



Downtown Glennie was filled with smoke on Wednesday, March 2 as the Glennie Party Store was destroyed by fire. The Glennie Fire Department was called to the scene around noon after the businesses owner and volunteer fire fighter, Mike Kulonko, attempted to extinguish the fire first.



According to fire chief Jack Roberts, when fire fighters arrived on the scene "smoke was coming out everywhere." No flames were visible until fire fighters reached the rear of the building. Shortly afterward the roof collapsed. "It was ripping and roaring and there was no saving it," Roberts said. High winds and cold temperatures made for a challenge to fight the blaze. No one was injured during the incident.



The Glennie Fire Department was assisted by fire departments from Curran, Barton City, Mikado and Lincoln, the Alcona County Road Commission, Alcona County Sheriff's Department, the Michigan State Police, the American Red Cross and the Chat n Chew Restaurant. Roberts said faulty wiring was the cause of the fire, as determined by an insurance investigator. "I'd like to thank all of the responding units for their help," Roberts said. *Photos courtesy of Gerri Moody (top photo) and Linda Howell.*



It's time to set clocks ahead or "spring forward" as Daylight Saving time begin on March 13.

Grandparent and lottery scams happening in area

Alcona County Sheriff Doug Atchison is informing residents about two scams that have been going around the area, according to reports to his department.

He warned senior citizens they may be the target of an emerging phone scam which is preying on grandparents nationwide.

There have been reports of grandparents who thought they were aiding their grandchildren by providing money for an emergency situation when in fact they were giving thousands of dollars to Canadian scam artists.

According to Atchison, the scam works like this -- a grandparent receives a distressed phone call from someone they believe to be their grandchild, who claims he or she are in Canada and have been arrested or involved in an auto accident and need the grandparent to wire money for bail or damages, usually a few thousand dollars.

Sheriff Atchison urges grandparents to be cautious. "This scam preys on a grandparent's worst fears," Atchison said. "My advice to grandparents in Alcona County is to always double check, even if the person on the phone sounds like your grandchild. A simple call directly to your grandchild's home will often alleviate your worst fears and potentially save you a lot of money."

Then there's the "fake lottery" scam. According to Atchison, scammers are now targeting bank accounts via a lottery check scam.

The Alcona County Sheriff's Department has received reports from local residents who have received checks in the mail that appear to be legitimate with a letter claiming the recipient has won an international lottery.

Atchison explained these checks are counterfeit and are just another attempt by scam artists to take money.

According to Atchison, this is how the lottery scam works: You receive a letter in the mail indicating you are the

winner of a large cash prize in an international lottery. The letter is accompanied by a realistically looking check. The amount of these checks varies from a couple of hundred to a couple of thousand dollars. The letter indicates the check is to cover taxes you must pay before you can claim your prize.

You are instructed to deposit the check in your bank account and immediately forward the funds to a processing representative or tax authority, usually a post office box in another country. The letter says you are required to forward the funds by Western Union Money Gram, cashier's check or money order.

The check you have deposited bounces, since the

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This nuthatch was caught on film by Al Broadwood of Lincoln as it ate from his feeder.

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Obituaries

Thomas Palmer

Thomas "Shorty" Palmer, 60, of Harrisville, died on Sunday, March 6, 2011 at home.

He was born September 28, 1950 to William and Dorothy (Sihler) Palmer in Detroit, Mich.

He was a resident of Harrisville for the past 40 years.

He was a welder at Kalitta Air of Oscoda. He loved motorcycles and had worked on them most of his life.

Mr. Palmer is survived by two sisters, Dorothy (Robert) Le May of Brimley, Mich. and Christine (Thomas) Eddolls of Ida, Mich.; two brothers, Gene Palmer and Bruce (Carla) Palmer, both of Harrisville; one niece; and two nephews.

Cremation arrangements were handled through Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln. A memorial service will be announced at a later date.

Wesley E. Keyser

On March 2, 1947 he married Shirley Bins. They resided in Bay City, Mich. and Mio.

They moved to Harrisville in 1969.

He worked for Consumers Power as a lineman in charge and area supervisor.



He was a member of the Harrisville United Methodist Church, and a former member of its men's club. He was a member of the VFW Alcona Post No. 6466 and a former member of the Harrisville Lions.

He enjoyed hunting and fishing and loved spending time with his family.

Mr. Keyser is survived by his wife, Shirley; three daughters, Katherine (Robert) Kendall, Becky (Kerry) Phelps and Lichia (Paul) Bucklin; two sons, Richard (Pam Vaerten) Keyser and Wesley Dale (Beverlee) Keyser; 11 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one sister, Earlene (Robert) Jeroe; and one sister-in-law, Geraldine Keyser.

He was preceded in death by two brothers and two sisters.

Private family services have been held. Cremation arrangements were handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Memorials may be made to Hospice of the Sunrise Shore.

Ralph Moore

Ralph Moore, 85, of Harrisville died on Monday, March 7, 2011 at home.

He was born March 13, 1925 to David and Reba (Ferris) Moore in Sandusky, Ohio. He was raised in Dayton, Ohio.

He graduated in 1944 from Patterson Comparative School, enrolled at the University of Dayton, and was drafted into the U.S. Army in 1945. Stationed at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base in Dayton, Ohio he trained as a medic.

After completing his first tour, he joined the reserves and later enlisted in the U.S. Air Force. He received a commission as a second lieutenant and worked as a hospital administrator.

He was stationed at Wurtsmith Air Force Base in October 1951 when he met Anne MacMaster, a Harrisville native working in the office of the base commander.

He married Anne MacMaster at St. Anne Church in Harrisville in April 1953. After the reception, they took a train to New York City, N.Y. and boarded a prop plane for the 17-hour flight to London, England.

Their extended honeymoon in England inspired a lifelong interest in the English royal family, European artifacts, collectibles of all kinds, and a near insatiable itch to travel widely and explore historically interesting places where the accommodations were first class, the food was good and the company included his wife.

After returning to the United States, Mr. Moore earned a master's degree from Ohio State University and began a civilian career in school administration.

The couple moved back to northern Michigan in 1965 and he went to work for Harrisville Tool as an office manager.

Mr. Moore was very involved in the community. He was a board of education member of the Alcona Community Schools, a Harrisville City Council member and a board member of the Alpena-Montmorency-Alcona Intermediate School District. He was honored by Governor John Engler for 30 years of meritorious service on the Michigan Department of Social Services board.

He was a fixture at St. Anne Catholic Church and a grand knight with the Knights of Columbus.

More informally, he was the unofficial ambassador at the state park in Harrisville which adjoined his home, and he was a friend of the needy and homebound up and down South Huron Avenue.

Mr. Moore is survived by his wife, Anne; four nephews, Hugh (Barbara) MacMaster, Dr. John (Dr. Jacqueline Fitzgerald) MacMaster, Brian (Karen) MacMaster and Don (Dr. Tina Rossi) MacMaster.

He was preceded in death by his father David, mother Reba, stepmother Madeline, and sister Gweneth.

Visitation is Wednesday from 4-8 p.m. at Gillies Funeral Home in Lincoln. A Knights of Columbus rosary will be held at 7 p.m. The funeral will be Thursday at 11 a.m. at St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Memorials may be made to St. Vincent de Paul in Mikado.

Death Notices

Elizabeth J. Beebe

Elizabeth J. Beebe, 90, of Lincoln, died on Monday, March 7, 2011 at Jamieson Nursing Home in Harrisville.

Funeral services are tentatively scheduled for Thursday, March 10 at the Lincoln United Methodist Church in Lincoln.

Arrangements are being handled by Gillies Funeral Home, Lincoln.

Florence M. Laatz

Florence Marie Laatz, 71, of Harrisville died on Sunday, March 6, 2011.

She was born October 16, 1939 in Detroit, Mich. to Dominick and Bernice Ciuzicki.

Mrs. Laatz is survived by her husband, Arthur; two sons, Gordon (Christine) Laatz of Missouri and Erik (Lisa) Laatz of Allen Park, Mich.; three grandchildren, Cassidy Laatz and Zachary and Erica Thomas; and three sisters, Frances (Jean Jules) Catelier, Sister Mary Dominic and Rose (Frank) Pinazza.

She was preceded in death by two brothers, Bernard and Leonard Ciuzicki; and one sister, Rita Gnolek.



There will be a memorial Mass 10:30 a.m. on Friday, March 11 at St. Anne Catholic Church, Harrisville.

Memorials may be made to St. Anne Catholic Church children's choir.

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Date	Temperature (F°)		Precipitation Inches	Miles Per Hour		
	High	Low		Av. Wind Speed	High Speed	Dominant Direction
	Feb. 27	33		16	0.00	0.5
Feb. 28	33	16	0.00	2.0	28	N
March 1	36	12	0.00	5.5	30	SW
March 2	34	7	0.00	1.6	27	N
March 3	26	4	0.05	9.4	29	SSW
March 4	36	25	0.00	3.4	23	SSW
March 5	32	22	0.26	9.7	28	NNE

Precipitation Summary (Inches)

	2010 - 2011		Normal
	Water Content	Snow Fall	Water Content
	Weekly Total	0.31	8.1
Month of February	0.40	15.9	1.35
March to Date	0.31	8.1	0.30
Year/Season to Date	1.27	53.5	3.41

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.)

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,
I'm writing to express my thanks to the man that found my driver's license and credit card in the parking lot of Kris Mart last Thursday. He promptly turned it in to the cashier inside the store and she promptly called me to let me know it was there. Before

I knew it was missing, I received a call letting me know where to find it.

Thank you, kind, honest stranger, for doing the right thing. I love this community and I love the hard working, honest people who live here. There aren't a lot of places on

this earth where this kind of thing happens and so I wanted to publicly express my gratitude to this unknown Samaritan and for the community we live in.

Alcona County is a great place to live.

Donna Wolfrom Spruce

To the Editor:
I just got my property tax equalization letter in the mail. Can someone explain this to me?

I guess I don't understand the equalization part. Is this some arbitrary number?

According to the assessor my property lost 24.5 percent of its value over the last year, however; it still had a one percent tax increase. How can that be?

It would appear, on the surface, that they arbitrarily decreased the value of the property by 24.5 percent to

match the increased one percent of the new taxable value.

What is the point to this equalization and what does any of it have to do with the actual property value?

I understand that the tax increases are supposed to be tied to the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or actual values in the area - now the federal government has told us there has been zero growth in the CPI - zero - that is why there has been no increase in your social security checks or government retirement checks.

As a nonresident land

owner, I know that I'm subjected to taxation without representation but you folks that live in Alcona County each and every day can do something about this, and you should.

The bottom line is this - how can there be a tax increase when there has been zero growth in the CPI and a 24.5 percent decrease in property value and there is supposed to be a cap tied to the CPI or five percent of any increase in value? Anyone?

Jim Ferguson
Harrisville and Dickson, Tenn.

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account it is drawn on doesn't exist. However, by the time you are notified of this you have already sent the funds back out via irretrievable Money Gram, cashier's check or money order. You are left with a deficit in your account and the possibility of criminal charges for passing a bad check.

"Remember a legitimate lottery will never ask you to pay taxes up front," Atchison said. "Legitimate lotteries, like

the Michigan Lottery, will withhold any tax payment from your winnings."

He explained the Michigan Lottery will never contact you to tell you that you've won the lottery. You have to contact them with your winning ticket number.

Residents who receive any suspicious checks in the mail should file a complaint with the Attorney General's office by calling (877) 765-8388 or filling out their online com-

plaint form: <https://secure1.state.mi.us/complaints/consumer.aspx>.

"Remember the old adage "If it seems too good to be true, it probably is," Atchison said.

Anyone concerned about a possible scam or who would like to report a scam is encouraged to contact the Alcona County Sheriff's Department at (989) 724-6271.

Mandatory ice shanty removal begins March 15

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) reminds anglers that the dates for mandatory ice shanty removal are approaching. Anglers are required to remove shanties as soon as the ice is unsafe to hold them, regardless of the date.

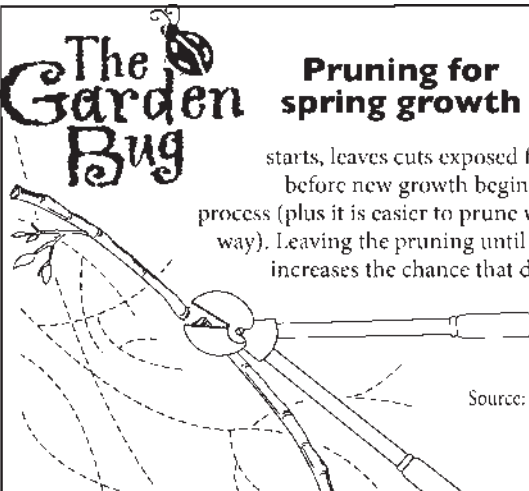
In the northern Lower Peninsula, ice shanties need to be removed by midnight on March 15. Counties included in the northern Lower Peninsula are: Alcona, Alpena, Antrim, Arenac, Bay, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Clare, Crawford, Emmet, Gladwin, Grand Traverse, Iosco, Isabella, Kalkaska, Lake, Leelanau, Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Midland, Missaukee, Montmorency, Newaygo, Oceana, Ogemaw,

Osceola, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, Roscommon and Wexford.

In remaining counties of the southern Lower Peninsula, shanties were to be removed by midnight March 1. In the Upper Peninsula, shanties must be removed by midnight March 31.

After mandatory removal dates, shanties may be placed on the ice on a daily basis, but must be removed daily.

Shanty owners who allow the structures to fall through the ice are subject of penalties of up to 30 days in jail, fines of not less than \$100 or more than \$500 or both. If a shanty is removed by a government agency, the court can require the owner to reimburse the government for an amount of up to three times the cost of removal.



The Garden Bug

Pruning for spring growth

Pruning in late winter, just before spring growth starts, leaves cuts exposed for only a short time before new growth begins the wound-sealing process (plus it is easier to prune without leaves in the way). Leaving the pruning until the warmer months increases the chance that disease and infection may affect the exposed cut before it can heal.

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

Seniors are invited to sew with Jennie Anderson at the

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Friday, March 11

5-7 p.m.

Knights of Columbus

St. Anne

\$7 adults \$3.50 children

5 and under Free

Lincoln Senior Center at 2 p.m.

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

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

Seniors invited to sing-along with Roseanne Armstrong at 4 p.m. at the Greenbush Township Hall.

Alcona Little League youth baseball and softball will hold a sign up at the Alcona Elementary cafeteria from 6 to 8 p.m. This program is open to boys and girls ages five to 15. If interested in coaching, umpiring or volunteering, call Angela at (989) 724-6054.

There will be a 4-H archery session for seniors in the upstairs hall of the senior center in Lincoln at 5:30 p.m.

The Barton City Improvement Association will meet at 7 p.m. at the VFW Post 8135 on Trask Lake Road. All residents are invited to attend, volunteers are needed for upcoming community events. For more information, call (989) 736-3160.

St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church will celebrate the Imposition of Ashes at 11 a.m. marking the beginning of Lent.

THURSDAY, MARCH 10

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.

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.

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

FRIDAY, MARCH 11

The Mikado American Legion 254 will serve a fish dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. The public is invited. Cost is \$7 per person.

There will be a fish fry from 5 to 7 p.m. at Maria Hall behind St. Anne Catholic Church in Harrisville. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3.50 for children and free for five and under. Everyone is welcome.

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 Thunder Bay Arts Council presents the New Day Singers in concert at St. Paul Lutheran Church, 727 S. Second Ave., Alpena, at 7:30 p.m. This is a free concert for the whole community. Donations appreciated. For more information, call (989) 356-6678.

SATURDAY, MARCH 12

My Brother's Hope will be open from 10 a.m. to noon at the Harrisville United Methodist Church. Volunteers are needed on Friday, March 11 at 1 p.m. to set up as well as today. Lunch will be served. Used, clean clothing and personal care items may be dropped off at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library anytime during operational hours.

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 13

The Barton City Eagles Aerie 4141 will serve an all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet and have a bake sale from 9 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$7 for adults, \$3 for children six to 12 and under six are free.

The Alcona County Amateur Radio Group offers a one-day, no cost, eight hour FCC Technician Level Amateur Radio class beginning at 9 a.m. The class will be held at the Alcona County EMS/EOC building on M-72. The FCC exam session will begin at 5 p.m. following the class. For more information and to register, call Stan at (989) 724-5550.

MONDAY, MARCH 14

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.

The public is invited to a League of Women Voters meeting at noon at Alpena Community College, 107D, Besser Tech presentation on alternative voting systems.

TUESDAY, MARCH 15

Seniors invited to sing-along with Roseanne Armstrong at 4 p.m. at the senior center in Lincoln.

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

The Knitting Klub & Crochet will meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library. All levels welcome.

Young adults are invited to join Anne Bloss from MSU Extension in preparing and devouring healthy snacks at the Mikado branch of the Alcona County Library from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information, call (989) 736-8389.

The Alcona County Fair Board will meet at 7 p.m. at the Alcona County Courthouse in the commissioners room to discuss plans for the upcoming fair. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

The Alcona Book Club will meet at the Harrisville branch of the Alcona County Library from noon to 1 p.m. The selection for March is "The Golden Spruce" by John Vaillant.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

There will be a 4-H archery session for seniors in the upstairs hall of the senior center in Lincoln at 5:30 p.m.

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 contact list and mail merge class will be offered at the Harrisville branch of the

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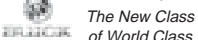
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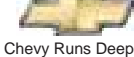
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Retirement Open House

Delores Schlicker, a kitchen aide and site manager at the Greenbush Senior Center is retiring. The public is invited to stop by the Lincoln Senior Center on Sunday, March 20 for an open house in her honor from 1-3 p.m.

Webinar Held for Students

Students in Brian Matchett's zoology class at Alcona High School participated in a webinar (seminar via the Internet) with Dr. Dan O'Brien, a wildlife veterinarian specialist with the Michigan Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE) on Wednesday, March 2. O'Brien, an endocrinologist who works closely with bovine tuberculosis and chronic wasting disease in the state's whitetail deer herd, spent an hour with students. According to Matchett, O'Brien detailed his job, listened to a speech by student Sydney Sefernack, and answered questions from students.

The webinar, which was facilitated by Warren MacNeill, DNRE conservation officer in Alcona County, "was a great experience for the kids," Matchett said. "Dr. O'Brien did a wonderful job of connecting with them and the information he presented connected with what we are doing in zoology class."

Many of Matchett's students are involved in FFA. Sefernack is competing in the prepared public speaking portion of the State FFA Conference in Lansing, Mich. this week. O'Brien critiqued her speech on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) and asked her questions on the topic. She is one of 12 students in the state who made it to the finals.

While attending the state conference students will have a chance to meet O'Brien in person and visit his lab. "Dr. O'Brien invited us to visit his lab while we are in Lansing this week," Matchett said.

Basketball Tournament

The Alcona 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament will be held at Alcona High School on Saturday, March 19. Registration for boys and girls 10 and under and ages 11-12 is from 7:45 to 8:15 p.m. Games start at 9 a.m. Registration for male and female players ages 13-14, 15-16, 17-18 and open category are from 12:30 to 1 p.m. with games starting at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 in advance or \$60 at the door. Deadline for mail-in entries is March 11. For more information, call Ed LaVergne at (989) 736-7204.

Senior Menu

The following meals will be served at various times during the week at senior centers in Glennie, Greenbush and Lincoln.

• Monday, March 14—Pork roast and gravy over rotini, Brussels sprouts, applesauce and fruit.

• Tuesday, March 15—Cheeseburger on bun, potato salad, pickled beets, tossed salad and fruit.

Wednesday, March 16—Cook's choice, meat and potato, vegetable, salad and fresh fruit.

• Thursday, March 17—Boiled dinner with corned beef, red potatoes, carrots, cabbage, fruited Jell-O, fruit and cupcake.

• Friday, March 18—Herbed chicken, buttered noodles, sugar snap peas, Jell-O with fruit and fruit.

(Friday meals served in Lincoln only.)

Away at School

Megan Lamrock of Oscoda was named to the dean's list for the 2010 fall term at Alma College. To achieve dean's list recognition students must earn a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

New Arrivals

Alli Marie Cheatum is the new daughter of Rickie and Jessica Cheatum of Harrisville. She was born on Wednesday, March 2, 2011 at Tawas St. Joseph Hospital. She weighed eight pounds, 14 ounces.

• Matthew Lee Gohl is the new son of Russell and Sarah Gohl of Ossineke. He was born on Friday, December 24, 2010 at Alpena Regional Medical Center. He is the grandson of Don and Donna Sprague of Black River and Rose Marie Gohl of Alpena. He is the great-grandson of Freda Sprague of Tawas.

Award for Fundraising

Northland Area Federal Credit Union (NAFCU) recently received the 2011 Top Sales by a Financial Institution award for its participation in this year's Hearts for Hospice fundraiser. Northland sold paper hearts during the month of February to benefit Hospice of Helping Hands, a nonprofit organization that provides hospice care to patients with life-limiting illnesses. In total, Northland generated \$733.86 in member and staff donations. Roxanne Hewitt, branch coordinator for NAFCU's West Branch II office, organized the fundraiser among the NAFCU branches and accepted the award on behalf of Northland and its members. "I was so surprised we won an award," she said, "It's such a great organization - we were just happy to help." Northland Area Federal Credit Union operates 13 branches that serve five counties in northeastern Michigan.

Business Development Series

The Alpena Area Chamber of Commerce is partnering with the Michigan Small Business Technology and Development Center to offer a Business Development Series. These classes are for both business start-ups and existing businesses. Back by popular demand are the fundamentals classes and the legal issues class. New this series is an essentials of Internet business class. These are free for employees of chamber members and \$15 for anyone else. All classes will be from 6-8:30 p.m. and held at Alpena Community College in WCCT Room 106. Dates are as follows: March 21 - Fundamentals of Starting a Business. March 28 - Fundamentals of Writing a Business Plan. April 4 - Fundamentals of Business Legal Issues. April 18 - Essentials of Internet Business. Anyone who wants to attend one or more of these classes must RSVP to the chamber at (989) 354-4181.

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SENIOR LIFESTYLES

Benefits for veterans and their families

Dear Savvy Senior,
I would like to find out what kinds of veterans benefits are available to older vets and their spouses? My dad served four years in the Army during the Korean War, and I'm curious to see if there are any VA benefits that he or my mom may qualify for. What can you tell me?

Searching Son

Dear Searching,
That's a great question. There are actually millions of older veterans and their families who don't take advantage of the VA benefits they're entitled to because they either don't know they exist or they don't think they would qualify for them.

While the VA provides a wide range of commonly-known benefits and services for its veterans - like health care, education support through the GI Bill and home loans - they also provide a bevy of lesser-known benefits that were specifically created to help senior veterans and their family members, as well as their survivors.

To be eligible, however, your parent's income and assets, in most cases, will need to be below certain limits, and your dad's discharge from the military must have been under conditions other than dishonorable.

Here's a breakdown of four benefits that are often overlooked by older vets and their families.

• Veterans pension: This is

available to limited-income veterans that are age 65 and older or are totally disabled, who served at least 90 days of active military service with at least one day of service during a period of war (stateside or overseas). To be eligible, your parent's assets will generally need to be under \$80,000 not counting their house and vehicle, and their annual "countable income" must be under \$15,493 or \$11,830 for a single veteran. Countable income includes earnings, disability and retirement payments, interest and dividends, and net income from business or farming, minus medical expenses if they exceed at least five percent of their total income.

• Death pension: This is available to low-income surviving spouses and dependents of wartime veterans whose death was not related to military service. To receive this benefit, a surviving spouse's annual income must be under \$7,933, or under \$9,696 if she is housebound (minus medical expenses), with cash assets under \$80,000.

• Aid and attendance: This little known benefit can help elderly veterans and their spouses pay for in-home care, an assisted living facility or nursing home care. It pays up to \$1,949 per month, in addition to the monthly pension benefits. To qualify, the veteran must be 65 or older (or permanently disabled), have served during wartime and

meet certain financial and medical requirements.

To qualify medically, one of your parents would need assistance with basic everyday living tasks like eating, bathing, dressing or going to the bathroom. Being blind or in a nursing home or assisted living facility for mental incapacity also qualifies.

And to qualify financially, your parent's annual income as a couple (minus medical and long-term care expenses) cannot exceed \$23,396; \$19,736 for a single veteran; or \$12,681 for a surviving spouse. And their assets must be less than \$80,000, excluding their home and car.

• Burial benefits: Regardless of income and assets, this benefit provides all veterans, spouses and dependents a free burial at a national cemetery and a free grave marker. Unfortunately, funeral or cremation costs are not covered.

However, some veterans may qualify for a \$300 funeral allowance and \$300 for a plot if they choose to be buried in a private cemetery. To learn more see www.cem.-va.gov.

A good place to learn about all types of veterans benefits is online at www.ebenefits.-va.gov or www.vba.va.gov. Or, contact your regional VA office or local veterans service organization, where you can get personalized help and assistance in filing claims. See www.va.gov/statedva.htm for contact information or call the VA benefits helpline at (800) 827-1000.

Getting help with prescription drugs

Senior News Line

By Matilda Charles

The Partnership for Prescription Assistance can help you get more than 2,500 medicines through 475 different patient assistance programs. It can make a big difference in being able to afford your medications if you have a low income or do not have any drug-coverage insurance.

If you have online access, go to www.pparx.org and click on Get Help Now to find out if you're eligible. There are four steps: Tell them what medicines you currently take, give some information about yourself and the type of drug coverage you have, get the results, then print out the application. There might be more than one, if you're applying to multiple programs. In the information section, you'll need to disclose your age, ZIP code, total household income and eligibility for various types of coverage.

The programs have different criteria, so if you don't qualify for one, you might qualify for another. The website will help you sort that out, and if you have multiple medications, you might well end up in more than one program. For ex-

ample, you might have a Medicare drug discount card and still be eligible for a prescription assistance program.

In most cases, you can fill out the program's application right there online. Then you'll print it out and take it to your doctor for his or her signature and specifics about your medication.

Depending on your eligibility, you could end up not paying anything for your drugs. The prescriptions themselves will be sent either directly to you or to your doctor's office.

If you don't have access to a computer, you can call 1-888-477-2669 to go through the eligibility questions. Then someone will send the forms to your doctor to complete and mail or fax back to them.

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

By Dan O'Connor
Sports Writer

The Alcona girls varsity team's attempt at a third straight district title was thwarted by a tough Johannesburg-Lewiston team last Friday night at the Alcona High School gymnasium.

With a large crowd on hand, the Lady Tigers and Cardinals battled down to the last second. The night was an exhibition of hustle and defense and hard-nosed play as both teams found scoring at a premium.

Karina Cole hit the lone basket for the Lady Tigers in the first quarter -- a three-pointer, however Alcona trailed 5-3 after one quarter. The Lady Tigers started the second quarter on a 10-2 run and led 15-11 until the last minutes of the quarter where the Cardinals nailed two three-pointers to take a 17-15 lead into the half.

Things were looking grim early in the third quarter for the Lady Tigers when the

Cardinals scored the first four points of the quarter and looked to blow the game open early in the second half. The Lady Tigers answered with baskets by Caitlin McNichols, Alexa LeCureux and Cole to stay in the game and trailed 24-21 heading into the all important fourth quarter.

Alcona found themselves with a three-point lead with just over a minute remaining before the Cardinals answered. Johannesburg-Lewiston knocked down two free throws and held the Lady Tigers scoreless on their next possession. The Cardinals pounded the ball inside, scored and drew a foul on the play.

After a converted free throw, Alcona trailed by one point with just over 30 seconds left. After a turnover, the Lady Tigers were forced to foul and got one last chance as the Cardinals missed the front end of a one and one. Alcona raced down the floor and got a shot off as time

expired, but the shot didn't find the bottom of the net and fell in heartbreaking fashion 33-32.

Cole led Alcona with 18 points including 13-14 from the free throw line. LeCureux chipped in seven points.

The Lady Tigers advanced to the title game with a 34-27 semifinal win over Inland Lakes. The teams again were locked in a defensive battle with the score tied at 14-14 at the half and 18-18 heading into the fourth quarter. During the quarter, the trio of Cole, LeCureux and Emily Wojcik combined for 14 of the 16 Lady Tiger points to help Alcona to victory.

Johannesburg Lewiston (18-4) travels to the Kalkaska regional where they take on Harbor Springs. The Lady Tigers finish the season with a record of 16-6. They will graduate four seniors (each a team captain): Caitlin McNichols, Alexa LeCureux, Kristin Doucette and Emily Wojcik.

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Tigers on eight game winning streak

By Ron Yokom
Basketball Writer

After starting the season with a record of 4-3 the Alcona boys' varsity basketball team has won 12 of their last 13 games and finished the regular season with an eight game winning streak.

On Tuesday, March 1 they hosted AuGres who beat them in January. Alcona has improved greatly since then and was looking for a little pay back.

The first quarter was a high scoring affair with five lead changes and ended with AuGres leading 20-19. The Tigers jumped out to a quick 6-0 lead but could not hold it. The Wolverines increased their lead to 26-22 before Alcona went on an 10-0 run to lead 32-26. The quarter ended with Alcona in front 34-30.

The Tigers came out firing in the third quarter and outscored the Wolverines 24-18. They built a 13 point lead, but a three-pointer at the buzzer reduced Alcona's lead to 58-48 heading into the final period. They again

outscored AuGres to end the game with a 75-62 victory. Alcona shot very well in the second half. So well that AuGres had only three rebounds the entire half.

For the first time in a long time Alcona had two players with 20 or more points. Alex Cole had 22 points, four assists and four rebounds. Brock LaVergne added 20 points and six rebounds. Bryan Layton scored 15 with seven rebounds. Jared Steiner had 11 points with three assists.

The junior varsity team lost a close game 48-43. Austin Cole had nine points and Dustin Yokom added eight points.

On Thursday, March 3 Alcona hosted Mio for their final game of the regular season. They quickly jumped out to a 10-0 lead and held a 24-6 lead after one quarter. Brock LaVergne scored 10 points, at one point scoring eight in a row. The only points

put up by Mio were two three-pointers. Alcona only scored 10 points in the second quarter, but held Mio to three and took a 34-9 lead to the locker room at halftime.

Alcona continued to control the third quarter. After a three-pointer by Roddy Forsythe they were ahead 47-18. With Tiger starters resting most of the final period, Mio won the quarter 18-14 and Alcona settled for an easy 61-38 victory to finish with a very good 16-4 regular season record.

LaVergne led the Tigers with 15 points and 10 rebounds. Alex Cole and Brian Layton added 12 points each. Jared Steiner added seven points with seven assists and four steals. Off the bench Nick Garner, Brandon Gibson, and Andrew Chamberlain had four points each, and Forsythe added three.

The junior varsity team also won 47-26 with Aaron Ritchie scoring 10 points.

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Bowling

Majors

March 5

Ghostbusters	110.5	69.5
Better Than	105	75
Hammers	100	80
Team 4	98.5	81.5
8 Ball	76	104
Team 3	50	130

Boy's high game and series: Ryan Somers, 229 and 563.
 Boy's high handicap game and series: Ryan Somers, 276 and 704.
 Girl's high game and series: Megan Griffith, 148 and 426.
 Girl's high handicap game: Hazel Blakely, 215.
 Girl's high handicap series: Kara Gonyea, 596.

Minors

March 5

Pink Butterflies	23	7
Lions	21	9
Pin Busters	18	12
Team 3	16	14
High Strikers	12	18
Trappers	12	18
Headpins	11	19
Strike Bandits	7	23

Boy's high game and series: Brenden Hudgins, 145 and 226.
 Boy's high handicap game and series: Brenden Hudgins, 266 and 468.
 Girl's high game: Raegen Eller, 102.
 Girl's high series: Taylor Sobek, 186.
 Girl's high handicap game: Emma Baird, 221.
 Girl's high handicap series: Ava Brege, 424.

Sportsmans

March 3

Baymoor	21	149.5
Balls On Ya	9	146.5
Top O Mich.	19	140.5
Cole's Appl.	20	130
L.L.W. Club	11	128.5
Morgan Elec.	25	113
Phil's Barber	10	99
Ghost Busters	5	53

High game: Mike Baird, 256.
 High series: Roger Klukowski, 669.

High handicap game: Ray Trotter, 284.
 High handicap series: Roger Klukowski, 735.

Huron

March 2

Carpet One	23	23
Rob's Repair	21.5	21.5
Gary Oil	20.5	20.5
B & D Sales	19	19
Big Joe's Motel	11	11
Back Alley	9.5	9.5
Haglund's	8.5	8.5
Lincoln Prec.	7	7

High game: Jim Armstrong, 243.
 High series: Marley Robinson, 665.
 High handicap game and series: Corey Nordstrom, 267 and 766.

Early Bloomers

March 1

Bluebells	121	95
Buttercups	114.5	101.5
Rosebuds	113	103
Violets	111.5	104.5
Daffodils	109.5	106.5
Marigolds	105.5	110.5
Tigerlilys	98.5	117.5
Mums	90.5	125.5

High game and series: Tammy Mendyka, 190 and 471.
 High team game: Bluebells, 452.
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Wednesday Nite Women's

March 2

Alcona Tool	29	1
Back Alley Bar	27	3
Animal Clinic	25	5
JB's Auto	25	5
Alcona Abstract	17.5	12.5
Other Team	12.5	17.5
Stoney Acres	5	25
Cole's Appl.	5	25
Ark Plumbing	1	29

High game and series: Lynn Gibson, 213 and 598.
 High handicap game: Eva Lewis, 265.
 High handicap series: Linda Blumer, 679.

He's & She's

March 4

Two and Too	81	39
Gamblers	77	43
Hot N Spicey	72.5	47.5
Bluff or Bust	61	59
Handicapped	58	62
Ballbangers	57.5	62.5
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Bowler Up	22	98

Men's high game: Jimmy Armstrong, 256.
 Men's high series: Bob Szuber, 674.
 Men's high handicap game and series: Bill Cordes, 292 and 774.
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 Women's high series: Gale Buchner, 569.
 Women's high handicap game and series: Jenny Buchner, 264 and 719.

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Austin Scott (right) met Red Wing alumni John Ogradnick on February 19 at the Northern Lights Arena's fundraiser game between the Alpena Flyers and the Red Wings Alumni. The Red Wings were victorious over the Alpena Flyers 9 to 4. Scott, a junior at Alcona High School, is a defensive player for the Flyers. Ogradnick was voted first all star team with a season of 55 goals (110 points). Ogradnick has been playing hockey since he was five years old and played 14 seasons in the NHL. Along with playing in the NHL, Ogradnick has played in five all star games. Ted Lindsay was also present at Northern Lights Arena. He was a four time Stanley Cup winner. The Stanley Cup arrived during the game and was on display for pictures. Darren McCarty and Joe Kocur signed autographs after the game. The fundraiser was put on by Northern Lights Arena and Wings Over Alpena. *Courtesy photo.*

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2-16 thru 4-6

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW FOR
GREENBUSH TOWNSHIP**

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

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

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

Protests may be filed in writing.

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

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

Edward Roddy
Greenbush Township Supervisor

3-23 thru 3-9

**PUBLIC NOTICE
MARCH BOARD OF REVIEW
CURTIS TOWNSHIP**

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

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

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

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

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

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

Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact: Supervisor Mac McCormick or Clerk Teresa Perkins at (989) 735-4081 and leave a message.

Teresa J. Perkins, Clerk
Curtis Township

2-13 thru 3-9

Wintery weather didn't deter people from attending the Michigan State Police K-9 demonstration last Saturday at the Lincoln Senior Center. Michigan State Police Trooper and canine handler Jamie Bullis introduced his new, temporary canine partner, Vadas. Bullis spent the afternoon talking about his missing canine partner, Bane, what is involved in being a canine handler and gave demonstrations in narcotics search and aggression training.

Bullis also thanked people for the support they've shown since November 13, 2010 when Bane went missing. He was especially grateful to his friend, Warren MacNeill, of Harrisville. "He's a guy who just stepped up...I didn't have to ask...He's been there from the beginning...He's still doing things. Thank you doesn't seem like it's enough," Bullis said.



Michigan State Police Trooper Jamie Bullis and his new, temporary canine partner, Vadas.



Bullis presents Warren MacNeill (right) with a plaque from the Michigan State Police and MSP Canine Unit 74 in appreciation for his efforts in assisting in the attempt to recover Bane.



Vadas at rest after the demonstration.

MacNeill assists in the aggression demonstration -- one of Vadas' favorite exercises.

Photos by Cheryl Peterson.



Bullis talks with attendees following the demonstration.

Calendar

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Alcona County Library from 9:15 to 10 a.m. Call (989) 724-6796 to reserve a space.

THURSDAY, MARCH 17

Retirees in Alcona County are invited to a potluck lunch at noon at the senior center in Lincoln. Games following lunch.

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.

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.

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

The Barton City Improvement Association will hold a St. Patrick's dinner from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Menu includes corned beef and cabbage. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$4 for children under 12.

FRIDAY, MARCH 18

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 BBQ chicken and ribs dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. Menu includes chicken, ribs, potatoes, coleslaw, baked beans, rolls and dessert. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$4 for children six to 12 and free for under six.

SATURDAY, MARCH 19

The Alcona Athletic Association will host a 3 on 3 basketball tournament at the Alcona High School. Registration for boys and girls ten and under and 11-12 is from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. and games begin at 9 a.m. Registration for boys and girls ages 13-14, 15-16 and 17-18 is from 12:30 to 1 p.m. and games begin at 1:30 p.m. Cost is \$50 per team if prepaid before day of tournament or \$60 per team day of tournament. For more information, call Ed LaVergne at (989) 736-7204 or (989) 335-0635 on the day of tournament.

St. Andrew's by the Lake Episcopal Church will hold a Lenten Quiet Day from 9 a.m. to noon. A taped sermon called "It's Friday, but Sunday's Comin'" will be shown. Everyone is welcome

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

There will be an open house retirement party for Delores Schlicker from 1 to 3 p.m. downstairs in the Lincoln Senior Center.



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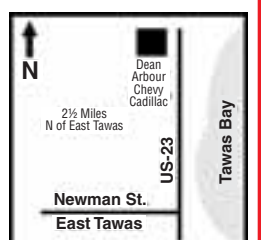
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Alcona FFA

On February 17 Alcona High School FFA members hosted the District III, Region VI Leadership Contests. Participants, who placed first or second at districts, advanced to the regional level competition.

The Region VI Leadership contests were held at Benzie Central High School. Alcona sent 19 students to compete at this level. Nicole Pawloski and Sam Allen competed in extemporaneous public speaking and Allen placed first (silver) and Pawloski placed second (silver) at the Region VI Leadership Contests.

Hannah Mikazes Competed in Greenhand Public Speaking and placed second

(silver) at the Region VI Leadership Contests. Sydney Sefernick competed in Prepared Public Speaking and placed second (gold). The Greenhand Conduct of Meetings team which was composed of Kyle Harmon, McKenzie Gauthier, Lindsey Brockwell, Deven Higgins, Schuyler Bates, Jenna Escareno and Bethany Hudgins earned third place (gold).

The last team representing Alcona was the Parliamentary Procedure Team composed of Anthony Herman, Rose Powierski, Jaymes Hollnagel, Nicole Wilt, Austin Gerard, Caycee Ouilett, Becca Reichard and

Vickie Feltes. They earned second place (gold) at the Region VI Leadership Contests.

All of the participants who placed first or second at the 2011 Region VI Leadership Contests have the opportunity to compete at the state level.

Twelve of the 19 members that competed will be advancing to state contest at Michigan State University on March 9, 10, and 11 to compete against other FFA Chapters from across Michigan. Participants, who place first at the state competition, will have the opportunity to compete at the national competition in the fall of 2011 in Indiana.



Alcona FFA students participated in contests at district level, or assisted in hosting the competition held at Alcona High School. (Front row, from left) Miranda Ankner, Nicole Wilt, Becca Reichard, Danielle Guathier, Victoria Ankner, McKenzie Gauthier, (second row) Sydney Sefernick, Kaitlyn Sims, Hannah Mikazes, Lindsay Kennedy, Bethany Hudgins, Jenna Escareno, Ashley Tait, (third row) Nicole Pawloski, Warren Wilke, Rose Powierski, Vickie Feltes, Lindsay Brockwell, Devon Higgins (fourth row) Jaymes Hollnagel, Jennifer Tait, Megan Griffith, Jennifer McGuire, Schuyler Bates, Amanda Swinson, (back row) Tyler Good, Caycee Ouilett, Brittany Joslin, Sam Armstrong, Kyle Harmon, Joe French, Keegan Kruitlin and Austin Gerard. *Courtesy photos.*

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Alcona FFA students who are speaking at the state competition this week (from left) Sam Allen, Nicole Pawloski, Sydney Sefernick and Hannah Mikazes.



NOTICE

SEASONAL LOAD AND SPEED LIMITS

In accordance with the provisions of Section 722 of Act No. 300 of the Public Acts of 1949, as amended, the Alcona County Road Commission, until further notice, will impose seasonal load restrictions and speed reductions to 35 m.p.h. beginning at 8 a.m., Wednesday, March 9, 2011, for truck traffic on all Alcona County roads except those listed below.

- F-30 from F-41 east to Wice Road
- F-41
- F-32 from Aspen Alley to the Alcona/Oscoda County line
- FR 4001 from AuSable Road to the Alcona/Oscoda County line
- Barlow Road from M-72 to the Village of Lincoln
- Bamfield Road from Glennie west to Curtisville Road
- Carbide Drive
- Hubbard Lake Road from M-72 to Mt. Maria Road

Ritchie Road from Hubbard Lake Road to Gehres Road, and Ritchie Road (also known as Gehres Road and Apsey Road) to Lake Street to the Village of Lincoln limits

For more information, contact the 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 roads@alconacrc.com



The Alcona FFA Parli Pro team will be competing at the state competition this week (back row, from left) Anthony Herman, Austin Gerard, Jaymes Hollnagel, (front row) Rose Powierski, Becca Reichard, Vickie Feltes, Nicole Wilt and Caycee Ouilett. *Courtesy photo.*

If you can read this...

By Kathryn Fritz Kniep
Columnist

"Mom, I really don't want to go to school today. Please, let me stay home!"

Mom: "Get up. You have to go to school. You're the teacher."

It's a dumb old joke, and yet, one could hardly blame today's teachers for wanting to stay in bed on a school morning. And to pull the covers over their heads, for that matter.

Recent right-wing attacks calling teaching "glorified babysitting" or "a part-time job" can only be viewed as the rhetoric of a small, extreme minority. But the fact that several states are fighting to end collective bargaining for educators - including Wisconsin, Ohio, Indiana, Florida and Tennessee -- is an indicator of where the profession really stands in the minds of the powers that be.

I find myself in an interesting position in this debate. As a former school board member, I know that teacher demands and state requirements on their behalf often strain already stretched budgets. And as a former school board member, with a number of friends and family in the business, I know that despite much talk to the contrary, the majority of teachers are hard-working, caring individuals who genuinely want to teach.

They don't get as much opportunity to do so as they used to. The decision at the federal level that standardized test scores were a good indication of school success or failure, which began with "No Child Left Behind," has seen to that. Despite significant evidence that test scores are affected most by the child's socioeconomic situation, test scores are the end-all and be-all of education these days. And the "Race To The Top" program has only raised that bar.

Making certain that kids show "proficiency" on these tests zaps creativity and imagination from curriculum. The quest for the right mark in the right answer box does a lot to erase the concept that learning can be fun. In the interest of bringing the ma-

majority of student's scores up each year, many schools have sacrificed art, music, civics... virtually anything that's "not on the test." And that's eliminated a lot of the joy from the job.

What you may or may not know is that the average good teacher puts in a 50-60 hour week. Despite the fact that you may (as many people complain) see them in the grocery store just moments after the school bell has rung, many teachers are in the classroom well before the school day begins, and put in several hours each night developing lesson plans, correcting papers, reading essays and creating curriculum. That's in addition to the after-school or evening activities like book club they may oversee and the time spent creating bulletin boards, posters or other classroom decor.

Why don't they do these things during the work day? Simple. Because there is no time. Teachers interact with children pretty much from the moment they arrive in the morning until they board the bus at the end of the day. A "planning hour" which may or may not be an actual hour, often includes phone calls with parents, dealing with kids' issues and oh yeah, maybe grabbing a quick bite of lunch.

When a teacher does create a bulletin board or a curriculum-building item, the odds are good that he or she will pay for the necessary supplies themselves. Funds for such things are limited in many schools' budgets, the process of obtaining what dollars are available can be lengthy and frustrating. It's easier to just reach into one's own pocket. At the end of the year, the federal government in its wisdom allows teachers a special dispensation on their income tax - up to the impressive sum of \$250, with receipts.

When my daughter began teaching, she presented me on one visit home with a large plastic bag containing eight pounds of uncooked oatmeal. Her class was broken up into four student groups, she explained. She'd needed four

Puttin' On The Fritz

empty two-pound oatmeal containers to illustrate the concept of momentum. "And," she told me, "I just don't like oatmeal that much."

It's easy to see why today's teachers might be discouraged about the job when it would seem to be held in such low esteem. Just last month, New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg, who would like the power to layoff longtime (and thus, higher salaried) teachers before newer ones, said experience has nothing to do with good teaching.

Despite all that, though, there are teachers in every state in the union who get up and go to work every day armed with a cheerful, warm, caring desire to teach. Despite how they may feel about current political trends or how concerned they may be about their own budgets and benefits, who throw themselves into finding inexpensive and effective means of getting their lessons into young minds.

For many, their "office" is a dingy classroom filled with old books and older furniture and equipment. Before you buy into the concept that public schools are huge, money wasting "ignorance factories" as one politician recently put it, walk through your own school. See if you see evidence of the alleged wasteful spending we hear so much about.

While you're there, see if you can ferret out the "bad" teachers which the powers that be would have us believe are legion in the public school system. There are some, of course. And when a teacher has an inappropriate relationship with a student, tells a classroom something shocking or racist, or otherwise behaves in an unprofessional or illegal manner, it makes headlines and broad-casts all over the country.

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BUDGET HEARING

The Village of Lincoln will hold a public hearing on the proposed Village budget for the fiscal year 2011 at the Village Hall on Monday, March 28 at 6 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget is available by contacting the Village Clerk at (989) 736-6522.

The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.

NOTICE

The Gustin Township Board will hold a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2011-2012 at the township hall, 113 S. 2nd Street, Lincoln, MI, on Monday, March 21, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. **The property tax millage rate proposed to be levied to support the proposed budget will be a subject of this hearing.** Regular meeting to follow at 7:00 p.m. A copy of the proposed budget is available at the township hall.

Brenda Cordes,
Gustin Township Clerk

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Great Backyard Bird Count success locally and nationwide

Bird counters in Iosco County chalked up an impressive number of species during the 14th annual Great Backyard Bird Count (GBBC) held February 18-21. Oscoda participants observed 54 species, seven

more than last year's total. That number alone ranked Oscoda third in the state with the most species. They were surpassed only by Traverse City, Mich. with 70, and Holland, Mich. with 73. "We had a variety of wa-

terfowl hanging around the mouth of the AuSable River, and our keen observers noticed this," said Peggy Ridgway, local ambassador for the GBBC. "A long-tailed duck, tundra swan, and white-winged scoter were among the unique," Ridgway said.

Other unusual sightings during the count included snow bunting, common redpoll, horned lark, and killdeer. "One resident reported that three killdeer had been near her place since fall, and her pictures proved it," Ridgway said.

The number of checklists turned in by Iosco and Alcona county communities totaled nearly 125. "That's an amazing number of folks participating in our small corner of northeast Michigan," Ridgway said. "Birding has become bigger and bigger in our area year-round, and this count is an opportunity to see just how many different kinds of birds also winter here," she added.

The top 10 reported in Oscoda were common gold-



The black-capped chickadee is one of the top 10 reported birds in Oscoda. This chickadee was seen in the yard of Lincoln resident Al Broadwood.

eneye, American goldfinch, mallard, black-capped chickadee, mourning dove, white-breasted nuthatch, European starling, blue jay, snow bunting and tufted titmouse.

Throughout the United States and Canada, there were 595 species observed, with over 11 million birds in all. Nearly 92,000 folks participated. "With that many people helping researchers, this helps keep close tabs on the health, distribution, and population of our avian species," Ridgway said.

Just Like Cats & Dogs

by Dave T. Phipps



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That's true precisely because teachers that "bad" are rare. If they were an everyday occurrence, they wouldn't make the headlines. For the most part, "bad" teachers are folks who are phoning it in, counting out the days until retirement, teaching from the lesson plans they created in 1989. They're lazy, or angry, or bitter, just like in any other profession.

In a perfect world, teachers would never reach any of those stages, would never have a bad day, have personal concerns or wake up with a headache. Nonetheless, in those non-dangerous situations, I tend to agree with what my mom and dad told me many years ago. You'll deal with a lot of people in your lifetime who don't do their job very well. You can learn something from a bad teacher, too.

That said, there are about 7.2 million people in the U.S. who get out of bed every morning and go to work with a smile on their face and four empty oatmeal cartons under their arm. If, as our politicians are so fond of telling us, our children are a national treasure and the bearers of the future, it only seems fair we should grant these individuals the respect and the pay they deserve.

Here's a newer joke than the one that started this column: A union employee, a member of the tea party, and a CEO are sitting a table. In the middle of the table, is a plate with a dozen cookies on it. The CEO reaches across and takes 11 cookies, looks at the Tea Partier and says, "Look out for that Union guy, he wants a piece of your cookie."

Like many things, it may be funny because it's true.

(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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3. American Express
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7. Wesco Financial
8. ConocoPhillips
9. Wal-Mart
10. US Bancorp

* As of Feb. 14, 2011
Source: CNBC

Looking to buy/lease a new car?

Hundreds of thousands of consumers attended the 23rd North American International Auto Show on January 15 and 16 and admired the next generation of vehicles and decide which to buy. With prices averaging more than \$28,000 for a new vehicle and \$15,000 for a used vehicle, most consumers will need financing or leasing in order to get that car of their dreams.

That is why the Better Business Bureau (BBB) under a cooperative agreement with the Federal Trade Commission is providing tips to consumers before heading to the dealership and when visiting a dealership.

"A vehicle is one of the most important, and costly purchases consumers make," said Patrick Bennett, BBB spokesperson. "Few thrills in life equal that of driving your new car away from a dealer knowing that you bought the best vehicle for you at the best price."

Before visiting the dealership, the BBB asks consumers to remember to:

- Evaluate your financial situation. Determine how much you can afford to pay each month. A longer-term finance contract may mean smaller monthly payments than a shorter-term finance contract but will result in more money paid over time on your contract.

- Identify your transportation needs.

- Determine the price range of the vehicle your thinking of buying. Check newspaper ads, the Internet, auto buying guides and other publications.

- Understand the value and cost of optional credit insurance if you agree to purchase.

- Know the difference between buying and leasing.

- Know your credit history. Your credit history may affect the finance rate you are able to negotiate. Generally, you'll be able to get a lower rate if you've paid your monthly credit obligations on time.

- Compare. Compare annual percentage rates and financing terms from multiple sources such as a bank, finance company and credit union. This information may also be available from the finance sources' and vehicle manufacturers' websites.

When visiting the dealership remember to:

- Stay within the price range that you can afford.

- Negotiate your finance or lease arrangements and terms.

- Consider carefully whether the transaction is best for your budget and transportation needs.

- Understand the value and cost of optional products such as an extended service contract, credit insurance or guaranteed auto protection if you agree to purchase. If you don't want these products, don't sign for them.

- Read the contract carefully before you sign. You are obligated once you have signed a contract.

- After you have completed the vehicle purchase or lease, be aware that if you finance the vehicle, the bank, finance company or credit union

holds a lien on the vehicles' title until you have paid the contract in full.

- Make your payments on time. Late or missed payments incur late fees, appear on your credit report and impact your ability to get credit in the future.

For more advice on purchasing a new vehicle go to <http://easternmichigan-bbb.org/consumer-tips-auto/>.

The Better Business Bureau Serving Eastern Michigan is a nonprofit organization with the purpose of assisting in the protection of consumers and businesses from fraud and unethical business practices in the local marketplace. In addition to its recognized dispute resolution services, BBB maintains reliability reports on the customer service history of more than 80,000 local businesses and provides consumer education materials on numerous topics.

Alcona County Sheriff's Report

For the Week of February 27-March 3, 2011

51 complaints were handled resulting in the following arrests: 2 Warrant; 1 Assault; 1 Operate While Intoxicated; 1 Drive While License Suspended.

Complaint Statistics

Traffic	5	Car/Deer	12
Property Damage Accident	4	General Assistance	2
False Alarm	3	Burglary	1
Domestic	1	Animal	4
No Insurance	1	911 Hang Up	1
Larceny	2	Operate While Intoxicated	1
Malicious Destr. of Property	1	Drive While License Susp.	1
Well Being Check	1	Personal Injury Accident	1
Animal Bite	1	Assault	1
Threats	1	Warrant Arrest	2
Property Check	1	Suspicious Situation	1
Littering	1	Missing Persons	1
Civil	1		

Complaints taken by City, Township or Village

Alcona	2	Caledonia	6	Curtis	3
Greenbush	9	Gustin	5	Harrisville	5
Hawes	4	Haynes	4	Mikado	9
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City of Harrisville 2		Village of Lincoln 2			

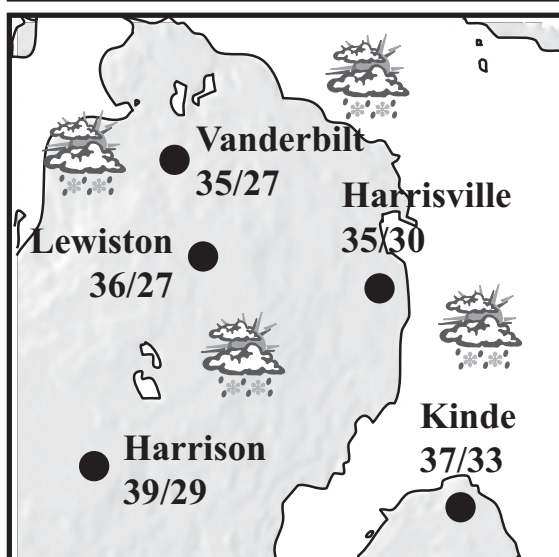
Alcona Review Weather Report

March 9, 2011

Seven Day Forecast

	WEDNESDAY Rain/Snow High: 35 Low: 30
	THURSDAY Rain/Snow High: 37 Low: 23
	FRIDAY Mostly Sunny High: 34 Low: 27
	SATURDAY Cloudy High: 33 Low: 21
	SUNDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 29 Low: 18
	MONDAY Mostly Cloudy High: 32 Low: 18
	TUESDAY Rain/Snow High: 37 Low: 25

Today's Regional Map



In-Depth Local Forecast

Today we will see mostly cloudy skies with a 90% chance of rain and snow, high temperature of 35°, humidity of 75%. East wind 15 mph. New snow accumulation of 1 to 3 inches possible. The record high temperature for today is 60° set in 1977. Expect cloudy skies tonight with a 70% chance of rain and snow, overnight low of 30°.

*Last Week's Almanac

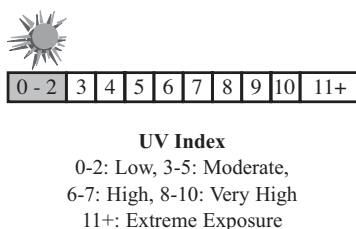
Date	Hi	Lo	Normals	Precip
Tuesday	40	10	32/13	0.00"
Wednesday	29	5	32/14	0.00"
Thursday	26	0	32/14	0.16"
Friday	32	24	33/14	0.05"
Saturday	30	18	33/15	0.38"
Sunday	21	0	34/15	0.00"
Monday	24	-7	34/15	0.00"

*Data as reported from Alpena, MI

Local Sun/Moon Chart This Week

	Day	Sunrise	Sunset	Moonrise	Moonset	
First 3/12	Wednesday	6:57 a.m.	6:32 p.m.	8:34 a.m.	11:44 p.m.	Last 3/26
	Thursday	6:55 a.m.	6:33 p.m.	9:07 a.m.	Next Day	
	Friday	6:53 a.m.	6:34 p.m.	9:48 a.m.	12:45 a.m.	
	Saturday	6:51 a.m.	6:35 p.m.	10:37 a.m.	1:43 a.m.	
	Sunday	7:49 a.m.	7:37 p.m.	12:34 p.m.	3:36 a.m.	
Full 3/19	Monday	7:48 a.m.	7:38 p.m.	1:40 p.m.	4:23 a.m.	New 4/3
	Tuesday	7:46 a.m.	7:39 p.m.	2:53 p.m.	5:04 a.m.	

Local UV Index



National Weather Summary This Week

The Northeast will see partly cloudy to cloudy skies with scattered rain and snow today and Thursday, isolated rain Friday, with the highest temperature of 60° in Evansville, Ind. The Southeast will see mostly clear to partly cloudy skies with scattered showers and thunderstorms today and Thursday, mostly clear skies Friday, with the highest temperature of 83° in Ft. Myers, Fla. The Northwest will see scattered rain and snow today and Thursday, isolated rain and snow Friday, with the highest temperature of 64° in Roseburg, Ore. The Southwest will see mostly clear skies today through Friday, with the highest temperature of 83° in Riverside, Calif.

Tonight's Planets

	Rise	Set
Mercury	7:24 a.m.	7:29 p.m.
Venus	5:20 a.m.	3:01 p.m.
Mars	6:49 a.m.	5:49 p.m.
Jupiter	7:49 a.m.	8:16 p.m.
Saturn	8:37 p.m.	8:16 a.m.
Uranus	7:26 a.m.	7:25 p.m.

Weather History

March 9, 1956 - A whopping 367 inches of snow was measured on the ground at the Ranier Paradise Ranger Station in Washington. The snow depth was a state record and the second highest total of record for the continental United States.

Weather Trivia

What is the lowest barometer reading ever measured?

Answer: It was 25.63 inches, in the middle of a Typhoon named Tip.

www.WhatsOurWeather.com

StarWatch By Gary Becker - Mercury Says Hello

My favorite planet is Mercury. Most people would say why, with beauties like ringed Saturn and moon-graced Jupiter to behold. Then there is Venus, the third brightest object in the heavens which gleams like a brilliantly faceted diamond against the darkening evening or brightening morning sky. Copernicus, the man that reinvented the sun-centered theory of the universe about 500 years ago, probably said it best when he lamented near death that he had never seen the Messenger God. It is by far the most elusive of the naked eye worlds to witness because it is always caught in the sun's glare low to the horizon either right after sundown or before sunrise. Forget about the mornings. I'm still numb from my late night sojourns with CNN or my nocturnal astronomy classes at Moravian College in Bethlehem, PA. So it is the evening encounters with Planet One that intrigue me the most. Mercury will be making its debut into the twilight zone late this week as a starlike object very low in the west and nearly as bright as the brightest star of the heavens, Sirius. Spring encounters with Mercury are always the best because its orbital path is nearly perpendicular to the horizon. This means that as Mercury pulls away from the sun, it rises nearly straight up from the horizon, maximizing the amount of time that it remains in the sky after sundown. During the next several weeks Mercury will be visible later and later into the evening. By March 23, the Messenger God will set more than one hour and 40 minutes after sundown, making it visible as a bright starlike object in a nearly dark sky. Remember that to see Mercury, a flawless western horizon is a must. You should arrive at your observing location no later than about 30 minutes after sundown. Bring along your binoculars to help you identify it. That bright star twinkling goodnight just above the rosy, western horizon will be Mercury. www.astronomy.org

Recalls: Food, drugs and your vehicle

Dollars And Sense
By David Uffington

The Food and Drug Administration recently issued the following food recalls: breakfast burritos, sandwich wraps and sandwich spreads for undeclared allergens. Frozen fish that was not cleaned prior to freezing, leading to potential botulism. Wheat and soy in tortilla chips. Peanuts in strawberry banana smoothies. Salmon for presence of listeria. Cheese spread for undeclared soy and fish.

Prescriptions didn't fare any better: Contaminated alcohol wipes. Certain Warfarin (blood thinner) products for mislabeling. (The label said 3 mg but the contents were 10 mg tablets.) Hydrocodone tablets for mislabeling.

When it comes to your family's safety, the more information you have, the better. On the FDA site [www.fda.gov] you can search for recalls by category — food, drugs, medical devices, vaccines, animal and veterinary, cosmetics and more. Better yet, if you want to sign up for email alerts, go to www.fsis.usda.gov, the Food Safety and Inspection Site.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture also issues recalls. Go to www.usda.gov and search for recalls. The USDA recalls concern mostly meats, such as beef with E. coli or chicken with salmonella, but others types of food also make it onto its list. Be sure to check there as well.

Food, prescription drugs and medical supplies aren't the only things that get recalled. Your vehicle also is a potential safety problem. There are two ways to keep

up with possible issues with your vehicle: Technical Service Bulletins and full recalls.

Technical Service Bulletins involve vehicle problems where there is no reported death from mechanical failures, but where there has been a pattern of consumer complaints. The difficulty is when you don't hear about them because your car is out of warranty. If you have a good relationship with your dealer, it's possible to get them to make the repairs for free.

Recalls are more widespread, get more press and concern issues that can cause death. With recalls, the dealer is required to make the repairs for free, even if the car is out of warranty.

To keep up with both Technical Service Bulletins and recalls on your vehicle, keep track of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration website or at www.nhtsa.gov. You also can use their alternate site: www.safercar.gov.

Recalls.gov is an additional one-stop site for recalls of many kinds: vehicles, boats, food, medicine and more.

Suggestion: Get a throw-away email address and sign up for recall alerts.

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

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Stand downs 2011

Veterans Post

By Freddy Groves

We're now at the beginning of the Stand Down season for 2011. The National Coalition for Homeless Veterans has geared up and is ready to roll.

Stand Downs started during the Vietnam War when combat troops were given a safe place to get cleaned up and just decompress.

Stand Downs now are for homeless veterans.

If you're a homeless veteran, these Stand Downs are for you. You are invited to attend and get any help or fellowship you may need. There will be medical and dental services, clothing, food, legal help, substance help, housing services, job counseling. Various agencies will have representatives

there as well, such as Social Security and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

If your situation is different and you're in a position to either host or volunteer at a Stand Down, step up. Any number of organizations could use your help: the VA, veterans service groups, homeless shelters and more all get together to hold Stand Down events.

If you want to host a Stand Down in your area, see the guide on the site or call them. They'll be able to direct you to an existing group that could use your help or your donations, but they'll also be able to assist in getting you started. There are different levels of Stand Downs. Some are health-centered. Some are full three-day events with a full range of services. Oth-

ers focus on jobs and employment. Start now: It can take a year to fully prepare to host a Stand Down.

For a 2011 schedule of dates and locations, go to the coalition's website at www.nchv.org. Click on Stand Down, then on 2011 Stand Downs.

To contact the NCHV, call (800) VET-HELP.

For even more Stand Down events, go to www.va.gov and put "Stand Down 2011" in the search box.

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One of a kind

A Sporting View

By Mark Vasto

The world has a way of letting us know when we're not in the right business. Certainly, there are very few among us who managed to grab onto one facet of their ability and live to hear that they're one of the greatest of all time.

Bill Grigsby didn't need to hear it — hell, if you told him, he wouldn't have listened anyway — but he was absolutely one of the greatest sportscasters in American history.

I didn't necessarily believe it myself when I first moved to Kansas City all those years ago. By then, he was doing sparse color commentary for the Chiefs, and I knew him more as a pitchman for the town's beef and jazz — as if that needed selling. Still, it didn't take very long before I learned there was a lot more to the equation. In fact, it took very little time — one meeting over breakfast, an

afternoon on the course and an early-evening cocktail — before seeing how easily it all added up.

He was known as the "long-time voice of the Kansas City Chiefs," with 62 years of broadcasting, two Super Bowls, one Final Four and five kids ... and one helluva wife. (Who do you think kept him in pressed pants and ironed shirts?) Still, most people you talk to seemed to know him simply as a friend.

It was his voice on the radio in the '50s announcing Kansas City A's games (and he is no doubt collecting on the bet that Charlie Finley isn't among their ranks.) He was the one who brought a seven-state radius the colorful wrestling stories, the NAIA basketball championships, and yes, the Chiefs broadcasts that made him famous, at least locally. He was the emcee at the local fairs, the marshal of the parades he helped create and connect people through.

Naturally, that sort of thing led to resentment from a few narrow minds, but Grigs never really stopped to listen to that noise. No, he was too busy keeping his eye on the real action and sharing those stories via broadcast. When he finally let the microphone go at age 89, surrounded by family and friends with more than an hour-long wait at his visitation, one thing immediately became clear to anyone of sound mind.

Call yourself a sportsman, promoter, announcer, emcee, husband, father, cheerleader, a prince or an admiral. Call yourself whatever you like, but whatever you do, don't ever say that you're another Bill Grigsby. They simply do not make guys like that anymore.

Mark Vasto is a veteran sportswriter and publisher of The Kansas City Luminary.

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THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME

ANY MOM WILL TELL YOU—LITTLE LOOPINA TALKS A BLUE STREAK ALL DAY TO MOM AND DAD—BUT TRY TO SHOW HER OFF TO FRIENDS... AND —



AS THE SAYING GOES... "THEM THAT HAS, GETS!"

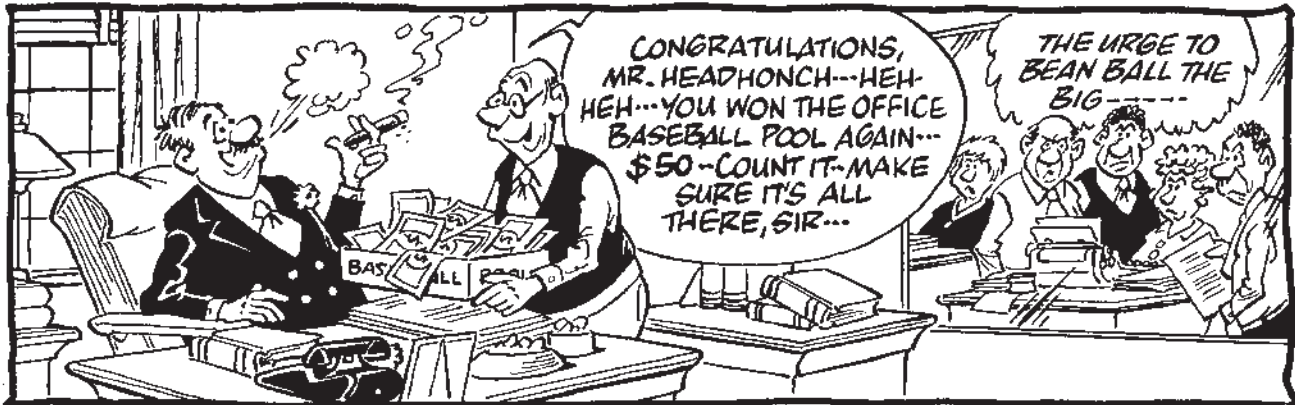
Thank to K. O'DONALD, SEATTLE, WA.

BY AL SCADUTO

LIKE IT IS—THIS IS SON HEKKIE'S ROOM AFTER HE CLEANED IT UP WHEN MOM TOLD HIM TO--HEH-HEH...



Thank to J. POLANSKY, CINCINNATI, OHIO



THE URGE TO BEAN BALL THE BIG--

Weekly SUDOKU

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Super Crossword

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TRIVIA TEST ~ By Fifi Rodriguez

- 1. GEOGRAPHY:** What two nations lie directly north of the Gulf of Oman?
- 2. U.S. STATES:** Which state's name is Spanish for "snow clad"?
- 3. MOVIES:** What was the name of the Volkswagen made famous in "The Love Bug"?
- 4. FAMOUS PEOPLE:** What abolitionist was the first black woman to win a court case against a white man for illegally selling her son as a slave?
- 5. LITERATURE:** In what book did the characters Tweedledum and Tweedledee first appear?
- 6. LANGUAGE:** What's another word for a plebiscite?
- 7. HISTORY:** How much did the United States pay Russia for the Alaskan territory in 1867?
- 8. MUSIC:** Who wrote "The Theme from Shaft"?
- 9. GAMES:** Which chess piece looks like a castle tower?
- 10. U.S. PRESIDENTS:** What was Harry Truman's home state?

Answers: 1. Iran and Pakistan; 2. Nevada; 3. Herbie; 4. Sojourner Truth; 5. "Through the Looking-Glass"; 6. Referendum; 7. \$7.2 million; 8. Isaac Hayes; 9. Rook; 10. Missouri(c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

ANIMAL ANATOMY

Super Crossword

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STRANGE BUT TRUE
By Samantha Weaver

• It was 20th-century German-American poet, novelist and short-story writer Charles Bukowski who made the following observation: "The difference between a democracy and a dictatorship is that in a democracy you vote first and take orders later; in a dictatorship you don't have to waste your time voting."

• In the 18 months that the Pony Express operated, carrying mail across the Wild West and its myriad hazards and dangers, only one pouch of mail was lost.

• It takes approximately 10 months for a Las Vegas slot machine to pay for itself.

• Benito Mussolini, Italian dictator and leader of that country's National Fascist Party, grew up poor with a blacksmith father who, history indicates, spent most of his meager earnings on his mistress. When Benito was 27 years old, he met a 16-year-old girl named Rachele Guidi — who was the daughter of that same mistress and her deceased husband. Rachele eventually became Mussolini's second wife.

• At one time, some churches banned the playing of Wagner's "The Bridal Chorus," also known as "Here Comes the Bride," because the music was considered to be sexy and vulgar.

• You might not be surprised to learn that editor, lexicographer and textbook pioneer Noah Webster lobbied Congress to make his plan for simplified spelling the law of the land. Had he been successful, the United States would have been the only country in which incorrect spelling would be legally punishable.

• Many people claim that Worcestershire sauce does an excellent job of cleaning copper and brass.

• In Chicago, if you have a hatpin hidden under a lapel, you are considered to be carrying a concealed weapon

Thought for the Day: "Of all the preposterous assumptions of humanity over humanity, nothing exceeds most of the criticisms made on the habits of the poor by the well-housed, well-warmed, and well-fed." — Herman Melville (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

MOMENTS IN TIME
The History Channel

• On March 24, 1765, Parliament passes the Quartering Act, which required the colonies to house British soldiers in barracks provided by the colonies, local inns, livery stables, ale houses, uninhabited houses, outhouses or barns. Forcing colonists from their own homes was not the intent of the law.

• On March 21, 1871, journalist Henry Morton Stanley begins his famous search through Africa for missing British explorer Dr. David Livingstone. When Stanley found him on Oct. 27, he stepped forward and stretched out his hand: "Dr. Livingstone, I presume?"

• On March 25, 1911, flames engulf the Triangle Shirtwaist Company factory in New York City, killing 145 workers. Only one elevator was operational in the 10-story building. There were two stairways down to the street, but one was locked from the outside. The inside fire hose was rotted and its valve was rusted shut.

• On March 26, 1941, Italy attacks the British fleet at Suda Bay, Crete, using manned torpedoes to sink a British cruiser. Known as the "Chariot," the manned torpedo was ridden by "pilots" to "drive" them to their targets in the harbor.

• On March 23, 1962, Pakistan's governor, Ayub Khan, gives first lady Jacqueline Bouvier Kennedy a horse she nicknames "Black Jack." Jackie chose "Black Jack" to serve as the ceremonial riderless horse during Pres. Kennedy's funeral.

• On March 27, 1973, the actor Marlon Brando declines the Academy Award for Best Actor for his performance in "The Godfather" as a protest against Hollywood's portrayal of Native Americans in film. The first performer to turn down a Best Actor Oscar was George C. Scott, who declined to accept his award for "Patton" in 1971.

• On March 22, 1983, the Pentagon awards a production contract worth more than \$1 billion to AM General Corporation to develop 55,000 High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV). Nicknamed the Humvee, the rugged vehicle was designed to transport troops and cargo. In 1992, a civilian version of the Humvee, known as the Hummer, went on sale. (c) 2011 King Features Synd., Inc.

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by Linda Thistle

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HAYNES TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE

Township of Haynes Ordinance Amendment No. 19-11

Effective Date: 3-2-11

Ordinance establishing moratorium on the issuance of permits or licenses for the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana. Because, the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana was not envisioned when the current zoning ordinance was adopted and the zoning ordinance does not currently address the use; and Because, processing land use permit requests for land uses associated with the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana prior to the amendment of the zoning ordinance would be detrimental to the public health, safety and welfare and would not en-

sure that the use is stated in appropriate locations and relationships; and Because, the township desires to ascertain the best and safest path to comply with the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, P.A. 2008, Initiated Law, MCL26423(d) and the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare; and Because, the township board wishes there to be further study and preparation of an ordinance in the very near future; and Because, the township board determines that it is desirable to immediately forbid the issuance of permits and licenses for land uses associated with the sale or dispensation of medical mari-

juana until an amendment to the zoning ordinance becomes effective; and, Because, the township of Haynes has the authority to enact ordinances immediately that are necessary for the preservation of the public health, peace or safety based upon the date of introduction and give them immediate effect and the township board determines that the following ordinance satisfies that requirement; The township of Haynes ordains as follows:
 (1) A moratorium is established on the issuance of all township permits, licenses, and approvals, including building permits, land use permits, and certificates of

occupancy, in regard to land uses associated with the sale or dispensation of medical marijuana from the effective date hereof, until September 2, 2011 or the effective date of adoption of proper text amendments to the zoning ordinance and any necessary licensing requirements, whichever occurs first.
 (2) All township boards and commission are asked and authorized to give their analysis and recommendation regarding a zoning ordinance or licensing regulation concerning the sale and dispensation of medical marijuana top priority.
 (3) This ordinance shall be given immediate effect.
 Sharon Schefferly, Haynes Township clerk (989)736-8801.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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

by or under the direction of clerk/sheriff for the county of Alcona to the highest bidder at the Alcona County Courthouse, 1065th Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 10 a.m., local time. The following described mortgaged premises: Lots 13 and 14 of Block 32 of Lost Lake Woods Subdivision, according to the recorded plat thereof, as found in Liber 1 of Plats, pages 59, 61 and 63, Alcona County records.
The mortgaged premises, whose address is 4175 N. Ash Road, Lincoln, Michigan 48742, also include all right, title and interests held by Betty Jo Gilmore as of December 22, 2005 in the mortgaged premises.
The premises may be redeemed during the six months following the date of sale.
Bodman PLC
By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Attorneys for First Federal of Northern Michigan
229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405
Cheboygan, Michigan 49721
(231) 627-8000
Date: February 2, 2011
2-2, 2-9, 2-16, 2-23, 3-2, 3-9, 3-16

Foreclosure Notice

As a debt collector we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-6100 if you are in active military duty.
Mortgage Sale – Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Ronald L. Wood, an unmarried man, and Sandra Kay O'Dell, an unmarried woman of Alcona County, Michigan, mortgagor to Independent Mortgage Company dated the 21st day of December, A.D. 2007, and recorded in the office of the register of deeds, for the county of Alcona and state of Michigan, on the 4th day of January, A.D. 2008, in Liber 449, page 133 of Alcona records, which said mortgage was assigned to Independent bank, thru mesne assignments, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal of \$34,129.98 (thirty-four thousand one hundred twenty-nine and 98/100) plus accrued interest at 7.00 percent (seven point zero zero) percent per annum. And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case

made and provided, notice is hereby given that on, the 23rd day of March, A.D., 2011, at 10 a.m. said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, west entrance to the Alcona County Building in Harrisville, Mich., Alcona County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage.
Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the township of Greenbush, in the county of Alcona and state of Michigan and described as follows to wit: Situated in the township of Greenbush, county of Alcona and state of Michigan: Lot 11, Block B, Bichland Shores, as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, page 149, Alcona County records. Commonly known as: 4166 Buena Vista. PPN: 041-110-002-011-00.
The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
Dated: February 23, 2011
By: Michael I. Rich (P-41938)
Attorney for Plaintiff
2155 Butterfield Drive
Suite 200-S
Troy, MI 48084
WWR No. 10059135
2-23, 3-2, 3-9, 3-16

Legal Notice Pursuant to MCL 600.3205A(4)

Notice is hereby provided to Gary D. Lee, the borrower and mortgagor (borrower) regarding the property located at: 2277 Goddard Road, Mikado, Michigan 48745.
The borrower has the right to request a meeting with the mortgage holder or mortgage servicer. The agent designated by the mortgage servicer and/or mortgage holder to contact and that has authority to make arrangements under MCL Sections 600.3205b and 600.3205c is: Alpena Alcona Area Credit Union, 1100 S. Bagley Street, Alpena, Michigan 49707. The borrower may contact a housing counselor by visiting the Michigan State Housing Development

Authority's website or by calling the Michigan State Housing Development Authority at <http://www.michigan.gov/mshda> or at (866) 946-7432.
If the borrower requests a meeting with the agent designated above by contacting an approved housing counselor within 14 days from March 4, 2011, foreclosure proceedings will not be commenced until 90 days after March 4, 2011. If the borrower and the agent designated above reach an agreement to modify the mortgage loan, the mortgage will not be foreclosed if the borrower abides by the terms of the agreement.
The borrower has the right to contact an attorney. The telephone number of the State Bar of Michigan Lawyer Referral Service is (800) 968-0738.
3-9

State of Michigan Probate Court County of Alcona Notice to Creditors Decedent's Estate File No. 11-4921DE

Estate of Gladys E. Hill, deceased
Date of birth: October 12, 1924
To all creditors:
Notice to creditors: The decedent, Gladys E. Hill, who lived at 1195 N. Huron Road, Harrisville, Michigan died December 28, 2010.
Creditors of the decedent are notified

that all claims against the estate will be forever barred unless presented to Janet H. Unalp, named personal representative or proposed personal representative, or to both the probate court at P.O. Box 328, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 and named/proposed personal representative within four months after the date of publication of this notice.
March 1, 2011
Janet H. Unalp
1195 N. Huron Road
Harrisville, MI 48740
(989)724-5247

Case No. 10-1552-CH

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

cona County records, in an attempt to satisfy a monetary judgment in the amount of \$262,442.47 against the mortgagor, through the date of first publication of this notice.
Pursuant to the Stipulated Judgment for Foreclosure, the mortgaged premises shall be sold at a public auction by or under the direction of clerk/sheriff for the county of Alcona to the highest bidder at the main entrance to the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street, Harrisville, Michigan 48740 on Wednesday, March 30, 2011 at 10 a.m., local time. The following described mortgaged premises: Situated in Caledonia Township, in the county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and more particularly described as: Lot 8 of Supervisor's Subdivision of Kroupa property, according to the recorded plat

thereof, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, page 26 of the Alcona County records. The mortgaged premises, whose address is 581 Oak Street, Hubbard Lake, Michigan 49747, also include all right, title and interests held by Albert E. Sparling as of August 3, 2007 in the mortgaged premises.
The premises may be redeemed during the six (6) months following the date of sale.
Bodman PLC
By: Sandra L. Jasinski (P37430)
Attorneys for First Federal of Northern Michigan
229 Court Street, P.O. Box 405
Cheboygan, Michigan 49721
(231) 627-8000
Date: February 9, 2011
2-9, 2-16, 2-23, 3-2, 3-9, 3-16, 3-23.

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

sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the state of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, April 13, 2011, at 10 a.m., on the front steps of the Alcona County Courthouse, 106 5th Street in the City of Harrisville, county of Alcona, that being the place for holding Circuit Court for the county of Alcona where the premises are situated, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, for the purpose of satisfying the amount due and unpaid upon said mortgage, with the interest thereon at 5.990 percent per annum, together with legal costs, charges and expenses of sale, including applicable attorney fees, and also any taxes and insurance which may be paid by the mortgagee on or before the date of said sale which may be necessary to protect its interest in the premises.
The land and premises in said mortgage, being situated in the township of Gustin, county of Alcona, state of Michigan, and described as follows: The west 1/2 of the southeast 1/4 of the southwest

1/4 of Section 13, Town 26 North, Range 8 east now described as: Commencing at the south 1/4 corner of said section; thence north 89 deg. 12' 23" west along the south line of said section and the centerline of DeWar Road, 674.68 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing north 89 deg. 12' 23" west along said south line and said centerline, 674.68 feet; thence north 01 deg. 52' 12" east along the west 1/8 line of said section, 1320.43 feet; south 89 deg. 24' 46" east along the south 1/8 line of said section, 670.12 feet; thence south 01 deg. 40' 13" west 1322.76 feet to the point of beginning.
The redemption period shall be one year from the date of such sale, unless the premises are determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA 600.3241(a), in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.
Dated: February 4, 2011
Paul E. Wenzloff (P27662)
Attorney for Mortgagee
903 N. Jackson Street
Bay City, MI 48708
(989) 893-9511
3-2, 3-9, 3-16, 3-23, 3-30

BOARD OF REVIEW

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

Monday, March 14, 2011
9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15, 2011 3-9 p.m.
An organization meeting will be held by the Board of Review at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 to examine the Assessment Roll. No appeals will be taken at this meeting.
By board resolution, residents are able to protest by letter, provided protest letter is received prior to March 14, 2011. The tentative ratios and the estimated multipliers for each class of real property and personal property for 2011 are as follows:

	Ratios	Multipliers
Agricultural	50.00	1.00000
Commercial	50.00	1.00000
Industrial	N/A	N/A
Residential	50.00	1.00000
Timber Cutover	N/A	N/A
Development	N/A	N/A
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000
Americans with Disabilities (ADA) Notice		

The Township will provide necessary reasonable services to individuals with disabilities at the Board of Review meetings upon seven days notice. Contact Dennis Gehres at (989) 335-0940
2-23 thru 3-9

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

Organizational Meeting on March 8, 2011 at 6 p.m. to examine the assessment roll, no appeals.
March 15, 2100 from 12-6 p.m. for appeals.
March 17, 2011 from 3-9 p.m. for appeals.

Recommended tentative equalization ratios and estimated multipliers as provided by the Alcona Equalization Department.

Agriculture	50.00	1.00
Commercial	50.00	1.00
Industrial	50.00	1.00
Residential	50.00	1.00
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Public Notice Township of Caledonia 2011 March Board of Review Meeting

Caledonia Township Hall
Gillard Rd Spruce, MI
Monday, March 14, 2011
9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-4 p.m.
Thursday, March 17, 2011
1-4 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

An organizational meeting will be held by the Board of Review on Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 6 p.m. to examine the assessment roll. No appeals will be reviewed at this meeting.

Residents and non-residents may protest to Board of Review by letter mailed to 4808 Webster Rd., Glennie, MI 48737. Letters must be received by March 14, 2011.

Appearing below are the tentative equalization ratios and estimated multipliers as provided by the Alcona County Equalization Department.

Ratio Multiplier		
Agricultural	54.02	0.92558
Commercial	49.86	1.00281
Industrial	54.22	0.92217
Residential	56.66	0.88246
Personal Property	50.00	1.00000
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<p>'08 Chevrolet Impala LT w/3.5L, up to 30 MPG, 22,781 Miles #P2926 One Owner WAS \$15,995 Now \$14,295 \$203.67</p>	<p>'06 Chevrolet Monte Carlo LT w/3.5L, up to 30 MPG #U2904 WAS \$13,995 Now \$11,495 \$188.10</p>	<p>'03 Chevrolet S-10 4WD, 4.3L V-6 #U2925 WAS \$12,495 Now \$10,695 \$212.55</p>	<p>'04 Chevy Silverado 1500 RWD, 5.3L V-8, 4-Speed #U2790 WAS \$14,500 Now \$11,995 \$244.33</p>	<p>'09 Chevy Silverado 1500 4WD, Only 36,733 Miles #U2792 One Owner WAS \$23,495 Now \$19,995 \$298.11</p>
<p>'08 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD, Only 33,809 Miles #U2908 One Owner WAS \$31,995 Now \$28,989 \$446.44</p>	<p>'08 Chevrolet Trailblazer 4WD, Only 38,429 Miles #P2660 WAS \$20,995 Now \$18,761 \$277.66</p>	<p>'08 Chevrolet Uplander LS FWD, 3.9L V-6 #U2988 WAS \$14,395 Now \$13,461 \$189.06</p>	<p>'05 Chrysler 300 Touring Leather, Moon Roof #P2916 One Owner WAS \$13,995 Now \$11,785 \$193.84</p>	<p>'09 Chrysler Sebring Touring Up to 30 MPG, 14,894 Miles #U2740 One Owner WAS \$16,995 Now \$12,995 \$217.82</p>
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<p>'07 Ford Edge SEL Plus AWD, Only 32,564 Miles #U2803 WAS \$24,500 Now \$21,989 \$331.14</p>	<p>'10 Ford Escape XLT Up to 26 MPG, Only 4,282 Miles #P2822 One Owner WAS \$23,500 Now \$20,995 \$314.67</p>	<p>'10 Ford Escape XLT Up to 25 MPG, Only 14,885 Miles #P2921 WAS \$23,995 Now \$21,929 \$330.15</p>	<p>'07 Ford Escape XLT 2.3L Up to 25 MPG, Moon Roof #U2734 One Owner WAS \$17,995 Now \$14,989 \$215.18</p>	<p>'08 Ford Escape XLT 3.0L 4WD, 3.0L V-6 #U2672 One Owner WAS \$19,995 Now \$16,995 \$248.41</p>
<p>'09 Ford Escape XLT 3.0L FWD, V-6, 4-Speed #U2612 One Owner WAS \$19,995 Now \$16,995 \$314.67</p>	<p>'10 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer 4WD, Only 22,822 Miles #P2932 WAS \$29,995 Now \$26,895 \$412.95</p>	<p>'10 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer 4WD, Only 23,046 Miles #P2933 WAS \$29,995 Now \$26,895 \$412.41</p>	<p>'07 Ford Explorer Eddie Bauer 4WD, 4.6L V-8, 6-Speed #U2798 WAS \$24,500 Now \$20,995 \$314.67</p>	<p>'06 Ford Explorer XLT 4WD, 4.6L V-8, 6-Speed #U2852 WAS \$11,500 Now \$8,995 \$138.57</p>
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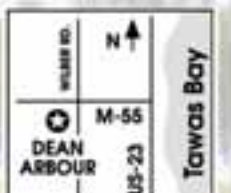
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