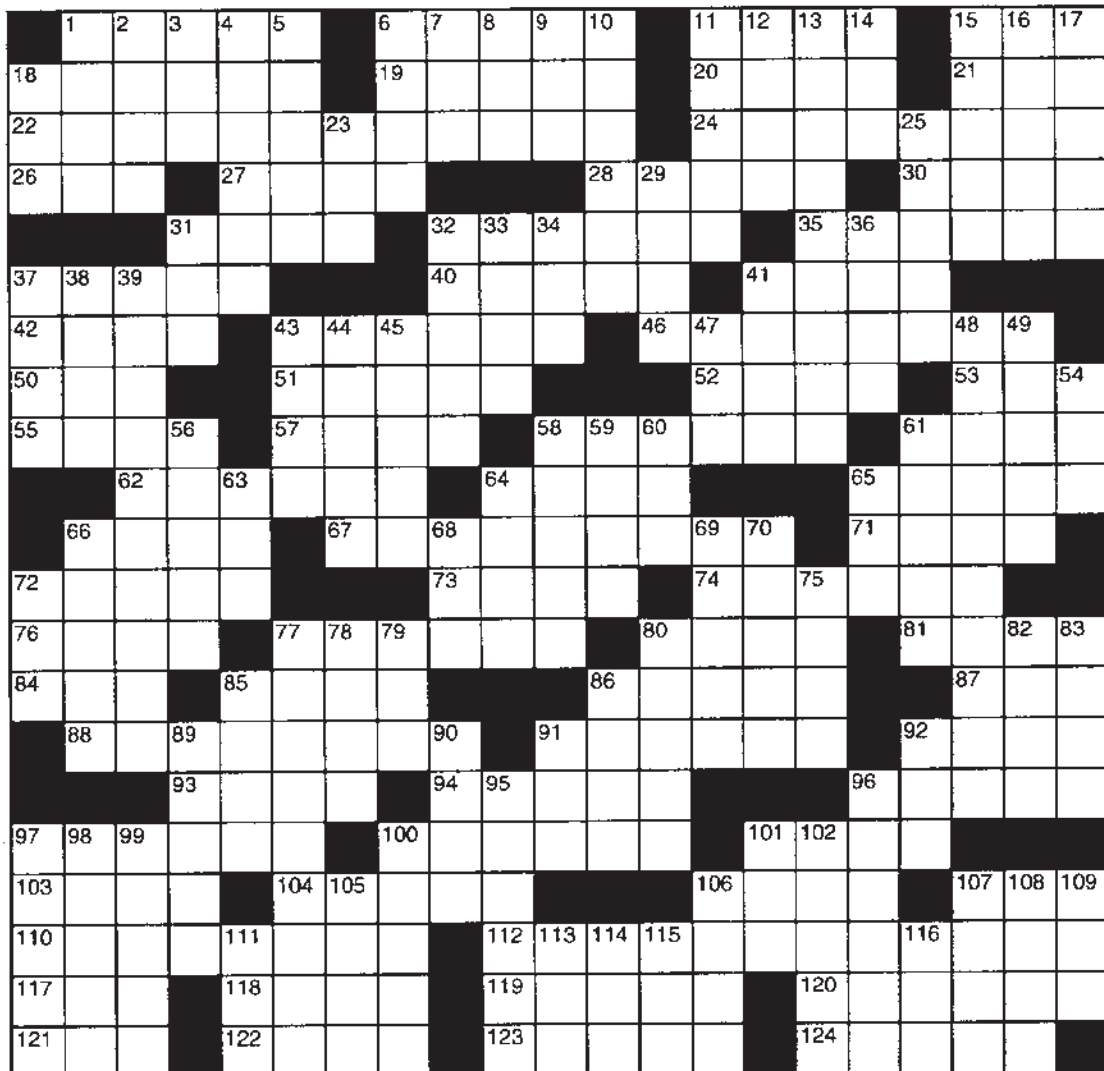
## TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY:** In what body of water are the Seychelles Islands located?
- 2. MOVIES:** Who directed the movies "Stagecoach" and "The Grapes of Wrath"?
- 3. CHEMISTRY:** What element's symbol is C?
- 4. MUSIC:** What rock 'n' roll band included members Marty Balin and Paul Kantner?
- 5. HISTORY:** What Union general captured Vicksburg, Miss., after a 40-day siege?
- 6. SCIENCE FICTION:** What fictional character had a flying lab called Sky Queen?
- 7. LITERATURE:** Who wrote "Riders of the Purple Sage"?
- 8. MYTHOLOGY:** Hera was the sister and the wife of which Greek god?
- 9. U.S. PRESIDENTS:** What U.S. president was born in West Branch, Iowa?
- 10. INVENTIONS:** When was the ballpoint pen invented?

Answers: 1. Indian Ocean; 2. John Ford; 3. Carbon; 4. Jefferson Airplane; 5. Ulysses S. Grant; 6. Tom Swift; 7. Zane Grey; 8. Zeus; 9. Herbert Hoover; 10. 1938. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

## Super Crossword GENE POOL

- |                                       |                                      |                                      |                                   |                                   |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                         | <b>53</b> Start to snooze            | <b>96</b> Trier "Thanks!"            | <b>5</b> Varnish ingredient       | <b>39</b> Gene Chandler hit       | <b>80</b> Big-name Secretary, e.g. |
| <b>1</b> "Lili" actress               | <b>55</b> Colors                     | <b>97</b> "— Cafe" ('88 film)        | <b>6</b> Tore                     | <b>41</b> Barber Sweeney          | <b>82</b> Diminutive suffix        |
| <b>6</b> Decorous                     | <b>57</b> Gouda garbage              | <b>100</b> Popped one's pecs         | <b>7</b> Pine product             | <b>43</b> Leander's love          | <b>85</b> Blue hue                 |
| <b>11</b> Jack of "Rio Lobo"          | <b>58</b> Schedule                   | <b>101</b> Actress Verdon            | <b>8</b> Burro                    | <b>44</b> Iniquities              | <b>86</b> Ire                      |
| <b>15</b> With 10 Down, "Cheers" star | <b>61</b> Fluffy hairdo              | <b>103</b> Farm measure              | <b>9</b> Robert of "Quincy, M.E." | <b>45</b> Crete's capital         | <b>89</b> Court cry                |
| <b>18</b> Entice                      | <b>62</b> Annette of "48HRS."        | <b>104</b> Swap                      | <b>10</b> See 15 Across           | <b>47</b> Dawson of football      | <b>90</b> Spilled the beans        |
| <b>19</b> It's tossed with sauce      | <b>64</b> Privy to                   | <b>106</b> Shopping center           | <b>11</b> Roast host              | <b>48</b> Gene Hackman film       | <b>91</b> Negligent                |
| <b>20</b> Waiter's offering           | <b>65</b> Refuse                     | <b>107</b> Zoo attraction            | <b>12</b> Annealing oven          | <b>49</b> Museum piece            | <b>92</b> Tenor                    |
| <b>21</b> Medical grp.                | <b>66</b> Out of range               | <b>110</b> Gene Roddenberry creation | <b>13</b> '56 Ingrid Bergman film | <b>54</b> Computer acronym        | <b>95</b> Weak                     |
| <b>22</b> Gene Barry role             | <b>67</b> Gene Sarazen invention     | <b>112</b> Gene Krupa's bandleader   | <b>14</b> Silent                  | <b>56</b> Play for time           | <b>96</b> Circuitous course        |
| <b>24</b> Gene Autry's horse          | <b>71</b> Architect Saarinen         | <b>117</b> Sky light?                | <b>15</b> Use one's noodle        | <b>58</b> Statesman Sadat         | <b>97</b> Lowdown crooner?         |
| <b>26</b> Maestro de Waart            | <b>72</b> "Die Fledermaus" maid      | <b>118</b> Part of NB                | <b>16</b> Overact                 | <b>59</b> Departs                 | <b>98</b> Behave like a brat       |
| <b>27</b> Evened the score            | <b>73</b> "Oh, woe!"                 | <b>119</b> Stalin's predecessor      | <b>17</b> Patron                  | <b>60</b> Goal                    | <b>99</b> Endowment                |
| <b>28</b> Prophets                    | <b>74</b> Irrational                 | <b>120</b> Stereo components         | <b>18</b> Vigoda or Fortas        | <b>61</b> Amphitheater feature    | <b>100</b> Pretended               |
| <b>30</b> "So — You" ('77 song)       | <b>76</b> Stocking stuffer?          | <b>121</b> Choose, with "for"        | <b>23</b> Placekicker's prop      | <b>63</b> Nev. neighbor           | <b>101</b> Berle bit               |
| <b>31</b> Torrid or Frigid            | <b>77</b> Somewhat                   | <b>122</b> Bird food                 | <b>25</b> It's spotted out West   | <b>64</b> Unemployed              | <b>102</b> Knocked out a novel     |
| <b>32</b> Bluesman James              | <b>80</b> Scenter of your face?      | <b>123</b> "Maria —" ('41 song)      | <b>29</b> Lexicographer Partridge | <b>65</b> "Agnus —"               | <b>105</b> Artist Magritte         |
| <b>35</b> Le Carre title start        | <b>81</b> — -de-camp                 | <b>124</b> Clear the slate           | <b>31</b> Actress Wanamaker       | <b>66</b> Cherish                 | <b>106</b> Sociable starling       |
| <b>37</b> Zeal                        | <b>85</b> Top-notch                  | <b>DOWN</b>                          | <b>32</b> African antelope        | <b>68</b> Uh-uh                   | <b>107</b> The — Brothers          |
| <b>40</b> Tea of "Deep Impact"        | <b>87</b> Fido's physician           | <b>1</b> "— All Over" ('64 hit)      | <b>33</b> "Why don't we?"         | <b>69</b> Florida feature         | <b>108</b> Reduce, with "down"     |
| <b>41</b> Diplomacy                   | <b>88</b> Silver-tongued             | <b>2</b> Choir member                | <b>34</b> Berg or Drabowsky       | <b>70</b> Blackboard support      | <b>109</b> USNA grad               |
| <b>42</b> Libertine                   | <b>91</b> Not long ago               | <b>3</b> Cadge                       | <b>36</b> "New Jack City" actor   | <b>72</b> "Stroker —" ('83 film)  | <b>111</b> Recipe abbr.            |
| <b>43</b> "Macbeth" role              | <b>92</b> Kid                        | <b>4</b> Wind instrument?            | <b>37</b> Saharan                 | <b>75</b> Quite                   | <b>113</b> Conger or moray         |
| <b>46</b> Kind of sale                | <b>93</b> Litter's littlest          |                                      | <b>38</b> Actor Calhoun           | <b>77</b> "Shaft" star (daringly) | <b>114</b> Compass pt.             |
| <b>50</b> Vex                         | <b>94</b> Mead's "Coming — in Samoa" |                                      |                                   | <b>78</b> Without — (daringly)    | <b>115</b> Palindromic diarist     |
| <b>51</b> Linda of "Dynasty"          |                                      |                                      |                                   | <b>79</b> Decimal base            | <b>116</b> "Jurassic Park" stuff   |
| <b>52</b> Revise a manuscript         |                                      |                                      |                                   |                                   |                                    |



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### STRANGE BUT TRUE By Samantha Weaver

• It was American astronomer, astrophysicist and author Carl Sagan who made the following sage observation: "The fact that some geniuses were laughed at does not imply that all who are laughed at are geniuses. They laughed at Columbus, they laughed at Fulton, they laughed at the Wright brothers. But they also laughed at Bozo the Clown."

• If you're like the average American woman, you will eat 4 to 6 pounds of lipstick during your lifetime.

• You probably won't be surprised to learn that Alaska is the most northern and western state in the Union, but would you believe that it's also the easternmost state? Yep. Because the state crosses over into the Eastern Hemisphere, it's technically farther east than Maine.

• In Alabama, lawmakers once thought it necessary to pass a law forbidding the operation of a vehicle while wearing a blindfold.

• Traffic is so bad in Tokyo that for most trips shorter than 50 minutes, it's faster to ride a bicycle than it is to drive a car.

• You're almost certainly familiar with the grouping of stars known in the U.S. as the Big Dipper, made up of the seven brightest stars in the constellation Ursa Major. You might not know, though, that other cultures call it by different names. In India, for example, the stars are known as the Seven Sages, and Mongolians call them the Seven Gods. Many in Northern England see a Butcher's Cleaver rather than a dipper. Scandinavians think it looks like King Charles' Wagon, those in Finland call it the Salmon Net, and the Dutch have named it the Saucepan.

• A shrimp's heart is located in its head.

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Thought for the Day: "If history repeats itself, and the unexpected always happens, how incapable must Man be of learning from experience."  
— George Bernard Shaw  
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### MOMENTS IN TIME The History Channel

• On Feb. 6, 1820, the first organized immigration of freed slaves from the United States departs New York harbor on a journey to West Africa. The immigration was largely the work of the American Colonization Society. However, the expedition also was partially funded by the U.S. Congress, which appropriated \$100,000 to be used in returning displaced Africans.

• On Feb. 5, 1878, Andre Citroen, later referred to as the Henry Ford of France for developing his country's first mass-produced automobiles, is born in Paris. Citroen allowed potential customers to take his vehicles for a test drive — then a new concept — and also let people buy on credit.

• On Feb. 4, 1938, Walt Disney releases "Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs," his first full-length animated color feature. Naysayers warned Disney that audiences wouldn't sit through a feature-length cartoon fantasy about dwarfs. In June 2008, the American Film Institute chose it as the No. 1 animated film of all time.

• On Feb. 3, 1959, rising American rock stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson are killed when their small plane crashes in an Iowa cornfield. Singer Don McLean memorialized the musicians in the 1972 hit "American Pie," which refers to "the day the music died."

• On Feb. 1, 1974, Ted Bundy kills his second victim, marking Bundy as a serial killer. That summer Bundy attacked at least seven young women in Washington. He was caught in 1977 in Florida and eventually confessed to 36 murders. He was executed in 1989.

• On Feb. 2, 1980, details of ABSCAM, an FBI operation to uncover political corruption in the government, are released to the public. Thirty-one public officials were targeted for investigation. In the operation, FBI agents posed as representatives of Abdul Enterprises, Ltd., a fictional business owned by an Arab sheik.

• On Jan. 31, 1990, the Soviet Union's first McDonald's fast-food restaurant opens in Moscow. Throngs of people line up to pay the equivalent of several days' wages for Big Macs, shakes and french fries.  
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★ ★ ★**

★ Moderate   ★ ★ Challenging  
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## CITY OF HARRISVILLE MINUTES

The meeting of the Harrisville City Council was held on January 10 at the city office. The meeting was called to order at 7 p.m. and the "Pledge of Allegiance" was said. Present: Mayor John Dobis, treasurer Tom Keerl, council members Lemere, Crick, Pierce, Dwyer, Tartaglia, Kaiser and city attorney Cook. Absent: Clerk DaNina Karsen.

Motion by Lemere, supported by Tartaglia, to accept the minutes of December 13, 2010. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Lemere, supported by Crick, to pay the bills in the amount of \$27,477.14. Motion carried 6-0. There were no items of correspondence presented for discussion.

Motion by Tartaglia, supported by Dwyer, to confirm Dave Cook as city attorney. Motion Carried 6-0. Motion by Crick, supported by Lemere, to set city council meetings on the second Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Tartaglia, supported by Pierce, to appoint Noel Lemere as mayor pro tem. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Lemere, supported by Kaiser, to appoint Kathy Baird as deputy clerk. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Lemere, supported by Tartaglia, to appoint Sharon O'Callaghan as deputy treasurer. Motion carried 6-0.

Both deputy clerk and deputy treasurer receive a \$200 per year salary. They are able to sign documents and perform other duties when necessary. Motion by Lemere, supported by Dwyer, to confirm the city clerk as city census administrator, chamber of commerce representative, and representative to the local chapter of the Michigan Township Association. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Tartaglia, supported by Kaiser, to appoint Barb Pierce FEMA administrator for 2011. Motion carried 6-0.

Scott Griffith, fire chief, addressed the council. SOGs have been given to the fire board for review. One suggestion was to add an index with acronyms for those unfamiliar with them. An application for fireman was received from Robert Forbes. Motion by Tartaglia, supported by Lemere, to approve Robert Forbes as probational fire fighter contingent upon passing a physical. Motion carried 6-0. Mayor Dobis gave an update on the Main

Street Beautification Project. As of today, the project is completed. He stated he has received positive comments from community members.

Motion by Lemere, supported by Dwyer, to approve the clerk to submit MDOT application for use of M-72 and US-23. This is an annual permit. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Tartaglia, supported by Lemere, to appoint Joan Crick to the Tree Board through December 31, 2013. Motion carried 5-0. Abstain 1. Motion by Crick, supported by Tartaglia, to appoint Darrel Morisse and Terrence Boucher to the Airport Commission through December 31, 2013. Motion carried 6-0. Terry Boucher has volunteered to continue as chairman.

Motion by Lemere, supported by Kaiser, to appoint John Townsend to the zoning board of appeals through December 31, 2013. Motion Carried 6-0. Motion by Pierce, supported by Dwyer, to appoint Jack Guy to planning commission through December 31, 2013. Motion carried 6-0. Motion by Lemere, supported by Kaiser, to appoint Phil Steiner, Dean Pierce, Ernest Andree and alternate Tom Carroll to the board of review through December 31, 2011. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion regarding medical marijuana clinics was led by Dwyer and attorney Cook. Both stated the law dealing with licenses of these clinics is poorly written and is being challenged. Attorney Cook suggested a moratorium on new licenses. He also stated many moratoriums are for 180 days. Cook will research and write a resolution to be given to the council at the February meeting. Sheriff Doug Atchison agreed with Cook's assessment of the situation.

Mayor Dobis reminded council members of a complaint made about the noise level from Shotmakers Bar on Labor Day weekend. The bar had received a permit to hold a special event that weekend. Dobis met with the owners of the bar and stated they were more than willing to work to resolve the issue. The consensus of council was to allow the bar owners time to work

on the problem. Sheriff Atchison stated the permit granted was in order and there was no reason to refuse to issue it.

Sheriff Atchison discussed permits that can be issued for Sunday morning liquor sales and well as Sunday sales from noon to 2 a.m.

Tom Keerl stated a truck was parked on Main Street and is using an extension cord which crosses the sidewalk to reach his residence. This is a safety hazard. Troy Somers will be asked to speak to the owner of the truck. Dave Cook received the fire SOGs from Scott Griffith and felt they were well done. Barb Pierce stated the planning commission met January 4 and had a final review on the Recreation Master Plan. This will be sent to the townships for review and comments. The final draft will come before council for approval when the township has reviewed it.

Terry Boucher received the airport license. He stated there are trees growing up on the approach. Jim Pyne, Harrisville Township, discussed a minor repair that needs to be done at the Mill Pond. Warren MacNeill said a \$50 permit will be required. Motion by Kaiser, supported by Crick, to allow the mayor to submit and sign a permit to do the repair at the Mill Pond. Motion Carried 6-0. Karen Sanderson has been receiving calls regarding city business. She would like someone to check websites to see if she is still listed as city clerk. This will be looked into.

Barb Pierce commended the maintenance crew for their work in keeping the roads and sidewalks clear. Tom Keerl wanted to thank Sil Toombs for the skating rink which is now in use. Mr. Toombs is a Lincoln resident who volunteered to do this for the community. Paul Dwyer stated the council agenda is presently posed in the post office, chamber of commerce office, library, Alcona Coffee and at Northland Area Federal Credit Union. Additional sites are planned for the future. Motion by Lemere to adjourn at 8 p.m. The next council meeting will be held February 14 at 7 p.m.

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## CALEDONIA TWP. MINUTES

The regular Caledonia Township Board meeting on January 12 was called to order by supervisor Brown with the pledge to the flag. Present: Brown, Timm, Thornton, Ott and Scott and zoning administrator Nancy Beck. Also present seven citizens. Motion to approve agenda with additions. Motion to approve the minutes of December 8. Correspondence: Charter Township meeting, January 18. Motion to pay the bills. Motion to place treasurer's report on file.

Planning Commission report: Annual report submitted. Vichunas sent ordinance changes to the master plan and other sections of ordinance for board members to review. Vichunas working on typing and updating ordinance book, board asked her to submit a bill for her time on the project. Next Tri-Township meeting is February 24. Zoning administrator report: Annual report submitted. Checked on Jack property; all is in compliance. Nancy gave out copies of Michigan Right to Farm Act 93 for planning commission and board members to review concerning possible conflicts with our ordinance.

Thunder Bay Power: Scott Klabunde presented parking agreement with the township at Northend Park. We will have our attorney look at it. Thunder Bay wants to put temporary parking in for public as soon as possible, board agreed. Motion for John Preston and Kerry Scott to attend board of review training. Motion to buy a subscription of MTA News for all planning commission members. Ron Young wanting to know if we are interested in doing Hubbard Lake Road through the swamp, because they are looking into funds for this now. Board gave him the go ahead. We also discussed the cutting of trees along Northend Park property as they shade the road. Board not wanting to remove too many trees.

Citizen comments: H. Freigruber would like to see a newsletter with tax statements like we did before. Also would like signs in township checked to see if in compliance with township ordinance. Motion to send three planning commission members and one board member to Curtis

Township's planning and zoning training. Ron Ott presented plans for improvements to the hall, removing basement entrance, removing front porch, installing new porch and handicap ramp, removing both rear doors, decks and handicap ramp, and installing two new security doors and two decks, and to vinyl side the front of building for starters. Discussion and ideas followed and then it was decided to have Ott check into any available grants for such a project.

Motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m. All motions at the meeting were passed. This synopsis published prior to board approval. Planning commission meets February 7. Our website is [Caledoniatwp.net](http://Caledoniatwp.net).

Helen Timm, Clerk

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Gerald L. Stone, an unmarried man, to the Northern Ohio Investment Company, mortgagee, dated July 15, 2003, and recorded on July 16, 2003, in Liber 386, on page 61, Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty-one thousand seven hundred ninety-seven dollars and sixty-three cents (\$51,797.63), including interest at 5.250 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 pre-

mises, or some part of them, at public vendue, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Michigan at 10 a.m. o'clock, on January 26, 2011. Said premises are located in Alcona County, Michigan and are described as: Lots 4 and 5 of Block 5 of North Lake Woods, according to the plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of plats, pages 150-151, Alcona County records.

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

Dated: December 17, 2010  
The Northern Ohio Investment Company Mortgagee/Assignee  
Schneiderman & Sherman, P.C.  
23938 Research Drive,  
Suite 300  
Farmington Hills, MI 48335  
12-29, 1-5, 1-12, 1-19

#### Foreclosure Notice

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information obtained will be used for this purpose. If you are in the military, please contact our office at the number listed below. Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Kelly M. Wantin, an unmarried woman and Kevin A. Raymond a/k/a Kevin Raymond to CitiMortgage, Inc., mortgagee, dated September 26, 2003 and recorded October 2, 2003 in Liber 391 page 19 Alcona County records, Michigan on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of fifty thousand four dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$50,004.28) including inter-

est at six percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, circuit court of Alcona County at 10 a.m. on February 2, 2011.

Said premises are situated in township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 40, Rainbow Crest Sub. No. 2, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 168 through 168A of Alcona County records. Commonly known as 5141 Elm Street, Glennie MI 48737.

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

Dated: January 5, 2011  
CitiMortgage, Inc. Mortgagee  
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.  
811 South Blvd. Suite 100  
Rochester Hills, MI 48307  
(248) 844-5123  
File No. 10-33214  
ASAP No. FNMA3863504  
1-5, 1-12, 1-19, 1-26

#### Notice of Judicial Sale

Judicial Sale pursuant to, and by virtue of, stipulated order of judgment and foreclosure of real and personal property entered by the Alcona County Circuit Court, Harrisville, Michigan on September 2, 2010, and recorded on September 9, 2010 at Liber 473, page 111-118, Alcona County records, in a certain action pending in that court in which Rose Acceptance, Inc. is the plaintiff and Family Circle, Inc., Carl Boyd and Patricia Boyd are the defendants.

Take notice that a deputy sheriff of the county of Alcona shall sell at public auction to the highest bidder inside the main entrance to the courthouse building in Harrisville, Michigan (that being the building in which the circuit court for Alcona County is held) on Wednesday, Febru-

ary 9, 2011 at 10 a.m., local time, the following described property: Real estate located in the township of Curtis, Alcona County, Michigan described more particularly as: That part of the northwest ¼ of the northwest ¼ of Section 8, T25N, R6E, lying westerly of the west right of way of highway M-65, except the westerly 250 feet thereof.

Also except: Commencing at the southwest corner of the northwest ¼ of the northwest ¼; thence south 89 degrees east 250 feet to the point of beginning; thence south 89 degrees east 1,070.3 feet; thence north 457.7 feet to the southwest right of way of M-65; thence north 50 degrees west 187.24 feet along said right of way; thence north 89 degrees west 925.76 feet; thence south 575 feet to the point of beginning. Com-

monly known as: 2520 State Road, Glennie, MI 48737. Permanent Parcel Number: 031-008-200-033-00.

The sale is for the purpose of foreclosing a mortgage contract. The redemption period is six (6) months from the date of sale.

Rose Acceptance, Inc.  
Dated: December 15, 2010  
Matthew Perkins  
Undersheriff  
Plunket Clooney  
Peter D. Cronk (P60172)  
Attorneys for Plaintiff  
325 E. Grand River Avenue,  
Suite 250  
East Lansing, Michigan 48823  
(517) 324-5611  
12-22, 12-29, 1-5, 1-12, 1-19, 1-26, 2-2

#### 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 William R. Johnson, a single man, as survivor of himself and his deceased wife Billie J. Johnson, original mortgagor(s), to Independent Mortgage Company, mortgagee, dated March 30, 2009, and recorded on April 14, 2009 in

Liber 460 on page 953, and assigned by mesne assignments to Financial Freedom Acquisition LLC as assignee as documented by an assignment, in Alcona County records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of twenty-seven thousand one hundred thirty-five and 95/100 dollars (\$27,135.95), including interest at 2.75 percent per annum.

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

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

are described as: Block 5, Lots 54 and 55, North Lake Woods Subdivision, Curtis Township, Alcona County, Michigan, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of plats, page 150 of Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: January 12, 2011  
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1313  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
Attorneys For Servicer  
31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan  
48334-2525  
File No. 351039F01  
1-12, 1-19, 1-26, 2-2

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.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Jamie M. Williams, a married woman, to Mac-Clair Mortgage Corporation, mortgagee, dated February 16, 2005 and recorded February 18, 2005 in Liber 413, page 273, Alcona County records, Michigan. Said mortgage is now held by Chase Home Finance LLC by assignment. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of seventy-one thousand seven hundred three and 25/100 dollars (\$71,703.25) including interest at 6.25 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville in Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on February 16, 2011. Said

premises are located in the township of Gustin, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Commencing 36 rods west of the northeast corner of the southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of Section 1, Town 26 North, Range 8 East, thence south 8 rods; thence east 8 rods; thence north 8 rods; thence west 8 rods to the point of beginning. And Lots 1 and 2, Block 36, of the Village of West Harrisville, now known as the Village of Lincoln, according to the recorded plat thereof, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 17, Alcona County records. Except commencing at the northwest corner of Lot 2, Block 36, thence south 264 feet, thence east 6 feet, thence north 264 feet, thence west 6 feet to the point of beginning. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered

at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 19, 2011

Orlans Associates, P.C.  
Attorneys for Servicer  
P.O. Box 5041  
Troy, MI 48007-5041  
(248) 502-1400  
File No. 310.9622  
ASAP No. 3885463  
1-19, 1-26, 2-2, 2-9

### VILLAGE OF LINCOLN DDA

Village of Lincoln Downtown Development Authority Treasurer's Report as of December 31, 2010

Balance as of November 30, 2010	\$ 272,073.83
Revenue	\$ 22.34
	\$ 272,096.17
Disbursements:	
Activities	\$ 138.00
Administrative	\$ 105.07
Audit	\$ 2,790.00
Per Diems	\$ 3,150.00
Demolition	\$ 76,755.00
Streetscape	\$ 8,550.00
	\$ 91,488.07
Balance as of December 31, 2010	\$ 180,608.10

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Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Timothy W. Taylor and Laurie A. Taylor, husband and wife, original mortgagor(s), to Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., mortgagee, dated August 28, 2003, and recorded on September 11, 2003 in Liber 389 on page 1,074, in Alcona County records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to BAC Home Loans Servicing, L.P. as assignee, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty-eight thousand three hundred fifty-five and 56/100 dollars (\$68,355.56), including interest at 5.5 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby

given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on February 2, 2011.

Said premises are situated in township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 9 of the Plat of South part of Lots 201 and 147 of Huron Cedar Lake Subdivision No. 1, according to the recorded plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 143, Alcona County records

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

Dated: January 5, 2011  
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1302  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
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Suite 200  
Farmington Hills, Michigan  
48334-2525  
File No. 358178F01  
1-5, 1-12, 1-19, 1-26

#### Notice Of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

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Attention purchasers: This sale may be rescinded by the foreclosing mortgagee. In that event, your damages, if any, shall be limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest.

Mortgage sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Melinda Jean Bullard and Michael Keith Bullard, wife and husband, original mortgagor(s), to Huron Lending Services, LLC, mortgagee, dated June 29, 2007, and recorded on July 3, 2007 in Liber 443 on page 714, and assigned by said mortgagee to Huron Community Bank 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 thirty-nine thousand three hundred ninety-eight and 64/100 dollars (\$39,398.64), including interest at 6.625 percent per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in

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

Said premises are situated in township of Alcona, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lots 52 and 53, Hunters Lake Heights, as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 160 of Alcona County records.

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

Dated: January 12, 2011  
For more information, please call: (248) 593-1311  
Trott & Trott, P.C.  
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Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue, at the place of holding the circuit court within Alcona County, at 10 a.m., on February 9, 2011. Said premises are situated in township of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 43, Yukon Acres No. 2 as per plat thereof recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page(s) 54 of Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. Dated: January 12, 2011 For more information, please call: (248) 593-1300 Trott & Trott, P.C. Attorneys For Servicer 31440 Northwestern Highway, Suite 200 Farmington Hills, Michigan 48334-2525 File No. 345281F03 1-12, 1-19, 1-26, 2-2

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. Mortgage Sale - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by William J. Miller and Judy L. Miller, husband and wife, to CitiMortgage, Inc. FKA Associates Home Equity Services, Inc., mortgagee, dated November 16, 2000 and recorded November 21, 2000 in Liber 345, page 219, Alcona County records, Michigan. There is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of nineteen thousand nine hundred seventy-six and 45/100 dollars (\$19,976.45) including interest at 8.24 percent per annum. Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public vendue at the west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville in Alcona County, Michigan at 10 a.m. on February 16, 2011.

Said premises are located in the city of Greenbush, Alcona County, Michigan, and are described as: Lot 636, Huron Cedar Lakes Subdivision Number 5, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats on page 155, Alcona County records. The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale. To all purchasers: The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale. In that event, your damages, if any, are limited solely to the return of the bid amount tendered at sale, plus interest. If you are a tenant in the property, please contact our office as you may have certain rights. Dated: January 19, 2011 Orleans Associates, P.C. Attorneys for Servicer P.O. Box 5041 Troy, MI 48007-5041 (248) 502-1400 File No. 671.1619 ASAP No. 3885828 1-19, 1-26, 2-2, 2-9

### HARRISVILLE TWP. MINUTES

The Harrisville Township monthly board meeting was held January 11 at 7 p.m. at the township hall. Four board members and guests opened the meeting with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Treasurer Johnston absent. Clerk's minutes approved as read. No treasurer's report. Zoning administration had one land use permit issued and discussed at length zoning violations and concerns with other areas of township happening. There were 21 land use permits issued for the year and only two new houses (down from previous years). Pyne/Young: To appoint Chad Spitznagel to the planning commission for a three year term. Motion carried unanimously. Stone/Young: By Reso-

lution No. 11111 to commit up to \$7,500 the township's 50/50 share for a new first responders vehicle for the city/township fire department. Roll call vote: Four ayes, Zero nays, one absent. Motion carried. Young/Pyne: Pay the bills. Motion carried. Fire Chief Scott Griffith joined the meeting at this time and gave a thorough update on the fire department and had a recommendation for a new fire fighter. Pyne/Jamieson: To accept the recommendation for hiring Robert Forbes to the Harrisville City/Township Fire Department. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

Roger D. Jamieson  
Township Clerk  
Published prior to board approval.

### ALCONA TWP. SYNOPSIS

Alcona Township's January board meeting was called to order by Supervisor Carlin at 7 p.m. with a pledge to the flag. Roll call was taken. Present: Carlin, LaLonde, Gauthier, MacNeill and Mead. Clerk's minutes and treasurer's reports were filed. Motions to pay bills as pre-

sented and to pass a resolution for a salary increase for the office of supervisor for the 2011-12 fiscal year. All motions passed.

Dawn LaLonde, Clerk  
This synopsis published prior to board approval.

## Studies show: Americans wising up about credit cards

Americans seem to be learning their lesson when it comes to using credit cards wisely, two new studies indicate. The average American has fewer credit cards, is relying on them less, and is trying to pay down their debt -- which, in many metropolitan areas, still exceeds the national average.

In about 65 percent of the top 20 major metropolitan areas, average debt per consumer exceeds the national average of \$24,775, according to a study by Experian, the global information services company. But while many urbanites may have more debt than average, they're also making strides toward using their credit wisely, a second Experian study reveals.

"As expected with the current financial environment, we can see that the average person has fewer cards in his or her wallet and is using credit differently than in the past," said Michele Raneri, senior director of analytics for Experian. "This implies that many Americans are relying less on credit cards and are potentially trying to pay down debt."

Nationally, consumers are opening 26 percent fewer credit cards than they did three years ago, the studies found. The number of open cards one has, as well as the amount of unused credit available on those cards, di-

rectly affects your credit score. Even in areas where people had more open cards, such as New York, the data showed they aren't using those cards as much.

"It's important to look at the whole picture when evaluating how consumers are actually managing their credit," said Maxine Sweet, Experian's vice president of public education. "For example, according to one of our studies, Seattle ranks the highest in terms of average debt per consumer. However, additional data shows that Seattle's consumers have very few late payments and are not maxing out their credit cards, so they are using their credit wisely and maintaining higher credit scores."

Here are some tips to help manage credit:

- Pay bills on time. If you have an overdue bill, an unpaid debt or a tax lien, pay it off.

- Set up a budget and live within it. In the age of self-help and empowerment, managing your finances should top your list.

- Use your credit cards responsibly to demonstrate that you can manage credit well, but keep balances low on all your cards and maintain reasonable revolving credit amounts.


- Review your credit report 60 to 90 days before making a major purchase. Do not open or close accounts, but concentrate on paying down balances.

- Pay off debt rather than moving it around. Also, do not close unused cards as a short-term strategy to improve your credit score. Owning the same amount but having fewer open accounts may lower your utilization ratios and your credit scores.

- Shop around for credit. Lower interest rates, lower or no annual fees, cheaper service charges and additional benefits such as frequent flier miles or special insurance rates are available. Find the credit that is right for you.

- Once you have signed a credit agreement, you are responsible for it unless the creditor agrees to release you from the agreement.

~ Courtesy of ARAcontent




### Houseplant dormancy

A houseplant's dormant state is necessary for its continued survival. They need time during which they remain alive but do not grow. This process is obvious in some plants - they shed their leaves. Some simply stop growing or flowering. This is often mistaken for death!

Many need a cool place such as a frost-free cellar or attic to go through their dormant period. Reduced water and light should be given to the plant at this time.

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### Something to Crow About

Did you know a group of crows is called a "murder"? Anyhow, when a family of crows shows up in my backyard, I make sure to have plenty of peanuts and whole-grain bread on hand to feed them, and that my birdbaths are filled with fresh water. I love the raucous crow and marvel at its jet-black plumage.

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## American Life in Poetry

**By Ted Kooser**  
*U.S. Poet Laureate, 2004-2006*

Because I'm a senior citizen I'm easily attracted by poems about my brothers and sisters meandering into their golden years. Here's a poem by Edward Hirsch, who lives in New York, that offers our younger readers a look at what's to come.

### Early Sunday Morning

I used to mock my father and his chums for getting up early on Sunday morning and drinking coffee at a local spot but now I'm one of those chumps. No one cares about my old humiliations but they go on dragging through my sleep like a string of empty tin cans rattling behind an abandoned car.

It's like this: just when you think you have forgotten that red-haired girl who left you stranded in a parking lot forty years ago, you wake up early enough to see her disappearing around the corner of your dream on someone else's motorcycle roaring onto the highway at sunrise. And so now I'm sitting in a dimly lit cafe full of early morning risers where the windows are covered with soot and the coffee is warm and bitter.

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### Most Shopped in 2010

1. iPhone
2. Barbie
3. Military jackets
4. Hot Wheels
5. iPad
6. World Cup
7. The Beatles
8. Silly Bandz
9. Alice in Wonderland
10. New Orleans Saints

Source: Ebay

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